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Spring forward again this weekend

Crossroads Area residents will join most of the rest of the nation in setting their clocks ahead this weekend as the country switches to daylight-saving time.

For most folks, that means setting clocks ahead one hour before going to bed Saturday night. That way, there's little chance of missing Sunday's 7 a.m. Easter sunrise service at Comanche Trail Park Amphitheater. A few places exempt themselves from daylight-saving time: Arizona, Hawaii, the part of Indiana in the Eastern time zone, Puerto Rico, the Virgin Islands and American Samoa.

Standard time returns Oct. 31.

WEEKEND TICKET

TODAY
□ 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.

□ 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. Funds from the event will go to help the Harley Owners Group's effort to buy a thermal imaging camera for Big Spring Fire Department. A live band will perform.

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

SUNDAY

□ Community Easter sunrise service, 7 a.m., Comanche Trail Park. 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, playing a trumpet medley, and Julie Stephens, singing "The Beauty of the Cross."

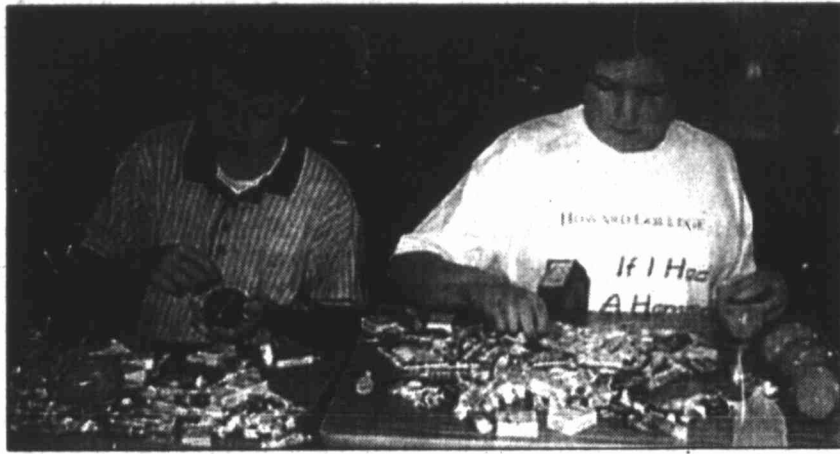
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Easter provides youngsters with an eggs-ellent business opportunity



HERALD photo/Debbie L. Jensen
Dusty Thomas and Sarah Wilkinson fill plastic eggs for their Junior Achievement project at Kentwood Elementary Thursday. The fifth grade class created a business and sold more than 350 of the candy-filled eggs to their fellow students, making more than \$250 profit.

By DEBBIE L. JENSEN
Features Editor

Call it an eggs-ellent learning tool.

When Liz Lowery began leading the Junior Achievement program for fifth graders at Kentwood Elementary, she took an unusual approach.

Just in time for Easter, the class created its own business making and selling candy-filled eggs to other students.

"It's really fun to do something like this," said teacher Carol Boyd. "They've learned a lot from it."

Lowery discussed the concepts of profit and loss, the need for advertising and bookkeeping. Students then visited with

Norwest's Carl Smoot, who gave the basics on business loans.

They took out a loan for \$100 and went to work. Their goal was to sell 150 eggs at \$1 each, bringing in a profit of \$50.

Advertising their product with wacky flyers and hilarious class presentations, students were able to sell more than 350 of the treats. Thursday morning, they worked for an entire class period assembling the plastic eggs filled with candy and distributed them to the buyers.

"They worked really hard," said Lowery.

Courtney Hecker said she and her fellow classmates got some unexpected lessons from the program.

"When you're trying to sell in the cafeteria, it's pretty loud in there," she said. "And it's hard to eat while you're trying to sell."

But it was fun, she added.

"It's pretty cool. I got to go from class to class, and to sell eggs, my friends and I did things we wouldn't normally do."

While hawking their eggs, the fifth graders made funny announcements and silly commercials. And then they learned some solid business practices.

"They learned we have to pay our bills first," said Boyd. "They're learning some economic principals that we all use."

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It's Ballapalooza time

By JOHN A. MOSELEY
Staff Writer

A day full of activities have been planned for Saturday at the Roy Anderson Complex during the Ballapalooza 1999 celebration.

While some improvements to the complex — primarily used by Big Spring's youth softball and baseball programs — will not be fully complete by the time Saturday's events begin, organizers say the public will see drastic changes in the facility.

"We'd hoped that we'd have the first round of improvements completed," explained Mel Prather, vice president/tourism and a member of the Big Spring Area Chamber of Commerce's sports committee which has helped spearhead the improvement effort.

"We wanted to be able to have all the grandstands covered by this weekend, to have all the field signs lettered and painted and to have all the fields' scoreboards operational," he added.

"But those are the things we haven't been able to get finished," Prather continued. "But we have been able to make a lot of changes ... things I think people who are familiar with the complex are going to recognize the minute they get there."

Among those improvements, Prather noted, will be a refurbished concession stand and restroom building, repaired and repainted grandstands, seven new light fixtures and the replacement of every light bulb in the complex.

"We've also been able to replace 44 sections of chain link fencing that had been stolen," Prather added, "and the picnic tables donated by Western Container have been installed. We really have made a lot of progress."

Chris Cole, chairman of the sports committee, added that improvements will continue following Saturday's event.

"We've gotten a tremendous response from several local businesses, the chamber of commerce and the city of Big Spring," Cole explained. "And we think after people see what is possible this weekend, we'll have additional support for continuing to make changes."



HERALD photo/John H. Walker
Lights were being installed at the Roy Anderson Complex Thursday in preparation for Saturday's Ballapalooza — a day-long fund-raiser for all ages.

The Ballapalooza, which will center around a 20-team softball tournament and 12-team ragball tournament, has been scheduled to not only give the public a chance to view changes at the facility, but to raise funds for more improvements.

Organizers understand, however, that the weekend's softball and ragball tournaments will draw only a specific segment of the community's citizens.

While tournament play will begin at 8 a.m. Saturday, a

Community Easter Egg Hunt has been scheduled for 10:30 a.m., kicking off a full day of activities.

While teams are playing their games, carnival booths will offer a number of games, face painting and the like. Concessions will serve food throughout the day and a stage will be erected, providing a venue for a number of local acts to perform.

Four carnival rides will also be available for those attending

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Education

Howard College tuition to get a hike, but offset by lowering other fees

By MARSHA STURDIVANT
Staff Writer

Tuition for Howard College

students will increase for the 1999 school year, but student fees will decrease, in an effort to simplify registration costs.

"After every one is registered, the college ends up having approximately the same revenue," said Linda Conway, vice president for institutional advancement.

"Students will end up paying pretty close to the same. It will mean that those people taking less hours don't have to carry the burden for those who are taking more hours," Conway said.

Tuition increased \$5 a semester hour for Texas residents, from \$18 per hour to \$23 per semester hour. Out-of-state students tuition has increased from \$27 to \$32.

The building use/services fee increased from \$20 to \$25 for Howard College, with the San Angelo campus increased by \$80 to \$105.

Other fees remain the same, such as the Technology Support fee of \$5 per semester hour, the General Services fee of \$25, the Health Service fee of \$25 and the Activity Fee of \$3 per semester hour up to \$36.

Some fees have been eliminated, such as the \$4 per hour instructional fee, the \$5 security maintenance fee and the \$10 matriculation fee.

Conway said for a student enrolled in 12 semester hours,

the difference is \$2 more, from \$445 total tuition and fee charges to \$447.

For a student enrolled in 15 semester hours, the increase is slightly more, \$15. In 1998, a student enrolled in 15 hours paid \$514, and in 1999 that same student will pay \$531 in tuition and fees.

However, a student taking three semester hours will see a decrease in tuition and fees, Conway said.

For three semester hours, a student in the Fall 1999 will pay \$80, \$14 less than the \$94 paid in 1998.

"However, a student taking 18 currently pays \$583 and would pay \$615 under the proposed system," Conway said.

Dr. Cheryl Sparks, president of the college, said this change came about because many students questioned the old fee schedule and charges.

"We are shifting a number of the fees to the tuition side, in response to students request that the fee schedule is confusing," Sparks said.

And Howard College board of trustees president Don McKinney wholeheartedly supported the change.

"I am personally glad to see the fees change. I think this will be a good change," McKinney said.

Also, course work within the Alcohol and Drug Abuse Counseling area have been deleted from the catalog.

Ken Tunstall, vice president for instruction, said this change reflects what has happened on campus, and that this course had not been taught through this avenue recently.

"This really reflects a change on the state level. We now offer these through the continuing education program, and this represents the focus of the workforce training changes within education," Tunstall said.



CONWAY



TUNSTALL

BSHS law enforcement students lock up district competition

By MARSHA STURDIVANT
Staff Writer

Big Spring High School first and second year law enforcement students swept the Vocational Industrial Clubs of America district competition, capturing the top four highest honors.

"I took five to competition, and we completely shut out the others, we really whipped them. We set a record by taking all four spots," said law enforcement teacher and VICA sponsor Corp. J. Robert Morales.

Big Spring students competed against nine students from San Angelo, Fort Stockton and Abilene, Morales said.

First place in the competition went to senior Naomi Arguello, second place to junior Lyndsey Smith, third place to senior Anthony Mendoza and fourth

place to senior Jacob Flores. Junior Vanessa Olivas also competed at the district competition March 27 at Midland College.

Morales said the students devoted many hours after school preparing for the competition, which was one part written and one part oral.

The VICA students received a video tape of a police officer stopping and arresting an intoxicated driver. Their written report was 50 percent of their score for the contest, he said.

The second portion of the contest was jury testimony. Morales said. An attorney with the Department of Public Safety interrogated each student concerning their "report" and activity, and their score was based on their mock court room performance, Morales said.

"They had so many meetings, after school and on weekends,

to learn DWI procedure, DWI laws, things of that nature," Morales said.

Each of the five students wore starched and creased uniforms donated by the Big Spring Police Department. Patches with a BSHS logo, as well as a VICA patch were sewed onto their uniforms. Each student had an official-looking name tag, and "collar brass" to designate rank, he said.

"You should have seen how spiffy they looked, creased and spit shined. Many adults asked if they were police cadets. They intimidated their competition," Morales said.

All second year VICA students achieve the rank of corporal, Morales said. The first year students are designated officers.

"I do that to encourage participation in VICA and in the

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Courtesy photo
These students earned the top four awards at a recent district level Vocational Industrial Clubs of America contest. Pictured left to right are Anthony Mendoza, third place; Vanessa Olivas; Lyndsey Smith, second place; Naomi Arguello, first place; and Jacob Flores, fourth place.

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OBITUARIES

Bill R. Gossett

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

He was born on 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 to 1973.

Survivors include: his wife, Bettye Gossett of Fort Stockton; a daughter and son-in-law, Amy and Dogie Dulaney and a granddaughter, Courtnie Dulaney, all of Fort Stockton; one son, Scott Burton of Big Spring; two brothers, J.C. Gossett and Bud Gossett, both of Amarillo; one sister, Jackie Raleigh 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; 79721-2121.

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

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Jacinta Ramirez

Rosary for Jacinta Ramirez, 75, Big Spring, will be 8:30 p.m. tonight at Myers & Smith Chapel.

Graveside service will be 10 a.m. Saturday, April 3, 1999, at Mt. Olive Cemetery with Christopher Coleman officiating.

Mrs. Ramirez died Thursday, April 1, at her home following a long illness.

She was born on Aug. 17, 1923, in Pecos. She married Jesus Ramirez in Big Spring. He preceded her in death on July 25, 1979. She had lived most of her life in Big Spring and she was a homemaker. Mrs. Ramirez was of the Catholic faith.

She is survived by: one son, Jesse Ramirez of Big Spring; and one daughter, Marina Ramirez of Big Spring.

Arrangements under the direction of Myers & Smith Funeral Home.

Dorothy L. Teeter

Dorothy L. Teeter, 72, Fort Worth, died Thursday morning, April 1, 1999, in Plaza Medical

Center, Fort Worth.

Graveside service will be 2 p.m. Saturday, April 3, 1999, at Trinity Memorial Park with Dr. Randy Cotton officiating.

Dorothy was born Sept. 7, 1926, in Howard County. She was employed at the Big Spring State Hospital, retiring in 1986. She was a member of Midway Baptist Church.

Dorothy was preceded in death by her parents, Robert and Clara Hull, her foster parents, Mack and Fannie McFarland, and also one granddaughter, Sue Akin.

Survivors include: one daughter and son-in-law, June and Larry Dudash of Fort Worth; one son and daughter-in-law, Robert and Pat Aaron of Big Spring; one sister and brother-in-law, Maxine and Howard Shaffer of Big Spring; four grandchildren; eight great-grandchildren; and several nieces and nephews.

Local arrangements under the direction of Shaffer Funeral Home, Bronte. She will lie in state at Myers & Smith Funeral Home.

The family will be at Howard and Maxine Shaffer residence, 812 W. 18th, Big Spring.

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Johnny Owens

Johnny Owens, 39, Big Spring, died on Saturday, March 27, 1999, in Big Spring. Private family services will be at a later date.

He was born on Nov. 15, 1959, in Big Spring. He was a life long resident of Big Spring and attended Big Spring High School and Howard College. He worked in construction.

Survivors include: one sister, Sherry Paul of Odessa; two brothers, Jim Bob Owens of Lockhart, and Bill Owens of Durham, N.C.; one sister, Jackie Raleigh of Amarillo; three nieces, and three nephews.

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

Irvis Campbell

Irvis Campbell, 70, Big Spring, died on Thursday, April 1, 1999, in a local hospital. Graveside service will be 2 p.m. Saturday, April 3, 1999, at Mt. Olive Memorial Park with Dr. Claude Craven, retired Baptist minister, officiating.

He was born on Nov. 7, 1928, in Big Spring. Mr. Campbell was a lifelong resident of Big Spring and attended Big Spring schools. He worked in the concrete construction business until he retired in 1988.

He was a veteran of the United States Army and a member of the American Legion. He was a Baptist.

Survivors include: a sister and brother-in-law, Nona and Belton Brunson of Big Spring; and a brother and sister-in-law, Wendell and Nell Campbell of Big Spring.

He was preceded in death by his parents, four brothers and one sister.

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

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the event and a cake walk has been scheduled.

Among the acts scheduled during the day are performances by groups from Howard College and Big Spring High School, the Dance Gallery and Homeland. In addition, Neal Austin and the Wild River Band will be performing that evening.

Cole also noted that drawings will be held throughout the day for a number of items including a new bicycle, the city's largest

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VICA

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class," he said.

The next competition will be a state contest in Corpus Christi May 5-8, and Morales is confident his students will excel there as well. National competition will follow later this year.

These students are five of the 67 currently enrolled at BSHS in Introduction to Criminal Justice or Criminal Justice, the second year course.

Morales teaches five periods of these classes at BSHS each year.

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some things their parents have to use to make a home run."

When it came time to discuss how to spend the profit, Boyd said students had plenty of ideas.

"Some of them wanted to divide it up," she said. "We're not going to do that."

They may give some money the Parent-Teacher Association, and they may use some for a field trip when they start an archeology unit.

Arthritic grandmother beaten, robbed while buying pot

WINNABOW, N.C. (AP) — At 53, Tinkey Mae Sullivan is a regular on the mean streets of Wilmington, where she ventures to buy marijuana.

"They wave at me when I go in there," she said Thursday, sitting in her double-wide mobile home in rural Brunswick County. "They all call me Grandma. It's more and usually Mrs. Sullivan goes alone to buy a quarter ounce to an ounce of pot, which she says eases her rheumatoid arthritis and her other ailments.

But a week ago, she decided to make a pot run with her 13-year-old grandson in the car. Both were robbed and attacked, and now police are considering filing charges against her from bringing the child along.

Police Detective G.D. Horton said police were shocked by Mrs. Sullivan's actions — most significantly, that she took her grandson with her.

"That's the issue I'm going to address first of all," he said.

Mrs. Sullivan, who with her husband has taken care of Chris since he was 3 days old, had him along while running errands March 26 because he had been suspended from school.

"I left the bank, and it hit my mind, 'Why don't I just ride by there and see if I can get some stuff,'" she said. Chris didn't know why she was there, she said.

She made the 15-mile trip to Wilmington and circled through the neighborhood, then parked when two men indicated they had something to sell. Instead, they jumped in the back seat and attacked Mrs. Sullivan and Chris, taking more than \$100 in cash, her grandson's wallet and her purse, wallet and credit cards. She called for help from her cell phone.

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A proponent for the legalization of marijuana defended Mrs. Sullivan.

"Clearly you're not contributing to the delinquency of a minor if what you're doing is trying to get drugs that are in some cases lifesaving and relieve pain and suffering," said Keith Stroup, executive director of the National Organization for the Reform of Marijuana Laws in Washington, D.C. "It's almost a human right."

Since 1996, voters in six Western states have legalized medicinal use of pot, but patients could face prosecution under federal law if they use marijuana. North Carolina has not approved use of pot for medical purposes.

Despite her harrowing experience and brush with the law, Mrs. Sullivan said she won't stop using marijuana. Asked if she has any marijuana now, she shook her head sadly.

And when will she buy more? "The first chance I get."

Mother found insane after attacks on children

DALLAS (AP) — A mother who blinded her daughter with a butcher knife has been found innocent by reason of insanity.

Melba Miller, 37, was sentenced Thursday to an indeterminate stay in a state mental facility.

The woman, who prosecutors said had been treated since 1985 for psychiatric problems, was charged with two counts of serious bodily injury to a child.

Authorities alleged she beat her 10-year-old son, Robert Miller Jr., and stabbed her 3-year-old daughter, La-Shanique, on Jan. 27, 1998.

Mrs. Miller also was charged with aggravated assault on a police officer for speeding through a line of police flames near an accident.

She pleaded guilty in that case and was assessed deferred adjudication as part of a plea bargain.

If she is released from the mental hospital and violates terms of her probation, she could be sentenced to life in prison.

Dr. Kenneth Dekleva, a psychiatrist hired by the state to examine Mrs. Miller, testified that she reported hearing voices before the attack, saw the devil's face in her bathroom tile and was bothered by cartoons that had "little critters with their eyeballs sticking out."

SUPPORT GROUPS

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.

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

SATURDAY

•Alzheimer's Association

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Support Group, second Saturday of the month, Carriage Inn Retirement Center, 501 W. 17th, 10 a.m.

•Family support group for current and former patients and their families, 1 p.m. weekly, Reflections Unit of Scenic Mountain Medical Center. Call Beverly Grant, 263-0074.

•Alcoholics Anonymous, 615 Settles, noon, 8 p.m., 10 p.m. open meetings, 615 Settles.

•"So I Forget," Attention Deficit Disorder support group for individuals and couples, first Saturday of the month from 9 to 10:30 a.m., Samaritan Counseling Center of West Texas, Inc., Midland. Call the center at (915) 563-4144 or 1-800-329-4144. Cost is \$15.

•West Texans Living with Chronic Fatigue & Immune Dysfunction Syndrome/Fibromyalgia, 1-3 p.m., on different Saturdays of the month, HealthSouth facility at Hwy. 191 and Loop 250, Midland. Call Joann Carney, (915) 686-7977, or Marsha Brunet, (915) 337-4829 to get the correct meeting date.

•NA 10 p.m. candlelight meeting, St. Mary's Church, 1001 Goliad. Call 268-4189 (pager no.).

•Open birthday night meets the last Saturday of the month with a covered dish at 7 p.m. and birthday meeting at 8 p.m., 615 Settles. This is to celebrate AA sobriety yearly birthdays.

•West Texans Living with Chronic Fatigue/Fibromyalgia Syndromes support group meets the second Saturday of each month at 1 p.m. at HealthSouth, Loop 250 and Hwy 191.

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.

IT'S TIME TO RELAY For Life! Anyone interested in having a team, call Wanda at 263-7180 or 267-1314, Kathy at 267-6919 or 267-1314, or Gloria at 263-4835 or 263-7616.

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.

POLICE

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

•BURGLARY OF VEHICLE was reported in the 1800 block of East FM 700. A gas weed eater and a gas blower, valued at \$136, was reported stolen.

•AGGRAVATED ASSAULT was reported in the 1000 block of North Main. A victim report-

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ed being stabbed by a pen knife.

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

•BILLY CARVER, 54, was arrested for public intoxication.

•DISORDERLY CONDUCT was reported in the 500 block of Main.

•DON ADAMS, 36, was arrested for local warrants.

•CRIMINAL MISCHIEF was reported in the 1000 block of North Main.

•THEFT was reported in the 700 block of Anna. A steel work bench with an attached vice, valued at \$400, was reported stolen.

•MINOR ACCIDENT was reported in the 700 block of Main.

•BURGLARY OF A VEHICLE was reported at the police station.

•JUVENILE PROBLEM was reported in the 1300 block of Mt. Vernon and at 18th and Austin.

•JOE LOPEZ, 62, was arrested for disorderly conduct/language.

•FRANCISCO MORENO, 35, was arrested for aggravated assault.

•JUAN MALDONADO, 48, was arrested for public intoxication.

•THEFT MORE THAN \$50 was reported in the 1200 block of 11th Place.

•SHEY DITTO, 19, was arrested for public intoxication.

•AGGRAVATED ASSAULT was reported in the 1500 block of Scurry.

•CRIMINAL MISCHIEF was reported in the 200 block of Washington. A window on two vehicles, valued at \$782.42, was reported broken.

•CRIMINAL MISCHIEF was reported in the 1200 block of Dixie. A window, valued at \$300, was reported broken.

•CRIMINAL MISCHIEF was reported in the 1100 block of East 11th. A vehicle window, valued at \$200, was reported broken.

SHERIFF

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

•ROBERT POMPA, 27, was arrested for motion to revoke probation of delivery of crack cocaine.

•TIMOTHY MARK DUFFY, 25, was arrested for revocation of probation of assault and for judgment driving while intoxicated.

•RODNEY WEIR CARR, 45, was arrested for bondsman off bond for driving while intoxicated.

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Federal judge disputes government's interpretation of Second Amendment

LUBBOCK (AP) — A federal judge Thursday defended his decision to dismiss the government's case against a San Angelo man accused of breaking a little-known law that makes it illegal to own a gun during a contested divorce.

Federal Judge Sam Cummings ruled that the statute in question violated defendant Timothy Joe Emerson's rights under the Second Amendment — which details the right to bear arms.

Federal prosecutors argued that the right to bear arms belongs to an organized militia, like the National Guard,

and not to individual citizens. Therefore, prosecutors said, Cummings should let stand the federal law stating those under a restraining order cannot possess or brandish a firearm because it might pose a threat to the person filing the order.

But Cummings ruled that "A historical examination of the right to bear arms, from English antecedents to the drafting of the Second Amendment, bears proof that the right to bear arms has consistently been, and should still be, construed as an individual right."

Emerson's attorney, David Guinn called the case precedent-setting.

"This is the single most significant ruling in the last 65 years on the Second Amendment," Guinn said. "It's implications are far reaching because it says the right to bear firearms is a fundamental right — just like the free exercise of religion and free speech."

Cummings' ruling is binding within the Northern District of Texas, and could mean that citizens could not be prosecuted for owning a weapon unless they misuse it or obtain it illegally.

Assistant U.S. Attorney Bill Mateja said the government will appeal the ruling, but declined to comment further on the issue.

"We certainly respect the judge's ruling but we plan to appeal and anticipate the case being heard," Mateja said.

Emerson, a family doctor in San Angelo, had been indicted in federal court on five counts of violating a restraining order after brandishing a handgun in front of his wife and her daughter.

He was arrested by agents from the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco and Firearms and the Department of Public Safety and booked into the Tom Green County Jail last year.

The first count of the indictment dealt with the alleged brandishing of a Beretta pistol in front of his wife and her daughter on Nov. 16, Mateja said.

The remaining four counts accused him of pawing two .308-caliber rifles, a .30-06-caliber rifle and a 9mm pistol in the past few months, thus showing possession of more firearms.

Family waits as son goes to Yugoslav court

HUNTSVILLE (AP) — The family of captured U.S. Spc. Steven M. Gonzales is grateful that he appears to be unhurt in Yugoslav military custody. Now, they want to make sure he stays that way.

Gonzales, 21, who was captured along the Macedonia-Yugoslavia border Wednesday with two other men from a cavalry unit, was supposed to go on military trial today in Yugoslavia. The majority Serbs accuse the three U.S. soldiers of invading their territory.

"Steven and the two other soldiers are not criminals and should not be dealt with as criminals," said the soldier's mother, Rosie Gonzales, who spoke at a news conference Thursday along with her husband, Gilbert. "They are innocent young men over there as part of their duty to their country."

President Clinton also has condemned the trial as a viola-

"Steven and the two other soldiers are not criminals and should not be dealt with as criminals. They are innocent young men over there as part of their duty to their country."

Rosie Gonzales, mother of U.S. Spc. Steven Gonzales

tion of international law.

Gonzales, Staff Sgt. Andrew A. Ramirez, 24, of Los Angeles and Staff Sgt. Christopher J. Stone, 25, of Smiths Creek, Mich., reported they were under fire and surrounded during a frantic radio call Wednesday. Hours later, the Serbs paraded the men on local television.

"We're all in suspense as to what they're going to do with them," Gonzales' grandmother, 67-year-old Juliana Norman, told the Valley Morning Star of Harlingen. "I'm shocked — one only thinks of the worst when something like this happens."

Stone's wife, Tricia, and 4-

year-old son, Ryan, are living in San Antonio with her relatives, Fort Sam Houston spokesman Phil Reidinger said Thursday.

At a San Antonio news conference with her mother, Lisa McKinney, Tricia Stone answered no questions. Her mother read a statement from the family that expressed gratitude to everyone who has expressed support, including Gov. George W. Bush.

"We are very proud of Chris and all the soldiers serving our nation," the statement read. "As a family, we are doing all right. We are doing our very best to help Tricia and Ryan

through their ordeal until Christopher is returned safely to us. ... Our prayers are with the Ramirez's and the Gonzales family."

Friends, teachers and relatives described Gonzales as a likable, academically gifted athlete growing up in Palestine, 90 miles north of Huntsville in East Texas. He graduated from Palestine High School and won a scholarship to Texas A&M, but left after a year.

"I am praying for his safe return," Tommy Blake, head basketball and cross-country coach at Palestine High School, told the Tyler Morning Telegraph. "It is scary what he is going through."

He said Gonzales always gave more than 100 percent, graduating with honors. He was vice president of the National Honor Society and member of the district winning science team in University Interscholastic League competition.

Police say murder suspect carried note admitting guilt

FORT WORTH (AP) — Murder suspect Arthur Wayne Goodman Jr. had a premonition about his death.

Abilene police say that when Goodman was fatally shot by Fort Worth police officers Wednesday night, he was carrying a note in which he expressed a death wish and confessed to killing four women on Monday.

"I want to die and don't plan on getting caught. I plan on being killed by the police. I'm armed and dangerous and ready to die," Goodman wrote, according to Abilene police Detective Jay Hatcher.

Hatcher refused to read any part of the note that mentioned Monday's carnage inside an Abilene apartment.

"He's where he wanted to be," Goodman's mother, Christina, told The Associated Press in a telephone interview.

Goodman was killed after Fort Worth police officers saw him leave a house they were watching and followed the car.

"I feel bad because I told the cops where he was at," Mrs. Goodman said. "I took the detective over there Monday or Tuesday."

She said she helped police because she feared her son was suicidal.

Goodman, his 16-year-old brother, Vincent, and two women were in the car. Fort Worth police Lt. Ric Clark said Goodman was sitting next to a window in the back seat as officers approached the car after stopping it on a highway

service road. Goodman pointed a handgun at the officers, and at least two of them opened fire, Clark said.

Goodman apparently never fired a shot, Clark said.

Mrs. Goodman said one of the women in the car, whom she referred to only as "Becky," told a different story.

"They drug my younger son out of the car. (Arthur) was sitting there, telling them to shoot him. Becky said she held his hand while they shot him," said Mrs. Goodman, barely controlling her sobs.

"He just wanted to die."

Abilene police had issued a capital murder warrant for Arthur Goodman after the shooting Monday in which his girlfriend, Sandy Witt, 21, along with Penny Estrada, 21, Naomi Martinez, 23, and Erica Arispe, 21 were shot in the head.

A fifth victim, Larry Hammond, was wounded and remained in serious condition at an Abilene hospital.

Police believe Goodman killed Ms. Witt because she refused to testify for him in other cases, including the shooting of 16-year-old Jimmy Estrada — no relation to Penny Estrada — on Sunday night, Hatcher said.

"He was in some trouble and was expecting his girlfriend to testify for him," Hatcher said. "She got mad at him and told him she was not going to testify for him. This erupted into an argument and the catalyst for the shootings."

Texas native charged with bomb threat on ATF

LAS VEGAS (AP) — A man linked to a pipe bomb explosion in a Dallas mail facility is coming under the scrutiny of federal agencies who are trying to trace his background and determine any other possible targets.

"Various agencies are taking a real close look at this guy," Thomas M. O'Connell, assistant United States attorney, said Thursday.

Frank Darwin Alexander, 53, faces five federal charges in connection with an attempt to send an explosive device to the local Alcohol, Tobacco and

Firearms bureau. And he faces eight state charges in connection with explosive devices found in his downtown motel room here Sunday. Authorities believe he is linked to a pipe bomb that exploded in a Dallas mail facility Sunday.

No injuries have been reported.

Local and federal officials have declined comment on whether they believe more devices may be out there.

Las Vegas Review-Journal on Thursday quoted an unnamed source as saying fed-

eral authorities were looking at the possibility that Alexander mailed a bomb to President Clinton.

Both O'Connell and Tracy Hite, special agent of the local Alcohol, Tobacco and Firearms bureau, refused to comment on the rumor.

"His pathways are not something we're going to talk about," Hite said. "We're still investigating his days prior to Sunday. We continue to try to understand everything that was going on."

"We're not going to talk about

motive," she said.

Alexander, 53, who has an alias of Samuel Caine, is being held without bond in the Clark County Detention Center on eight charges of possession of bomb components with intent to manufacture an explosive device.

A native of San Antonio, Texas, he was believed to have lived in Morgan City, La. recently. The state charges stem from materials found Sunday in his room at the Budget Inn, in downtown Las Vegas, two days after he arrived here.

Abductor may have stalked girl at school event

SAGINAW (AP) — The FBI is trying to find film coverage of a "fun run" last week for clues in the continuing search for a 6-year-old North Texas girl, who could have been stalked before she was abducted.

Video or photographs of the event outside Saginaw Elementary School are sought.

"Someone has mentioned that there was someone who looked out of place," FBI spokeswoman Marjorie Poche said Thursday.

If that's so, she said, the man who abducted 6-year-old Opal Jo Jennings from her grandmoth-

er's front yard may have stalked her and other children.

The child participated in the run just hours before she disappeared on Friday of last week, officials said.

A 4-year-old playmate said Opal was forced into a vehicle by a man who hit her when she screamed.

"We'd like to see any videotapes or still pictures," Ms. Poche said. "The suspect might be pictured."

Divers searched a flooded rock quarry where several people reported seeing a suspicious

vehicle, to no avail.

The vehicle apparently matched the description of one that Opal is believed to have been taken away in.

Divers and bloodhounds searched the murky pool southwest of Saginaw for more than seven hours Thursday but left the rugged area 20 miles north of downtown Fort Worth about 3 p.m.

"Investigators are satisfied that there are no leads or information that will help us locate Opal," Saginaw police Officer Karl Johnson said.

Victim says she was able to break free of her captors while being hit with lamp

ELEPHANT BUTTE, N.M. (AP) — A key witness in a bizarre kidnap case says she escaped from a den of sexual torture while being beaten with a lamp.

"I'm alive, I'm alive! Yes, I'm alive!" she told sheriff's deputies responding to neighbors' calls. "I broke free! I broke free!"

The woman who fled naked, wearing only a metal collar padlocked to a chain, sought refuge March 22 in at least two passing cars and finally in a neighboring home.

"She came straight in," without knocking, Darlene Breech said in an interview Thursday. Mrs. Breech said she furnished the terrified woman with a pink robe, then called 911.

Minutes later, other neighbors — William and Frances

Graham — watched the arrest of co-defendants David Parker Ray and Cynthia Lea Hendy outside their home.

Ray, 59, and Hendy, 39, are charged with 25 counts of sexual abuse, kidnap, battery and conspiracy.

Ray and Hendy were stopped in an RV headed in the direction of their trailer, a couple blocks away.

The arrest has mushroomed into a state-federal probe in which a second woman has come forward with similar allegations — and in which homicide has not been ruled out.

The woman says she was abducted March 19 in Albuquerque by Ray and Hendy posing as police officers, court documents say.

A Sierra County sheriff's report says that four days later,

Ray left the woman alone with Hendy, and she broke free.


The 22-year-old Albuquerque woman told deputies "she got hold of the key to the lock that was tied to the chain around her neck and unlocked it from the bed."

"While she was doing this the female suspect was hitting her over the head with a lamp. (She) said that she got loose and hit the female suspect over the head with a lamp to get free," the sheriff's report says.

Another affidavit had said Hendy hit the woman with a lamp and she lashed back with an ice pick.

A deputy and a maintenance man removed the woman's collar with bolt cutters. "She had blood and scratches all over her legs ... (and) more blood coming from her head," the report says.

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OUR VIEWS

We salute:

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

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

• **PEACE OFFICERS** with the West Texas Narcotics Enforcement Task Force, Big Spring Police Department, Howard County Sheriff's Office and the Department of Public Safety narcotics division for the successful drug sweep they made Thursday morning.

• **NANCY JONES**, director of the Retired Senior Volunteer Program, for service to senior citizens in the Crossroads Area.

• **THE LITERACY COUNCIL**, which is holding a fund-raiser to build funds for the fight against illiteracy.

• **PARTICIPANTS IN THE KINDERGARTEN RODEO** at Coahoma, who delighted us all with their antics, their enthusiasm and their smiles.

• **BIG SPRING CULTURAL AFFAIRS COUNCIL AND BEST WESTERN**, for a great start to the Crossroads Concert Series on Tuesday evening.

• **HOWARD COLLEGE RODEO TEAMS**, which are hosting a collegiate rodeo through Saturday at the Rodeo Bowl.

• **SARAH SANGHAVI**, Big Spring High School student, who placed first in spelling and vocabulary at the District 5-4A UIL Academic Meet.

• **MS WALK VOLUNTEERS**, who, despite cold and rain, marched to raise funds for the Multiple Sclerosis Society.

• **AMERICAN BUSINESS CLUBS** for hosting another successful Rattlesnake Roundup last weekend.

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

YOUR VIEWS

THE EDITOR:

Currently there is an opportunity before the Texas Legislature that needs to be brought to a successful conclusion. The issue in question is legislation that will deregulate or restructure the electric utility industry in Texas.

Senate Bill 7 by Sen. David Sibley passed the Senate by an overwhelming margin and now moves to the Texas House.

Although the current legislation promotes competition, the bill still needs refinement to make sure it balances the interests of all those concerned, ranging from utility providers and large consumers of electricity, to local residents including those who may be on a fixed income.

Many Texas-based companies consume large amounts of electricity. Consequently, having the ability to shop for better prices will be extremely important to help maintain the competitiveness of these local facilities.

Development of electric competition is in various stages across the United States, with 18 other states already working on some form of deregulation. Failure to act now could

default the decision to Washington where national legislation is pending. We believe the Texas Legislature can best make the rules for competition in Texas.

Our state representative, David Counts, can play a pivotal role in moving this bill out of the Texas House State Affairs Committee, and get it passed by the full House and on the governor's desk. As a member of the committee, we hope that Rep. Counts will take a lead position in helping this bill through the political process.

The energy industry, as well as others, have experienced some thought times in the past year. Anything that can reduce costs will be an important component toward maintaining our competitiveness and viability in the future. Electric deregulation is a win-win situation for everyone and we hope the Texas Legislature agrees and will pass electricity deregulation this session.

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Gore's wild claims - stupidity or well, stupidity?

Democratic professionals are quietly close to panic about the current situation of Vice President Al Gore. In every recent opinion poll, he trails Gov. George W. Bush and Elizabeth Dole by double digits. That can be explained by the attraction of the new and so far little-known.



JEFFREY HART

But, worse, Gore has been making himself the subject of jokes by nightclub comedians and by the likes of Jay Leno. He's being Quayle-ized.

Gore's flubs seem so unnecessary for a dignified and experienced politician. Most recently, he claimed to have invented the Internet while in Congress. Sure, said Trent Lott, and "I invented the paper clip." And Rep. Dick Armey allowed that he was responsible for the interstate highway system. Actually the Internet was devised by Pentagon technicians years before Gore even went to Congress.

Gore could legitimately claim to have been an energetic propagandist for the possibilities of the Internet — his "information superhighway" — but why the silly bluster?

At about the same time, Gore was reported as follows about growing up as the son of Sen. Albert Gore of Tennessee: "He taught me to clean out hog waste with a shovel and how to clear land with a two-bladed ax. He taught me how to plow a steep hillside with a team of mules. He taught me how to take up hay all day long in the hot sun." Gore as Johnny Appleseed.

Now the fact is that Al Gore

grew up in Washington, D.C., at the Fairfax Hotel on Embassy Row, attended exclusive Washington private schools and then went on to the hog waste and mule teams of Harvard College.

One recalls the presidential primaries of 1988 and Sen. Joseph Biden of Delaware. Biden, impressed by a speech he had read by Labor Party leader Neil Kinnock of Great Britain, simply took over Kinnock's biography and made it his own. Kinnock had grown up in mining country, the son of a miner. As such, he had had a hard life, and little opportunity to move up in the world. Good stuff.

Biden made it his own, even though his father had been a car dealer and young Joe Biden never went near a mine. The agents of his primary rival, then-Gov. Michael Dukakis of Massachusetts, circulated videotapes of Kinnock's speech and Biden's speech and let people draw their conclusions. Biden was through as a presidential contender.

I first caught on to this strange aspect of Al Gore at the time of his speech to the 1996 Democratic Convention. At that point, Gore made a touching — no, tear-jerking — reference to the death of his sister from lung cancer, brought on by smoking. Since the death of that sister, Gore declared, he had been a committed foe of tobacco.

This sounded good and even plausible until the Republicans came up with footage of Gore campaigning in Tennessee well after his sister's death.

Addressing tobacco farmers, Gore said that he was proud to have been one himself, that he knew tobacco leaf and branch, and so on. The rustics he was addressing might have been impressed, but when the checkable fabrication was discovered, Gore looked silly.

There is also the claim, in a

throw-away remark to reporters, that he had been part of the inspiration, along with Tipper, for the couple in Erich Segal's novel "Love Story." Here, a Harvard preppy falls in love with an Italian girl from Radcliffe. This is wild stuff for the preppy's family, who rejects him. But romance carries the day, the unmarried couple live together, and all goes well until she gets sick and dies.

The novel became a popular movie. Erich Segal, the author, rejected Gore's claim to have inspired it. And Gore's Harvard career had little resemblance to the Segal plot. Clearly, Gore was trying to make himself interesting to the reporters he was talking to, no doubt sensing that they did not consider him interesting at all.

That may be the root of Gore's problem. On paper, he is well-qualified to run for president on his own. He has been a long-term congressman and senator. He has been vice president through two Clinton terms. The claim seems true that Clinton has given him responsibilities and used him as a close adviser. Gore would not have to ask Monica where the coat closet in the Oval Office is.

As the front-runner for the nomination, Gore will be able to raise more than enough money for the primaries and the general election. He has frightened everyone else out of the race except Bill Bradley. He carries none of the disgraceful baggage associated with Clinton, except for the fund-raising scandal.

On that, what people recall about Gore is "no controlling legal authority." Though Gore admitted to making illegal fund-raising phone calls from the White House, he meant to say that there were no legal precedents for considering this felonious. He had forgotten to translate what some lawyer

told him into English.

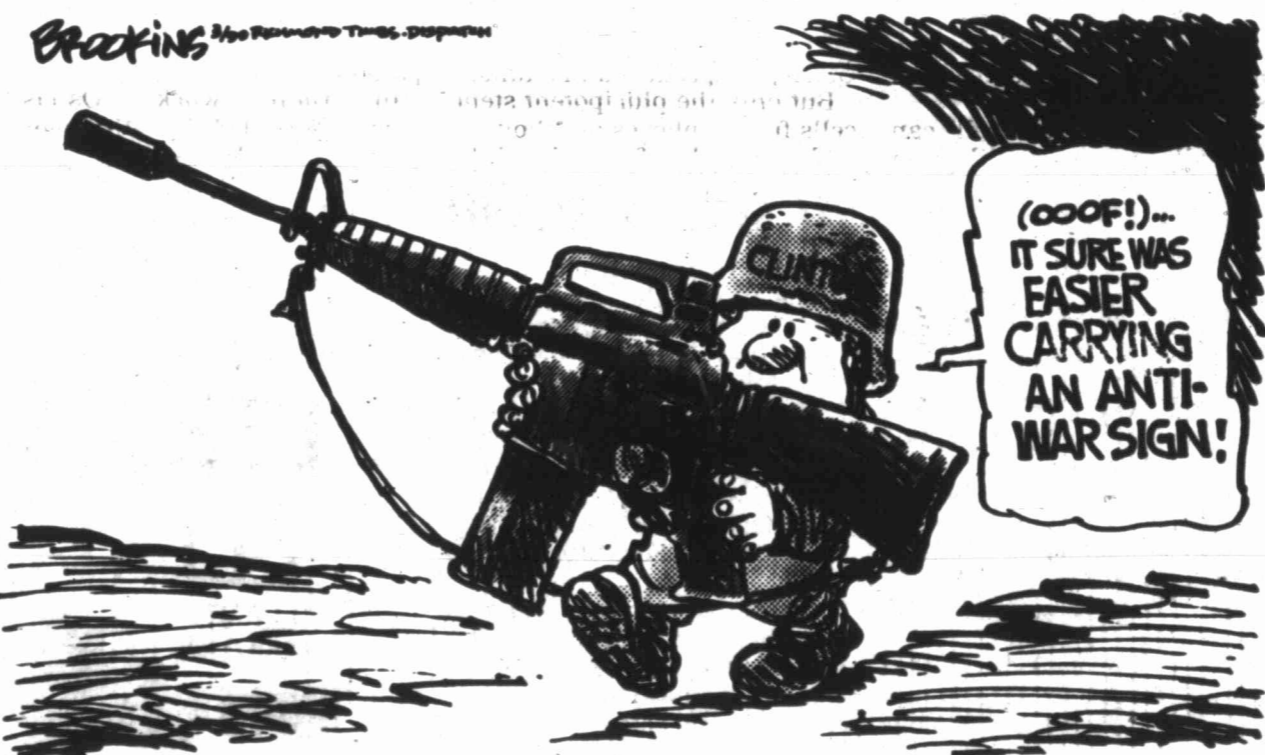
There is also the comical and illegal matter of the Buddhist temple in Los Angeles. Gore had collected bags of contributions from penniless Buddhist monks and nuns, but at first lied about knowing it was a fund raiser. It was ethnic outreach, he said, to the accompaniment of loud guffaws from the press.

It's true that Gore defeated Jack Kemp in a vice-presidential debate. Kemp could not penetrate the armor of Gore's robotic reply to just about everything: "It will blow a hole in the budget." Also, Kemp was overconfident and under-prepared.

Gore is said to be good company in private, witty even, but the public has never seen this. To them, he remains Gore the Bore. The other day in New Hampshire, I saw a man with a button: "Zombies for Gore." The public Gore really isn't very interesting, and Gore knows it. He has a powerful impulse to cast himself as interesting via bogus autobiography.

New Hampshire has a record of being rough on supposed front-runners. In 1968, George Romney went down the drain when he claimed to have been "brain washed" over Vietnam. This raised the question of whether he really had a brain. New Hampshire, in 1972, damaged major front-runner Edmund Muskie, who was supposed to be "Lincolnesque" but wept in public under the pressure of the campaign. It badly damaged Barry Goldwater in 1964 and Lyndon Johnson in 1968. It is a small state, and so far Al Gore, pig farming notwithstanding, has little traction there. He could be in trouble, even against Bradley.

The meditative Bradley could emerge as the thinking man's candidate, a sort of cult figure. Once Gore is wounded, he could be a bleeder like Muskie.



A well-intentioned brother-in-law

MARK LOYD

Kerrville Daily Times

Many enjoy his company and his advice, others fear him — the well-intentioned brother-in-law.

No matter how many brothers a young husband inherits from his wife, it seems each has a strong working knowledge in a particular subject outside of his employment — automobile repair, fishing, computers, construction, barbering, escrow.

The unwise get trapped into believing a brother-in-law is an expert in his particular hobby, and a young husband often is blinded by the marriage that brought them together.

So the new-found brothers truck over to the home improvement center and troll up and down the aisles. It begins with painting — an easy project on the surface. A can of primer, two cans of white

some brushes, rollers and plastic drop cloths. Forget the drop cloths. Waste of money, brother-in-law says.

A weekend or so later, the painting — with the exception of the spots rubbed into the carpet — earns wife's approval and the brothers settle in the backyard for the post-project barbecue and beer.

There begins the real collusion. In the seconds it takes to spark the briquettes, the brother-in-law who spent a summer working construction is elevated to contractor status. Phrases like "pourin' a patio," "you could just knock out that wall and build towards the back," and "gutters" are thrown about.

Smoke, beer and paint, apparently, can be a lethal mixture producing delusions of home improvements like those seen on TV. Suddenly, the brothers are pacing things off, hunting for a measuring tape,

drawing charcoal diagrams on the deck and having the wife call to see if the home improvement center is still open.

In many cases, it is her intervention that stifles the project talk. She demands firm cost estimates, time lines and impact on resale value — the enemy always speaks a foreign language.

The brothers simply want something to do, to build experience they can file away and tell their friends about — the nearly plumb door frame, the roof with the different colored shingles, the time we tried to re-upholster the seats in the van.

What many young husbands don't understand is "brother-in-law" is not Latin for "get it done inexpensively." It's more like "you tell her I did it, and I'll tell her you did it."

The learning curve, which sometimes, is drawn by hand, on a napkin, continues ...

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U.S. demands immediate release of captured soldiers

WASHINGTON (AP) — The Clinton administration vigorously condemned Yugoslav plans to put three captured U.S. soldiers on trial, calling for their immediate release or protection from — as prisoners of war — a military "kangaroo court."

"At a minimum, they are entitled to POW status and the protection that that provides under the Geneva Convention," Pentagon spokesman Kenneth Bacon said Thursday. "We're outraged by that," he added of a military proceeding that state-

controlled Serb television said would begin today.

As POWs, the Army soldiers captured Wednesday near the Macedonia-Yugoslav border could be held until the end of hostilities.

The U.S.-led NATO bombing campaign continued and U.S. officials confirmed today that B-1 Lancer bombers flew missions against Yugoslavia for the first time Thursday night. Air Force spokesman Maj. Mark Phillips said two B-1s flew from Fairford, England, and returned safely this morning. He had no

details on their targets. The B-1s arrived at Fairford from the United States Thursday to join eight B-52 bombers that have been flying Yugoslavia missions since the NATO campaign began.

The Pentagon was trying to determine whether the soldiers were captured in Macedonia or had blundered into Serb territory while on the run. Yugoslav authorities said they were caught in Serbia and resisted arrest.

If caught in Macedonia, the soldiers were abducted illegally

and should be released immediately, Bacon said, echoing President Clinton, who said Yugoslav President Slobodan Milosevic would be held responsible for their safety.

If captured in Serbia, the soldiers should be treated humanely as prisoners of war under international law, which prohibits trial for anything less than a war crime, Bacon said.

Defense Secretary William Cohen called the planned Serb military proceeding a "kangaroo court" and said it was unclear where it might be held

or on what charges.

"There should not be a trial," Cohen said Thursday night on PBS' "NewsHour With Jim Lehrer" program. "They should be entitled to have the Red Cross or some other organization visit them. I think it's very clear from the photographs at least one has been beaten."

The Yugoslav announcement added a new and unsettling element to an expanding Balkan conflict. The Clinton administration already is under fire from critics who say the NATO air campaign cannot stop Serb

aggression against ethnic Albanians, and that a humanitarian disaster may result.

Others questioned why the lightly armed U.S. soldiers were operating so close to the Yugoslav border.

"It is incomprehensible to me that the U.S. military would send a three-man patrol near the borders of Serbia," Sen. Robert Torricelli, D-N.J. said in a telephone interview. He said the U.S. military had issued Yugoslavia a "virtual invitation" to capture American soldiers.

Reported cases of child abuse down, but high

WASHINGTON (AP) — Despite a decline in the number of reported cases, nearly 1 million children are victims of abuse and neglect, according to the government.

The Department of Health and Human Services on Thursday said reported cases of child abuse, provided by the states, decreased for the fourth year in a row in 1997.

But the states still found that 963,870 children were victims of abuse and neglect.

There were nearly 3 million reports of alleged mistreatment investigated by child protective services.

"Though we're reporting a slight decline in children as victims of abuse and neglect, these numbers nevertheless represent an unacceptable human tragedy we must do more to prevent," HHS Secretary Donna Shalala said in a statement.

Parents and relatives comprise the majority of those responsible for abuse and neglect, according to the HHS. Parents

account for 75 percent of perpetrators, relatives 10 percent and non-related individuals make up 6 percent of those responsible for maltreatment.

The department also stressed there is a link between substance abuse and child abuse. Substance abuse was a factor in one-third of all cases of child abuse and neglect.

The HHS report recommended closer coordination between the child protection and substance abuse systems.

"Families where there is child abuse and neglect often face multiple problems that require comprehensive solutions," said Nelba Chavez, administrator of the Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration.

The figures are based on reported cases, and the department noted that separate studies have found that the number of victims may be higher.

Earlier this week, a private group that

works against child abuse came out with a report that found a slight increase in reports of child abuse.

In 1988, there were nearly 2.3 million reports of child abuse, which grew to nearly 3.2 million by 1997, according to the report by Prevent Child Abuse America, which bases its numbers partly on projections.

"Everyone is getting safer except for our children," said Kevin Kirkpatrick, spokesman for the group, which has just changed its name from the National Committee to Prevent Child Abuse.

As part of National Child Abuse and Neglect Prevention Month in April, the HHS plans to distribute information packets to child welfare agencies and community groups.

The prevention material can also be obtained by calling the National Clearinghouse on Child Abuse and Neglect at 1-800-FYI-3366.

Crop insurance is open to abuse, auditors warn

WASHINGTON (AP) — The federally subsidized crop insurance system is prone to abuse, conflicts of interest and errors because most of the risk for losses is born by taxpayers rather than the private companies that sell and service the policies, government auditors say.

Sometimes the insurance system allows farmers to earn more from crops they do not harvest.

The companies "have little reason to effectively monitor risky policy holders, little reason to deny claims of questionable losses, and no cause to find fault with their own practices," said an internal report by the Agriculture Department's inspector general.

In addition to assuming most of the risk for losses, the government subsidizes the premiums farmers pay for the insurance and pays the companies a fee for handling the policies. The program has cost the government more than \$1.5 billion

a year, and Congress is considering doubling that to improve the coverage and make it less costly to producers.

The report said that in West Texas last year, 200 farmers obtained federally subsidized insurance on a type of cotton that wasn't feasible to grow in their region. They paid \$4.4 million in premiums and claimed nearly \$15 million in benefits when most of the crop failed.

Farmers in North Dakota and surrounding states recently rushed out and bought seed for durum wheat, even in areas not suited for the crop, to take advantage of a new insurance policy offering benefits far higher than they could earn if they grew and sold ordinary wheat, the IG said.

And in another case cited by the report, sales agents were working for tomato farmers to whom they sold insurance. One agent received commissions totaling \$284,000, and the farmer he worked for collected \$2.4 million in insurance benefits.

Major step taken toward replacement body parts

WASHINGTON (AP) — In what may be a major step toward learning how to grow replacement body parts, researchers in Baltimore have isolated from adult bone marrow a master cell that can be induced to grow bone or cartilage.

A study published today in the journal Science reports that researchers at Osiris Therapeutics extracted a single mesenchymal stem cell from bone marrow and then grew it into a colony of more than a million cells that could be directed to produce either bone, cartilage or fat.

If the technique proves successful, researchers predict that

precursor cells for bone could be used to replace tissue lost to cancer, osteoporosis, injury or dental disease.

Experts said the study is an important achievement for the new and rapidly expanding field of stem cell research.

"The fact that they can (isolate) a precursor cell like that, and direct it to produce specific cell types, is quite an advance," said Dr. James A. Thomson of the University of Wisconsin, a noted pioneer in stem cell research.

"The stem cells can eventually be used for therapy and that would be quite exciting," he said.

The study using adult stem

cells is important also because it avoids the controversy of using stem cells from embryos, said Dr. Mark F. Pittenger, who led the team of Osiris researchers.

Stem cells are the body's building blocks. Some, such as pluripotent stem cells, come only from embryos and their use in research is opposed by many people.

Other stem cells, such as the mesenchymal cells used by Osiris, are produced in adults.

But only the pluripotent stem cells from embryos are thought to be capable of growing into any tissue in the body. The mesenchymal stem cells are the parent lines for bone, cartilage, fat,

Recipe Corner

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Survey finds more than 90 percent of banks are imposing surcharges

WASHINGTON (AP) — After resisting for years, giants Citibank and Chase Manhattan Bank in January began charging consumers without accounts at the banks a fee for using their ATMs.

That helped increase the number of banks nationwide that impose ATM surcharges to more than 90 percent, compared with 71 percent a year ago, according to a survey by U.S. Public Interest Research Group.

The consumer group released the survey Thursday, the third anniversary of the decision by the two largest automated teller networks — owned by Visa and

MasterCard — to allow banks and other ATM operators to impose the second charges.

The surcharges, which are paid to the bank operating the automated teller machine, come on top of any fees customers pay to their own banks when they use another bank's ATM.

The group's annual survey charts a dramatic rise in the frequency of ATM surcharges. It found that 93 percent of banks charged consumers for using another bank's machine in March, up from 71 percent a year ago and 45 percent in March 1997.

Banks are earning an estimated

\$2.1 billion a year from ATM surcharges, PIRG reported.

"The double-dipping ATM surcharge is an outrageous example of ... gouging by banks," said Ed Mierzwinski, PIRG's consumer program director.

The nation's bankers say the surcharges are outweighed by the 24-hour convenience for customers and are needed to make the machines profitable.

"Today consumers have more choices than ever to get cash when and where they want it," said Donald Ogilvie, executive vice president of the American Bankers Association.

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FCC chief questions proposed SBC-Ameritech merger

WASHINGTON (AP) — A proposed merger that would create the nation's largest local phone company is causing "serious concerns" for the government's top telecommunications regulator.

In letters Thursday to the chiefs of SBC Communications and Ameritech Corp., Bill Kennard, chairman of the Federal Communications Commission, questioned whether their union would serve the public interest.

Given that, Kennard said he wants the companies and commission staff to begin discussions this month to explore

"whether it would be possible to craft conditions" addressing his concerns.

He did not elaborate on what those conditions should be, but said he wanted the discussions to conclude by late June. The FCC could rule on the merger sometime thereafter.

The proposed \$57 billion merger, which was cleared by the Justice Department last month, would create the nation's largest local phone company, spread across 13 states.

By law, the FCC must review proposed mergers to determine whether they will serve the pub-

lic interest — a broad legal standard.

"At this stage I have serious concerns about whether your proposal satisfies this requirement," Kennard said in letters to SBC Chairman Edward Whitacre Jr. and Ameritech Chairman Richard Notebaert.

Ameritech spokeswoman Lisa Kim responded: "This is an opportunity to put forth the many benefits of this pro-competition, pro-consumer merger." She said Ameritech believed the FCC would approve the deal.

The SBC has declined comment.


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Relay for Life organizers already at work

By DEBBIE L. JENSEN
Features Editor

For an event more than a month away, Relay for Life organizers are already hard at work, meeting weekly, finalizing plans and gathering donations.

The question this year, organizers said, is "How do we top this?"

They recently learned that last year's Big Spring Relay, a community campout to benefit the American Cancer Society, was ranked 10th in the nation for communities under 36,000. Relay 1998 earned \$100,000 for cancer treatment, survivor support and research.

"This is phenomenal for a community this size," said Lisa Brooks, publicity chair for the event. "In what is supposed to be a depressed economy, we have so many worthwhile projects that the community has come out to support — the MS Walk, Kids Zone, Hangar 25 and Relay for Life."



Diane Wood, co-chair of Relay, thinks she knows one reason people support the effort.

"Cancer is so prevalent in every family's life," she said. "I can't think of anyone whose life has not been touched by it in some way."

This year's Relay for Life will be May 14-15.

"We start preparing in

September," said Wood. "We begin meeting regularly with our core committee in January, and now we are meeting weekly."

About 30 people make up the core committee. Wood said they, and many other volunteers, work extremely hard to make Relay a success.

"They make this job very easy, and it can be very time-consuming work," Wood said.

Already, supporters have been gathering donations from underwriting companies. That work has gone better than last year, Wood said.

An overall goal has been set slightly above last year's total money raised, at \$102,000.

At Relay for Life, teams of walkers will camp out overnight at Blankenship Field, at sites decorated according to various themes. Some of last year's sites include the "Couch Potatoes," from First Baptist Church, who dedicated their walk to cancer survivor Barbara Couch, a Sunday

school teacher.

Businesses often put together teams and use the event as team-building fun time for employees.

Team members walk or run around the track to collect pledged donations, and participate in games and contests throughout the event.

Last year, 51 teams set up camp at the field.

Team registration is going on now. Call Gloria McDonald at 263-7617 or Wanda Gamble at 267-1314 for a packet of information to get a team started. Team captains are also welcome to attend the meeting April 15 at noon at First Baptist Church Fellowship Hall.

In the file photo at right, participants at Relay for Life enjoy fun activities and games in-between their time walking around the track. This year's local Relay is set for May 14-15 at Blankenship Field.



CHURCH NEWS

First Assembly of God

"An event called Easter" will be the theme of the service this Sunday at the First Assembly of God Church, Fourth and Lancaster. The celebration of the Resurrection will begin at 9:45 a.m. with a Bible study of the Resurrection of our Lord.

The worship service will begin at 10 a.m. with a musical centered around the Risen Savior Jesus Christ. The evening service will begin at 6 p.m. and will include Easter music and a message by pastor Havener entitled "The Purpose of the Resurrection." You'll find a warm welcome, and friendly people, and meaningful worship. Pastor Havener invites you to join them for this great celebration of Easter.

First United Methodist Church

"A Friend Gave His Life Out of Love For You" (Matthew 28:1-10) is Dr. Ed Williamson's message this Sunday at the First United Methodist Church, 400 Scurry. The message is about the wonderful gift of eternal life made possible by faith in Jesus Christ. Worship is at 8:30 and 10:50 a.m. Our home page is <http://www.xroadstx.com/dove>.

Do you have teenagers who need guidance in morality and a friendly group of other teenagers to have as healthy friends?

We have a youth group called "Common Ground" led by our full-time youth minister, Vergil Feinsod. On Sunday evenings, mid-high age young people meet in the Partee building at 5 p.m. and senior high young people meet at 7 p.m. to learn about Jesus and His way. Senior high Bible study meets at 7 p.m. Wednesday night. To learn more, call Feinsod at 267-6394.

There is also the children's vocal and handbell choirs led by John and Denise Ross and a single adults class on Sunday mornings.

The First United Methodist Church has several Sunday School classes for adults, youth and children. There is a



Stacy Walker and Leesa Stephens are musical group, "2 Days Later." They will perform April 11 at CrossRoads Church.

Wednesday noon Bible study class and meal each week in Garrett Hall and everyone is invited to attend.

There will be an Easter UMW brunch at 9 a.m. in Garrett Hall. Please call 267-6394 for more information.

St. Mary's Episcopal Church

St. Mary's will have morning prayer on Saturday, at 8 a.m. Good Friday service will be at noon and 6 p.m., and the Great Vigil of Easter is 8 p.m. on Saturday. The Easter Holy Eucharist service starts at 10:30 a.m. on April 4. There will not be an 8 a.m. service Easter Sunday.

St. Mary's Inquirers' Class meets on Monday, April 5, at 6:30 p.m. in the church library.

Baptist Temple

Baptist Temple Church would like to invite the public to come hear our Adult Choir present an Easter Cantata, "The Night Before Easter." This will be presented on Sunday evening at 7. If you have any questions, call the church office at 267-8287. Baptist Temple is located at 400 E. 11th Place.

Coahoma Church of Christ

Coahoma Church of Christ

will be hosting a gospel meeting beginning Sunday, April 11, with Bob Kiser from Abilene, doing the preaching. The meeting will go through Wednesday, April 14 with the theme "The Gospel of Your Salvation."

Bob is a 1947 graduate of Coahoma High School. He lived many years in the Big Spring, Coahoma area during which time he preached for Sand Springs Church of Christ for four years.

He has also ministered in Grapevine, Fort Worth, Mountain Home, Ark., and Stephenville.

Presently, Bob and his wife Geneva are active members of the Baker Heights congregation in Abilene. He continues to preach gospel meetings.

Everyone is invited to Coahoma beginning at 9:30 a.m. Sunday, April 11, to listen to the gospel. The meeting will continue on Sunday at 6 p.m. and Monday through Wednesday, 7 p.m.

Miracle Revival Center

Miracle Revival Center, 600 E. FM-700, will have two special services this Easter Sunday at 9 a.m. and 11 a.m. Special guest will be Emil Windholtz, a gifted potter and

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Movement aims to harness prayer power

HOUSTON (AP) — George K. Otis Jr. believes he knows the solution to violence, poverty, drugs and other social ills: prayer power.

Otis, a Seattle-based Christian researcher and author, has traveled the world studying communities that he says have gone from being centers of crime, corruption and moral decay to examples of Christian concern, unity and spiritual vitality.

"I am talking about something that is really awesome to behold and not just large numbers of people converting to Christianity and going to church," said Otis, who recently visited Houston.

Otis, 45, is in the forefront of the "city-reaching" movement, a far-flung national and international evangelical effort to spiritually transform cities through prayer ministries. In Houston, he is assisting Mission Houston, a network of more than 1,000 congregations led by Jim Herrington, former executive director of the Union (Southern) Baptist Association.

Among ministers and congregations supporting Mission Houston are the Rev. John Bisagno of First Baptist Church, the Rev. Lauren Hall of St. John's the Divine Episcopal Church, the Rev. Steve Riggle of Grace Community Church and Doug Stringer of Turning Point Ministries.

"There is a city-reaching movement in almost every major city in the country," said Herrington, who became full-time Mission Houston director in January.

The movement includes Washington, D.C.; Phoenix, Ariz.; New York; Portland, Ore.; and Los Angeles. Similar efforts are taking place in London, Mexico City, Paris and other major international cities, he said.

While in Houston, Otis trained city-reaching teams from 20 cities nationwide. He will return in September to train Houston teams, Herrington said.

Just praying for good things to happen is not effective, said Otis, coordinator of the united prayer track for A.D. 2000 and

'I am talking about something that is really awesome to behold and not just large numbers of people converting to Christianity and going to church.'

George K. Otis Jr.

Beyond, a global evangelization program. The track includes millions of Christians praying worldwide for spiritual success, Otis said.

His research concluded that persevering ministers and laity must offer specifically targeted prayer in spiritually troubled areas for effectiveness.

"If it is not specific, it is a total waste of time," said Otis, whose forthcoming book is titled *Unleashing the Power of Informed Intercession*. He is also producing an accompanying video.

As examples of what prayer can do, Otis cites Cali, Colombia, once the base of the powerful cocaine-exporting Cali Cartel.

Murders and car-bombings were everyday occurrences as drug lords engaged in never-ending turf wars. In May 1995, ministers rented the city's civic auditorium for an all-night prayer vigil, expecting a few thousand to attend. But more than 25,000 participated in the prayer rally against the drug lords and the evil that dominated their city, Otis said.

The city now holds all-night prayer sessions every 90 days in the 55,000 seat-soccer stadium. Otis attended one session and found the stadium packed and thousands more praying at the stadium gates.

Otis and Herrington said the first step in these transformations is prayer by dedicated Christians.

That in turn creates a greater appetite for prayer and spirituality.

But prayer must also be accompanied by what Otis described as "spiritual mapping" or an effort to assess a community's problems, solutions and resources.

CLUB NEWS

Order of the Eastern Star

Big Spring Chapter No. 67, Order of the Eastern Star will have a covered dish supper at 6:30 p.m. followed by a stated meeting and Easter Program at 7:30 p.m. April 6 at the Masonic Temple.

1955 Hyperion Club

The March 2 meeting of 1955 Hyperion Club was held at the Heritage Museum with Ruth Penner serving as the hostess.

Following the theme of local history for the year, Ed Williamson, minister of the First United Methodist Church, gave a short talk about his mother and her gardens. The growing of various fruits and vegetables had been an enjoyment for years for Mrs. Williamson, and when some of the physical demands became too much, Ed Williamson stepped in to assist in the planting and cultivation of the gardens.

He spoke about some of the memories he shares with his mother in their joint efforts, as well as some of the same gifts he wants to impart with his children.

The project adopted by the club will be continued each month, with President Gay Herren coordinating the dates.

The April 6 meeting will be at the home of Evelyn Elrod.

Tall Talkers Toastmasters

Tall Talkers Toastmasters' Club of Big Spring had its meeting on March 31, at 6:30 a.m. at 606 Johnson Street.

The word of the day was extol which means praise highly, glorify.

The sentence used to define the word was "We will extol our astronauts as pioneers in space for years to come." Toastmaster was Bailey Anderson. Best table topic was Greg Parde on "The Person of the Century." Best speaker was Dene Sheppard on "Amazing Grace," and best evaluator was Joelle Ford.

Tall Talkers Toastmasters meet weekly on Wednesdays, August to June at 6:30 a.m.

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COMMUNITY NEWS

CYCLIST RICHARD CYPERT will participate in the Texas Lions Camp 50th Anniversary Wild Texas Bike Ride which starts in College Station May 23. The ride ends at the Lions International Convention in San Diego, Calif., June 28.

Cypert will join other riders on Interstate 10 in Junction and ride to Sonora and Ozone over Memorial Day Holiday weekend, May 30-31. He is sponsored by the Big Spring Evening Lions Club with a donation to the Lions Camp for every mile he rides. Cypert and the Lions are challenging other Lions and families of children who have attended the camp for disabled children to make a donation to the program.

The camp, located in Kerrville, was chartered March 12, 1949 and serves handicapped and diabetic children. It will host 2,000 kids this summer at no cost to their families.

For more information about the camp, Cypert's ride or an application for the summer program, call Bob Noyes at 267-6095.

FOR YOUR 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.

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.

THE LAST WORD

We love without reason, and without reason we hate.

Jean-Francois Regnard

A good meal ought to begin with hunger.

French proverb

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Modern monk

27-year-old joins abbey to seek life's meaning

VALYERMO, Calif. (AP) — The day begins early in this holy place on the high desert.

It's still dark when the black-robed monks of St. Andrew's Abbey gather in the chapel for vigils. They will gather four more times before the day ends in the Grand Silence — when they will not speak again, save prayer, until after breakfast the following morning.

These are men who have decided to shun wives and kids, homes in the suburbs, good jobs and fast cars in search of a purely spiritual existence. Instead of fame and fortune, the monks have chosen to follow the way that St. Benedict established centuries ago.

The men of St. Andrew's are not alone. Though statistics show seminary enrollments in the United States have declined in recent decades — from 37,383 in 1967 to 5,527 in 1997 — priests of various religious orders say they have noticed a renewed and conservative religious interest among young people.

"The whole point of monastic life, of living in one place and having the kind of schedule that we have, is to be focused on what we focus on — which is God," said Brother Andrew Hayes.

At 27, he is among the youngest at St. Andrew's Abbey, where monks live their lives secluded on the rocky edge of the Mojave Desert north of Los Angeles. On a hill overlooking the ranch-style buildings of the abbey is the cemetery where they eventually will be laid to rest.

The reasons the men join are as different as the men themselves.

Lui Toilolo decided his career path in the fifth grade. Toilolo, 36, hopes eventually to become a priest.

"When I look at the monks, I see a person striving for holiness," he said. "That's what I want and I think that's why I'm here."

For others, the road to this vocation was not a long one, with years of hands-clasped, eyes-to-heaven piety.

Brother Boniface Butterworth, 26, worked as a computer programmer for the Kansas Turnpike when he left to join St. Benedict's Abbey in Atchison, Kan. He said he didn't consider himself religious growing up and it wasn't until he began working that he realized his life was unfulfilling.

"I thought if God exists then there's another purpose for life," he said. "Seeking God and living a good life seems to make a lot of sense."

To some men, the mere idea of a lifetime without bills and 9-to-5 workdays is enough to send them knocking on monastery doors. Vocation directors, like the Rev. Simon O'Donnell at St. Andrew's, turn them away.

O'Donnell said some don't realize that the monastery doesn't have to take everyone who seeks to join. He compares living in a cloister to a marriage — it's a big commitment to spend a lifetime with someone.

"There probably isn't a lot of satisfaction in following a strict lifestyle that really doesn't do

something inside of you, that doesn't enhance your spiritual relationship with God," O'Donnell said.

How do the monks describe their "calling" to the monastic life? Toilolo characterizes it as "a calm, deep sigh." Others describe it as an "inner peace" or a "tug of the heart."

The Rev. Meinrad Miller, director of vocations at St. Benedict's Abbey, attributes the initial spark in religious curiosity to Pope John Paul II's visit at World Youth Day in Denver in 1993.

"Literally hundreds of thousands of young people around the world gathered, joyful about their faith," he said. "A lot of them began to think at that time of serving the priesthood or religious life. It was a watershed event."

Miller, 34, said he knows 40 men and women at Benedictine College in Atchison who seem serious about taking monastic vows. That's out of 800 students.

Interest is much greater than when he was in college in the early 1980s, he said.

Many young people reject progressive religious ideals born of Vatican II's reforms, favoring instead a traditional life of prayer, Toilolo said.

"It seems to me younger people are wanting none of this wishy-washy stuff," he added. Having grown up in times that seemed morally ambivalent, in which "everything goes," he said, they seem more conservative. "I think people are sick and tired of this because they think, 'This can't be right.'"

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communicator who works the clay while he tells the message of God's loving care and concern for each human being. Because we live in a culture where potters are not as numerous and necessary, the message of the Bible with God as the potter is often forgotten and misunderstood.

Usually, the pottery process captures the attention of its viewers while it carries the message of a Father who lovingly and with destiny and purpose to become. All because He loves us. The best clay is the most broken (contrite) and pliable.

For both a powerful spoken and visual message this Easter for the entire family, you are invited to come to Miracle Revival Center for the early 9 a.m. or the 11 a.m. worship service.

Crestview Baptist Church

If you do not have a church home, you are invited to join us in our Easter Sunday service at our church at 11 a.m. Come enjoy the growth of our church and the enthusiasm of our people. We are looking for you. Turn right off Snyder Hwy. on to Hilltop Road, take first left on Gatesville St. You will see the church about two blocks away.

First Church of God

The First Church of God will have a "Resurrection Sunday" starting with a 6:30 a.m. sunrise service (old time - don't change your clocks), 9:30 a.m. Sunday School, 10:45 a.m. Resurrection Service (change to Daylight Savings Time), then an Easter egg hunt and a 6:30

p.m. service.

First Baptist Church

If you do not have a church home, we would like to invite you to come this Sunday for a special presentation, "Lamb of God," from our choir, a message from our pastor based on John 20:1-31, "Surprise!" and share the ordinance of the Lord's Supper. Our service will begin at 10:45 a.m. We will not have an evening service so that our families might share in an evening together with family activities.

On Tuesday, April 6, at noon in our dining hall, our senior adults will meet for their monthly time together. Our Senior Adult Choir will sing a few songs from their new musical. Come and enjoy this time together, and if you would like to sing and help our choir with this musical, come on Thursday mornings at 10 a.m. in the choir room. We would love to have you.

Don't forget to "spring" forward before you go to bed Saturday night.

Crossroads Church

Crossroads Church, 3401 E. 11th Place at FM 700, will have a country gospel concert with "2 Days Later," on Sunday, April 11, at 11. Come join us for a time of encouragement and blessing as "2 Days Later" comes to minister in song and in testimony. For more information call 264-0734. Pastor is Jeff Janca.

First Christian Church

Easter Sunday morning First Christian Church will have a Sunrise Service at 7 a.m. immediately after the service,

the J.I.M. (Jesus in Me) Sunday School Class will be serving a "Resurrection Day Breakfast." If weather permits, the service will be held outdoors behind the church. Please gather in the fellowship hall.

The schedule for Sunday will be as follows: 7 a.m. Sunrise Service followed by breakfast, 9:15 a.m. Elders prayer meeting, 9:25 a.m. singing, elementary children in Parlor, everyone else in fellowship hall, 9:45 a.m. Sunday School, and 10:50 a.m. worship service with Rev. Paula Brooks bringing the message.

A reminder to all those in J.Y.F. (fourth and fifth grade students): The J.Y.F. Rally is next weekend, April 9-10, at Lake Brownwood Christian Retreat. Contact Judy at 267-7851 for details.

Church news is your link to Big Spring's religious community... Be part of it. News is due Wednesday at noon for Friday publication.

A little creativity can make for a successful Seder

DALLAS (AP) — The casting can get kind of curious when Rivka Arad assigns parts in Temple Shalom's preschool Passover play.

"Who wants to be baby Moses?" the education director asks her group of eager toddlers.

Two hands shoot up and Leah Benator, 3, and Allyson Allin, 4, leap excitedly from the laps of their parents to curl up in front as a sort of twin Moses. Soon everyone who wants a part has one, from Ethan Aisenberg, 5, who becomes the bushes hiding the double Moses — at least until he gets tired of holding up his arms as the branches — to Elianah Gorin, 5, who glides regally as the princess.

It's all part of making the Passover story of how Moses led the Jewish people from slavery to freedom real for the children. And it's also one of the many imaginative ways Ms. Arad and other local Jewish educators and parents help children enjoy what may be one of the most beloved Jewish holidays to remain stubbornly uncommercial.

"Some people might tell you

that Passover is too complicated to explain to children who are 2 1/2 years old," says Ms. Arad after the play. "I say nothing is too complicated if you bring it to their level and make them act it and live it and feel it. If a child can become something from that story, even a tree, he'll listen to that story better than if he's a child in a chair."

He will listen, but will he like it? It's easy to get children enthused about Hanukkah, with all those brightly wrapped presents for eight days.

But Passover's weeklong observance, which began Wednesday at sundown, is a reminder of dark days. It begins with a seder, a festival meal during which the story of the exodus from Egypt is told, and continues with daily admonitions to remember and be grateful for freedom. Many favorite foods, including bread, cakes and cookies, are forbidden (unless they are prepared from special Passover ingredients). The deprivations remind Jews of when they were slaves; the unleavened bread, called matzoh, recalls the hasty flight to freedom when they did not

have time to let their bread rise.

The seder story also includes a grim litany of the plagues God inflicted on the Egyptians before they released their slaves — including hail, darkness, locusts, frogs, turning water into blood and cattle disease.

And yet to keep the traditions alive, parents and teachers know that children need to look forward to the holiday. Wende Weinberg, program director at Solomon Schechter Academy, a Jewish day school in Dallas, involves her three daughters with planning their seder each year.

She always invites many extra children, and she and her husband, Stefan Weinberg, the rabbi of Congregation Anshai Torah, have an anything-but-stuffy approach to the celebration.

"Last year we did our entire seder sitting on the floor in the living room," she says. "We squirted water guns for the rain and threw pingpong balls for the hail. We had little plastic frogs for the plague of frogs. For the cattle disease, we used Beanie Babies that the children

had been collecting. For darkness, we turned the lights off, and for blood, we gave each guest red food coloring to put in pitchers of water."

Participation and planning make Passover special for children. But what they also like is being with their extended families and the memories that come from shared traditions.

"We hide the matzoh and Daddy finds it," says Elianah Gorin after she gives up her princess duties to color and paste pictures in her own home-made Haggadah — a book telling the Passover story — along with the other children. "He is good at finding it. We do it together."

That word, "together," is the magic ingredient that Ms. Arad believes transforms the matzoh, which she describes as "a dry, tasteless cracker" into an eagerly anticipated treat.

"I love matzoh," says Candace Postel, 6, as she bites into a big piece during the Jewish Community Center's model seder in Plano.

Candace and her classmates are excited to show their parents the Passover feast they have prepared. For days they

have been coloring tablecloths with Passover themes, decorating plastic goblets for their juice and chopping nuts and apples for charoset (symbolizing the mortar the slaves used to build the pyramids).

They listen attentively as Jules Rosen, grandfather of 6-year-old Adam Beard, reads Bible passages from the story. On cue from their music specialist, Lana Subicheva, the children punctuate the narrative with songs about Moses, the Pharaoh, the plagues and their thankfulness at being free.

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BRIEFS

Schools nix Tibetan monks' visits
SLIPPERY ROCK, Pa. (AP) — A scheduled visit by Tibetan monks to an elementary school was canceled after the school board objected.

The Slippery Rock School District board also canceled a high school field trip to Slippery Rock University where the monks visited for three days.

Board member Joan Courtney

said laws that prevent promoting religion in public school classrooms prompted the board's decision. She said Buddhist principles shouldn't be taught when Christian principles are prohibited.

Tashi Jamyangling, a translator for the monks who coordinated their trip, said the tour was intended to expose others to their culture and raise funds for their monastery in India. However, he said the monks would respect the board's position.

Jacki Muller, assistant to Slippery Rock University

President G. Warren Smith, said the elementary school visit and high school field trip were intended to give students a glimpse of another culture.

"It was one way of reaching out to the community," she said.

Linda Desmond, a Baptist and parent of a third-grader said: "If my God can't be in that school, I don't want anybody's God in that school."

Baptists reopen seminary in Liberia
NASHVILLE, Tenn. (AP) — After an extended shutdown

during a ruinous civil war, Liberia Baptist Theological Seminary in Monrovia has been reopened with 95 students, according to the Southern Baptist Convention press service.

The campus was closed when the war began in 1990. Peacekeeping troops from Ghana lived there and protected it from looters. The school offered classes at a temporary location between 1993 and 1996.

Liberia and China are the oldest mission fields of America's Southern Baptist Convention, entered in 1846.

GOSPEL MEETING APRIL 4-7

SUNDAY
MORNING CLASS.....9 AM
MORNING WORSHIP.....10 AM
EVENING WORSHIP.....6 PM

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WEEK NIGHTS.....7 PM

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Official registration for new students at Bauer Magnet School, Grades 1-5, will be held on Wednesday, April 7, 1999 from 8:00 A.M. to 12:00 Noon in the principal's office.

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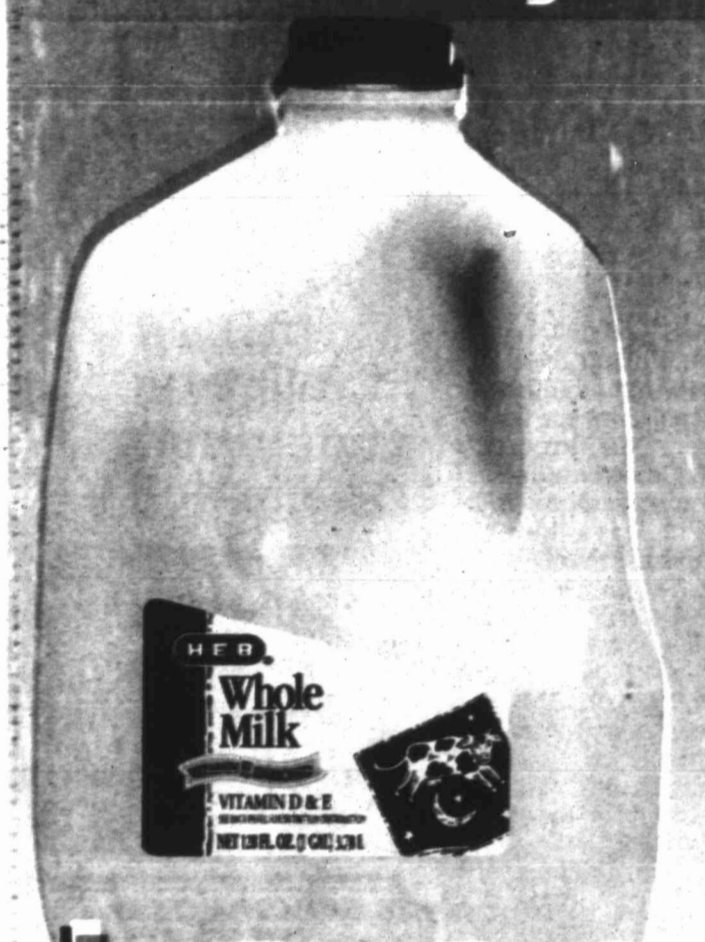
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IN BRIEF

Howard softball coach undergoing surgery again

Howard College Lady Hawks softball coach Andy Mace was scheduled to undergo bypass surgery this morning at Lubbock Methodist Hospital. Mace, whose team is currently leading the Western Junior College Athletic Conference and taking part in the Midland College Tournament, is being replaced on an interim basis by Cottor Mize.

Steers post 3-1 victory of Lake View's Chiefs

Big Spring's Steers pulled off an upset of sorts Thursday, turning clutch hitting and strong defense into a 3-1 win over San Angelo Lake View's Chiefs in District 5-4A baseball action.

The Steers' play allowed Ricky Solis to post a 5-hitter and deliver his cousin, Chiefs starter Oscar Solis, the loss.

The Steers took a 1-0 lead when Chris Olson reached base on an error and scored on a Jason Choate double in the top of the third inning.

In the fourth inning, Ryan Guinn reached after being hit by a pitch and eventually scored on a two-out passed ball.

Big Spring's final run came in the fifth inning when Chris Hernandez scored on a sacrifice fly.

The Steers, now 2-11 on the season and 1-1 in District 5-4A play, will return to action at 4 p.m. Tuesday when they play their home opener, hosting Snyder's Tigers.

Bulldogettes post win over Breckenridge

Coahoma's Bulldogettes improved their record to 20-2 overall Thursday with a 1-0 non-district softball win over Breckenridge's Lady Buckaroos.

Playing without the services of three senior starters, the Bulldogettes got a spectacular one-hitter from sophomore Amber Bingham, who improved her record to 11-0 on the season.

Oddly enough, it was two players normally relegated to reserve roles — Amy Lang and Kim Elmore — who came up with back-to-back doubles in the top of the seventh inning that provided the Bulldogettes' only run.

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. In addition a full day of activities are scheduled.

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 Cottor 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.

IT'S MISSING

Results from Thursday evening's Big Spring Lady Steers softball game were not available as the Herald went to press Friday.

Those results were not available because coach Dan Arista did not report them.

ON THE AIR

Television

EXHIBITION BASEBALL
6:05 p.m. — Baltimore Orioles at Atlanta Braves, TBS, Ch. 11.
NBA BASKETBALL
7 p.m. — Los Angeles Lakers at Phoenix Suns, TNT, Ch. 28.
9:30 p.m. — Seattle SuperSonics at Portland Trailblazers, TNT, Ch. 28.

Steinbrenner loses temper; Wohlers loses his control

The ASSOCIATED PRESS

Mark Wohlers couldn't find home plate again, raising doubts about his ability to close for Atlanta. Hideki Irabu couldn't find first base again and won't be accompanying the Yankees to the West Coast.

Fed up with Irabu's lack of motivation and the pitcher's mental lapses all spring, Yankees owner George Steinbrenner decided Thursday to see if some time away from the club might help the Japanese right-hander "clear his mind."

"He'll be staying here until Tuesday, when he'll join the team in Oakland," Steinbrenner announced after a series of lengthy meetings with Irabu and GM Brian Cashman following a 7-6 exhibition win over Cleveland.

"It's not a slap on the wrist by any means, it's a decision I made," Steinbrenner said.

But earlier, the Boss blasted Irabu, calling him "a fat ... toad" after he failed to cover first base in the ninth inning. Steinbrenner said Irabu weighed 252 pounds.

"Not covering first base, I don't know what you've got to do. That's not a Yankee," Steinbrenner said.

Irabu did the same thing in a start last weekend in a game against Philadelphia, infuriating the Yankees and leading to speculation that if he did something like that again, he'd start the year in the minor leagues.

Instead, he'll be in Florida.

"The season doesn't start until Monday and he'll be here. And while he's here we'll be able to make a decision accordingly," said Cashman, who said optioning Irabu to the minors or trading him were both possibilities.

At Kissimmee, Fla., Wohlers showed he may not be quite ready to regain his role as Atlanta's closer.

Wohlers, trying to come back from control trouble that threatened to end his career, walked five of the seven batters he faced in a 7-1 loss to the Houston Astros.

A day earlier, Braves manager Bobby Cox indicated Wohlers would take over for Kerry Ligtenberg, out for the season because of an elbow injury. Wohlers had been making progress, walking only six this spring, before struggling against the Astros.

"I was just off a little bit mechanically," Wohlers said. "I think this is the best my arm felt physically, as far as arm strength. I was really rushing myself and wasn't allowing my arm to catch up. It's just a little adjustment that needs to be made."

Wohlers threw 31 pitches, only eight for strikes. He threw one pitch over catcher Eddie Perez's head that hit the backstop — Perez played the carom and tossed out Randy Knorr as he tried to

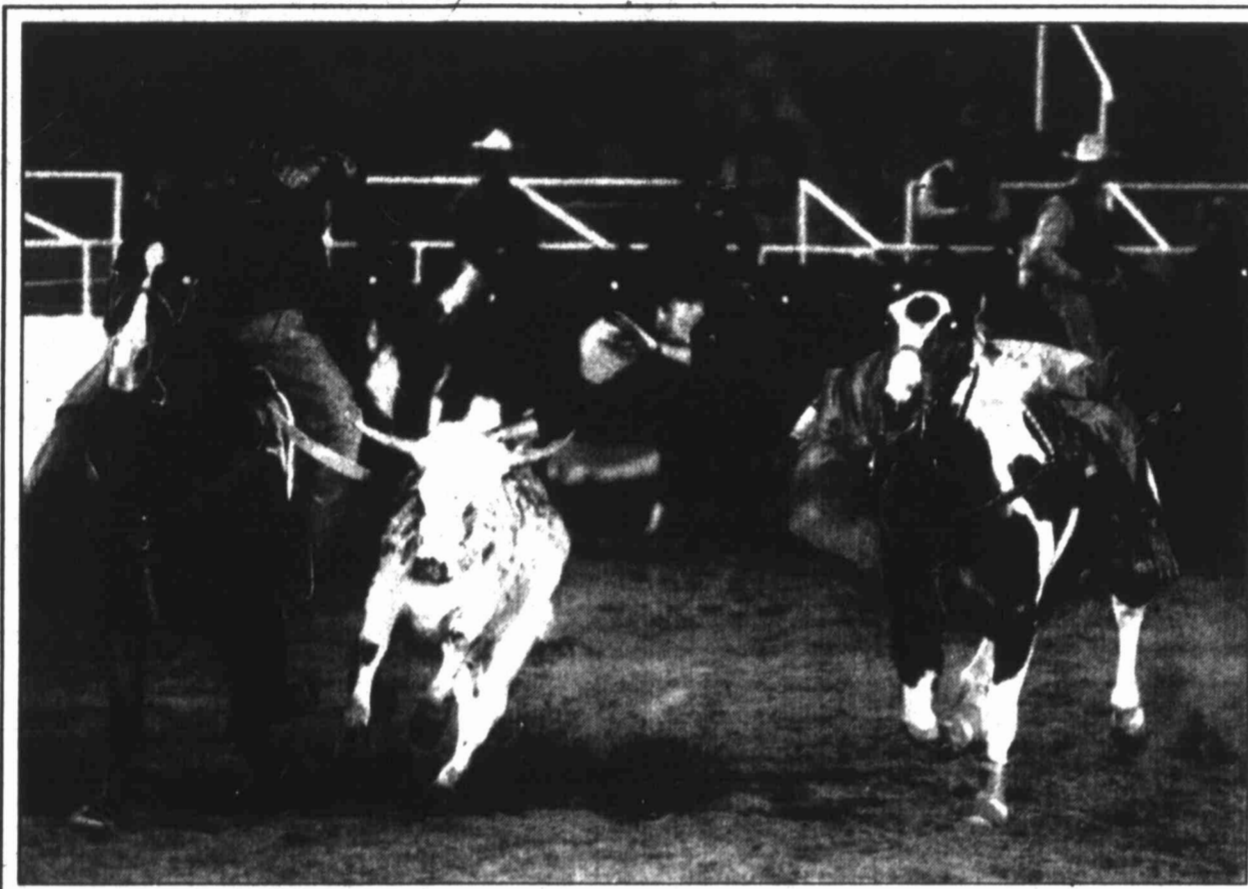
score. "I was really trying to cut it loose," Wohlers said. "Instead of just doing it with my arm, I was doing it with everything else. My arm's healthy. Now it's just a matter of adjusting to my mechanics."

At Melbourne, Fla., Cal Ripken hit his first home run of the spring as Baltimore beat Florida 2-0. He rejoined the Orioles on Wednesday after a one-week absence because of his father's death.

"I'm a little lost," Ripken said. "I'm in a little bit of a fog. But I assume that will move in the right direction. I take great comfort in getting back into a routine."

Cal Ripken Sr., a former Orioles manager and coach, died last Thursday at 63 of lung cancer.

"I've always felt a deep responsibility for baseball, and that obviously came from my father," he said. "It's not easy. Life's not easy. But I want to get back into the grind."



HERALD photo/Jim Fierro

West Texas A&M University's Josh Purcell makes his move during the steer wrestling competition during Thursday night's opening round of the Howard College Rodeo. Howard College's Matthew Demore went into tonight's second performance at 7 with the lead in back bronc riding, having posted a 70 during the first round. The Hawks' team roping duo of Chris Bouillion and Burke Moore were third in that event, while Cody Owens was fifth in the steer wrestling. Complete results from the rode were not available Friday morning.

Raptors win again, edging Pacers behind rookie Vince Carter

The ASSOCIATED PRESS

How well are the Toronto Raptors playing? Let Chris Mullin give his opinion.

"They're playing the best ball in the league right now," Mullin said Thursday night after Toronto, behind 31 points from Vince Carter, defeated the Indiana Pacers 88-87.

It was the seventh straight home victory for the Raptors and their 10th in 12 games overall. At 16-14, they have matched their victory total for all of last season.

"We beat a championship-caliber team," Carter said as the Raptors stayed tied with Philadelphia for the eighth and final postseason spot in the Eastern Conference. The 76ers defeated Miami 88-84.

In other NBA games, Dallas edged Houston 88-87, Denver defeated Seattle 113-110, San Antonio beat Vancouver 103-91, New York topped Cleveland 78-74, Detroit clobbered Chicago 107-75, New Jersey defeated Atlanta 90-85 and Dallas downed the Los Angeles Clippers 93-84.

The Raptors have suddenly become a hot ticket in Toronto, a hockey town getting its first taste of NBA games that mean something.

Much of the interest is tailored toward Carter, the leading candidate to be the Rookie of the Year.

With the score tied at 82-all, Carter slipped with Reggie Miller guarding him, but managed to keep his dribble, get on his feet and hit a fadeaway jumper to give Toronto the lead.

After Rik Smits tied it again with a jumper, Carter made an acrobatic driving layup to put Toronto up 86-84 with 47 seconds left. Travis Best then hit a 3-pointer to give Indiana an 87-86 lead, but Carter got the winning basket on a putback with 18 seconds remaining after Charles Oakley missed a shot.

"I felt the pressure, but I just fell into a groove," Carter said. Miller had 16 points to lead the Pacers, who have lost their last three games by one point.

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"We didn't have anybody who could guard Carter," Indiana coach Larry Bird said.

76ers 88, Heat 84

Matt Geiger scored 17 of his season-high 25 points in the second half and pulled down 10 rebounds as the 76ers ended a three-game losing streak and a nine-game skid against the Heat.

It was the 7-footer's best outing in the four games since coach Larry Brown took him out of the starting lineup. Allen Iverson added 24 points for the 76ers, but just six of those came in the second half.

Miami scored 12 straight points midway through the fourth quarter to pull to 80-79 on P.J. Brown's 17-foot jumper with 2:09 left, but that was as close as the Heat would get.

George Lynch and Eric Snow each hit two free throws in the final 12 seconds to seal the outcome.

"I expect a lot more out of our guys, from energy to effort to an intensity standpoint," Heat coach Pat Riley said.

Jazz 88, Rockets 87

Karl Malone's jumper with 2.7 seconds to play was the game-winner as Utah erased a 15-point fourth quarter deficit to snap Houston's nine-game winning streak.

Utah's dramatic comeback overshadowed a stellar game by Hakeem Olajuwon, who had 32 points, including the 25,000th of his career.

The Jazz won at home for the 25th time in their last 26 games and beat Houston for the seventh straight time. Bryon Russell led the Jazz with 25 points, and Malone added 16.

Malone hit a layup in the third quarter for his 10,514th career field goal, passing John Havlicek for sixth place on the NBA career list.

Nuggets 113, SuperSonics 110
Chauncey Billups scored a career-high 32 points and backcourt partner Nick Van Exel

See **NBA**, page 2B

Surprise ... surprise ... fans paying cost of higher salaries for players

NEW YORK (AP) — The cost of those high baseball salaries is going straight to the fans.

The average price of a ticket increased 9.7 percent this year, from \$13.59 to \$14.91, according to the Team Marketing Report, which released its annual study Thursday.

The Red Sox, who play in Fenway Park, the smallest stadium in the major leagues, remained the most expensive ticket in baseball after raising prices 16.6 percent to an average of \$24.05.

The World Series champion New York Yankees were once again second after a 13.8 percent rise to \$23.33. The cost of the best box seats at Yankee Stadium has gone up from \$25 in 1996 to \$50 this season. In addition, the Yankees last year added 60 field-level seats that cost \$16,000 per season — \$197.53 a game. The price of

those seats remain unchanged this year.

Seattle, which moves from the Kingdome to Safeco Field on July 15, had the highest increase, a 27.2 percent rise to \$19.01. The New York Mets raised prices 23.5 percent to an average of \$19.98, Philadelphia 21.2 percent to \$13.60, the Chicago Cubs 21.1 percent to \$17.46 and Texas 20.9 percent to \$19.93.

Minnesota again has the cheapest average ticket price, even after a 2.9 percent increase to \$8.46.

Montreal, which decreased its average price 6 percent to \$9.38, was 29th and Cincinnati was 28th at \$9.71 after a 16 percent increase.

In addition to the Expos, two other teams lowered their average prices, with Oakland going down 4.5 percent to \$10.10 and Tampa Bay going down 3.1 per-

cent to \$15.08.

Baseball's average ticket price has gone up 42.6 percent since the 1994 strike, when it was \$10.45. The average has increased 72.6 percent from 1991, when TMR began its annual studies.

In comparison, the Consumer Price Index has gone up 1.0 percent in the last year, 12.1 percent since 1994 and 18.7 percent since 1991.

Despite the increases, baseball tickets remain far cheaper than seats for the other major U.S. sports. NFL ticket prices rose 4.7 percent last season to \$42.86, NBA prices went up 3.4 percent this season to \$42.54 and NHL prices went up 2.5 percent to \$42.79.

NFL tickets have increased 70 percent since 1991 and NBA tickets have gone up 83 percent

See **TICKETS**, page 2B

Lady 'Cat thins finish second in own meet

HERALD Staff Report

LENORAH — Grady's Wildcats and Lady Wildcats had distinctly different success when they played host at the 21st annual Wildcat Relays.

While the Lady Wildcats piled up 102 points to finish second in the girls' team standings behind Wellman, the Wildcats managed just 341/2 points to finish eighth in the boys' field.

The Lady Wildcats opened their point production in the field events where Rebekah Adams took first-place finishes in both the shot put and discus.

Adams took the discus crown with a toss of 99-93/4 effort and won the shot competition with a heave of 31-91/4. Teammate Lacey Cox was second in the shot put with a 30-8 throw.

Sheree Rivas added more field events points with her third-place finish in the triple jump and fifth-place leap in the long jump.

Grady continued its strong showing in the 3,200 meters when Brandi Hale was locked in a first-place time of 14:35.16, almost a full minute ahead of Buena Vista's runnerup, Ericka Sanchez.

Hale added a third-place finish in the 1,600 meters.

Brenda Juarez provided fifth-place points in the 800 meters, while Rivas was second in the 300-meter hurdles.

Teammate Corina Torres was third in the 300-meter hurdles and sixth in the 100-meter hurdles.

The hurdles events proved to be the only area where Sands Lady Mustangs could rack up points, as Kami Hambrick was fourth in both races.

Adams added fourth-place finishes in the 100 and 200 meters for Grady and teamed with Caroline Madison, Torres and Rivas for a second-place clocking of 4:59.40 in the 1,600-meter relay.

The foursome of Juarez, Hale, Cox and Rivas added a fourth-place finish in the 800-meter relay. Junior Jed Hinojosa provided Grady's only first-place finish in the boys' division, taking the shot put title with a 40-63/4 effort.

P.J. Pruitt provided Grady's only other points in the field events, tying for sixth in the high jump with a 5-4 leap.

When running events opened, Effy Medina gave Grady more points when he finished fifth in the 3,200 meters.

The Wildcats added a sixth-place in the 400-meter relay when Jonathon Ribble, Pruitt, Vince Ramirez and Chris Harris turned in a 48.97 time.

Jose Ramirez added a third-place finish in the 800 meters and Pruitt added a sixth in the 300-meter intermediate hurdles.

The Wildcats closed out their point production with a third-place finish in the 1,600-meter relay, the foursome of Ribble, Harris, Pruitt and Vince Ramirez posting a time of 4:05.24.

Stanton takes boys title at Cotton Patch Relays

HERALD Staff Report

WALL — Stanton's Buffaloes turned strong performances in the field events and solid showings on the track to win the boys' division of the Cotton Patch Relays in Wall on Friday.

The Buffs piled up 150 points to edge Clyde for the championship.

Senior Jeremy Smith led the way for Stanton with wins in both the shot put and discus, while Maurice Martinez added a win in the long jump.

The Buffs also got second-place showings from Austin Kelly in the high jump and Justin Cobb in the triple jump, while Chad Smith was third in the pole vault.

Stanton was second in the 400-meter relay and third in the 1,600-meter relay.

The Buffs also got key wins in the 800 meters by Julio Casarez and the 1,600 meters by Adrian Hernandez.

Forsan's Wes Osburn was third in the high jump competition, while teammate Blake White finished second in the 400 meters. Garden City's Niehues sisters, J'Layne and M'Lynn, turned in impressive showings in the girls' field.

J'Layne was second in the high jump, while M'Lynn won the triple jump and was third in the long jump.

The Lady Bearcats finished third in the 1,600-meter relay, as well.

Stanton's Lady Buffs got a third-place finish from Jonna Moore in the 3,200 meters.

SPORTS EXTRA

DIV. I BASEBALL

Table with 2 columns: Rank and Team Name. Lists top 25 teams in the Collegiate Baseball poll.

DIV. II BASEBALL

Table with 2 columns: Rank and Team Name. Lists top 25 teams in the Collegiate Baseball poll.

NAIA BASEBALL

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NBA STANDINGS

Table with columns: Conference, Division, Team, W, L, Pct, GB. Shows Eastern and Western Conference standings.

PRCA LEADERS

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Sundov has room to grow into Mavericks' game plan

DALLAS (AP) — Dirk Nowitzki's iffy transition to Big D has made the Mavericks understandably reluctant to rave about Bruno Sundov's basketball future.

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Jim Courier plays down Davis Cup's big match

BIRMINGHAM, England (AP) — For Jim Courier, meeting Tim Henman before 9,400 screaming British fans was no big deal.

Don't misunderstand, Courier likes the fact that the United States and Britain are meeting again in the Davis Cup, just as they did 99 years ago.

And he said he was proud to be representing his country again.

Other than that, "for us it's pretty much business as usual," he said on the eve of the match. "We have a job to do, we come here, we prepare and try to do the job and that's it."

It may be a little bit more, certainly for Britain, and British captain David Lloyd is unconvinced by Courier's assertion that it's just another match.

"I don't believe that," Lloyd said. "I think it's going to be very special. We want to win the cup. There's no two ways about it and it's a very big occasion."

Lloyd revealed that, at dinner on Wednesday, Courier and the rest of the players took the rare step of signing each others menus to keep as mementos.

"He doesn't keep a Key Biscayne memento," the British captain said.

Britain is back in the World Group after a seven-year spell in the tennis doldrums and the two nations who first contested the Davis Cup at the Longwood Cricket Club in Boston in 1900 meet again.

Since then, the Americans have won the title a record 31 times, while the last of Britain's nine titles was in 1936 against Australia. Britain's last victory over the Americans was in 1935.

After Henman vs. Courier, Greg Rusedski went against Todd Martin, who has leapfrogged him in the rankings and now is No. 8.

The same British duo face Courier and Alex O'Brien in Saturday's doubles. Sunday's matches are Henman against Martin followed by Rusedski vs. Courier, and the winner of the tie faces either Zimbabwe or Australia in the next round.

U.S. captain Tom Gullikson initially tried to persuade world No. 1 Pete Sampras and Andre Agassi to play, but they declined.

But he's confident that Courier, Martin, Jan-Michael Gambill and O'Brien is now the strongest team available to him. He pointed out that Courier and Martin had an 11-2 record against Henman and Rusedski in tournament play.

"We have got guys who are very good against Henman and Rusedski and I have no reason to think that it won't be different this week," Gullikson said.

Martin said he was hopeful that his injured stomach muscle had recovered enough for him to serve at full strength on a surface he described as on the fast side of medium.

"I've had it a couple of months, probably since I played Petr Korda in the Australian Open at Melbourne," he said. "It's not as huge liability. My only concern now is how well I recover from Friday."

The other six World Group ties have defending titlist Sweden against Slovakia, Germany vs. Russia, France vs. Netherlands, Spain vs. Brazil, Belgium vs. Czech Republic and Switzerland against last year's runner up, Italy.

Davis Cup champion Sweden begins defense of its title in a small, 2,500-capacity hall with no TV coverage.

"I have absolutely nothing against Trollhattan (the city where the match against Slovakia is taking place)," Swedish star Thomas Enqvist said. "But it's a sign of weakness to play in such a small hall. By having a match here, one's status is drawn down a little."

Enqvist and Thomas Johansson are playing singles, with Nicklas Kulti teaming with Jonas Bjorkman in doubles.

Germany, which entertains Russia at Frankfurt's Ballsporthalle, hasn't won the title since 1993.

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After Jesus was crucified and placed in a tomb on the first Good Friday, the following Sunday morning some women went to His tomb with spices they had prepared for the body. They were concerned about how they would roll away the large stone at the entrance; but, when they arrived, they saw that the stone was moved away from the entrance and the tomb was open. When they went inside, they discovered that Jesus was gone. Suddenly, two men clothed in shining robes, appeared before them. Their faces shone like angels, and one of them said, "Do not be afraid; you are looking for Jesus of Nazareth, who was crucified and put to death. He is not here, He is risen from the dead, as He said He would. Come and see the place where He was laid and then go and tell His disciples that Jesus will go before you into Galilee and you shall see Him there."

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Garage Hooser Re Service Rd. Antiques, uniforms, to misc. Fri. 8-11

Garage Callahan - Fri-Sat, 9-4pm

Garage Ratliff Rd. Baby boys kitchen its Conetti Egg

Garage St Garage re Douglas. Fri -7. Truck to Nissan parts jewelry, East handicap ect bar. The port-a-poly, microwave TV, girls clo tum. misc.

Garage St 3, 9am - Sunset Ave more more.

Garage St to Todd Rd. Pats Rd. 21 only 8-3pm. I paint spraye walt geners 160 wire & A tandem a w/ramps, helmets, 7. gym, 357 Mi car radios, t carpet clean & more.

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Unbeatable Values at Branham's Furniture... 263-4545.

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FOR SALE: 3 bdr, 2 bath

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3 bdr., 2 bath, CHA, New carpet, fr.

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3 bdr., 2 bath, garage, fenced, Central air

No Indoor Pets! 2210 Lynn. \$550/mo, 1 yr. lease. Owner/Broker. 263-6514.

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4 bedroom, 2 bath, 1509 Stadium

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1409 E. 18th

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Garage Yard Sale

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In 1513, Spanish explorer Juan Ponce de Leon landed in Florida. In 1792, Congress passed the Coinage Act, which authorized establishment of the U.S. Mint. In 1805, storyteller Hans Christian Andersen was born in Odense, Denmark. In 1860, the first Italian Parliament met at Turin. In 1865, Confederate President Davis and most of his Cabinet fled the Confederate capital of Richmond, Va. In 1872, Samuel F.B. Morse, developer of the electric telegraph, died in New York. In 1956, the soap operas "As the World Turns" and "The Edge of Night" premiered on CBS television. In 1974, French president Georges Pompidou died in Paris. In 1982, several thousand troops from Argentina seized the disputed Falkland Islands, located in the south Atlantic, from Britain. Britain seized the islands back the following June. In 1986, four American passengers were killed when a bomb exploded aboard a TWA jetliner en route from Rome to Athens, Greece. In 1995, baseball owners accepted the players' union offer to play without a contract, ending the longest and costliest strike in the history of professional sports. Ten years ago: Soviet leader Mikhail S. Gorbachev began a visit to Cuba amid differences with President Fidel Castro over the type of reforms Gorbachev was instituting in the Soviet Union. Five years ago: President Clinton warned Americans against "demagogues of division" in his weekly radio address, while calling for greater personal responsibility and cooperation to overcome the nation's problems. Consumer reporter Betty Furness died in Hartsdale, N.Y., at age 78. One year ago: Shaking their fists in rage, thousands of mourners marched in a funeral procession in the West Bank for a top Hamas bombmaker (Mohiyedine Sharif) hailed by Palestinians as a martyr and condemned by Israel as a terrorist. Today's Birthdays: Actor Buddy Ebsen is 91. Actor Sir Alec Guinness is 85. Actor Dabbs Greer is 82. Actress Sharon Acker is 64. Singer Leon Russell is 58. Jazz musician Larry Coryell is 58. Actress Linda Hunt is 54. Singer Emmylou Harris is 52. Actress Pamela Reed is 50. Rock musician Leon Wilkerson (Lynyrd Skynyrd) is 47. Actress Debralee Scott is 46.

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