

**THURSDAY**  
April 1, 1999

Tonight:



TONIGHT 50°-54°  
FRIDAY 78°-80°

### School, offices alter hours of operation for Easter holidays

Howard County citizens needing to conduct business should be aware that city and county buildings will be closed on Good Friday.

This includes City Hall, Howard County Courthouse, Spring City Senior Citizens Center and the county library.

Howard College and SouthWest Collegiate Institute for the Deaf will close their offices and classrooms Friday.

Taking a longer holiday will be area schools. Big Spring, Coahoma, Forsan, Glasscock County and Grady school districts have dismissed classes Friday and Monday. Sands ISD will take a holiday on Friday only and return to classes Monday.

Big Spring Post Office hours will be as usual Friday and Monday.

### WHAT'S UP...

#### TODAY

Genealogical Society of Big Spring, 7:15 p.m., Howard County Library. Call Bernice Cason at 267-8542 or 267-7236.

Masonic Lodge No. 1340, 7:30 p.m., 2101 Lancaster. Call Charles Bailey at 263-1067.

#### FRIDAY

AMBUCS (American Business Club), noon, Brandin' Iron Restaurant.

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

#### SATURDAY

Dance 8:30 p.m., Eagles Lodge, 704 W. Third. Everyone welcome.

The Heritage Museum, 510 Scurry, 10 a.m. to 5 p.m.

The Potton House, 200 Gregg, a restored historic home, is open from 1-5 p.m. A one-time admission fee of \$2 for adults and \$1 for children and senior citizen is encouraged.

Big Spring Squares call 267-7043 or 263-6305 for more information.

#### MONDAY

Texas Tech Ex Students Association Big Spring Chapter, 6 p.m., Sparenberg Building, 309 S. Main.

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

Gospel singing, 7 p.m., Kentwood Center, 2805 Lynn. Call 267-6764. Guest singers from Stanton, Midland and Colorado City.

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## Community invited to Easter sunrise service at amphitheater

By DEBBIE L. JENSEN  
Features Editor

Several hundred local residents are expected to get up early Sunday morning for church.

But they won't be gathering at any local building. Instead, they will be part of the Easter sunrise service at Comanche Trail Amphitheater.



FELTY

Craig Felty, a local minister who is coordinating this year's community-wide event, said a variety of worship styles will be part of the service. It takes place Easter Sunday morning, at 7 a.m.

"At that time, the sun is just coming up," Felty said, "and it's a really special experience."

Local ministers who will participate include Malcolm Pointon of Christ's Community Church, and Robert Rivera of Abundant Grace, along with

Felty, of Cornerstone Church. Various types of music are planned, including contemporary praise and worship, traditional hymns and country gospel.

Musicians will include Ron Boley, who will play a trumpet medley, and Julie Stephens, who will sing "The Beauty of the Cross" with a special interpretation for the deaf.

Youth from several churches have combined their efforts to produce a short drama for the service. It concerns a believer's responsibility to "take Jesus

with them wherever they go," Felty said.

"It's very powerful." The service should last about one hour, and coffee and hot chocolate will be available. Felty urged worshipers to dress warmly, as the mornings are usually quite cool.

But other than an extra sweater, he said dress for the Easter service is truly "come as you are," and worshipers attend in everything from Sunday dresses to blue jeans.

About 350 people attend the service each year. Many then go

on to their regular or special church services.

"This year we are hoping to get more churches involved," Felty said, adding that he also hoped to draw people who don't attend church anywhere.

"We're working on that, with posters advertising it, and we've sent out some personal invitations," Felty said.

An offering will be taken, which helps pay the nominal costs of the service, but also benefits the upcoming March

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## Drug sting

### West Texas Task Force sweeps through county, nine netted on warrants

By MARSHA STURDIVANT  
Staff Writer

An 90-day undercover investigation by the West Texas Narcotics Enforcement Task Force in Big Spring culminated in 14 warrants and netted nine arrests today.

"This is not affiliated with Purple Cow, but is a follow-up to that investigation and drug bust," said Glenn Lisso, assistant commander of the task force.

Lisso referred to the massive sweep that occurred in Big Spring Nov. 13, 1998, which netted 23 arrests and involved 26 different law enforcement agencies.

"Today, we are targeting mostly street-level narcotics dealers," Lisso said.

Along with the eight individuals arrested, two vehicles and a small amount of marijuana were seized in the sweep.

which began about 7 a.m. today.

"The seizure is not of any significance at this point," Lisso said.

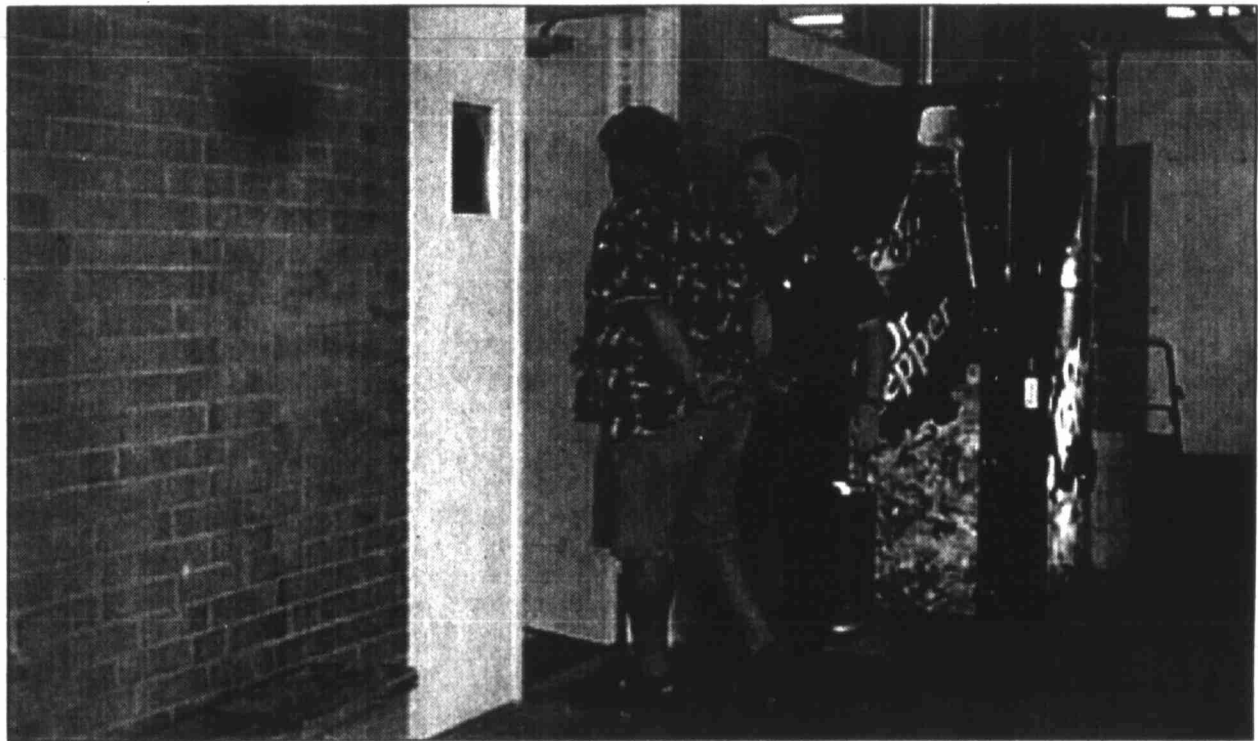
Working on the arrest warrants were the Big Spring Police Department, the Howard County Sheriff's Department and the Department of Public Safety Narcotics Division out of Midland, Lisso said.

About two or three individuals from the task force worked undercover for 60 to 90 days, gathering evidence that resulted in the warrants, Lisso said.

More than 20 officers combed the city this morning, searching for the individuals targeted by the arrest warrants.

In the process of one consensual search of a location, an individual was arrested for possession of a stolen firearm, unrelated to the drug sweep, Big Spring Police Chief Lonnie Smith said.

"This drug bust is another



HERALD photo/Marsha Sturdivant

Big Spring police bring in one of 14 people being sought on warrants in an undercover drug investigation this morning.

example of the continuous cooperation we have with the task force.

"This shows drug dealers that we are working together, compared to times past. We have joined together, and with our strength comes unity," Smith said.

And Lisso said officers will continue seeking the others targeted by the arrest warrants.

"We will continue working the trafficking of controlled

substances in this area, as we work other areas. This will happen again, as we continue working and investigating any substantial traffickers we can get any information on," Lisso said.

Arrested were:

- Andres Juarez, 39, for delivery of cocaine.
- Jose Mendez Cuellar, 36, for delivery of cocaine.
- Mary Jane Castillo, 31, for delivery of cocaine.

• Domingo Castillo, 28, for delivery of cocaine.

• Jacob J. Rios, 31, for delivery of cocaine.

• Bill Gene Shubert, 39, for delivery of a dangerous drug.

• Theodore Rios, 28, for delivery of cocaine.

• Timothy John Rios, 21, for delivery of cocaine.

• Zachary White Terry, 21, for delivery of cocaine.

• Sandy Castillo, 47, for possession of a stolen firearm.

## Literacy None-Run offers commemorative products that are unavailable for purchase

By Herald Staff Report

To celebrate April Fool's Day fun, a None-Run for Literacy began at 8 a.m., and gifts such as a Memorial key chain for \$5, or a None-Run water bottle for \$20 are not available to commemorate the event.



REDMAN

"This is a parody for fun, and a means to raise funds for the Howard County literacy program," said Gloria Hopkins, a member of the Howard County Literacy Council.

Participants may enjoy the event in the comfort of their own home, by pledging donations for the miles they do not run, or to purchase any of the None-Run merchandise, which is not available, she said.

A brochure from the Howard County Learn To Read program has been mailed to individuals and businesses, seeking donations for the program to help pay for workbooks and other reading material used by students and tutors, she said.

This brochure explains the idea behind the literacy council's None Run for Fun Around Howard County for Literacy. The None-Run course covers the 160-mile perimeter of Howard County.

"Would you like to help stamp out illiteracy in Howard County, but maybe you are too busy or not busy enough, or too old or too young, or it's too hot or too cold, or it's too wet or too dry?" said brochure designer Hopkins.

"A pledge of \$1 per mile that you do not want to run will help ensure that students receive books and materials needed to learn to read and to read at an acceptable level," Hopkins said.

Other keepsake merchandise not available to commemorate an individual's None-Run is a None-Run water bottle for a \$10 donation and a None-Run T-shirt for \$20.

For the enthusiastic and goal oriented None-Runner, a first place None-Run trophy is \$50, she said.

"Please understand, no miles will actually be run, no items will actually be available for purchase," Hopkins said.

The literacy council formulated the idea of the None-Run during a recent meeting. The literacy program is in need of funds to purchase the literacy materials, she said.

### ITEM YOU CAN'T BUY

Key Chain	\$5
Water Bottle	\$10
T-Shirt	\$20

More than 20 percent of adults read at or below a fifth-grade level, which is far below the level needed to earn a living wage, said Loraine Redman, literacy coordinator for the county.

"The National Adult Literacy Survey found that over 40 million Americans age 16 and older have significant literacy needs," Redman said.

Howard County has about 36 volunteer tutors, with about 40 students, she said.

The literacy council oversees the literacy program in Howard County. Its nine member board conducts business for the program, as well as coordinates efforts with other organizations in Howard County to make reading available to everyone.

Council members are also considering working with juvenile probation to make reading skills available to their clients, as well as organizing a tutor workshop on a Saturday and in

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## 'Cruise Night' planned at Sonic as part of camera fund-raiser

By DEBBIE L. JENSEN  
Features Editor

The Harley Owners Group's fund-raising effort to buy a thermal imaging camera for Big Spring Fire Department will get a boost Saturday evening from a local car club.



STAPP

Big Spring Rod and Custom

will sponsor a "Cruise Night" from 7 to 10 p.m. at Sonic, along with co-sponsors the Big Spring Herald, KBST, KBTS and All-Star Sports.

"We want to help raise money for the camera," said David Clinkscales, president of Big Spring Rod and Custom. "This is a good cause, and to raise \$18,000 is a big effort. It takes everybody helping out."

HOG is spearheading a community-wide effort to buy the camera, which utilizes heat-sensitive technology from the military. It will allow firefighters to

"see" victims in a dark or smoky building, and should make rescue easier.

During "Cruise Night," Sonic will give 10 percent of its sales to the camera fund, and plans to have several specials going on during the event. T-shirts sold for \$10 each will benefit the fund as well.

In addition, a live band will perform, and the club will close off the street between Whataburger and Sonic for dancing.

Bob Stapp, of the Big Spring Professional Firefighters

Association, said the group appreciates the support.

"The hot rod club has said they were going to support it," Stapp said. "The more groups we can get involved, the better, because it means the quicker we can raise the money."

He said community support is not surprising. "Big Spring's a good town," he said, adding that he expects several firefighters and their families plan to attend the "cruise night."

Clinkscales said "cruise nights" are usually a time for club members and other car

enthusiasts to get together, socialize and share their hobby.

"We have these ... the first Saturday of every month," he said. "We usually invite other car clubs from Midland and other cities to come to town."

But anyone is welcome, he added, especially at this event.

"We just want everyone to come out and join us this time," he said. "Anybody can come. The more money Sonic makes that night, the more that will go toward the camera. And the more T-shirts we sell, the more that will go for the camera."

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OBITUARIES

**Ellen Lanehart Damron**

Ellen Lanehart Damron, 87, died Monday night, March 29, in the Big Spring Care Center. Graveside service will be 10 a.m. Thursday, April 1, 1999, at Trinity Memorial Park. Arrangements will be provided by Nalley-Pickle & Welch Funeral Home. Rodney Tedford, minister of the Birdwell Lane Church of Christ, will officiate.

Ellen was born April 27, 1911, in Sublime, Lavaca County, to John Thomas and Eveline Netterville Lanehart of Woodville, Miss. She lived in many places in her early youth, including Jal, N.M., where her parents homesteaded and Delano, Calif. She graduated from high school in Barstow.

She married Minnie Aaron Damron on Sept. 28, 1931, in Carlsbad, N.M. They lived in Crane until 1944 when they moved to Silver City, N.M. In August 1948, they moved to Big Spring and lived at 1612 Donley until this past year. A lifelong member of the Church of Christ, she had been a devoted and active member of the Birdwell Lane Church of Christ since its beginning.

Among her many interests were flower gardening, camping, sewing, quilting, crocheting, rabbit hunting, baking, ceramics and crafts of all types. A steaming hot coffee drinker and hot pepper eater, she loved entertaining her friends under her arbor. The best wife and mother, a doting grandmother, a good-hearted and quick-witted woman, she will be truly missed by all who knew and loved her.

Survivors include: her husband, Aaron of Midland; two sons and daughters-in-law, John R. (Tom) and Sue Ann Damron of Big Spring, and Jim and Carole Damron of Lubbock; three grandchildren, Duane Damron of Lubbock, Kim Damron of Dallas, and Anne Damron Witherspoon and husband Jonathan of Trophy Club; a brother, Leon B. Lanehart of Silver City, N.M.; a beloved nephew, Frank Claxton and wife Betty of Foristell, Mo.; a cousin, Addie Vessels of Pecos; a sister-in-law, Maggie Lanehart of Alpine; and several nieces and nephews.

She was preceded in death by her parents, a son Dr. Bill Damron, a sister Fannie Claxton, and three brothers Loyd Lanehart, Noel Lanehart and John A. Lanehart.

The family requests that in lieu of flowers, donations be sent to the Tipton Children's Home in Tipton, Okla.; 73570.

in memory of Ellen or to the charitable organization of one's choice.

*Paid obituary*

**Carrie Smith**

Graveside service for Carrie Smith, 72, Big Spring, were 10 a.m. today at Mount Olive Cemetery. She died Wednesday, March 31, 1999, at a local hospital following a long illness.

She was born April 14, 1946, in Oklahoma. She was a Baptist, and had lived most of her life in Big Spring. For the last 22 years, she had lived at Louise Smith's boarding home. There are no known survivors.

Arrangements under the direction of Myers & Smith Funeral Home.

**Garland D. Irons**

Graveside service for Garland D. Irons, 71, Knox City, formerly of Big Spring, will be 1 p.m. Friday, April 2, 1999, at Trinity Memorial Park with Dr. Claude Craven, retired Baptist minister, officiating.

He died Thursday, April 1, 1999, at a Knox City hospital.

He was born Oct. 26, 1927, in Kenova, W.Va., and married Faye Pinson on Oct. 17, 1952, in Cattlesburg, Ky. She preceded him in death on May 2, 1993.

He was a member of Trinity Baptist Church. He served in the United States Military for 22 years, serving in the Army, Navy and Air Force. He was transferred with the Air Force to Webb Air Force Base in 1966 and retired in 1967. He then worked at the VAMC in dietetic food service for 10 years before retiring.

Survivors include two nieces, Mary Smith of Kenova, W.Va., and Lillian Kay Fryar of Ashland, Ky., and one nephew, Robert R. Brock of Kenova, W.Va.

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

**Iris Campbell**

Funeral service for Iris Campbell, 70, Big Spring, is pending with Nalley-Pickle & Welch Funeral Home. She died Thursday, April 1, 1999, at a local hospital.

**Bill R. Gossett**

Bill R. Gossett, 49, Fort Stockton, formerly of Big Spring, died on Wednesday, March 31, 1999, at a Midland hospital. Services will be at 10 a.m. Friday, April 2, 1999, at Nalley-Pickle & Welch Rosewood Chapel. Graveside service will be at 4 p.m. Friday at Memorial Park in Amarillo.

He was born July 23, 1949, in Amarillo, and married Bettye Ann Bruce on Feb. 14, 1981, in Amarillo. He worked as a pumper for Amerada Hess for 12 years and was an avid car buff and race fan.

Mr. Gossett was a Methodist and served in the United States Navy from 1969-1973.

Survivors include: his wife, Bettye Gossett of Fort Stockton; a daughter and son-in-law, Amy and Dogie Dulaney; and a granddaughter, Courtney Dulaney, all of Fort Stockton; one son, Scott Burton of Big Spring; two brothers, J.C. Gossett and Bud Gossett, both of Amarillo, and several nieces and nephews.

He was preceded in death by his mother, Eva Tate, and his father, John Gossett.

The family suggests memorials to the American Cancer Society, c/o Lucy Bonner, P.O. Box 2121, Big Spring.

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

*Paid obituary*

**SERVICE**

Continued from Page 1A for Jesus. This event, slated for May 22, will feature various local church members in a parade through the streets of downtown Big Spring.

The sunrise service is traditional because at sunrise is when his followers first found Jesus' tomb empty, Felty explained.

**NONE-RUN**

Continued from Page 1A the evening. To participate in the None-

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

Run for Literacy, donations made be made at the Howard County library, or mail donations to Howard County Learn to Read, 500 S. Main, Big Spring 79720.

Checks should be made out to the Howard County Learn to Read Program.

**REUNIONS**

**THE CLASS OF 1949** will be having its 50th class reunion on Oct. 14-16.

The following is a list of missing classmates: John Brinkkaeter, Roy Burke, Beverly Campbell, Winona Fincher, Helen Eubanks Harris, Irvin Hurt, Myrl Lou McGuire, Rodman Roberts, Vonnie "Scottie" Scott, Jean Seiler, Jo Ann Tanner, and Jean (Waldrop) Womac.

If you have any information of these classmates, please contact Katie Jones Cathey at 263-4611 or Jane Stripling Jones at 263-3078.

**THE CLASS OF 1954** is having their 45th class reunion, Oct. 15-16. We have been unable to locate the following class members:

Martha Buford, Norma Burns, Rebecca Chadwick, Viola Chandler, James Day, Glenda Drennan, Angel Franco, Wayne Lankford, Donald Malone, David McNeely, Kim Milling, Arlene Mitchell, Lewis Newell, Wanda Rouse, Shirley Spero, Joy Towery, Jack Wactendorf, Don Washburn, and Mike Williamson.

If you can help us with an address or phone number for one of these class members, please call 267-6400.

**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 (Cullins), Shirley Baldock, Douglas Ball, Rhonda Barger, Warren Bell, Jessie Ladd Bennett, Linda Gail Benson, Brenda Bradbury, Dwight Brown, James Brown, Kenny Brown, Mike Brumley, Sherry Buford, Allen Bunn, Mary Beth Burcham, Phillip Burchett, Bobbie Beatrice Byrd, Ann Carling, Candace Carothers, Jimmy Ray Carter, Robert Michael Carter, Yvette Casillas (Padilla), Lucy Cervantes, Mary Lucy Cervantes (Sotello), Ema Chavez, Tim Childress, Gwen Clark, John Douglas Cockerham, Elodia Corrales (Cherry), Kathryn Crenshaw (Milch), Benjamin Rush Crocker, Joann Davis, Alanda Deans, James Dement, Robert Christy Deming, Glenda Kay Digby, Robert Domino, Janie Duke, Rodney Dunman, Callan Elliott, Debra Miller Erhardt, Michael Evans, Clifton Ray Fidler, Pattie Lue Finke, Marva Elizabeth Foster, Debbie Fritz, Larry Froman, Dicky Wayne Gibson, Wanda Sue Gipson, Corky Grantham (Burcham), Darwin Griffith, Kerry Gunnels, Nancy Jo Hall, Thomas Ham, Theresa Heard, Bill Henry, Selestino Hernandez, David Hilario, Iscaula Hilario, Luis Hinojos, Arthur Huse, Carlton Campbell Jackson, Johnny James, Doris Ann Jenkins, Deborah Ann Jensen, Nancy Kasch, Juanice Ann Key, Linda Key, Charles Kimble, Bertha Kirk, Victoria Lynn Knoepfel, Susan Lawhorn, Mary Francis Lee, Joy Legg, Kenneth Charles Le Roy, Barbara Long, Roberta Hazel Marks, Juanita Mata, Gerald Martin, Carolyn McMurtrey, Wanda Jane Mesimer, Gene Willard Meyers, Earsie Jean Miller, Thomas Molina, Carolyn Ann Montgomery, Karen Marie Moore, Irene Munoz (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,

**A BIG SPRING AROUND THE TOWN**

Tony Perez, Janet Lee Perry, Alan Lee Peters, Angefina Carmen Phillips, Cynthia Jane Pinson, Sara Elizabeth Pohl, Cathy Poole, Arthur Porras, Michael Proctor, Paula Ramirez, Mary Rhodes, Peggy Riherd (Williams), Ophelia Alvarez Rios, Terry Joan Robertson, Jamie Rouch (Ethun), Pam Rowland, Karen Joyce Russell, Larry Russell, Jennifer Schneider, Adrian Saldivar, Adelyne Ann Scott (Lews), Rowan Settles, Larry Sloan, Gary Smith, Gerald Wayne Smith, Gweneth Gayle Smith, Wendell R. Stewart, Sharon Swim (Larie), Don Thompson, Robert Gale Thompson, Linda Rose Thorpe (Howard), Fidel Tovar, Jesse Trevino, Antonio Subia Valencia, Armando Flores Vera, Carl Van Vleet, Charlie Voigt, Roy Lee Warren, Glen Webb, James Webb, Wm. David Webb, Michael David Wiggins, William Robert Wilson, Rocky Wooley, and Manuel Ybarra.

Please contact Shelene Parnell Roberts at 267-2798 or 267-5858 if you have any graduates.

**Mother and child found one year after vanishing**

FORT WORTH (AP) — A Fort Worth woman and her toddler who had been missing for about a year have been found safe in Washington state, officials said.

The FBI found Shari Galvan, 34, and her 3-year-old daughter, Faith, in good health in Spokane, Wash., Tuesday night.

Shari Galvan, 35, and her 3-year-old daughter, Faith, had been missing since last April. That was when neighbors told police that Ms. Galvan's van had apparently been abandoned in a church parking lot in East Fort Worth.

Mother and daughter had disappeared the day after Ms. Galvan had been served with papers giving her estranged husband temporary custody of the girl.

**SUPPORT GROUPS**

**THURSDAY**  
•Alcoholics Anonymous, 615 Settles, noon open meeting.  
•A.D.D.A.P.T. non-profit support and learning organization about attention deficit disorder, learning disorders and dyslexia. Meets second Thursday of September, October, November, January, February, March, April and May, Cerebral Palsy building, 802 Ventura, Midland.  
•Alzheimer's support group, noon, Scenic Mountain Medical Center, third Thursday of the month. Call Janice Wagner at 263-1211.  
•Grief Support related to the death of a loved one. Call Nurses Unlimited, Inc., at 264-6523.  
•Alzheimer's Association Support Group, last Thursday of the month, Comanche Trail Nursing Center, 3200 Parkway, 7 p.m. Call Viola Barraza at 267-9459.  
•Narcotic Anonymous, 8 p.m. St. Mary's Episcopal Church. Call 268-4189 (pager no.)  
•Al-Anon support group, 8 p.m., 615 Settles.

**FRIDAY**  
•Turning Point A.A., 8-9:30 p.m., St. Mary's Episcopal Church, 10th and Goliad. Open to all substance abusers.  
•Alcoholics Anonymous, 615 Settles, noon open meeting and 8 p.m. Big Book Study.

**TEXAS LOTTERY**

PICK 3: 8,1,1

LOTTO: 14,29,33,34,35,36

Lottery numbers are unofficial until confirmed by the state lottery commission.

•Al-Anon support group, noon, 615 Settles.

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

**BRIEFS**

**THE JURY CALLED FOR** Monday to 118th District Court has been cancelled. Those called to serve need not appear.

**FORSAN INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT** began taking transfer applications for the 1999-2000 school year today from 9 a.m.-3 p.m. New applicants need to go to the business office at the Forsan campus to complete paperwork and have an interview with the superintendent.

Bring a copy of the student's records if possible. For more information, call 457-2223. No applications will be given out early.

**THE BIG SPRING EVENING Lions Club** will have free eyeglasses for all adults the third Saturday of April from 9 a.m. to noon at the Big Spring Evening Lions Club bingo building, 1607 East Third.

All adults needing eyeglasses who don't have the income to purchase the exam or glasses are welcome. The recycled eyeglasses are taken from donations from the community as a service project of the Lions.

For more information call Janis Dean at 267-3068.

**VOLUNTEERS ARE NEEDED FOR** the "Don't Mess With Texas" Trash Off, scheduled for Saturday, April 10 in the community.

Groups, individuals and organizations are asked to give a few hours of their time to help with this city-wide cleanup effort. Call 263-4607 to volunteer.

**Assault of child under investigation**

Big Spring Police are investigating a report of a sexual assault of a child, which was reported to the police department Wednesday.

The assault reportedly occurred on or before Feb. 13 of this year on the west side of town. The victim is a 14-year-old girl.

**Grady ISD will host UIL academic meet**

Grady ISD is hosting the District 91A UIL Academic Meet.

The meet began Tuesday and will conclude this evening.

School districts participating are Borden County, Dawson, Grady, Hermleigh, Sands, Westbrook, Wellman-Union, Loop, Ira and Klondike.

**SHERIFF**

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

• PEDRO VILLA LEON, 54, was arrested for driving while intoxicated second offense.

• WILL EARL JONES, 28, was arrested for motion revoke probation of burglary of a vehicle.

• PRISCILLA GARCIA, 27, was arrested for bondsman off bond of failure to report.

• LENA WARTES HEARIN, 27, was arrested for issuance of a bad check.

• RANDELL P. HEARIN, 28, was arrested for issuance of a bad check.

• RICKY DEE MAY, 22, was arrested for bond forfeiture of driving while license suspended.

**POLICE**

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

• CRIMINAL TRESPASS WARNING was issued in the 300 block of Veterans Boulevard.

• ANTHONY VALENINE, 40, was arrested for running a stop sign.

• MARTHA VANDERBILT, 33, was arrested for theft less than \$50.

• THEFT less than \$50 was reported in the 2000 block of Gregg.

• JAMES PAVOLINI, 51, was arrested for public intoxication.

• ALBERT CONTRARES, 18, was arrested for no driver's license.

• CATHY SALAZAR, 32, was arrested for local warrants.

• JOHNNY DUPRE, 30, was arrested for public intoxication.

• CRIMINAL MISCHIEF was reported in the 1200 block of Main.

**FIRE/EMS**

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

**WEDNESDAY**  
12:32 p.m. — 1900 block North 87, medical call, patient transported to Scenic Mountain Medical Center.

9:48 p.m. — 4200 block Muir, medical call, patient transported to SMMC.

11:49 p.m. — SMMC, medical call, patient transported to Odessa Medical Center.

**RECORDS**

Wednesday's high 85  
Wednesday's low 54  
Average high 76  
Average low 45  
Record high 98 in 1946  
Record low 28 in 1931  
Precip. Wednesday 0.00  
Month to date 1.61  
Month's normal 0.84  
Year to date 1.86  
Normal for the year 2.09

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**MYERS & SMITH FUNERAL HOME & CHAPEL**  
24th & Johnson 267-8288  
Carrie Smith, 72, died Wednesday. Graveside services were 10:00 AM, Thursday at Mount Olive Memorial Park.

**NALLEY-PICKLE & WELCH Funeral Home**  
Trinity Memorial Park and Crematory  
906 Gregg St.  
(915) 267-6331

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# Three U.S. soldiers captured near border

WASHINGTON (AP) — U.S. military officials confirmed today that three captured U.S. soldiers shown on Serbian television were those reported missing several hours earlier near the Yugoslav-Macedonia border.

The Americans had told comrades they were under attack and surrounded shortly before losing radio contact.

Defense officials identified the three as Staff Sgt. Andrew A. Ramirez, 24, Staff Sgt. Christopher J. Stone, 25, and Spec. Steven M. Gonzales, 24. The defense officials, speaking on condition of anonymity and in advance of an official Army announcement, said the men's families had been notified. Stone is from San Antonio

while Gonzales is from Huntsville, according to Fort Worth radio station WBAP.

Earlier, Capt. John Clearwater, spokesman for the U.S. Army's 1st Infantry Division in Germany, confirmed the men were from his division.

"The great news is the fact that these soldiers are alive and well and appear to be healthy," Clearwater told The Associated Press by telephone from the unit's base at Wuerzburg, Germany.

"That has been the greatest relief to the families and the other soldiers at the base."

Clearwater said he had no information on the circumstances of their capture. The Serbian television images

showed three U.S. servicemen in combat fatigues and in apparent good shape, although at least one had abrasions on his face.

Even before official acknowledgment that the three missing men had been captured, NATO spokesman Jamie Shea said at a news conference in Brussels, Belgium that they were part of a peacekeeping mission in Macedonia that posed "absolutely no threat to Yugoslavia."

"Any soldiers that happen under any circumstance to be captured by the Yugoslav armed forces must be treated in a humane way in accordance with international civilized norms of behavior," Shea said. "NATO fully expects this to

happen." Until their capture was confirmed, a multinational force had been conducting an intensive search for them along the Yugoslav-Macedonia border.

The captured Army team had been on a daytime reconnaissance mission in the Kumanovo area, about 3 miles from the southern Yugoslavia border when they reported "they received small arms fire and said they were surrounded," according to NATO.

"No more was heard from the patrol," a NATO statement said. NATO officials didn't say who had the soldiers surrounded, but Pentagon officials said it was presumed to be Serb Army, paramilitary, police or perhaps angry citizens.

# Oil Patch senators seeking hearing on domestic energy

WASHINGTON (AP) — Oil Patch senators are urging an influential Senate committee

to hold hearings examining the depressed state of the domestic oil and natural gas industry, saying congressional action is necessary to assist small producers bruised by a lengthy price slump.

"The U.S. energy industry is in a state of crisis," seven Republican and Democratic senators wrote in a letter Wednesday to the chairman and top Democrat on the tax-writing Senate Finance Committee, calling tax breaks "essential" to the sector's recovery.

The letter, organized by Texas Republican Sen. Kay Bailey Hutchison, was signed by senators from Louisiana, New Mexico, North Dakota and Oklahoma.

Mrs. Hutchison and the chairman of the Senate Budget Committee, Pete Domenici of New Mexico, have introduced bills that would provide tax breaks for small producers and

incentives to return inactive wells to production.

"By providing tax relief for marginal and inactive wells, we will take concrete steps to create new jobs, secure existing ones, encourage exploration and production on American soil, and decrease our dependence on foreign oil," Domenici, Mrs. Hutchison and the other senators wrote.

A Finance Committee spokeswoman, Ginny Flynn, said there currently are no plans to hold hearings on the oil and gas industry.

"At this time we have nothing on the schedule for that issue, but that could change," she said. "Our focus after the (congressional) recess is really going to be on Medicare and trade."

Four of the letter's signers — Republicans Phil Gramm of Texas and Don Nickles of Oklahoma, and Democrats John Breaux of Louisiana and Kent Conrad of North Dakota — serve on the Finance Committee.

The letter also was signed by Sen. Jeff Bingaman of New Mexico, who is top Democrat on the Senate Energy and Natural Resources Committee.

# Suspect in Abilene shooting killed by police officers

FORT WORTH (AP) — A 19-year-old man wanted for the massacre of four Abilene women has died in a gun battle with police officers who tried to arrest him.

Arthur Goodman, 19, was shot to death after aiming a handgun at several Fort Worth officers who had stopped him along the southbound Interstate 35 service road about 8:15 p.m. Wednesday, a police spokesman

said.

At least two of the officers fired at Goodman, who was in the back seat of a white Mercury Cougar, Lt. Ric Clark said. Clark said he was uncertain if Goodman got off a shot before he was killed.

The officers had followed the Cougar from a residence where Goodman was thought to have been spotted earlier, Clark said. Detectives had kept the car and

the home under close surveillance.

"We had been checking several locations throughout the day," Clark said.

Goodman had been sought since the Monday evening massacre in which his girlfriend, 20-year-old Sandy Witt, died, along with Penny Estrada, 21; Naomi Martinez, 23; and Erica Arispe, 21. Ms. Estrada was pregnant at the time.

A fifth victim, apartment maintenance man Larry Hammond, also was wounded as he ran to investigate the shootings.

Investigators think Goodman might have killed Ms. Witt because she refused to provide a false alibi for him in a March 1998 shooting at an Abilene convenience store, or because he thought she cooperated with authorities in that case.

# Bill would exempt diapers and children's medicine, give two-week tax holiday

AUSTIN (AP) — Diapers and over-the-counter children's medicine would no longer be subject to sales tax, and there would be a two-week tax holiday on clothing and shoes in time for back-to-school shopping next year, under a \$250 million bill approved by a Senate panel.

"Our plan will provide tax relief to all Texans, but particularly those most in need. It

could mean a month of free diapers, or a free pair of shoes for a child. That's a real tax cut families can feel and understand," said Sen. Rodney Ellis, D-Houston, sponsor of the bill approved unanimously Wednesday by the Senate Finance Committee. The bill goes to the Senate for consideration.

Selected sales tax relief has been a key part of Gov. George

W. Bush's proposals for funneling part of a budget surplus back to taxpayers.

"I'm most appreciative that the Senate has heard the call to cut taxes," Bush said.

Lt. Gov. Rick Perry, a Republican like Bush, said the sales tax proposal is part of a mix that is meant to touch every Texan.

"I happen to think this ... Legislature likes the idea of

having a multitude of ways to give back people their hard-earned tax money. If you just did a property tax (relief bill), there'd be some folks in the state of Texas who didn't get any relief from that," he said.

Under the bill, in which Ellis' staff said costs are figured as revenue loss to the state over the next two-year budget period:

— Diapers would be exempt from sales taxes at a cost of \$56

million.

— The current exemption on prescription drugs would be expanded to over-the-counter medicines that have Food and Drug Administration approval and are formulated and labeled for children 12-years-old or younger. The cost of this exemption would be \$45 million.

— A 14-day sales tax holiday would be created in August on shoes and clothing that cost up

to \$200 per item. It would not apply to accessories or to special clothing and footwear, such as golf shoes, that is not normally worn except during an athletic activity, according to Ellis' office. This would cost \$150 million.

Because the bill would not take effect until Oct. 1, the tax holiday would start next year. Sales tax rates in Texas are among the nation's highest.

# House Appropriations Committee gives OK on a \$97 billion budget

AUSTIN (AP) — The House Appropriations Committee approved a \$97 billion budget for the next two fiscal years Wednesday that includes a 13.4 percent increase in spending for public education.

The budget, which was approved 25-0, represents a 9.6 percent — or \$8.5 billion — overall increase in spending from the \$88.5 billion allocated for 1998-1999.

The largest increase would be for public education where funding would rise from \$26.7 billion during the 1998-1999 budget years to \$30 billion for 2000 and 2001.

That includes \$3 billion for teacher pay raises, school financing and — one of Gov. George W. Bush's top priorities — property tax relief.

How that would break down will be decided by the House Public Education Committee.

The Appropriations Committee, which had a \$5.6 billion surplus to work with, left \$772 million unspent and Committee Chairman Robert Junell, D-San Angelo, said \$500 million of that could go toward tax cuts.

A surplus can make the budget process harder in some aspects said House Speaker Pete Laney, D-Hale Center.

# Cost of Lewinsky inquiry stands at \$6 million-plus

WASHINGTON (AP) — Boosted by the millions he spent looking into the Monica Lewinsky affair, Kenneth Starr's investigation of President Clinton and his wife is about to become the most expensive independent counsel inquiry ever.

Starr's expenditures totaled \$6.2 million in the six months through Sept. 30, when the Lewinsky investigation was going full speed, pushing the cost of the independent counsel's 4-year inquiry of the president and Hillary Rodham Clinton to nearly \$40 million, according to figures released Wednesday by the congressional General Accounting Office.

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## OUR VIEWS

### Welcome rodeo competitors, fans; enjoy your stay

Following a one-year hiatus, the finest in collegiate rodeo talent will begin arriving at the Big Spring Rodeo Bowl tonight for this weekend's renewal of the Howard College Rodeo.

The rodeo gets under way at 7 tonight with the first of three featured performances. A second performance is set for 7 p.m. Friday and the rodeo's finals will begin at 7 p.m. Saturday.

There will be no way for the approximately 400 athletes from 16 colleges to be featured during the regular performances, so "slack" events will be staged following both tonight's and Friday's performances and again at 9 a.m. Saturday.

Members of Howard College's host team will perform throughout the rodeo, and Howard coach Mike Yeater said he hopes a large number of the Hawks and Lady Hawks will qualify for Saturday night's finals.

"You always want to perform well, but this is the one where you really want to shine," Yeater explained, "because we'll be performing in front of our home crowd. This is really the only chance we'll get to do that."

With admission prices set at \$2 for adults and \$1 for children younger than 12 years of age, the college's rodeo is clearly a bargain for the sport's fans.

What's more, the rodeo's field will not only feature several of rodeo's future professional stars, but will boast a large number of competitors that already hold their Professional Rodeo Cowboys Association (PRCA) cards and regularly take part in professional events.

Whether one's a die-hard rodeo fan or not, it behooves the community to support this weekend's rodeo, since a vast majority of its competitors will be spending nights in Big Spring motels, buying meals in local restaurants and purchasing gasoline at service stations.

We here at the Herald want to take this opportunity to welcome our visitors this weekend and hope they enjoy their stay in Big Spring.

What's more, we wish the best of luck to the members of Howard College's host Hawks and Lady Hawks teams as they enter the weekend's competition.

## OTHER VIEWS

The ironies of the situation are bitter indeed. Milosevic now enjoys the unanimous support of his own people for the first time. Former critics have rallied to his side. Far from crumbling under Western attacks, he now feels strong enough to offer a deal if the air strikes are halted. And unless NATO accepts, of course, the Serbian campaign of terror will continue. Increasingly, the West seems trapped in a terrible dilemma.

Albeit belatedly, the conflict in Yugoslavia has received the attention it deserves also in Israel. The Israeli media has been largely provincial in recent years and focuses on "our" news much more than world issues of great importance. ... Kosovo also waited in line for a spot on the Israeli agenda. If we hadn't heard the mention of the NATO bombing in the same sentence as "genocide," it's doubtful that we

would have bothered to be interested...  
MAARIV, TEL AVIV

The events in recent months in Kosovo are more than a mere internal conflict between the nations of the former Yugoslavia. ... What is occurring there ... borders on genocide. No country or society may remain indifferent in the face of these horrific actions.

It is the responsibility of Israel's official institutions, the government and the Knesset, to give real expression to its support for the policy of NATO and the United States. ... It must do so not reluctantly or half-heartedly, but rather by taking a clear, resolute stand and by taking the necessary diplomatic steps. This is the responsibility of the entire people of Israel — the children of a nation that has suffered so much persecution — to another persecuted nation.

HAARETZ, TEL AVIV, JERUSALEM

## Milosevic and Primakov have a long friendship

Russian Prime Minister Yevgeny Primakov and his aides turned their Washington-bound plane around in mid-air last week to protest the NATO bombing of Kosovo. Good riddance to bad Russians.



JACK ANDERSON

For several years, as foreign minister and now prime minister, Primakov has been beating the drums for his friend, the butcher of Belgrade, Slobodan Milosevic.

Nothing Milosevic does — no matter how many Bosnian Muslims died before or Kosovar Albanians are dying now — seems to quell Russian enthusiasm and support for him, even though the Serbs were clearly the initial aggressor in the formerly autonomous province of "greater Serbia."

Russians consider the Serbs their ethnic cousins, tracing a common Slavic heritage back through the centuries. That alliance was strengthened during World War II, when the Russians helped Serbian partisans fight the pro-German puppet government of Croatia.

So it was no great surprise to the Clinton administration

when Primakov's party, en route to America to beg for billions of dollars in support of Russia's helplessly corrupt economy, turned the plane around to express their anger at the bombing.

Milosevic had been given plenty of warning. He was warned that if he did not sign the Kosovo peace accord negotiated in France, which the Kosovar rebels signed, and if he continued to kill ethnic Albanians there, NATO would retaliate.

But Milosevic was counting on Russian displeasure to stall the negotiations long enough for his troops to complete their bloody rampage through Kosovo. It would not have been without precedent. Primakov successfully and secretly threatened Clinton and our Western allies into abandoning the bombing option last October, according to knowledgeable intelligence sources.

These sources told our associate Dale Van Atta that Primakov threatened to break the arms embargo to Serbia if America started bombing. He also threatened to suspend Russia's cooperation with NATO and vowed to withdraw Russian peacekeeping troops from Bosnia.

Clinton buckled under this threat.

But now, four months and a couple Serbian massacres later, he finally took a long-overdue stand against Milosevic's aggression. True to Primakov's

earlier threat, the Russian ambassador to NATO has been recalled, some cooperation suspended, and noises made about withdrawing Bosnian peacekeeping forces. CIA satellites and U.S. agents on the ground are now keeping close watch for the potential "underground" increase of Russian arms to Serbian troops.

Kowtowing to Primakov and his threats is bad business for America. For one thing, there is truly little Russia can do politically or militarily (except with strategic nuclear weapons) to back up its bluster. Primakov, after all, was on his way to Washington to beg for money for Russia's incredibly bankrupt economy.

Further, capitulation to Primakov would rarely serve U.S. interests. He is, at bottom, anti-West, as many of his past actions prove.

During his years as foreign minister, Primakov may not have brought back the Cold War, but he did bring on a competitive cold peace.

"Primakov's path for Russia is one of nurturing geopolitical tensions, imperial grudges, and as-yet-unfulfilled great power ambitions," avers Ariel Cohen, a Russia expert with the Heritage Foundation.

A cornerstone of this Primakov doctrine has been to thwart NATO whenever possible. When he was head of Russia's foreign intelligence agency, Primakov financed covert support of Communist

politicians in East European countries who were likely to oppose NATO inclusion, our intelligence sources say. The 1995 Communist win in Poland was a significant victory for the spy master.

As foreign minister, he also fought tirelessly against the expansion of NATO to include old Soviet client states like Poland, Hungary and the Czech Republic, maintaining that such a move would destabilize Europe.

While Primakov lost that ground, he managed to win a NATO-Russia partnership agreement — the "Founding Act" — which has allowed him to insert Russian intelligence officers at NATO headquarters to scoop up Western military secrets.

He also drew what he called a "red line" against further NATO expansion. It is "unacceptable" to Russia that the three Baltic states and former Soviet republics like the Ukraine consider joining NATO.

Even before the current Kosovo crisis, Primakov worked diligently against NATO's efforts to prevent pogroms in former Yugoslavia. Time and again, at least until last week, he successfully and almost single-handedly blocked NATO military intervention aimed at ending Milosevic-sponsored genocides such as the tragic trampling of the ethnic Albanian majority in Kosovo.



## The good life...one of these days

I did something that's against my religion the other day: I paid actual money for a map. Lost as an Easter egg somewhere between Ellijay and Rome, Ga., I wheeled into a bandit store and asked the clerk how much he was getting for what used to be free.



RHETA GRIMSLEY JOHNSON

There are worse ways to be than lost in North Georgia, however. The towns have names like a surveyor's description: Pine Log, Sharp Top, Redbud, Rocky Face. Every now and then a mountain creek chases along beside you for a while, tumbling over stones as smooth as a baby's face.

The road wiggles through hills and trees that the skidders have missed. If you're not in a hurry, it doesn't really matter exactly where you are.

All the new map did was ruin the surprise. It was still a slow drive along those deep blue highways. By the time I got to Cave Spring the sun was low. Everything had a rosy-orange glow, like a gift basket all wrapped up in colored cello-

phane. The old houses of Cave Spring looked terrific in the flatter light. Best of all, the people moving about their porches and yards didn't seem to be in a hurry at all. They were congregating in groups of two or three, perhaps discussing the war in Kosovo or the price of tea in China. I resisted the urge to get out of the car, sidle up to a cluster of friends and pretend to be one of them.

I dream of slowing down the way some people dream of getting rich. My friends don't think I know how, but I do. When I retire, I'll be the absolute best at what I do. I'll sleep in lots of mornings just because I can. I'll take afternoon siestas, too, which the experts now say are good for you.

In the morning I'll do all my chores. By afternoon, I'll be free to putter in the garden, reread favorite books, make scrapbooks out of old postcards, clean the curlicues on top of the mantel clock with Q-Tips. I'll write down the lyrics to my favorite songs.

I'll buy groceries only once a week, going down every aisle and marking off a list, instead of rushing in before each meal with a specific menu in mind.

If the butcher says, "How you-been?" I'll tell him, in great detail, whether he really wanted to know or not.

On certain days I'll go to the book club at the library and sit quietly while the guest speaker talks. I might ask a question if I can think of a good one. Afterwards I'll compare notes on gardening with the rest of the club members, asking if they, too, have a problem with root rot this wet year. Someone might offer me some Sweet William, or lamb's ear, and I'll mosey over to get it.

I won't rush straight home from town, either. I'll window-shop, or stop by the Friendly Florist for a small extravagance. If someone yoo-hoos from her yard, I'll stop and gossip.

I'll bake cookies for people, not just for Christmas, either, and I'll write longhand letters if the postal service still exists. I might move my desk onto the porch, so I can watch those in a hurry going by, fools on parade.

If I get bored, I'll throw a party, serve cheese grits and, for dessert, watermelon scooped out of its rind in perfect little balls. The table will have candles and cloth napkins, and all the guests will find it hard to believe that I grew the centerpiece myself. Visitors will be well-informed people with conversational skills.

After dinner, one of them will clear his throat and quote original poetry.

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## Boosting the band

### Garage sale will benefit trip to perform at Disney World

By DEBBIE L. JENSEN  
Features Editor

Big Spring High School's band is planning a giant garage sale April 10 to raise money for a trip to play at Disney World in Florida.

The band sent an audition tape to Disney World, and were invited to perform for preparade festivities at the Magic Kingdom. They will perform May 25, spending a total of four days at the local amusement parks.

Band students who plan to make the trip have been selling items and conducting fundraisers, and the Band Booster club has vowed to kick in some money to help. But the band finds itself about \$6,000 short.

"We're going to run short for the trip, and be behind to start

### BAND BOOSTER GARAGE SALE

Where: Big Spring High School Band Hall  
When: Saturday, April 10, 8 a.m.-4 p.m.  
What you can do: Donate items for sale, make baked goods, or just shop.

Why: To help the band make its trip to Disney World to perform.

the year (next fall)," said Rocky Harris, band director. The Band Boosters need money to start off the year's concession stands at football games.

"There could be a price increase per student," Harris said. "This garage sale is hoped to help avoid that."

Harris said the trip is not only an opportunity to play in front of a large group, it will be fun.

"The whole idea is to give them an opportunity they

wouldn't normally get," he said. "To go to Disney World, and with a group like this, this is something most of them would never get to do."

In addition, the performance is not high pressure, Harris added. The band was urged to choose something that says "Texas," so they are going to play the fight song for the University of Texas.

The fundraising garage sale will run from 8 a.m.-4 p.m. at the band hall, and baked goods

will also be for sale. If you have items to donate for the garage sale, or want to bake something, stop by the band hall Friday, April 9 between 4-9 p.m.

"Anybody who wants to help out is welcome to bring anything," said Joy Horn, of Band Boosters. "Anything they want to bring, that would be great."

Those who want to help the band but don't have anything to sell could give a monetary donation, she added.

"This is really important to the band," Horn said. "If we don't make enough money, we won't be able to go. And being invited to march was quite an honor."

Shoppers will also be supporting the band, as all proceeds from the sale will go toward the trip.

## Barbie's perfection sends all the wrong messages

QUESTION: I've read that you have recommended that parents not give little girls Barbie dolls. They seem harmless to me.

Why do you oppose them?

DR. DOBSON: First, I should tell you that my objection is more passive and philosophical than absolute. My own daughter played with Barbie throughout her childhood years.

Nevertheless, I wish Barbie would go away. There could be no better method for teaching the worship of beauty and materialism than is accomplished with these dolls. If we intentionally sought to drill our

little girls on the necessity of growing up rich and gorgeous, we could do no better than has already been done. Did you ever see an ugly Barbie doll? Has she ever had even the slightest imperfection? Of course not! She oozes femininity and sex appeal. Her hair is thick and gleaming, loaded with "body" (whatever in the world that is). Her long, thin legs, curvaceous bust and delicate feet are absolutely perfect. Her airbrushed skin is without flaw or blemish (except for a little statement on her lower back that she was "Made in China"). She never gets pimples or blackheads, and there is not an ounce of fat on her pink body.

Such an idealized model creates an emotional time bomb set to explode the moment a real live 13-year-old takes her first long look in the mirror. No doubt about it -- Barbie she ain't!

Yet it is not the physical perfection of these Barbie dolls (and her many competitors) that concerns me most; of much greater harm are the teen-age games that they inspire. Instead of 3- and 4-year-old boys and girls playing with stuffed animals, balls, cars, trucks, model horses and the traditional memorabilia of childhood, they are learning to fantasize about life as an adolescent. Ken and Barbie go on dates, learn to dance, drive sports cars, get suntans, take camping trips, exchange mar-

riage vows and have babies (let's hope in that order).

The entire adolescent culture, with its emphasis on sexual awareness, is illustrated to tiny little girls who ought to be thinking about more childish things. This places our children on an unnatural timetable likely to reach the peak of sexual interest several years before it is due -- with all the obvious implications for their social and emotional health.

QUESTION: Why do you think so many parents are reluctant to let their kids go after they are grown?

DR. DOBSON: One reason is that parents fear their children aren't ready to stand on their own and worry about what will happen to them. They want to protect them as long as they can. But more important, they hate to see childhood come to an end.

I'm convinced that mothers and fathers in North America are among the very best in the world. We care passionately about our kids and would do anything to meet their needs. But we are among the worst when it comes to letting go of our grown sons and daughters. In fact, those two characteristics are linked. The same commitment that leads us to do so well when the children are small (dedication, love, concern, involvement) also causes us to hold too tightly when they are growing up.

I will admit to my own difficulties in this area. I understood the importance of turning loose before our kids were born. I wrote extensively on the subject when they were still young. I prepared a film series in which all the right principles were expressed. But when it came time to open my hand and let the birds fly, I struggled mightily! I had loved the experience of fatherhood and was not ready to give it up.

Now, however, I relate to my grown children as adults and find this an exciting and rewarding era, too. "There is a time for everything," Solomon wrote. There is also a time for everything to end.

EDITOR'S NOTE: Dr. James C. Dobson's "Focus on the Family" appears each Thursday as a cooperative effort of Scenic Mountain Medical Center and the Big Spring Herald. Letters to Dr. Dobson may be sent to P.O. Box 444, Colorado Springs, Colo.; 80903.

## Small circus seems more like large family

DALLAS (AP) — Wolfgang Bruno has had a lot of jobs. He's been a security guard, a truck driver, a pump jockey at a gas station. For a while, he worked as a supermarket grocery checker.

In the end, he always runs away and joins the circus.

"This is home. I'm home now," Bruno said, throwing his arms wide to take in the tents and the trailers and, looming over his shoulder, a vast, dusty elephant, busily ripping up chunks of savory turf with its muscular snout.

"We're moving all the time, but it's always here."

"Here" is the Kelly Miller Circus, a one-ring outfit out of Oklahoma that had a weekend engagement at Old City Park. It's an old-fashioned tent show with clowns and elephants and daredevils, small enough to fit in a grove of oak trees and set up. Big Top and all, in a couple of hours.

Bruno, the elephant trainer, is one of only about two dozen staff and performers who travel with the show, which accommodates about 1,500 visitors at every performance.

Everybody has multiple assignments — the ringmaster doubles as a clown, acrobats

help with the horses, and elephants hitched to harnesses raise and lower the tent's huge support poles — but it's no less an authentic circus than its bigger, better-known counterparts.

"They're part of what we call the 'high-grass' circus business," so-called because they typically set up on fields or fairgrounds on the outskirts of small towns, said Fred Dahlinger, a historian at the Circus World Museum in Baraboo, Wis.

There are about two dozen small, long-established circuses touring the United States, Dahlinger said. They aren't as big as their bigger brethren, they bring the show to millions of small-town fans every year.

Bruno, a veteran over his 37 years of five traveling circuses, likes the little Kelly Miller the best: "This one runs smoother than the others, and we don't overwork the elephants."

A lot of circuses struggle with chronic shortages of qualified personnel, Dahlinger said, so it's easy for workers to come and go.

"You've really got to love the

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HERALD photo/Debbie L. Jensen

Dolores Porras celebrated her 100th birthday Wednesday. She will enjoy a party and family reunion over Easter weekend. The homemaker moved to the city in 1921, raised 11 children, and remembers shopping in Big Spring's first store. Her mother lived to 115, and her sisters into their 90s. Family members said Dolores had never seen a doctor until four years ago, and is still in good health.

## Low-cost insurance plan enrollment for children here Tuesday

Representatives of Texas Healthy Kids Corp. will be in Big Spring on Tuesday to introduce the low-cost insurance program to parents and to help fill out forms for those who are interested.

"Everyone is welcome to come, children too," said Jennifer Bice, a representative of Blue Cross Blue-Shield of Texas, which is handling coverage in the Howard County area.

The enrollment will be held from 7 p.m. until 10 p.m. at Dorothy Garrett Coliseum. Those who attend should use the west entrance.

Any family can take advantage of the program, which the

legislature set up to ensure that all children in Texas can be covered by health insurance. Local rates will be \$72 per child per month. However, low-income families may be eligible to pay as little as \$10 per child per month.

Coverage includes physicians' office visits, immunizations, well-child visits, prescription drugs, eyeglasses, lab tests, X-rays, hospitalization, basic mental health and treatment for chemical dependency, rehabilitation and home health services.

For questions about the program, call Wilbourn at (915) 570-6923, Bice at (915) 586-0344 or 1-877 WELL KID.

## Is everything really as it seems on TV?

NEW YORK (AP) — TV viewers probably barely noticed the Coca-Cola can on a desk and the Wells Fargo billboard in the background of a recent episode of UPN's drama "Seven Days."

The actors certainly didn't notice — because the soda can and billboard weren't even there when the series was filmed.

It was the first prime-time test of a technology that allows advertisers to have products digitally added to a scene, a practice that could blur beyond recognition the line between entertainment and advertising.

The product placements were quietly done as an experiment during one episode two weeks ago to gauge viewer reaction. The response is still being evaluated, UPN spokesman Paul McGuire said.

The technology has been used

"There is certainly a sense that the bleeding of the commercials into the programs is getting more extreme than it ever has been."

Robert Thompson, director  
Center for the Study of Popular Television

in sports, to add commercial billboards in the background of baseball games.

Product placement is popular in movies but much less so on television, where there are plenty of opportunities to run full-fledged ads.

It's starting to get harder to tell when the ads end and the show begins.

Networks sprinkle stars from their prime-time shows in the audience at sporting events for cameras to spot during big games. ABC last month promoted a show with a "crawl" along the bottom of the screen, treat-

ment usually reserved for news bulletins.

"There is certainly a sense that the bleeding of the commercials into the programs is getting more extreme than it ever has been," said Robert Thompson, director of the Center for the Study of Popular Television at Syracuse University.

For many years, networks took pains to avoid product placement. The results often looked awkward: Actors would drink from a beer bottle with a generic label instead of a Budweiser.

Showing actual products may better reflect real life, but the decision on whether to use them should rest with the people making the shows, not with advertisers, Thompson said.

It's not clear whether Christopher Crowe, creator and executive producer of "Seven Days," had a choice. He didn't return calls for comment. He works for Paramount, which owns both the series, and the network.

A Paramount spokeswoman noted that the technology has other uses beyond advertising. Producers may be able to insert special effects or background locations.

The new technology probably won't replace commercials.

"I don't see it taking off like a rocket," said Ave Butensky, president of the Television Bureau of Advertising.

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### EDUCATOR OF THE WEEK

**EDUCATOR NAME:** Charla Soto  
**POSITION/SCHOOL:** I work with 6th and 7th grade students at Goliad Middle School who need extra help with their behavior.

**YEARS TEACHING OR IN EDUCATION:** Two.  
**UNIQUE TALENTS/METHODS YOU BRING TO THE JOB:** A lot of patience and flexibility, and an ability to see things from the student's point of view.

**WHY I BECAME A TEACHER/EDUCATOR:** I wanted a chance to touch the lives of young people in a positive way. I hope to have the kind of positive influence with these students that my teachers had with me.

**SPECIAL HOBBIES/INTERESTS:** Reading, sports (mostly watching high school and youth leagues, but I coached my son's basketball team this year)

**FAMILY INFORMATION:** I have four wonderful children — two boys, Trey, 11, and Tony, 6; and two girls,

Christina, 10, and Teryn, 4. We are close to all of our extended family which includes my three brothers, my parents, my husband and his parents.

**PEOPLE WHO'D BE SURPRISED IF THEY KNEW I:** Used to be an accountant.

**MOST GRATIFYING EXPERIENCE WITH YOUNG PEOPLE:** When you see them using a concept that you taught them.

**IF I COULD CHANGE ONE THING ABOUT MY JOB, IT WOULD BE:** Some of the negative attitudes that teachers face regularly.



### COMMUNITY NEWS

**THE TEXAS DEPARTMENT OF Health,** 501 Birdwell, Suite 28-B, will have a Saturday shot clinic on April 10 from 8:30 to 11:30 a.m. and from 1 to 4 p.m. Please bring your child's shot record or a note from school. Call 263-9775 for more information.

**VOLUNTEERS ARE NEEDED FOR** the "Don't Mess With Texas" Trash Off, scheduled for Saturday, April 10 in the community.

Groups, individuals and organizations are asked to give a few hours of their time to help with this city-wide cleanup effort. Call 263-4607 to volunteer.





Hi  
Mom!

At left, clowns came in all shapes and sizes during Coahoma's Kindergarten Rodeo Wednesday morning. Below, a group of "musicians" got a lot of crowd support, if not a lot of sound out of their instruments.



### CIRCUS

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business to stay with it," he said.

That's as much hard reality as romantic myth, because to join the circus, you've got to endure circus life: long hours, constant travel, mediocre pay and a vacation that won't roll around until next November.

Kelly Miller launched its season last week with a typical small-burg itinerary that included Hugo, Okla., Gilmer and West Tawakoni.

Dallas is a special treat for the performers and crew, because it means three days in one place, with access to such luxuries as Laundromats and shopping malls.

Bruno first ran off with a circus when he was 13. His parents dragged him home, but they relented and allowed him to leave for good at 16.

The DeChants waited until they were grandparents.

Kari the Clown (Karen DeChant in civilian life) is a 54-year-old retired special-education teacher; ringmaster/clown Barry DeChant, 61, put in more than 30 years with the phone company. They fled middle-class life in Lavonia, Mich., for the circus five years ago.

"I just love traveling and meeting new people," said Mrs. DeChant, a friendly, ladylike woman who would look like the president of the garden club without the makeup and the corkscrew wig, the oversized bloomers and the bulbous pink shoes.

"Our children are proud of us, but they think we're crazy."

The DeChants think it's a grand adventure, even on days when the audience — added into passivity, DeChant sometimes thinks, by television and movies — is stone cold. Even when they're up before dawn for the sixth straight day to get on the road. Even when an overnight shower leaves the crew floundering to strike the tent in a sea of mud.

## Trek to safety too late for old, infirm of Kosovo

KUKES, Albania (AP) — Doctors gently placed the frail, elderly woman on a clean bed and asked her name.

With her last ounce of strength, she whispered, "Gjyle (JOO-luh)." Then she died.

She was the eighth Kosovo Albanian refugee to die in the hospital Tuesday after climbing through the mountains ahead of Serb forces driving thousands more from Kosovo.

Nurses quickly covered her body with a white sheet, but Ismen Mucmata, the city prosecutor who compiles death certificates, said the old woman's knees were badly scratched, an indication she had been dragged or crawled or perhaps fell off a vehicle sometime in the final hours of her life.

No one at the hospital knows who she was or where she came from. She wore a wedding ring but carried no identification papers. She was found Tuesday by the side of the road and driven to this northern Albanian town by Albanian soldiers. Her clothing — traditional Muslim dress and brown scarf — indicated she was probably from a rural village in Kosovo.

The small hospital in Kukës is struggling to care for the elderly, the frail and the chronically ill among the tens of thousands of Kosovo Albanian refugees. Hospital director Bajram Cenaj said he had received some help from the

Albanian government, but none yet from international relief organizations.

Some patients had been shot and a few had been beaten by Serb forces during their escape, Cenaj said. Those who have died were simply too old or weak to survive the forced journey through a gorge between the Koritnik and Gjallica peaks.

"We've helped them, but we can't keep them here forever," Cenaj said.

Gathered around another bed was the Krasniqi family, who had struggled into the hospital at 3 a.m. Monday.

A daughter, 23-year-old Mihirje, was stroking the cheek of her mother, also named Mihirje, who had suffered with chronic heart disease for 20 years.

The nurses quietly tiptoed to the bed, examined the mother and told the daughter she was dead.

Mhirje wept, wondering how she would tell her father, Muharrem, who had left moments before to search for bread.

As the two young women wept, Mihirje told a reporter how her mother had insisted she be left behind when the family fled Prizren, about 45 miles to the northeast, early Sunday.

"She kept saying, 'I don't want my children to be killed because of me,'" Mihirje said.

Official registration  
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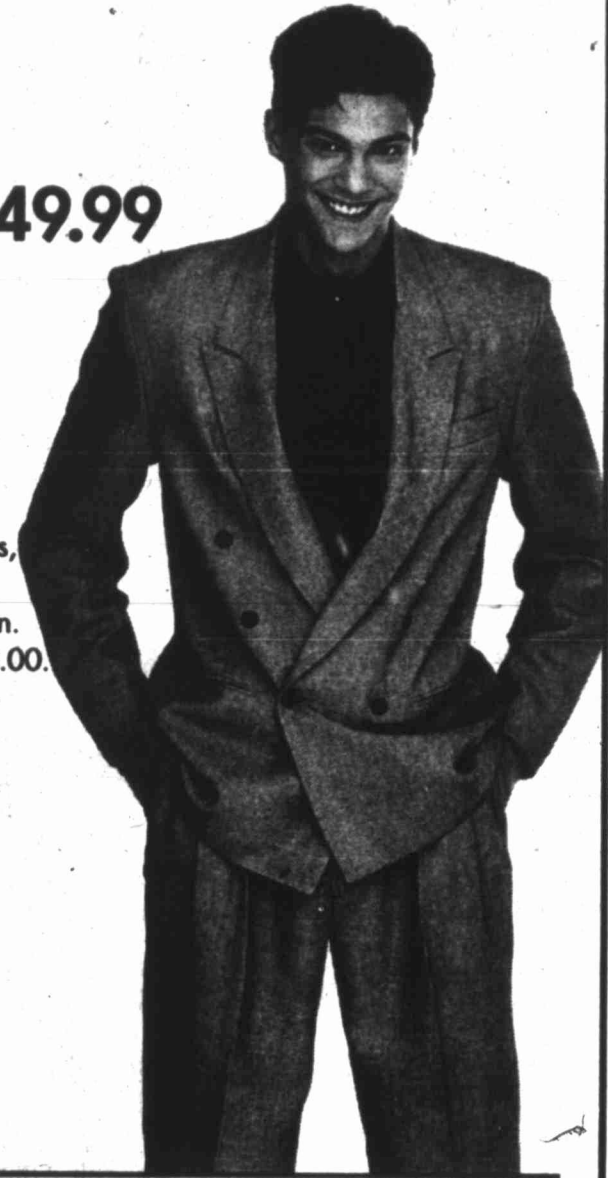
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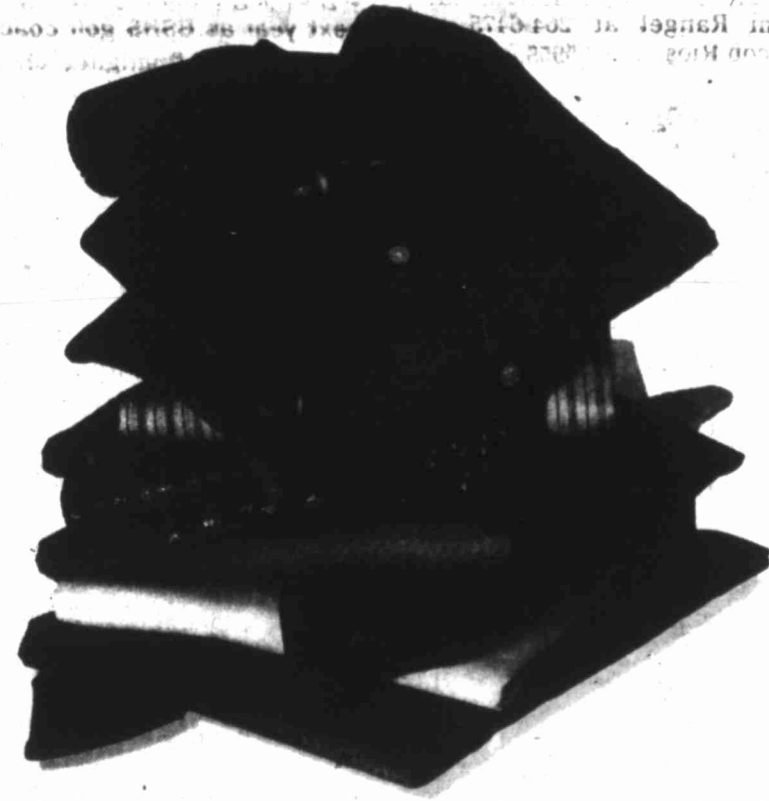
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## IN BRIEF

### Yankees top Rangers in National LL action

The National Little League Yankees took a 12-8 win over the Rangers in majors play Tuesday.

Mark Lozano, Angelo Garcia and Jacob Murphree provided offensive heroics for the Yankees. Lozano turned in a 3-for-4 showing including a triple, while Garcia was 2-for-4. Murphree provided a crucial double in the Yankees' four-run second inning.

Matt Hillario and Robert Finn turned in strong defensive showings for the Yanks.

Chad Hammock, Tye Baker and Whit Bryant all went 3-for-4 for the Rangers, while teammate Trey Paradez had a triple and scored twice.

### Fundraiser tournament scheduled for Saturday

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

Games will begin at 8 a.m. 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 12-team ragball tournament field.

The deadline for registering teams will be today.

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

### Snappers to play host for softball tournament

A softball tournament hosted by the Snappers softball team of Big Spring has been scheduled for April 9-10 at Cotton Mize Field.

Entry fees will be \$110 per team, and April 7 will be the deadline for entries.

For more information, call Jim Rangel at 264-6475 or Jacob Rios at 263-5955.

### Big Spring UGSA's registration continues

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

The organization will also be registering players Saturday during the Ballapalooza at Roy Anderson Complex.

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

Tryouts for Division I, II, III and IV teams will begin at 10 a.m. on Saturday, April 10, at the Roy Anderson Complex.

### Heart Association slates charity event for April 17

The Howard County Chapter of the American Heart Association has scheduled its annual charity golf tournament for April 17 at the Comanche Trail Golf Course.

The four-person scramble requires that all teams must have A, B, C and D players.

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.

## LOCAL GAMES

**HIGH SCHOOL SOFTBALL**  
4:30 p.m.  
• Big Spring Lady Steers at Sweetwater Lady Mustangs.  
• Breckenridge Lady Buckaroos at Coahoma Bulldogettes.

**HIGH SCHOOL BASEBALL**  
4 p.m.  
• Big Spring Steers at San Angelo Lake View Chiefs.

## ON THE AIR

**Radio**  
**HIGH SCHOOL BASEBALL**  
4 p.m. — Big Spring Steers at San Angelo Lake View Chiefs, KBST-AM 1490.

**Television**  
**NBA BASKETBALL**  
7:30 p.m. — Los Angeles Clippers at Dallas Mavericks, FXS, Ch. 29.

# Teams from 16 schools open Howard College Rodeo tonight

By JOHN A. MOSELEY  
Sports Editor

A field of approximately 400 collegiate rodeo performers will begin competition tonight at the Big Spring Rodeo Bowl as the Howard College Rodeo resumes following a one-year hiatus.

Howard rodeo coach Mike Yeater said he expects to see an extremely competitive field during this weekend's performances with get under way at 7 tonight.

A second performance is set for 7 p.m. Friday and the rodeo's finals will begin at 7 p.m. Saturday.

"This has been one of the most competitive seasons I can remember," Yeater explained. "You have to consider West Texas A&M University's women as the favorites in the team competition and Tarleton State's men are awfully strong. Both of them have put together some really good rodeos this year, but every-

body has had people that are capable of winning."

Yeater's men's and women's teams host this weekend's rodeo coming off respectable showings at the Odessa College Rodeo last week. The Lady Hawks finished fourth in the team standings, while the Hawks placed seventh.

Those finishes in Odessa left both Howard teams in seventh place in the Southwest Region men's and women's standings.

If Yeater and his athletes have their way, those positions in the regional standings will improve this week, because they'd like nothing better than having their best performances at home.

"You always want to perform well, regardless of where we're competing," Yeater said as he made final preparations for this weekend's event. "At the same time, though, you really want to shine here, because it's really the only opportunity we'll get to perform in front

of our home crowd."

In addition to Howard's host teams and the team favorites from West Texas A&M and Tarleton State, the rodeo's field will include teams from Eastern New Mexico, New Mexico Military Institute, New Mexico Junior College, Mesa Technical College, Frank Phillips College, Vernon Regional Community College, Weatherford College, Cisco Junior College, Western Texas College, Texas Tech University, Angelo State University, Odessa College, Midland College and Sul Ross State University.

There will be no way for the 400 or so athletes from 16 colleges to be featured during the regular performances, so "slack" events will be staged following both tonight's and Friday's performances and again at 9 a.m. Saturday.

Admission prices for the rodeo are set at \$2 for adults and \$1 for children younger than 12 years of age.

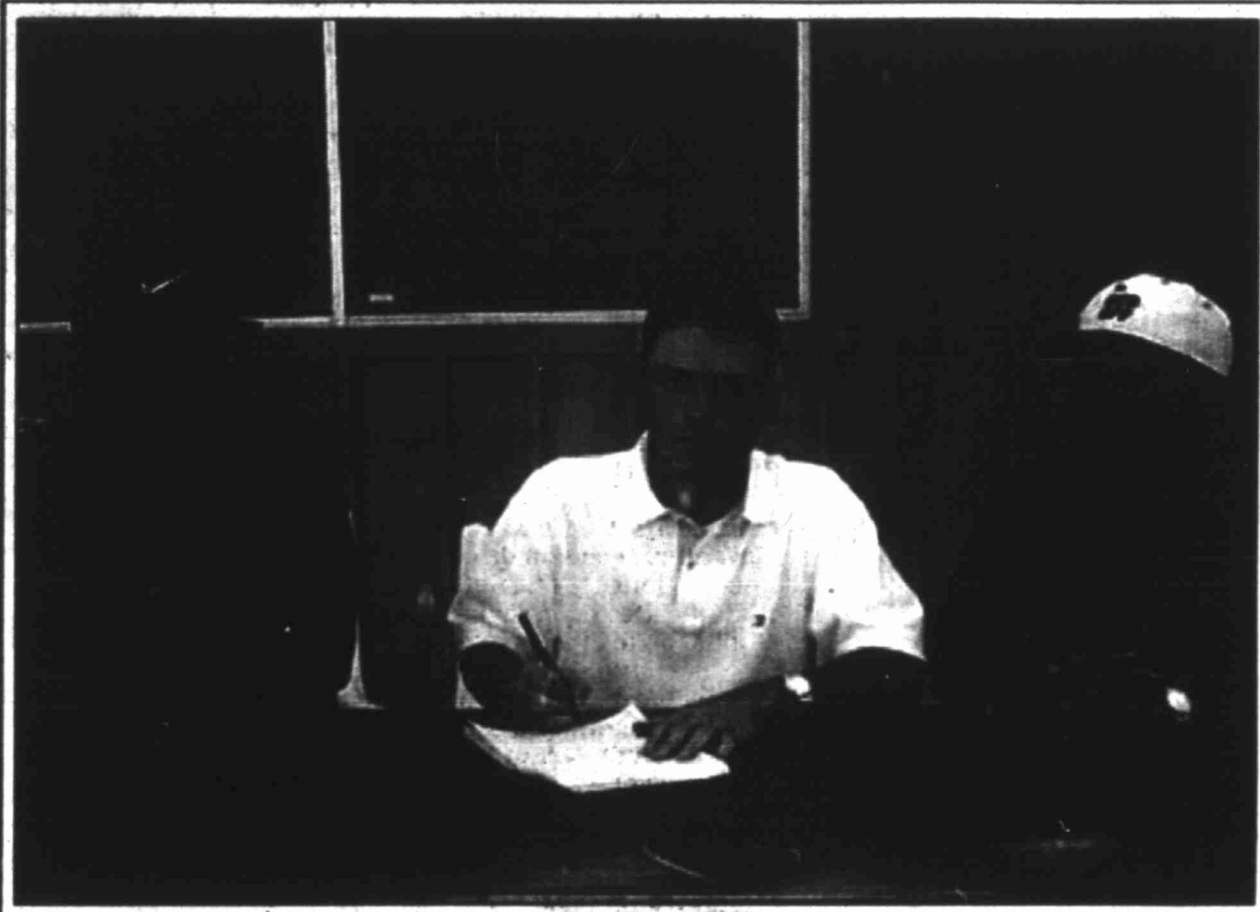
The rodeo's field will not only feature

several of rodeo's future professional stars, but will boast a large number of competitors that already hold their Professional Rodeo Cowboys Association (PRCA) cards and regularly take part in professional events.

Members of Howard College's host team will perform throughout the rodeo, and Yeater said he hopes a large number of the Hawks and Lady Hawks will qualify for Saturday night's finals.

"It's not only that we want to have a good rodeo in front of our home fans, but we're winding down to the end of the season," Yeater explained. "Every point you can earn becomes important, because the primary goal is to qualify for the National Collegiate Finals Rodeo."

"We had some people that we thought would qualify last year but fell just short," he added. "We don't want that to happen this year, so you can expect to see our men and women really competing this weekend."



Big Spring's Sammy Rodriguez Jr. (center) signs his letter of intent to play golf at Odessa College next year as BSHS golf coach Gary Simmons (left) and the Steers star's father, Sammy Rodriguez Sr., look on. Rodriguez chose Odessa College after considering New Mexico Military Institute, Western Texas College and Paris Junior College.

# Post's teams take control in 3-2A golf

HERALD Staff Report

Post's Antelopes and Lady Antelopes found the Comanche Trail Golf Course to their liking Wednesday as they forged substantial leads in the first round of play in the District 3-2A boys' and girls' golf tournaments.

The Antelopes, paced by Jay Gorman, Marcus Lopez and Justin Norman, toured the 6,327-yard, par 71 Comanche Trail men's layout with a 312 team total and take a 24-stroke lead over Stanton's Buffaloes.

In the girls' tournament, the Lady Antelopes were even more dominating — following the lead of Kasey Hardin, Becca Stelzer and Yvonne Lopez to register a 379 on the 5,098-yard, par 72 women's layout. That gave them a 67-stroke margin over Coahoma's Bulldogettes, who finished the round at 446.

"This is a tremendously tough district in every sport and golf is not exception," Coahoma coach Kim Nichols said following Wednesday's round. "You've got four regional qualifiers in the district in both the girls' and boys' divisions, but there's no question that Post stepped up and gave notice that they plan to be at region this year."

While the Antelopes were fashioning a 312, Stanton posted a 336 team total behind the lead of Will Harris' round of 78.

Coahoma, Plains and Tahoka all managed scores that leave them within striking distance of a regional berth.

Coahoma, the host team for the first round, was third in the standings with a 348, while Plains was four strokes back at 352 and Tahoka finished with a 357.

Senior Blake Nichols led the way for Coahoma, his 3-over-par round of 74 leaving him tied for the medalist lead with Post's Gorman and Lopez. Norman was three strokes back at 77 following Wednesday's round, while Harris was fifth in the individual standings with a 78.

Post's Hardin took a commanding lead in the girls' medalist standings, her 5-over-par 77 leaving her 14 strokes ahead of Stelzer, while Seagraves was third with a 93.

Coahoma's Jayci Roberts finished Wednesday's round with a 99, leaving her fourth in the individual standings, while Lopez was fifth at 100.

The Bulldogettes' 446 total left them with a 28-stroke lead over Tahoka in the battle for one of the top two team spots that earn berths in the Region I, Class 2A tournament later this month.

Rounding out the girls' field were Plains and Stanton, both teams finishing with opening rounds of 512.

In addition to Roberts' round of 99, the Bulldogettes got a 102 from Kelli Buchanan, while Kynzi Roberts posted a 120 and Lauren Nichols carded a 125.

Coahoma's girls entry also included two medalist only participants. Mikanna Herring and Meredith Barr both finished with scores of 132.

Stanton was paced by Stephanie Washington's 117, while Rainnie Hull and Kenzie Williams turned in scores of 124 and 125, respectively. Jonna Moore rounded out the Lady Buffs' scoring with a 146.

In addition to Harris' 78, Stanton got solid play from Kenneth Hull and Austin Kelly. Hull posted an 81, while Kelly finished at 82. Keith Cook's 95 and Jon Cotton's 102 rounded out the Buffs' total.

Wile Nichols' 74 left him tied in the individual standings. Coahoma's "A" team got an 85 from Travis Hipp and a 92 from Blane Wright. Chase Ward and Ryan Peckham rounded out the team's scoring with a 97 and a 99.

Stanton's "B" team, which finished the opening round in sixth place with a 386 total, was led by Clint Jackson's 95, while Colton Pardue and Michael Harris carded rounds of 96. Ruston Pardue finished at 99 and Matthew Tollison had a 118.

Coahoma's "B" team, eighth following Wednesday's action, was paced by Jay Chadwell's 97 and Derek Ward's 98. Matthew Marlar added a 105 and Dusty Moore carded a 106, while Kevin Ramsey finished with a 127.

Both Coahoma and Stanton also entered players in boys' medalist only competition. The Bulldogs' Ken Hogan and David Davis posted rounds of 104 and 105, while Stanton's Nick Griffin finished the day at 110.

# Mateo making a major league effort; Oates trying to find a spot for rookie

ST. PETERSBURG, Fla. (AP) — Eager to see Rangers' rookie sensation Ruben Mateo at The Ballpark in Arlington? So is Rangers' manager Johnny Oates, which is why he's looking for possible ways to put him on the 25-man roster. He has already come up with a contingency plan in which Mateo would be in his Opening Day lineup.

The tricky part will be convincing general manager Doug Melvin.

Oates said Mateo, enjoying an impressive spring, is likely to be the Rangers first option if first baseman Rafael Palmeiro can't go Monday against the Detroit Tigers.

"That has not been approved" by Melvin, Oates said. "Put it this way ... he (Mateo) would be considered in my mind. In my mind, he would be highly considered."

Melvin said, "It would still be best for Ruben to go to Triple A and be ready in case of an injury. But it's nice to know how well he's performing; he's someone we feel comfortable with if we have to use him."

Mateo has never played above Double A, and the Rangers planned for him to play a full season at Triple-A Oklahoma City. But that was before Oates fell in love with him.

"He's going to be a good major-league player, and it's not going to be too far in the future," Oates said.

Oates said Mateo would not sit on the bench if he's on the major league roster.

"He will be in the lineup," Oates said. "Somewhere he'll be in the lineup. That's why he's playing nine innings every game. I'm giving him every opportunity to change minds."

Mateo played nine innings in the Rangers' 8-1 loss to the Tampa Bay Devil Rays at Al Lang Field yesterday. He played center field while Tom Goodwin served as designated hitter, and Mateo 2-for-4 with a single and a double. He is hitting

292 for the spring.

"Two more line drive hits," Oates said. "Don't overlook it."

"I feel really good about my spring," Mateo said. "To make this team would make me very happy before God. I'm not thinking about that right now, but I would feel really good. I always felt like I could play in the big leagues, and now I know I can. I always tell myself, 'Let's go Mateo. You can do it.'"

The Rangers just aren't sure if Mateo, 21, is ready now or if he needs a full season at Triple A.

"I don't think he'd get embarrassed," Oates said. "You'd have to have patience ... but he plays the game well."

Palmeiro went 3-for-9 with a home run in his first spring training appearance yesterday, a minor league game in Port Charlotte. He continues to give the Rangers hope he'll be ready for Opening Day. He was allowed to bat leadoff in every inning yesterday, giving him the nine at bats.

Mateo is at least going to make it to the finish line. The Rangers are planning to take him to The Ballpark in Arlington this weekend for their final two exhibition games. They aren't expected to make their final cuts until after Saturday's game against the New York Mets.

"I want him to see his girlfriend," Oates said. "He's never seen his girlfriend before."

What?

"He said The Ballpark is his girlfriend," Oates said.

"I can't wait to see her," Mateo said. "But if I don't stay, she's told me she'll wait as long as it takes. She is so beautiful."

The Rangers were willing to include Mateo in trade talks with the Toronto Blue Jays in the off-season as part of a deal for Roger Clemens. That's no longer the case.

# NCAA says it was making Proposition 16 changes before court case

KANSAS CITY, Mo. (AP) — The NCAA granted some time by a federal appeals court to make changes in freshman eligibility standards, says it could have changes ready by September.

The NCAA said Wednesday that it had been studying modifications in its minimum standards for months before U.S. District Judge Ronald Buckwalter ruled in Philadelphia that excluding athletes based on test scores "has an unjustified disparate impact against African-Americans."

The standards include minimum scores on the SAT or ACT, a core group of high school courses and a minimum grade-point average in that core. The 3rd U.S. Court of Appeals on Tuesday issued a stay of Buckwalter's ruling.

The NCAA hopes to have modifications of the standards, known as Proposition 16, in place by Sept. 1, said Penn State president Graham B. Spanier, chairman of the NCAA Division I Board of Directors.

"I'm not promising we will have it done by that date. Circumstances can change," Spanier said. "The stay gives us a window of opportunity following our own schedule and pursuing our research to have something in place by Sept. 1."

The NCAA will continue to pursue an appeal of Buckwalter's ruling not only because it struck down Proposition 16, but because it also raised other issues that needed clarification, Spanier said. The standards were challenged by four

black athletes who contended they were denied athletic scholarships or sports eligibility because they did not score the minimum on the standardized tests.

The tests have long been a subject of debate in the academic and athletic worlds as to whether they are discriminatory.

Proposition 16 was a refinement of Proposition 48, which was enacted during the NCAA convention in 1983 at the bidding of reform-minded university presidents who wanted tougher academic standards.

Spanier said some sort of minimum standards are needed to avoid revisiting "the bad old days" when high school athletes arrived on campus ill-equipped to handle the rigors of university acad-

emics, were exploited for their athletic ability and then thrown out without education or skills when their eligibility was used up. In studies since then, the NCAA has found athletes graduate at a higher rate than the general student body.

"The NCAA position is that it has produced sufficient evidence linking graduation rates to test score cutoffs under Proposition 16," Spanier said.

Modifying Proposition 16 likely will involve adjusting the weighting of the three components that make up the minimum standards, Spanier said. In particular, more weight would likely be given to overall performance in high school.

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SPORTS EXTRA

TRANSACTIONS

BASEBALL

American League

**BOSTON RED SOX**—Options RHP John Wesson to Pawtucket of the International League and 3B Wino Veras to Trenton of the Eastern League.

**CHICAGO WHITE SOX**—Options RHP Jason Osten, LHP Scott Eyras and RHP Chad Bradford to Charlotte of the International League. Reassigned RHP Mike Heathcott to their minor league camp. Returned Of Tyone Pendergrass to Atlanta.

**CLEVELAND INDIANS**—Placed Of Mark Whiten and Of Jacob Cruz on the 15-day disabled list. Accepted Of David Miller back from Philadelphia.

**KANSAS CITY ROYALS**—Options LHP Gordon Ruzick to Omaha of the PCL. Released RHP Erik Hanson and RHP A.J. Sager.

**MINNESOTA TWINS**—Traded LHP Dan Serafini to the Chicago Cubs for cash.

**SEATTLE MARINERS**—Options RHP Ken Cloude, RHP Rafael Comrona and LHP Greg McCarthy to Tacoma of the PCL. Assigned C Raul Chavez to their minor league camp. Released RHP David Chavarria, LHP Lindsay Guin, RHP Marcus Moore, INF Claudio Luperzani, C Francisco Santesteban and C Jake Underwood from their minor league camp.

**TAMPA BAY DEVIL RAYS**—Placed Of Mike Kelly on waivers for the purpose of giving him his unconditional release.

**TEXAS RANGERS**—Placed RHP Al Levine on waivers for the purpose of giving him his conditional release. Options RHP Jonathan Johnson to Oklahoma of the PCL. Assigned RHP Brandon Knight to Oklahoma.

**TORONTO BLUE JAYS**—Released 1B-CH Cecil Fielder. Options RHP Tom Davy and RHP Neno Rodriguez to Syracuse of the International League. Reassigned Sal Butera, third base coach, to their minor league complex. Named Terry Bevington third base coach. Sent Of Wayne Kirby to their minor league complex.

**National League**

**ATLANTA BRAVES**—Placed Of Darryl Bautista and 2B Tony Graffanino on waivers for the purpose of giving them their unconditional release. Options RHP Doug Creek, RHP Steve Galkowski, C Alan Zinter, INF Scott Stohank and Of Demick White to their minor league camp. Placed RHP Kerry Wood on the 60-day disabled list.

**FLORIDA MARLINS**—Options LHP Brent Billeau to Calgary of the PCL and RHP A.J. Burnett to Portland of the Eastern League. Assigned C John Roskos to their minor league camp.

**MILWAUKEE BREWERS**—Options RHP Al Reyes to Louisville of the International League. Assigned RHP Joe Borowski and C Charlie Greene outright to Louisville. Released RHP William Van Landingham.

**NEW YORK METS**—Assigned Of Andy Tomberlin to their minor league camp.

**BASETBALL**

**National Basketball Association**

**NBA**—Suspended Portland's Isaiah Rider for one game for entering the stands during a game against Golden State on March 30.

**FOOTBALL**

**National Football League**

**ARIZONA CARDINALS**—Signed OL Mike Joyner and LB Mark Maddox.

**INDIANAPOLIS COLTS**—Withdrew their one-year contract offer to DE Kendall Shelton.

**NEW ENGLAND PATRIOTS**—Traded TE Lovett Purnell to the Colts in exchange for a 1999 sixth-round draft pick.

**HOCKEY**

**National Hockey League**

**LOS ANGELES KINGS**—Assigned LW Josh Green to the Springfield of the AHL.

**PHOENIX COYOTES**—Recalled D Brad Tiley from Springfield of the AHL.

**MLB EXHIBITIONS**

**Wednesday's Games**

Houston 6, Los Angeles 4

Tampa Bay 15, Cleveland 1

Toronto 6, New York Yankees 5

Texas 11, Minnesota 4

Kansas City 7, New York Mets 4

Detroit 7, Atlanta 1

Boston 5, Pittsburgh 4

St. Louis 6, Montreal 3

Philadelphia 10, Cincinnati 4

Anaheim 17, Oakland 3

Chicago White Sox 9, San Francisco 6

Seattle 16, Milwaukee 13

Chicago Cubs 15, San Diego 6

Colorado 6, Arizona 3

Baltimore 2, Florida 2, tie, 13 innings

**Today's Games**

Cincinnati vs. Texas at Port Charlotte, Fla., 11:05 a.m.

NBA STANDINGS

EASTERN CONFERENCE

Atlantic Division

Orlando 22, L 10, Pct .688, GB —

Miami 19, L 9, Pct .679, GB 1

New York 17, L 14, Pct .548, GB 4 1/2

Philadelphia 15, L 14, Pct .517, GB 5 1/2

Washington 13, L 17, Pct .433, GB 8

Boston 10, L 19, Pct .345, GB 10 1/2

New Jersey 5, L 24, Pct .172, GB 15 1/2

Central Division

Indiana 20, L 10, Pct .667, GB —

Atlanta 19, L 12, Pct .613, GB 1 1/2

Detroit 19, L 12, Pct .613, GB 1 1/2

Milwaukee 18, L 12, Pct .600, GB 2

Toronto 15, L 14, Pct .517, GB 4 1/2

Cleveland 14, L 14, Pct .500, GB 5

Charlotte 12, L 17, Pct .414, GB 7 1/2

Chicago 9, L 21, Pct .300, GB 11

WESTERN CONFERENCE

Midwest Division

Utah 21, L 8, Pct .724, GB —

Houston 22, L 9, Pct .710, GB —

San Antonio 20, L 10, Pct .667, GB 1 1/2

Minnesota 17, L 13, Pct .567, GB 4 1/2

Dallas 10, L 22, Pct .313, GB 12 1/2

Denver 8, L 23, Pct .258, GB 14

Vancouver 6, L 24, Pct .200, GB 15 1/2

Pacific Division

Portland 24, L 6, Pct .800, GB —

L.A. Lakers 21, L 11, Pct .656, GB 4

Seattle 15, L 14, Pct .517, GB 8 1/2

Phoenix 15, L 16, Pct .484, GB 9 1/2

Sacramento 14, L 18, Pct .438, GB 11

Golden State 13, L 17, Pct .433, GB 11

L.A. Clippers 9, L 26, Pct .103, GB 20 1/2

Wednesday's Games

Washington 84, Orlando 73

Detroit 87, Boston 72

Milwaukee 102, Charlotte 94

Phoenix 93, Golden State 78

Portland 100, Sacramento 86

Today's Games

Indiana at Toronto, 6 p.m.

Chicago at Detroit, 6:30 p.m.

Cleveland at New York, 6:30 p.m.

Philadelphia at Miami, 6:30 p.m.

Atlanta at New Jersey, 6:30 p.m.

L.A. Clippers at Dallas, 7:30 p.m.

Vancouver at San Antonio, 7:30 p.m.

Seattle at Denver, 8 p.m.

Houston at Utah, 8 p.m.

Friday's Games

Milwaukee at Boston, 6 p.m.

Cleveland at Philadelphia, 6 p.m.

Vancouver at Atlanta, 6:30 p.m.

Indiana at Charlotte, 7 p.m.

Orlando at Phoenix, 7 p.m.

L.A. Lakers at Phoenix, 7 p.m.

Orlando at Chicago, 7:30 p.m.

Seattle at Portland, 9:30 p.m.

Utah at Golden State, 9:30 p.m.

Detroit vs. Kansas City at Haines City, Fla., 12:05 p.m.

Tampa Bay vs. Toronto at Dunedin, Fla., 12:05 p.m.

Boston vs. Minnesota at Fort Myers, Fla., 12:05 p.m.

Baltimore vs. Florida at Viera, Fla., 12:05 p.m.

Montreal vs. St. Louis at Jupiter, Fla., 12:05 p.m.

Houston vs. Atlanta at Kissimmee, Fla., 12:05 p.m.

Pittsburgh vs. Philadelphia at Clearwater, Fla., 12:05 p.m.

San Diego vs. New York Yankees at Tampa, Fla., 12:15 p.m.

Colorado vs. Milwaukee at Phoenix, 1 p.m.

San Diego vs. Seattle at Peoria, Ariz., 1:05 p.m.

Chicago Cubs vs. Oakland (ss) at Tucson, 2:05 p.m.

Chicago White Sox vs. Arizona at Tucson, Ariz., 2:05 p.m.

Oakland (ss) at Midland (AA), Texas, 6 p.m.

Friday's Games

Kansas City vs. Toronto at Duffield, Pa., 12:05 p.m.

Philadelphia vs. Cleveland at Winter Haven, Fla., 12:05 p.m.

Pittsburgh vs. Detroit at Lakeland, Fla., 12:05 p.m.

Cincinnati vs. Minnesota at Fort Myers, Fla., 12:05 p.m.

New York Mets vs. Florida at Viera, Fla., 12:05 p.m.

Montreal vs. St. Louis at Washington, 1 p.m.

Chicago White Sox vs. Arizona at Phoenix, 2:05 p.m.

Seattle vs. Chicago Cubs at Las Vegas, 2:05 p.m.

Boston at Colorado, 2:05 p.m.

Baltimore at Atlanta, 6:10 p.m.

Houston at Texas, 7:05 p.m.

Los Angeles at Anaheim, 9:05 p.m.

Milwaukee vs. San Diego at Las Vegas, 9:05 p.m.

San Francisco at Oakland, 9:35 p.m.

NHL

Wednesday's Games

New Jersey 7, Anaheim 1

Monday, March 29

Corpus Christi 6, Lake Charles 4, series tied 1-1

Thursday, April 1

Corpus Christi at Lake Charles

Saturday, April 3

Corpus Christi at Lake Charles

Sunday, April 4

Lake Charles at Corpus Christi, if necessary

WESTERN BRACKET

Abilene vs. Fort Worth

Saturday, March 27

Fort Worth 4, Abilene 3, OT

Sunday, March 28

Fort Worth 4, Abilene 0

Tuesday, March 30

Fort Worth 3, Abilene 2, OT. Fort Worth wins series 3-0

Waco vs. San Angelo

Sunday, March 28

San Angelo 4, Waco 3, OT

Tuesday, March 30

Waco 3, San Angelo 1, series tied 1-1

Thursday, April 1

Waco at San Angelo

Friday, April 2

Waco at San Angelo

Saturday, April 3

San Angelo at Waco, if necessary

DIV. I BASEBALL

The top 25 teams in the Collegiate Baseball poll with records through March 28.

1. Florida State 29-30

2. Auburn 27-40

3. Stanford 20-89

4. Pepperdine 27-30

5. Cal St. Fullerton 25-50

6. Louisiana State 22-60

7. Georgia Tech 22-56

8. North Carolina 22-50

9. Rice 28-70

10. Florida 21-80

11. Mississippi State 22-40

12. Wichita State 21-60

13. Baylor 24-60

14. Florida Atlantic 24-50

15. Alabama 22-70

16. Texas 22-110

17. Texas A&M 25-70

18. Arizona State 27-110

19. Nebraska 20-60

20. Oral Roberts 22-40

21. Texas Tech 24-80

22. Louisiana State 22-60

23. Wake Forest 19-60

24. East Carolina 24-54

25. Southern Calif. 16-160

DIV. II BASEBALL

The top 25 teams in the Collegiate Baseball Division II poll with records through March 28.

1. Florida Southern 30-60

2. North Florida 30-80

3. St. John's 34-10

4. Alabama-Huntsville 28-60

5. Quincy 19-30

6. Armstrong Atlantic St. 31-60

7. Carson-Newman 25-51

8. Kennesaw State 27-70

9. Central Missouri 21-60

10. Delta State 27-80

11. Abilene Christian 28-70

12. SIUE Edwardsville 21-100

13. Millersville 14-20

14. Louisiana State 22-100

15. Slippery Rock 17-71

16. Missouri St. Louis 13-50

17. Mississippi State 9-30

18. Illinois State 20-80

19. Central Oklahoma 20-120

20. Georgia College 19-120

21. Mesa State 24-90

22. Columbia State 20-120

23. Pittsburg State 22-50

24. West Texas A&M 24-100

25. Fort Hays State 19-80

NAIA BASEBALL

The top 25 teams in the NAIA baseball poll with records through March 28.

1. Lewis-Clark State, Idaho (22) 27-5

2. Embury-Riddle, Fla. (7) 30-4

3. Dallas Baptist, Texas (3) 22-10

4. Oklahoma City 27-9

5. Birmingham-Southern, Ala. 25-6

6. Albion, Idaho (1) 21-8

7. Bellevue, Neb. 27-6

8. Lubbock Christian, Texas (1) 32-7

9. Palm Beach Atlantic, Fla. 27-8

10. Cumberland, Tenn. 23-12

11. Azusa Pacific, Calif. 23-7

12. Oklahoma Baptist 28-9

13. Lambuth, Tenn. 25-8

14. Berry, Ga. 21-6

15. Montana St. 26-4

16. Warner Southern, Fla. 26-10

17. The Master's, Calif. 21-6

18. Auburn-Montgomery, Ala. 21-11

19. Newman, Kan. 19-10

20. Union, Tenn. 19-10

21. Mobile, Ala. 14-3

22. Texas Lutheran 24-6

23. Northwood, Texas 23-12

24. Biola, Calif. 21-9

25. Georgia Southwestern 19-6

Wizards shut down Magic

The ASSOCIATED PRESS

The Washington Wizards made the Orlando Magic's offense disappear.

Juwon Howard scored 20 points and Washington used a record-setting defensive performance



**BIG SPRING HERALD**  
Thursday, April 1, 1999

**FISHING REPORT**

Here is the weekly fishing report as compiled by the Texas Parks and Wildlife Department for March 31. (Report also available on Web as www.tfwishing.com.)

**CENTRAL**  
**BROWNWOOD:** Water stained; 60 degrees; Black bass good on white spinnerbaits and gold and chrome Smithwick Super Rogues fished along the rocky banks. Crappie are good around the docks at night on minnows and tube jigs fished in 5 to 10 feet of water. Hybrid strippers are slow. Catfish slow.

**BUCHANAN:** Water Clear; 66 degrees; 8' low; Black bass to 6 pounds are very good on Top Dog lizards, Terminator spinnerbaits and crawdad crankbaits fished in the upper lake area in 1 to 5 feet of water (points, islands and stump flats are all producing). Striped bass are excellent with large females being taken with live shad by trolling in 10 to 18 feet over sunken islands and humps in the mid-lake area. White bass are good trolling shad-type crankbaits upriver and in the creeks. Crappie are very good on live minnows fished in 8 to 12 feet near brush or stumps in creeks. Channel and blue catfish are good on blood bait and liver. Yellow catfish are good on trotlines with live bait.

**PROCTOR:** Water stained; 58 degrees; Black bass are good on white spinnerbaits fished along the north banks in 2 to 5 feet of water. Crappie are good on minnows fished at the dam and the bridge in 10 to 15 feet of water. Be prepared to adjust your depth to find the fish. Hybrid strippers slow. The fishing has been hard to figure out due to the amount of cold fronts moving through. It can either be good or bad, but now is the time to be flexible in order to succeed.

**SOUTH**  
**AMISTAD:** Water lightly stained; 64 degrees; 35' low; Black bass are good on spinnerbaits and pumpkin seed with a chartreuse tail Carolina-rigged lizards fished around the grass and in the banks of creeks in 3 to 10 feet of water. Crappie are fair on minnows fished at night under lights. White and striped bass are fair to good on slabs fished in 40 to 50 feet of water (look for the birds). Channel and blue catfish are fair on cheesebait fished in 6 to 20 feet of water.

**WEST**  
**ALAN HENRY:** Water clear; 56 degrees; 4.5' low; Black bass good on spinnerbaits and crankbaits fished in the creeks. No reports on smallmouth or Alabama Spotted Bass. Crappie are excellent on live minnows and jigs fished off the crappie dock. No reports on catfish.

**ARROWHEAD:** Water clear; 52 degrees; 5' low; Black bass to 6 pounds are good on shiners fished in 2 feet of water near Henrietta bridge. Crappie are good on minnows fished in 8 feet of water around boat docks. White bass are good on white jigs and minnows fished near Henrietta bridge. Channel and blue catfish are excellent on nightcrawlers fished in the river. Yellow catfish are good on trotlines baited with perch set on the south end of the lake.

**BRADY:** Water stained; 59 degrees; 14' low; Black bass to 10 pounds are good on crankbaits and spinnerbaits fished in 5 to 10 feet of water. Crappie are good on live minnows and jigs fished in 2 to 18 feet of water. White bass are poor on minnows. Blue and channel catfish to 11 pounds are fair on cheese bait. Yellow catfish to 15 pounds are fair on trotlines baited with large minnows and perch.

**COLORADO CITY:** Water slightly stained; 59 degrees; 13.5' low; Black bass are fair. White bass are good. Red fish are fair.

**FT. PHANTOM HILL:** Water stained; 59 degrees; 16.5' low; Black bass are fair on spinnerbaits fished in 8 to 10 feet of water. Crappie are fair on minnows fished in 4 to 6 feet of water. Sand bass are poor on jigs fished in 4 to 6 feet of water. Hybrid strippers are fair on shad, shrimp and chicken livers fished in the shallows. No reports of yellow catfish.

**HUBBARD CREEK:** Water on main lake clear; water in creeks stained; 58 degrees; 4.5' low; Black bass are good on Rat-L-Traps, crankbaits (shad patterns) and lizards. Crappie are good on minnows and small jigs fished around the rip-rap. White bass are fair on small jigs and slabs fished in 20 feet of water on the creek channels. No reports of hybrid strippers, channel, blue or yellow catfish.

**KEMP:** Water stained; 50 degrees; 12' low; No report for black bass or sand bass. Crappie are poor on minnows. Yellow catfish are poor on trotlines baited with goldfish.

**MASWORTHY:** Water stained; 59 degrees; Black bass to 9 pounds are fair on lizards and crankbaits. Crappie and white bass are good on minnows fished in the shallows. Hybrid strippers to poor on minnows and chicken livers fished in the hot water slow. There have been no reports of redfish. Channel and yellow catfish to 40 pounds are good on trotlines baited with goldfish and perch.

**NOCONA:** No report available.

**OAK CREEK:** Water clear; 59 degrees; 10.5' low; Black bass to 9.77 pounds are excellent on worms, lizards, spinnerbaits and minnows fished in 5 to 15 feet of water. Crappie are excellent on live jigs and minnows fished in 5 to 15 feet of water. White bass are fair on minnows and jigs fished in 5 to 18 feet of water. Channels and blue catfish to 11 pounds are slow on minnows and stink baits fished in 5 to 12 feet of water. Yellow catfish to 11 pounds are slow on goldfish, stink baits and minnows fished in 5 to 12 feet of water.

**O.H. LIVIE:** Water clear; 59 degrees; 8' low; Black bass to 9 pounds are good on Rat-L-Traps fished off the points in main lake and on plastic baits fished in the creeks and rivers. Crappie are slow minnows and jigs fished in the river channels in 12 to 18 feet of water during the day (at night fished in 30 to 40 feet of water). White bass are fair on slabs and jigging spoons fished deep flats. Catfish are slow to fair on trotlines in 20 feet of water in the rivers.

**POSSUM KINGDOM:** Water stained; 57 degrees; 9' low; Black bass are good using crawdad crankbaits and 4 inch lizards fished in 2 to 10 feet of water. White bass are good on minnows, curly tails and small jigs fished in 2 to 10 feet of water. Striped bass are fair on shad and perch fished in 20 to 40 feet of water. Crappie are fair on minnows and small jigs fished in 2 to 6 feet of water. Blue catfish are good on perch and shad fished in 10 to 40 feet of water. Yellow catfish are slow on perch fished in 10 to 20 feet of water.

**SPENCE:** Water stained; 60 degrees on main lake, 65 degrees in the creeks; Black bass are fair on spinnerbaits and buzzbaits fished in 1 to 5 feet of water. White bass are good on minnows, slabs and crankbaits fished in 5 to 15 feet of water in Faint Creek. Crappie are fair on minnows fished in 10 to 15 feet of water near the cliffs. Striped bass are good on shiners and cut bait fished in 2 to 10 feet of water. Channel catfish to 4.5 pounds are good on minnows. No reports of blue catfish. Yellow catfish to 12 pounds are poor on trotlines baited with cut shad.

**TAMFORD:** Water slightly stained; 54 degrees; 13' low; Black bass to 5 pounds are good on lizards. Crappie fair on chartreuse and white jigs. White bass are poor on minnows. There have been no reports yellow catfish being caught. Channel catfish to 4 pounds are fair on cut shad and punch bait. Blue catfish are good on punch bait and cut shad fished in shallow water with a sandy bottom. (Correspondent correction: The figures released 2 weeks ago were wrong. The county spent approximately \$1,300 dollars on the boat ramp at Anchor Marina Lodge.)

**SWEETWATER:** Water stained; 57 degrees; Black bass are slow on crankbaits fished in shallow water up the creeks. No reports of white bass or crappie. Blue and channel catfish are good on minnows and stinkbaits fished deep bottom. No reports of yellow catfish.

**TWIN BUTTES:** Water stained; 60 degrees; The lake level is at 9% of normal due to the work on the dam. The work is scheduled for completion in May. While the level is down, the city of San Angelo is building a four-lane boat ramp for the North Pool near Sailboat point to be used when the level is back up. They will also build a two-lane boat ramp for the South Pool. One very steep boat ramp is accessible on the south side of the North Pool.

**WHITE RIVER:** Water stained; 55 degrees; 22' low; Few fishermen out due to rain and high winds. Due to the low lake level, extreme caution is advised on all boat ramps.

Especially for kids and their families  
**The Mini Page**  
By BETTY DEBNAM

Sign of the Season  
**The Incredible Egg**

For many centuries, the egg has been a symbol of new life. Thousands of years ago, many people believed the world had hatched from an egg.

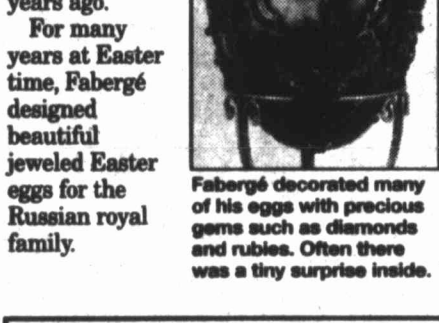
The ancient Chinese exchanged red-colored eggs to celebrate spring. They brought red eggs to temples to thank the gods for newborn babies.

Today, Chinese parents of new babies give out red eggs to friends and family. At one time, it was the custom in Europe to do without eggs during the 40-day period before Easter. This period is called Lent. Eggs became such a treat on Easter day, they were given as gifts.

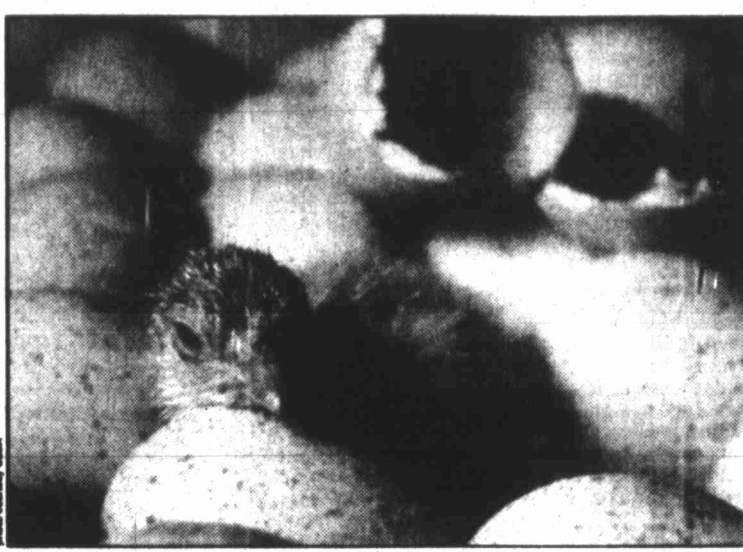
Decorated eggs at Easter have been popular for a long time. The Germans brought the custom to this country. They colored eggs as symbols of better times to come.

**Eggstraordinary artwork**  
Carl Fabergé was a famous goldsmith and jeweler who was born in Russia more than 100 years ago.

For many years at Easter time, Fabergé designed beautiful jeweled Easter eggs for the Russian royal family.



Fabergé decorated many of his eggs with precious gems such as diamonds and rubies. Often there was a tiny surprise inside.



**The chicken is champ**

People eat eggs from many animals, including geese, ducks, pigeons, wild birds, fish, crocodiles and turtles. But most of the eggs we eat come from chickens.

A hen needs 24 to 26 hours to produce an egg. Once she lays one, the hen lets out a loud cackle. Fifteen to 30 minutes later, she starts making the next one.

Until about 25 to 30 years ago, most eggs came from family farms. The farmer collected the eggs by hand from the nests.

Today most eggs are produced by big companies. The biggest companies might have 1 million to 5 million hens!

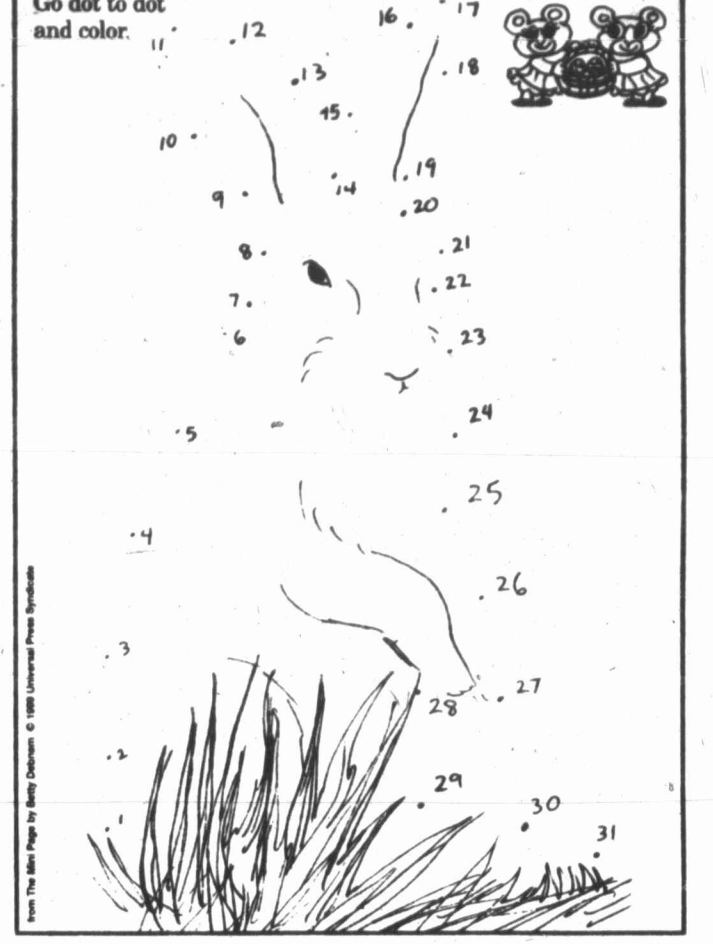
In nature, hens lay eggs only in spring or early summer when there is more light. Today, producers regulate the light so that hens lay eggs all year-round.

**Egg production**

In modern egg production almost everything is done by machine.

1. Hens lay eggs onto tilted floors.
2. The eggs roll into trays on moving conveyor belts.
3. Eggs are cleaned in disinfectant.
4. Eggs are sprayed with oil to keep them fresh.
5. Eggs are held up to a light so people can see inside. They peck to make sure the eggs have no flaws. This is called "candling," because before electricity people used to hold eggs up to candles. The egg is also graded for quality.
6. Eggs are sorted by size and packed.
7. They are refrigerated and shipped to market.

The Rookie Cookie Cookbook is chock-full of recipes designed especially for kids. Rookie Cookie makes cooking fun, encourages reading, and takes kids step-by-step through the cooking process. To order, send check or money order only, for \$4.95 plus \$1.50 postage and handling per copy, to: Rookie Cookie Cookbook, P.O. Box 419242, Kansas City, Mo. 64141. Make checks payable to Andrews McMeel Publishing.



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A: Because the chicken had his Easter eggs!

**Q: What game do bunnies like best?**  
A: Hopscotch!  
(all jokes sent in by Brittany Redmond)

**Rookie Cookies Recipe**  
**Easter Egg Casserole**

- You'll need:
- 1 (16-ounce) can tomatoes
  - 1/2 green pepper, chopped
  - 1 small onion, chopped
  - 3/4 cup soft bread crumbs
  - 4 eggs
  - 1/2 cup cheddar cheese, grated
- What to do:
1. Cook first 3 ingredients in a medium pot over medium heat 10 minutes. Stir often.
  2. Pour in a casserole.
  3. Stir in bread crumbs.
  4. Break eggs evenly on top.
  5. Sprinkle cheese evenly on top.
  6. Bake in a preheated 350-degree oven 20 minutes or until eggs are firm. Serves 4.

**EGGS TRY 'N FIND**

Words that remind us of eggs are hidden in the block below. Some words are hidden backward or diagonally. See if you can find: EGGS, HEN, CHICKEN, YOLK, WHITE, BREAK, FOOD, CRACK, LIFE, HATCH, EASTER, COLORED, DYE, BABY, DECORATE, GESE, DUCKS, FISH, LAY, FARM, NEST, EAT.

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**Mini Spy ...**

Mini Spy and Alpha Mouse are hunting for Easter eggs. See if you can find:

- stork
- goldfish
- whale
- dolphin
- caterpillar
- frog
- spoon
- heart
- word MINI
- exclamation mark
- number 3
- number 7
- ice cream cone

**The Eggstraordinary Egg**

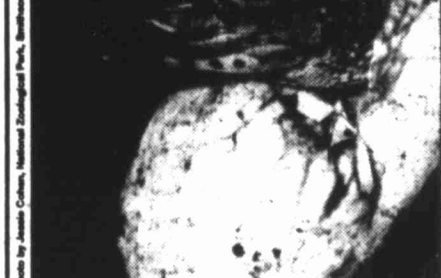
**Early eggistence**

Almost every animal on Earth comes from an egg. Many of these eggs stay hidden inside the mother.

The eggs we know best are the ones we can see. All bird mothers lay eggs outside their bodies. So do most insect, fish, amphibian and reptile moms.

Only two mammals lay eggs, the platypus and spiny anteater.

Eggs laid outside the mother's body hold food for the baby. They have outer shells. Eggs inside the mother do not need the extra protection of a shell.



With crocodiles, the temperature of the eggs decides the sex of the babies. In some species of crocodiles, eggs kept a few degrees cooler produce females. Males hatch out of warmer eggs. In other species, it is just the opposite. In a nest partly in shade and partly in the sun, some eggs will hatch into females, and some will hatch into males.

**The eggcellent egg**

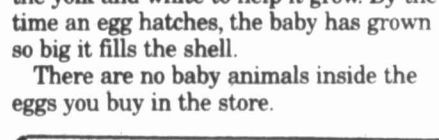
An eggshell has to be easy to break and strong enough not to break. It has to be thin and open, and thick and tightly closed, all at the same time.

An egg has to be so fragile a baby animal can break its way out when it is time to be born. But the egg must be so strong it doesn't break when the parents sit on it.

The shell has to be thick enough to stop the fluids inside from leaking out. It has to be thin enough to let air come in for the baby to breathe.

The shell itself is easy to break. It is the shape of the egg that makes it strong. If pressure is put on the egg its rounded shape spreads the pressure evenly around the whole egg. This way the fragile eggshell can handle a lot more weight against it.

Eggshells are covered with thousands of tiny holes, or pores. They are too small to let the important fluids leak out. But they are big enough to let oxygen get in.



**Egg Fact-a-roonies**

- There are about 250 million laying hens in the U.S.
- The biggest egg is an ostrich egg.
- Whites have most of an egg's protein.
- Yolks have most of an egg's vitamins and minerals.
- Every year U.S. hens lay about 66 billion eggs.
- In 1907 every American ate an average of 239 eggs.

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**HOROSCOPE**  
**HAPPY BIRTHDAY FOR  
FRIDAY, APRIL 2:**  
You might often be unsure of  
yourself and question what you  
really need to do. Thoughts that  
pop into your head are often  
conflicting. Slow down during  
these periods. Others might  
find you taciturn or with-  
drawn, but in the long run it's  
better than putting your foot in  
your mouth. Use care, especial-  
ly with investments and  
money. If you are single, some-  
one you consider a "good  
catch" comes into your life. Be  
realistic about your needs, and  
you could walk into a very spe-  
cial relationship. If attached,  
work on improving your com-  
munication. Sometimes misun-  
derstandings come from  
nowhere. One-to-one relating  
proves rewarding. Scorpio is  
inclusive.  
The Stars Show the Kind of  
Day You'll Have: 5-Dynamic; 4-  
Positive; 3-Average; 2-So-so; 1-  
Difficult  
**ARIES (March 21-April 19)**  
\*\*\*Hold your breath! A lot  
happens that you didn't antici-  
pate. Outguessing another will  
only backfire. Take care of  
finances; don't let another  
coerce you into doing it his  
way. A friend can't visualize  
what you want, which could be  
a disappointment. Tonight:  
Take it easy.  
**TAURUS (April 20-May 20)**  
\*\*\*You could cause yourself  
problems simply by being nega-  
tive or difficult. A partner  
pushes you hard, and you  
react, perhaps more strongly  
than necessary. A boss doesn't  
understand what you want.  
Patience, decorum and diplo-  
macy are needed. This, too,  
shall pass! Tonight: Accept an  
invitation.  
**GEMINI (May 21-June 20)**  
\*\*\*Pace yourself. You might  
be exhausted or feeling down.  
In this mood, you could easily  
make a mistake at work or in  
your personal life. Pull back  
and be careful. News from a  
distance charms your mind and  
imagination, but it isn't what it  
appears to be. Check it out.  
Tonight: Home, after socializ-  
ing a little.  
**CANCER (June 21-July 22)**  
\*\*\*You could be confused  
about another's intentions. A  
friend is negative and pushes  
you way beyond your limits. Be  
willing to say "no" to this per-  
son. Your imagination speaks.  
Forthcoming news is impor-  
tant; you need this piece of  
information. Tonight: Dance  
the night away.  
**LEO (July 23-Aug. 22)**  
\*\*\*Push comes to shove when  
dealing with family and work.  
You might not like news about  
a joint money matter. Be direct  
with a partner, yet give him  
the space to be himself. You'll  
understand more clearly when  
new information arrives.  
Tonight: A calm night at home,  
hopefully.  
**VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22)**  
\*\*\*Reach out and discuss  
what is on your mind. A partner  
has an odd reaction; he  
simply might not understand.  
Creativity is high. A serious  
discussion with a loved one is  
important. Let go of negativity.  
Getting work completed proves to  
be a challenge! Tonight: Join  
friends.  
**LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22)**  
\*\*\*Money issues can no  
longer be avoided. Think about  
a partner's suggestion,  
although he could be negative.  
Avoid loans; right now, they  
could backfire on you.  
Unexpected developments  
occur with a child. You aren't  
seeing the whole picture.  
Tonight: Balance your check-  
book.  
**SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21)**  
\*\*\*A smile goes a long way,  
but perhaps not with that testy,  
remote partner. He simply  
doesn't think like you.  
Understand what is expected of  
you. A family member or room-  
mate might be confused or non-  
committal. Could this be in  
response to your own vague-  
ness? Tonight: Your call!  
**SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec.  
21)**  
\*\*\*Family members might not  
be sure of their direction; con-  
fusion marks the forefront.  
Still, you are on the verge of  
solving the problem. You might  
not want to get into the middle  
of everything, and staying on  
the sideline is best for you.  
Tonight: You need a night off.  
**CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan.  
19)**  
\*\*\*Confirm meetings. Have a  
talk with a friend to clear the  
air. A loved one or new friend  
could be unusually dour. Be  
careful committing financially  
right now, even if you think  
it's a good idea. You'll be head-  
ing for a backfire if you aren't  
careful. Tonight: Wish upon a  
star.  
**AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18)**  
\*\*\*Remain in control; stay on  
top of changes. How you pre-  
sent a monetary issue might  
have a lot to do with how it  
resolves itself. You might be  
having a difficult time grasping  
the whole picture. Discussions  
prove insightful, even if they're  
not pleasant. Tonight: A force  
to be reckoned with.  
**PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20)**  
\*\*\*You definitely aren't  
anchored. Take time, pull back  
and visualize what you want.  
Make calls and contacts. Your  
sense of humor helps you gain  
a perspective. Break past the  
status quo; try something dif-  
ferent and exciting. Tonight:  
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was lied to and strung  
along, and how she didn't  
get what she wanted out  
of the affair, before she  
finally offered a clearly in-  
sincere apology to the wife  
of her ex-lover for the pain  
caused by the wife finding  
out about the affair.  
Infidelity is wrong, Abby. It's  
not wrong because it didn't  
give the cheater what she want-  
ed, or because a wronged  
spouse found out about it. It's  
the act itself that's wrong. The  
pain caused to the innocent  
parties involved, or the perpe-  
trator's disappointment with  
the results, is merely a foresee-  
able byproduct of this wrong.  
You had an opportunity to  
point this out to "Ex-Mistress"  
and the many morally chal-  
lenged dimwits like her, and  
you missed it. — DAVE IN  
EUGENE, ORE.  
DEAR DAVE: Everybody  
knows that infidelity is wrong.

If it hadn't been occurring  
since before Moses climbed  
Mount Sinai, it wouldn't have  
been mentioned in the Ten  
Commandments. That it's still  
going on today should be a clue  
that many people consider  
themselves "exceptions" to the  
rule. Condemning infidelity as  
"wrong" will turn fewer people  
from infidelity than illustrating  
for them that it does not work.  
"Ex-Mistress in Chicago's" let-  
ter was a clear example.  
DEAR ABBY: I am a woman  
who would like to be more con-  
fident and less fearful about  
asking a guy out. Deep down I  
believe that the guy should be  
the one to do the asking. I also  
have a fear of rejection.  
There are several guys I'm  
interested in, but I can't muster  
the courage to ask them out.  
What should I do? — WENDY  
DEAR WENDY: Although your  
feelings are understandable, it  
is common and accept-  
able these days for a woman to  
ask a man out. In order to  
avoid rejection, drop some  
"hints" to see if there is any  
interest before popping the  
question. And remember:  
Practice makes perfect. After  
doing it a few times, you'll find  
it easier to approach men.  
P.S.: Between you and me,  
men also suffer fear of rejection  
at the prospect of asking a  
woman out. Now you can  
empathize.  
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