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Commissioners lift county burn ban

Howard County commissioners have lifted the county wide burn ban.

"We ask that all persons who burn trash please do so responsibly. We are asking people to be careful and to watch their fires," said county judge Ben Lockhart.

Officials suggest that all fires be contained in metal holders, and that all persons burning trash or debris stay nearby to watch the flames until they are extinguished.

"And keep water near by," Lockhart said.

Candidates reminded to turn in questionnaires

Candidates in contested school board and city council races are reminded to complete their questionnaires and get them to the Big Spring Herald no later than Thursday at 5 p.m.

Questionnaires received after that time will not be published.

Candidates who have questions regarding questionnaires may call Bill McClellan, news editor, at 263-7331, ext. 235.

WHAT'S UP...

TODAY

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

THURSDAY

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

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

□ Kiwanis Club, noon, Howard College Cactus Room.

□ Rackley-Swords Chapter 379 Vietnam Veterans of America, 7 p.m., 124 Jonesboro Road.

□ American Legion Post 506, 7 p.m., Call 263-2084.

□ Masonic Lodge No. 1340, 7:30 p.m., 2101 Lancaster.

FRIDAY

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

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

Tonight:



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Storms rumble through the Crossroads, rainfall amounts vary

By JOHN H. WALKER
Managing Editor

Crossroads Area residents kept a watchful eye on the West Texas sky late Tuesday afternoon and early evening as a series of fast-moving thunderstorms raced through the area.

While areas of Big Spring received scattered pea-sized hail, there were unconfirmed reports of golf-ball sized hail east of Coahoma.

The rain's intensity was enough to force the closure of

FM 821 south of its intersection with I-20, and although the National Weather Service (NWS) issued flash flood warnings for both Howard and Glasscock counties, no other reports of road closures were received.

About 5:30, the same time the most violent series of storms moved through Howard County, a possible tornado was reported in southeast Midland County, leaving about 20 families without homes and interrupting both electric and water service. The NWS office in Midland

began issuing weather watches and warnings as early as 4 p.m. as the series of cells began to develop in Southwest Texas and eastern New Mexico.

A spokesman said the agency could not say that a tornado officially touched down and that confirmation would not be made until later today.

In the Crossroads, rain reports ranged from 12-hundredths of an inch in Edwards Heights to 2.1 inches east of Coahoma.

Boyce Hale reported six-tenths of an inch on Wasson

Road while Horace Tubb reported 1.02 inches north of Trinity Memorial Park and 1.04 inches at his farm located south of the cemetery.

"Two-inches of rain was also reported at Elbow, although it seems as if that was the southern edge of the rain.

"We didn't get anything out here," said St. Lawrence resident Barbara Fuchs. "It looked like it broke south to Big Lake and to the north."

And while there was also rain to the north, it was only negligible in the drainage basin of

Lake J.B. Thomas.

"I wish," was the way a Borden County resident answered the question of whether they had gotten rain or not. "It just sprinkled here in town."

The county agent's office said it had not received any reports of rainfall from farmers or ranchers in the county.

South and west of Lake Thomas there was rain.

Knott farmer Larry Shaw reported 1.02 inches of rain, but

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Midland man charged with arson

By JOHN H. WALKER
Managing Editor

Ralph Durwood Denton, a 62-year-old Midland man, is being held on \$500,000 bond in the Midland County jail after his Monday arrest on charges he set 16 fires in seven West Texas counties, including the one that burned the historic Stiles courthouse in Reagan County on Jan. 3.

Denton was arrested after a search of his Midland home on Monday.

Denton is charged with arson in Reagan, Tom Green, Coke, McCulloch, Pecos, Upton and Midland counties.

Reagan County Sheriff Efrain Gonzales said Denton became a suspect after he was seen at the courthouse on Feb. 16. Gonzales said he and other members of his department detained and questioned Denton when he returned to the Stiles courthouse.

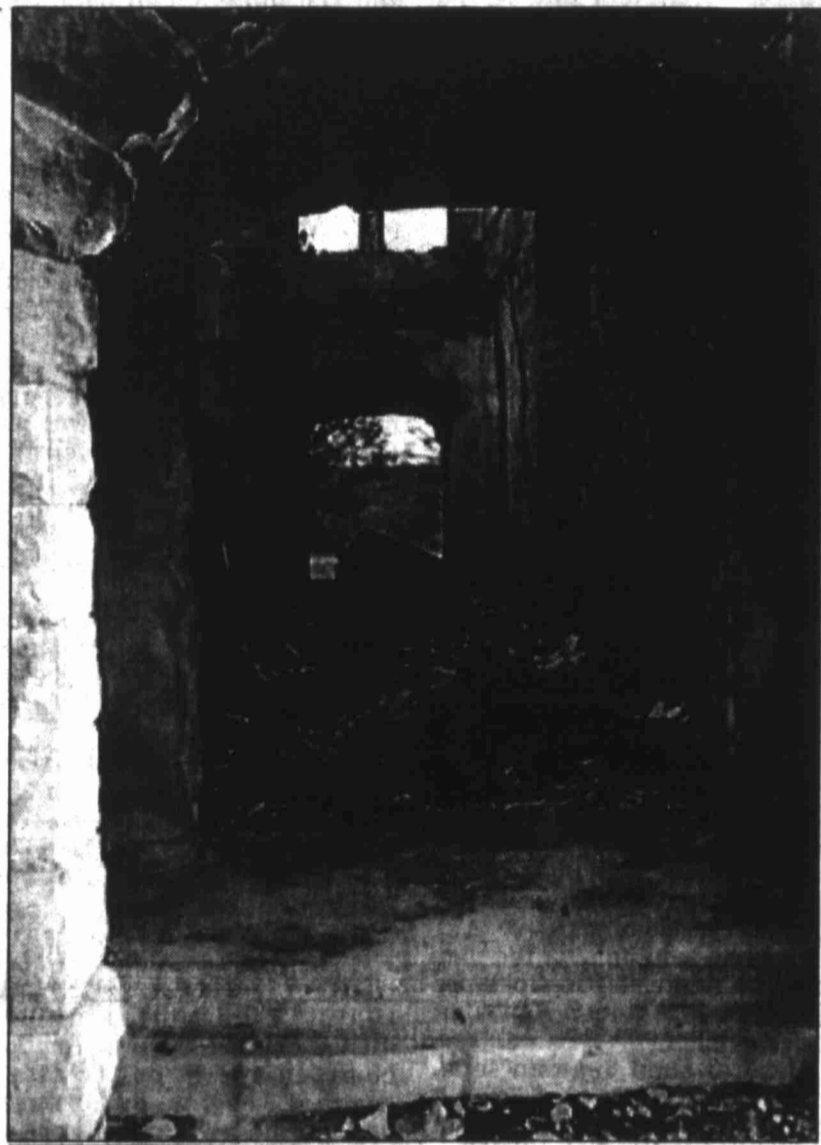
The two-story limestone courthouse, built in 1903, was one of the oldest structures in West Texas and was built when Stiles served as the first county seat of Reagan County.

The building served as the county's courthouse from May, 1903 until 1925 — when the county seat was moved to Big Lake. Despite being vacant for decades, the building was in good condition and plans were under way to restore the building at the time it was torched.

Two previous attempts had been made to burn the building, on Christmas Eve and again on Christmas, before it was destroyed nine days later.

Gonzales said citizen tips played a major role in helping break the case.

"A lot of people (in northern Reagan County) were real cautious and (were) helping us keep an eye on vehicles. That's what led us to Mr. Denton," he said.



HERALD photo/John H. Walker

The historic Stiles courthouse in Reagan County was the target of arson on Jan. 3. A Midland man, Ralph Durwood Denton, has been arrested and charged in connection with starting this and other fires in a seven-county area.

Gonzales, who drives a late-model dark green Ford Explorer, had been seen in several areas where fires had occurred, officials said. Prior to his Feb. 16 questioning, he had been seen at two arson scenes.

Reagan County Deputy Sheriff Dale Reber said, "We had received some information that his vehicle was at a previ-

ous arson scene. Then it was seen at Stiles."

Denton is also the suspect in an Upton County fire on Feb. 16, after he was questioned by Reagan County officials.

"That's when we started working on this suspect as our main suspect," Gonzales said.

Midland County Sheriff Gary

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City council to reconsider cemetery plans

By BILL MCCLELLAN
News Editor

Big Spring City Council on Tuesday opted to look at the possibility of a rate hike at the city-owned Mount Olive Memorial Park, but denied a request for waiving league fees in lieu of



DARDEN

repairs at Cotton Mize Field.

The council also named two people to the Big Spring Housing Authority board, one to the Main Street, Inc. board and heard a citizens' concerns over a zoning problem.

Discussion of the city cemetery began two weeks ago when the Parks and Recreation Board approved rate hikes for the facility. The council held up the proposal at that time, however, because the city had been looking into selling the property. Emma Bogard, assistant city

manager, told council members that while Mount Olive has been breaking even recently, there are some costs not factored into the balance of revenues versus expenses.

At primary issue, however, is continuation of the permanent care fund, and the city's responsibility.

City attorney Jim Finley told the board that the fund cannot be dissolved. He said there are ways of coping with the prob-

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Aided by strong winds, fire engulfs local residence

By MARSHA STURDIVANT
Staff Writer

Big Spring firefighters responded to a structure fire about 10 a.m. today at 1704 West Fourth.

Upon arrival, a home occupied by four individuals was found to be engulfed in flames. Firefighters worked quickly to extinguish the wooden frame house, efforts that were complicated by the strong gusty winds blowing.

"I came out of the bathroom and saw the fire in the living room," said Debra Jett, who lives in the home.

"I tried to put the fire out and couldn't, so I went and woke up my husband who was in bed.

We then tried to put out the fire and when we were unable to stop it, my husband said 'we have to get out of the house,'" Jett said.

Also in the home was Jett's son and her mother, who is disabled and requires constant oxygen, she said.

Jett told Burr Lea Settles Jr., fire marshal, that her son Christopher was standing between the dining room and the living room when she entered the area and discovered the fire.

Her mother was in her bedroom of the home.

Settles questioned the young boy, who was unable to give definitive answers about the cause of the blaze.



HERALD photo/Marsha Sturdivant

This home at 1704 West Fourth was lost to fire about 10 a.m. today. All four people in the residence were able to escape without injury.

Tax time

For procrastinators, time has almost run out for filing annual tax returns

By DEBBIE L. JENSEN
Features Editor

Check the calendar: If you've procrastinated on filing your taxes, the time is at hand. All 1998 income tax returns must be postmarked by Thursday.

Many local residents have already filed, paid what they owe or received and even spent their refunds. But if you are among those who waited until the last possible day, there is hope.

However, it does require some immediate action.

"Gather up all your information," explained certified public accountant Glen Fillingim, "and file either a tax return or an extension."

If you expect to owe money to Uncle Sam, estimate it and send a payment along with the paperwork, Fillingim urged.

"You don't want to incur the interest and penalties that go along with filing late," he said.

Tax preparers said they had seen a flood of people this year, many confused about the changes in the tax laws.

"That child tax credit has brought us a lot of new business," said Gladys Custer, a preparer with H&R Block.

She added some people have actually been surprised this year: Some of those expecting to pay taxes have instead received a refund.

Fillingim said education credits, student loan interest deductions, retirement and long-term capital gains, among other tricky paperwork, have brought more people into his office this year. And, like Custer, he's been handing out good news to many of them.

"People are getting to take advantage of those (changes in the tax) laws," he said.

Custer said, as they do every year, many people wait until the last possible moment to file.

"I guess it's just our nature," she said. "But we prefer people to file early, because we think

Local post office to stay open until midnight Thursday

HERALD Staff Report

Big Spring Post Office is sponsoring "Addressing the IRS Big Spring Style," a 16-hour countdown to the IRS deadline Thursday.

From 8 a.m. until midnight, the post office will be open to sell postage stamps and envelopes and accept mail.

"As long as it gets in our box before midnight, it will have that day's postmark on it," said Richard Saxton, postmaster.

"Anything after that will have the next day's postmark. So people need to get their tax returns in no later than midnight."

All income tax returns dropped into the mail outside in the collection boxes on 506 Runnels Street and inside the lobby drops will receive an April 15, 1999 postmark, provided they are deposited prior to midnight.

Saxton encouraged all last-minute filers to have their paperwork ready to go. Forms will be limited and are the generic forms available in the post office lobby such as 1040, 1040A and 1040EZ. The post office does not carry extension forms. Customers needed those will need to get them from some other outlet.

"We estimate this will be one of the busiest days of the year for us," said Saxton. "We look forward to the challenge of this day and assisting some of those 30 million Americans who have yet to file their tax returns."

"This gives us a chance to provide a great asset to our customers, even though it is an unpleasant task filling in their annual income tax returns," the postmaster said.

we can do a better job for them."

Fillingim said those who have waited would be advised to get the paperwork and get it started — now.

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OBITUARIES

Natividad
"Bill" Moreno

Rosary for Natividad "Bill" Moreno, 82, Big Spring, will be 8 p.m. tonight at Nalley-Pickle & Welch Rosewood Chapel. Funeral service will be 10 a.m. Thursday, April 15, 1999, at Immaculate Heart of Mary Catholic Church with Rev. Christopher Coleman, pastor, officiating. Burial will follow at Trinity Memorial Park.



MORENO

Mr. Moreno died Monday, April 12, in a local hospital. He was born on Sept. 8, 1916, in Marfa, and married Christina Trinidad on Nov. 13, 1933, in Borden County. She preceded him in death on Jan. 6, 1996. Mr. Moreno came to this area in 1932 and farmed in the Big Spring area for a number of years and then worked for T.L. Griffin in Borden County as a ranch hand for over 40 years. He was a member of St. Joseph's Catholic Church of Coahoma.

Survivors include: three sons, Thomas Moreno, Ernest Moreno, both of Big Spring, and Willie Moreno of Justiceburg; six daughters, Terrie Wilson of Manhattan, Kan., Olivia Moreno of Sand Springs, Carmen Brooks, Hope Lopez, both of Big Spring, Gloria Mirelez of St. George, Kan., and Elvira Castillo of Hermleigh; one sister, Alicia Aguirre of Monahans; one step-sister, Maria Martinez of Coahoma; 23 grandchildren; 22 great-grandchildren; four great-great-grandchildren; and several nieces and nephews.

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

Vernie Wallender

Service for Vernie Wallender, 86, Big Spring, is pending with Nalley-Pickle & Welch Funeral Home. She died Wednesday, April 14, 1999, in a Stanton nursing home.

RAIN

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said there was as much as 2 1/2 inches of rain north of town. Also, David and Patricia Barr reported two-tenths on an inch at Vincent, but said there was "about an inch" seven miles west of the community.

MYERS & SMITH
FUNERAL HOME & CHAPEL

24th & Johnson 267-8288
Jamie M. Palacios, 22, died Monday. Services were 10:00 AM today at Immaculate Heart Church. Burial was in Mount Olive Cemetery.

NALLEY-PICKLE & WELCH
Funeral Home

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Natividad "Bill" Moreno, 82, died Monday. Rosary will be at 8:00 PM Wednesday at Nalley-Pickle & Welch Rosewood Chapel. Funeral services will be 10:00 AM Thursday at Immaculate Heart of Mary Catholic Church. Interment will follow at Trinity Memorial Park.

Vernie Wallender, 86, died Wednesday. Her services are pending with Nalley-Pickle & Welch Funeral Home.

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ARSON

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Painter said once the Midland County case is disposed of, or Denton makes bond, he will likely be transferred to one of the other seven counties to face arson charges.

No one was injured in the fires, which began late last year and continued into the Spring.

CITY

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lem — such as the district court appointing a substitute overseer — but that the city would basically be tied to the cemetery through the fund.

"The Parks board is not in favor of selling it...they'd like to see it kept where it is affordable," said Bogard. She cited several reasons, including years of record keeping and the ability to maintain local control.

"If we do keep it...I'd like to see if it can be a source of pride," said Mayor Tim Blackshear, referring in part, to the necessity of putting more funds into the cemetery.

City staff was directed to conduct a study of the full cost of operating the cemetery to bring back to the council at a later meeting.

While that issue took up much of Tuesday's meeting, council members unanimously and without comment denied a request by leagues to waive fees at Cotton Mize Field in return for the league performing work at the facility. City manager Gary Fuqua had said at a previous meeting that while the request was not unreasonable, it had come after a budget had been set.

Council members selected councilman Greg Biddison to represent them on the Main Street, Inc. board. They also named Katie Gibson, an employee with Nurses Unlimited, and Rick Turner, a Texas Rehabilitation Commission employee, to serve on the Big Spring Housing Authority board.

The council also listened as Gary Wiggins voiced his concern over not being able to erect a carport over his driveway at 2400 Cheyenne. A city ordinance allows for carports in certain areas, but not in front of a home. That's the only place, Wiggins said, that he can put one up.

"I've got \$50,000 worth of vehicles I need to put a cover over," he told the council. "I'm not looking to put up just anything. I think it ought to be allowed."

Blackshear told Wiggins that the Planning and Zoning Commission will be considering zoning ordinances as they pertain to the city's master plan, and encouraged him to get involved.

Todd Darden, director of community development, explained that if the city were to go outside the ordinance and precedents which have been set, it could be sued.

"The only way we can do this is to amend an ordinance," Darden said.

Teen who ran
car over love
rival gets 10
to 20 years

LYONS, N.Y. (AP) — A teenager who drove her car over a romantic rival after they had tussled all summer for the affections of a young man was sentenced Tuesday to 10 to 20 years in prison.

Polly Smith apologized to the parents of the 18-year-old victim, Amanda Leoni, but insisted she never meant to kill her.

"I'd give anything to bring back Amanda," she said, choking back tears.

Smith, 18, was acquitted of murder in February but convicted of manslaughter. She faced up to 25 years in prison.

Smith knocked down Leoni on a street last August with her car. She then hit the brake, turned the steering wheel and drove over her, three teen witnesses testified.

The jury apparently decided Smith intended to cause serious physical injury, not kill.

The victim's father, James

Leoni, appealed to the judge to impose the maximum sentence to send a message, especially to the young, "that violence is not a way to solve a problem."

The circumstances of Leoni's death bore haunting similarities to another lethal love affair involving her 15 months earlier.

In May 1997, her boyfriend, Christopher Heise, 18, died of a knife wound to the heart during a fight with a 16-year-old high school buddy who was courting her.

Deciding Gavin Dinneen acted in fearful self-defense, a jury acquitted him of criminally negligent homicide.

Smith had been dating Justin Smith, 20, on and off for over a year when Leoni, returning home from her first year in college, began seeing him as well. Smith tried to scare her off, allegedly kicking and punching her on one occasion, then forced a showdown the night of Aug. 24.

The women had an argument during which Justin Smith told Leoni he was finished with her. As Leoni walked away, Smith hit the accelerator and struck her from behind.

Yoko Ono sues
John Lennon's
former personal
assistant

NEW YORK (AP) — Yoko Ono continued a long feud with a former assistant to John Lennon, suing him Tuesday and claiming he stole priceless personal items after the ex-Beatle was killed.

In a federal lawsuit, Ono contends that the former aide, Fred Seaman, agreed in 1983 to return boxes of Lennon's personal items but has held on to hundreds of photographs.

The lawsuit was prompted by Seaman's claim in a February letter to Capitol Records that a photograph of Lennon with his son Sean, overlooking a beach in Bermuda, was improperly included in a recently released compact disc box set.

Seaman said he shot the photograph and calls Capitol's use of it "an egregious" copyright infringement.

Capitol sued Seaman separately on Tuesday, seeking a declaration that the photograph does not infringe on any copyright rights.

Seaman did not return a telephone message left at his Brooklyn residence. A lawyer for Ono did not return a telephone message.

Seaman provided extensive material for celebrity biographer Albert Goldman's unflattering portrayal of Lennon and in 1991 published his own book. Although it was kinder in its descriptions of Lennon, Seaman's book portrayed Ono as an adulterous heroin addict.

Ono's lawsuit, which seeks unspecified damages, said that after Lennon was shot to death in 1980 outside his Manhattan apartment, Seaman routinely took shopping bags full of documents and personal items from the Lenons.

The items included unreleased recordings, paintings, love letters, a novella by Lennon titled "Skywriting by Word of Mouth," and Lennon's journals from 1975 until he was killed, it said.

Seaman pleaded guilty in 1983 to stealing four journals and was sentenced to five years' probation. He promised to return all items that he wrongfully took, the lawsuit said.

Although Seaman returned several boxes of personal items, including family pictures, Lennon's journals and many of his private letters, Ono contends Seaman is now showing off hundreds of other Lennon family photographs, even in a recent television special and in several books.

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Year to date 2.44
Normal for the year 2.52
**Statistics not available

BRIEFS

55 ALIVE/MATURE DRIVING CLASS will be April 22-23, from 8:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. at Berea Baptist Church, 4204 Wasson Road. The cost is \$8 and you must attend both sessions. Call 363-1491 to preregister or to ask questions.

COMMUNITY WIDE AUDITIONS FOR an upcoming production of "Nunsense" will be 8 p.m. April 20 in the Howard College theater.

"Anybody is welcome to come and audition," said Clay Grizzle, theater instructor for Howard College.

Grizzle said "Nunsense" is a musical comedy by playwright Dan Goggin, with five central characters.

The performances will be in a vacant retail location at the Big Spring Mall June 11-13 and 18-20, he said.

Any one with questions about the performances or the auditions may call Grizzle at 264-5068.

THE AMERICAN LEGION POST 506 will have a fish fry from noon to 3 p.m. on Saturday at 3203 W. Hwy 80. The cost is \$6 per plate and carry out is available.

The public is welcome. BIG SPRING KENNEL CLUB will begin canine obedience classes April 22 for the community. Puppy classes begin at 6:30 p.m. and "household obedience" classes start at 7:30 p.m. Cost is \$40 and all classes meet in the National Guard Armory. Call 267-4194 or 264-6427 for more information.

COAHOMA FIRE DEPARTMENT WILL host a pet vaccination clinic Saturday, April 17, from 9 a.m.-noon and 1:30-5 p.m. Cost is \$5 for all rabies shots, \$10 for cat vaccinations and \$10 for dog vaccinations. For more information, call Coahoma City Hall at 394-4287.

RELAY FOR LIFE, THE community campout to raise money for the American Cancer Society, is planned May 14-15 at Blankenship Field.

Teams of walkers will take turns circling the track for pledges, participating in other fun activities and games throughout the two-day event. Campsites are often decorated to match creative team names such as "The Couch Potatoes."

Last year 51 teams set up camp at the field, and the event raised \$100,000, placing it among the top such fundraisers in the nation.

Other aspects of Relay for Life include a golf tournament, sales of luminarias in memory or honor of cancer's victims, and a Survivor's Walk that marks the formal beginning of Relay For Life Friday evening.

Anyone interested in putting together 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.

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TEXAS LOTTERY

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

PICK 3: 0,0,8
CASH 5: 2,6,22,25,34

CORP. Will hold a meeting at 7 p.m. Monday, April 19, at Kentwood Elementary cafeteria.

The non-profit corporation helps families ensure that their children are covered by insurance. Local rates are \$72 a month per child; however, low-income families may be eligible to pay as little as \$10 per child per month.

The statewide program covers children age 2 through 17. The child must not have been insured for the past 90 days. Also, the child cannot be covered by any other health care plan or program, such as Medicare, and has to have been a resident of Texas for at least six months.

For questions about the program, call Wilbourn at (915) 570-6927, Bice at (915) 699-0344 or 1-877 WELL KID.

SUPPORT GROUPS

WEDNESDAY

•Gamblers Anonymous, 7 p.m., St. Stephen's Catholic Church, room 1, 4601 Neeley, Midland. Call 263-8920.

•Alcoholics Anonymous, 615 Settles, noon open meeting and 8 p.m. 12 and 12 study.

•Narcotic Anonymous, 8 p.m. St. Mary's Episcopal Church. Call 268-4189 (pager no.) Step study.

•Diabetes Support Group, 7 p.m., Scenic Mountain Medical Center first floor classroom, last Wednesday of every month. For more information call 268-4581.

THURSDAY

•Alcoholics Anonymous, 615 Settles, noon open meeting.

•A.D.D.A.P.T. non-profit support and learning organization about attention deficit disorder, learning disorders and dyslexia. Meets second Thursday of September, October, November, January, February, March, April and May, Cerebral Palsy building, 802 Ventura, Midland.

•Alzheimer's support group, noon, Scenic Mountain Medical Center, third Thursday of the month. Call Janice Wagner at 263-1211.

•Grief Support related to the death of a loved one. Call Nurses Unlimited, Inc., at 264-6523.

•Alzheimer's Association Support Group, last Thursday of the month, Comanche Trail Nursing Center, 3200 Parkway, 7 p.m. Call Viola Barraza at 267-9459.

•Narcotic Anonymous, 8 p.m. St. Mary's Episcopal Church. Call 268-4189 (pager no.)

•Al-Anon support group, 8 p.m., 615 Settles.

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

MARKETS

May cotton 60.35 cents, down 13 points; May crude 16.70, up 30 points; cash hogs steady at 27 even; cash steers steady at 65 even; April lean hog futures 41.97, down 30 points; April live cattle futures 67.15, down 12 points. courtesy: Delta Corporation. Other markets were unavailable by press time.

FIRE/EMS

Following is a summary of Big Spring Fire Department/EMS reports: TUESDAY 12:22 p.m. — 1000 block

Cypress, medical call, patient transported to Scenic Mountain Medical Center.

3:05 p.m. — 500 block W. 17th, trauma call, patient transported to SMMC.

4:21 p.m. — 4200 block Walnut, medical call, patient transported to University Medical Center.

7:13 p.m. — SMMC, trauma call, patient transported to University Medical Center.

7:49 p.m. — 19 miles North Highway 87, medical call, patient transported to VA Medical Center.

CORRECTION

Leticia Hilario Ruiz, 24, was arrested Friday for driving while license suspended or invalid, not for driving while intoxicated, as was reported in Monday edition. The Herald regrets the error.

POLICE

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

•DOMESTIC DISTURBANCE was reported in the 800 block of FM 700 and 1000 block of Johnson.

•EARL HANKE, 40, was arrested on local warrants.

•CLASS A THEFT was reported in the 1100 block of Gregg.

•RESISTING ARREST was reported near the intersection of Austin and 17th Street. The incident involved a minor.

•BURGLARY OF A HABITATION was reported in the 1500 block of Tucson.

•THEFT OF SERVICE was reported in the 800 block of West Fifth.

•DISTURBANCE/FIGHT was reported at Comanche Trail Park.

•ASSAULT was reported in the 4200 block of Hamilton.

•ISIDORO GALAN, 47, was arrested for public intoxication.

•THREAT/FAMILY VIOLENCE was reported at the police station.

•THEFT was reported in the 400 block of Birdwell and 1700 block of East Marcy.

•JUVENILE PROBLEM was reported in the 600 block of Goliad.

SHERIFF

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

•JOAQUIN AGUIRRE DUENEZ, 27, was arrested for public intoxication.

•ANDRES DUENES, 25, was arrested for motion to revoke probation of injury to a child.

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MIDLAND (AP) — are homeless and injured as twister and heavy rains p with some storn straight-line gusts

The U.S. Army and Salvation Army late Tuesday to hit east Midland County homes were ravaged rain and wind.

At least 20 homes said Lt. Judy Department of Pu woman. About 60 or left without Belcher, a volun Cross Service of St More than a do under the glare of ed Cotton Flat

State dam-recommend not on the for lawmak

AUSTIN (AP) — ments by force that identifies in hundreds of dams are now under consideration by lawmakers, despite the panel's urging that improvements are needed.

The task force appointed by the state's agency found last nearly 400 dams could collapse in ing. The panel beefing up laws, i enforcement.

Four months House committee ilar findings and Legislature to exp safety team at Natural Resource Commission. Bu seven weeks are l isative session.

"I think dam saf come to the fo something happ hopefully," he nevs Ron Lewis told American States today's editions drought disaster t body to deal with

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Strong winds destroy homes, leave some people injured

MIDLAND (AP) — Dozens of families are homeless and some residents were injured as twisters, baseball-size hail and heavy rains pounded West Texas, with some storms also producing straight-line gusts above 70 mph.

The U.S. Army Reserve, Red Cross and Salvation Army were summoned late Tuesday to help up to 150 southeast Midland County residents whose homes were ravaged by a storm of hail, rain and wind.

At least 20 homes were destroyed, said Lt. Judy Altom, a Texas Department of Public Safety spokeswoman. About 60 others were damaged or left without power, said Doug Belcher, a volunteer with the Red Cross Service of Southwest Texas.

More than a dozen relief agencies, under the glare of floodlights, converted Cotton Flat Baptist Church at

Rankin Highway and County Road 150 into a command post that Belcher said will remain open for the next few days.

"We'll be open as long as shelter and feeding is needed," he told the Midland Reporter-Telegram.

The DPS said some minor injuries were reported.

"We've had quite a bit of damage," said Ms. Altom. "There were some nasty storms that moved through here."

Although a funnel cloud reportedly touched down in the Valley View area south of Midland, Ms. Altom said authorities have not been able to confirm the twister.

She said the wind did reach speeds of 70 mph and greater.

The National Weather Service said twisters touched down near Rotan, McCamey, Upton and Greenwood,

where up to 3 inches of rain fell. No injuries were reported there.

Dozens of homes were also damaged in Wellington as a cool front and accompanying squall line raced through the Panhandle.

"We have a list of extensive damage to 33 homes — roofs torn off and such — along with a lot of (power) pole damage," said LeAnn Popwell, dispatcher-jailer for Collingsworth County.

"But we now have most of the electricity back on. The storm was fast. All of the sudden, it just whipped up here."

As the storms approached the Dallas-Fort Worth area, high winds damaged at least two weekend homes at a lake. The roof was blown off a house at Possum Kingdom Lake and a residence next door received minor damage from

debris, said Brazos River Authority spokesman Mike Cox.

He blamed the damage, which also included toppled trees, at the area 70 miles west of Fort Worth on straight-line winds.

Golfball-size hail fell at Loraine and at Colorado City, where windows at the sheriff's office were broken out. Other large hail was reported at Amarillo, Canyon, San Angelo, Graham, Roscoe, Stinnett, Pampa, Perryton, Trent, Bronte, Rockmorton, and Sweetwater.

A state trooper's car windshield was broken by hail near Panhandle.

Winds were clocked at 70 mph at Sweetwater. Gusts downed trees and power lines in Winters and Runnels County.

In the Midland area, hail covered the ground in drifts and high winds ripped

off roofs and uprooted large trees.

"It was raining and then it went to hail," John Buntin, a resident, said. "You couldn't see five feet from the window. The wind was blowing hard."

One of our neighbors is a weather watcher and he said he saw a funnel cloud and clocked the wind speed at 80 mph or better.

"That roof over there," he said, pointing at storm debris, "it came from over there: a barn about a quarter-mile from the house."

DPS Trooper John Barton said County Judge Bill Morrow had declared the damage site a local disaster area.

Several area highways were blocked by storm debris and closed, Barton said.

Homes in a five square-mile area were left without electricity and water.

State dam-safety recommendations not on the agenda for lawmakers

AUSTIN (AP) — Few recommendations by a state task force that identified weaknesses in hundreds of dams are now under consideration by lawmakers, despite the panel's urging that improvements are needed.



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The task force appointed by the state's environmental agency found last summer that nearly 400 dams across Texas could collapse in severe flooding. The panel recommended beefing up laws, inspection and enforcement.

Four months later, a state House committee revealed similar findings and called on the Legislature to expand the dam-safety team at the Texas Natural Resource Conservation Commission. But less than seven weeks are left in the legislative session.

"I think dam safety will never come to the forefront until something happens — and hopefully it never will," Rep. Ron Lewis told the *Austin American Statesman* Tuesday for today's editions. "It took a drought disaster to awaken this body to deal with that issue."

The Mauriceville Democrat said most lawmakers are thinking about education, prison and health care.

"The last one on the totem pole is dam safety," he said.

Rep. Rob Junell, chairman of the House Appropriations Committee, said the problem had been overstated.

"We don't drive down the highway with 100 percent assured safety," Junell said.

"We don't fly in the skies with 100 percent assured safety. There is some risk in everything we do. This is one of those areas where there ought to be some common sense."

The newspaper reported that few of the 7,200 dams in Texas are in imminent danger of collapsing, and most large dams are in good shape or scheduled for upgrading.

But nearly 400 dams, primarily small and medium-size structures, could fail in severe flooding, the newspaper reported.

The panel found that fewer than 2 percent of the state's dams are inspected annually. But Junell said he saw no need to expand the TNRC's dam-safety staff.

On the other hand, the San Angelo lawmaker said he would seriously consider a program to finance dam repairs, with the state picking up a share of the cost and dam owners paying the balance.

Dean Robbins, a member of the task force that first studied dam safety, said dams were built for local benefits — such as flood control, recreation and water supply.

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EDITORIAL

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OUR VIEWS

Let Trash Off remind us to keep area clean

A little spring cleaning was certainly in order, and local residents took that task in hand Saturday. Volunteers picked up more than 22 tons of trash from our city streets, lots and alleys. That makes the "Don't Mess With Texas" Trash Off an unqualified success once again.

We salute the 326 people who took time out Saturday to improve the look of our community, and especially coordinator Pat Simmons, whose commitment to a cleaner Big Spring has made things happen. Also a thanks to Scenic Mountain Medical Center, which provided lunch to all the volunteers at the event.

The removal of this trash from our community has made a visible difference. Whether you notice the clean areas or not, you certainly have noticed "trashy" places before. Pay attention to the difference, and you might decide to join this group in their efforts next year.

After all, imagine that 45,800 pounds of trash spread back around the community: Makes a difference, doesn't it?

As Simmons has said time and time again, we need to make the Trash Off a regular event in your neighborhood by picking up, around your home, block, church or place of business. A regular effort at keeping the trash picked up, and we might eventually come to the time when a yearly Trash Off is not necessary. Surely even a tireless volunteer like Simmons would be pleased with that.

But for now, we see plenty of room for improvement. Be sure you see it, too. And do something about it.

OTHER VIEWS

Jack Kevorkian, the so-called Dr. Death because he has assisted in 130 suicides this decade, served as a poor advocate for an individual's right to choose a graceful death. In the end, Kevorkian's crusade was egotistical, his methods sadistic and his compassion absent.

Kevorkian had hoped his recent trial would intensify the debate over whether physicians should be allowed to end the lives of suffering people. It did not. Kevorkian, found guilty of second-degree murder for a videotaped incident broadcast on 60 Minutes, will now be taken to prison.

His prison sentence, however, should not end of the national discussion of euthanasia. The question remains: If a person suffering from a terminal illness prefers to end their life rather than continue until their body finally gives up, does the state have a right to deny them their wish?

It's a question that crosses the boundaries of religion, medical ethics and an individual's rights. Granted, most Americans do not want to talk about death. But there is no denying that medical technology is artificially prolonging life, and in some circumstances, lives that are too often painful and humiliating. ...

Assisted suicide is an issue Americans must come to grips with. Medical ethicists, religious leaders, health care providers must join the debate and keep it the forefront of American dialogue. For a person dying an agonizing death or facing such a death, there should be a compassionate solution that provides a graceful death. ...

The Facts (Brazoria County)

The Legislature may drop sales tax on several items. The Texas Senate last week gave its approval to a part of Gov. Bush's legislative package that puts tax relief where it will benefit Texas families of

modest means. Though it wasn't the Senate's intent, the passage of the legislation made a telling point in the argument that taxes based on consumption, like those that are based on property, are inequitable sources of government revenue.

The tax-relief bill would exempt disposable diapers as well as over-the-counter children's medicine from sales taxes, extending the exemption that already covers prescription drugs.

The exemption on the over-the-counter children's drugs would be applicable to those drugs that have Food and Drug Administration approval and are formulated and labeled for children 12 and younger.

For those Texas families who are hard hit in the clothes budget at the start of every school year, the legislation includes a 14-day sales tax holiday in August on shoes and clothing that doesn't exceed \$200 per item.

Tax relief is not tax reform. True reform would put less dependence on personal consumption and property taxes and more on a true indicators of ability to pay, personal income, and the new sources of Texas's economic wealth in the service industries.

The argument for the sales tax is that families can choose how much they consume.

The flaw in that argument is demonstrated each school year when school supplies, shoes, shirts, dresses, and jeans must be bought. And Texas families of modest means do this under a sales tax that, when local taxes are added on, is one of the highest in the nation.

Attempts at reform have failed. Nevertheless, the selected tax relief package is the next best thing.

The House should follow through on the direction set by the Senate.
Corpus Christi Caller-Times

Angela Davis: A life less ordinary

BIRMINGHAM, Ala. - It might have been surreal. Angela Davis, former radical and communist, once on the FBI's Most Wanted list, charged with kidnapping, conspiracy and murder in a California courthouse shootout. Acquitted in a trial that commanded international attention. Remember Angela Davis?



RHETA GRIMSLEY JOHNSON

That Angela Davis, holding forth in the mock courtroom of Cumberland School of Law at Samford University, arguably the most conservative campus in Alabama. The portraits of 12 distinguished graduates and deans, all white and male, hung on the walls.

But those of us who expected fiery rhetoric - or at least a personal recounting of an action-packed, often-revolutionary life - didn't get it.

Last week in a conference called "From Segregation to Incarceration," Angela Davis spoke in the measured tones of academia, personalizing nothing, lading statistics, not emotion.

In her old hometown of Birmingham, Angela Davis, 55, looked stylish and serene even as she quietly urged "critical resistance" to what she called America's "Prison Industrial Complex."

"Most people commit crimes," she said. "For many of us it's happenstance, that we are here, and they are there ... Some people are under much greater surveillance than others ..."

She knows more than a little about surveillance. At this point in the lecture she might have told of her own 1970 trip underground in a desperate attempt to avoid arrest, of her own nightmarish 16 months in jail. But she didn't.

She spoke instead like a seasoned lecturer, an author of many books, a tenured professor in the History of Consciousness Department at the University of California, Santa Cruz. Which is exactly what she now is.

Her numbers were the disturbing ones most have heard or read. The United States has 1.8 million of its citizens in prisons or jails, or about 668 people per 100,000. The majority of those prisoners are people of color and, she said, most prisoners are there for nonvio-

lent offenses. "One of the reasons so many people end up going to prison is because the resources that would keep them from going to prison are being devoured by the building of prisons ..." she said.

She was preaching to the choir, of course. Those at the conference were mostly concerned activists and volunteers, people who believe there have to be other solutions to life in America than building more prisons. Like Californian Dorsey Nunn, himself a former prisoner. His father, grandfather and great-grandfather were prisoners before him, Nunn said. He has vowed his own children won't end up in jails.

Nunn said he doesn't fight the system out of bitterness. "I fight it out of love ..."

Angela Davis' mother was in the audience. Angela grew up in a Birmingham neighborhood called Dynamite Hill, an early "mixed" neighborhood where bombings were often the response to black families moving in, thus the name.

She wrote movingly of her family's struggles in a 1974 autobiography:

"The prevailing myth then as now is that poverty is a punishment for idleness and indo-

lence. If you had nothing to show for yourself, it meant that you hadn't worked hard enough. I knew that my mother and father had worked hard ..."

Both of her parents were from humble, rural backgrounds but got college degrees. They taught school, bought a home on Dynamite Hill and struggled daily in the Birmingham of Bull Connor.

Angela Davis worked, too. She left Birmingham to attend high school in New York, and later Brandeis University. She graduated from Brandeis with honors. Then she went to Germany to study philosophy and in 1968 took a teaching position at UCLA.

Ronald Reagan once declared that Angela Davis would never teach in the University of California system again.

But Angela Davis didn't talk about any of those things last week in Birmingham. She spoke of her good fortune, and the good fortune of all of us on the outside of prison. And many times, she said, sheer luck is the reason we are outside.

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Welcome aboard a very large ship

The world's largest cruise ship is being built in Finland by Royal Caribbean International. It will be the

length of three football fields. Its name is Voyager of the Seas. The huge ship was to begin operations in November of this year, but a fire delayed its inaugural voyage by some six weeks.

The ship was being constructed in secrecy until just recently. "We have incorporated design concepts and facilities never before possible on a cruise ship," says Royal Caribbean CEO Richard Fain.

"We believe she will surprise and delight our guests for years and years to come." The ship will offer one of the highest space-per-guest ratios in the market.

The ship features the first rock-climbing wall at sea. The outdoor sports deck has a golf course and driving range and an in-line skating track. The

Voyager has an ice skating rink with its own zamboni. Guests will find an atrium eleven decks high. The Royal Promenade has a wide selection of shops, restaurants and entertainment areas, fronting on a winding street. Through the use of special lighting, coloring and other theatrical effects, the ambiance will change just as the day changes into night. Street festivities include the Voyager's own version of Mardi Gras.

The three-level main dining room has three separate dining areas named Carmen, La Boheme and Magic Flute. Cafe Promenade is a place for breakfast or all day pizzas.

Windjammer serves breakfast, lunch and dinner. Portofino is an upscale Euro-Italian restaurant which requires dinner reservations. Sprinkles serves ice cream and yogurt around the clock.

La Scala Theater seats 1,350 and is modeled after the famous opera house in Milan. It spans five decks and has state of the art production facilities. Studio B is a 900 seat arena with broadcasting facilities and live high tech shows. The Vault is for late night dancing. Casino Royale is the largest casino on a cruise ship.

Spinners is a revolving gaming arcade with the world's largest roulette wheel.

Scoreboard is a sports bar for viewing favorite events past and present. Cleopatra's Needle has continuous entertainment. The Connoisseur Club is a place to savor brandies and cigars. High Notes is a jazz club. The Aquarium Bar features four huge aquariums.

The ship has a wedding chapel. Some staterooms on the ship have bay windows facing the Royal Promenade. They are the first on a cruise ship that do not face the ocean. These comprise almost ten percent of Voyager's cabins.

Young people can enjoy age-appropriate games ranging from ball pits to computers and the latest virtual games. Families can experience Adventure Beach, an area of swimming pools, water slides and other water play features. The Seaside diner is located nearby.

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Report: Industries seeking pollution exemption gave heavily to campaigns

AUSTIN (AP) — Industries seeking to remain exempt from state environmental regulations contributed more than \$10.2 million to political campaigns between 1993 and 1998, including more than \$560,000 to support Gov. George W. Bush, according to a report released Tuesday.

The report by the non-profit Public Research Works environmental group showed contributions and expenses from the industries, their lobbyists and political action committees jumped significantly in the 1997-98 election cycle.

"The report traces the dirty air to the dirty money," said Tom "Smitty" Smith of the consumer group Public Citizen.

Of the total amount contributed, less than half — \$4.6 million — went to politicians currently in office.

Bush's staff worked with industry officials to help draft a plan that allows polluters to voluntarily reduce emissions by upgrading their older facilities, the report said.

The Senate approved a voluntary plan 23-7 Tuesday, sending

it to the House, for consideration.

"Governor Bush wants cleaner air and has taken the lead on reducing emissions," said Bush spokeswoman Linda Edwards.

"Governor Bush is the first governor to call on companies with older plants to clean up and the voluntary effort is working," Ms. Edwards said, noting that 50 companies have agreed to reduce emissions before the plan is written into law.

Critics, however, say the plan is too soft on large polluters who should be forced to rein in emissions immediately.

"This is a foretaste of what would happen if Bush were to become president," Smith told

reporters.

"Would our federal environmental protections become voluntary or would he require our biggest polluters to make reductions?"

"He'll face the same issues at the federal level."

Environmentalists contend the facilities that were built before 1971, and therefore are exempt from current standards, should be required to comply with pollution laws.

Those plants, which contribute about 36 percent of the state's pollution, are "grandfathered" from state regulations that require use of the best available equipment to lower air emissions.

According to the report, con-

tributions for Senate campaigns averaged more than \$51,000 from 1993 to 1998 and more than \$11,900 for House members.

Sen. J.E. "Buster" Brown, R-Lake Jackson, sponsor of the Senate bill, has received \$101,405 in campaign contributions from the industry groups since 1993, more than half coming in the 1997-98 election cycle.

"The report shows that the grandfathered industries have tried to buy the Legislature," said Robin Schneider, executive director of Public Research Works and the study's lead author.

"They wanted as much leverage as possible and they tried to buy it," Ms. Schneider said.

Industry officials dispute that

claim.

"Of the total amount contributed, less than half — \$4.6 million — went to politicians currently in office."

"This looks like another publicity stunt. We have tried to take a leadership role," said Chris Schein, a spokesman for Texas Utilities, which was targeted by the report as being one of the largest campaign contributors.

It has 20 exempt facilities.

"We've voluntarily reduced our emissions. We've tried to set a standard for other industries to follow," Schein told reporters.

"The size of the contributions does not affect how legislators vote."

House gives initial nod to budget proposal

AUSTIN (AP) — Funding for public education would get a 13.4 percent boost to \$30.3 billion — some of which could go toward teacher pay raises — under legislation approved by the Texas House.

"I think there's going to be a sizable teacher pay increase. The verdict is still out as to how that will be achieved," said Gov. George W. Bush.

"I feel confident something positive's going to happen with the teachers."

The House tentatively approved a \$97 billion budget Tuesday that also would leave some room for tax relief during

the next two years.

"We put the money where we believe the taxpayers of the state of Texas want it and that's in public education," said Rep. Rob Junell, D-San Angelo, chair of the House Appropriations Committee.

The budget represents a 9.6 percent — or \$8.5 billion — overall increase in spending, including \$1.8 billion from the state's settlement with the tobacco industry. That likely would be directed toward health care-related items.

Included in the \$3.6 billion increase for public education funding is \$3 billion for teacher

pay raises, school financing and property tax relief — one of Bush's top priorities.

"I think it's very possible we're going to have a sizable tax cut and I think it's very possible that a significant portion of the sizable tax cut will be property taxes," Bush said.

Some leading lawmakers have said it's unlikely that the budget will include the entire \$2 billion in property tax relief that Bush wants.

The bill leaves more than \$700 million unspent, accommodating a possible \$500 million in tax breaks.

A provision in the budget plan

eliminates all funding for the Texas Funeral Commission, which issues licenses to funeral homes and its workers.

Lawmakers made the move after a state auditor's report found problems with the agency's record-keeping, inspections and high staff turnover.

The budget bill — which would fund state government programs and services from education to welfare to prisons — was adopted on a voice vote and still must be given final approval in the House before being sent to the Senate, which is working on its own spending proposal.

House approves bill for open government

AUSTIN (AP) — The Texas House gave preliminary approval Monday to a bill supporters say would close a loophole in the open meetings law that has allowed closed-door sessions when staff members brief governmental bodies.

The bill, sponsored by Rep. Steve Wolens, D-Dallas, would open meetings when a quorum of members of a governmental body gives or receives information and asks or receives questions from a third party — including their employees.

Wolens said his wife, a Dallas journalist now serving on the Dallas City Council, called his attention to the problem during her stint covering local government.

"She would be covering a meeting, and then — out of the blue — there would be an adjournment, the members would go into the back room for a discussion and then come back with a decision," he said.

That meeting, he added, would be shrouded off as a "staff briefing."

"Nobody in the world knew what was going on in that meeting," he added.



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The Open Meetings Act, Wolens pointed out, requires that every regular, special or called meeting of a governmental body be open to the public, with notification of the meeting beforehand and a record of it afterward.

Exemptions from this requirement have included "briefings" in which members receive information from staff but do not actually conduct "deliberations."

As passed by the House, Wolens' bill would eliminate the exemption for staff briefings by repealing the section which specifically allows for "closed" briefings and revising the definition of a "meeting."

Similar staff briefing legislation has passed three times in the Senate but died each time in the House.

This year, however, it passed the House on a voice vote with little dissent.

"The stars were aligned correctly," Wolens said.

Rep. David Counts, who voted against the bill when it was introduced in committee, said he supported its amended version.

"Out in the rural counties, we have a hard enough time getting people to serve on the school board and city council without having the threat of jail if they violate the law," the Knox City Democrat said. "The

amendments passed make the bill useable... and do not criminalize people when they make an honest mistake."

Violating the open meetings law could result in penalties of fine of \$100 to \$500, confinement

in county jail for one to six months, or both.

Wolens' bill is subject to another House vote.

Its companion bill in the Senate has been referred to a committee.

Pat Buchanan in oil patch today

MIDLAND (AP) — Republican presidential candidate Pat Buchanan was expected in the oil patch today for several speeches aimed at swaying oilmen's support from possible rival Gov. George W. Bush.

But heading to Bush's hometown of Midland may not be as bold as it seems, say some in the industry who see a chink in the governor's armor.

They say Bush has not paid enough attention to the energy industry's recent suffering amid poor oil prices.

Buchanan planned speeches at the Petroleum Club in Midland, at Permian Producers — a company between Midland and Odessa — and then finally at an auditorium in Odessa.

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Kosovo: U.S. reserves likely to be called

WASHINGTON (AP) — President Clinton is expected to call up military reserves to support a major buildup of NATO air power as strikes against Yugoslavia target more Serb troops hunkered down in Kosovo, U.S. officials say.

The Clinton administration, preparing for an extended air campaign now that three weeks of bombing has failed to halt the Serb war on ethnic Albanians, also will seek emergency money from Congress for the NATO operation.

The Pentagon said it could be \$3 billion to \$4 billion, but congressional estimates say \$5 billion.

"We are taking our allied air campaign to the next level," Clinton said Tuesday after asking members of Congress to give the NATO attack more time to smash Serb forces instead of pushing for consideration of sending U.S. ground troops into Kosovo.

Most lawmakers appeared to listen, but they also said NATO airstrikes hadn't damaged Yugoslav President Slobodan Milosevic's military as much as hoped, according to briefings they received from Defense

NATO is flying 450 to 500 sorties a day, as much as triple the number over Yugoslavia in the early days of the airstrikes.

Secretary William Cohen and Army Gen. Henry Shelton, chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff.

"We're disappointed there hasn't been more done," said Sen. Dick Lugar, R-Ind. "General Shelton, Secretary Cohen, they're all disappointed about this too."

Senate Majority Leader Trent Lott, R-Miss., said, "The bombing itself has not had the impact I would have liked it to have."

But House Minority Leader Dick Gephardt, D-Mo., said Milosevic must contend with a new factor: "He now has an Albanian guerrilla force in the country, sometimes just over the border, that he didn't have before."

Interviewed today on ABC's "Good Morning America," Gephardt said, "If we will stay unified and keep our resolve ... we can get this done without ground troops."

Sen. John McCain, R-Ariz., a candidate for the presidency, who advocates preparing for a ground war against Milosevic, told ABC: "If we can't prevail here, then there will be very few places in the world where we can prevail."

Clinton, the lawmakers said, urged patience and emphasized that the air bombardment of Iraq during the Persian Gulf War in 1991 took 44 days. In that case, however, it also took a 100-hour ground war to end the fight.

The Pentagon is preparing to add 300 warplanes to NATO's air forces at the request of the NATO commander, Army Gen. Wesley Clark. Now, nearly 500 U.S. aircraft and 200 allied planes are involved. Cohen is expected soon to approve deploying all or most of the 300 American aircraft, defense officials said.

The U.S. reinforcements,

which could include A-10 "tank killers" as well as F-15 and F-16 jet-fighters, would boost NATO's ability to attack ground troops, artillery and air defense sites. More refueling tankers will keep planes in the air longer.

Pentagon spokesman Kenneth Bacon said NATO aircraft are flying day and night now, but Clark "would like to fly more intensively ... to basically apply more pressure. A lot of what he's asking for will be targeted against units operating in Kosovo."

NATO is flying 450 to 500 sorties a day, as much as triple the number over Yugoslavia in the early days of the airstrikes, which began March 24, with persistent rain and clouds hampering flights and interfering with laser-guided bombs.

The extra air power likely would require calling up military reservists, Bacon said, although he didn't know how many would be needed.

Several hundred Air National Guard members already are participating as volunteers in addition to about 22,000 active-duty U.S. forces involved in NATO operations.

Clinton may not appeal court's contempt finding

WASHINGTON (AP) — President Clinton is likely to pay a financial penalty rather than challenge a contempt-of-court ruling that he gave "intentionally false" testimony about his relationship with Monica Lewinsky, according to a top adviser.

The White House declined to comment officially Tuesday on whether Clinton would appeal the ruling and referred questions to Robert Bennett, Clinton's private attorney. Bennett did not return calls.

Clinton was held in contempt of court Monday by U.S. District Judge Susan Webber Wright in Little Rock, who presided in the sexual harassment suit brought by Paula Jones.

Wright found that Clinton gave "false, misleading and evasive answers" in a January 1998 deposition in which he denied having sexual relations with Ms. Lewinsky.

Wright ordered Clinton to pay "any reasonable expenses," including legal fees incurred by Mrs. Jones as a

result of Clinton's false testimony. The judge also directed Clinton to reimburse the court \$1,202 for her travel to Washington to preside over taking the deposition. And she referred the matter to the Arkansas Supreme Court's Professional Conduct Committee, which has the power to revoke Clinton's law license or to impose other sanctions.

A top adviser to Clinton, speaking on condition of anonymity, said Tuesday the "most likely course" being discussed by the president's lawyers would have Clinton pay the penalty without contesting it, provided that Mrs. Jones' demand for reimbursement was reasonable.

But this adviser said Clinton was interested in keeping his law license and that his attorneys might contest any regulatory effort in Arkansas to revoke it.

White House press secretary Joe Lockhart refused to answer questions about the case.

IRS finds no evidence of widespread violation of taxpayer rights, as reported

WASHINGTON (AP) — Despite some high-profile horror stories, criminal investigators for the Internal Revenue Service are not guilty of widespread violation of taxpayer rights, an independent review has concluded.

But the law enforcement task force headed by William Webster — a former director of both the FBI and CIA and a former federal judge — did find that the IRS Criminal Investigation Division is straying from its main job of improving compliance with tax laws.

The review released Tuesday said that violations of taxpayer rights are "isolated and individual" and that most of the 3,000 CID agents approached their jobs in a professional manner. The finding starkly contrasted with shocking tales of IRS abuses detailed in hearings last year by the Senate Finance

Committee. "No evidence was found of systemic abuses," Webster wrote.

But he cautioned that agents must be aware "that even isolated instances of abuse of authority can create impressions that undermine the public's confidence."

The report also found that the division properly uses search warrants, grand juries and raids and that deadly force was extremely limited. In fact, since 1995 only one case involved use of a firearm — the shooting of a pit bulldog that charged an agent during a search.

"There is no evidence in the use-of-force incidents to suggest that CI agents are overly aggressive, use force unnecessarily or are improperly trained," Webster wrote.

For instance, of 87 claims of rights violations filed against

IRS agents from 1996 through 1998, none was successful. And 93 percent of lawsuits against IRS enforcement agents during that period involved motor vehicle accidents. Only three cases involved IRS use of search warrants.

But the division, Webster wrote, has "drifted from its primary mission," which is to "investigate criminal violations of the internal revenue code." This has happened mainly because the division possesses "sophisticated financial expertise" needed by other law enforcement agencies.

Agents spend 25 percent of their time on drug investigations and they are often under the control of a local U.S. attorney as part of a wider-ranging criminal probe. This does little to help collect an estimated \$195 billion in annual unpaid taxes, Webster found.

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Administration pledges to complete China trade deal

WASHINGTON (AP) — Signaling their commitment to reaching a trade deal, President Clinton and Chinese Premier Zhu Rongji agreed to "move intensively" in talks on opening China's markets and allowing the world's most populous nation to join the World Trade Organization.

Clinton and Zhu made the announcement in a joint communique after a 20-minute telephone conversation Tuesday while Zhu was visiting New York. Zhu left Washington last week disappointed that talks hadn't yielded a deal in time for his official visit to the White House.

"During the conversation, they agreed that both sides should move intensively on negotiations toward resolution of the remaining issues in their talks on China's accession to the WTO," the joint communique said.

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◆ In 1986, a team of eight in England used commercial machinery to create a sweater in less than 2-1/2 hours after shearing the sheep.

◆ The rock group Fine Young Cannibals took its name from the title of the 1960 film All the Fine Young Cannibals.

Got an item?

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More senior citizens needed to staff child immunization program

HERALD Staff Report

Senior Citizens who have witnessed the effects of childhood diseases are needed to staff a new volunteer program that will promote immunizations.

Jo Wyatt and Mary Ann Fincher are Coordinators of the Retired Senior Volunteer Program outreach, funded by a \$12,000 grant from the Texas Department of Health through the University of North Texas. The money will pay the coordinators' salaries and the cost of packets to be distributed to new mothers, according to Nancy Jones, Director of Big Spring RSVP.

Volunteers 55 and older are sought for the effort, to be known as the Seniors for Childhood Immunization Program. The program was created by the University of

North Texas and the Denton RSVP in response to the state's low childhood immunization rate.

Senior citizens are effective volunteers because "new mothers have not seen the effect of childhood diseases, and we have." Both Fincher and Wyatt have had a sibling who contracted polio, and Fincher had a relative who had lockjaw but recovered. Most people in their age group have firsthand knowledge of the effect of polio and other childhood diseases.

In many counties only 49.7 percent of youngsters are fully immunized by age of 2. Many do not receive all of their shots until they go to school.

RSVP volunteers will visit new mothers at Scenic Mountain Medical Center and remind them of the importance of the immunizations, which

are to be administered at two, four, six, and 12 to 15 months. If mothers sign up for the SVCI program, volunteers will send postcard reminders or follow up with telephone calls as the immunization dates approach, Wyatt said.

"We need at least 10 people to volunteer," Fincher said. The training will take about an hour and the volunteer commitment is for one hour, one day a week. Volunteers are covered by a supplemental insurance policy during the time they volunteer.

The program was implemented in November of 1998 and to this date we have enrolled 87 mothers. Mothers with older children as well as first time parents are finding the program very helpful.

For more information, or to volunteer, call 264-2397.



Jo Wyatt, Mary Ann Fincher and Carol Earles are volunteers with the immunization program.

Courtesy photo

Are you healthy? Health Fair coming Saturday to Dorothy Garrett Coliseum

The Big Spring Area chamber of Commerce and the Health Committee offer a timely event to help those interested in health-related issues.

The 1999 Big Spring Area Health Fair will provide those interested with the opportunity to obtain the information they may want or need.

The fair will be open from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Saturday at the Dorothy Garrett Coliseum on Howard College Campus. The theme of this year's fair will be "Walking into the New Millennium."

Corporate sponsors for the 1999 event are Malone and Hogan Clinic, Warren Chiropractic, Nurses Unlimited, Leonard's Pharmacy, Comanche Trail Nursing Center, Scenic Mountain Medical Center, Family Medical Center, Mountain View Lodge, and the VA Medical Center.

More than 45 exhibitors will provide information on topics such as mental health illnesses, Alzheimer's, rehabilitation programs, basic nutrition, reducing fat and cholesterol, environment and health, drug and alcohol abuse and its effects on health, exercise, first aid, safety and other health concerns.

Screening that will be conducted include: blood pressure, vision screening and chiropractic spinal screening. Displays will include Big Spring Fire Department/EMS, Aerocare, Rape Crisis and Victim Services. Door prizes will be awarded throughout the day.

Other events being held on Saturday in conjunction with the Health Fair as well. "Master the Mountain", the second annual fun run sponsored by Scenic Mountain Medical Center and held at the Big Spring State Park will begin at 9 a.m., this event includes a 5k and 10k run around the mountain at the State Park.

To participate in this event one may register early by call-



DANA TARTER

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Where: Dorothy Garrett Coliseum

Who: All ages — anyone with an interest in health

ing Laurie Phillips at 268-4581 or the State Park at 263-4931 or register the day of the event at 8 a.m.

The Bicycle Rodeo will be held for the second year, on the parking lot of the coliseum, for kids 6 to 12 years old. To participate in this event which will run from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m., a parent or guardian of the child must be present. The child should bring their bicycle and wear a bicycle helmet, participants will learn about bicycle safety and ride through the obstacle course which focuses on safe bicycle riding and learning what things a rider should watch out for. The Bicycle Rodeo is sponsored by the Big Spring Police Department officers, the Citizens Police Academy Alumni and the Retired Senior Volunteer Program.

"Walk Across Texas" an eight week walking program for teams of eight members will kick off at 1 p.m. with the first mile being walked during the Health Fair. This event sponsored by the Texas Agricultural Extension Service will help motivate citizens to begin a regular exercise program and to learn about the benefits of daily exercise. The team registration fee is \$10. Teams may register before the Health Fair at the County Extension office or they may register at the kick-off on April 17. The kick-off first mile is an optional event for participants in the "Walk Across Texas" program which will conclude in June. For more information or a registration packet contact the County Extension office at 264-2236.

Don't miss the 1999 Health Fair "Walking into the New Millennium" there will be something for everyone.

Dana Tarter is the Howard County Extension Agent - Family and consumer science.

Strange tales surround some historic inns in Hillsboro area

WACO(AP) — Ever read a good mystery book you just couldn't put down until you pieced the clues together?

Real-life mysteries held deep within the walls of turn-of-the-century bed-and-breakfast inns can be as intriguing. But unlike a mystery book that reveals who did what, when and how, bed-and-breakfast patrons may not leave with all the answers after a night's stay. But they certainly can draw some interesting conclusions of their own.

"If only these walls could talk," said Diane Cline, who owns Highland's Mansion Bed and Breakfast in Marlin with her husband, Don Cline.

Highland's Mansion and the Tarlton House Bed and Breakfast in Hillsboro are two Central Texas bed and breakfasts that have intriguing tales to tell.

Townpeople and visitors to the establishments still talk of the lusty affairs, business deals gone bad and possible murder at the Highland's Mansion, while stories of lost love, suicide, friendly ghosts and spirits circulate around the Tarlton House.

Life at the two homes around the turn of the century was the talk of their towns for many years, their current owners say.

"You can talk with anyone in Marlin, and each person will have a different story to tell," Cline said of the events that went on in the three-story, 8,400-square-foot mansion, which is now a registered Texas historic landmark.

The stories behind Highland's Mansion begin with B.C. Clark, a former Confederate Army officer. He was wounded during the war and moved from Maryland to Marlin for the mineral baths. He worked his way up from clerk in a mercantile to owning a bank. He was the first millionaire in Falls County.

Clark finished building the mansion in 1900, at a cost of \$169,000, as a wedding present for his new bride, Sally, a rich widow.

The highlight of the home is an expansive great hall, rising 2-1/2 stories and crowned by a stained-glass dome, gold leaf, Italian glass and French architectural details. The home has

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nine fireplaces and eight bedrooms.

Like the mansion, the Clarks' marriage was anything but typical. Their bedrooms were on opposite sides of the house, and it's rumored that she had lovers come and go as they pleased, as did he.

"Mrs. Clark supposedly had a lust for life," Cline said. "She was very friendly with gentlemen... She loved to dance, drink and gamble, which was very unusual for Victorian women. She was a character."

The Clarks raised as their own a fair-skinned African-American boy named Austin, dressing him in the finest of clothes and sending him to college.

"The black child was never actually claimed by anybody. He was, quote, the maid's child," Cline said.

Decades later, relatives of the Clarks confirmed the child was Sally's.

Just before Christmas one year, Clark was found in the yard shot to death.

"All he had on was his trousers, no shirt or shoes, or socks, in the yard with his hands up in the air with a 10-gauge shotgun gently resting across his lap," Cline said.

His death was ruled a suicide. However rumors of foul play have circulated since.

"First of all, a Victorian gentleman is not going to go outside without his shirt on," Cline said. "And a 10-gauge shotgun is not going to be laying right there on your lap."

The Clines suspect Clark was murdered because of a business deal gone bad, or by a jealous mistress, or by one of Mrs. Clark's angry boyfriends.

"Back in those days, that's how you settled business deals," Cline said.

It is said that Mrs. Clark sold the house to the saloon keeper in town for a ridiculously low price, but it is believed she may have lost it in a gambling match. She moved to

California to be a movie star at the age of 61.

"She had a face lift, which back then they put paraffin under the skin. She couldn't go outside because she would melt," Cline said. Mrs. Clark died shortly thereafter, supposedly of natural causes.

"Then, all of a sudden, the black child finds a handwritten will in the Bible that gives all her property back here to him," Cline said. However, it was contested and Austin lost.

Natural causes, suicide, murder? Who knows what happened to the Clarks?

"Oh, the mystery of the mansion," Cline said with a laugh.

Built in 1895, the Tarlton House in Hillsboro was one of the most magnificent homes in the county and the talk of the town for a time.

Green Duke Tarlton, who worked as a land and title attorney, moved to the area from Louisiana at the time when Hill County was the second-highest producer of cotton in the state and the county was extremely prosperous.

"He sent to Louisiana for cypress for the foundation and structure, which is extremely resistant to termite damage," said Pat Lovelace, who owns Tarlton House Bed and Breakfast with her husband, Bill. "I think that's one of the reasons it's weathered time so well."

The architect was enamored with Texas. In honor of the Texas five-point star, he designed five-paneled doors. The three-story house features eight bedrooms, 12-foot ceilings, seven fireplaces, the original stained glass and more than 100 pieces of lead glass in the front door.

Like Clark, Tarlton built the house for his wife and the five children the couple eventually had.

"I think he built this house with a lot of love for his family," said Lovelace. President Taft stayed in the house some-

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ABC to start a soap opera channel to run 24 hours a day

NEW YORK (AP) — The Disney Corp. said Thursday it will launch a cable television network devoted to soap operas early next year where daytime shows will be repeated in prime-time later the same day.

The soap opera channel will air 24 hours a day but its focus will be the prime-time showings of "General Hospital," "All My Children," "One Life to Live" and "Port Charles."

"The soap opera channel can be to its fans what ESPN is to sports fans," said Anne Sweeney, president of Disney/ABC Cable Networks.

Some ABC affiliates have opposed the idea, however, fearing that a nighttime airing of soap operas would drive away some of their viewers.

'Women aren't staying home as much as they used to. They're not folding laundry and watching their grandmother's soap operas.'

Carolyn Hinsey
executive editor,
Soap Opera Digest

But Sweeney said that tests of the channel in Chicago and Houston revealed that it actually drove viewers to the daytime airings because more people got into the habit of watching soaps.

"Women aren't staying home as much as they used to," said Carolyn Hinsey, executive editor of Soap Opera Digest. "They're not folding laundry and watching their grandmother's soap operas."

"If they're offered a chance to watch them at another part of the day, I think it can be successful."

ABC said the new channel, which hasn't been named yet, is expected to feature movies and some original programming.

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COMMUNITY NEWS

TEXAS HEALTHY KIDS CORP. will hold a meeting at 7 p.m. Monday, at Kentwood Elementary cafeteria.

The non-profit corporation helps families ensure that their children are covered by insurance. Local rates are \$72 a month per child; however, low-income families may be eligible to pay as little as \$10 per child per month.

The statewide program covers children age 2 through 17. The child must not have been insured for the past 90 days, and has to be enrolled in school, if old enough. Also, the child cannot be covered by any other health care plan or program, such as Medicare, and has to have been a resident of Texas for at least six months.

For questions about the program, call Wilbourn at (915) 570-6927, Bice at (915) 699-0344 or 1-877 WELL KID.



FOR YOUR INFORMATION

BIG SPRING KENNEL CLUB will begin canine obedience classes April 22 for the community. Puppy classes begin at 6:30 p.m. and "household obedience" classes start at 7:30 p.m. Cost is \$40 and all classes meet in the National Guard Armory. Call 267-4194 or 264-6427 for more information.

55 ALIVE/MATURE DRIVING CLASS will be April 22-23, from 8:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. at Berea Baptist Church, 4204 Wasson Road. The cost is \$8 and you must attend both sessions. Call 363-1491 to preregister or to ask questions.

THE LAST WORD

I dislike feeling at home when I am abroad.

George Bernard Shaw

A fool sees not the same tree that a wise man sees.

William Blake

When the mouse laughs at the cat, there's a hole nearby.

Nigerian proverb

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time between 1905 and 1910. The Tarltons were politically active and pillars of the community. At that time, Tarlton House was one of the most elaborate houses in Hillsboro. It now has state and national historic designations.

"It's very well loved here in town," Lovelace said. The house is a place where people gather. Years ago, it was one of the last places people wanted to congregate.

In 1907, the first Mrs. Tarlton died, and Tarlton remarried in 1913.

The children did not care for the second Mrs. Tarlton, so another house was built next door. The children stayed in the Victorian house with the governess, while Tarlton and Mrs. Tarlton moved next door.

In 1929, the stock market crash busted Tarlton. A few years later his second wife died of pneumonia. Tarlton died the same day. His obituary said he died just hours after his second wife, Lovelace said.

After the Lovelaces had lived in the house for about six months, they began to hear the tales of the ghost that lives in the house.

"I had heard the house was haunted, but I couldn't understand why," Lovelace said. Then she heard the story about Tarlton's death that wasn't in the obituary.

"Apparently Mr. Tarlton was so devastated over the loss of his wife and money that he came back to this house, went to the third floor, which was the attic, and hung himself," Lovelace said.

The rumor made all the kids in Hillsboro afraid of the house. They walked on the other side of the street and would never go inside.

"I had a guest stay here last summer who was intrigued because he had been afraid of the house when he was a little boy," Lovelace said.

A housekeeper who works for the Lovelaces claimed to have seen the ghost.

"When she was making up the bed, she looked down one of the halls and said she saw Mr. Tarlton smiling at her," Mrs. Lovelace said of the room in which Tarlton supposedly hung himself.

"I know she's not the type of person who would make up something like that. I've never seen anything. I believe Mr. Tarlton's spirit is here. I feel like there is a lot of love in this house."

"But I don't think I'm the type of person who would see anything like that because I'm such a logical-minded person."

Lovelace doesn't tell her guests about the ghost stories until the morning after because people get a little nervous about the idea, she said.

Sometimes her guests learn about the tales as they settle in for the night and pick up one of the journals in each of the bedrooms. The journals, provided for guests to write in, offer several ghost tales from people who have stayed at the bed and breakfast.

One guest wrote that she used to spend summers at the house when her grandparents owned it.

"My grandmother said she had ghostly friends here," she wrote in the journal in the second-floor bedroom. "They would be in the room with her, but only talking to each other. She was never frightened. She said she shared the house with them."

Another woman wrote of the friendly ghost stories she had never believed until staying in the house.

"I heard conversations from 12:30 to 3 a.m. of a man and a woman talking in another room," she wrote. "Just my imagination," I'd say to myself.

However the conversation continued... I listened for them with a keen sense the rest of the night. I never felt threatened, just that they were a friendly presence that was a part of the house."

She went on to say that someone fluffed her covers and patted her gently as a cool breeze blew across her face as someone or something gently sat on the edge of the bed.

"I know what I felt and will not be told otherwise," she wrote.

"I was never asleep. That was the problem. I was too curious to ever shut down to go to sleep. Maybe that was the reason for the comforting pat and fluffing of the comforter."

Restaurant offers lifetime of free lunches for anyone with tattoo of logo

SAN FRANCISCO (AP) — Some people will do anything for a free burrito.

A Mexican restaurant offered a lifetime of free lunches to anyone willing to get a tattoo of its logo, Jimmy the Corn Man, a sombrero-wearing mariachi boy riding a blazing cornucopia. Just show the cashier the tattoo — any size, on any part of the body — and get a free meal.

Since word of the promotion got out six months ago, 38 people have braved the tattoo needle for a permanent coupon at Casa Sanchez.

A much-tattooed Guido Brenner has a coaster-size Corn Man emblazoned under his right armpit, the only open space he had left.

"Actually everybody's dug it, even my mom," he said. "She looked at me kind of funny and then I took her there for lunch. She was like, 'Wow, this restaurant is really good.'"

Marty Sanchez, whose grandfather founded Casa Sanchez in 1927, came up with the idea while testing a color computer printer. She taped a sign to the window with the restaurant's logo that read, "Tattoo me on yourself and get free lunch for life."

Her sister and brothers thought the idea was strange and kept taking the sign down. She kept putting it back up. Two nightclub employees who learned the promotion was no joke took the plunge and spread the word.

Ribcages, calves, legs, arms and even buttocks have been prime sites for the logo.

"One guy said, 'I want to get it on my stomach because that's where my food is going to go,'" said Barnaby Williams, the owner of Mom's Body Shop who created about 30 of the Casa Sanchez tattoos.

"I think people have gotten much stupider tattoos for much stupider reasons."

An \$80 tattoo pays for itself after about a dozen lunches (a \$4.50 super burrito with sour cream, cheese and guacamole, and a \$1.75 Mexican beer).

And given the restaurant's long history and success (its chips and salsa are considered among the city's best), few are worried that they will ever lose their free lunch.

The family estimates it gives away only two meals a week.

Most moms with birth defects have well-formed babies

Associated Press

Women with birth defects have normal babies a surprisingly high 96 percent of the time, a Norwegian study found.

Since many birth defects are at least partly genetic, researchers expected to find more of them among babies whose mothers had defects.

What surprised them was that the difference was so small: Birth defects were seen in 3.8 percent of babies whose mothers had birth defects vs. 2.4 percent of those born to normal mothers.

"It's not the usual finding of everything looks dark for that family," said researcher Rolv Skjaerven of the University of Bergen.

The findings are reassuring and fill a major gap in knowledge for experts who counsel couples on genetic risks, said Dr. Donald R. Mattison of Chicago, medical director for the March of Dimes.

"While there is an increased risk, it's at a level many people might feel comfortable with — not a huge risk overall," he said.

The study was published in Thursday's New England Journal of Medicine. It was based on records of nearly 460,000 females born between 1967 and 1982 in Norway, which maintains a national

registry that lists birth defects found in the baby's first five days.

The findings mean that mothers with birth defects are 60 percent more likely than other women to have children with birth defects. But that's 60 percent of a small risk to begin with.

When such birth defects do occur, they are often the same ones that the mothers have, the study found.

More than half of the 1,100 mothers had relatively minor defects, such as a clubfoot or

a cleft lip or palate. Females with severe defects often do not make it to adulthood, and those who do survive are less likely than other women to have children.

Skjaerven said he was surprised that the figures were so low, because a 1994 study found that if one child in a family had a birth defect, the next baby was 7.6 times more likely than normal to have the same defect, and 1.5 times as likely to have other problems.



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Teenage League continue thro...
The Howard Baseball Association recently registering interested in Teenage League summer beginning Registration 5:30 to 8:30 each Friday at the A League park.

To register, players ages 13-18 their \$50 registration their birth certificate.

Anyone interested in a team, be directed to visit another aspect, can contact office 263-2552.

Cancer Society golf event for...
The Big Spring Club will again golf tournament American Cancer Relay for Life of

The four-per event will offer for a hole in one well as prizes for the long drive closest to the pin.

Entry fees are er, plus cart fee carts will be per

For more info Larry Bryan at

Bass club's slated May 1...
The ninth annual Bass Club Open has been scheduled at Lake O.H. Ivi

Guaranteed based on 150 entries \$4,400, with the winner taking home \$20,000 is available landing a new largemouth bass record is 13.71 pounds.

Entry fees mailed entries marked no later

For more info Jim Crenshaw at

Texas Tech slate toumey...
The Big Spring Texas Tech Association has scholarship golf for May 1.

Scholarship are being received Sparenberg Bu Main.

For more info Roxie McDaniel Hardy Wilkerson or Pat Porter at

ON THE Television
MAJOR LEAGUE 6:30 p.m. — Baseball at New York Yankees 30.
9:30 p.m. — Seattle Mariners, 9:30 p.m. — Los Angeles Dodgers at Arizona Diamondbacks, E

IN BRIEF

Rain storms create havoc with high school games

Thunderstorms that rolled through West Texas on Tuesday evening provided much needed rain, but caused problems for Crossroads Country baseball and softball teams.

Coahoma's Bulldogs and Post's Antelopes saw their game set for Tuesday rained out. That District 3-2A game has not yet been rescheduled.

And District 5-4A officials were still trying to sort out what to do following the storm that washed out the Big Spring Lady Steers' softball game with Snyder's Lady Tigers.

After experiencing a lengthy rain delay, the game resumed with Snyder owning an 8-1 lead, only to see the game rained out prior to completion of the fifth inning.

Big Spring Athletic Director Dwight Butler said the district's softball rules on rained out games are vague, and that whether or not the game will be declared a Snyder win or be rescheduled in its entirety will be determined by a vote of the district executive committee.

Teenage League signups continue through Friday

The Howard County Youth Baseball Association is currently registering youngsters interested in playing on Teenage League teams this summer beginning.

Registration will be from 5:30 to 8:30 each night through Friday at the American Little League park.

To register, prospective players ages 13-16 must bring their \$50 registration fee and their birth certificate.

Anyone interested in coaching a team, being a league director or being involved in another aspect of the program can contact officials by calling 263-2552.

Cancer Society schedules golf event for April 24-25

The Big Spring Country Club will again host a two-day golf tournament benefiting the American Cancer Society's Relay for Life on April 24-25.

The four-person scramble event will offer a \$10,000 prize for a hole in one on No. 16, as well as prizes for winners of the long drive, putting and closest to the pin contests.

Entry fees are \$75 per player, plus cart fees, but private carts will be permitted.

For more information, call Larry Bryan at 267-5354.

Bass club's open toumey slated May 1 at O.H. Ivie

The ninth annual Big Spring Bass Club Open Tournament has been scheduled for May 1 at Lake O.H. Ivie.

Guaranteed prize money based on 150 entries will be \$4,400, with the first-place winner taking home \$1,500.

In addition, a grand prize of \$20,000 is available for anyone landing a new lake record largemouth bass. The current record is 13.71 pounds.

Entry fees are \$40, and mailed entries must be postmarked no later than April 25. For more information, call Jim Crenshaw at 267-6129.

Texas Tech Ex-Students slate toumey for May 1

The Big Spring Chapter of the Texas Tech Ex-Students Association has set its annual scholarship golf tournament for May 1.

Scholarship applications are being received at the Sparenberg Building, 309 S. Main.

For more information, call Roxie McDaniel at 267-3398, Hardy Wilkerson at 264-2220 or Pat Porter at 267-7828.

ON THE AIR

Television

MAJOR LEAGUE BASEBALL

6:30 p.m. — Baltimore Orioles at New York Yankees, ESPN, Ch. 30.

9:30 p.m. — Texas Rangers at Seattle Mariners, FXS, Ch. 29.

9:30 p.m. — Los Angeles Dodgers at Arizona Diamondbacks, ESPN, Ch. 30.

Bulldogettes again finish undefeated in 2-2A play

HERALD Staff Report

COAHOMA — Mercifully, it's over. Coahoma's Bulldogettes closed out District 2-2A girls' softball play Tuesday night with a 13-0 win over Loraine's Lady Bulldogs in a game that wasn't as close as the final score indicated.

The win allowed the defending Class 2A state champions to romp through district play unbeaten for a second straight season as they fashioned an 8-0 slate in 2-2A play.

And now the Bulldogettes, 23-2 overall, can concentrate on the upcoming play-

offs. Coahoma sophomore Kenni Kay Buchanan improved her record to 10-2 with the win, allowing just two Loraine hits and striking out seven.

In stark contrast, the Bulldogettes pounded the ball, as catcher Kortney Kemper, and outfielders Brandie Hart and Kelli Buchanan collected three hits each.

Kelli Buchanan proved to be the most damaging for Loraine, as she drove in four runs, while Hart collected three RBIs.

The Bulldogettes' defense was just as

impressive. Led by shortstop Misty Baker and first baseman Kayla Smith, Coahoma chalked up its fourth straight game without an error.

Coahoma coach Robert Royer is now in the process of lining up practice games in hopes of providing the Bulldogettes with a little stiffer competition than they faced during their blitzkrieg through the 2-2A ranks.

Coahoma will play host to Midland Christian at 5 p.m. Monday, but Royer said he'd like to schedule another practice game prior to that outing.

Regardless of which team the

Bulldogettes face next, sophomore Amber Bingham will be Coahoma's starting pitcher, as she seeks to improve her 12-0 record.

Bingham went the distance in Coahoma's 10-0 win over Hermleigh on Saturday. The shutout victory improved her earned run average to an almost unbelievable 0.08.

By winning the 2-2A championship, the Bulldogettes drew a bye in the bi-district playoffs, meaning they won't begin playoff action until the area round. That game would be played on April 30 or May 1.

Steers beat rain with 6-2 win

Solis cuffs Sweetwater just enough

By JOHN A. MOSELEY

Sports Editor

It took much longer than they'd have liked, but Big Spring's Steers managed a rain-shortened 6-2 win over Sweetwater's Mustangs in District 5-4A baseball action Tuesday.

At least they believe they've improved their record to 4-12 overall and 3-2 in district play.

Sweetwater coach Tony Heredia, frustrated that thunderstorms that raked the area late Tuesday afternoon shortened the game, announced that he would appeal the umpires' decision to call the game today.

But Steers coach Bobby Doe told his team he expects District 5-4A chairman, Andrews ISD Superintendent Dr. Ervin Huddleston to uphold the Big Spring victory.

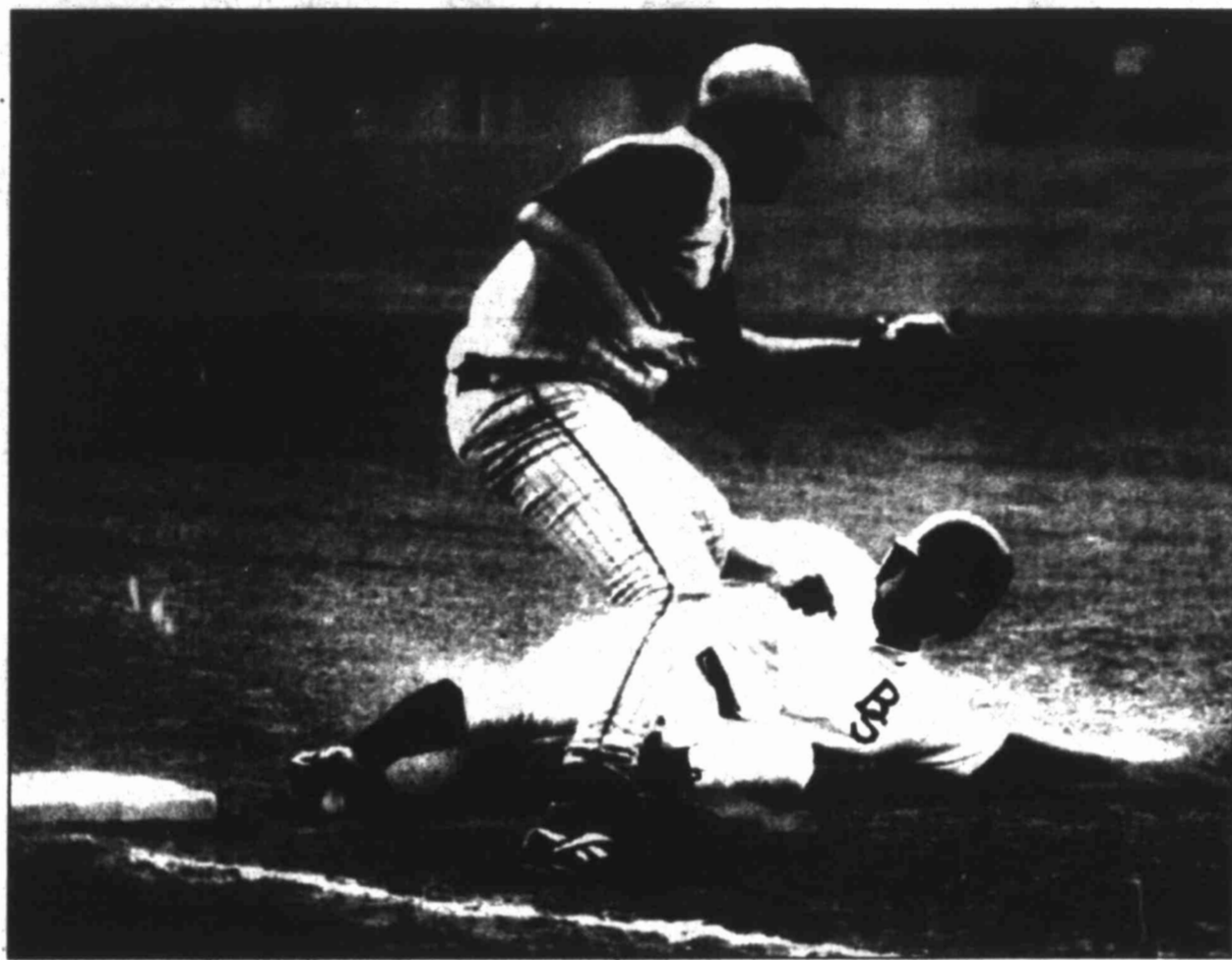
As a result, Doe told his team that it needs to focus its attention on Friday's 5 p.m. visit to Steer Park by Andrews' league-leading Mustangs.

"We needed to finish the first half (of district play) at 3-2," Doe said after it was determined that even the fields at the Roy Anderson Complex were unplayable and the game was finally called around 9 p.m.

"But the most encouraging thing was the way we played today... we played really well," Doe added. "If nothing else we needed to prove to ourselves that that 10-0 loss at Fort Stockton wasn't indicative of how well we can play."

The Steers did that and more. With sophomore Clint Bamert unavailable to make his scheduled start due to tendinitis in his right shoulder, Doe called on Ricky Solis to handle mound duties.

Solis, who'd been shelled in the loss to Fort Stockton on Saturday, responded with three innings of perfect baseball and no-hit the Mustangs for four innings before thunderstorms forced a lengthy rain delay.



HERALD photo/Ann Fiero

Big Spring's Chris Olson slides into third base before Sweetwater's Brandon Hefner can turn and apply a tag during the Steers' five-run rally in the bottom of the fourth inning Tuesday at Steer Park. The Steers took a 6-2 win.

When he returned after an almost one hour rain delay, Solis gave up his first hit and began experiencing control problems — walking one batter and hitting two others.

With the bases loaded and another thunderstorm cell threatening to wash out the top of the fifth inning with two out, Solis saw his shutout go by the wayside when Mustangs second baseman Curt Alexander rap a grounder to third that Big Spring's Jay Kuykendall couldn't make a play on.

Solis then walked Jarred Shelton, forcing in another Sweetwater run before getting Zack Newberry to line out to short, making the game official.

Before the Steers could come to the plate for the bottom of the inning, heavy rains and lightning forced umpires to call for a 30-minute delay.

By the end of that break, umpires ruled the field unplayable, sending officials scrambling to find a playable

field. When it was determined that lighted fields at the Roy Anderson Complex were also unplayable, the game was called.

With the loss, Sweetwater saw its record drop to 7-12 overall and 0-5 in district play.

"Getting that last half inning in was huge," Doe said after dismissing his team. "Our district rules don't allow us to resume the game with us leading 6-0 if it gets rained out before they're retired in the fifth... we'd have had to go back and start the game all over again."

While the Steers managed just three hits in taking the win — only one of them off Shelton, the Mustangs' loser — they made the most of the opportunities Sweetwater afforded.

Big Spring jumped on top in the bottom of the first inning when Jason Choate led off by drawing the first of six walks Shelton would issue. He then swiped second and scored when

catcher Ryan Guinn delivered a clutch two-out single to left.

Shelton would manage to escape a jam in the third when the Steers loaded the bases with nobody out, he couldn't dodge another bullet when he loaded the bases in the fourth by walking the first two Big Spring batters, freshman designated hitter Willis Morrison and right fielder Jose Carnero, and then committed a throwing error on a bunt by Kuykendall.

The Mustangs' starter then issued his sixth walk to Chris Olson, forcing in a run.

At that point, Shelton was replaced by reliever Brandon Maldonado, but that didn't stop the bleeding.

Choate greeted Maldonado with a 2 RBI single to left and Joe Owens slapped a one-out single to center to drive in another.

Guinn capped the rally with a perfectly executed squeeze bunt that drove in Choate, seemingly signaling the storm to make its arrival.

Aikman gets richer, Cowboys get cap room

IRVING (AP) — Leave it to Jerry Jones to pay Troy Aikman an NFL-record \$85.5 million and still walk away looking like he got the better end of the deal.

By reworking the three remaining years on Aikman's contract, the Dallas Cowboys owner freed enough room under the salary cap to sign center Mark Stepnoski on Tuesday and likely add free agents Raghib Ismail and Quentin Coryatt before the Saturday's college

draft.

Aikman's reward for being a good trooper? A six-year extension that makes him the highest-paid player in pro football history and includes a \$20 million signing bonus that's among the biggest in pro sports history. Aikman, who will be 41 when the deal ends in 2007, already has received \$13 million and will get the other \$7 million in early 2001.

A league source speaking on condition of anonymity

divulged the contract details to The Associated Press late Tuesday. Neither Jones nor Aikman's agent, Leigh Steinberg, would discuss the specifics of the deal other than to say it gives Dallas much more flexibility under the salary cap for several years.

"It's structured in a way that it is beneficial to the longterm goals of our organization from the standpoint of the salary cap," Jones said.

Aikman's previous contract

also put him atop the NFL's salary chart, and he reworked it almost every year to help Jones re-sign key players or to bring in free agents. Steinberg said Aikman again did not want his contract to be an obstacle for Jones.

"Our goal was to free up cap room so that Troy could play with a competitive team," Steinberg said. "He wants more rings on his fingers."

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Special Olympians shine at Water Valley meet

HERALD Staff Report

WATER VALLEY — A large number of Special Olympians from Howard County took part in a track meet Saturday at Water Valley High School.

The Howard County athletes took a large number of first- and second-place awards. In the 25-meter assisted walk, Tommy Lasiter and Teresa Gutierrez both earned first-place medals, while Cynthia Valasquez, Red Holguin and Choyia Baker earned gold medals in the 50-meter walk.

Lettie Anguiano and Hal Porter took second-place finishes in the 50-meter walk, while Loretta Mireles and Cody Porter both finished third.

In the 50-meter dash, Sandy Mack, D'lene Wylie and Charles Thomas took firsts. Pat Laneave and Mary Helen Gonzales finished second, Cecil Micheal was third and fourth-place awards went to Marty Thurston, Rita Rea, Steven Mills and Josh Hughes.

Bobby Emerson was second in the 100 meters, while Stephen Lawson was third and both Seth Kirn and Robin Redman were fourth.

Stacy Wells finished second in the 400-meter walk, while Robert Edwards was third. Aireba Taylor finished first in the 200 meters and Jennifer Hernandez matched that with her win in the 400 meters.

and Wells finished third. The meet's field events saw every Howard County athlete place in either the standing long jump or the softball throw.

Sandy Mack and Hernandez were first in the standing long jump, while Wylie, Emerson and Kirn were second, Laneave was third and Thurston fourth.

First-place winners in the softball throw were Rea, Gonzales, Redman, Lawson, Lasiter, Micheal and Cody Porter.

Mireles, Valasquez and Wells finished second, while Hughes and Thomas were third. Those earning fourth-place ribbons in the event were Mills, Hal Porter, Holguin, Edwards, Anguiano, Taylor, Baker and Gutierrez.

Rangers thrash Mariners

SEATTLE (AP) — Ivan Rodriguez felt like pinching himself after his first three at-bats.

The All-Star catcher drove in nine runs to set a Texas record, hitting a grand slam and a three-run homer to highlight the Rangers' 15-6 romp over Seattle on Tuesday night.

"It's not easy to get this many RBIs in one game. Sometimes you can't get this many RBIs in a week," he said. "So this is very nice and very enjoyable. It was a great night."

Rodriguez's RBIs all came in the first three innings. He homered into the second deck in the first, had a two-run single in the second and hit his first career slam in the third as Texas took a 13-0 lead.

"It's nice to have the game over that quick," he said.

It was the most RBIs in the major leagues since Mike Greenwell, playing for Boston, had nine against Seattle in the Kingdome on Sept. 2, 1996.

Jim Bottomley of the St. Louis Cardinals set the major league record of 12 RBIs on Sept. 16, 1924. Mark Whiten of the Cardinals tied that mark when he hit four home runs on Sept. 7, 1993.

The AL record is 11 RBIs by Tony Lazzari of the New York Yankees on May 24, 1936.

Rodriguez came up with two runners on base in the fifth inning, giving him a chance to tie the major league record, but flied out. He singled with none on in the seventh, and was taken out in the eighth.

Gregg Zaun, who replaced Rodriguez, batted with two on base in the ninth and walked.

Rodriguez agreed with the decision of manager Johnny Oates to take him out.

"It's a long season," he said. "I feel happy with the game I had. But I'm not looking for that. I'm just looking for wins for the team and that's what we did."

Oates said he decided to rest Rodriguez rather than let him bat one more time and go for the RBI record.

"The same reason I took Juan (Gonzalez) out, the same reason (Ken) Griffey came out, the same reason (Russ) Davis came out, the same reason (Jay) Buhner came out," he said. "That's what you're supposed to do."

Rodriguez broke the Texas record of eight RBIs set by Gonzalez on June 17, 1993, and tied by Jose Canseco on June 13, 1994.

Rodriguez's previous RBI high was five, which he accomplished twice. He began the night with one homer and two RBIs in his first six games.

In the first inning, Rodriguez capped a five-run burst with a 425-foot drive to left field off Ken Cloude (0-1). Rodriguez became the 12th player to hit a ball into the second deck at the Kingdome.

Mariners manager Lou Piniella said Rodriguez's big night was the result of poor pitching as well as good hitting. "We are disappointed," he said. "We expected better."

Rodriguez's single in the second made it 7-0 and finished Cloude. In the third, he connected for a slam off Mac Suzuki to cap a six-run inning. "I can't put a finger on it. I tried to muscle the ball too much," Cloude said.

Rusty Greer also had four of Texas' season-high 19 hits.

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McGwire
The ASSOCIATED

Mark McGwire worry this season Maris. It's Mark McGwire who sure was off because homers to break season mark — a record in sports world.

It's starting all and he's the reason McGwire had his home game Tuesday, connected left-hander Pete catch up to his own of a year ago as Cardinals beat Pittsburgh.

Did somebody say McGwire has finished seven games, the But after spending year talking about and nothing but McGwire is putting on all such records and immortality. "That's in the past about this year,"

In other National League games, Arizona Angeles 7-6 in Houston defeated 7-3 and Milwaukee Montreal 8-4.

In American League Texas pounded Seattle York beat Baltimore Bay topped Oakland defeated Boston beat Cardinals' almost an afterglow everything McGwire's pursuit and he doesn't win again.

"This is the game it's not a home McGwire said. "I to help the ball hit any home runs deal."

Oh, but it is a fans — even in parks. McGwire's first and fifth in

COWBOYS

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SPORTS EXTRA

TRANSACTIONS

BASEBALL
American League
TEXAS RANGERS—Purchased the contract of RHP Jeff Zimmerman from Oklahoma of the PCL. Optioned OF Scarborough from Oklahoma of the PCL.
OAKLAND ATHLETICS—Purchased the contract of RHP Mike Quast from Vancouver of the PCL. Optioned OF Ryan Christensen from Vancouver of the PCL.
National League
CHICAGO CUBS—Placed RHP Kurt Miller on the 15-day disabled list. Recalled RHP Rodney Myers from Iowa of the PCL.
FLORIDA MARLINS—Recalled INF Mike Lowell from rehabilitation assignment to Calgary of the PCL.
MILWAUKEE BREWERS—Placed INF Jose Valentin on the 15-day disabled list, retroactive to April 11. Recalled INF Lou Collier from Louisville of the International League.
MONTREAL EXPOS—Placed LHP Steve Kline on the 15-day disabled list, retroactive to April 11. Recalled LHP Rick Dent from Ottawa of the International League.

TRANSACTIONS

BASKETBALL
National Basketball Association
LOS ANGELES CLIPPERS—Signed G Troy Hudson to a multiyear contract.
PHILADELPHIA 76ERS—Placed F George Lynch on the injured list. Activated F Rick Mahorn from the injured list.
FOOTBALL
National Football League
MIAMI DOLPHINS—Signed RB Karim Abdul-Jabbar. FB Stanley Pittchett and DE Shane Burton to one-year contracts.
MINNESOTA VIKINGS—Signed TE Carlester Cumpster.
NEW YORK JETS—Signed CB Ray McInnes.
ST. LOUIS RAMS—Signed OL Andy McCullum.
HOCKEY
National Hockey League
COLORADO AWALNCHIE—Agreed to terms with F Peter Forsberg on a three-year contract extension.
NASHVILLE PREDATORS—Recalled C Petr Sykora from Milwaukee of the IHL.
PITTSBURGH PENGUINS—Assigned F Martin Scorsenber to Syracuse AHL.

NBA

Tuesday's Games
ST. LOUIS RAMS 5, OL Andy McCullum.
MIAMI DOLPHINS 17, RB Karim Abdul-Jabbar.
PHILADELPHIA 76ERS 84, F George Lynch.
L.A. CLIPPERS 100, NEW JERSEY 101.
Utah 105, Sacramento 100.
Tuesday's Games
Toronto at Philadelphia, 6 p.m.
Detroit at Washington, 6 p.m.
Atlanta at Boston, 7:30 p.m.
Orlando at Indiana, 7 p.m.
Vancouver at Houston, 7:30 p.m.
Minnesota at San Antonio, 7:30 p.m.
Miami at Milwaukee, 7:30 p.m.
Cleveland at Chicago, 7:30 p.m.
New Jersey at Denver, 8 p.m.
Phoenix at Seattle, 9 p.m.
Tuesday's Games
Portland at Houston, 7:30 p.m.
Minnesota at Dallas, 7:30 p.m.
Seattle at Sacramento, 9:30 p.m.
Denver at Golden State, 9:30 p.m.
Utah at L.A. Clippers, 9:30 p.m.

NHL

Tuesday's Games
Montreal 2, Tampa Bay 2, tie
Buffalo 2, Philadelphia 2, tie
Tuesday's Games
Washington at Carolina, 6 p.m.
New Jersey at Buffalo, 6 p.m.
N.Y. Islanders at Toronto, 6:30 p.m.
Montreal at Florida, 6:30 p.m.
Nashville at Detroit, 6:30 p.m.
Phoenix at Dallas, 7:30 p.m.
Calgary at Vancouver, 9 p.m.
St. Louis at Anaheim, 9:30 p.m.
WPHL PLAYOFFS
Third Round
(East-West)
EASTERN BRACKET

MAJOR LEAGUE STANDINGS

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LOCAL BOWLING

LADIES MAJOR
WEEK 29
RESULTS—Something Else 2-6, Big Spring Music 6-2, Dream Team 0-8, Rainbow Brits 8-0, Psycho Paysters 0-8, Green House Photography 8-0, Day & Day Builders 1-1, Rocky's 4-4, A&B Farms 5-3, Wynns Winners 3-5, Pack Sender 6-2, Cline Construction 2-6, Neighbors Auto Sales 6-2, Mike-Haps 2-6, Barber Glass & Mirror 4-4, Carlos 4-4; hi sc team game Day & Day Builders 7-6, Big Spring Music 6-79, Pack Sender 2584; hi sc game WBC Kelley Howell 195, Melissa Phillips 117, Faye Day 77.
STANDINGS—Rainbow Brits 144-88, Pack-Sender 138-94, Big Spring Music

LADIES MAJOR

WEEK 29
RESULTS—Carlos' 6-2, Cline Construction 2-6, Pack-Sender 2-6, Day & Day Builders 6-2, Rainbow Brits 4-4, Rocky's 4-4, A&B Farms 0-0, Psycho Paysters 0-0, Neighbors Auto Sales 0-8, Green House Photography 8-0, Dream Team 6-2, Barber Glass & Mirror 2-6, Wynns Winners 0-8, Big Spring Music 8-0, Something Else 6-2, Mike-Haps 2-6; hi sc team game Big Spring Music 7-47, Something Else 2628, Something Else 2806, Day & Day Builders 2578; hi sc game WBC Mary Ellis 219, Jan Elliott 208, Kathryn Senter 205; hi sc series WBC Mavis Greer 577, Kathryn Senter 573, Jan Elliott 560; hi hdp game WBC Mary Ellis 285, Lockie Schooning 2851, Jan Elliott 2602; hi hdp series WBC Kathryn Senter 717, Jan Elliott 716, Mavis Greer 703; most over ave game WBC Mary Ellis 83, Lockie Schooning 60, Jan Elliott 56; most over ave series WBC Kathryn Senter 105, Jan Elliott 104, Mavis Greer 88.
STANDINGS—Rainbow Brits 148-92, Big Spring Music 140-100, Pack-Sender 140-100, Something Else 128-112, Green House Photography 138-112, Psycho Paysters 111-129, Rocky's 110-130, A&B Farms 101-131, Mike-Haps 100-140, Psycho Paysters 100-132, Carlos' 93-147.
TUESDAY COUPLES
RESULTS—Ups & Downs over Tom's Camaros 9-0, Morris Robertson Body Shop over Day's Wonders 8-0, KC Steakhouse over Hardison Appliances 8-0, Parks Agency, Inc. over Double R Motor Co. 6-2, Professional Health Care over A Timeless Design 6-2, Cowbo's tied Carlos Restaurant 4-4, Scurry Rentals tied LG Nat Diet Co. 4-4; hi sc game men Ray Kennedy 256; hi sc game woman Angie Foster 192; hi sc series men Ray Kennedy 663; hi sc series women Angie Foster 499; hi hdp game men Ray Kennedy 276; hi hdp game woman Angie Foster 192; hi hdp series men Michael Elliott 744; hi hdp series women Angie Foster 688; hi sc team game KC Steakhouse 767; hi hdp series men Morris Robertson 2237; hi hdp team series Morris Robertson Body Shop 2697.
STANDINGS—White Motor Co., Stanton 146-102, Hardison Appliances 144-104, BS 141-107, KC Steakhouse 136-112, A Timeless Design 130-118, Double R Motor Co. 120-119, Ups & Downs 128-120, Scurry Rentals 126-122, Parks Agency, Inc. 124-124, Morris Robertson Body Shop 124-124, Tonn Cleaners 116-132, LG Nat Diet Co. 110-138, Carlos Restaurant 109-139, Dub's Wonders 109-139, Professional Health Care 109-139, Cowbo's 103-145.
PHOTOPLAYERS
WEEK 30
RESULTS—Health Food Store over Kuykendall 6-2, Perco Car Care tied Dixie Chicks 4-4, Guys Restaurant over VFW 6-2, Hair Designs by Randy over Bow-Rama 8-0, Petty Farms tied Melitts 4-4; hi sc series Bernadine Sealy 232, Alma Posey 204; hi sc team series Hair Designs by Randy 1056, Petty Farms 700; hi hdp game Hair Designs by Randy 701, VFW 674; hi hdp series Bernadine Sealy 684, Mary Ellis 670; hi hdp game Bernadine Sealy 252, Brenda L. McGig 241; hi hdp team series Guys Restaurant 2408, Hair Designs by Randy 2376; hi hdp team game Guys Restaurant 848, Hair Designs by Randy 841.
STANDINGS—Hair Designs by Randy 163-79, VFW 150-90, Petty Farms 141-101, Bow-Rama 121-119, Kuykendall 119-119, Perco Car Care 117-123, Guys Restaurant 111-129, Melitts 96-144, Health Food Store 93-147, Dixie Chicks 91-149.
VA COUPLES
WEEK 29
RESULTS—Team five over Team ten 8-0, Team nine over Team two 8-0, Team four tied Team eight 0-0, Team six over Team one 6-2, Team seven over Team three 8-0; hi sc team series Team nine 2087, Team six 2033, Team seven 1976; hi sc team game Team four 724, Team nine 714, Team six 681.

El Paso proves pain for Howard teams

El Paso Community College proved to be a thorn in Howard College's side last weekend as its squads took a combined 5-6 conference wins from the Hawks and Lady Hawks. Howard's only victory was game one of the Saturday baseball doubleheader, as the Hawks escaped with an 8-6 win.

The Hawks were in position to win both of the other two conference games, but instead were edged by the Tejanos by scores of 10-9 and 8-7. However, with an impressive 36-10 season record, the Hawks still remain in first place in the Western Junior College Athletic Conference standings with a 13-5 mark, followed closely by Odessa College at 11-5.

New Mexico Junior College's Thunderbirds are holding the third slot in the conference standings with an 8-11 record.

Following today's non-conference games with Lubbock Christian University in Lubbock, the Hawks will travel to the Land of Enchantment this weekend for a crucial three-game series with the Thunderbirds.

Looking ahead, make plans to attend the final home games on Friday and Saturday, April 23-24, as the Hawks host the Odessa College Wranglers at Jack Barber Field.

The Lady Hawks would have liked to have been as lucky, but unfortunately, they suffered a four-game sweep, at the hands of the Tejanas, three of which counted as conference games.

The best showing of the series came in the fourth and final game as the Lady Hawks lost a disappointing heart-breaker 8-7.

The Lady Hawks ended the regular conference season with a 6-6 mark. In all probability, that record will be good enough for a second-place finish, meaning another opportunity to regroup and make a run for the Region V tournament.

RANGERS

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Mike Morgan (2-0), pitching for his record 11th major league team, won despite giving up homers to Jay Buhner, David Bell and David Segui.

After the game, Morgan was still shaking his head at Rodriguez's performance.

"Believe me, I've never seen anything like that in all my years in baseball," he said. "Actually, it was a tough night to pitch. I came up into the tunnel between innings to throw balls into the net trying to stay loose."

Morgan went 6 2-3 innings, giving up five runs and six hits.

HAWK HIGHLIGHTS
By STAN FEASTER
[Image of a hawk]

ment in Abilene April 30-May 1.

Injuries seem to plague the team as of late, as pitcher Maria Lopez is questionable for the remainder of the season and freshman pitcher Brandy Smith is still nursing a sore shoulder. Basketball starter turned softball player Ricka McKee has made steady progress with her sprained ankle.

Interim coach Cotton Mize continues to do a great job as coach Andy Mace recovers from his recent heart surgery.

The Lady Hawks last home games will be on Thursday, April 22, as they host Sul Ross State University for games at 11 a.m. and 1 p.m. Howard's squad will then play UTPB in doubleheader games set for 3 and 5 p.m. starts. All four games will be played at the Big Spring ISD softball complex.

The Lady Hawks will take their 39-17 season record on the road this Friday, traveling to Frisco to battle the No. 5-ranked team from Collin

County Community College.

In rodeo action Jeremy Hughes stole the spotlight finishing first in the short round and first in the average of bull riding competition at the Western Texas College rodeo in Snyder.

The men's team finished fifth as the women's team finished third behind a strong performance from Kim Green in the barrel racing. Green took a first in the short round and second in the average.

Coach Mike Yeater's cowboys and cowgirls will have this weekend off before closing out their season April 22-24 at Tarleton State University in Stephenville.

Be sure to catch the Herald's Sports Briefs for several upcoming Howard College athletic events.

Stan Feaster is sports information director at Howard College. His column appears on Wednesdays.

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McGwire's power allows Cards to top 'Cowher Power' at Three Rivers

The ASSOCIATED PRESS

Mark McGwire's biggest worry this season isn't Roger Maris. It's Mark McGwire.

If McGwire thought the pressure was off because he hit 70 homers to break Maris' single-season mark — the most magical record in sports — he was wrong.

It's starting all over again, and he's the reason why.

McGwire had his first multiple-homer game of the season Tuesday, connecting twice off left-hander Pete Schourek to catch up to his own record pace of a year ago as the St. Louis Cardinals beat Pittsburgh 4-2.

Did somebody say ... 71?

McGwire has four homers in seven games, the same as 1998. But after spending an entire year talking about home runs and nothing but home runs, McGwire is putting a moratorium on all such talk about records and immortality.

"That's in the past. Let's talk about this year," McGwire said.

In other National League games, Arizona outlasted Los Angeles 7-6 in 16 innings, Houston defeated San Francisco 7-3 and Milwaukee downed Montreal 8-4.

In American League games, Texas pounded Seattle 15-6, New York beat Baltimore 6-3, Tampa Bay topped Toronto 8-5, Oakland defeated Anaheim 3-2 and Boston beat Chicago 6-0.

The Cardinals' season became almost an afterthought in 1998 as everything centered on McGwire's pursuit of history, and he doesn't want it happening again.

"This is the game of baseball, it's not a home run game," McGwire said. "I do what I can to help the ballclub. If I don't hit any home runs, it's no big deal."

Oh, but it is a big deal to the fans — even in visiting ballparks. McGwire's homers in the first and fifth innings excited

COWBOYS

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The Cowboys reportedly have had verbal agreements with Stepnoski, Ismail and Coryatt for several weeks, but couldn't finalize the deals until they had the salary cap room to sign them. The NFL is investigating whether that happened and if the team violated league rules.

With that black cloud hovering, Jones met with Steinberg at team headquarters late Friday into early Saturday and hammered out the framework for Aikman's new deal. It was signed Monday and announced Tuesday during a news conference intended to feature Stepnoski. Neither Aikman nor Steinberg were in attendance.

Jones said that while the dollar distribution of the Aikman deal will greatly help the team in free agency, he thinks a bigger benefit is that Aikman will definitely be a Cowboy for many years to come.

"Players like to come to teams that have great quarterbacks. And we believe in this organization that we have one of, if not the finest skilled player at the position," Jones said. "We can fundamentally build our organization around Troy."

Aikman was the first overall selection in the 1989 draft and the first player picked under Jones' regime. He guided Dallas' transformation from 1-15 to Super Bowl champions three seasons later. He's since become one of only three quarterbacks to lead a team to three Super Bowl victories.

"His talent and commitment will help us ultimately get back to the Super Bowl," Jones said.

Jones may not be done trimming Dallas' payroll. Fullback Daryl Johnston, who was exposed in the expansion draft, will likely have to take a pay cut or be released. Ditto for receiver Billy Davis, who didn't live up to the big contract he signed before last season.

Steinberg, who also represents Johnston, said his client "would very much like to stay with the Cowboys."

Next on Jones' list of contracts to extend is Deion Sanders, who is going into the last year of his deal. Jones called his talks with Sanders' agent Eugene Park "a work in progress," adding that no deal is imminent.

the fans as much as Kevin Young's shot in the Pirates' sixth, as evidenced by the hundreds of flashbulbs that exploded any time he stepped to the plate.

Even Steelers coach Bill Cowher, who only occasionally drops by to chat with the Pirates, was an enthusiastic spectator during batting practice.

"He told me he was going to draft me," McGwire said.

More evidence of McGwire Mania, Part II: The Pirates began the night in the unaccustomed role of division leaders, yet many of the 19,724 fans raced for the exits in the ninth inning after McGwire walked for the third time.

The first two walks were intentional after doubles by Edgar Renteria. Lengthy boos greeted each walk.

"It doesn't frustrate me at all. It's just part of game. I know it, everybody knows it," McGwire said of the intentional walks.

"They have to understand it's a game of baseball. The Pirates are trying to win a game. If that means walking me to get to somebody else, I accept it."

"The fans are going to have to accept it, too. This is not an individual sport."

Even if he often makes it seem that way.

McGwire didn't wait long to deliver, hitting the first pitch he saw from Schourek (0-1) into the left-field seats in the first inning.

He was intentionally walked in the third, then started the fifth by lifting another sinking fastball over the 400-foot mark in center and into the covered outfield seats.

"They were decent pitches to any other hitter in the league — but he's not any other hitter in the league," Schourek said. "Everybody knows he's a good low-ball hitter. He's tough to pitch to. I didn't even get a chance to throw him any of my breaking stuff."

Cardinals starter Kent Bottenfield (2-0) struck out 10 in 5 1-3 innings. Juan Acevedo, St. Louis' sixth pitcher, worked the ninth for his second save.

Overshadowed by McGwire's big night was a rare steal of home plate by a catcher, the Cardinals' Eli Marrero. He accomplished it in the fourth as Schourek bounced a pitch in the dirt just as Bottenfield was squaring around on an apparent suicide squeeze.

Diamondbacks 7, Dodgers 6
Dante Powell's RBI double capped a three-run rally in the 16th inning as Arizona won the longest game in its two-season history.

The Diamondbacks, who lost twice to Los Angeles last week in extra innings, took five hours, 14 minutes to win this one. Arizona had never played a game longer than 12 innings.

Jay Bell hit two home runs for Arizona. The Dodgers scored twice in the ninth to tie it at 4.

then got two unearned runs in the 16th.

Pinch-hitter Kelly Stinnett, limped around the bases after his two-run homer made it 6-all in the bottom half. Tony Batista and Tony Womack singled with one out and Powell followed with his double.

Brewers 8, Expos 4
Marquis Grissom hit his sixth career home run against his former team and Milwaukee sent Montreal to its fourth straight loss.

The game drew only 5,589 fans, the smallest at Olympic Stadium since Oct. 3, 1990, when 4,262 saw the season finale. The Expos had a near-sellout crowd of 43,918 for their home opener last week.

Jeromy Burnitz also homered for the Brewers. Steve Woodard (1-1) pitched eight effective innings and also went 2-for-3.

Brad Fullmer and Michael Barrett hit solo homers for the

Expos.

Astros 7, Giants 3
Mike Hampton improved to 7-0 lifetime against San Francisco, while Houston stole seven bases to win on the road.

The Astros' seven stolen bases, including two each by Craig Biggio and Carl Everett, were one short of a team record. The steals set up two runs.

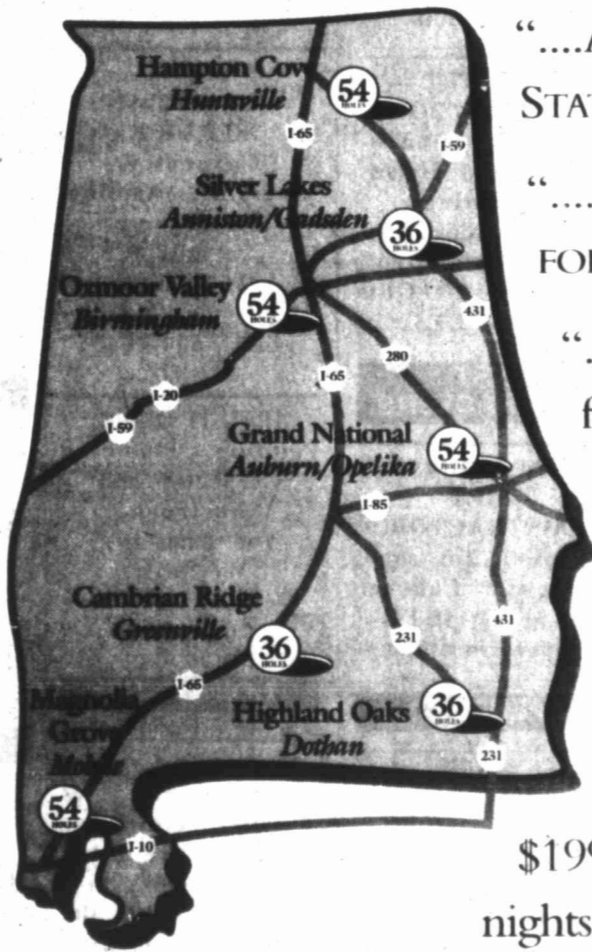
Houston's Derek Bell hit his 100th career home run. Barry Bonds hit his third home run of the season for the Giants.

Yankees 6, Orioles 3
Tino Martinez's grounder hit the third-base bag for a key double in the eighth inning, and New York turned the lucky bounce into its sixth straight victory.

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what you want and expect.
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****Don't lose sight of your
goals. Ponder news that might
send you in a different direc-
tion. A person at a distance
seems to have a greater influ-
ence on your life. Network,
reach out for others, stay on
top of your long-term needs.
You can have what you want.
Tonight: Be part of a think
tank.

CANCER (June 21-July 22)
****You are in the limelight.
A boss demands tremendous
attention; stay tuned in to what
is required. You could be up for
a pay raise or a promotion.
Listen to a partner, regarding
money; he might be shocked by
what he is seeing. Uncover the
facts. Tonight: Working late.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22)
****Develop your resources;
they are far greater than you
think. You are pleasantly sur-
prised by another's reaction to
your ideas. Good luck sur-
rounds funds and partners.
However, spending could be
high. Knock on another's door,
seek his counsel. Tonight: Go
along with a partner's plan.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22)
****Allow others to fully
express themselves. Discuss
prime issues, needs and
desires. Far-reaching plans
involving key people might be
redefined once you have an
important talk. Not everyone
reacts as you do. Just observe.
Tonight: Allow a love relation-
ship to heat up.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21)
****You are coming from a
solid foundation. Others are
surprised by how flexible you
can be. Your take on events
could change substantially. Dig
into work; you might not be
aware of the possibilities here.
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DEAR ABBY: When my hus-
band and I went to Europe on
vacation, we asked our next-
door neighbor to keep an eye
on our house. My husband's
parents had volunteered to do
it. However, although I have a
close and cordial relation-
ship with my in-laws, I felt
more comfortable leav-
ing the key with neighbors who
are members of our local
neighborhood watch group.
They could keep a closer
eye on things while we
were away.

Months later, at Christmas, I
discovered my mother-in-law
had been in our house several
times in our absence "looking
for gift ideas." When they gave
us a set of pots and pans, she
admitted to having gaffe
through the linen closet and
our kitchen cupboards. I was
shocked, and asked when she
had done this. She then dis-
closed that they had made a
duplicate of our hide-a-key and
had stopped by on several occa-
sions when our neighbor was
at work, just to check our
house, "which is so much bet-
ter than leaving it to a
stranger."

My husband and I discussed
it and decided not to ruin the
holidays by confronting his
mom and dad and asking them
to return the key.

We are now moving to a new
house in a town farther away.
I'm sure his folks will want to
stay with us when they come to
visit, and we will be happy to
have them.

We feel that our privacy has
been violated. However, we
don't want to cause a rift in the
family. How can my husband
and I prevent them from hav-
ing the key to our new home
duplicated? — LOOKING FOR
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DEAR LOOKING: I under-
stand your desire not to spoil
the holidays; however, I sense
that you are looking for a solu-
tion that will avoid confronta-

tion.
Invest in a keyless entry sys-
tem for your new home, and
change the entry code the day
after your in-laws depart. If
that isn't feasible, I suggest a
heart-to-heart discussion about
your privacy, or re-key the
locks after they leave.

DEAR ABBY: I'm about to
be married for the third time,
to a woman who is also twice
divorced. I love her dearly and
I know she loves me, but
there's a problem:
"Crissy" wants to keep her
last married name for the sake
of her daughter so that she and
her daughter will have the
same last name. The daughter,
"Janie," is 9, and Crissy is wor-
ried that Janie will feel aban-
doned if her mother has a dif-
ferent last name. She also says
it's easier if school records and
medical records show her
mother having the same last
name.

I feel she should drop her for-
mer husband's last name and
adopt mine. For her not to do
so would be a sign that she
isn't going into this marriage
with 100 percent commitment.
Am I being petty, or do I have a
legitimate gripe? — MY NAME
OR HIS?
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marriages and blended families
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about her daughter's school
and medical records. However,
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In-laws' invasion of privacy
puts couple on the defensive
DEAR ABBY: When my hus-
band and I went to Europe on
vacation, we asked our next-
door neighbor to keep an eye
on our house. My husband's
parents had volunteered to do
it. However, although I have a
close and cordial relation-
ship with my in-laws, I felt
more comfortable leav-
ing the key with neighbors who
are members of our local
neighborhood watch group.
They could keep a closer
eye on things while we
were away.
Months later, at Christmas, I
discovered my mother-in-law
had been in our house several
times in our absence "looking
for gift ideas." When they gave
us a set of pots and pans, she
admitted to having gaffe
through the linen closet and
our kitchen cupboards. I was
shocked, and asked when she
had done this. She then dis-
closed that they had made a
duplicate of our hide-a-key and
had stopped by on several occa-
sions when our neighbor was
at work, just to check our
house, "which is so much bet-
ter than leaving it to a
stranger."

WEDNESDAY

APR. 14

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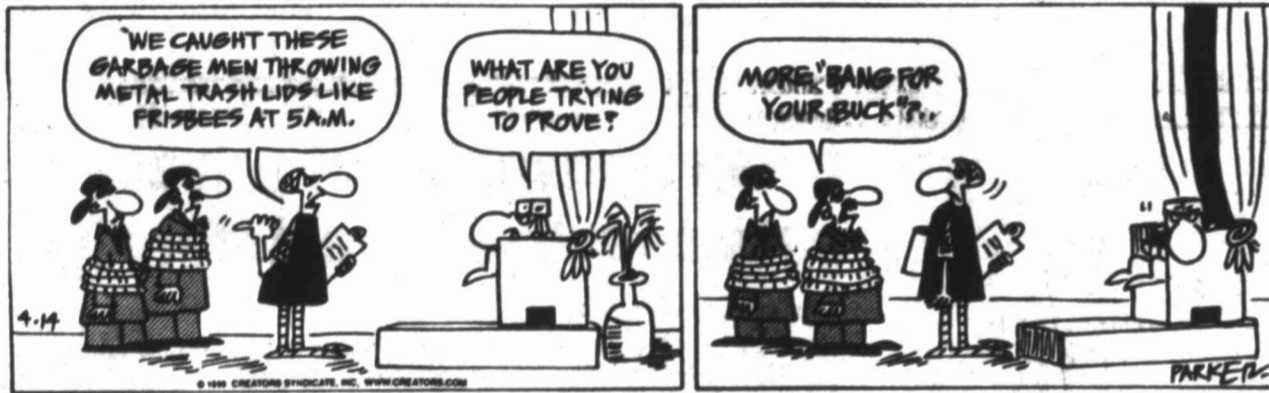
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THIS DATE IN HISTORY

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Today is Wednesday, April 14, the 104th day of 1999. There

are 261 days left in the year.

Today's Highlight in History:

On April 14, 1865, President Lincoln was shot and mortally wounded by John Wilkes Booth while attending the comedy "Our American Cousin" at Ford's Theater in Washington.

Lincoln died the following morning.

On this date:

In 1759, composer George Frideric Handel died in London.

In 1828, the first edition of Noah Webster's "American Dictionary of the English Language" was published.

In 1902, J.C. Penney opened his first store, in Kemmerer, Wyo.

In 1912, the British liner Titanic collided with an iceberg in the North Atlantic and began sinking.

In 1939, the John Steinbeck novel "The Grapes of Wrath" was first published.

In 1939, the motion picture "Wuthering Heights," starring Merle Oberon and Laurence Olivier, premiered in New York.

In 1981, the first test flight of America's first operational space shuttle, the Columbia, ended successfully with a landing at Edwards Air Force Base in California.

Ten years ago: Testimony concluded in the Iran-Contra trial of former National Security Council staff member Oliver L. North. Former winery worker Ramon Salcido went on a rampage in Sonoma County, Calif., killing seven people, including his wife and daughters.

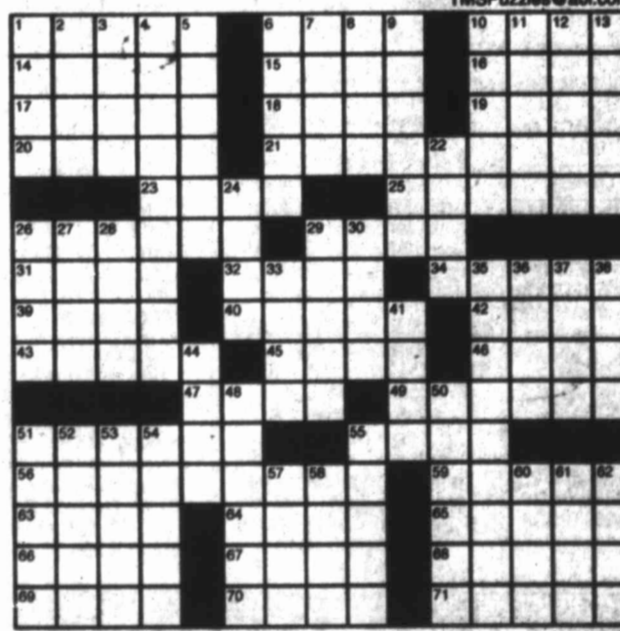
Five years ago: Two American F-15 warplanes inadvertently shot down two U.S. helicopters over northern Iraq, killing 26 people, including 15 Americans. The chiefs of the nation's seven largest tobacco companies spent more than six hours being grilled by the House Energy and Commerce health subcommittee about the effects of smoking.

One year ago: Despite international pleas for leniency, the state of Virginia executed Angel Francisco Beard, a Paraguayan convicted of murder. President Clinton moderated a town meeting on race with an all-star panel of sports figures. The Grand Forks (N.D.) Herald won the 1998 Pulitzer Prize for public service; author Philip Roth received the Pulitzer fiction award, his first, for "American Pastoral."

Today's Birthdays: Actor Sir John Gielgud is 95. Actor Rod Steiger is 74. Actor Bradford Dillman is 69. Actor Jay Robinson ("The Robe") is 69. Country singer Loretta Lynn is 64. Actress Julie Christie is 59. Baseball's all-time hit leader, Pete Rose, is 58. Actor John Shea is 50. Actor Brad Garrett is 39. Rock singer-musician John Bell (Widespread Panic) is 37. Rock musician Barrett Martin is 32. Actor Anthony Michael Hall is 31. Actress Sarah Michelle Gellar is 22.

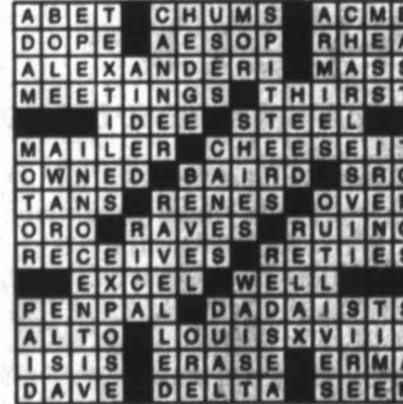
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10 Ensign
14 Started the fire again
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16 Provoke
17 Three-time Masters winner
18 "Blue Horses" painter
19 Musical medley
20 Actor Errol
21 Felon
23 Top cards
25 Keeping company with
26 Set in motion
29 Wide shot
31 Abrasive tool
32 Buzz off!
34 Postpone
39 Suffer stiffness
40 Heart connection
42 Orderly
43 Jerry Stiller's Arne
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47 Kazakhstan
48 Fervor
49 Netanyahu's land
51 Unsaturated alcohol
55 After-shower powder
56 Felon
59 In front
63 Arabian garb
64 Powerful trend
65 Small crown
66 Night: prof.
67 Level
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69 Berries
70 Fender damage
71 T-bone



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Reston, VA

Tuesday's Puzzle Solved



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