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Relay for Life event planned May 14-15

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.

WHAT'S UP...

MONDAY

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

TUESDAY

□ Intermediate line dance classes, 9 a.m., Senior Citizens Center. Call 267-1628. Beginners class will begin at 8:30 a.m. through the month of April.

WEDNESDAY

□ Optimist Club, 7 a.m., Howard College Cactus Room
□ Big Spring Downtown Lions Club, noon, Howard College Cactus Room. Call Terry Hansen at 264-5175.

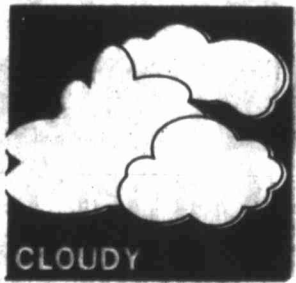
□ Line dancing, 1 p.m., Senior Citizens Center, Industrial Park.

THURSDAY

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

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

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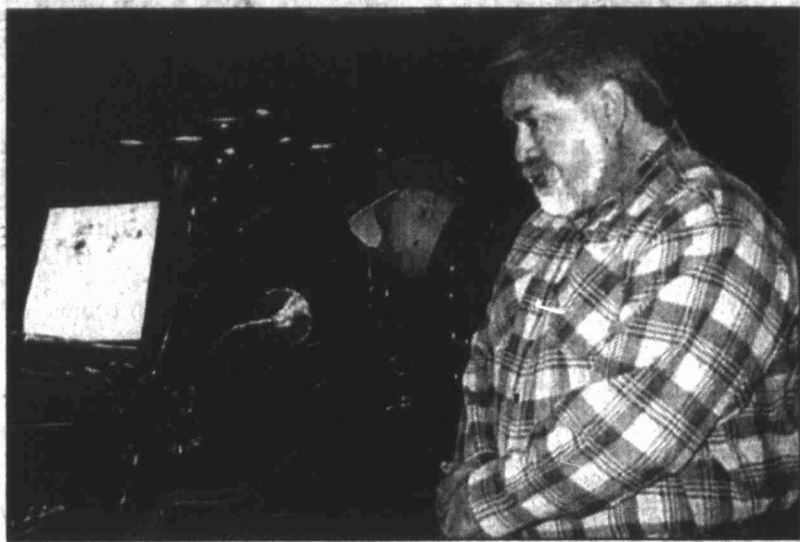
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HERALD photo/Marsha Sturdivant
Milton Montelongo, left, and Jesse Vera look over some of the cars on display at the Big Spring Car Show going on at Dorothy Garrett Coliseum. The show continues today from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m.

Tragic shooting prompts community prayer service at Big Spring High School

By DEBBIE L. JENSEN
Features Editor

In times of tragedy, many people turn to prayer.

Some local churches are hoping people will confront recent tragic events in Littleton, Colo., by praying in Big Spring.

Ministers, students, teachers and other members of the local community will



TUBBS

gather Wednesday morning to pray at the flagpole in front of Big Spring High School. The service will begin at 7:15 a.m., and organizers say it will last less than half an hour.

This service comes in the wake of shootings that occurred Tuesday at Columbine High School. Two students went on a rampage at the school, killing 12 of their fellow students and a teacher, and injuring many others.

"A church member asked me, 'Couldn't we do something?'" explained Eddie Tubbs, pastor at First Baptist Church. "This is

something we can do."

He said the non-denominational event was organized with permission of school district officials, and in cooperation with several other ministers.

"This is just people getting together, praying for one another," Tubbs said.

Bill McQueary, superintendent for BSISD, said the service was welcome.

"It's totally sponsored by the churches," he said. "As I understand it, it is a prayer time for our schools, public and private

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It's Howard County in a sweep!

By MARSHA STURDIVANT
Staff Writer

For the first time, to the best of anyone's recollection, all three Howard County high school bands have earned Sweepstakes Awards in University Interscholastic League competition.

Big Spring High School Honor Band, Coahoma High School Band and Forsan High School Band returned from separate competitions in April the unabashed winners in site reading and concert performances.

All three bands had won Division I ratings in their marching competition in the fall. A Division I rating is required to secure the coveted big Sweepstakes Trophy.

Big Spring

Band director Rocky Harris beams with pride for the honor band. The 50 students returned April 15 with the trophy, he said.

"This is the first Sweepstakes we've won in 12 years, and we've been preparing and educating ourselves for this for the four years I've been here," Harris said.

Big Spring competed at Odessa Permian High School April 14-15 against other 4-A and 5-A schools, and was the only 4-A school to earn a Sweepstakes, he said.

"We're now like the district champs if this was athletics. This is a big deal for the school, for the students, for my career, for everybody, and I am very proud of my students," said Harris.

The Big Spring High School band will travel to Disney World in Florida as their biannual trip in May, and perform there.

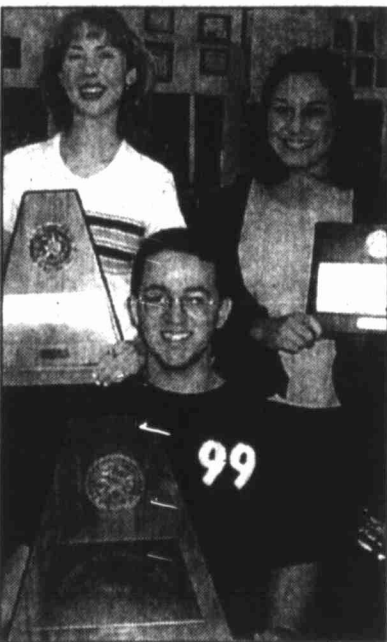
Other Big Spring bands also recently performed, Harris said. The 120-member high school Concert Band scored a Division I in site reading and a II in concert.

"They had the best ratings for a non-varsity band at the contest," he said.

Runnels Junior High School band competed April 16 at Bonham Junior High School



HERALD photo/Marsha Sturdivant
Big Spring, Coahoma and Forsan bands all won Sweepstakes in recent competition. Above, the Big Spring High clarinet section rehearses. Below, drum majors Rachel Ray, left, Becky Vera and Matt Holt with the Big Spring High School Honor Band hold the Sweepstakes trophy band earned at recent UIL contest.



and received Division II for both site reading and concert. The Goliad Middle School band received Division IIs as well, although one judge awarded a

Division I in concert.

"He said he was very impressed with this band. This is preparation for high school, these students are young and learning all about concert performing," Harris said.

Forsan

For the first time in 10 years, Forsan High School band received a Sweepstakes Award at UIL competition, this one coming April 22 in Monahans.

Band director Jim Rhodes, in his second year at Forsan, said he is very excited and overjoyed at the accomplishments of his students, and all the band students in the county.

"We're really excited and just thrilled. This is a fine band and we are very proud of their performance," Rhodes said.

The 127-member band regaled

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Coahoma ISD interviewing finalists for vacated superintendent's position

By MARSHA STURDIVANT
Staff Writer

After several weeks of perusing applications, trustees with the Coahoma Independent School District are interviewing finalists for the position of superintendent.

Wayne Mitchell, who has served the district as interim superintendent, said the quality of applicants received has been excellent.

"Whomever they chose, they will have a quality person," Mitchell said.

The superintendent's position in Coahoma was vacated when former superintendent Michael Hartman resigned suddenly.

Trustees contracted with Region 18 Service Center to perform the necessary work for an extensive and comprehensive

superintendent search.

"I have been well pleased with their hard work for the school district. The service center works for the school district, and we have benefited from the good people in the center," he said.

Coahoma received more than 60 applications for their advertised position of superintendent, he said. Region 18 provided the district with advertising, as well as applicant screening, reference checking and interviewing techniques.

The finalist list is comprised of seven men from school districts throughout the state.

On Saturday, trustees interviewed Gary Gazzaway from Hull-Daisetta Consolidated School District, near Houston. Also, Randall Berryhill from Clyde ISD interviewed with trustees on Saturday.

On Monday trustees are expected to interview Steve Long from Ruie, Oran Hamilton from Abernathy and Billy Kingston from Petersburg.

Then on Tuesday trustees will interview Albert Van Hoose of Floydada and Monte Barnes of Roscoe.

"This is looking up every day, and I am thrilled to death. Now that we have the finalist list, I don't know the time line for hiring. If they have a clear choice and do not request a second interview, it is possible we could have a new superintendent hired here by May 10.

"Until that time, I will continue to do everything as I have, having school first the priority. The people working for the school here are the best caliber," Mitchell said.

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\$100,000 gift

Heritage Museum proudly accepts gift from longtime trustee, the late 'Doc' Hardy

By DEBBIE L. JENSEN
Features Editor

Heritage Museum members learned Thursday the facility will receive at least \$100,000 from the estate of one of its longtime friends.

Wofford "Doc" Hardy, a trustee for the museum for more than 10 years, included the institution in his will. Board president Robert Moore made the announcement at the museum's annual meeting at McDowell Ranch.

"The museum was the beneficiary of Wofford Hardy's generosity," Moore said. He said a check arrived last week for \$100,000 but it had to be returned for a signature and was expected to arrive in the museum's coffers any time. Once the estate is settled, the museum may even receive more, Moore said.



MOORE

Allocating the money has been discussed, but not completely decided, Moore said. It is likely trustees will put most of it in the endowment, which is hoped to reach \$500,000 by the year 2000. It stands now at just over \$300,000.

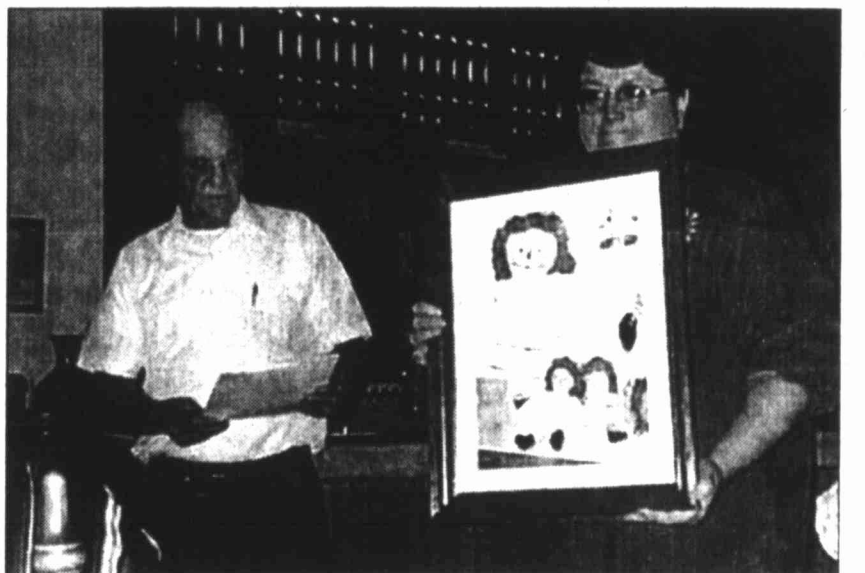
The endowment is used to provide operating funds for the museum.

Hardy's gift to the museum was not just monetary. He also left the museum more than 2,500 items he had collected, including lightning rods that are now on display, railroad hats, lanterns and other railroad memorabilia. A longtime collector, he had given items to the museum in past years also, including a unique collection of phonographs in 1989.

"He was also very generous and kind to us at the museum," said curator Angie Way. "He came down often, and we enjoyed his company."

Also at the meeting, Moore gave a special thanks to museum employees Way, along with her Tammy Schrecengost, reg-

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HERALD photo/Debbie L. Jensen
Sonny Choate checks his auction list while Angle Way holds a painting that went on the block during the Heritage Museum's annual membership meeting. Paintings donated by the Big Spring Art Association were auctioned as a fund-raiser during the event.

Two early voting days left; little interest shown so far

By BILL MCCLELLAN
News Editor

Editorial... Page 4A

Few people have taken advantage of early voting, which ends Tuesday at school administration buildings, county clerk's offices and city business offices in the Crossroads Area.

At issue are some 13 seats up for election, including ones on Big Spring and Coahoma City Council, Coahoma mayor, and Coahoma, Glasscock, Forsan, Grady and Stanton school districts.

More than a week into the special 10-day period, no one had cast a ballot in the Big Spring City Council race for District 1, where Henry Villa is challenging incumbent Stephanie Horton. Only 18 votes had been cast in the

District 3 race, which features incumbent Chuck Cawthon in a re-election bid against Gary L. Bishop.

Early voting continues through 5 p.m. Tuesday at Big Spring City Hall.

Early voting has been slow too, at Coahoma, where residents are deciding who they want to represent them on the city council, as major, and school board trustees.

Only 18 ballots have been cast in the race for mayor and city council. The mayor's race features Randy Overton, Richard Hicks and incumbent Bill Read.

Running for two at-large seats on the Coahoma City

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OBITUARIES

Madge Rogers

Madge Rogers, 77, Big Spring, died on Thursday, April 22, 1999, at her residence. Her funeral service will be 10 a.m. Monday, April 26, 1999, at Trinity Memorial Park with Tom Koger officiating. She was born on May 19, 1921, in Junction, and married R.D. Rogers on Sept. 2, 1938, in Junction. He preceded her in death on Aug. 30, 1988.

Mrs. Rogers moved to Big Spring in 1955 from Kermit. She was a volunteer at Scenic Mountain Medical Center and was an avid bowler in leagues at Bowl-A-Rama and Webb Air Force Base from 1975-1998. Survivors include two daughters, Mrs. Melvin (Jewelene) Shanks of El Paso, and Mrs. Paul (Peggy) Soldan, Jr. of Big Spring; three sisters, Merle Kinnard of Iraan, Ila Ashley of Junction, and Emma Davee of Georgia; 11 grandchildren, Shirley Bruce and family of El Paso, Marcia Roth and family of Nashville, Tenn., Rudy Daves of Sterling, Colo., Mary Shanks of Chaparral, N.M., Calvin Shanks and family of El Paso, Brian Shanks of El Paso, Louis Soldan and wife of Kerrville, Cori Lynn Soldan of Big Spring, Rocky Mauldin and family of Galveston, Derinda Norred and family of Santa Fe, Texas, and Mindy Rogers and son of Santa Fe, Texas; 15 great-grandchildren; and three great-great-grandchildren.

She was also preceded in death by a son, Doug Rogers and by three sisters, Verna Davee, Pate Fellars and Athlene Meredith. The family suggests memorials to: The American Cancer Society; c/o Lucy Bonner; P.O. Box 2121; Big Spring; 79721-2121. The American Heart Association; 3525 Andrews Hwy Suite 111; Midland; 79703. Arrangements under the direction of Nalley-Pickle & Welch Funeral Home.

Billie Maxine Roper Service for Billie Maxine Roper, 70, Sand Springs, is pending with Myers & Smith Funeral Home & Chapel. She died Saturday, April 24, 1999, in a Lubbock hospital.

Corse, Joe Mansfield, John Wayne Metcalf and Ronnie Dodson. Early voting is taking place in the CISD business office. Glasscock County ISD has five candidates seeking two at-large positions on the board. Incumbents Lillie Haviak and Jimmy Bednar are challenged by Jimmy Aggemeyer, Carl Hoelscher and Karla Hoelscher. Fifty-four ballots have been cast at the early voting box, which is located in the Glasscock County Courthouse.

At Forsan, the five candidates who are seeking two at-large positions have drawn 14 votes. They include the three incumbents — Donnie Andrews, Domingo Rios Jr. and Dale Humphreys — as well as Marty Whetsel and Robert Stapp Jr. Grady ISD has one contested race, which has attracted seven votes so far. District 3 incumbent Tony Sawyer is being challenged by Johnny Cox. Early voting is being held at the Martin County Courthouse.

There are two contested races on the Stanton ISD board of trustees. For District 3, incumbent Johnny Louder is being challenged by Randy Turner. Twenty votes have been cast in that election. In the District 7, Rocky Barnes, Ron Graves and Dr. Pablo Teveni are all seeking to fill out a one-year unexpired term. As yet, 37 votes have been cast.

Early voting in those races are also being held at the Martin County Courthouse.

Coahoma Mitchell, a retired superintendent formerly with Stanton ISD, said he will enter retirement again, once the position in Coahoma has been filled.

Bands the judges with "Monterey March," "Greenwillow Portrait," and "Donna Nobis Pacem" for their award-winning performance, he said. "We had the biggest band in our class. We've been working on these for four months, and this is just great for our kids," he said.

He expressed special pride for their site reading Division I rating. "Site reading is material they have never seen before. It was a really nervous seven minutes," Rhodes said. Forsan band student are preparing to travel to Dallas for their trip May 7-9, where they will perform at a band festival in Richardson, he said. The students will also visit Six Flags Over Texas, "of course," he said. Coahoma High School band received a Sweepstakes Award for their UIL performances April 14 in Anson. "Our kids are ecstatic. Sweepstakes is a very elite award, and for all three of our local school bands to receive it this year says a lot about our music programs," said Jeremy Ross. Ross and his wife Jincy have been band directors in Coahoma for two years, since January 1997, he said. This is their second consecutive Sweepstakes Award during their directorship, and it is Coahoma's fourth in five years, he said. Most of the 67-member band continued their competition experience that same day when they traveled to Winter Park, Colo., and competed in a Musical Festival. "We won best in our class at the festival," Ross said. Along with winning their class at the festival, 52 of the

band students snow skied, and returned without any broken bones, he said. "We did have a trombone player who fell, hit his ski, and had to have stitches in his lip," Ross said, admitting that location may be tender spot for a trombone player. "We are both extremely proud of our own kids, and the rest of the groups in Howard County," Ross said.

MUSEUM

Continued from Page 1A intrar; Nancy Raney, assistant curator; and Mike Burrow, carpenter. "Anyone association with the museum knows what a great amount of work our employees give," Moore said. "I think we all know it's not just employment for them, it's much more than that." Members also participated in an auction of paintings that raised about \$400 to benefit the museum's general fund. The work was donated by the Big Spring Art Association, and the auctioneer was Sonny Choate. "We were thrilled with their thoughtfulness," Way said. Before dinner, members and trustees talked with Lorin McDowell III about his family's ranch and wildlife preserve.

PRAYER

Continued from Page 1A and home. I think it is wonderful that the community would do this for our schools, and especially for our kids." Roger Huff, pastor at First Church of the Nazarene, said the prayer service is needed right now. "In the wake of this terrible tragedy at Columbine High School, it's hit everybody — again, the reality of it," he said. "This is a great idea to call the people, meet at the pole and share prayer and words of encouragement." Tubbs said the service is a time to "be honest with God."

"We need to tell God we need Him, instead of a lot of the contrived social solutions to our problems," Tubbs said. "Secular society for too long has set our agenda." And Huff said the service might reach people in ways not expected. "You can never pray too much," he said.

BP Amoco vice president to lecture at UTPB Wednesday HERALD Staff Report ODESSA — David Work, group vice president of exploration for BP Amoco will give a lecture on petroleum exploration at 5:30 p.m. Wednesday at the UTPB Center for Energy and Economic Diversification.

Work's presentation, "The Future of Petroleum Exploration: The Rationale for Consolidation and Its Impact on Future Exploration and Employment," will be given during the 1999 Ellen and Bill Noel Energy Lecture.

Work was appointed group vice president of exploration for BP Amoco following the merger of British Petroleum Company and Amoco Corporation in 1998. He has overall responsibility for projects in Columbia, Venezuela, Egypt, United Arab Emirates, Algeria and S. Cone/P.A.E.

He began his career in exploration and production as a geologist with Amoco Corporation's Denver office in 1970. Work held a number of positions with Amoco until the merger with British Petroleum, including vice president of Amoco's Houston region and president of Amoco Egypt.

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He holds a master of science degree in geology from the University of California. The lecture is free and open to the public. A reception and dedication of a Wall of Honor will follow.

Gators on the prowl in Florida

TAMPA, Fla. (AP) — Jimmy Jordan couldn't believe it. Walking his dog, Pete, along a lake in St. Petersburg, he whistled for the golden retriever and then watched in horror. "As soon as he looked back at me, the alligator grabbed him by his whole head and whipped him into the water and was gone," he said. "This could easily have been a child. This thing could have taken anybody, anything just as quickly as it took an 85-pound dog. And that's insane."

Warm spring days are awakening cold-blooded gators from their winter sluggishness, animal experts said Thursday. And as the reptiles search for food and mates, they're making their presence felt in developed areas that used to be their home turf. "In residential areas where you have canals or ponds ... you never know where an alligator might pop up," said Jim Huffstodt of the Florida Game and Fresh Water Fish Commission. "In front of your garage door, in your swimming pool ... they end up in the oddest places."

The American alligator (Alligator mississippiensis) is found in rivers and swampy lowlands of the southeastern United States, ranging from North Carolina to the Rio Grande in Texas. In Florida, which has the most gators, there have been 248 alligator attacks on humans since 1948, Huffstodt said. Half of them involved children, and nine were fatal.

The 11-foot bull alligator that snatched Jordan's dog last week was in a city lake directly behind a hospital. A 10-foot beast in Fort Myers recently snapped at a bobbing volleyball while the residents of an RV park looked on. The gator grabbed its inflatable prey and swam around a lake for three hours with the ball trapped between its teeth.

Gator-human interaction tends to increase during peak alligator activity from late March through June, Huffstodt said. "That sun is their alarm clock, and when we get relatively consistently warm days, their blood warms up," he said. "They start to move out and they start to look around. They're looking for food ... and they're looking for mates."

The reptiles are a protected species, but the state commission issues permits to trappers for complaints about gators that are extremely large or that have lost their fear of humans. Some 12,865 permits were issued statewide last year, mostly in the St. Petersburg and Fort Myers area. The chance of a person dying from an alligator attack is much lower than death by drowning or lightning strike.

POLICE

Big Spring Police Department reported the following incidents between 8 a.m. Friday and 8 a.m. today: •CHRIS BANKS, 18, was arrested for theft.

TEXAS LOTTERY LOTTO: 11,17,26,32,38,49

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

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•JUVENILE PROBLEMS were reported in the 600 block of Ridgelea, 800 block of Marcy, and 200 block of E. 10th.

•DOMESTIC DISTURBANCE was reported in the 900 block of Nolan, 600 block of W. I-20, 1600 block of Airbase, and 800 block of W. Seventh.

•BENNIE COLEMAN, 35, was arrested on a work release violation.

•ACCIDENT/MINOR was reported in the 700 block of W. I-20, 1500 block of Tucson, 200 block of E. Eighth, and FM 700 and Goliad.

•PURSUIT was reported at 11th Place and Monticello.

•SHOTS FIRED was reported in the 600 block of Ridgelea.

•JOSEPH GARZA, 17, was arrested on local warrants.

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•JEREMY HARMAN, 24, was arrested on local warrants.

•MARIA CERVANTES, 22, was arrested on local warrants.

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•DRIVING WHILE INTOXICATED was reported in the 400 block of E. Fourth.

•THEFT OF SERVICE was reported in the 300 block of Tulane.

•SEIZED PROPERTY was reported in the 400 block of E. Fourth.

•INTOXICATED SUBJECT/DRIVER was reported in the 300 block of Tulane.

•LOUD PARTY/NOISE was reported in the 1500 block of Wood.

•DRIVING UNDER THE INFLUENCE was reported in the 500 block of S. Birdwell.

•RAFAEL LOPEZ, 54, was arrested for public intoxication.

•CHARLES HUITT, 23, was arrested on warrants.

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MEETINGS

Howard County commissioners convene at 10 a.m. Monday to discuss how to replace those county employees who recently resigned, as well as accept those letters of resignation.

Also, the agenda lists an annual financial report by Tracy Tarter, as well as bids for aggregate and asphalt in county auditor Jackie Olson's report. A temporary jail employee will be discussed, as well as an appointment for the executive board of the Howard County volunteer fire department.

Howard College trustees will meet at the SouthWest Collegiate Institute for Deaf campus Monday for their monthly board meeting. Bids for the multipurpose center at the SCWID campus should be discussed, as well as an update on a photographic arts technology graphic arts program for the SWCID campus.

Professor Emeritus for 1999 and 2000 may be named, and a

report on Big Spring day in Austin is expected.

Martin County Commissioners have called a special meeting Monday at 9 a.m. to wit: consider paid bills; consider unpaid bills; officials reports; pipeline and utility crossings; improvements and repairs; hospital board appointments; public comment.

Big Spring City Council will convene at 5:30 p.m. Tuesday to consider housing for the Wilderness Camp program. Appointments of two people to the Colorado River Municipal Water District board are also on the agenda, as are resolutions recognizing Big Spring Area Chamber of Commerce and Moore Development for Big Spring for the coordination of Big Spring Day in Austin.

SUPPORT GROUPS

SUNDAY •Alcoholics Anonymous, 615 Settles, 11 a.m. closed meeting and 7 p.m. open meeting. •NA 8 p.m., St. Mary's Episcopal Church, 1001 Goliad. Call 268-4189 (pager no.).

MONDAY •TOPS Club (Take off pound sensibly), weigh-in 5 p.m. and meeting at 6 p.m., Birdwell Lane Church of Christ. •Project Freedom, Christian support group for survivors of physical/emotional/sexual and/or spiritual abuse. Call 263-5140 or 263-2241 for dates/times of upcoming groups.

•Alcoholics Anonymous, 615 Settles, noon open meeting. •Alzheimer's support group, 7 p.m., Canterbury South, 1700 N. Lancaster, first Mondays of each month. Call Galynn Gamble at 263-1271. The topic for Nov. 2 will be on "Validation therapy, connecting with your loved one."

•Narcotics Anonymous, 6 p.m., St. Mary's Episcopal Church, 1001 Goliad. Call 268-4189 (pager no.). •Alzheimer's support group, 6:30 p.m., Marcy House, 2301 Wason. Call 268-9041. •Association of Retarded Citizens of Howard County meet 7 p.m. the first Monday of each month at 806 E. Third Street, the HARC bingo building. Call 264-0674 for more information.

•Family Education and Support, sponsored by Howard County Mental Health Center, meets the fourth Monday of each month at 6 p.m. at 409 Runnels, Clyde Alsup Building. AMI meeting to follow. For more information call 263-0027 or 267-7220.

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

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ELECTIONS

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Council are incumbents Warren Wallace and Bruce Allen and Ann Reid and Craig Ferguson. The top two vote-getters will take office.

Early voting is taking place in the city business office.

Eight people are campaigning for two at-large positions up for election on the Coahoma ISD board of trustees. So far, 28 votes have been cast. The candidates are incumbent Brian Marlar and Larry Cordes, David Higgins, Cindy Neff, Eddy

MYERS & SMITH FUNERAL HOME & CHAPEL 24th & Johnson 267-8288 Billie Maxine Roper, 70, of Sand Springs, died Saturday. Services are pending.

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

Madge Rogers, 77, died Thursday. Graveside services will be 10:00 AM Monday, April 26, 1999, at Trinity Memorial Park.

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Investigators find bombs in homes of teens charged in plot of school assault

WIMBERLEY (AP) — Investigators said Saturday they found gunpowder, crude bombs and computer disks with bomb-making information in the homes of three 14-year-old boys accused of plotting an assault at their junior high school.

"All of the juveniles gave a written statement to the investigators," Hays County Sheriff

Don Montague said at a news conference. "Based on the statements given, it is clear that these young men were serious about targeting fellow students and teachers."

Five eighth grade boys were taken into custody Friday afternoon and held on juvenile charges of conspiracy to commit murder, conspiracy to commit arson and conspiracy to

manufacture explosives, authorities said.

The three boys whose homes were searched remained in juvenile detention Saturday along with another boy, the sheriff said. He would not reveal the location of the fifth boy.

Only three homes were searched Friday night because that's all authorities had proba-

ble cause to check, the sheriff said.

In addition to the bomb parts, deputies and agents from the U.S. Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco and Firearms found how-to instructions downloaded from the Internet, officials said.

The alleged plot, believed to have been conceived in January, came to light Friday when school officials were con-

tacted by students who had overheard discussions.

Nothing unusual was found at Danforth Junior High, which has more than 400 students, said Wimberley schools Superintendent David Simmons, who ordered the five boys expelled.

Officials did not release the boys' names or their written statements to the sheriff's

department.

Simmons said the concerns about teen violence being expressed nationally in the wake of the Littleton, Colo., massacre may have prompted acquaintances of the teens to take the threats more seriously.

Wimberley, a town of about 3,000 people, is located about 40 miles southwest of Austin in the Hill Country.

Bush gives moral support at True Love Waits rally

AUSTIN (AP) — Hundreds of youth who have pledged to abstain from sex until marriage got some moral support Saturday from Gov. George W. Bush, who said their decisions will help curb out-of-wedlock births and sexually transmitted diseases.

"In this day and age that's a bold act," Bush said. "You see, it's not cool in some people's minds to say 'I want to wait until I find the person I want to marry for life.' I know that. ... But I think it's



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cool. And I appreciate your leadership."

Bush spoke at a rally for "True Love Waits," a program founded by the Sunday School Board of the Southern Baptist Convention in 1993 that he has praised.

"The youths, who spread picnic blankets across the south lawn of the Capitol, have signed cards promising God they'll abstain from sex until they enter a biblical marriage relationship, according to the Baptist General Convention of Texas.

The rally is meant to "celebrate the commitments made by hundreds of thousands of students concerning sexual

purity and to show Texans that 'not everyone is doing it,'" said event coordinator Jane Wilson.

While few of her friends have made a similar commitment, they respect her decision, said Anlyn Evans, 14, of Buda, a town of 1,800 outside Austin.

"I believe that sex before marriage is wrong," she said. "God gave it to us as a gift."

Kristyn Downey of Austin, also 14, said most of her friends haven't signed the card.

"It's a part of my morals," she said. "I just don't think it's right to have sex before marriage."

Bush didn't say whether he had abstained from sex before marriage. He told the crowd: "I

think the thing that baby boomers have got to say is not that we made mistakes but that we learned from our mistakes and are willing to share the wisdom."

Asked whether his mistakes had hurt him, Bush said, "I don't say they've hurt me. I've just learned from them. I will say what's hurt is the babies born out of wedlock and the amount of sexual transmitted diseases in society today — it's a serious problem."

"Abstinence is 100 percent certain to not only make sure that children avoid pregnancy, but it's 100 percent certain to make sure that children avoid disease," he said.

Police identify dead tots, continue search for mother

AUSTIN (AP) — A man has told a reporter that he spent last weekend with a topless dancer whose two small children were found dead in a shallow creek near Hutto, 20 miles north of Austin.

Tina Marie Cornelius, 22, told him last Sunday, a day before the bodies were found, that their father had taken the children and that they had died by falling off a cliff, he told a reporter for the Austin American-Statesman on Friday.

The man said she showed him their picture and said she missed them.

The bodies of Amanda Lee Miller, 3, and Dominick Logan Cornelius, 2, were found about 5 p.m. Monday in six inches of water in Brushy Creek, just south of Hutto.

Amanda died of suffocation and her brother died from a cracked skull, an autopsy showed.

A bluff of at least 20 feet separates County Road 137 from the creek where the children were found.

Investigators didn't know the children's identities until Wednesday, when workers at an Austin day care center recognized sketches and called the Williamson County sheriff's department in Georgetown.

They said they had last seen the children when the mother picked them up on April 14.

Friday, a 25-year-old man who said he works as a glass installer called the American-Statesman and said he had a

weekend relationship with Ms. Cornelius.

He said they met on Saturday, April 17, at a musical festival in Austin and continued through the morning of April 19, about half a day before the children's bodies were found.

They spent the first night at his residence and the second at an Austin motel, he said.

The man called the newspaper after reading about the discovery of the children's bodies. In an interview at an Austin restaurant, he asked that his name not be used, saying he feared for his safety.

He said: "The story that she told me was that ... the father of the children, whoever he was, had — Oh, my God! — had taken the children, and that her children had died by falling down a mountain — by falling down a cliff."

Investigators have said she is not a suspect, but they want to talk to her and are concerned about her safety.

Until Friday, investigators said they were unaware of anyone who had seen Cornelius since April 14, when Ms. Cornelius picked the children up from an Austin day-care center.

Investigators are nearly certain the children's bodies were placed in the creek Monday, Anderson said.

"Those bodies were not out overnight. There was no decomposition," Anderson said. "Animals will attack a body almost immediately after dark."

Reward offered for information in 3-year-old girl's death

IRVING (AP) — Investigators hope \$10,000 will inspire someone to come forward with details on the death of 3-year-old Cristy Ryno.

The girl's body was found Wednesday in the Trinity River, within five miles of her family's apartment in Irving. She had disappeared four days earlier.

A service was scheduled for Monday night at Brown's Memorial Funeral Home in Irving. Family members said they will bury Cristy in Farmington, N.M.

Schepps Dairy of Dallas has offered the reward for information leading to the arrest and indictment of whoever killed the child.

Irving police have few leads in the child's death and say they are ruling out no one as a suspect.

Although members of Cristy's family and others who lived with her have been questioned, they are not required to stay in Texas, Officer David Tull told reporters.

The Dallas County medical

examiner's office confirmed Thursday that a body found the previous day was Cristy's.

The cause of death still was unknown Friday, and toxicology tests could take up to six weeks.

Two fishermen found the body Wednesday morning in the murky green water of the Trinity River's Elm Fork.

Senate OKs budget plans, setting up negotiations with House

AUSTIN (AP) — The Senate unanimously approved a two-year, \$98.36 billion proposed state budget Friday, setting up negotiations with the House to finalize the spending plan.

Senate leaders touted the 2000-2001 budget as providing a strong boost for public educa-

tion with an extra \$2.85 billion going for teacher pay raises, property tax relief, school facilities and other programs.


The total plan, which includes money from the state's settlement of its lawsuit against the tobacco industry and state and federal funds, is 11.1 percent

higher than the \$88.5 billion, 1998-99 budget.

"The Senate has crafted a state budget which clearly indicates our priorities. Education first, basic government services and significant tax cuts," said Republican Lt. Gov. Rick Perry. "Sixty-three percent of the new

money goes to the schools, students and teachers of Texas."

The Senate bill also is about \$1.36 billion more than a budget approved earlier in the session by the House. The two sides will now meet in conference committee to negotiate a final budget plan.



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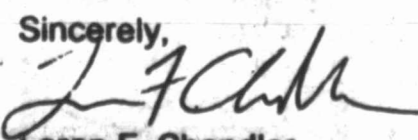
I am excited to tell you about a new project here at Scenic Mountain Medical Center. We are calling it "Community Corner" and it will serve as both a beautification project for the hospital and an investment in our community. The focus will be on our South entrance that faces Scenic Mountain and leads into our Emergency Room.

This wall will be divided up into parts for local youth groups to decorate with a mural. The theme is "Historic Big Spring...Building the Bridge to 2000". Your group is invited to participate. Scenic Mountain Medical Center will be buying paint and supplies. Your group will need to supply the talent and creativity! We have some substantial cash prizes for the winning murals:

1st prize	\$600.00
2nd prize	\$300.00
3rd prize	\$150.00

Painting of the mural will take place over a week in order to complete the projects. Kick-off will be Sunday, May 16th from 1-5pm for your group to get organized and started on their portion. Final judging will take place at 3pm the afternoon of Saturday, May 22nd. Please invite supporters of your group out after 12 noon on May 22nd for a cookout and then for the final judging at 3:00pm!

I urge you to participate with your youth group. All ages are invited, and adult help is allowed. (An adult is required to be with the youth group at all times.) Please fill out the attached application and return it by Friday, April 30th. Space is limited, and we want to reserve a place for your group. More details will follow at that time. Thank you in advance for your support.

Sincerely,

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OUR VIEWS

Get involved; Take the time to cast a vote

Many of us can recall when only those who were going to be out of town or who were disabled or otherwise incapacitated were allowed to cast a ballot on any day but Election Day.

Along came early voting, or when first enacted, "no excuse" voting. It was, and still is, a period set aside to make it easier for us to get to work a trip to the ballot box into our schedules. Excuses are no longer necessary; all it takes is a desire to make your statement, privately, about who you want representing you at the local, state and national levels of government.

Lots of voters have a clear idea in mind who they want representing them in office. Be it an incumbent or challenger, they want to see that person as their elected official. Those citizens don't need much encouragement to vote. They understand that their one ballot can make a difference.

Others may feel like their one ballot is so insignificant it won't matter. They are wrong. Less than 20 ballots have been cast, for instance, so far in the races for Big Spring City Council. Twenty votes are not a lot of votes.

That's the case in most of the elections that have been called for May 1. Besides the local council election, there are city and school board elections being held at Coahoma, and school board elections at Stanton, Forsan, Glasscock County, and Grady school districts.

If early voting is any indication, the races aren't drawing much interest. In fact, if our candidate questionnaire is an indication, perhaps the candidates themselves don't have much interest either. Of the 36 who were mailed questionnaires, only 15 took the time to fill them out and return them. But that's certainly their right. We'll let you, the voters, decide whether the lack of response was an indication of how well that particular person might represent you on a school board, city council or as mayor.

We would, however, encourage you to vote for the candidate of your choice. These are tough economic times and the burden on cities, schools — and on you, the taxpayer — is a great one. It's important that we have educated, innovative, caring and resourceful people representing us.

Don't assume that because you may not have children in school that a school board election will not affect you. School boards set the tax rate, hire the superintendent and ensure that the quality of your school is held to certain standards. Some of our smaller communities would simply not exist if the school closed its doors. On the other hand, you may favor consolidation. Either way, you need to be involved in those decisions. The way to do that is to know whom your elected representatives are and get involved in the election process.

There are only two more days of early voting left, plus Election Day.

We encourage you to take advantage. Please, take the time to vote.

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Take it from experts in the grease pit

The Supreme Court struck a blow for sound jurisprudence last month when it ruled, in effect, that book-learning isn't the be-all-and-end-all of expert evidence. If a case involves grease guns, for example, a guy who has spent his life in a grease pit may rank with a professor of engineering as an expert witness on the stand.



JAMES J. KILPATRICK

The case before the court was Kumho Tire Co. v. Patrick Carmichael. The litigation stemmed from a serious automobile accident in Alabama nearly six years ago. Carmichael was driving a well-used Ford Aerostar minivan. The right rear tire blew out, and the car swerved out of control. One passenger died of injuries; six others were injured.

Carmichael sued Kumho as designer and manufacturer of the tire. His theory was that even though the minivan had racked up 96,000 miles on its odometer, and even though the tread on the steel belted radial tire had worn to a depth of 0/32

to 3/32 of an inch, the accident was caused by a defect in design.

To support that theory of causation, Carmichael produced Dennis Carlson as an expert witness. He was not a professor, but neither was he a grease-pit mechanic. He had a master's degree in mechanical engineering; he had worked 10 years for Michelin America in the field of tire design; and he had worked as a consultant in cases involving tire failure. Carlson opined that the tire failed because of insufficient adhesion between its rubber, steel and nylon components. He explained that tread and carcass may separate because of abuse, such as overloading, or because of a defect in design. Carlson relied upon four "indicators." He found insufficient evidence of abuse, and therefore concluded that the design was at fault.

The trial judge sought guidance from what is known as the Daubert case of 1993. The question in Daubert was whether a particular drug could have caused birth defects.

The whole case turned on the expert evidence offered by both sides. Lower courts were in disarray on the acceptability of such evidence.

The Supreme Court ruled that expert testimony must be based upon "scientific knowledge," validated by such tests

as publication and peer review. Under the demanding standards of Daubert, Carlson's testimony did not measure up. The judge excluded his testimony and entered summary judgment for the manufacturer.

On March 23 the Supreme Court agreed with that decision. In this particular case, involving separation on this particular tire, Carlson's testimony had to be excluded. His indicators were to some degree subjective; they could not reliably determine the precise cause of separation. Carlson had not helped the plaintiff's case by admitting his inability to estimate whether the tire had traveled less than 10,000 or more than 50,000 miles.

Justice Stephen Breyer wrote for an 8-1 court. (Justice John Paul Stevens dissented.) The factors cited in Daubert, such as publication and peer review, are exemplary, not definitive. The question of reliability may focus upon "personal knowledge or experience." The standards for weighing expert evidence must be flexible.

This does not mean, said Breyer, that all experience-based testimony must be admitted. "In certain cases it will be appropriate for the trial judge to ask, for example, how often an engineering expert's experience-based methodology has produced erroneous results, or whether such a method is generally accepted in

the relevant engineering community.

"Likewise, it will at times be useful to ask even of a witness whose expertise is based purely on experience, say, a perfume tester able to distinguish among 140 odors at a sniff, whether his preparation is of a kind that others in the field would recognize as acceptable."

Breyer has become an authority on the whole field of expert testimony.

He spelled out some excellent ideas in an address last year to the American Association for the Advancement of Science. His theme was the need for judges and scientists to find common understanding. Scientists need law that will assure them breathing room; the law needs access to sound science. "We must search for law that recognizes scientific validity."

Courts are up to their eyebrows in questions of toxic wastes, product liability, computerization, partial-birth abortions, the survival of endangered species — the list is endless. Breyer mused that judges might appoint neutral scientists to advise them in difficult cases, but "where is one to find a truly neutral expert?"

By recognizing the role of hands-on experience as a foundation for expert evidence, the high court took a useful step in the Kumho case. That leaves a heap of work still to be done.



Americans need to see reality of war

I am, as the baby boomers are fond of saying, conflicted about this war in the Balkans.

My natural inclination is to cheer anytime American forces go into combat. On the other hand, I hate a damned bully even if it's the United States. I hate it that the politicians in Washington keep using our forces to bomb little countries because they are annoyed with a little country's leader. How about a fair fight once in a while? How about bombing a country more our size? I kid you not, but if I were NATO, I'd be embarrassed to announce as it did last week that NATO's bombing campaign was "beginning to have an effect." Wow. That's like a professional wrestler saying after going three rounds with a



CHARLEY REESE

12-year-old, "I'm beginning to wear him down."

Combined population of NATO's 19 countries: about 600 million, give or take 50 million or so. Population of Yugoslavia: 10 million. Combined armed forces of the NATO countries: easily 2 million or more. Yugoslavia's total armed forces: 114,000.

And after three weeks of high-tech bombing and missile-lobbing, NATO's air attacks are "beginning to have an effect." As I said, wow. Good thing Yugoslavia doesn't have 20 million people — it might take months before NATO's bombs could "begin" to have an effect.

If President Clinton wants to be macho, why doesn't he bomb North Korea? Now, North Korea is a still a little country compared with us, but it is virtually all military. It has a million-man army and 4.7 million-man reserve force, not to mention over 10,000 surface-to-air missiles.

Now that would be, if we kept the nukes out of it, a bit more of a fair fight, and all of these armchair generals — and

all of these pompous spokesmen for NATO, the Pentagon and the State Department, all of these bloodthirsty little academics who chatter on television — would have something interesting to talk about. As it is, they have mainly to make excuses for blowing up passenger trains, bombing refugees and killing some farmer's dog.

And, of course, boast about the bombing beginning to have an effect.

Yes, I'm conflicted. I really don't want a war with North Korea. It would be terrible. The official American estimate is that casualties would run 70,000 or more per day during the first 72 hours. Besides, if it takes a month to move 24 Apache helicopters from Germany to Albania, I don't even want to know how long it would take to move them to Korea.

As a matter of deadly serious fact, one of the dangers of these Yugoslav foibles is that they may encourage somebody like the dictator of North Korea to think that now is the best time to make a move on South Korea. NATO, frankly, has not

been too impressive in its first war, even against a small country with few resources.

What I wish is that Americans would wake up from their television trance and realize that our government — the people we elected — has been acting like crypto-fascists in recent years, bombing and starving people in small countries simply because the politicians are frustrated or need a headline to distract attention from their personal failures.

We ought to be the good guys, and we aren't. We are meddling in other people's countries, bullying them, killing them, breaking international laws right and left, acting the hypocrite and being an all-round jerk of a nation.

The fault lies with the civilian leadership, not with the military, and ultimately with us, since it is we who elect the civilian leadership. For a self-governing people, we haven't done such a hot job in recent years.

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Police says e-mail probably wasn't sent by school gunman

LITTLETON, Colo. (AP) — Police on Saturday discounted what had appeared to be the suicide note of a teen-age gunman — a note that dripped with anger at the world and a threat of more violence.

The note was contained in an e-mail that was received by police Thursday or Friday, days after two gunmen turned Columbine High School into a killing ground. At first, authorities said they took it seriously.

But later, Jefferson County sheriff's spokesman Steve Davis retreated.

"There is very little reason to believe that either one of them" — Eric Harris, whose name was on the message, or Dylan Klebold — "had anything to do with sending that e-mail," he said.

The purported suicide note blamed parents, teachers and students for the massacre, and suggested that more violence could be forthcoming on April 28. By way of explanation, it offered the word "12Skizto," which authorities said came from a song by the group Insane Clown Posse.

Harris and Klebold killed 12 students and one teacher before shooting themselves Tuesday.

Police also are trying to trace the shotguns and semiautomatic weapons the teen-agers used. They hope surveillance tapes might shed light on whether Klebold, 17, and Harris, 18, had any help.

Investigators, meanwhile, temporarily withdrew from Columbine in order to let the bomb squad search more efficiently today.

On Friday, authorities released emergency 911 tapes that provide the first real-time glimpse into what was happening inside the school as the siege began.

In one tape, a teacher, her voice tight with panic, implored police to hurry and tried to keep her students safe as gunfire echoed in the background. "Kids — JUST STAY DOWN!" the teacher yelled. "My God — the gun is right outside my door!"

"The school is in a panic and I'm in the library. I've got students down. Kids — under the table! My kids are screaming."

— 911 call from an unidentified teacher

"He's outside in the hall," said the teacher, who was not identified. "There's alarms and things going off and smoke. My God — smoke is coming into this room."

From students to teachers to political leaders, the community geared up for a weekend of funerals and memorials, including one Vice President Al Gore planned to attend. Many in the region still struggled to cope.

"As time passes, and as numbers mount, we tend to depersonalize and become less sensitive," said Gov. Bill Owens. "I'll never be able to depersonalize this tragedy."

Friends and family today wrote their goodbyes on the casket of Rachel Scott, one of the victims, prior to her funeral. Among the messages: "See you in Heaven," "You are my hero," and "You always brought a smile to my face."

More than 900 mourners gathered Friday at Foothills Bible Church for a memorial service for 16-year-old John Tomlin, who worked after school in a gardening store and belonged to a church youth group.

"Schools are disintegrating, partly because prayer has been removed from them," said his mother, Doreen Tomlin.

A makeshift memorial near Columbine has continued to grow, with hundreds of bouquets, stuffed animals, signs and cards. One sign contained finger-painted images of children's hands. Said another, "Silence contributes to moral decay."

As mourners grieve, a picture of what went on during the siege's initial moments was becoming clearer with the release of the 911 tapes.

The teacher had called from the school library, which

became the scene of the worst carnage.

"The school is in a panic and I'm in the library," the teacher said. "I've got students down. Kids — under the table! My kids are screaming. Under the table, kids! And my teachers are trying to take control of things. We need police here."

Another call, apparently moments earlier, came from a female student. "I just saw everyone running. I just saw the smoke," the student said. "People are saying there's a gun."

Police arrived to chaos outside and inside. Tapes released Friday of their radio communications revealed that one officer spotted a gunman on the southwest end of the school almost immediately. "It's a big gun," he said.

Also Friday, investigators said surveillance tapes from security cameras at Columbine may show whether the gunman had accomplices. Although the library had no cameras, police planned to review tapes from other cameras around the school.

"Ideally they would show the movement and also the actual placement perhaps of some of the explosive devices, prior to the incident," said sheriff's Lt. John Kiekbusch.

Davis today said a tape from a cafeteria camera was being reviewed by the FBI and local officials.

He said there were cameras outside the school but it was unclear if they were running during daylight hours.

Investigators have also interviewed at least 500 people — teachers, friends and fellow students, including members of the Trenchcoat Mafia, a group of Columbine outcasts who wore

black. Today, Davis said one of the gunmen was found without a trenchcoat, which may have spurred witness accounts of a third gunman wearing a white shirt.

Though the large amount of explosives and firepower has authorities considering the possibility of accomplices, sheriff's Lt. Dave Taylor said investigators have not identified specific suspects. "There are a lot of names coming up," he said.

Another key task is tracing the guns: two sawed-off shotguns, a 9 mm carbine rifle and a TEC DC-9 semiautomatic pistol, an assault weapon that is now illegal to manufacture.

Lawrence Bettendorf, an agent with the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco and Firearms, said tracing the weapons will be difficult.

"These weapons were originally purchased in the late 1960s or early 1970s, and there is no indication they belong to the parents," he said.

Columbine students and faculty will return to classrooms, though not their own, next Thursday. They will share nearby Chatfield High School, with Columbine classes taking place in an afternoon split session.

Jefferson County authorities were checking reports that phones inside Columbine were programmed to block 911 calls because of previous prank emergency calls by students.

Schools spokeswoman Kay Pride said there were reports some students had trouble reaching authorities. A check showed pay phones could reach 911 — as they must under federal law — but Pride said tests haven't yet been run on the internal school system.

One shooting victim, Makai Hall, was discharged from the hospital Friday, temporarily in a wheelchair and recovering from a bullet wound that shattered his right knee. He said he was ready to resume his life.

"I'm getting better and a lot of my healing's been done," said the 16-year-old. "I'm not going to let it bring me down."

POLL RESULTS ON SCHOOL SHOOTINGS

Some poll results on the high school shootings in Colorado that left 15 dead. When numbers don't total 100 percent, the remainder didn't know or refused to answer.

• Which of the following statements comes closer to your view of shootings like the one in Colorado: (a) They are indication that there is something seriously wrong in the country today, or (b) They are isolated incidents that do not indicate anything about the country.

Something seriously wrong, 79 percent; isolated incidents, 17 percent (CNN/USA Today/Gallup).

• Do you think teens who kill teens should face the possibility of the death penalty?

Yes, 75 percent; no, 16 percent (Fox News).

• Do you think the parents of teens who kill other teens should face any legal responsibility?

Yes, 51 percent; no, 35 percent (Fox News).

• In your opinion, how likely is it that these kinds of shootings could happen in your community: Is it very likely, somewhat likely, somewhat unlikely or very unlikely?

Very likely, 30 percent; somewhat likely, 38 percent; somewhat unlikely, 14 percent; very unlikely, 15 percent (CNN/USA Today/Gallup).

• Which of these statements is closer to your own opinion about what will happen: (a) In the next year or so there will be more shootings by students like the one in Colorado, or (b) The Colorado school shooting was a random act and is not likely to be repeated anywhere else in the near future.

More school shootings, 80 percent; not likely to be repeated, 15 percent (CBS).

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Summoning emotion, prosecutor asks everyone to help find answers

LITTLETON, Colo. (AP) — The briefing, like so many before it in recent days, was over. But District Attorney Dave Thomas had something more to say — something other than a fresh factoid about the Columbine High School shooting investigation.

Something more personal. Though the prosecutorial poker face remained firm, the voice was Dave Thomas, citizen — a man whose children both graduated from Columbine, who has spent his entire life in this community, who wanted it to be remembered for something other than a day of senseless violence that stripped 15 families of loved ones.

"There has to be some meaning to this," the 50-year-old career law-enforcement officer said Friday morning. "These deaths," he said, "cannot be in vain."

For 20 minutes he talked into the cameras, live across the land in his own nationwide bully pulpit. He said America isn't taking care of its children. He wondered about video games, movies, Dungeons & Dragons and how they influenced young people. And he urged everyone, the media and the public, to join him in finding answers.

He even acknowledged his emotion might be jarring. "I'm not a zealot," he insisted.

"I'm not an important person. I'm not the president. I'm not the attorney general. I'm not even the attorney general of Colorado. I'm just a person who's very, very concerned about the deaths of these people. And I want to do something about it."

Prosecutors often come across as tough-guy dispassionate, or attempt to. But trying times often call for unusual measures, and for Jefferson County this is the most trying time of all.

"To take this horrific situation and turn it into a call for responsibility and action is extraordinary — and should be applauded," said Ray Slaughter,

"I'm not an important person... I'm just a person who's very, very concerned about the deaths of these people. And I want to do something about it."

— Dave Thomas, district attorney

executive director of the Colorado District Attorneys Council, who has known Thomas for 25 years.

If anyone would do this sort of thing, acquaintances say, it would be Dave Thomas.

A sedate man with a thin, angular face and tousled gray hair and mustache, Thomas has spent his entire life in Jefferson County. He worked as a Denver prosecutor and an assistant U.S. attorney. He sent his children, Justin and Carrie, to Columbine.

He became Colorado's head of

public safety in 1987, but brought his professional life back down the road to this Denver suburb in 1992 to be elected district attorney. As DA, he started the Jefferson County Juvenile Assessment Center, which has been used as a national model for dealing with youths in trouble with parents, teachers or police.

"What you saw today was the real Dave Thomas," said Bob Grant, Thomas' counterpart in Adams County, another collection of Denver-area suburbs.

"People think that we get numbed to it," Grant said. "But you never get numbed. No matter how many autopsies you attend, no matter how many multiple homicide cases you're involved in, you never lose the sense of humanity if you're going to do the job right."

"He's being honest when he says he doesn't have the answers, because none of us do," said Andrew Cohen, a Denver attorney.

Against that backdrop, many say a show of emotion from a community leader is candid and appropriate.

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In radio address, Clinton seeks money, gun laws

WASHINGTON (AP) — President Clinton will ask Congress for money and stricter gun laws to help stem school violence such as the attack last week at a Colorado high school in which 15 people were killed.



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Clinton said in his weekly radio address Saturday that he wants to keep guns away from juveniles and will seek \$12 million for emergency teams "to help communities respond when tragedy strikes." The attack in Littleton, Colo., was the seventh at schools around the country in two years. Gun-control legislation the president is requesting would focus on keeping guns out of

the hands of juveniles and providing money to help schools hire counselors and mentors and to purchase metal detectors. "The government must take responsibility," Clinton said in the address. "We must do more to prevent violence in our schools." Clinton said his Safe Schools Bill would crack down on gun shows and illegal gun trafficking, prohibit "violent juveniles" from being able to buy guns and close "the loophole that lets juveniles own assault rifles."

"We must do more to keep guns out of the hands of violent juveniles," Clinton said. "We must do more to prevent violence in our schools." The bill provides money to school systems across the nation to help prevent repeats of last week's Littleton violence, in addition to the \$12 mil-

lion to finance emergency teams to help communities in similar crises. Colorado Gov. Bill Owens, who delivered the Republicans' weekly radio address, said the episode in a quiet Denver suburb warns of problems eating at the American way of life. "Events like this one warn us there is a virus loose within our culture," Owens said. "Too many of our young people are susceptible to it."

Teen-ager gives himself up after holding hostages inside bank

ORCUTT, Calif. (AP) — A teen-ager who claimed to be distraught over losing a relative in the Colorado high school shooting barricaded himself in a bank Friday with at least four employees. Two hours later, he released the hostages unharmed and gave up. The 17-year-old, who was not identified because of his age, called police from inside Hacienda Bank about 2:50 p.m. and said he had a relative who died in the massacre at Columbine High School, said Sgt. Bill Turner of the Santa Barbara, County Sheriff's Department. After about two hours, he began releasing hostages one at a time until only a woman remained inside with him. He then gave up his satchel, which contained the alleged bomb he used to take hostages and walked out of the bank with his hands up, police said.

Experts warn of computer virus set to strike Monday

WASHINGTON (AP) — A virus that can erase a computer's hard-drive and prevent the equipment from restarting is poised to strike on Monday, but experts say off-the-shelf antivirus software can prevent infection, and several companies are offering free inoculation tools on their Web sites. The virus has been dubbed Chernobyl because its most common version was programmed to activate on computers using Windows 95 and Windows 98 on Monday, the 13th anniversary of the nuclear disaster in Ukraine. Another, less common, version, strikes computers on the

26th day of any month. "It's pretty much just another virus. It's been around for quite a while," said Kathy Fithen, manager of the Computer Emergency Response Team, or CERT, at Carnegie Mellon University in Pittsburgh. "As long as people stay current with their antivirus software, they should be in good shape." The viruses, believed to originate in Taiwan, attempt to erase a computer's hard-drive and write gibberish to the computer's system settings, called its Bios, preventing the machine from being restarted. But warnings from many experts lacked any sense of

panic or impending doom because the virus was discovered last summer, giving antivirus companies many months to develop free software updates to identify and destroy it. Users of those products will be protected only if they've retrieved the free updates. Network Associates Inc., for example, said its popular McAfee software recognized Chernobyl as early as June 1998, and Symantec Corp. said its Norton Antivirus program identified Chernobyl before August. CERT issued a warning this week about the virus because of

questions from computer users. "We're getting requests for information about it rather than reports of machines infected with it," Fithen said. "This has been around so long that the antivirus vendors have picked this up." Unlike the recent "Melissa" scare, which automatically propagated via e-mail, this virus doesn't spread as quickly because it requires a person to launch an infected program file to contaminate a computer. Carey Nachenberg, chief researcher at Symantec's Antivirus Research Center, said one big risk stems from a potential infection on a company's

computer network, which could then spread to individual computers. "If it gets on a corporate network and the volumes are not protected, it could spread very rapidly," Nachenberg said. Gene Hodges, a vice president for security at Network Associates, said the company was hoping for the best but bracing for the worse. "It can be fairly significant," he said. "You don't know until the bomb actually goes off."

Soft-drink giant faces class-action complaint

ATLANTA (AP) — Four past and current black employees of Coca-Cola Co. have sued the soft-drink giant for discrimination, claiming blacks are paid less and have fewer opportunities to advance than white employees. "Not only do barriers exist for African-American employees seeking upward advancement within the company, but similar barriers virtually segregate the company into divisions where African-American leadership is acceptable and divisions where it is not," the lawsuit said.

The suit was filed in federal court Thursday by Washington attorneys Cyrus Mehri and Pamela Coukos. Mehri, a veteran of corporate discrimination cases, represented black employees who sued Texaco in a case that resulted in a landmark \$176 million settlement in 1996. "This is probably the next major glass ceiling case," Mehri said Friday. "We expect this to be an epic struggle going on over a period of years." Coke spokesman Rob Baskin said he couldn't comment on specific details of the lawsuit before seeing it, but he said the

company doesn't believe the case has merit. "Coca-Cola doesn't tolerate discrimination, and if any discrimination is found, we take action to stop it and prevent it from occurring," Baskin said. The lawsuit says the average black Coke employee at corporate earned \$45,215 in 1998, compared with \$72,045 for the average white employee. The lawsuit seeks to include about 1,500 past and current salaried black employees at Coke. The complaint says few of the black managers reach the high-

est salary levels and tend to be confined to divisions like human resources and corporate affairs, which lack the advancement potential of white-dominated divisions such as global marketing or finance. It also says blacks tend to receive worse performance appraisals and are terminated at higher rates than whites. Coke has "failed to place the same importance on its African-American employees" as it has on marketing to black consumers, who make about 25 percent of the purchases of Coke brands, the suit says.

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Chinese arms dealer, Brown meeting probed

LITTLE ROCK, Ark. (AP) — FBI agents sought documents linking Ronald Brown, the late commerce secretary, to a Chinese arms dealer in their probe of Democratic Party fundraiser Yah Lin "Charlie" Trie, according to court documents previously kept secret. A federal judge ordered the file opened Friday at the request of Trie, who faces federal charges in the campaign fund-raising probe. Agents searched Trie's Little Rock home in October 1997 after obtaining a search warrant that alluded to a Feb. 6, 1996, meet-

ing attended by Brown and arms dealer Wang Jun the same day the dealer attended a White House coffee with President Clinton. Trie, a central figure in the controversy over foreign-linked campaign donations to Democrats, arranged Clinton's meeting with Wang, whose company, Poly Technologies, has been implicated in smuggling of arms into the United States. Wang is identified as an adviser to the Chinese government in the Senate Governmental Affairs Committee's report on its investigation

into illegal campaign fund raising in the 1996 election. His visit to the White House was previously reported, and Clinton has said it was inappropriate. Previous reports, however, did not mention a meeting the same day between Brown and Wang. Brown was a major player in Democratic politics. He was killed in April 1996 when the military transport he was aboard crashed into a mountainside in Croatia. Thirty-four others on the plane as part of a government trade mission also died.

The reference to a meeting between Brown and Wang adds a new twist to the investigation into fund-raising irregularities. Trie, a longtime friend of Clinton and a former Little Rock restaurateur, is scheduled to go on trial May 17 on charges he made and arranged illegal contributions to the Democratic National Committee to buy access to Clinton and other top officials. The indictment also claims Trie obstructed justice by ordering an employee to destroy documents subpoenaed in 1997 by a federal grand jury.

INS employee charged with accepting bribes

NEW YORK (AP) — An immigration official has been charged with taking bribes from Albanians and other foreigners seeking political asylum in the United States. John Shandorf, one of eight supervisors of the Asylum Division of the Immigration and Naturalization Service in Queens, was charged with conspiracy and accepting bribes, according to the FBI and the INS. Shandorf was arrested at his office April 8 and is free on bail. He did not return a telephone

message seeking comment Friday. FBI Special Agent Daniel Lyons said Shandorf accepted between \$500 and several thousand dollars from at least 30 foreigners, and then either approved their asylum applications himself, oversaw a subordinate who did so, or overturned someone else's denial of an application. "One alien in particular admitted to me that his asylum application contained specific allegations of persecution that were purportedly directed at the

alien and his family when they resided in Albania," Lyons said. "At the time that the acts of political persecution had allegedly occurred in Albania, this alien had already entered, and was residing in, the United States." At least two other unidentified people also have been charged in connection with the scheme, the FBI said. One individual pleaded guilty to bribery of a public official and another was arrested for conspiracy to influence, obstruct and impede a governmental proceeding.

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NATO, standing firm on Kosovo, moves on to alliance's future

WASHINGTON (AP) — NATO leaders, having declared their determination to bomb Yugoslav President Slobodan Milosevic into submission, moved on today to key questions of the alliance's future — and the possibility of more Kosovos. President Clinton said the current crisis underscored "the imperative of modernizing our alliance."

The question of how to deal with Kosovo, the province where Yugoslav army and special police forces are attempting to force out the ethnic Albanian majority, dominated the first day of the three-day NATO summit and put a damper on what was to have been a celebration of the alliance's 50 years of maintaining the peace in

Europe.

Alliance spokesman Jamie Shea said today that discussions included the future of the region and "how we are going to stop the former Yugoslavia from being the permanent bleeding wound of Europe."

Friday evening, NATO defense ministers approved a plan to stop oil imports from reaching Yugoslavia via Montenegro, said German Defense Minister Rudolf Scharping.

Under the plan, Scharping told reporters, ships suspected of carrying oil would be stopped and searched at harbor entry and turned back if necessary.

NATO has concentrated much of its air campaign on bombing oil storage and refining capabil-

ities, but has been frustrated that while pilots risk their lives to bomb these facilities, refined oil continues to enter the country. The 15-nation European Union already has agreed on an oil embargo, but that does not cover all potential oil shippers.

As the alliance leaders opened today's session, Clinton said, "The crisis in Kosovo has underscored the importance of NATO and the imperative of modernizing our alliance for 21st century challenges."

Joining Clinton with brief remarks before today's discussions were closed to the media, Javier Solana, the alliance's secretary-general, said that in Kosovo, NATO is facing "the same challenges to stability, security and well-being in

Europe" that it faced when it was founded 50 years ago to counter the Soviet threat.

After a day devoted to discussions of Kosovo, alliance leaders were moving to approval of an overall NATO strategic concept: basic principles that they term the European Security and Defense Identity. The program would allow European countries freedom to conduct operations in which the United States was not interested, but using NATO assets.

The program includes a new Defense Capability Initiative, an attempt to head off a growing technology gap between U.S. military forces and the rest of the allies.

The strategic concept outlines the threats of the future against

which NATO might have to defend, among them regional and ethnic conflicts like Kosovo, terrorism, and proliferation of weapons of mass destruction.

Also on the agenda is a program setting out required steps for aspiring members, a sort of road map to joining NATO; the enhanced Partnership for Peace program, wherein non-member countries get involved in NATO activities which may or may not lead to membership; increased dialogue with Mediterranean countries; and creation of a new center to deal with weapons of mass destruction.

The major difference over the new strategic concept, which will replace the one last revised

in 1991, concerns the alliance's relations with the United Nations. Essentially, France and a number of other European countries want to set out specifically the conditions under which NATO can take military action outside its traditional Euro-Atlantic area.

The United States, while agreeing the United Nations should play a pre-eminent role, feels the issue is adequately addressed in NATO's founding treaty and prefers to leave the details vague. This would allow the alliance to act on its own under special circumstances — Kosovo being the perfect example.

A Russian veto would have prohibited any NATO action in Kosovo.

United States sending 2,000 more troops to Balkans

WASHINGTON (AP) — Yugoslav President Slobodan Milosevic is strapped for oil for his military and common sense dictates NATO should try to keep him from importing more, an alliance spokesman said today.

NATO defense ministers, meeting for the alliance's 50th anniversary summit, have agreed to look at ways that NATO ships might stop oil shipments.

"Why are we doing this? Essentially because without oil, the Yugoslav military machine will come to a halt and very quickly," NATO spokesman Jamie Shea said at a briefing.

NATO airstrikes, which began March 24, have knocked out Milosevic's ability to refine his own oil, although he retains considerable reserves, Shea said.

NATO hit at least one refinery Friday night, as well as military vehicles and a bridge in

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— Gen. Wesley Clark

Kosovo, an airport, and a fuel station in central Serbia, Shea said.

On Friday, the Pentagon announced deployment of 2,000 additional troops to the Balkans and the NATO military commander claimed, "we're winning."

Milosevic's Serbian forces are hiding from NATO planes and

fuel shortages have forced the Serbs to suspend military operations in Kosovo three times, U.S. Army Gen. Wesley Clark said.

"We have about twice as much in the way of combat power as we did when we began this campaign 31 days ago," Clark said.

The bombing campaign aimed at stopping Milosevic's onslaught against ethnic Albanians in Kosovo has destroyed 40 percent of one version of Serb air defense missiles and 25 percent of a more sophisticated version, Clark said.

"In short, we're winning, he's losing, and he knows it," the general said.

Also Friday, the Pentagon announced that Defense Secretary William Cohen had approved sending 2,000 more troops to the area in connection with the arrival of 24 U.S. Apache attack helicopters.

The ground-based forces will help protect the Apaches while the helicopters are on the ground, but they will not accompany the aircraft on missions inside Yugoslavia, military officials said.

NATO officials have said repeatedly they have no immediate plans for a ground campaign.

The deployment of a variety of truck-mounted missile launchers, 14 Bradley fighting vehicles, 15 M-1 Abrams tanks, a howitzer battery and other troops and armament will bring U.S. troop levels in the region to 5,350, the Pentagon said.

Some of the equipment and troops will come from U.S. bases in Europe and some from the United States. Units will begin deploying next week, the Pentagon said.

The Apaches arrived in Tirana, Albania, last week but have not yet flown in combat.

Many refugees to be flown to major cities in the U.S.

WASHINGTON (AP) — Thousands of Kosovo refugees will be flown from Macedonia to the United States where they will join relatives who immigrated earlier, White House officials said Saturday.

Many of the refugees are being processed in Macedonia by the State Department and U.S. immigration officials and then will be flown to New York and other major American cities.

The United States is taking in some 20,000 ethnic Albanians of the estimated 800,000 to 1 million who fled or were forced to leave Kosovo by Serb troops and police.

Priority is being given to refugees with relatives in the United States.

Others will go to a U.S. military base, probably Fort Dix, N.J., before being settled temporarily in Albanian communi-

ties in this country.

A Pentagon official said Fort Dix was tentatively selected Friday, after a review of bases along the East Coast. Up to 2,000 refugees at a time would be housed in dormitories there for a few days before moving on to host families.

The Pentagon is expected to formally announce the choice early next week, and may also announce contingency plans for additional U.S. bases to handle any overflow from Fort Dix, the official said.

More than 600,000 people, mostly ethnic Albanians, have fled Kosovo since NATO began an air assault March 24 to try to stop Yugoslav President Slobodan Milosevic's violent campaign in the Serbian province. Most have taken refuge in neighboring countries, such as Albania and Macedonia.

Internet site opens window for air strikes as they occur

BELGRADE, Yugoslavia (AP) — It's mid-afternoon, hours before evening air raid sirens normally sound over Belgrade. But in Nehad Cosic's home, another kind of early-alert system is already active.

"We can hear the idiots — flying towards Yugoslavia," warns an e-mail sent from Slovenia hundreds of miles away. "Good luck, Yugoslavia!"

Cosic sighs as he slots the message into a growing list on his screen.

"They're starting early today," he says of the aircraft coming from the north, heading in his direction for a new wave of NATO airstrikes meant to force a compromise on Kosovo. "It's going to be a long and busy day."

A Yugoslav Internet provider and a peacetime graphic designer, Cosic now spends up to 18 hours of his day compiling what amounts to an anti-NATO early warning system — and a blow-by-blow description of the strikes.

Operating from an office on the ground floor of his villa in downtown Belgrade, the bearded 43-year-old says he rarely sees his wife and two children,

even though living quarters for the family are only a floor away.

"This has turned into a passion," he says of his long hours at the computer screen, as he shoves his glasses atop his head to rub his red-rimmed eyes. "It gives me a feeling of doing something useful during this war."

Typically, the first e-mails Cosic receives are like the one on a recent afternoon from Celje, Slovenia — northwest of Yugoslavia — warning of NATO overflights toward intended targets.

Others follow from the Serb part of neighboring Bosnia. "They are flying over very high up," says an e-mail from the border town of Bjeljina. "Shoot down the bastards!" And another Bosnian Serb warns: "Planes flying high over Banja Luka. Brothers, hold on!"

Predictably, many warnings come from Serbs outside Serbia or others from former Yugoslav republics like Slovenia. Others come from Hungary and the Czech Republic.

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Yeltsin's doctor: president strong enough for another term

MOSCOW (AP) — Boris Yeltsin is in relatively good health but might be faking illness to lull his political foes into a false sense of security, his chief doctor said in an interview published Friday.

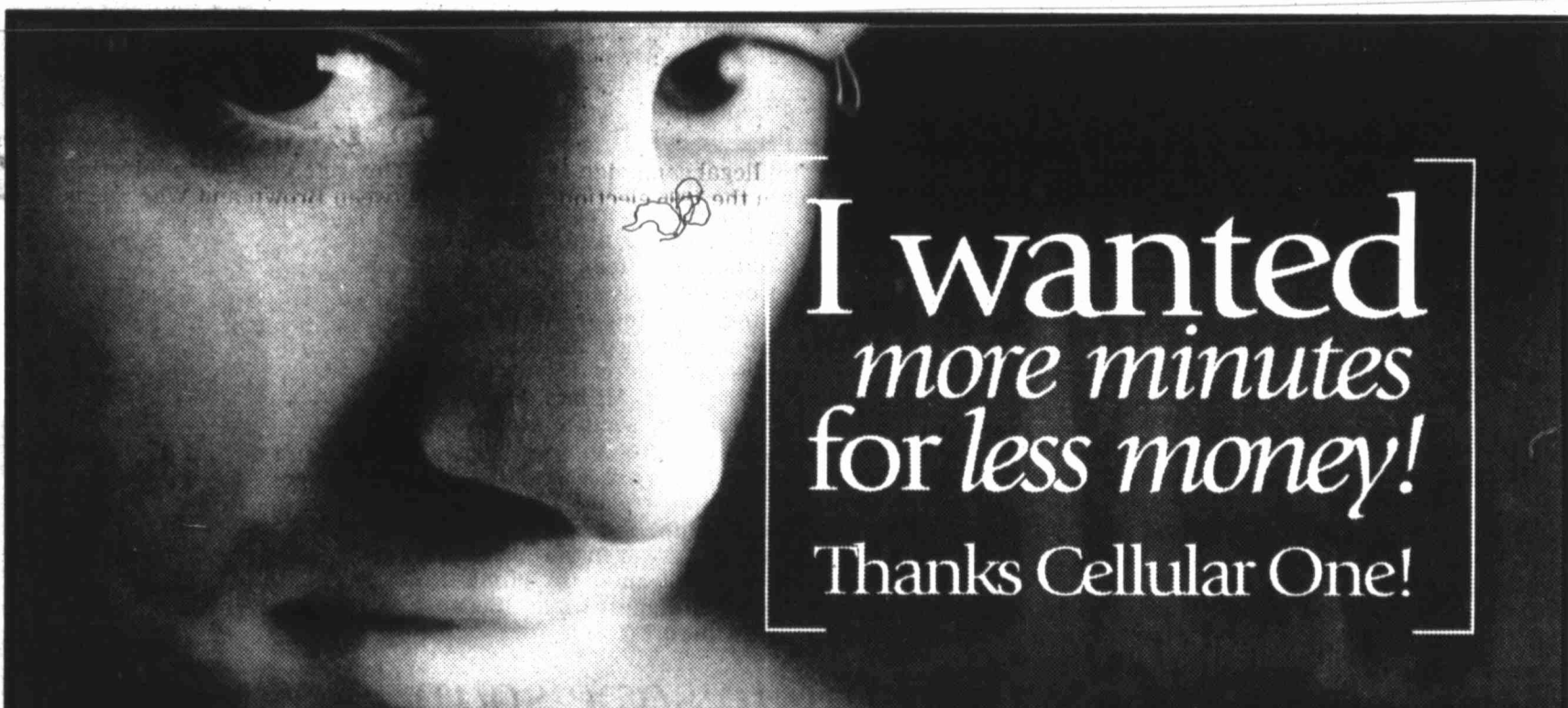
The Russian president's health "allows him to run again in 2000" for the presidency, Sergei Mironov said in the daily Komsomolskaya Pravda.

However, Russia's highest court ruled in November that Yeltsin cannot seek a third presidential term in 2000 because he already has been elected twice, the constitutional limit, and Yeltsin himself has insisted that he does not intend to seek re-election.

The remarks by Mironov, Yeltsin's close confidant for many years, appeared aimed at the Communists and other hard-liners in parliament's lower house, who have said Yeltsin is too sick to lead

Russia and are set to hold an impeachment debate against him in mid-May.

Mironov warned the president's political rivals against "prematurely writing off" Yeltsin.



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Woody Allen movie memorabilia hits the auction block; proceeds to charity

NEW YORK (AP) — It could be the "Sleeper" of the auction season.

Props and memorabilia from a decade of Woody Allen films were tagged for auction Saturday — everything from 1930s mahogany radio consoles from "Radio Days" to the head of John the Baptist from "Deconstructing Harry."

The leopard spotted chairs in which Mira Sorvino sat in "Mighty Aphrodite" lean against a '30s Coca-Cola sign. Across the way is the wave machine from the desk top where Joe Montegna made love to Judy Davis in "Celebrity."

Tags put on Friday represent numbers from 432 lots, but there are no estimates on how much items in the eclectic collection will bring.

"It's not your ordinary auction," said Richard Brick, a co-producer on Allen's last three films and organizer of the sale.

"We basically just have to clean out our attic, so to speak," he said.

The sale is not a case of "Take the Money and Run." Proceeds from the auction, to be held this weekend in a Long Island City warehouse, will go to charity.

This is the first time in Allen's quarter century of movie-making that his cinema props have gone up for auction like this, Brick said.

The items are owned by Jean Doumanian, who has produced seven of Allen's films over the past seven years and has been his executive producer since 1991.

Items drawing the most interest include a pair of gold and red down-filled sofas used in "Crimes and Misdemeanors" and "Bullets over Broadway," and five 1930s billiard tables from Allen's still-untitled movie with Sean Penn and Uma Thurman, due out this fall.

Also up for sale is Drew Barrymore's vanity set from "Everyone Says I Love You," Sorvino's gaudy 1970s lamps from "Mighty Aphrodite" and dozens of costumes and signs, many of them from the 1930s.

Madigan Ryan, an actress who played small parts in "Radio Days" and "Hannah and Her Sisters," wandered around with her boyfriend, Tom Loback, examining the props and clothes.

"I may get a radio just for the kick of it," she said.

Was Edmund Hillary second to Everest summit? Climbers go searching for clues

BOSTON (AP) — The last time climbers George Mallory and Andrew Irvine were seen, they were distant shadows creeping up Mount Everest's jagged North Side, 900 feet from the summit.

Whether they reached the top before disappearing in 1924 is the question driving a team of climbers on the face of the world's highest mountain today.

The eight climbers are looking for the bodies of the Englishmen and a camera that could contain pictures proving they reached the summit 29 years before Sir Edmund Hillary.

"I would say all of us feel we're taking part in a historical endeavor that's bigger than this climb," said Eric Simonson, speaking by satellite phone Friday from base camp in the Himalayas.

Mallory and Irvine are held in awe by many high-altitude climbers, given the rudimentary equipment used and the raw courage required for their early crack at Everest.

The pair wore cotton shells and wool sweaters and jackets for the ascent, mere rags by today's standards.

A similar search for their bodies in 1986 failed, leaving one person dead. But Simonson, 43, likes the chances for his team.

"We think we know where to look," he said. "Obviously there's some luck involved."

The search is being funded by the Public Broadcasting Service for the documentary program NOVA, which is produced in Boston. NOVA is posting online updates throughout the expedition to the 29,028-foot summit.

"I would say all of us feel we're taking part in a historical endeavor that's bigger than this climb."

-Climber Eric Simonson

The climb, which began on March 29, is being made in six stages, and the team must be finished by early May's start of the monsoon season.

So far, the weather has been cooperative, said Simonson, a veteran Everest climber from Ashford, Wash. High winds combined with low precipitation have scoured the mountain clean, possibly exposing the bodies.

Simonson said the team expects to perform its first, cursory search next week. The mountaineers have targeted a search area based on calculations from Jochen Hemmleb, a 28-year-old German climber and Mallory historian.

"He thinks he knows where the body is," said NOVA producer Liesl Clark, 32, who's with the climbers. "It's a little bit of a treasure hunt."

Hemmleb is basing his guess on a 1975 discovery by Chinese climber Wang Hongbao, who reported seeing a body on the North Ridge route Mallory and Irvine would have taken. Hongbao described the body as "English Dead" and indicated its vintage clothing broke to pieces when he touched it.

The body was found on a snow terrace, just below the spot where an ice ax believed to be Irvine's was found in 1933. The ax had three notches on the handle, which was how Irvine marked his equipment.

"It raises the question of whether he fell," said NOVA producer Lauren Aguirre.

Two days after Hongbao told his story in 1979, he died in an avalanche on Everest's North Face.

But Hemmleb used information about Hongbao's climb to pinpoint the likely location of his camp.

Mallory took a Kodak Vest-Pocket camera with him before his final ascent, and likely took pictures if he reached the peak. Eastman Kodak Co. said if the film hasn't been exposed, it can still be developed.

The team has a metal detector to find the camera, but Clark called that "a last resort," given the difficulty transporting it to such high altitudes. Mainly, she said, they'll use nothing more technically advanced than their eyes.

About 150 people have died climbing Everest since 1953. Last week, a ninth member of Simonson's team dropped out due to altitude sickness. But the other climbers generally remain in good health.

Regardless of what's found, Clark said, Hillary's place in history is secure because he was the first to make it back from the top of Everest.

Mallory's place in history is also secure, if only for his memorable answer to the question of why he wanted to climb the world's highest peak: "Because it is there."

'Another World' fans trying to save soap

NEW YORK (AP) — Will Joe get blamed for Freeman's death? Just what mystery does the secret garden hold? And who REALLY shot Grant?

Fans of the NBC daytime drama "Another World" had a bigger worry at their annual luncheon Saturday than the outcome of those ongoing cliffhangers.

The network is pulling the plug on 35 years of triumph and tragedy in fictional Bay City, Ill. The soap goes off the air June 25.

But longtime followers of the Cory, Hudson and Carlino family sagas aren't letting their old friends go without a fight.

They protested at NBC studios Saturday morning and have launched a letter-writing campaign pleading for network execs to change their minds about replacing "Another World" with a new soap called "Passions."

NBC Entertainment President Scott Sassa called the decision

"very tough," but said the change, coupled with a new morning news lineup on NBC, will help the network establish a pattern in programming he called "critical to our success."

In addition to lobbying NBC, AW fans are also pitching the show to ABC and Fox in hopes one of them might pick it up.

"Whatever happens next will be really interesting because now it's in the hands of the fans," said Victoria Wyndham, whose character, Rachel, is the longest-running on AW. Viewers have watched for 26 years as she grew from resident witch into the role of admired mom.

"We've had the rug pulled out from under us, but I don't think that NBC is the only outlet in town," Wyndham said. "I'm an actor. We believe that you can find a bunny in the hat."

Her hopes are resting with people like Kerri Isaacson of Newtown Square, Pa.; Amelia Georgiana of Hopewell, N.J.;

and Harriette Grant of New York. The trio of nannies were among the 800 people at the New York Hilton for their fan club's first meeting since NBC announced its decision.

Georgiana, 39, said she started watching the show when she sat down with her grandmother one summer afternoon rather than going to the pool.

"That was it," she recalls. And it was 27 years ago.

She has been watching the shenanigans of characters like Grant Harrison — who framed his ex-wife for murder, faked his own death and set a fire that nearly killed the police commissioner's wife — ever since.

"He's such a deliciously evil character!" Isaacson gushed. "He's just so incredibly morally corrupt, I just love it!"

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Bulldogettes suffer loss in practice game, 2-1

Someone forgot to tell the Brownwood Lady Lions and Coahoma Bulldogettes that their game Friday night was a practice game and not a do-or-die playoff affair.

The two teams duelled for seven cold innings, with the Lady Lions, coached by former Bulldogette boss Rob Dickenson, taking a 2-1 win.

Coahoma scored first, picking up a run in the top of the first inning when Erin Stovall singled, moved to second on a wild pitch and reached third on a ground out by Misty Baker.

Kelli Buchanan chalked up the RBI when Stovall scored on another ground out.

Brownwood did not get to Bulldogette pitcher Kenni Kay Buchanan until the fourth inning when the Lady Lions tied the game on a pair of successive hits.

The Lady Lions scored the winning run in the bottom of the seventh inning, turning an infield hit and two singles into the 2-1 lead.

Cold weather hampers Big Spring track teams

With temperatures seeming to drop by the second, Big Spring track coaches Randy Britton and Jay Kennedy packed up their teams and left the Lamesa regional qualifiers track meet early Friday night.

Britton said he wasn't willing to risk injury to defending state spring champion Tory Mitchell and did not stay for the 200 meters competition.

Mitchell did, however, post a time of 10.06 in the 100 meters.

Kennedy managed to enter two teams in both the 400 and 800 meters competition, but he two said he wasn't willing to risk injury to his young sprinters.

The Lady Steers posted times of 49.5 and 51.5 in the 400-meter relay and had clockings of 1:44.9 and 1:51.8 in the 800-meter relay before returning home.

Steers drop 7-3 decision in 5-4A tilt with Snyder

A 7-3 loss to Snyder's Tigers on Friday left Big Spring's Steers having to win its final two games of the regular season to tie for the third-place playoff berth in District 5-4A.

The Steers got off to a 2-0 lead in the top of the second, the big knock coming when shortstop Joe Owens hit a home run.

Snyder got all the runs pitcher Wes Wilson would need in the bottom half of the inning and took a 4-2 lead.

Big Spring would add another run in the fourth when Jose Carnero slammed the Steers' second homer of the game, but the Tigers iced things away with two runs in the fifth and another in the sixth.

Daniel Beauchamp took the loss for Big Spring, giving up nine Snyder hits.

The Steers can still force a tie for third place in the 5-4A standings with either Snyder or San Angelo Lake View if they win their final two games with Fort Stockton and Sweetwater.

Forsan duo impresses at regional qualifier

Forsan's Justin White and Wes Osburn turned in strong performances Friday at the Wall Regional Qualifiers meet.

White, who qualified at the District 2-2A meet in the 400 meters, finished second in the 400 meters at Wall, posting a time of 53.3 seconds.

Osburn, who qualified for the Region I, Class 2A meet in Abilene this week, was third in the high jump with a leap of six feet even.

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Lady Steers trio set for regional tennis tournament



Big Spring senior threesome of YuChing Li, Stephanie Lewis and Kim Dominguez strike a pose exemplifying the team's togetherness going into Monday's opening rounds of the Region I, Class 4A tennis tournament in San Angelo.

By JOHN A. MOSELEY
Sports Editor

It's been a long time in coming, but Big Spring Lady Steers seniors Kim Dominguez, YuChing Li and Stephanie Lewis are finally in the limelight.

Having spent the first three years of their high school tennis careers toiling in the shadow of others, the three Lady Steers stepped fully into the spotlight at the District 5-4A tournament — Dominguez living up to her No. 1 seeding by taking the girls' singles championship, while Li and Lewis, the No. 2 seed in girls' doubles, upset Andrews' top-seeded Christy Overbeck and Jana Stein 6-3, 6-2 for a second title.

As a result, Big Spring — supposedly in a rebuilding year — will take as many athletes to the Region I, Class 4A tennis tournament in San Angelo as any other 5-4A school.

Although the 1998-99 school year has been anything but normal for his program, Big Spring tennis coach Ralph Davis says Dominguez, Li and Lewis have helped rekindle a competitive fire in the entire team.

In fact, Davis admitted the trio had even helped put an edge on his own desire.

Now in his sixth year at the Big Spring helm, Davis was used to putting teams on the court that dominated Class 4A cir-

cles in West Texas.

But with the graduation of Hsiao-Hsuan Li and Monica Villarreal in 1998, and the decision of five veteran boys' players to leave the team, Big Spring found itself out of last fall's Region I team tennis tournament for the first time in recent memory.

What's more, the Big Spring program was used to taking at least half of the eight regional berths available during the spring season.

"There's no question all that affected me," Davis said as he put his three seniors through a Friday practice session. "It was kind of depressing, and I wasn't as excited as I usually am at the district tournament."

"But all that changed in Midland last week and these girls had a lot to do with that," he added. "We had some kids that didn't get seeded on the boys' side and they seeded Li and Lewis at No. 2. We took that as kind of a slap. I think that kind of woke us all up a little."

The result was not only Big Spring's dominance of the girls' field, but Derek DeHoyos' third-place finish in boys' singles and the fourth-place finish by the boys' doubles team of Aaron Lankford and Zach Smiley.

And the key, Davis says, was the senior leadership provided by his three senior girls' stars.

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Bulldogs lock up 3-2A crown

White fans 14, leading way to big 6-2 win

By JOHN A. MOSELEY
Sports Editor

COAHOMA — It's a six-peat for Coahoma's Bulldogs.

While there is one more game left in the regular schoolboy baseball season, Coahoma put a lock on its sixth consecutive district championship Friday with a 6-2 win over Tahoka's Bulldogs.

By knocking off Tahoka, the Bulldogs improved to 15-7 on the season and 10-1 in District 3-2A play, making sure that even a Tuesday loss to Morton — a team they beat 32-0 in the first round — can't deny them a bye in the first round of the Class 2A state baseball playoffs.

Coahoma followed the script many had expected. They sent left-handed junior flame thrower Delvin White to the mound and let him dominate.

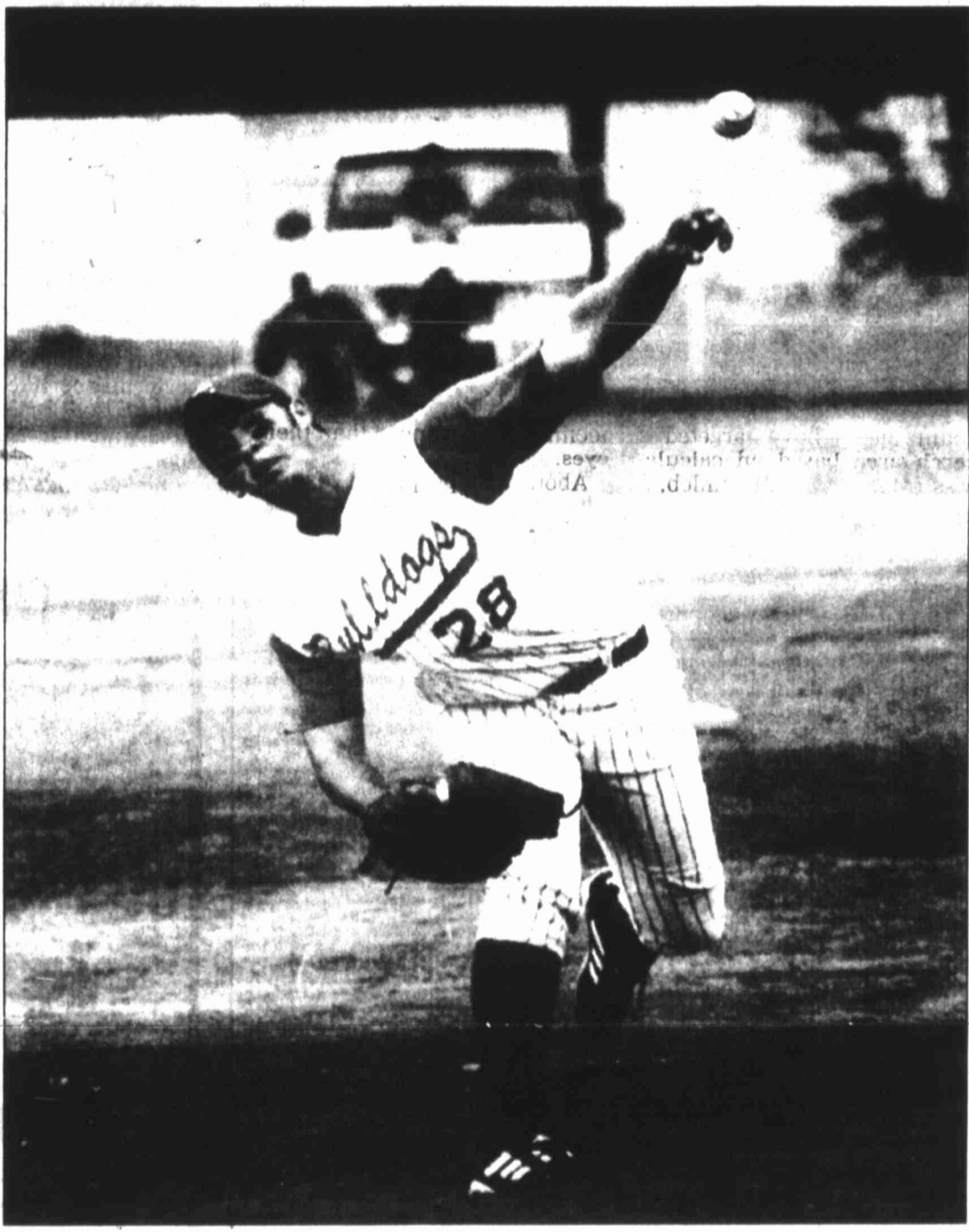
White, however, deviated from the plan early in the game when it became clear Tahoka had spent most of the week getting ready to hit his fastball.

"They were ready for Delvin ... at least they thought they were," Coahoma head coach Scott Lewis said. "You could tell they'd spent plenty of time in the batting cage hitting against the machine. They were ready for the fastball."

As a result, White and his coach made the gutsy decision to rely on his curve, even though gale-force winds that raked the Coahoma field threatened to throw every pitch off course.

The result was a distance-going five-hitter in which White recorded 14 strikeouts.

"They simply weren't ready to hit the curve and Delvin did a great job of staying with it," Lewis said. "On top of that, we played great defense behind him when they did manage to put the ball in play." See BULLDOGS, page 11A



Coahoma pitcher Delvin White lets go with a breaking ball early during Friday's District 3-2A showdown with Tahoka. White used his curve, rather than his fastball, to chalk up 14 strikeouts, leading the Bulldogs to a 6-2 win that wrapped up their sixth straight district championship.

Hawks face Odessa with WJCAC title on line today

By JOHN A. MOSELEY
Sports Editor

Cold, rainy weather which arrived in West Texas late Friday evening has forced Howard College's Hawks to delay their bid to lock up a Western Junior College Athletic Conference (WJCAC) baseball championship until today.

The Hawks, who took a 4-0 win over Odessa College's Wranglers in Friday's opening game of a what amounts to a three-game WJCAC championship series, saw Saturday's doubleheader rained out.

As a result, the Hawks and Wranglers were scheduled to play a 1 p.m. twinbill today. A sweep by Howard would lock up the WJCAC title, while a split would leave the Wranglers with an opportunity to tie for the title if they can win two makeup games with New Mexico Junior College this week.

The Hawks improved their record to 40-12 overall and to 15-7 in conference play Friday, as Howard sophomore Brandon Claussen went the distance in a pitching duel with Odessa's Jon Kuelz.

Oddly enough, it was Kuelz who entered the series opener as the nation's strikeout leader with 100 Ks.

But Howard's lineup didn't make things easy on the Wrangler ace, pounding out 10 hits while striking out just four times.

Claussen, on the other hand,

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Simmons, Rodriguez gunning for regional golf gold

By JOHN A. MOSELEY
Sports Editor

What has been considered a disappointing golf season for Big Spring's Steers and Lady Steers by some was far from that for Sammy Rodriguez Jr. and Ashlie Simmons.

Rodriguez, a senior who played the entire season in the No. 1 role for the Steers, and Simmons, a junior who played the same role for the Lady Steers, will continue their seasons Monday when the Region I, Class 4A boys' and girls' golf tournaments get under way in San Angelo.

Simmons will enter the girls' regional on the Riverside Golf Course layout as the District 5-4A individual champion, having staged a remarkable comeback late in the final round of the district tournament and win a sudden-death playoff over Snyder's Keisha Gafford to successfully defend the title she'd seemingly won with ease as a sophomore.

Rodriguez, on the other hand, was forced to settle for a third-place finish in the 5-4A boys' individual standings — a final round that saw him struggle on the first nine holes robbing him of a chance to overcome the four strokes he trailed the leader.

However, Rodriguez benefited from a new University Interscholastic League (UIL) guideline that allows the top two individuals from schools that didn't advance in team competition

to qualify for the regional tournament.

That disappointing third-place finish behind him, Rodriguez sees the regional tournament, set for Monday and Tuesday on the Bentwood Country Club layout as an opportunity for redemption.

"I'd definitely say things didn't go my way," Rodriguez said in recalling the final round of the 5-4A boys' tournament in Sweetwater.

"I really struggled on my first nine holes and was 6-over when I made the turn," he explained. "But I was able to put it together on the front side of the course and shot it 2-over. Still, it really wasn't my day."

"I went out there expecting to win ... at least make up some of the four strokes on the guys that were ahead of me," he continued. "I don't think I was trying too hard ... it's tough to say what it was. There are just some days when things don't work for you."

With that frustration behind him, Rodriguez hopes to take the same form that made him the individual champion at the Tall City Invitational with a 5-under-par finish earlier this year — displaying a caliber of play that allowed him to set tournament and school records.

"I like the course," he added, noting that the Steers played Bentwood's layout during the San Angelo Invitational Tournament earlier this year. "It's a course that you have to play smart

See GOLF, page 11A



Big Spring golfers Ashlie Simmons (left) and Sammy Rodriguez Jr. pose prior to playing a practice round at the Big Spring Country Club in preparation for the Region I, Class 4A golf tournaments set for Monday and Tuesday in San Angelo.

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Elway said ready for retirement

DENVER (AP) — John Elway is ready to join Michael Jordan and Wayne Gretzky in retirement — the third transcendent athlete to leave his game in the last four months. The peerless Denver Broncos quarterback, the architect of a record 47 game-saving drives, told friends he has had enough after 16 seasons of pro football...

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was at perhaps his very best — striking out 14 Odessa batters, while allowing just two hits. He walked three in improving his record to 8-0 on the year. The 14-strikeout performance left Clausen with 99 strikeouts on the season, leaving him among the nation's leaders along with Kuelz.

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Caminiti chalks up 1,500th hit of career in 4-3 Astros win over Reds

CINCINNATI (AP) — Ken Caminiti drove in two runs with his 1,500th career hit to key a three-run eighth inning rally that gave the Houston Astros a 4-3 victory against the Cincinnati Reds on Saturday.

Craig Biggio and Derek Bell led off the eighth with consecutive singles off Danny Graves (1-3). After Jeff Bagwell walked to load the bases, Caminiti singled in two runs to tie it at 3. Houston took the lead when Richard Hidalgo grounded into a force play at second.

Scott Elarton (2-0) pitched two innings for the win, allowing one hit and two walks while striking out two. Billy Wagner

pitched the ninth for his fifth save.

Barry Larkin was in a 2-for-29 slump when he hit a three-run homer off Mike Hampton to give Cincinnati a 3-0 lead in the third.

The Astros scored in the seventh when center fielder Mike Cameron misplayed Hidalgo's fly ball and was charged with a three-base error. Hidalgo scored on Chad Everett's infield single.

Reds starter Steve Avery allowed one unearned run, three hits and three walks in seven innings.

Hampton allowed three runs in six innings on four hits, three walks and six strikeouts.

Brewers 5, Pirates 3
PITTSBURGH (AP) — Jeromy Burnitz hit a two-run homer off rookie Scott Sauerbeck to finish off a four-run Milwaukee rally highlighted by Pittsburgh errors and the Brewers beat the Pirates 5-3 Saturday.

Burnitz also hit a sacrifice fly in the sixth following the first of two key errors by the Pirates and Jeff Cirillo homered for the second day in a row.

Al Reyes (2-0) got the victory with two scoreless innings in relief of Cal Eldred, who made his first start since fracturing his right elbow July 26. Eldred gave up three runs and five hits in six innings.

Bob Wickman worked the ninth for his second save. Todd Ritchie (0-1), who came on in the eighth, was tagged with the loss.

Athletics 3, Orioles 0
BALTIMORE (AP) — Matt Stairs broke up a scoreless duel with a three-run homer in the sixth inning as the Oakland Athletics ended an eight-game losing streak against the Baltimore Orioles with a 3-0 victory Saturday.

The Orioles, bidding for a second straight win for the first time this season, managed only four hits against former teammate Mike Oquist and three

Oakland relievers. Baltimore was 8-0 against the Athletics since May 22, including a 7-4 victory Friday night that ended a six-game losing streak. The Orioles' 4-13 record is worst in the majors.

After Scott Erickson (0-4) issued a walk and then hit a batter with two outs in the sixth, Stairs sent a 3-2 pitch over the 25-foot scoreboard in right field. It was his fourth homer of the season.

Stairs, who also doubled, is 15-for-40 (.375) after starting the year 1-for-14.

White Sox 3, Tigers 1
CHICAGO (AP) — Jaime Navarro won his first game since July 15 as the Chicago White Sox beat the error-prone Detroit Tigers 3-1 Saturday for

their sixth straight victory. Paul Konerko scored the decisive run on a throwing error in the second inning by third baseman Dean Palmer. The Tigers, who lead the American League in fielding, committed three errors Saturday, their first multi-error game this year. Losing pitcher Dave Mlicki (1-1) made the other two errors.

Yankees 7, Blue Jays 4
NEW YORK (AP) — Chili Davis three-run homer in the eighth inning broke a tie and carried the New York Yankees to a 7-4 victory against the Toronto Blue Jays on Saturday. Davis' homer, his fifth, came off Dan Plesac (0-1) after Bernie Williams opened the inning with a single and Tino Martinez walked.

BULLDOGS

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But the key to the Coahoma victory, Lewis maintained, was his team's patience at the plate — making Tahoka ace Michael Garcia throw hittable strikes.

"We were much more disciplined at the plate," the Coahoma boss explained. "The last couple of weeks we've been striking out a lot ... striking out way too much, as a matter of fact."

"But tonight, we did a great job of waiting on him (Garcia) to throw us our pitch," Lewis added. "As a result, we were able to get some big hits and put them in a couple of situations where they committed errors."

Unlike White, the Tahoka ace relies primarily on his curve to set up a sneaky fastball.

But Garcia seemed to have more trouble getting his breaking ball over for a strike in the gusting wind, and Coahoma took advantage when he had to

throw his fastball for a strike.

A tit-for-tat first inning saw Tahoka jump on top, scoring a run in the first inning when lead-off hitter Auggie Cantu singled to left and moved to second on a wild pitch.

White chalked up his first strikeout, fanning Tahoka first baseman Matt Chancy, but right fielder Jeffrey Antu ripped a 2-1 offering from White up the middle for an RBI single.

From that point forward, White relied almost entirely on his curve as a strikeout pitch, fanning four of the next five batters he faced.

Tahoka's final run came in the third inning when center fielder Blandon Hancock singled to right center, swiped second and moved to third on a wild pitch before Antu slapped a two-out single to left.

Coahoma had answered Tahoka's tally in the first with one of their own when shortstop Vincent Garcia led off with a

single, swiped second and scored on a single by White.

The Coahoma shortstop would get a three-run rally in the bottom of the third started, again leading off with a single and stealing second.

Catcher Aaron Ovalle kept things going by drawing a walk and Brandon Hancock tied the game with an RBI single to right.

White then delivered what would be the game-winning hit when he laced a single to left, plating Ovalle.

Coahoma's fourth run would come from designated hitter Luke Bowlin, who's two-out single drove in White.

Two more insurance runs came in the fourth, and again, it was Vincent Garcia who got things started with an infield single. Ovalle singled up the middle to put runners at first and second.

It looked as if Tahoka's Garcia would pitch his way out of the

jam when he struck out Hancock and White in succession. But he hurt his cause moments later when Blake Nichols ripped a shot that he couldn't glove, but did knock down.

After knocking the liner down, though, Garcia lost the ball momentarily, and when he retrieved it and tried to make the throw at first, he threw wildly past the bag, allowing Vincent Garcia to score and put runners at second and third.

Coahoma left fielder Mario Garcia accounted for the final run of the game with an RBI single to right.

Although Tahoka's Garcia would retire Coahoma batters in order in the fifth and sixth, too much damage had been done, as White allowed just one runner in the final two innings.

Tahoka, now 9-6 overall and 8-3 in district play, will close out the regular season by playing Olton on Tuesday.

GOLF

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on. You have to stay focused and play your game.

"I'm confident that if I can do that, I'll have a chance of putting two rounds together and have a chance of getting to the state tournament," he continued. "That was one of my primary goals this year ... getting to Austin. So, I'll just go out there and play some golf and see what happens."

Staying focused and playing her game proved difficult for Simmons early in the season, and she admits the result was a season-long struggle to regain the form that had made her the District 4-4A champion as a sophomore.

"Last year I didn't have the pressure of having to play No. 1," she explained. "I was more

relaxed playing the the No. 4 spot because I wasn't playing with everyone else's best players. Moving from No. 4 to No. 1 was a huge difference.

"I started playing the girls' I was paired with rather than the course ... a big mistake," Simmons added. "You have to be competitive to win golf tournaments, but you still have to stay focused and play the course ... play your game, not the other girls' game."

While it was just that kind of focus that allowed Simmons to post her comeback win during the final round of the 5-4A tournament that was played on the same Riverside course she'll face Monday and Tuesday, it was a resignation that perhaps she had no chance to catch the leaders that allowed her to improve her game at crunch

time.

"To be honest, I was just about to give up on thinking I could catch them (leaders)," Simmons explained. "I'd played so well on the front nine, but then had a couple of double bogeys ... figured I'd knocked myself out of it."

"I just told myself that I wasn't going to go out that way. That allowed me to get settled down, and I was able to pick up some birdies that canceled those two bad holes out."

While Rodriguez has already signed a scholarship offer to play golf at Odessa College next fall, Simmons says her goal going into the regional is to grab the attention of several collegiate women's coaches who'll be on hand to scout talent during the tournament.

"There's no question that I'd

like to be able to get a golf scholarship after next season," she admitted.

"So far, Midland College has shown interest, but I know I've still got to keep improving to have them and other schools consider me," Simmons added. "I'm going to have to work for it, and that's what I intend to do this week — play the best golf I can and see where that takes me."

TENNIS

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"We were having a lot of fun ... screaming and shouting," explained Li, the team's captain who perhaps more than either of her senior teammates has had to live in the shadow of her older brother.

"We felt like we should have been the No. 1 seed," she added, "but being seeded No. 2 just made us play better."

Lewis, who remembered losing to an Andrews tandem in the first round of the district tournament a year ago, explained that defeat provided additional incentive.

"That's something that drove us to improve every week this year," Lewis said. "I think since it was our senior year, we realized this was our last shot at it and we didn't want to waste the chance."

Even Dominguez, the quietest of the Lady Steers trio of regional qualifiers, admitted being excited at the prospect of advancing to the Region I meet where Wichita Falls High and Wichita Falls Rider are expected to grab all the top seeds.

"It feels pretty awesome ... for once, we're superior," she said, noting that accepting their leadership role came almost naturally. "I think we were already in a leadership role. We realized it was our job to show everyone ... especially all the freshmen ... what being part of a team was

all about."


"That was not an easy task, however. "It wasn't easy," Li admitted. "At first, we (younger players and the seniors) didn't like one another. A lot of the freshmen weren't taking things seriously. It was our job to show them it was important to stay focused ... to keep working hard and get better every week."

"Sometimes they didn't respond to the things we told them," she added. "But as the season went on, we bonded together. We became a team ... we supported one another and that made a difference."

And in the process, Davis said, his three seniors' play improved in the process.

"This bunch is hitting the ball as crisp as I've ever seen them hit it," the Big Spring coach said, adding that he and his players will enter Monday's opening rounds of regional play at San Angelo's Bentwood Country Club feeling no pressure.

"These three are loose and relaxed," he added. "I think they felt a little pressure earlier in the year and it affected their play a little. All that's gone now, though. They having fun and are fun to be around. The pressure is off now. In fact, all the pressure is on the people from Dumas and the Wichita Falls schools. We'll just go out and play the best we can and see what that does for us."



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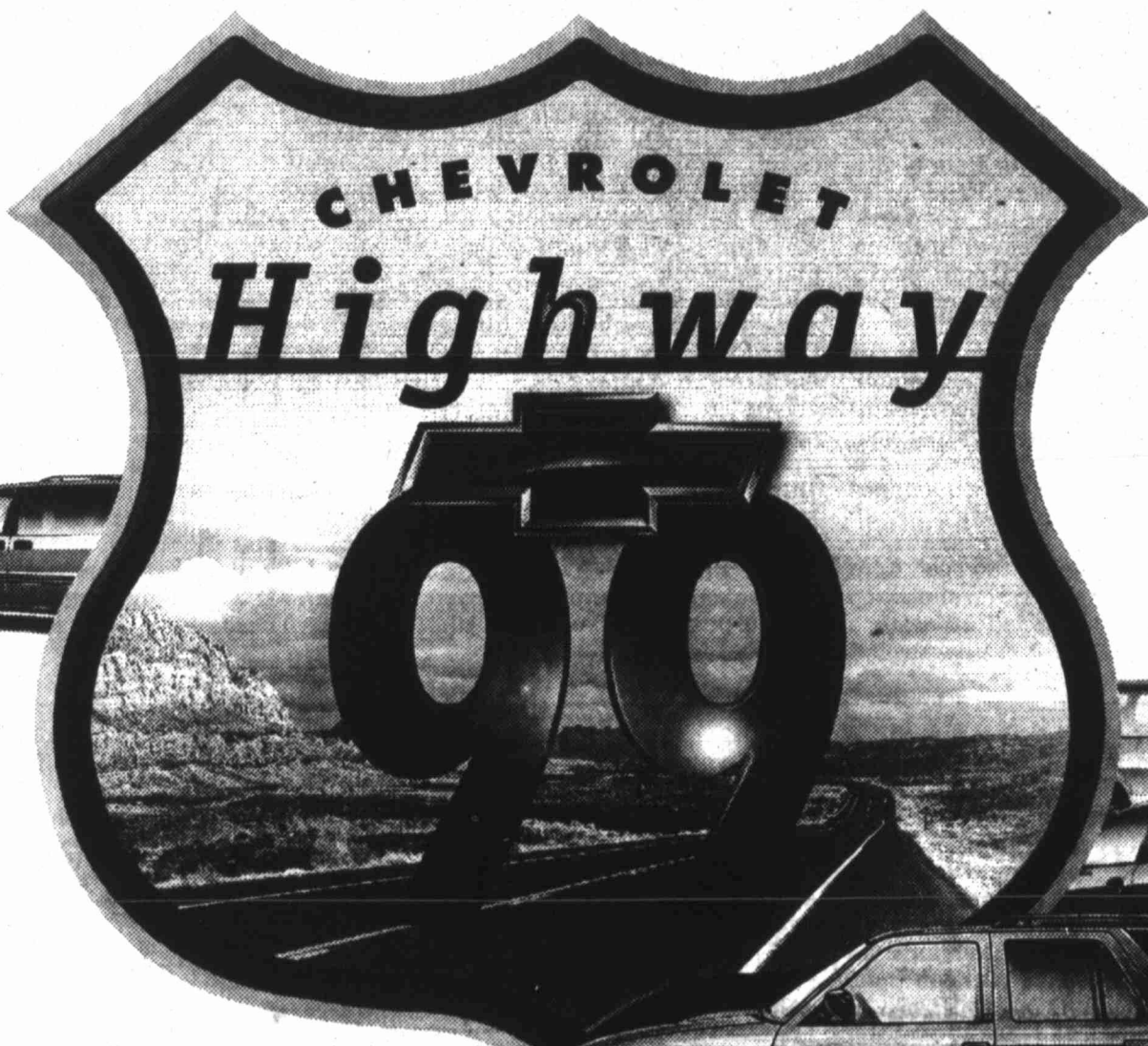
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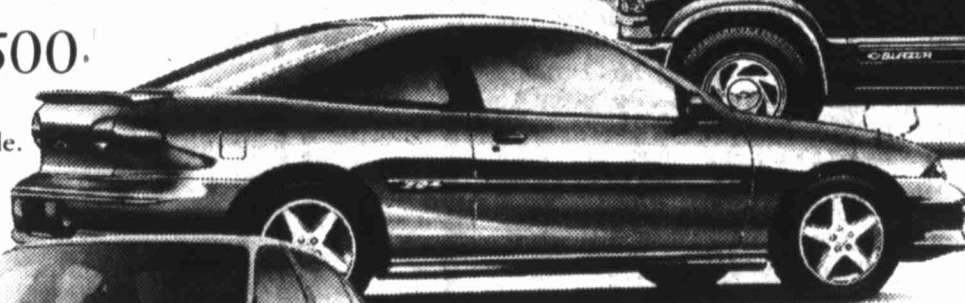
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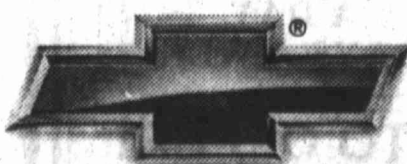
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Having our day



More than 200 strong, they arrived in cars, vans, a bus and some even flew into Austin for Monday's observance of "Big Spring Day at the State Capitol."

In the process, they carried a powerful message to members of the Texas Legislature — simple in its nature — but clearly important, one that said Big Spring takes an active interest in state government and the efforts its elected legislators, Rep. David Counts and Sen. Robert Duncan, make on its behalf.

That message was well received.

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.

The real showstopper, however, was the demonstration of Howard College's "If I Had A Hammer" program near the capitol's south steps.

The project that put Big Spring ISD fifth graders to work building a house, drew interest not only from Counts and Duncan, but from the likes of Lt. Gov. Rick Perry, Agriculture Commissioner Susan Combs and Sen. Troy Fraser.

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

"Big Spring Day at the State Capitol," if only for a few hours, put Austin's focus on a community that many of those who stopped by for a box lunch, soft drink or ice cream bar needed a map to locate.

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

They proved to themselves that they collectively care about the community and its future and that, according to those who made the trip, made every sacrifice necessary in making the trip worthwhile.



At top, Rep. David Counts was among those observing the "If I Had a Hammer" demonstration by Big Spring students Monday at the state capitol; above, left, Lt. Gov. Rick Perry met with children who participated; and above, right, Agriculture Commissioner Susan Combs met with local leaders; at left, Mayor Tim Blackshear, retired U.S. Congressman J.J. "Jake" Pickle and Gary Pickle, son of former Big Spring resident Joe Pickle, posed together during an ice cream social for Big Spring's delegation; at right, a group of local people gathered on the capitol steps.



Not a Sherlock Holmes fan? 'Regulars' may be a real barker

"The Barker Street Regulars," Susan Conant. Bantam Books, New York, New York, January, 1999. 272 pages. \$5.99.

Holly Winter takes her malamute, Rowdy, to the Gateway Nursing Home in Cambridge, Massachusetts to visit the residents, as the dog is training to be a Therapy Dog. Holly is immediately drawn to Althea, a 90-year-old woman, who encourages Holly and Rowdy's visits. As the two women become acquainted, Holly gets to know Althea's frequent visitors, Hugh and Robert, with

whom she shares a passion for Sherlock Holmes' stories.

During friendly conversations, Althea and the gentlemen frequently refer to the "Sacred Writings." Confused by these mystical references, Holly finally determines these missives to include all of Sir Arthur Conan Doyle's mysteries.

When Althea's nephew is found murdered, Hugh and Robert concoct a method for finding the killer, and recruit Holly and her dogs to assist. The plan revolves around a

compilation of crime solutions found in Doyle's writings, but Holly must solve their cryptic communications in order to follow their plan.

The Barker Street Regulars" is Susan Conant's 11th book of "dog

lover's mysteries", and she has another one soon to be published. All the action in this book is padded by references to various dogs, descriptions of their numerous activities, and human reactions to their pets. Conant's main character, Holly, raised malamutes for show, so the majority of canine discussion revolved around this breed, but many others were injected into the plot in rather obscure ways.

While the book contains a murder and the subsequent search of the guilty party, most

of the verbiage consists of innumerable quotations and vague inferences to lines, characters or plots contained in Sherlock Holmes' tales.

If the reader is a fan of Doyle's famous detective, reading "The Barker Street Regulars" MIGHT be a fun exercise as you figure out the constant enigmas that are attached to every bit of action. If Holmes stories aren't your favorite read, you're probably going to feel as if you're being asked to interpret gibberish, while the plot is completely

overshadowed by these referrals.

In Conant's book she writes with Holly telling the story in the first person; however, in at least one instance, Holly is referred to in the third person, leaving the reader to wonder what was happening — obviously nothing much, just poor editing. Frankly, dog lovers will find the pages of this book could better be used for "paper training" than for entertainment.

RATING: (*) one out of four = Leave this one in the kennel!



PAT WILLIAMS

WEDDINGS

Anderson-Richardson

Letha TaNeal Anderson of Coahoma, and Brad Wayne Richardson of Sand Springs were united in marriage on April 10, 1999, at the Coahoma Church of Christ with Bill Gregory officiating.

She is the daughter of Joe and Laura Anderson of Coahoma, and the granddaughter of Vera Dell and the late Bud Anderson, and Neal and Joy Ward, all of Coahoma.

He is the son of Nancy and the late Gary Richardson of Sand Springs, and the grandson of the late Berle Richardson, Jesse and the late Owen Johnston, Sand Springs.

Instrumentalist was Melissa Parker.

Given in marriage by Phillip Anderson, LaTisha Hill, Joe and Laura Anderson, the bride wore a full-length A-line off-white gown. The shoulders and bodice were accented with beads and had a formal length train with beaded appliques.

Matron of honor was LaTisha Hill, sister of the bride.

Jennifer Williams, Lori Brockman and Dencye Hayes were the bridesmaids.

Reagon Overton and Kaylee Hill were the flower girls, and Gary Brito and Alex Hill were the ringbearers.

Craig Richardson served as best man.

Serving as groomsmen were Robbie Rupard, Brandon Oliphant and Phillip Anderson.

Ushers were Cliff Lewis, Riley Dorton and Brandon Johnston, and Rebecca McEndree was the candle-lighter.

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Brandon Lingnau served as train bearers.

Following the ceremony, a reception was held in the fellowship hall.

The bride's cake was a three tiered heart shaped cake covered with basket weave icing and accented with cascading spring flowers and topped with a porcelain bride and groom.

The bride is a 1995 graduate of Coahoma High School and is attending Howard College. She is employed by Lakeway Grocery.

The groom is a 1991 graduate of Coahoma High School and attended Howard College. He is employed by Quality Glass.

Following a wedding trip to Sweetwater, the couple will make their home in Sand Springs.

GETTING ENGAGED



Katherine Theresa Foley, College Station, and Chris Edward Schraeder, Lubbock, will exchange wedding vows on May 22, 1999, at Holy Angels Catholic Church in San Angelo with Fr. Andy Weiste officiating.

She is the daughter of John and Martha Foley of Sheffield. He is the son of Dennis and Debbie Schraeder of St. Lawrence, and the grandson of Effie Spears and the late H.T. (Jack) Spears of Big Spring and of A.W. and Colette Schraeder of St. Lawrence.



Mindy Rose and Jimmy Cox, both of Midland, will be united in marriage on July 17, 1999, in the First Baptist Church Chapel, Big Spring, with Bob Cox, uncle of the groom of Fort Worth, officiating.

She is the daughter of Jan Rose of San Angelo, and the late Wilford Abb (Bill) Rose, Jr.

He is the son of Royce and Rue Ann Cox of Big Spring.

Surgeon general says children should turn off the TV

NEW YORK (AP) — The government has some advice for kids: Turn off the TV and go outside and play.

Surgeon General David Satcher has thrown his support to National TV Turnoff Week, a usually little-noticed yearly effort to wean people of excessive tube watching. This year's TV Turnoff Week began Thursday.

Satcher, worried about an epidemic of obesity, said it would help to get up off the couch.

"We have the most sedentary generation of young people in American history," he said. "Reducing the amount of television our children watch is one way to encourage more healthful activity."

Through some schools, Satcher is distributing a "prescription for less TV" and urging parents to tape it in front of the screen.

The doctor's prescription: "Go bicycling, play soccer, jump rope, fly a kite, dance, start a garden, wash the dog, swim laps, clean your room, do gymnastics, throw a Frisbee, walk around the block, learn to rollerskate, build a fort."

Satcher's endorsement was a pleasant surprise to TV-Free America, the Washington advocacy group that has spearheaded National TV Turnoff Week for five years.

The federal government had never been involved before Satcher and Shirley Watkins, the undersecretary of agriculture for food, nutrition and consumer services, asked if they could endorse the effort, said Henry Labalme, executive director of TV-Free America.

"It's a real watershed to have someone of Dr. Satcher's stature and influence and authority make the statement that Americans really need to cut back on their tube time for health reasons," he said.

Labalme estimated that 6 million people have pledged through schools, libraries and religious groups to go without TV for the next week.

His group says TV increases obesity, stifles creativity and shortens attention spans among young people. Nielsen Media Research estimated the average American TV viewer watched four hours and nine minutes of TV each day in March.

TV networks have never noticed a falloff in viewers during past TV Turnoff weeks, said David Poltrack, chief researcher at CBS. In fact, during some of the weeks, viewership has actually been above average.

"Anything that doesn't discriminate and says that for a period of time you should watch no television is basically self-defeating," Poltrack said. "There's no justification with all the good quality programming on television to call for a blanket boycott."

An executive with the popular children's cable network Nickelodeon said she supports the surgeon general's effort.

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Joy and Neal Ward celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary with a reception on Saturday, April 24, 1999, at St. Paul Lutheran Church hosted by their three daughters and sons-in-law.

Mr. Ward was born in Bunker, and she was born as Joy Barnett in Wichita Falls. They met when Joy was riding her bicycle at a friend's house where he was living while attending Midwestern University in Wichita Falls.

They were married on April 26, 1949 in a home of a friend in Wichita Falls. Mr. and Mrs. Ward have three daughters, Shyrlee Reid, Cindy Overton

and Laura Anderson, all of Coahoma. They also have nine grandchildren and nine great-grandchildren. They have lived in Wichita Falls and Coahoma during their marriage.

Currently, he is retired. They were previously owners of Pardner Well Service. They are affiliated with St. Paul Lutheran Church. They enjoy traveling and fishing.

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WHO'S WHO

Stephanie Talbott, a sophomore chemistry major from Big Spring, was elected to the office of student body public relations secretary at West Texas A&M University, Canyon.

Talbott is the daughter of David Talbott of Big Spring and is a 1997 graduate of Big Spring High School.

Oral Roberts University is proud to announce that Chris Felty has been selected to participate in the ORU Scholars Program. Through this program, he will receive an academic scholarship valued at \$7,467 over four years. This type of scholarship is awarded to those who have distinguished themselves through uncompromising academics, outstanding leadership skills and dedication to community service.

Chris is a senior at Big Spring High School and the son of Craig and Cherise Felty, Big Spring.

Michael P. Sparks, of Big

Spring, was among 105 trooper cadets who graduated recently from the Texas Department of Public Safety's 116th Training Academy.



SPARKS

The 27-week school is the longest continuous training academy offered by any law enforcement agency in Texas, and one of the longest in the nation.

Trooper Sparks will be assigned to the Highway Patrol in Stanton.

Gaddum Duemani Reddy of Big Spring was named top the Dean's List for the fall semester at Johns Hopkins University, Baltimore, Md. To be selected for this honor, a student must earn a grade point average of 3.5 or higher on a 4.0 scale.

Reddy is the son of Gaddum Jagan Moha and Gaddum Srinanjani Reddy and attended Big Spring High School.

He is majoring in biomedical engineering and will graduate in May 2001.

Houston Symphony records special music for city's millennium babies

HOUSTON (AP) — The Houston Symphony has a birthday present for each and every 2000 newborn here.

The orchestra has recorded three Wolfgang Amadeus Mozart works to be included in tapes earmarked for every baby born in the city next year.

"We want to work out a system with hospitals where every newborn can go home with a cassette that, hopefully, will be of value to children in line with research in classical music," symphony spokesman Art Kent said.

Several studies have concluded that classical music played regularly during the early years of a child's development might enhance brain function.

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ON THE MENU

SENIOR CITIZENS CENTER

MONDAY-Steak, potatoes, okra & tomatoes, salad, milk/rolls, fruit.

TUESDAY-Chicken, noodles, mixed vegetables, salad, milk/rolls, cobbler.

WEDNESDAY-Hamburger steak, green beans, gelatin salad, spinach, milk/rolls, pudding.

THURSDAY-Catfish, rice, beans, coleslaw, milk/cornbread, applesauce.

FRIDAY-Roast, baked potatoes, mixed vegetables, cucumber/tomato salad, milk/rolls, fruit.

BIG SPRING SCHOOLS

MONDAY-Pizza (steak sandwich), carrot sticks, garden salad, applesauce, milk.

TUESDAY-Fish fingers (corn-dog), cheesy potatoes, green beans, grapes, hot roll, milk.

WEDNESDAY-Hamburger (chef salad), french fries, salad, mixed fruit, orange wedges, milk.

THURSDAY-Chicken nuggets (stuffed baked potato w/ham), broccoli w/cheese, mashed potatoes ice cream bar, hot roll, milk.

FRIDAY-Nacho grande (deli sandwich), ranch style beans, spanish rice, pineapple tidbits, milk.

STANTON SCHOOLS

MONDAY-Steak burger or fish burger, french fries, sandwich salad, fresh fruit, brownie, milk, fruit drink.

TUESDAY-Spaghetti or chicken patty, green beans, tossed salad, fruit gelatin, french bread, milk, fruit drink.

WEDNESDAY-Beef tacos or tamale pie, spanish rice, pinto beans, lettuce/tomato-salad, cornbread, milk, fruit drink.

THURSDAY-Steakfingers or meatloaf, whole potatoes, buttered spinach, fruit cup, hot roll, milk, fruit drink.

FRIDAY-Hamburger or cheeseburger, french fries, hamburger salad, orange slices, cookie, milk, fruit drink.

COAHOMA SCHOOLS

MONDAY-Taco salad (baked potato w/chili & cheese), cobbler, milk.

TUESDAY-Shake/bake chicken (corn-dogs), potatoes, corn, bread, pudding, milk.

WEDNESDAY-Smothered steak (burritos/fries), rice, okra, carrots, spice cake, bread, milk.

THURSDAY-Pizza, salad, fresh fruit, milk.

FRIDAY-Frito pie, corn, fruit cup, milk.

SANDS SCHOOLS

MONDAY-Hot dogs w/chili, french fries, cake, pork & beans, milk.

TUESDAY-Fried chicken, mashed potatoes, green beans, applesauce, hot roll, milk.

WEDNESDAY-Beef & cheese chalupas, corn, salad, crackers, cobbler, milk.

THURSDAY-Roast beef w/gravy, slice potatoes, june peas w/carrots, hot rolls, fruit, milk.

FRIDAY-Pizza, salad, ranch style beans, fruit, milk.

ELBOW SCHOOL

MONDAY-Burrito, corn, salad, fruit, milk.

TUESDAY-Fish, macaroni & cheese, peas/carrots, fruit, milk.

WEDNESDAY-Taco/sauce, pinto beans, salad, fruit, milk.

THURSDAY-Corn dog, spinach, peaches, jello, milk.

FRIDAY-Ham, sweet potatoes, pineapple, peas, hot roll, milk.

FORSAN SCHOOLS

MONDAY-Pizza, corn on the cob, salad, fruit cocktail cake, milk.

TUESDAY-Frito pie and cheese, ranch style beans, salad, cinnamon rolls, milk.

WEDNESDAY-Fish sandwich, french fries, salad, applesauce cake, fruit, milk.

THURSDAY-Bar-b-que on a bun, potato salad, pinto beans, pickles and onions, cookies and fruit, milk.

FRIDAY-Beef tips, rice, green beans, hot rolls, fruit salad, milk.

M'Kenna Shae Hopper, girl,

April 19, 1999, 6:37 p.m., seven pounds six ounces and 20 1/8 inches long; parents are JaCoby and Stephanie Hopper.

Grandparents are Steve and Gay Herren of Big Spring, Janice Hopper of Forsan and Jimmy Hopper of Boise, Idaho.

Great-grandparents are Bert and Ernestine Harris of Big Spring, Alfred Herren of Ackerly, the late Mozelle Herren, W.C. and Ruby Clanton of Elbow and Billie and Vonnie Hopper of Big Spring. Great-great-grandmother is Avalea Gunn of Big Spring. *paid announcement*

Joshua William Evans, boy, April 17, 1999, 6:54 p.m., eight pounds 15 ounces and 21 inches long; parents are Danny and Penny Evans.

Grandparents are Earl and Arlene Doggett of Big Spring, Lanell Evans and Tom and Mary Ann Evans, all of Forsan.

Luz Juarez DeLosSantos IV, boy, April 15, 1999, 11:30 a.m., six pounds 5 1/4 ounces and 19 inches long; parents are Luz and Delilah DeLosSantos.

Grandparents are Jessie and Linda Arcaute of Loving, N.M., and Luz and Manuela DeLosSantos of Big Spring.

Brandon Mikeal Yandrich, boy, April 13, 1999, 3:36 p.m., seven pounds two ounces and 21 inches long; mother is Debbie Yandrich.

Grandparents are Diann Nelson of Big Spring, and David and Debra Yandrich of Snyder.

Matthew Paul Rios, boy, April 13, 1999, 7:20 a.m., six pounds 14 ounces and 19 inches long; parents are Sundry and T.J. Rios.

Grandparents are Rudy and

Lupe Hernandez and Luis and

Erlinda Rios, all of Big Spring.

April Morgan Whetsel, girl, April 5, 1999, 11:28 a.m., seven pounds 15 1/2 ounces and 20 1/2 inches long; parents are Terry and Twila Whetsel.

Grandparents are W.E. and Marie Pounds and Sonny and Sharon Whetsel, all of Big Spring.

Zachery Jordan Bennett, boy, April 5, 1999, 10:41 p.m., seven pounds 10 1/2 ounces and 20 1/2 inches long; mother is Vanessa Billalba.

Grandparents are Reynaldo and Anita Bennett and Tommy and Olga Billalba.

Kendall Jaye Phillips, girl, April 21, 1999, 2:13 p.m., seven pounds, 6 1/2 ounces and 21 inches long; parents are Jason and Lauri Phillips.

Grandparents are Rob and Luci Roberson of Big Spring and Gary and Karan Phillips.

Madison Nickole Rivera, girl, April 19, 1999, 4:46 p.m., seven pounds 10 ounces and 20 1/2 inches long; parents are Alan and Krisha Rivera.

Grandparents are Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Rivera of Colorado City, Ernest Castillo of Colorado City, and Rogena Cox of Buffalo Gap.

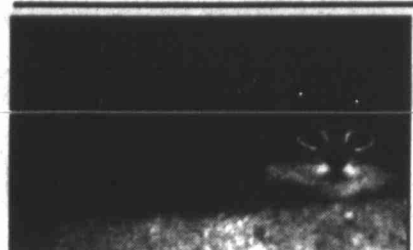
Aurora Jovita Aguirre, girl, April 20, 1999, 8:53 a.m., seven pounds seven ounces; parents are Naomi Aguirre and Jason Brown.

Grandparents are Porfirio and Jesusita Aguirre.

Triston Kyle Long, boy, April 20, 1999, 2:15 p.m., nine pounds 11 1/2 ounces and 21 1/2 inches long; parents are Len K. and Kellie Long.

Grandparents are Len Doy and Nadine Long and James W. Edwards, all of Big Spring.

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Pictured: "Sebastian," Smoke gray male, 6-7 weeks old.

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white male, 1 year old, neutered.

"Poppy" Tabby, gray tiger striped female, 1 year old, spayed.

"Gracie" Short hair grey tabby, female, 2 years old, spayed.

"Savannah" tortoise shell female, 1 year old, spayed.

"Simon" orange and white male, 2 years old plus.

"Samson" orange and white large male, 3 years old plus, neutered.

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IN THE MILITARY

Spring High School.

Marine Lance Cpl. Chris Perez, son of John Perez of Big Spring, is participating in humanitarian relief operations while assigned to the 24th Marine Expeditionary Unit, embarked aboard the USS Nassau Amphibious ready group.

The 1995 graduate of Maranatha Baptist Academy, Big Spring, joined the Marine Corps in August 1995.

Adam C. McCarty has joined the United States Army under the Delayed Entry Program at the U.S. Army Recruiting Station in Midland.

The program gives young men and women the opportunity to delay entering active duty for up to one year.

McCarty is a 1998 graduate of Big Spring High School and the son of Barbera Tarpley of Big Spring and of Johnny McCarty of Corpus Christi.

He will report to Fort Benning, Columbus, Ga., for basic training on May 6.

Jeremy P. Bronaugh, son of Charles A. Bronaugh and Sharon D. Adams, both of Big Spring, recently reported for duty with Marine Helicopter Training Squadron 302, 2nd Marine Aircraft Wing, Marine Corps Air Station New River, Jacksonville, N.C.

He is a 1993 graduate of Big

Two soldiers assigned to the 57th Signal Battalion, part of the 3rd Signal Brigade at Fort Hood, were awarded Soldier's Medals — the Army's highest award for heroism in non-combat situations — during a recent ceremony at the post.

Among those awarded was Spc. Shane Huit, of Big Spring, a Nuclear, Biological and Chemical Noncommissioned Officer with Headquarters and Headquarters Company. He and Spc. Andrew Hesler saved the life of another soldier who nearly drowned last July at Fort Hood's Belton Lake Outdoor Recreation Area (BLORA).

5th Army Veterans of the 1943, '44 and '45 Italian Campaign will be returning to Italy Aug. 12-23, to celebrate the 54th anniversary of the Allied Drive northwards from Rome to Florence through the Apennines to Bologna, the Po Valley and finally Venice.

Veterans of the 3rd, 34th, 36th, 85th, 88th, 91st, 92nd, 10th Mt., 45th and 1st Armored Divisions and their many support groups are urged to contact Sy Canton for reunion tour information at: The 5th Army Association; 465 Shore Rd Ste. 7-P; Long Beach, N.Y.; 11561; or call (516)432-3022.

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China Long

APR 25 1999

Disgruntled Compaq shareholders want to know what went wrong

HOUSTON (AP) — Cranky shareholders grilled Compaq Computer Corp.'s new interim leadership Thursday, seeking explanations for why the value of their investments has tumbled more than 50 percent so far this year.

"I've lost half of my investment in the last 2 months," said one of the nearly two dozen shareholders who addressed executives at Compaq's annual meeting. "I'm not a happy camper."

"Me, too," replied Benjamin Rosen, Compaq board chairman who temporarily has replaced Eckhard Pfeiffer as chief execu-

tive officer. Rosen, while providing few specifics, promised a new energy in Compaq's management that will take advantage of what he believes is unfulfilled potential at the world's largest personal computer maker.

Pfeiffer, president and CEO since 1991, was ousted Sunday, forced to resign a week after blaming stiff price competition among PC makers and slow sales of business computers for Compaq's weak first quarter.

Compaq reported Wednesday a \$281 million first-quarter profit, well above year-ago figures but 50 percent below what Wall

Street had been expecting. "The loss of credibility on Wall Street is a terrible thing for the company," said Rosen, who heads the three-man Office of Chief Executive that is running Compaq's day-to-day operations until a new CEO is selected.

"I can tell you, I'm personally extremely sensitive to that."

Many of the more than 300 shareholders who crammed into an auditorium at Compaq's campus in suburban Houston were peeved, noting stock which topped \$50 per share in January was now in the low \$20-range.

"This is ridiculous," Joan Ballard told Rosen. The tone of stockholders was established quickly. Reporters attending the meeting were directed to sign in at a table marked "Press." One shareholder in an adjacent line remarked: "They're the press. We're the depressed."

Other shareholders groused to Rosen about poor communication between them and the company, inability to speak with a "real person" to answer their inquiries, and what they perceived as insider selling of stock, saying some company executives moved large

amounts of stock in January when Compaq shares were peaking. Rosen denied any wrongdoing. "Executive officers and the board are allowed to sell only during certain windows of time," he said. "All sold properly."

One shareholder challenged Compaq executives seated in the audience to stand if they were "insider buyers." No one stood.

"We really hear what you're saying," Rosen told the shareholders. "We're going to try to fix it, address the problems

you've raised, increase the long-term value of this company."

Rosen later told reporters he thought the concerns raised were "absolutely fair" and denied evading questions. "We've only been here 76 hours," he said, noting he's spent much of his first four days on the job speaking with media and analysts.

The selection of a new chief executive officer would be made as soon as possible, he said, but likely would take several months. The key to a turnaround and quelling shareholder unrest was performance, Rosen said.

From tax burden to taxpayer

Job fair helps inmates learn interview skills

By BILL MCCLELLAN
News Editor

For Tony Wilson, last week's mock job fair at the Federal Correctional Institution represents more than just a job opportunity, it represents a chance at a life free from confinement.

"The employers saw me as Tony Wilson, slash employee, not Tony Wilson, slash ex-convict. It was helpful to see that people could look past that," said Wilson, who is serving 36 months of a 41-month sentence for bank robbery.

"I got myself in some trouble and I thought it was an easy answer," he explained in a quiet, articulate voice.

Wilson was one of 15 FCI inmates who completed the 40-hour program through Howard College. The course culminated Thursday when actual representatives of local businesses volunteered their time to conduct mock job interviews.

Wilson has received his EPA license in heating and air-conditioning — one of a number of vocational courses inmates can take through the college. Others include building trades, commercial housekeeping, computer applications, computer-aided drafting, masonry and plumbing. The education department also offers general educational development (GED) and English as a Second Language (ESL) studies.

The latest program was aimed not at learning a skill, but get-



Amber Rich, director of business development and human resources at Scenic Mountain Medical Center, interviews FCI Big Spring inmate Tony Wilson during a mock job fair set up by the institution and Big Spring Area Chamber of Commerce.

"The employers saw me as Tony Wilson, slash employee, not Tony Wilson, slash, ex-convict. It was helpful to see that people could look past that."

-FCI inmate Tony Wilson

ting the opportunity to put that skill to use. Inmates received training in learning to write a resume, dealing with stress and in the job interview process.

"Prison is what you make of it," said Wilson, 39-year-old hus-

band and father of two from San Angelo. "If you take advantage of all of the opportunities, you can make something of yourself. FCI Big Spring is in the business of rehabilitation through vocational programs,

academic programs, physical therapy, the chapel. You'd be surprised what offenders are offered.

"I expect the program to go on and on because it is such a good program. I'd recommend it to any inmate," Wilson said.

Inmates, business representatives and prison officials were all excited going into Thursday's job fair — and even more enthusiastic after it was over.

"I think the program will really take off because I think the inmates can see how it will

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Plastic cash

Credit cards may be risky business for companies just getting off the ground

HOUSTON — The contract opportunities were there, and Jim Mousner had little time to get what he needed to launch his graphic design business.

So he pulled out his MasterCard. He bought a fancy Macintosh computer, a printer, a scanner, a video card, a fax machine and furniture. "If you're going to compete, you need top-of-the-line stuff," Mousner said.

By the end of his first month in business, he had racked up \$15,000 on his personal credit card — and faced interest payments of 21 percent.

"I have a fine arts degree," Mousner said. "I didn't know the way you go out and start a business is to write a business plan and look for financing."

Entrepreneurial lore celebrates the maverick devoted to a business idea who reaches the brink of financial ruin — and wins.

Behind many a public offering, it seems, is a tale of a late-night conversation about a business idea between a husband and wife at the kitchen table or two friends in a dorm room — and a credit card.

Credit cards are now the most widely used tool of small-business finance, with the smallest businesses relying the most heavily on plastic.

Over the last six years, credit card use in small businesses has tripled, according to a 1998 study by National Small Business United and the Arthur

Andersen Enterprise Group. Nearly half of small and mid-sized companies used cards to finance their businesses during the period, the study said.

But for the entrepreneur trying to raise the working capital to start a company, it's risky business.

Mousner is among those for whom the credit card gamble paid off.

"We were very lucky," he said. "I felt confident about my design, but I could have been a terrible designer, a terrible business person. People could get in trouble if their intuition is off."

Any entrepreneur thinking about using a credit card in starting a business should:

Write a business plan. Talk to a business counselor, banker or 'microloan' officer. Even if they don't offer money, they'll give business advice and referrals.

Determine how much money is needed to launch the business — and save.

Look at the list of equipment needed for the business. Is it possible to rent until the business becomes more established?

Separate business and personal spending and save receipts.

Use credit cards only for short-term expenses, not long-term. Always pay the minimum balance. It demonstrates good faith and a reliable track record, which may lead to a good relationship with a bank.

As tobacco money flows in, some states question prevention ads targeting youth

The ASSOCIATED PRESS

In their pursuit of billion-dollar settlements with the tobacco industry, states repeatedly used one of their most powerful weapons: children.

Attorneys general and legislators accused Big Tobacco of marketing to teens. Scientists testified that the younger a person begins smoking, the harder it is to quit. Anti-tobacco forces used images of children lighting up in commercials.

But now that the states have won the settlements and money is beginning to pour in, some legislators are asking a controversial question: Are anti-smoking programs aimed at youth such a wise investment?

Key lawmakers in Florida, Massachusetts, Minnesota, Texas and Washington state want to either reduce spending on youth-related tobacco programs or keep tight purse strings on any new ones. They're unconvinced, they say, that education programs and advertising have any effect on young smokers.

"We've never looked behind the numbers. We don't know for sure that kids can be convinced," said Texas state Sen. Bill Ratliff, head of the Senate Finance Committee.

The Texas Legislature is debating two plans — one that would have \$10 million to \$20 million of the \$1.8 billion Texas will get over the next two years go toward anti-smoking pro-

grams, and another that would allot \$40 million to \$50 million. Ratliff said the settlement money should go toward health matters, not into the general revenue pot, but he is skeptical of the effectiveness of smoking prevention programs.

The debate is intense in Massachusetts and Florida, whose youth programs that are regularly held up as national models for reducing smoking.

Florida lawmakers agreed this week to reduce the \$70 million budget of the state's year-old "Truth" advertising campaign, credited with drastically reducing teen smoking, to \$45 million. Lawmakers noted that \$11 million went unspent this

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Poster contest winners named at the Howard Soil and Water Conservation District dinner last week were, left to right, kneeling, Nick Sosa, Marcy; Taylor Parks, Bauer; Tanner Churchwell, Moss; and standing; Josh Bales, Coahoma; Kayla Odle, Kentwood; Keri Silen, College Heights; and Victoria McDowell, Elbow. Not pictured is Hayley Adams, St. Mary's Episcopal.

HERALD photo/Bill McClellan

Salvias are hardy garden plants which perform nicely in our area

Throughout history, people have believed Salvia would cure maladies of the blood, heart, liver and stomach, even epilepsy, fevers and the plague. So it's not surprising to learn that the Latin salveo, means "to be well or to save". Today, most of the Salvia species are considered as garden plants, with a few being used for culinary purposes. There are a number of the Salvia



DAVID KIGHT

species that will perform nicely in our arid region. My favorite is Salvia greggii, commonly called Autumn Sage or Cherry Sage. If I had to choose a "Plant of the Year" this would be the one. Occasionally, the common name of a plant is bit misleading. The name Autumn Sage conjures the image of a fall flowering plant. Experience with the Autumn Sage over a period of years has been that it bloom almost constantly from spring until hard frost.

This species is native to dry sunny sites in southern and western Texas and New Mexico. The plant is very drought tolerant and once established, requires little supplemental watering. Autumn Sage can reach 2-3 feet in height. Plants should be spaced 2-3

feet apart and require good drainage. To keep the plant dense and to encourage lots of bloom, prune it in the early spring. Leaves of the Autumn Sage are aromatic, the blooms are about 1 inch long and come in red, pink, white or coral.

Mountain Sage, Salvia regia, is a native plant found in the Chisos Mountains, it coordinates its blooms to the fall migration of several species of hummingbirds. The glossy, aromatic, heart-shaped leaves are covered with masses of orange-red flowers for about two months during the fall. The variety "Mount Emory" is cold hardy to 10 degrees F with the roots hardy to 0 degrees F. Even though this plant is extremely drought tolerant, it needs protection from the hot west sun.

Mountain Sage reaches 3-5 feet in height and plants should be spaced 3 feet apart.

Mealy Blue Sage or Mealy Cup Sage, Salvia farinacea, is native to calcareous soils throughout Texas. This popular perennial is only cold hardy to 25 degrees F. Planted in full sun to partial shade, Mealy Blue Sage will provide you with purple to blue flowers on 3 to 9 inch spikes from April to frost. The leaves have a silver color. As with the other sages, be sure not to water this plant too much. The drier the soil the more shade it can tolerate. This plant will reach 3 feet in height and spreads about 2 feet.

Another favorite of the hummingbirds is Mexican Bush Sage, Salvia leucantha. This salvia also produces

purple flowers and bloom heaviest in late summer to frost. Growing to a height of 5 feet making a great accent plant. Mexican Bush Sage is excellent for cut flowers. This sage needs a little more water than the others, but grows well in full sun and is cold hardy for Howard County.

Cedar Sage, Salvia roemeriana, is another native to the Edwards Plateau and the Trans-Pecos areas. This little sage grows to about 1 foot in height and displays a bright red flower from March to August. The flower spikes are 2 to 3 inches in length and like shady areas. As its name indicates, it thrives in dense shade beneath cedar trees.

These plants should be spaced a foot or so apart.



HERALD photo/Edwin Vela
Big Spring Area Chamber of Commerce welcomed Ponderosa Nursery as chamber members this past week. Among those pictured are, from center left, Donna, Judy, Lauren, Gary and Lisa Simer, owners and employees.

JOB FAIR

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help benefit them," said Chip Whitworth, supervisor of education at the prison. "These who participated will go back and tell other inmates."

"This is putting the foundation down for a good solid, common sense program," said Whitworth. "They're not only training for a job, but how to get one and keep one."

Staying employed is a major part of staying out of prison, officials said.

Statistics show that more than half of those released from prison will return a second time.

"Providing our inmates with the necessary skills to find jobs greatly increases their chances of becoming employed, staying out of prison, becoming tax-paying citizens, and taking care of their families," said Alan Booth, FIC Big Spring public information officer. "We believe these are worthwhile endeavors."

Nineteen business men and women from Big Spring partici-

pated in the program. Whitworth credited Big Spring Area Chamber of Commerce and its executive director, Terri Newton, with helping pull that part of the program together.

"We knew we needed to get the community involved and we went to the chamber and Terri really worked with us," he said.

The volunteers were first taken on a tour of the facility, then each was asked to conduct job interviews with inmates. Afterwards, Sylvia G. McCollum, inmate placement administrator for the Federal Bureau of Prisons in Washington, D.C., thanked the businesses people and spoke of the importance of their participation.

"Too many prison offenders are repeat offenders. I think in the final analysis, it's not cost-effective to keep this revolving door open," said McCollum, who related that the recidivism rate for FCI is about 40 percent, which is higher than the national average for prisons. But, she said, "If forty percent of the vehicles General Motors sold were returned, they'd be out of business. We need to do a

better job of keeping these people from returning to prison.

"We count on you to help us do that with this program."

She said FCI has conducted 32 mock job fairs across the nation with more than 1,200 inmates and 400 companies participating.

"Not only are the job fairs important for the inmates, but they present a more realistic view of the inmate to the public," McCollum said.

"This is not your stereotypical view of inmates," she said. "These are skilled workers. And this is what our country is about, giving people a second chance."

Norwest Bank was one of 19 business which participated in the program. Consumer bank manager Joel De La Garza said afterward that he was impressed.

"I think it is a very positive program. It's a true rehabilitation program for them and one we can all benefit from," De La Garza said. "I was surprised at how well prepared the prospective employees were and how well they conducted themselves."

TOBACCO

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Gov. Jeb Bush and the Senate had proposed spending about \$61 million for the program, while the House wanted to reduce it to \$30 million — after initially balking at giving any-

thing at all.

State Rep. Debby Sanderson said that the program shouldn't be eliminated but that she isn't sure how effective it is. And, she said, the ads are in questionable taste: One features a flabby man in a bikini, smoking. Another shows a tobacco executive in a hell.

She said there are other health-related programs that

need money, too.

Massachusetts Gov. Paul Cellucci came under fire earlier this year when he proposed adding no settlement money to the state's tobacco control program budget except for \$500,000 to study whether it works. He also proposed diverting \$4 million in cigarette tax revenue from smoking prevention to a program that has firefighters

give safety lessons in schools.

Anti-tobacco advocates said lawmakers are questioning the effectiveness of these prevention programs to justify diverting tobacco dollars to their pet projects.

"It's simply impossible to study the existing data and conclude that well-run programs don't work," said Matthew Myers of the Campaign for

Tobacco-Free Kids.

In Minnesota, \$202 million of the \$6.1 billion settlement is earmarked for prevention, and Blue Cross and Blue Shield is kicking in \$350 million. House Majority Leader Tim Pawlenty said the settlement money should instead go toward health-related tax relief until there's proof that the prevention programs work.

Key fiscal leaders in Washington state agree. While Gov. Gary Locke wants to spend \$150 million of the settlement on smoking prevention, House lawmakers argue that the money would be better spent on public health care. They say Washington already spends \$2.5 million a year on prevention programs aimed mostly at youth.

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- Herring, Robert C., 2222 5th, Apt. 124, Lubbock
- Hogue, Bobby Merle II, 1906 Winston or 5721 County Rd., Midland
- Howery, Dina D., 4201 Thornberry, Midland
- Juarez, Juan, 209 N. Johnson St., Big Spring
- Junkins, Kevin C., 1011 Stadium, Big Spring
- Klitz, Richard L., 805 S. Gary, Monahans
- Lipscomb, Carol Thompson, 105 W. 8th, Apt. C or 814 W. 8th, Big Spring
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- Rodriguez, Nancy, 306 NE 11th, Big Spring
- Roe, Alvin, Sr., P.O. Box 373, Robert Lee
- Salazar, Jesse, 1303 Grafa, Big Spring
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- Sandoval, Stephanie, 6213 Agusta National Dr., Austin
- Sandridge, Rose, 901 E. 6th or 4202 Parkway, Big Spring
- Saucedo, Armando, HC 69, Box 21B,

Howard County Clerk's Office:

- Marriage Licenses:** Sammy Ortega, 39, and Irma DeLeon Garcia, 33
- Roy Olivas Gomez, Jr., 25, and Raye Anne Willis, 24
- Jimmy Gomez Aleman, 68, and Esperanza Garcia Morales, 44
- Albert Edward Aken, 44, and Crystal Ann Peebles, 25
- Sammy Torres, 36, and Sylvia Vasquez, 35
- Theodore E. Rios, 29, and Lisa Ann Rodriguez, 19
- Michael Scott Burton, 30, and Samantha Jane Angel, 25
- Robert Edward Kennedy, 45, and Lisa Frances Carrasco, 33

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- Order of dismissal:** Ruben Gutierrez, Ricardo Torres, Bullet J. Burchett, Myrell Simpson
- Judgment & sentence possession of marijuana over two ounces/less than four ounces:** Charles Gjedde \$300 fine, \$219.25 court cost and 30 days in jail
- Judgment & sentence evading arrest/detention:** Jonathan Taylor \$250 fine, \$219.25 court cost and 30 days in jail
- Judgment & sentence fail to identify:** Jonathan Taylor \$250 fine, \$219.25 court cost and 30 days in jail
- Judgment & sentence inhaled volatile chemical:** Charles Gjedde \$300 fine, \$219.25 court cost and 30 days in jail
- Judgment & sentence DWLS:** Thomas Figueroa \$250 fine, \$219.25 court cost and 15 days in jail
- Judgment & sentence criminal mischief/public service/water:** Hassona Overton \$500 fine, \$254.25 court cost and 90 days in jail
- Judgment & sentence assault/family violence:** Joseph Yanez \$250 fine, \$219.25 court cost and 90 days in jail
- Revocation of probation & imposition of sentence:** Joseph Yanez, Hassona Ali Overton, Timothy M. Duffey
- Judgment & sentenced criminal mischief/utility:** Hassona Overton \$500 fine, \$219.25 court cost 90 days in jail
- Probated judgment theft over \$50/under \$500:** Irene P. Flores \$500 fine and 180 days in jail
- Probated judgment criminal mischief over \$50/less than \$500:** Jos Juarez, Jr. \$100 fine and 180 days in jail
- Judgment & sentence DWI:** Eric Noble Kilman (2nd offense) \$1500 fine, \$297 court cost and 90 days in jail, Timothy Mark Duffey \$750 fine, \$234.25 court cost and 60 days in jail, Antonio M. Armijo \$1500 fine, \$234.25 court cost and 90 days in jail
- Judgment & sentence theft over \$50/under \$500:** Hassona Overton \$500 fine, \$254.25, court cost and 90 days in jail

grantee: George M. Bernhardt

- property: a .27 acre tract of land out of the north part of lot "C", tract No. 8, Kennebeck Heights, a subdivision of part of section 12, blk. 33 filed: April 5, 1999
- grantee: Sheila Rinehart
grantee: chuck Rosenbaum
property: all of lot 6, blk. 2, Striping Addition filed: April 5, 1999
- grantee: Joe and Marie Young
grantee: Grace Louise Lackey and Kenneth Roy Lackey
property: all of lot 10, blk. 10, Wright's Airport Addition filed: April 6, 1999
- grantee: Teddy M. and Dianne J. Merrick
grantee: Ron Brooks
property: a 5.049 acre tract of land, more or less, out of the northwest 1/4 of section 6, blk. 31 filed: April 7, 1999

warranty deed with vendor's lien:

- grantee: First Bank of West Texas
grantee: Ricky N. Sr. and Danielle Paige Prater
property: 1 - the north 1/2 of lot 9 and all of lot 10, blk. 33, Original Town of Big Spring, 2 - all of lot 10, blk. 7, Cole & Strayhorn Addition, 3 - all of lot 3, blk. 3, Anderson Addition filed: April 5, 1999
- grantee: Gene Campbell and Mary Jane Campbell
grantee: Brian Goodner and Yvonne Ramirez
property: lots 3-4, Subdivision "C" of blk. 19, Fairview Heights Addition filed: April 6, 1999

118th District Court:

- Filings:** Brian Keith Jones vs. Melba Lynn Jones
Susan Denise Willis vs. James Mark Willis
Jimmy Allen Mayes vs. Lisa A. Dulin Mayes
- Other:** Seizure of certain contraband vs. Jose Mendez Cuellar
Seizure of certain contraband vs. Andres Juarez
Board of Trustees of Big Spring Fireman's Relief and Retirement Fund vs. Big Spring City of Tom Ferguson, in His Official Capacity, Gary Fuqua in His Official Capacity, Emma Bogard in her Official Capacity
- Rulings:** Norwest Bank Texas, NA vs. Dilipkumar D. Bhakta and Nandlal M. Patel, dismissal

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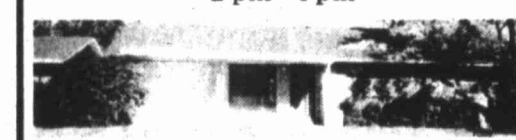
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Self-expression, creativity and romance are highlighted this year. You might want to put a halt to only doing things because you feel you must. You'll begin to relate more on a gut level. Financial partnerships and monetary dealings with others seem to get you in trouble. Do as much as you can by yourself.

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

ARIES (March 21-April 19)
****Pace yourself and don't push. Investigate a savings or investment program. You're in work mode, trying to tighten up loose ends and handle details. Pressure from a distance builds. Think through a decision carefully. Tonight: Do something relaxing.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20)
****You are full of ideas on how to stabilize a relationship. Talks let another know how serious you are about change. Don't let anyone intimidate you in the least. Nix a power play over money by ignoring it. Stop triggering, and another will pull back. Tonight: Do only what you want.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20)
****Spend an easy day at home. You might be up for some rearranging or planning. Listen carefully to a partner; understand that he is uptight. Take some time to clear up errands and details. If you enjoy gardening, it will be especially relaxing. Tonight: Go with the flow.

CANCER (June 21-July 22)
****Make time for a special or older friend. Do something you both love, and/or have a leisurely meal. The two of you have much to catch up on. Communication flows. There is much laughter as news is exchanged. Don't push yourself. Tonight: Get a good night's sleep.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22)
****Expenses could go way overboard if you aren't careful. Be strong and resist taking any financial or emotional risks. They will not pay off under the present stellar influences. You are obligated to make an appearance; smile and make the best of it. Tonight: At a

favorite restaurant.
VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22)
****Accept an invitation for a day trip, though you might prefer to sit home and flip through travel catalogs. You need some time away from it all.

Tonight: Try a new eatery.
LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22)
****A partner means well, extending his hand to you and caring in his unique way. You might see this person as cold or repressed at times; remember, you chose to have him in your life.

Tonight: Be vulnerable.
SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21)
****The financial implications of a decision might be uncomfortable. Join friends and make the most of the convivial atmosphere. You don't need money to visit and to have a good time.

Tonight: Wherever it's happening!
SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21)
****Be honest. You are clearly out of sorts and are unable to deal with mounting pressure. Take a break, cancel plans and take care of yourself.

Tonight: Prepare for work, then early to bed.
CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19)
****Ingenuity and mental acuity mix. Brainstorm with others. How you view another and what you ask for may be affected by your mood. You could be out of sorts about plans. If so, change them and create what you want. Think in terms of trips and vacations. Tonight: Write that letter.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18)
****Pressure escalates on the homefront. Do what you need to do. Don't allow another to intimidate you. Scrap plans, if necessary. A partner needs your attention and time.

Tonight: Continue talks.
PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20)
****Others clearly want your attention. However, you are just one person, with the same 24 hours in a day. Be willing to say "no" to an authority figure for now. A partner or important friend really does need your time. Your steady influence grounds this relationship. Tonight: Dinner out - why cook?

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Monster behind the wheel gives his wife nightmares

DEAR ABBY: Every time I pick up a newspaper, or see on the evening news a story about "road rage," I can't help but fear that my husband could be the next victim. "Alex" is an otherwise intelligent, caring



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individual who becomes the terror of the highway whenever he gets behind the wheel. He is somehow convinced that he's the only person who understands the rules of the road, and it has become his mission in life to educate other drivers.

His aggressive behavior includes slamming on his brakes - even on the interstate - when he thinks the car behind is tailgating. When he feels cars in the fast lane are

going too slow, he cuts in on them and gives them the finger.

Abby, I can't avoid riding with him because we have only one car. What can I do to convince Alex how stupid and dangerous this really is? - A ROAD WARRIOR'S WIFE IN RHODE ISLAND