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Positively ... Big Spring Fire Academy begins tonight

The first Citizens Fire Academy begins tonight at 6 with a class covering the history of fire fighting within Howard County, presented by Fire Marshal Burr Lea Settles Jr.

The class will also discuss the departmental organization of the Big Spring Fire Department, and is expected to conclude about 10 p.m.

As many as 12 individuals will have an opportunity to learn fire fighting, as well as receive CPR certification within the 12-week course.

For more information or to enroll in the free course, contact Settles at 264-2303.

WHAT'S UP...

TODAY

□ Big Spring Art Association, 7 p.m., library annex, 500 Main.

□ Big Spring Chapter No. 67, Order of the Eastern Star, 7 p.m., Masonic Lodge, 219 Main.

WEDNESDAY

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

□ Line dancing, 1 p.m., Senior Citizens Center, Industrial Park.

□ Fraternal Order of Eagles Aerie, 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.

□ Howard College music student recital, 7:30 p.m., Fireplace Room. There will be a variety of musical duets and solos.

FRIDAY

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

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

Tonight:



TONIGHT 52°-58° WEDNESDAY 88°-95°

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Underfunded Christmas in April to take on smaller projects

By DEBBIE L. JENSEN
Features Editor

On Saturday, seven groups of volunteers with Christmas in April will tackle repair projects at homes throughout the community.

Don Riley, president of the non-profit agency, said groups are still welcome to join the effort. Most of those participating are funding, or partially funding, their own work this year



RILEY

due to shortages at CIA.

"We can still take groups," Riley said. "Small groups can go along with one of the others. Any one of these could sure use help. And certainly, if a group has got its own money (for repair supplies), we can sure find a place for them and put them to work."

Call John Wright, co-coordinator for projects, to sign up at 263-4796.

Participating groups this year are Trinity Baptist Church, First United Methodist Church, First Presbyterian Church, Fina, Scenic Mountain Medical Center, Bob's Custom Woodwork and Energas.

This year's work got a boost from

grants of \$500 from Fina and \$1,000 from Scenic Mountain Medical Center, along with some other donations. But overall, CIA is underfunded, causing its list to grow with homes needing repairs.

"I've got 60 or so projects waiting," Riley said.

Organizers took on mostly smaller, less involved projects this year, out of concern for funds, he added.

"We're really concerned about the money we'd have to spend," he said. "There hasn't been just a big, big response from the community, but we wanted to make sure we did some projects this year. So we have shifted the emphasis to do more small things."

Riley said this was a year of transition for CIA, which reorganized in January and began seeking some new board members. Donations to the group had declined in recent years.

This year's workday will have some other differences — each volunteer group will provide its own meal. CIA will bring around some snacks in the morning that were donated by several local businesses, however.

Energas for the first time is participating in a special project that Riley said will be a great help. Workers will pressure test gas systems on homes that are part of the workday and replace those that need it — at no charge.

Big Spring has its day in Austin

By JOHN A. MOSELEY
Staff Writer

AUSTIN — A delegation of more than 200 Big Spring residents seemed for all the world capable of taking the state capital by storm Monday as they took part in "Big Spring Day at the State Capitol."

Instead of trying to hammer home its interest on a particular piece of legislation — something members of the Texas Legislature, their staffs and state bureaucrats are well versed in handling — Big Spring's contingent was content to adopt a somewhat low key approach.

As low key as such a group — most wearing identical shirts embroidered with the Big Spring Area Chamber of Commerce logo — can be, any way.

From the outset it was clear the powers that be had rarely seen such a display, as plans for an initial meeting with Rep. David County in his ground floor office had to be quickly moved outside in front of the Capitol's south steps.

And when "Big Spring Day" resolutions commemorating the event were read on in the House of Representatives and Senate, more than half the gallery space in both houses was taken up by Big Spring's contingent.

When Sen. Robert Duncan asked the group to stand as he introduced the resolution to his colleagues, the entire membership of the Senate responded to Big Spring's display by offering a standing ovation of its own.

Counts, currently in his 11th year of representing District 70 in the Texas House, noted that on only one other occasion has a group of his constituents made such a trip.

"This is impressive," the Knox City Democrat said. "We had a group from Snyder come down last year, but it was nothing like this. In fact, that 'Snyder Day' and this are the only times since I've been in the House that groups from my district have done this type of thing."

Counts and Duncan — who, despite having to spend most of his morning in hearings of the Senate Committee on Veteran Affairs and Military Installations, spent considerable time with representatives of the Big Spring group — were also joined by several other elected officials when Howard College personnel and fifth graders from Big Spring elementary schools presented a



demonstration of the "If I Had A Hammer" program.

House Speaker Pete Laney twice managed to pull away from his responsibilities to observe the project taking shape on the south side of the Capitol.

Lt. Gov. Rick Perry, Sen. Troy Fraser and Agriculture Commissioner Susan Combs also spent time visiting with members of the delegation and observing the fifth graders' efforts.

Combs took particular interest and admitted being impressed with the size of the Big Spring contingent.

"There are a lot of communities that don't work collectively," Combs said. "We see a lot of that, but this is a sign that Big Spring doesn't have that problem. It makes a tremendous difference in what you're able to achieve."

And that — carrying a collective interest that Big Spring, and West Texas in general, is interested in state government — was the primary purpose of the trip, according to Chamber president Chuck Williams.

"One of our objectives was to show the Legislature and the legislators' staffs that there is a Big Spring," Williams explained. "And though we didn't come here to push specific issues, we wanted them to know that we care about what they do and how it affects not only us but West Texas and the state as a whole."



"I think we've done that, because the people I've talked to have been impressed by the number of people we had here," he added. "The 'If I Had A Hammer' presentation was particularly significant ... it was different, something they've never seen before."

Howard College President Dr. Cheri Sparks, no stranger to the lobbying process in Austin, expressed the opinion that rewards from Monday's activities will be multi-faceted.

"I think the main result from today's activities will be a heightened recognition of Big Spring and West Texas," Sparks said. "Larger cities are always

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The more than 200 Big Spring and Howard County residents who took part in "Big Spring Day at the State Capitol" activities Monday pose with State Rep. David Counts for pictures on the capitol building's steps (above). Late that morning, Howard College employees and Big Spring elementary school fifth graders provided a demonstration of the "If I Had A Hammer" program (left). During that demonstration, Senators Troy Fraser (left) and Robert Duncan (right) spent time visiting with the group.

HERALD photos/John A. Moseley

Power outage leaves Highland South residents without electricity briefly

By MARSHA STURDIVANT
Staff Writer

Some residents in Highland South experienced a power outage Monday afternoon when a cross arm on an electric pole broke and live wires started a small grass fire.



HAMMOCK

"This was a very, very small thing, and only three or four guys were required to fix the problem," said Mike Hammock,

TU Electric Big Spring manager.

Hammock said about 3 p.m. a cross arm that holds electric wires broke, possibly from high winds and exposure to the elements, allowing a conductor primary wire and a neutral wire to cross.

"These crack and break. Who knows why these things break. They are exposed to the elements, and they are made of wood," Hammock said.

The crossed wires hit the ground and caused a small grass fire in the 700 block of Highland. Big Spring Fire Department firefighters extinguished the blaze in about 15 minutes, he said.

"This did set the grass on fire, and it scorched a lady's fence somewhat," he said.

Most individual residents in the Highland area experience a temporary power surge when the wires crossed, Hammock said.

Others who receive their electricity from this specific pole had power out about an hour, he said.

"When this originally happened the feeder tripped the power about a second and about 500 customers may have been aware of that instant trip. Only those close to the pole remained out of power," Hammock said.

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Well fire sends three area men to hospital

By MARSHA STURDIVANT
Staff Writer

An oil well fire north of Ira on County Road 3114 about 7:45 a.m. today sent three Colorado City men to the hospital, and destroyed a pulling unit.

According to sources at the scene, Larry Keen, 40, was transported by private vehicle to Cogdell Memorial hospital and later taken by helicopter to University Medical Center in Lubbock where he is being treated for burns.

Another man, Rene Garcia, 42, was transported to UMC by ambulance. The third man,

Danny Parham, 46, was still under observation at Cogdell Memorial Hospital in Snyder late this morning.

The fire destroyed a pulling unit the men were working on, which is owned by West Texas Energy Service in Big Spring. Comments from the company were not available as of press time.

Apparently, the men were running a drill stem test in a newly drilled oil well when the fire broke out. The exact nature of the cause of the fire is unknown, a source at the scene said.

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OBITUARIES

Sam Mellinger

Sam Mellinger, 76, died Sunday morning, April 18, 1999, at his residence.

Service at the grave for Mr. Mellinger will be 2 p.m. today in the Shearith Israel Cemetery, Dallas. Rabbi Sidney Zimelman will officiate. For religious reasons, Mr. Mellinger will not lie in state. Should friends desire, donations may be made in Sam's name to Congregation Ahavath Shalom, Fort Worth.

A native of Big Spring, Sam was the son of Victor and Rose Greensweig Mellinger. While in Big Spring, he operated Mellinger's, a clothing store. After closing the store, Sam moved to Fort Worth and joined Congregation Ahavath Shalom. He later moved to Lubbock to be close to his family.

Survivors include his sons, Victor and his wife, Lizan and Glenn and his wife, Leslie; his grandsons, Jared Thomas, Aaron and Brock Mellinger, all of Lubbock; and his sister, Ruth Mellinger Englander and her husband, Dick, Hollandale, Fla.

Arrangements under the direction of Robertson Mueller Harper Funeral Directors.

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James "Ed" Settles

James "Ed" Settles, 90, Big Spring, died on Monday, April 19, 1999, in a local hospital. Rosary will be 7 p.m. Wednesday at Nalley-Pickle & Welch Rosewood Chapel. Funeral service will be 10 a.m. Thursday, April 22, 1999, at Immaculate Heart of Mary Catholic Church with the Rev. Christopher Coleman, pastor, officiating. Interment will follow at Mount Olive Memorial Park.

He was born Jan. 14, 1909, in Big Spring, and married Polly Thomas Nov. 5, 1935 in Fort Worth. She preceded him in death on June 25, 1995.

He was a lifelong resident of Big Spring. His parents, Burr H. and Dossie Holder Settles were early residents of Big Spring and his uncle, William R. Settles, was the builder of the Settles Hotel. He worked for McEwen Motor Company for 15 years, The Exchange at Webb Air Force Base for several years and worked in the recreation area at Howard College for a number of years.

He was a member of Immaculate Heart of Mary Catholic Church and was a Chief Petty Officer in the Navy during World War II.

Survivors include a son and daughter-in-law Robert and Lynda Settles of Midland; two

grandsons, James Settles of Canyon and John Settles of Midland; two brothers and sisters-in-law, Burr Lea and Marchie Settles of Big Spring and Charles Ray and Louise Settles of San Antonio; a sister, Mary Everts of Levelland and a sister-in-law, Mona Langley of Ennis.

He was also preceded in death by his parents, one brother and three sisters.

Pallbearers will be Bert Andries, Ed Corson, Bill Gilbert, Bob Gilbert, Nick Engel and Tom Corwin.

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

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Sibyl Horne

Sibyl Horne, 94, of Lubbock, formerly of Big Spring, died Monday April 19, 1999, in a Lubbock hospital. Service will be at 11 a.m. Wednesday, April 21, 1999, at Nalley-Pickle & Welch Rosewood Chapel with Rev. Eddie Tubbs, pastor of First Baptist Church of Big Spring, officiating. Interment will follow at Trinity Memorial Park.

She was born Feb. 5, 1905, in Hunt County, and married M. Boone Horne on Aug. 27, 1928, in Waurika, Okla. He preceded her in death Aug. 14, 1975.

She attended East Texas State Teachers College in Commerce and taught school in Wheeler County. She and her late husband came to Big Spring in 1941 from Lubbock and owned and operated Hester's Office Supply until Mr. Horne's death in 1975. She was a member and past president of American Business Women's Association, Cactus Chapter and was named Woman of the Year in the 1970s. Mrs. Horne was a charter member of College Baptist Church and a former member of First Baptist Church where she worked in the children's and nursery departments. She returned to Lubbock in 1985 and was currently a member of Oakwood Baptist Church of Lubbock.

Survivors include: a daughter and son-in-law, Joyce and Dick Milam of Lubbock; five grandchildren, Malinda McClung of Lubbock, Wesley Milam of Weatherford, Derek Milam of Midland, Noel Wayne Hull and Janet Hull, both of Big Spring; and five great-grandchildren.

She was also preceded in death by a son, Wayne Horne in October of 1951 and a daughter, Dolores Hull in September of 1987.

The family suggests memorials to: Carillon Health Care Center, 1717 Norfolk, Lubbock 79416.

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OUTAGE

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A small crew from TU Electric immediately went to work repairing the damage, while firefighters put the grass fire out, he said.

"Workers put in a new cross arm and spliced the wires back together," he said.

The entire incident affected about 500 people, although those without power were only a few homes, he said.

FIRE

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Emergency medical service personnel, along with the

Snyder Fire Department and Snyder Sheriff's Office responded to the accident.

Snyder Daily News managing editor Wade Warren contributed to this report.

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well represented here in Austin, so bringing a large number of people from a rural area shows there's a lot going on in small towns and that we have a lot to be proud of.

"The fabric of Big Spring is so colorful... our history is so rich... that's what makes Big Spring so special and that came through in the resolutions adopted by both houses," she added. "But the most important thing that will come from this trip is the increased pride in our citizens who participated."

Sparks opinion was echoed by several, including businessman Stan Partee who'd flown into Austin for the celebration.

"The biggest thing I got from today is that I've become a believer that the people in Big Spring do care," Partee explained as the day's activities wound to a close with a soft drink and ice cream reception on the Capitol's east lawn.

"There have been times when I did wonder whether Big Spring really cared as a community," he explained. "Today reaffirms my belief that a great majority of us do."

A great many of the participants, among them Jerry Groves, a member of the Big Spring Vietnam Memorial Committee, were so impressed by elected officials' response during the day, that they suggested that the Chamber turn "Big Spring Day" into an annual event.

"It's been a great day," Groves noted. "Not only has it been an opportunity for Big Spring to be recognized in both houses of the Legislature, but it reminded our legislators that we're here... that we're interested in what they're doing. I really believe we ought to do this every year."

BRIEFS

COMMUNITY WIDE AUDITIONS FOR AN UPCOMING PRODUCTION OF "NONSENSE" WILL BE 8 p.m. today in the Howard College theater.

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

Grizzle said "Nonsense" 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 CAUBLE SCHOOL REUNION WILL BE ON MAY 1 FROM 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. in the Elbow School cafeteria. This date was chosen to avoid family reunion dates.

Please come for a day of remembering with old friends and bring your favorite casserole and dessert for the covered dish luncheon at noon.

If you know of someone who lives out of town who is a Cauble School ex, please spread the word to them.

THE TEXAS DEPARTMENT OF Health and WIC will be closed for all services on Wednesday. We will reopen on Thursday, April 22 at 8 a.m.

LOCAL FIREFIGHTERS ARE COLLECTING non-perishable items and toiletries for the victims of Wednesday's tornado in Midland. Items such as canned goods and basic supplies can be dropped off at any

A BIG SPRING AROUND THE TOWN

fire station, Wal-Mart or at the collection box at the Big Spring Fire/EMS booth at the health fair Saturday.

Monetary donations can be made to the Red Cross in Midland. Call Joe Brewer at 264-2302 for more information.

SENIOR CITIZENS WHO HAVE witnessed the effects of childhood diseases are needed to staff a new volunteer program that will promote immunizations.

Volunteers 55 and older are sought for the effort, to be known as the Seniors for Childhood Immunization Program. RSVP volunteers will visit new mothers at Scenic Mountain Medical Center and remind them of the importance of the immunizations.

To find out more about the program or to volunteer, call 264-2397.

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."

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.

BIG SPRING KENNEL CLUB will begin canine obedience classes Thursday 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.

SUPPORT GROUPS

TUESDAY

•Support for MS and Related Diseases, 6:30 p.m. second Tuesday of each month, Canterbury South. Public invited. Call Leslie, 267-1069.

•Al-Anon, 8 p.m., 615 Settles.

•Seniors' diabetic support group, 2 p.m., Canterbury South. Call 263-1265.

•Compassionate Friends support group for parents who have experienced death of a child, 7:30 p.m. first Tuesday in February, April, June, August, October and December in the Family Life Center Building, First Baptist Church, 705 West Marcy. Enter by southeast door. Call 267-2769.

•Cancer support group, first Tuesday of each month, 7-8 p.m., VA Medical Center room 213. Call Sue Jones, 263-7361 ext. 7179 or 264-7518.

MARKETS

May cotton 56.65 cents, up 13 points; May crude 17.88, up 8 points; cash hogs steady at 30 even; cash steers steady at 65 even; June lean hog futures 55.60, up 37 points; June live cattle futures 63.80, up 70 points. courtesy: Delta Corporation. Other markets not available by presstime.

POLICE

The Howard County Police Department reported the following incidents between 8 a.m. Monday and 8 a.m. today:

•DOMESTIC DISTURBANCE was reported in the 1400 block of Main.

TEXAS LOTTERY PICK 3: 7,8,3

CASH 5: 23,12,25,11,39

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

•BURGLARY OF A BUILDING was reported in the 300 block of East First. Currency, credit cards and a damaged window brought an estimated loss of \$1,925.

•MICHAEL ROBLES, 27, was arrested for local warrants.

•CRIMINAL TRESPASS WARNING was issued in the 1700 block of Yale.

•MINOR ACCIDENT was reported at the intersection of 11th and Runnels, and Goliad and FM 700.

•MARTIN MORA, 21, was arrested for no driver's license.

•RITA MENDOZA, 17, was arrested for disorderly conduct language.

•DRAG RACING/RECKLESS DRIVING was reported in the 1700 block of Wason.

•THEFT OF SERVICE was reported in the 1900 block of Kentucky Way.

•RAFAEL RIVAS, 18, was arrested for local warrants.

•THEFT OF SERVICE was reported in the 700 block of West Fourth. Taxi fare totaling \$119.50 was reported unpaid.

•THEFT was reported in the 1200 block of Mobile. A 4-month-old mixed husky and wolf puppy, valued at \$375, was reported stolen.

•THEFT was reported in the 3300 block of East Marcy, at Fourth and Johnson, 900 block of Willia, 300 block of Owens and at the police station.

•ASSIST FIRE DEPARTMENT was reported in the 700 block of Highland.

•WEEKEND SUMMARY indicates three assault, two family violence, one burglary of a habitation, two burglary of a building and four burglary of a vehicle were reported.

Also, nine criminal mischief, three driving while intoxicated, two driving while license invalid, one forgery and one harassment reported.

And one possession of drugs, three runaway, 14 theft, 12 convenience store thefts, three unauthorized use of a vehicle, one unattended death, 19 arrests, three minor accidents and one major accident reported.

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

•JAMES ODELL PERRY, 34, was arrested for bondsman off bond and motion to revoke probation of theft more than \$1,500 and less than \$20,000.

•PAMELA ELAINE HAYES, 29, was arrested for issuance of a bad check.

•WRETHA SPER, 45, was arrested for issuance of a bad

check.

•STEPHEN WAYNE JOHNSON, 30, was arrested for disorderly conduct/fighting.

•FRANKLIN LA MARR CURTIS, 32, was arrested for disorderly conduct/fighting.

•OMEGA HERNANDEZ, 67, was arrested for issuance of a bad check.

•FREDDY JOE MOORE, 45, was arrested for driving while intoxicated.

•JACK WILSON BIRDWELL, 42, was arrested for second driving while intoxicated.

•DAVID RODRIGUEZ, 31, was arrested for violation of a protective order.

•DENNIS RAY NIXSON, 41, was arrested for third or more offense of driving while intoxicated.

•ANDY LEE FLORES, 29, was arrested for bondsman off bond and motion to revoke probation of unlawfully carrying a weapon and failure to identify, fugitive from justice.

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

MONDAY

1:15 a.m. — 1900 block N. 87, medical call, patient transported to Scenic Mountain Medical Center.

9:00 a.m. — 100 block Lockhart, medical call, patient transported to SMMC.

1:11 p.m. — 5000 block Elbow Creek Road, medical call, patient transported to 1600 block Scurry.

3:12 p.m. — 2900 block Stonehaven, grass fire, extinguished by responding units.

4:24 p.m. — 1900 block Eubanks, trauma call, patient transported SMMC.

6:27 p.m. — 100 block Stadium, medical call, patient transported to SMMC.

6:48 p.m. — 2600 block Chanute, medical call, patient transported to SMMC.

8:19 p.m. — 100 block S. Salem, medical call, patient transported to SMMC.

10:11 p.m. — SMMC, medical call, patient transported to Midland Memorial Hospital.

Monday's high 91
Monday's low 57
Average high 81
Average low 51
Record high 96 in 1987
Record low 34 in 1933
Precip. Monday 0.00
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Month's normal 0.76
Year to date 2.44
Normal for the year 2.81

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MYERS & SMITH FUNERAL HOME & CHAPEL
24th & Johnson 267-8288
Robert Hines, 79, died Sunday. Graveside services are 3:00 PM today at Trinity Memorial Park.

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Senate panel approves \$ 98.3 billion state budget plan

AUSTIN (AP) — The Senate Finance Committee unanimously approved a two-year, \$98.3 billion proposed state budget Monday to provide for government services from education to prisons to welfare, a pay raise for state employees and tax relief.

"I believe that there's a saying that says, 'Where your gold is, there will your heart be also.' And I think that we've put our gold where our heart should be," said Finance Committee Chairman Bill Ratliff, R-Mount Pleasant, citing such items as public education spending.

The committee measure, which is about \$1.36 billion more than a budget earlier approved by the House, heads to the full Senate for consideration.

After senators vote, the House and Senate proposals likely will go to a conference committee made up of members from both chambers to work out differences.

"I think it's a product we can take to conference proudly," Ratliff said.

Senate budget-writers proposed 2000-2001 spending — which includes proceeds from the state's settlement of its lawsuit against the tobacco industry, state and federal funds — is 11.1 percent higher than the \$88.5 billion, 1998-99 budget.

Without the tobacco settlement money, the increase would be 8.9 percent, according to a budget analysis.

The Senate panel's budget has a higher bottom line than the House in large

part for two reasons, Ratliff said.

It includes \$428 million for the pay raise for state government employees, and it accounts for about \$515 million in relief from franchise and sales taxes and other state levies.

The House budget doesn't include an across-the-board pay raise for state employees. It leaves more than \$700 million on the table, and lawmakers have said that could accommodate a possible \$500 million in tax breaks.

"Comparing apples to apples, we're about in the ballpark, I guess, with each other," Ratliff said.

Besides the proposed state tax relief, local school property tax relief could result from provisions in the bill for \$1.1 billion to provide for equity in

school funding and \$550 million in health and human services, the House version of the budget shows a \$926.4 million increase, or 3.5 percent, while the Senate committee's is \$1.5 billion, or 5.8 percent. Ratliff said a good part of that difference could be due to the proposed state employee pay raise, which would be 3 percent in each of the next two years.

The Texas State Employees Union, rather than a percentage pay raise, has advocated a flat \$200 monthly pay raise for all state workers in each of the next two budget years, said Michael Gross of the union.

"What we need is a pay raise that gives enough of a raise to those lower-paying positions that we can start to keep good folks," Gross said.

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Congress battles over Kosovo request

Republicans want to increase price tag to cover military readiness

WASHINGTON (AP) — President Clinton asked Congress for quick, bipartisan action on his \$6 billion request to pay for the war in Yugoslavia. But the legislation has quickly sparked a partisan battle, with Republicans lining up to add billions to cover longer-term Pentagon needs.

"Even \$10 billion would be insufficient to begin fixing six years of Clinton-Gore neglect of armed forces," said House Majority Leader Dick Armey, R-Texas, as the administration submitted the emergency spending bill Monday.

Some Republicans talked of increasing the price tag on the bill to as much as \$18 billion — and taking it out of the nation's budget surplus.

Republicans have grudgingly lined up in support of the president's decision to engage in the NATO bombing campaign of Yugoslavia, finding it hard to criticize the commander in chief when American forces were in danger.

But now they're trying to change the nature of the debate to one of their favorite topics: military readiness.

"The Clinton administration has been downsizing the mili-

tary for the last seven years, and the Kosovo crisis has exposed how our national security is now in real danger," said House Speaker Dennis Hastert, R-Ill.

Democratic leaders pledged to fight to try to get the administration request acted on as soon as possible — without extraneous and costly amendments.

"We ought to pass it this week," said Senate Minority Leader Tom Daschle, D-S.D.

But Democrats might find it hard to vote against some of the more popular GOP proposed add-ons, such as a 4.8 percent across-the-board pay increase for the military.

Daschle even suggested it might be futile to battle the GOP-led move to sweeten the legislation.

"In the effort to move expeditiously, what we would probably do is simply encourage the president to veto a bad bill and bring it back again with another opportunity to pass something that is a lot more stripped down," he said.

Senators were discussing strategy at today's Democratic and Republican policy lunches.

The bulk of the \$6.05 billion request, \$5.12 billion, would

pay for the air campaign itself and related military expenses — through Sept. 30, the end of the fiscal year, if necessary. The rest would go largely to refugee aid, with an additional \$150 million in aid to front-line countries, including Albania and Macedonia, which are taking the bulk of the refugees.

The military portion of the request includes \$750 million to replace munitions and other items expended so far, Deputy Defense Secretary John Hamre told a White House briefing.

He also said some \$250 million would replenish cruise missiles and other munitions used in Operation Desert Fox against Iraq last December.

The emergency spending bill "really has to be acted on very quickly," Hamre said.

Other-wise, "we'll have a genuine readiness crisis."

Senate Appropriations Committee Chairman Ted Stevens, R-Alaska, and House Appropriations Committee Chairman Bill Young, R-Fla., both back from a trip to the Balkans and to NATO headquarters in Belgium, predicted Congress would beef up Clinton's request.

"We're wearing out our

troops, we're wearing out the equipment," said Young.

He suggested Clinton round up Democratic support for an expanded package because "the president made the decision to get us into this. Republicans didn't put us into this war."

Stevens predicted the air war would last an additional "two to five months" and said the military has extensive needs, many of which he said he couldn't discuss because they involve classified information.

Rep. Mark Souder, R-Indiana, who was also on the congressional weekend trip to the region, said that "we have so degraded our military capability that getting some of that fixed is critical."

Still, he said he has misgivings about continuing the effort, saying it has eerie reflections of how the United States was drawn into the war in Vietnam.

While "you can't visit the refugees and not have your heart yanked out," Souder said he was afraid that historians years from now might look back at congressional votes to authorize funds for a continued air war "and ask, 'What were those guys thinking?'"

Electric utility deregulation bill could be heard next week

AUSTIN (AP) — A House panel could vote as soon as next week on a bill to deregulate the state's multi-billion dollar electric utility industry.

Rep. Steve Wolens, D-Dallas, said members of interest groups concerned about the bill met over the weekend to negotiate some key points.

"We have a lot more work to do," said Wolens. "There are still many issues that are out there."

Wolens' bill would allow most electric customers to shop around for a new utility company, ending the geographic monopolies some have held for decades.

The bill takes several complicated steps to allow competitors into the market while trying to ensure that electric customers would see lower prices, more reliability and updated technology.

Wolens said he would lay out a revised form of the bill by the end of the week. The House State Affairs Committee is considering the bill, which has already passed the Senate. Wolens leads the committee.

The weekend negotiations included representatives from the utilities, companies that want to enter the market, consumer groups and several oth-

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Police to blanket Washington this weekend for NATO's 50th birthday

WASHINGTON (AP) — Bomb squads, SWAT teams and other federal and local police will blanket America's capital this weekend to protect the leaders of about 40 countries meeting for NATO's 50th birthday commemoration.

The unprecedented cloak of protection, intensified because of the NATO bombing campaign over Kosovo, will include the first-ever closing of several Smithsonian museums for security reasons. Police are virtual-

ly shutting down more than two dozen busy blocks in the city's center.

Strategy sessions and security drills began six months ago to prepare for anything from a drive-by shooting or truck bombing to nuclear or biological terrorism.

"We are the No. 1 target in the world," said Jim Rice, FBI special agent for terrorism. "But we have home-field advantage. We know the streets. We know the skyline. If something is out

of place, we know it."

Altogether, 17 agencies are involved, including riot police and hazardous chemical units, plus security details for each world leader.

"All are prepared to respond to an emergency," said Secret Service Special Agent Jim Mackin. "Our goal in planning was to prevent them from having to do that."

The war in Kosovo and the ongoing U.S. and British skirmishes with Iraq add to securi-

ty concerns. But neither action has so far brought a specific threat — at least not one made public.

"I don't want to jinx anything, but the threats we have today are the same ones we had yesterday and the day before," Rice said. "We are prepared."

For three days beginning Friday, traffic will be banned from several blocks surrounding the sprawling new Ronald Reagan Building downtown, where the leaders will meet.

Closer in, even pedestrians will be restricted.

Nine downtown Smithsonian museums were set to close Friday.

Museum officials agreed to the unprecedented shutdown after NATO organizers demanded that many government workers in a nearly 100-block security zone stay home to sharply reduce the number of people in the area.

The zone includes much of the national Mall.

However, the three most popular museums will remain open Friday — Air and Space, Natural History and American History — and all museums will be open Saturday and Sunday.

"We got pressure not to bring any of our people in," said Smithsonian spokesman David J. Umansky. "But we have a responsibility to the American people."

A major subway stop next to the NATO meeting site also will be closed for three days.

Texas House committee debates abortion waiting period for minors

AUSTIN (AP) — A bill that would require parents be notified at least 48 hours before their minor daughter undergoes an abortion appears poised for passage in the Texas House.

Similar legislation has already been approved 23-8 in the Senate, and of the 150 House members, 87 have signed on in support of the bill — including 71 of 72 Republicans.

Sixteen Democrats also back the bill, and Gov. George W. Bush has said he supports parental notification.

Regardless, bill sponsor Rep. Dianne White Delisi, R-Temple, faced a tough round of questions from the House State Affairs committee — the same panel that passed a notification measure in 1997 after holding it for more than 50 days.

Houston Rep. Debra Danburg, a Democrat, ultimately spiked that legislation last session on a point of order and has promised to fight against it this session as well. On Monday, she objected to Ms. Delisi's 48-hour waiting

period that applies even if a parent is immediately notified.

"Why — if they have been notified — should we deny parents the availability of this procedure for their child? I can't imagine that 48 hours and an additional missed day of both work and school would greatly change the understanding between a parent and child," Ms. Danburg, a committee member, said.

Ms. Delisi said those 48 hours would be "an important time of connection between the mom and dad and the daughter. Lots of minors also have sexual health problems and they need to be aware of the implication of the procedures."

The two lawmakers also differ on another issue covered by the bill — that of a judicial bypass, which would allow a pregnant minor to forgo parental notification altogether if a judge deemed her mature enough.

Two years ago, Ms. Danburg lobbied for a provision that would have allowed a licensed

counselor to provide the bypass.

"Counselors are trained to handle this matter; judges are not," she has said.

Ms. Delisi, however, disapproves of additional bypasses.

"Who should be involved in important decision-makings and experiences for children?" she asked. "The parents that

have loved and raised them, or the person who will financially profit from a minor's decision to abort? The answer is the parent."

Of the 84,870 abortions reported in 1997 to the Texas Department of Health, about 5,500 were performed on minors.

Other abortion legislation considered Monday:

— A bill that would require a parent's consent before a minor gets an abortion.

— A bill by Rep. Phil King, R-Weatherford, that would allow for a minor who is not granted a judicial bypass to appeal to the Court of Appeals.

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EDITORIAL

Here's to the ladies, God bless them all

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OUR VIEWS

Big Spring Day in Austin proved community cares

Some 200 Big Spring and Howard County residents carried a powerful message to members of the Texas Legislature as they took part in Monday's observance of "Big Spring Day at the State Capitol."

The message delivered was simple in nature, that we take an active interest in state government and the efforts our elected legislators, Rep. David Counts and Sen. Robert Duncan, make on our behalf.

It did not go unheeded. Counts, moments before introducing the Big Spring delegation that more than half filled the House gallery to his colleagues, admitted never having seen such a delegation from a community in his district.

What's more, the demonstration of Howard College's "If I Had A Hammer" program near the capitol's south steps drew interest not only from Counts and Duncan, but from the likes of Lt. Gov. Rick Perry, House Speaker Pete Laney, Agriculture Commissioner Susan Combs and Sen. Troy Fraser.

Too, the mere fact that Monday's activities were not issue-driven quietly spoke volumes.

Despite protestations to the contrary, there is little question that many of those in positions of power in Austin find their attentions focused on the Interstate 35 corridor, often leaving those of us in West Texas feeling somewhat disenfranchised.

But "Big Spring Day at the State Capitol," if only for a few hours, placed focus on a community that many of those who stopped by for a box lunch, a soft drink or ice cream bar probably had to locate by referring to a state highways map.

More than anything else, however, Monday's activities had their greatest effect on the residents of Big Spring who took part in the Austin trip.

We not only proved to state officials that we're interested in their activities, but more importantly, proved to ourselves that we collectively care about our community and its future.

And in so doing, we made every sacrifice necessary in staging the celebration worthwhile.

It was, without question, an unqualified success.

In late September 1996, Maureen Dowd of The New York Times was in Missouri. By that time, she wrote, the presidential campaign of Bob Dole was n't even really a campaign anymore.



JAMES J. KILPATRICK

"It's something more interesting, more absurd, more dark, an inarticulate slouching around cornfields in Ohio and half-empty gyms in Missouri, boldly courting bad luck, bad timing and bad metaphors, inexorably sounding itself toward doom."

"The more Dole campaigns," she observed, "the more voters he drives away, but that's not the weird part. The weird part is that he's not panicking. ... Republicans wonder why Dole is so serene in the tumbrel ..."

That was first-class writing and first-class political analysis. The combination of those two elements this month brought Maureen Dowd a Pulitzer Prize for commentary. The award was richly deserved. On the op-ed page of the Times, she wields her pen like a rapier, like a machete, like a cleaver. The lady is a

writer. She's in the forefront of a score of women columnists and editorial writers who work at the Pulitzer level of commentary and description. They are turning out copy of the very first chop, but they seldom get the recognition they deserve.

Dowd often seems to emulate the even-tempered man: The fellow was even-tempered because he stayed mad. She scoffed in December at Republicans for defending the "principle" that a president who lies is not fit to serve. "Republicans didn't seem to mind lying when they defended Richard Nixon for so long, or when George Bush called Clarence Thomas the best-qualified person to put on the Supreme Court." Then she ripped into Clinton and the Democrats.

In a November column, Dowd wondered how the president should be punished. "Why not a gantlet with Ping-Pong paddles?" In August she described Clinton as "the Grand Canyon of need" — the need to be loved. Jack Kennedy's women were glamorous and his escapades made good copy. "Mr. Clinton's escapades are just cheesy and depressing. The sex scenes are flat, juvenile and cloying. ... The props are uninspiring."

Dowd wrote from New Orleans in June 1998: "It's 3:30 p.m. on Friday and les bon

temps are rolling at Galatoire's. Lawyers in seersucker are smoking big cigars and drinking champagne and telling tall tales. Blondes in flowered chiffon dresses and strappy heels are doing business on cell phones and flirting with gentlemen at nearby tables.

Writers who deal in opinion — sports opinions, theater opinions, food opinions, political opinions — can learn from Maureen Dowd. She doesn't give a fig for "balance." I have been reading her stuff for years, and I can't remember her ever beginning a sentence with "on the other hand." The lady does not shilly; neither does she shally. In her book, Woody Allen isn't misunderstood. He's just nasty.

I hesitate to identify even a few women who are newspaper stars, for fear of leaving out many who should be included, but there's a goodly galaxy out there.

Stephanie Simon of the Los Angeles Times wrote from Death Valley National Park: "It's so quiet out here you can almost hear the shadows tugging violet twilight over the desert dunes."

Meg Greenfield of The Washington Post looked at presidential candidates Bob Dole and Walter Mondale: "The defects of their oratory sprang from a kind of acute, pervasive

sense of irony, especially as it concerned their own oratory, an irrepressible inclination to start sawing off the branch they happen to be standing on at the moment."

Krista Ramsey of The Cincinnati Enquirer wrote movingly of an elderly couple whose lifelong love had triumphed over illness and adversity: "At 80, Rose Klein is sweet as a sugar cookie and tough as a bull moose. She is a warrior in pearl earrings."

Marianne Means is a Hearst Newspapers columnist for whom I cherish great affection. (We were married 10 months ago.) She commented upon the cautious reaction of official Washington to the 1997 tobacco settlement. Members of Congress "didn't quite throw a wet blanket on the historic deal, but they certainly waved a damp washcloth over it."

Ellen Goodman wrote a mood piece for Maine for The Boston Globe: "I am a novice as a naturalist. Before coming here, I lived on the land as lightly as a houseplant."

Compliments also to Mary McGroarty of The Washington Post; Molly Ivins, the Texas tormentor; Sharon Randall of Scripps Howard; and Rheta Grimsley Johnson of the Atlanta Journal and Constitution. Here's to the ladies, God-bless them! Maureen Dowd has lots of good company.



Masters of the government

The Galveston County News

Suppose you live in a home outside a city that is in a financial bind and wants to annex more territory to tax. Under current law, the city must give the public notice of its plans. It also must conduct public hearings.

However, some city governments have found these provisions for informing the public to be bothersome. City officials point out that sometimes these homeowners don't want to be annexed, and that just creates controversy.

Giving notice and conducting hearings just makes the job harder for professionals to run a city, they say. Their proposed solution: Change the law. Kill the provisions for public hearings and public notice.

Sound preposterous? Actually, it's House Bill 7, sponsored by state Rep. Fred Bosse, who represents Houston, a city that has been known to annex occasionally.

Put yourself in the shoes of someone who wakes up one morning and finds out that his tax bill has been doubled. He examines the bill and discovers

that he lives in — rather than near — a city. Is that really government serving the people — or people in servitude to government?

The less information you have about government, the less control you have over it. And every year, lobbyists for governmental organizations prevail on legislators to sponsor bills that would make it more difficult for you to find out what's going on.

Here are some other examples: House Bill 301 would make confidential the name of a person who was accused of a felony. Sounds reasonable, doesn't it? If you were charged with drunken driving you wouldn't want your name in the paper, would you? But how would you feel if you lived down the block from someone who was charged with molesting children?

Suppose the school board gets into a touchy situation and appoints an advisory committee to look into the controversy. Right now, those meetings must be open to the public. Under House Bill 1030, you'd be locked out.

A few years ago, a newspaper in Texas did a story about a

mayor who lived in a mansion, complete with a five-car garage that fronted the city's most valuable commercial thoroughfare. The property was on the tax rolls at \$20,000.

Although the mayor screamed, the newspaper was able to get the tax records because they were public records. House Bill 3169 would allow that mayor — or any custodian of public records — the right to refuse any request he considered "unreasonable."

Texas newspapers are tracking these and dozens of other bills designed to keep you in the dark. If you object, there is something you can do. Make it clear to our representatives that the policy of the state should be the policy that's in state law right now. Here's what it says: "It is the policy of this state that each person is entitled, unless otherwise expressly prohibited by law, at all times to complete information about the affairs of government and the official acts of public officials and employees."

It's a good policy. It allows the people to be master of their government — rather than the other way around.

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OTHER VIEWS

One of the key voices in the Kosovo crisis that's not receiving enough attention is Russia's. The United States and its North Atlantic Treaty Organization buddies should listen up. ...

NATO's attack on Yugoslavia represents much more than a passing interest for Russia. Moscow's ethnic and political ties with the Serbs go way back. ...

The Russians ... are furious that their attempts to prevent NATO intervention failed. Ditto for their efforts to shift the emphasis in that crisis back to a diplomatic course. ...

And ... NATO's behavior in Yugoslavia is validating the worst fears of Russians who have seen NATO expansion as aggression. ...

The Russians are right: It's time to negotiate again. Yugoslavia, while holding its ground, has been beat up pretty badly. ...

Russian President Boris Yeltsin is said to be readying a new peace initiative. The United States and its NATO

allies should consider it carefully.

The Orlando Sentinel

When a book of acknowledged literary merit is banned by a higher authority, whether an agency of central government or law enforcement, it's called censorship.

When books are banned from the classroom because of pressure from parents or advocacy groups, it's called being sensitive to the standards of the community.

The fact is that self-appointed censors in tandem with parents who have no faith in the judgment of teachers are mounting successful campaigns to remove books from the curricula at schools around the state.

School boards must stand up to those who believe the only good book is a bland book. They must oppose political correctness in the selection of texts, and support teachers who want a well-rounded literature curriculum.

The Blade, Toledo, Ohio

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Little League event slated

Howard League Instructional players of a scheduled for Barber Field. The camp instruction in mental under of Howard Roper and well as men baseball team. Registration p.m. with slated for 2 p.m. The fee youngster, should bring and bat.

Lady Steer meeting for

The Big Spring Booster Club p.m. Thurs Spring High

Cancer Soc golf event

Big Spring will again be tournament American Relay for Life. Entry fees er, plus cart carts will be For more Larry Bryan

Bass club slated May

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IN BRIEF

Little League instruction event slated for April 25

Howard College's Little League Instruction Camp for players of all ages has been scheduled for April 25 at Jack Barber Field.

The camp will provide instruction in baseball fundamentals under the supervision of Howard coaches Brian Roper and Justin Hays, as well as members of Hawks baseball team.

Registration is set for 1:45 p.m. with camp instruction slated for 2 p.m. to 4 p.m.

The fee will be \$10 per youngster, and participants should bring a baseball glove and bat.

Lady Steers boosters set meeting for Thursday

The Big Spring Lady Steers Booster Club will meet at 6 p.m. Thursday in the Big Spring High School library.

Cancer Society schedules golf event for April 24-25

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.

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 touney 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 entries mailed to the club must be postmarked no later than April 25. For more information, call 267-6129.

Texas Tech Ex-Students slate touney for May 1

The Big Spring Chapter of the Texas Tech Ex-Students Association has set its annual scholarship golf tournament for May 1. The tournament is ABCD format with a \$60 per person entry fee. All golfers are welcome.

For more information, contact Hardy Wilkerson at 264-2220 or Roxie McDaniel at 267-3388.

CORRECTION

In Sunday's edition of the Herald, a story concerning the District 5-4A tennis tournament failed to note that Big Spring High School's boys' doubles team of Zach Smiley and Aaron Langford finished third with a win over the No. 3-seeded team from Andrews.

LOCAL GAMES

TODAY HIGH SCHOOL BASEBALL

4 p.m. — San Angelo Lake View Chiefs at Big Spring Steers.

5 p.m. — Coahoma Bulldogs at Hale Center Owls.

WEDNESDAY JUCO SOFTBALL

1 p.m. — UTPB Lady Falcons at Howard College Lady Hawks (DH).

ON THE AIR

Radio HIGH SCHOOL BASEBALL

4 p.m. — San Angelo Lake View Chiefs at Big Spring Steers, KBST-AM 1490.

Television MAJOR LEAGUE BASEBALL

9:05 p.m. — Atlanta Braves at Los Angeles Dodgers, TBS, Ch. 11.

NBA BASKETBALL

7 p.m. — San Antonio Spurs at Utah Jazz, TNT, Ch. 28.

7:30 p.m. — Phoenix Suns at Dallas Mavericks, FXS, Ch. 29.

9:30 p.m. — Los Angeles Lakers at Golden State Warriors, TNT, Ch. 28.

Chebet keeps Kenya's stranglehold on Boston

BOSTON (AP) — Joseph Chebet found the secret of going from perennial runner-up to champion: train harder.

It might take a lot more than that for someone other than a Kenyan to win the Boston Marathon.

Chebet became the ninth straight runner from Kenya to win the race Monday, and three of his countrymen also finished in the top 10. At one point, though, Ecuador's Silvio Guerra held a huge lead.

Guerra said he wasn't intimidated by the threat that loomed behind him.

"I get used to being around just Kenyans," he said. "I prepare to run with Kenyans and African guys because they're the best in the world."

And Chebet, who picked up the \$80,000

first prize in the race's 103rd running, may be the best of them all at the moment.

In his six career marathons, he won his first two and finished second in the next three — two in New York City and one in Boston last year — before beating Guerra by 27 seconds in a time of 2 hours, 9 minutes, 52 seconds. Two of his second-place finishes were by three seconds.

"Last year, it was my first time in Boston," Chebet said. "This year I tried to change my training from last year. I tried to train harder."

"Sometimes, he's not completely ready," said his coach, Dr. Gabriele Rosa. "He decided to train longer now and he was more ready."

While five different Kenyans have won the last nine races, Fatuma Roba of Ethiopia has dominated the women's division by herself. On Monday, she became the second woman to win three straight Boston Marathons, matching the accomplishment of Uta Pippig of Germany from 1994 through 1996.

And she did it easily, with a margin of 2 minutes, 26 seconds over Franziska Rochat-Moser of Switzerland. The winning time was 2:23:25. Last year's victory margin was 3:56.

"The only difference is last year I had a knee problem, but this year I was physically good," Roba said. "I was expecting a better time."

Few runners could have run a much better time than Sun Yingjie of China

did early in the women's race as she set a blistering pace. But she lost the lead just past the midpoint, leaving Roba and Catherine Ndereba of Kenya running together.

Roba began to pull away about 17 miles into the 26-mile, 385-yard race. At one point, two spectators carrying green, yellow and red Ethiopian flags ran behind her.

The spotlight in the women's race also fell on Lynn Jennings, the three-time world cross-country champion from Newmarket, N.H., who was making her official marathon debut at age 38.

She hoped to run faster than her 12th-place time of 2:38:37, "but I'm glad I qualified for the Olympic trials," Jennings said.

Bulldogettes outlast tough Lady Mustangs in 10 inning stint, 6-5

HERALD Staff Report

Coahoma's Bulldogettes got what they needed Monday — something other than a blowout victory.

Misty Baker's ground ball up the middle in the 10th inning drove in teammate Kelli Buchanan for the winning score as Coahoma outlasted Midland Christian, 6-5.

The defending Class 2A champions, 24-2, travel to Abilene on Friday to take on Brownwood in another pre-playoff contest.

Amber Bingham pitched all 10 innings for the Bulldogettes, improving her record to 13-0. She struck out 6, walked 2 and allowed 12 hits.

Coahoma had 11 hits, with Amy Lang, Brandi Hart and Kelli Buchanan rapping 2 each.

Sarah Lemons took the loss

for Midland, which fell to 18-11 overall.

Midland Christian opened a 2-0 lead on a hit and several Coahoma miscues, including a couple of errors, a passed ball and a wild pitch. The Bulldogettes rallied back, in the second on a Kenni Buchanan single which drove in Cassie Tindol.

The teams traded runs over the next couple of innings, with Midland coming out on top, 5-3. In the fourth, Erin Stovall hit into a fielder's choice to score Kenni Buchanan, who had reached on an error.

An inside the park homer by Brandy Hart in the fifth tied the game, setting up Baker's winning hit in the 10th.

Midland Christian had defeated the Bulldogettes in the fifth game of the season.



Big Spring's Tory Mitchell racked up regional berths in four events last weekend — the long jump, 100 meters, 200 meters and 400-meter relay.

Gretzky gets nomination for NHL Hall

TORONTO (AP) — Wayne Gretzky — still the focus of considerable attention in his first day of retirement — might skate quickly into the Hockey Hall of Fame.

Gretzky, whose glittering 20-year NHL career ended Sunday in New York, was nominated Monday for membership in the Hall. Its selection committee plans to meet April 29 to vote on waiving for Gretzky the customary three-year waiting period for induction.

Meanwhile, in Ottawa, the House of Commons unanimously approved a motion to create a Wayne Gretzky stamp. Parliament member Sarkis Assadourian asked Canada Post to issue a commemorative stamp recognizing The Great One's contributions to hockey.

"He's a singular star," said Daniel Kennedy, Assadourian's assistant. "He's a hometown boy who's had an unblemished career."

To cap it off, Gretzky was named the NHL's player-of-the-week for the final week of the regular season — the 44th time he's won the award.

Gretzky, 38, retired from the NHL holding 61 records from a career that included 1,487 games, 894 goals and 1,963 assists. Gretzky played on four Stanley Cup-winning teams and league commissioner Gary Bettman announced before Sunday's game that the NHL will retire Gretzky's No. 99 league-wide.

With that resume, Gretzky is expected to become the 10th player in NHL history to have the Hall of Fame waive its waiting period. That last was Mario Lemieux in 1997.

"Wayne Gretzky's achievements, both on and off the ice, are unparalleled in the sport of hockey," said Jim Gregory, who heads the Hall's selection committee. "Wayne definitively exemplifies all aspects of the election criteria, which include playing ability, sportsmanship, character and contributions to his teams and to the game of hockey in general."

Three-quarters of the committee's members must approve the resolution for it to go to the Hall's board of directors for consideration. The board meets June 14.

This year's induction ceremony will be held Nov. 22 in Toronto.

The Hall of Fame is also awaiting word on what Gretzky memorabilia it will get from the Great One's final game Sunday at New York's Madison Square Garden.

Errors wreck Lady Steers, 10-0, in finale with AHS

HERALD Staff Report

ANDREWS — Playing district champ Andrews is tough enough on its own, but Big Spring's Lady Steers didn't need to help them out here Monday.

"We had five errors, three in the first inning. You can't win with that many errors," said Big

Spring coach Dan Arista, whose Lady Steers fell 10-0 in five innings.

Andrews' Lisa Lopez took the mound and struck out six Big Spring batters. She helped her cause along with a first-inning home run that was all the scoring the Lady Mustangs would need.

Jessica Canales took the loss for the Steers. She gave up 6 hits and 8 runs in 2-1/3 innings. Cacie Acric pitched 2-1/3, giving up 3 hits and 2 runs.

Though Big Spring didn't score, the Lady Steers got good sticks from Juanita Valdez, who went 2 for 2, and from Lindsey Marino, who went 1 for 2.

Andrews lost no time getting out to a big lead. The Lady Mustangs jumped ahead 4-0 in the first inning.

"They tore us apart that first inning," said Arista. "They had the home run and we committed three errors."

Andrews added 5 runs in the third and the final in the fifth.

Rockets soar past SuperSonics from long range

HOUSTON (AP) — The Houston Rockets are learning how to close out games when they get a big lead. Sam Mack and Charles Barkley are making the lesson easier.

Mack led a 3-point shooting show that kept the Rockets from blowing a big lead for the second straight game as they beat the Seattle SuperSonics 120-113 Monday night.

Mack was 7-for-11 from 3-point range and finished with 21 points, Barkley scored 25 points and did a masterful job of dishing off when double-teamed. He had 10 rebounds and seven assists.

Hakeem Olajuwon had 24 points and Scottie Pippen 22. Houston shot 13-of-27 on 3-pointers.

"I like it when three of us all have good games — Charles, myself and Scottie," Olajuwon said. "We were very balanced, and Sam Mack came in and gave us a boost."

"Sam Mack has made a tremendous contribution to this team."

The Rockets, who blew a 23-point lead Sunday at San Antonio, built an early 16-point advantage this time before Seattle closed to 105-100 with 3:07 left.

Pippen then hit a 3-pointer, Barkley had a three-point play and Mack hit the last of his 3-point baskets, boosting the Rockets' lead to 114-104 with 1:48 to play.

Mack is taking his second tour with the Rockets. They obtained him from Vancouver on March 11 for Rodrick Rhodes.

"Dream (Olajuwon) was telling me before the game that I needed to take my shots," Mack said. "It was a big confidence booster for me to hit them. The last couple of weeks I've been shooting the ball well. When I square up, I know I'm one of the best shooters in the league."

The Rockets led 56-45 at the half before Gary Payton scored 17 of his 23 points in the third quarter. That helped cut Houston's lead to 84-79 going

Former Texas Tech standout Battie arrested on assault charge

BOSTON (AP) — Tony Battie of the Boston Celtics was arrested over the weekend for allegedly assaulting a police officer, police said.

Battie was arrested around 2:20 a.m. on Saturday in front of the Cosmopolitan Club, Boston police spokeswoman Sgt. Detective Margot Hill told The Boston Globe.

Hill said Battie was asked several times by an officer to move his car but Battie refused.

Battie also allegedly refused the officer's request for proper identification and tried to drive off when the officer attempted to arrest him, Hill said.

The officer's arm was caught in the driver's window, Hill said, and the officer was forced to pull out his service revolver before Battie stopped the car.

Battie faces a charge of assault and battery with a dangerous weapon (the car) and a charge of refusing to identify himself to an officer, police said.

Celtics general manager Chris Wallace would not comment on the incident. Battie was in uniform for Monday night's game in Boston against Indiana.

into the fourth.

Detlef Schrempf led Seattle with 28 points, and Dale Ellis had 22, going 4-for-6 from 3-point range.

"Houston played well and

Charles came to play with his A game," Ellis said. "Houston knocked down their shots and found a way to score when they needed to. We had opportunities to win."

Nate Newton may leave Cowboys after 13 years

DALLAS (AP) — Guard Nate Newton, whose future with the Dallas Cowboys has been especially uncertain since the NFL draft, may leave the team after 13 years, according to a published report today.

Changes the Cowboys have made in their offensive line during the off-season, along with the economic impact of those changes, have also reduced the free agent's value to the team, according to The Dallas Morning News. It reports that Newton has asked his agent to intensify the search for a new team.

"Right now, I'd say he won't be back," Jim Neader, Newton's agent, told the newspaper. "It's more from their standpoint than ours. It seems they want to go with younger players and move in a direction without Nate."

In the latest NFL draft, the Cowboys took tight end Mike Lucky of Arizona and offensive guard Kelvin Garmon of Baylor, with their two seventh-round picks. The additional help for the offensive line, which was targeted with Saturday's second-round selection of West Virginia's Solomon Page, could have made Newton expendable.

Cowboys owner Jerry Jones said earlier this year he wasn't sure Newton can be a starter in his 13th season, even though the 37-year-old offensive lineman was just voted to the Pro Bowl for the sixth time.

A fixture in the Cowboys' offensive line since 1986, Newton has spent the past 12 years as a starter after one year as a reserve.

Now that the draft is complete, Jones

said he will shift his focus to the status of the club's free agents. He reiterated his desire to keep receiver Ernie Mills.

About Newton, Jones told the newspaper, "We've got to sit down and talk."

Dallas coaching staff members have discussed putting Flozell Adams at left tackle, which would move Larry Allen back to guard, where he would join Everett McIver.

Along with the possible staffing changes and financial considerations, Newton is reviewing his options.

Bengals release O'Donnell

CINCINNATI (AP) — The Cincinnati Bengals released quarterback Neil O'Donnell, two days after they decided to go in another direction by drafting Akili

Smith.

O'Donnell, 32, was released nine months after the Bengals signed him to a four-year, \$17 million deal hoping he would end their decade-long search for a dependable passer.

Allen let go by Redskins

ASHBURN, Va. (AP) — Terry Allen, who holds Washington's single-season rushing record, was released by the Redskins.

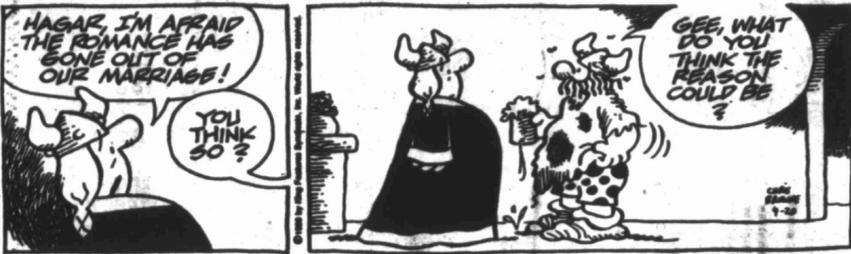
The move had been long expected. After his 1,353-yard season three years ago, the 31-year-old Allen was sidelined several times with injuries. He missed six games last year with a sprained ankle, although he still led the team in rushing with 700 yards on 148 carries.

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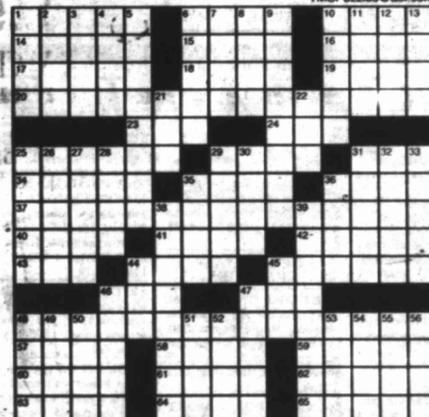
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255 days left in the year. Today's Highlight in History: On April 20, 1949, scientists at the Mayo Clinic announced they'd succeeded in synthesizing a hormone found to be useful in treating rheumatoid arthritis; the substance was

named "cortisone." On this date: In 1812, the fourth vice president of the United States, George Clinton, died in Washington at age 73, becoming the first vice president to die while in office.

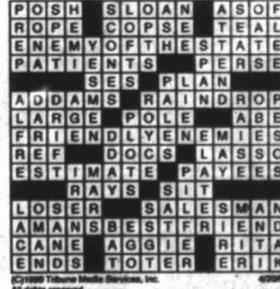
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Monday's Puzzle Solved



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In 1889, Adolf Hitler was born in Braunau, Austria.

In 1902, scientists Marie and Pierre Curie isolated the radioactive element radium.

In 1940, RCA publicly demonstrated its new, and powerful electron microscope.

In 1945, during World War II, allied forces took control of the German cities of Nuremberg and Stuttgart.

In 1968, Pierre Elliott Trudeau was sworn in as prime minister of Canada.

In 1971, the Supreme Court upheld the use of busing to achieve racial desegregation in schools.

In 1972, the manned lunar module from Apollo 16 landed on the moon.

In 1978, a Korean Air Lines Boeing 707 crash-landed in northwestern Russia after being fired on by a Soviet interceptor after entering Soviet airspace. Two passengers were killed.

Ten years ago: Ramon Salcido, a California winery worker later convicted of killing six relatives and a co-worker, was deported from Mexico to the U.S. The case of Oliver North went to the jury in his Iran-Contra trial.

Five years ago: Israeli and PLO negotiators wrapped up an agreement transferring civilian government powers to Palestinians in the Gaza Strip and Jericho.

One year ago: In an unusual use of a racketeering law designed to fight the mob, a federal jury in Chicago ruled that anti-abortion protest organizers had used threats and violence to shut down clinics. A Boeing 727 leased to Air France crashed in Bogota, Colombia, killing all 53 people aboard.

Today's Birthdays: Supreme Court Justice John Paul Stevens is 79. Bandleader Tito Puente is 76. Actress Nina Foch is 75. Singer Johnny Tillotson is 60. Actor George Takei is 59. Actor Ryan O'Neal is 58. Rock musician Craig Frost (Grand Funk, Bob Seger's Silver Bullet Band) is 51. Actress Jessica Lange is 50. Singer Luther Vandross is 48. Actor Denis Leary is 41. Actor Clint Howard is 40. Country singer Wade Hayes is 30. Actress Carmen Electra is 27. Actor Joey Lawrence is 23.