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Positively... Big Spring

School prayer rally set for Wednesday at Big Spring High

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

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.

□ Kiwanis Club, noon, Howard College Cactus Room.

Tonight:



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TONIGHT
52°-55°

TUESDAY
85°-90°

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New YMCA program will let participants spring into shape

By BILL McCLELLAN
News Editor

A new slant on spring at the YMCA begins May 3 with the Spring Into Shape six-week fitness course designed to combine exercise with weight management through proper nutrition.



THIRY

"This program is geared

toward both men and women who want to firm up and trim down," said Pete Thiry, executive director of the YMCA.

Maria Barber, aerobic instructor and YMCA fitness coordinator, will lead the new program, which will meet every Monday at 7 p.m.

Spring Into Shape is a six-week program that includes unlimited use of the new YMCA fitness center, as well as fitness classes and indoor swimming pool, Thiry said.

Instruction is provided on the Nautilus resistance equipment and the new cardiovascular

equipment. A personal fitness program will be established with each participant, he said.

On May 3, all participants will be provided a list of recommended foods to eat as well as a list of foods to avoid, Barber said.

"I do not like to use the word 'diet'. A true weight management program is one that has people select foods they can eat on a daily basis for a lifetime, not for a month," Barber said.

A totally individualized program, Spring Into Shape begins with a demonstration of fitness equipment, and appointments

for body measurements, as well as a discussion of nutrition.

The second class May 10 will focus on the principles of training such as duration, intensity and frequency. On May 17, class members will learn the effects of cardio versus resistance exercise.

Then, on May 25, diet and nutrition will be the topic of the class, followed by body composition analysis on June 1. June 8 will be an awards presentation ceremony and final measurements.

All members of the class will receive a Spring Into Shape t-

shirt, and prizes will be given for all those who complete the program.

"To lose weight some people just need to increase their activity level, while others need to reduce the amount of food they eat. This program does both. It delivers a one-two punch and positive results are seen on the tape when measurements are made," Barber said.

The cost for the classes is \$20 for YMCA members and \$60 for non-members. For more information contact Barber at 267-8234.

Students facing TAAS this week

By MARSHA STURDIVANT
Staff Writer

Students have been preparing for this week of Texas Assessment of Academic Skills tests, and Goliad seventh graders were treated to a hamburger cookout Friday for their enthusiasm.

"These students wanted extra practice on the TAAS and they signed up for TAAS tutorials after school," said school principal Brenda Gainey.

A cooperative effort of all Goliad teachers, coordinated by school counselor Don Cook and teacher Charla Soto, about 120 students finished the tutorials with a 90 percent attendance.

"That means they could only miss one afternoon in six weeks," Cook said.

The students seemed to enjoy the extra attention, and Jarrod Reed said he understands the TAAS test better now that has completed the tutorials.

"We believe this was a great success, as we continue working on academic excellence. This is the second year we have had the TAAS tutorials, where students prepare for the TAAS objectives in reading and math and the TAAS format," Gainey said.

All third through eighth-grade students will begin taking TAAS tests Tuesday, as prescribed by the Texas Education Agency, said Murray Murphy.

Then on Thursday, eighth



HERALD photo/Marsha Sturdivant
These Goliad seventh-grade students, along with about 120 others, were treated to a hamburger picnic, prepared by school counselor Don Cook, right, for 90 percent attendance at TAAS tutorials. Pictured are Angela Payne, Riquee Ison, Amy McGowne, Nick Rushin, Jordan Woolridge and Jarrod Reed.

deputy superintendent and TAAS coordinator for the school district.

On Tuesday, third through eighth graders will take the math portion of the test, which is designed theoretically to measure how well students are learning.

On Wednesday, these same students will complete the reading portion of the test.

Then on Thursday, eighth

graders will take social studies TAAS tests, and science TAAS is administered Friday.

Those Big Spring High School seniors who need to pass the EXIT test to receive their diploma and attend graduation in May will also be administered that test.

"We only have about five or six students who will be taking the EXIT level on Tuesday. We will have the results back prior

to graduation, so they may graduate with their class," Murphy said.

He added that all students should get a good night's sleep and eat a healthy breakfast before the tests, which begin at 9 a.m. and are generally concluded by noon.

"All those good things good parents tell their children to do, that's what these students need," Murphy said.

Energas employees, from left, Kevin Larpenner, Wayne Gressett, Richard Nix, Rene Ruiz and Craig Clark finish a trench at a home on Stadium as part of the company's Christmas in April project. Dozens of local volunteers braved Saturday's soggy, cold weather to do repair work on the homes of elderly citizens in the community.

HERALD photos/Debbie L. Jensen



BSSH supporters ready for Friday's 'Denims and Diamonds' gala

By DEBBIE L. JENSEN
Features Editor

Big Spring State Hospital volunteers will put on their 'Denim and Diamonds' Friday night for the group's annual gala fundraiser.

"This is a wonderful opportunity to participate in what volunteer services does," said Ruth Stephenson, secretary of the volunteer council for the hospital. "And it's a way to meet people who are involved with the

volunteers and enjoy a great, western atmosphere at the same time."

A dance, with music by Jody Nix and the Texas Cowboys, will begin at 9 p.m. at the Stampede. Tickets will be available at the door for \$15 singles, \$25 a couple, or call volunteer services at 268-7535 to reserve your place at the Stampede.

A pre-dance reception for donors and volunteers will take place at the home of Stan and Sue Partee.

"We do this in appreciation of

our donors, who have been so wonderful to us," Stephenson said. She said the Partees, project chairmen for the event, are continuing a family legacy of support for BSSH.

"Dorothy Garrett (Sue Partee's mother) was a great supporter," Stephenson said. "We feel like Stan and Sue are following in her footsteps."

Garrett, a community benefactor who supported many local groups and efforts, died Aug. 6.

The gala is in its 13th year,

while the name is only a few years old, Stephenson said.

"We chose that name a few years ago and it was very popular, so we decided to continue using it," she explained. "It gives people the idea that they can dress up or dress down."

The event follows a western theme, and so does the attire of most in attendance, Stephenson said.

Proceeds from "Denim and Diamonds" will benefit patients of Big Spring State Hospital through the volunteer services

program. Volunteers provide many "extras" for patients, including comfort items, special activities and parties throughout the year. They also contribute to projects of the hospital.

Reception chairman for the Denim and Diamonds evening is Don Newsom. The remaining officers of the volunteer council are: Doris Huijbregtse, chairman; Carol Scott, vice chairman; Robin Hallman, treasurer; and LeeAnn Weaver, past chairman.

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Cinco de Mayo

By DEBBIE L. JENSEN
Features Editor

This weekend, Big Spring and Howard County residents will have the opportunity to celebrate Cinco de Mayo.

And while celebrants in the United States use Cinco de Mayo as a social celebration, the holiday is the third most important in Mexico behind Independence Day on Sept. 16 and Revolution Day on Nov. 20.

In 1862, the French army advanced on the city of Puebla, in the state of the same name, expecting a warm welcome.

Instead, the generals appointed by President Benito Juarez to defend the city had other ideas.

Ignacio de Zaragoza fortified the Hill of Guadalupe north of the city and on May 5, his 2,000 military men and Puebla citizens, armed with home and farm tools, defeated a frontal attack by 6,000 men of the best trained army of the time.

General Porfirio Diaz won reputation leading the repulse of the final French assault. The city is now officially called Puebla de Zaragoza in honor of this victory.

Since that time, Mexico has celebrated May 5 as a national holiday.

Locally, Cinco de Mayo will be observed Friday, Saturday and Sunday at La Vedula Club, 1100 W. IH-20.

"It takes a lot of work, so we still need more help," said Libby Uribe, an organizer of the celebration.

On tap so far are live bands Friday and Saturday nights, and folkloric dancers from Odessa performing Sunday night. The event will take place at the pavilion outside next to the building.

Food booths will include such traditional foods as trips, fajitas and gorditas, along with 'festival food' such as sausage on a stick, roasted corn and hamburgers.

"It's going to be a lot of fun for everyone," Uribe said. "This is something you can bring your family to, and everyone will have a good time."

For sale at the event will be such items as flower arrangements, T-shirts and toys for the kids. Game booth are also planned.

Some of the clubs and organizations slated to participate include Hispanic Women for Progress, Knights of Columbus and the ALSA Club.

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OBITUARIES

Billie Maxine Roper

Billie Maxine Roper, 70, Sand Springs, passed away Saturday, April 24, 1999,

at Lubbock Methodist Hospital after a short illness. Service will be 2 p.m. Tuesday, April 27, 1999,



ROPER

at Living Water Church with Al Yanke and Lanny Hamby officiating. Burial will follow at Coahoma Cemetery with Rev. Frank Saldana, of Levelland, officiating.

Mrs. Roper was born Oct. 25, 1928, in Decatur. She married Boyde B. Roper May 15, 1954, in Decatur. He preceded her in death Aug. 3, 1995. She had been a resident of Howard County since 1965. Mrs. Roper had been a private duty nurse. She and Mr. Roper had owned Roper Fire Extinguisher Service for 37 years. They had also been foster parents of many children. She was affiliated with Living Water Church.

Survivors include: two daughters, Diane Roosenfeldt and husband, Fred of Levelland, and Patty Floyd and husband, Ray of Odessa; four sons, William Roper and wife, Juna of Big Spring, Ricky Roper and wife, Brenda of Crookston, Minn., Tommy Roper of Big Spring and Jimmy Roper of Sand Springs. 15 grandchildren; 11 great-grandchildren; and several nieces and nephews. She was preceded in death by two sisters, Margie and Juanita and four brothers.

The family will be at 6201 North Service Road in Sand Springs.

Pallbearers are David Roper, James Pearson, John Gustin, Wade Bledsoe, Wallace Spraberry and Jim Alexander.

Arrangements under the direction of Myers & Smith Funeral Home & Chapel.

Paid obituary

Felipe Huerta

Service for Felipe Huerta, 38, St. Lawrence, is pending with Nalley-Pickle & Welch Funeral Home.

He died Sunday, April 25, 1999, at his residence.

CINCO

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Alsa, which means "rise" in Spanish, is a multicultural club in existence since 1979. Arthur Palomino said the group will highlight activities and events of its 20-year history during the event.

"We'll be conducting a membership drive," he said, noting that the group is open to anyone. It is a low-rider car club that focuses on service to the community, Palomino said.

MYERS & SMITH FUNERAL HOME & CHAPEL

24th & Johnson 267-8288

Billie Maxine Roper, 70, died Saturday. Services will be 2:00 PM Tuesday at Living Water Church. Burial will be at Coahoma Cemetery.

NALLEY-PICKLE & WELCH Funeral Home

Trinity Memorial Park and Crematory
906 Gregg St.
(915) 267-6331

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Hours for the Cinco de Mayo celebration will be 7 p.m.-midnight Friday, noon to midnight Saturday, and noon to 11 p.m. Sunday.

"We hope everyone will come out and celebrate with us," Uribe said. "We're looking forward to this."

More help is needed for the Cinco de Mayo event. Anyone interested can call Uribe at 263-4260.

BRIEFS

ALL RETIRED VA NURSING Service employees are invited to attend an awards ceremony and reception May 7 at 2 p.m. in Room 212. Refreshments will be served. This event is in honor of Nurses Week.

AREA GRADUATING SENIORS WHO plan to attend Texas Tech University beginning in the fall can apply for the Tech Ex-students Association Scholarship. Deadline is April 30.

Forms can be picked up at the Sparenberg Building downtown. For more information, call Pat Porter at 267-7828 or Roxie McDaniel at 267-3388.

SUPPORT GROUPS

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.)

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•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.

TUESDAY

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

•Al-Anon, 8 p.m., 615 Settles.

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

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

•Cancer support group, first

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

•"Most Excellent Way," an addiction support group, 3610 Dixon, call 264-9900.

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

•Samaritan Counseling Center of West Texas will have Dr. Ronald Meyer, D.Min., LCDC, LMFT, specializing in individual and marriage counseling, Attention Deficit Disorder and chemical dependency, available for clients in Midland. Appointments for counseling services are made by calling 1-800-329-4144.

•Narcotics Anonymous, 6 p.m., St. Mary's Episcopal Church. Call 268-4189 (pager no.)

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

FIRE/EMS

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

FRIDAY

12:44 a.m. - 2500 block Hunter, structure fire, extinguished.

10:35 a.m. - 2300 block Wasson, medical call, patient transported to Scenic Mountain Medical Center.

11:01 a.m. - 600 block N. Lamesa Hwy., structure fire, smoke scare.

2:03 p.m. - 200 block Johnson, structure fire, smoke scare.

3:25 p.m. - 1500 block Nolan, medical call, patient transported to SMMC.

5 p.m. - 2000 block Virginia, medical call, patient transported to the VA.

6:37 p.m. - 3200 block Parkway, medical call, patient transported to SMMC.

6:38 p.m. - 600 block Steakly, trauma call, patient transported to SMMC.

7:23 p.m. - VAMC, medical call, patient transported to 2000 block Virginia.

8:52 p.m. - SMMC medical call, patient transported to 3200 block Parkway

SATURDAY

2:53 a.m. - 1500 block Stadium, medical call, patient transported to SMMC.

5:47 a.m. - 1600 block Lincoln, trauma call, patient transported to SMMC.

8:05 a.m. - SMMC, trauma call, patient transported to residence.

9:38 a.m. - 900 block E. I-20, medical call, patient transported to SMMC.

10:26 a.m. - 1500 block E.

A BIG SPRING AROUND THE TOWN

Sixth, medical call, patient transported to SMMC.

11:18 a.m. - 600 block Main, trauma call, patient transported to SMMC.

12:34 p.m. - 2100 block Nolan, trauma call, patient transported to the VA.

1:20 p.m. - 3200 block Sherman Road, medical call, patient transported to SMMC.

2:53 p.m. - 500 block W. 17th, medical call, patient transported to SMMC.

4:02 p.m. - 900 block San Antonio, trauma call, patient transported to SMMC.

5:48 p.m. - 1600 block Fourth, traffic accident, patient transported to SMMC.

6:06 p.m. - Memorial Stadium, trauma call, service refused.

6:15 p.m. - SMMC, trauma call, patient transported to Flight Line.

8:46 p.m. - 900 block Goliad, medical call, patient transported to SMMC.

SUNDAY

12:39 a.m. - 1000 block Stadium, medical call, patient transported to SMMC.

12:59 a.m. - 1600 block Owens, medical call, patient transported to SMMC.

5:01 a.m. - N. Third and Lancaster, structure fire, extinguished.

6:50 a.m. - 900 block Goliad, trauma call, patient transported to SMMC.

7:20 a.m. - 400 block W. 10th, medical call, patient transported to SMMC.

9:20 a.m. - 800 block N. Tubb, medical call, patient transported to SMMC.

3:44 p.m. - SMMC, medical call, patient transported to Lubbock Methodist.

6:38 p.m. - 1100 block E. Sixth, medical call, patient transported to SMMC.

7:45 p.m. - 3200 block Parkway, medical call, patient transported to SMMC.

8:20 p.m. - 2000 block Virginia, medical call, patient transported to SMMC.

10:01 p.m. - SMMC, medical call, patient transported to residence.

10:12 p.m. - mile marker 196, medical call, service refused.

POLICE

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

• DRAG RACING/RECKLESS DRIVING was reported in the 1200 block of Gregg and 700 block of Bell.

• CLASS C CRIMINAL MISCHIEF was reported in the 500 block of Union.

• JUVENILE PROBLEM was reported in the 1700 block of Morrison, 1000 block of Birdwell, 300 block of Owens, 1700 block of East Marcy, 2300 block of Wasson, 200 block of West Marcy, 900 block of Willia, 700 block of I-20, near 14th and Lexington, 3800 block of Calvin, 500 block of Lancaster and 400 block of Gregg.

• DOMESTIC DISTURBANCE was reported in 1100 block of Gregg, 3300 block of West Hwy 80, 600 block of West I-20, 900 block of Nolan and 1600 block of Airbase Road.

• CLASS A ASSAULT was reported in the 1600 block of Martin Luther King Boulevard.

• BURGLARY OF A HABITATION was reported in the 500 block of Northeast Seventh.

• JASON STRAIN, 18, was arrested for failure to identify fugitive from justice.

• THOMAS CAMARILLO, 25, was arrested for local warrants.

• BURGLARY OF A BUILDING was reported in the 900 block of East Fourth.

• CRIMINAL MISCHIEF was reported in the 1600 block of Martin Luther King and 500 block of East 18th.

• MINOR ACCIDENT was reported in the 700 block of West I-20 and 100 block of Whipkey.

• JIM WHITE, 31 was arrested for local warrants.

• THREATS was reported in the 3600 block of Dixon.

• RUSSELL DRURY, 48, was arrested for public intoxication.

• SHIRLEY KETCHUM, 38, was arrested for public intoxication.

• CLIFTON GRIFFIN, 52, was arrested for public intoxication.

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SHERIFF

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

• FEDERICO MARTINE RODRIGUEZ, 22, was arrested for possession of marijuana less than two ounces.

• JASON HEATH KEMMEL, 20, was arrested for driving while license suspended or invalid.

• JOEL HERNANDEZ, 22, was arrested for driving while intoxicated.

• CAROL THOMPSON LIPSCOMB, 43, was arrested for issuance of a bad check.

• HENRY RODRIGUEZ, 32, was arrested for driving while license invalid or suspended.

• SHANE HARLAND KINMAN, 42, was arrested for driving while intoxicated.

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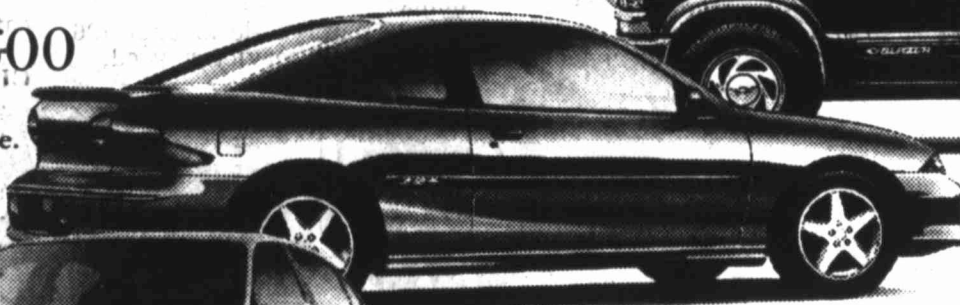
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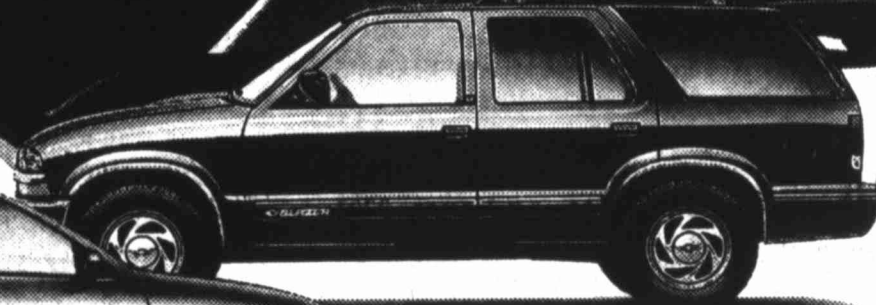
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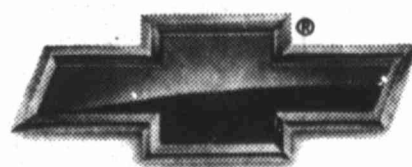


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OUR VIEWS

Regionals week features the best of the Crossroads

Today marks the start of an entire week of regional golf and tennis tournaments and track meets involving athletes from Crossroads County high schools.

While it's clear that Big Spring High School track phenom Tory Mitchell — the reigning district, region, state and national champion in the 100 meters and 200 meters — will grab the lion's share of headlines from newspapers throughout West Texas heading into this weekend's Region I, Class 4A track and field championships in San Angelo, a raft of Crossroads athletes are just as deserving of recognition for extending their spring sports seasons.

A number of local golfers — among them Coahoma's Bulldogettes team, Big Spring's medalist tandem of Ashlie Simmons and Sammy Rodriguez Jr. and Coahoma boys' medalist entry Blake Nichols — opened Region I tournament play this morning.

At the same time, Big Spring's trio of Lady Steers seniors — Kim Dominguez, YuChing Li and Stephanie Lewis — head into the Region I, Class 4A tennis tournament on San Angelo's Bentwood Country Club courts, while netters from several other schools begin play in Class 2A and 1A tournaments in Lubbock and Abilene.

And while Mitchell and most of Big Spring's Lady Steers track team will compete in the Region I, Class 4A track meet in San Angelo on Friday, strong teams from Stanton, Coahoma, Borden County, Sands, Grady and Garden City will also be vying for honors at regional meets.

In fact, every one of the Crossroads Country's eight schools has athletes competing at the regional level sometime this week.

We want to take this opportunity to commend all of the area's regional qualifiers for their sterling performances in district competition and wish them the best of luck this week in their bids to qualify for state tournament and meet competition in May.

Take the time to support the athletes of their respective schools and communities into competition.

YOUR VIEWS

TO THE EDITOR:

We would like to extend our thanks and appreciation to the following businesses who helped and supported our students at Goliad Middle School who attended the No Zero party for the fifth six-weeks of school. The businesses contributing

coupons and merchandise for our students were: Sonic, Subway, Dairy Queen, McDonald's, On Cue, Movie Warehouse, Little Caesar's, Skateland, Walmart and HEB.

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The Writer's Art: Robbins' or Robbins's?

The New York Times carried a four-column headline on April 13: "Saving the Human Details of Jerome Robbins's Art." Half a dozen readers clipped the article and asked the same question: "Robbins's? Can that punctuation be right?"



JAMES J. KILPATRICK

It certainly is right for the Times, which sets its own idiosyncratic rules. (At the Times, dates are in the 1990's; everywhere else we're in the 1990s.) My own preference would lie with "Jerome Robbins' art," but the rule is in transition and copy editors are largely on their own.

Authorities are divided. The Editor's Guide for Church Newsletters, for example, lays down the old familiar rule: "For singular and plural nouns ending in s, add the apostrophe only, e.g., Charles' friend." Professor William Strunk Jr. is equally unambiguous: "Form the possessive singular of nouns by adding 's. Thus write, Charles's friend." Merriam-Webster's Manual

for Writers & Editors equivocates. The manual likes "Simmons's role," but it also likes "the Browns' house."

The Associated Press Stylebook firmly instructs us to use only an apostrophe after a singular proper name ending in s.

The Chicago Manual of Style, which many editors regard as a bible of usage, offers a veritable disquisition on the topic. Single-syllable nouns are no problem: Burns's poems, Marx's theories. The manual goes on to say: "The question of how to form the possessive of names of more than one syllable ending in the sound of s or z probably occasions more dissension among writers and editors of good will than any other orthographic matter open to disagreement. Some hold with the rule espoused for many years by the highly respected Modern Language Association: 'In words of more than one syllable ending in a sibilant, only the apostrophe is added.'"

The editors go on to say that a rule geared only to sibilants won't work. Such a rule would give us "Parrish's cartoons" instead of "Parrish's cartoons," and this is clearly absurd. After an extended discussion, the editors come down in favor of a rule that is "both more subjective and more pragmatic."

In essence, the rule amounts to this: "If it looks and sounds like a plural, treat it like a plural." Thus they recommend Dickens' novels and Williams' poetry, but also Harris's tweeds and Angus's kilt. That makes sense to me, even if it doesn't to the AP.

In actual practice, experienced editors go their own separate ways. Last summer, Justice Clarence Thomas spoke to the National Bar Association. Both Time and Newsweek carried articles on his address. The editors of Time preferred "Thomas' critics." The editors of Newsweek opted for "Thomas's critics." I believe Newsweek made the better choice.

The humble apostrophe seems to trouble writers more than any other form of punctuation. The Allstate Motor Club offered prospective members a bonus. Just for trying the club's program, a baby boom-bow would be "your's free." How did that apostrophe get in there?

The Metropolitan Life Insurance Co. promoted a pamphlet on travel safety. "While your away ... If it's business or pleasure, make sure you and your home are safe while you're on the road." Surely someone at MetLife knows the difference between the possessive YOUR, as in your policy, and the contractual YOU'RE,

as in you're in deep trouble, son.

What's so tough about IT'S and IT'S? A financial news service reported last year that BankAmerica disclosed a huge loss on a loan to a hedge fund. "It's shares fell 11 percent Wednesday." No way! Southern Living had words of praise for the Peace Center in Greenville, S.C., where top-ranking instrumental soloists scheduled a celebration of Brahms. "Not bad for a center that is only seven years old (it's first season was 1990-91) ... Come now!"

The wackiest of all errors in punctuation is the needless quotation mark. A nursery in Houston advertised yellow or orange "day lilies" and "Mexican" heather, not to speak of "pine bark" mulch. In Winston-Salem, N.C., a jewelry store offered some sound advice: Don't Be Fooled By The "So Called" Discounters. The quotation marks were useless, pointless and wrong.

Let me recur to the Chicago Manual of Style. It says it all: "Punctuation should be governed by its function, which is to make the author's meaning clear, to promote ease of reading, and in varying degrees to contribute to the author's style." Keep those sound precepts in mind, and you're not likely to go badly wrong.

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The secret life of Cuban dictator Fidel Castro

Cuban dictator Fidel Castro has at least seven children, countless houses and a personal protection force of nearly 10,000 men.

These are some of the revelations from our intelligence sources on the bearded bad-man of Havana who, in 40 years of power, has generally managed to keep his private life just that.

Only one family member, illegitimate daughter Alina Fernandez, has lifted the curtain a bit. Fernandez escaped to the United States in 1993, and soon left for Spain, where she wrote a memoir offering limited insight on her father.

Since revelations about his personal life are sure to anger him, we rehash revealing some of those closely guarded details, which both CIA and Russian intelligence sources provided to our associate Dale Van Atta.

Any day we can beard the paranoid prima donna of Havana is a good day. What follows are some of the juicier insights:

• The dictator, who preaches socialist abstemiousness to the people, has three luxury yachts and at least 32 houses. Three of those houses are in Havana and two are underground bunkers — appropriate for a man who always feared the United States might nuke him.

• Castro became so paranoid after the CIA's murder plots in the 1960s that the ocean is cleared before he can indulge in a favorite sport: scuba diving. At times, more than 100 frogmen have been called in to check out the waters for any foreign — even fishy — object and protect him while he swims.

• Divorced from his first and only legal wife, Castro has had numerous liaisons with other women, some of which produced children. By a reputed secret second wife, Castro had at least five sons. The dictator, whose middle name is Alejandro, gave them all names which start with the letter "A."

• Castro's only legitimate acknowledged son appears to be following in his footsteps. Fidelito — Fidel Castro Diaz-

Balart — once head of Cuba's nuclear agency, first married and divorced a Soviet woman. He then married a Cuban, but soon enough fell in love with a Spanish aristocrat.

• **HOUSING CRISIS** — It was far from your typical buttoned-down lobbyists' gathering: Balloons flying, whistles blowing, bull horns bellowing and choreographed dance routines.

National People's Action had their annual meeting in the nation's capital two weekends ago. What they lack in coinage and clout, they made up for with enthusiasm, as housing activists and community groups from around the country gathered to press their concerns to America's leaders.

There was just one notable name missing: Andrew Cuomo, secretary of the Department of Housing and Urban Development. He had better things to do than tell these activists how he planned to fix the government's most badly broken agency. Cuomo was in South Africa, advising that country on how they, too, can be like HUD.

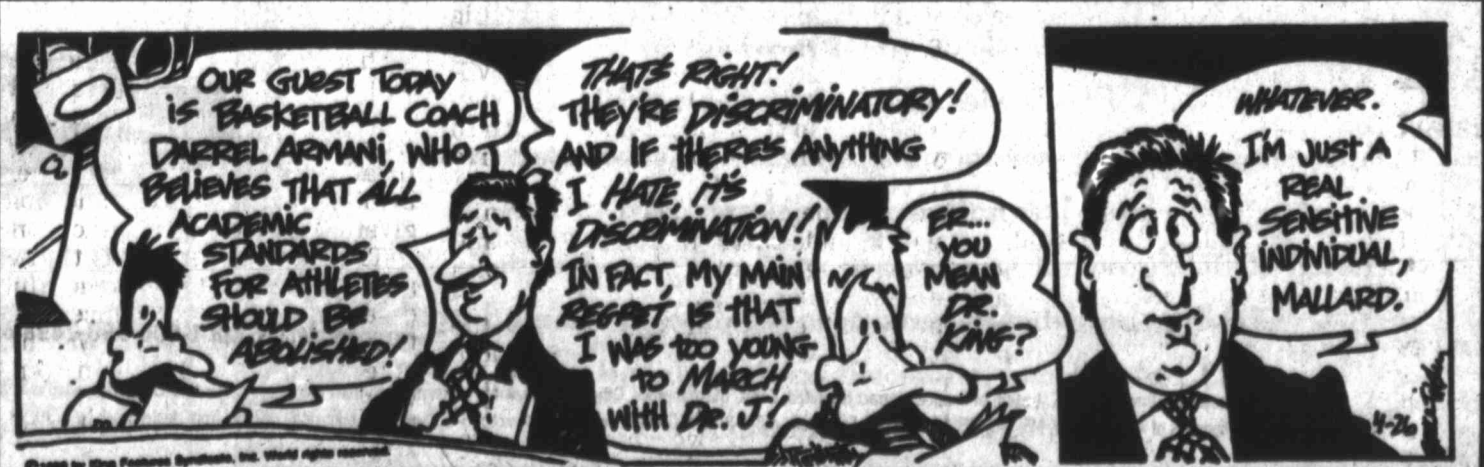
Several other high officials did show up. But the man they really wanted to see was Cuomo. Specifically, the

activists wanted to know why his department has been lax in policing the Federal Housing Administration, an agency established to help low-income families become homeowners but which has strayed badly from this noble mission in recent years.

The FHA is a classic example of what happens to an agency when wealthy special interests manage to attract and maintain the attention of top officials. Michael Kuzma, a lawyer studying housing issues for the New York state legislature, traces the agency's problems to a 1994 policy that lets banks who originate FHA-backed loans to choose their own appraisers. This has led some shady lenders to artificially inflate home values — since the government pays the price of any defaults. Not surprisingly, defaults have skyrocketed since the policy was implemented.

"It is outrageous that (Cuomo) would fly off to help the South Africans when (HUD) is allowing bad-lenders and realtors to use FHA as a get-rich-quick scheme all over the country," Kuzma said. "If (Cuomo) wants to solve problems, we have plenty for him right here in Buffalo."

Mallard Fillmore
by
BRUCE TINSLEY



SPORTS

IN THE

Free tennis today at Fig

Jim Blacket, Blacket's at the Center, will open a season of tennis p.m. to 7 p.m. center.

Adults and children come to attend are available during them.

Door prizes and face paint available during. For more in Blacketer at 26

Class 3A slated for BS

A Class 3A ball playoff Kermit's Lady and Abilene Bulldogs has 1 today at the E Softball Complex. The Lady bring a 7-13 record 5:30 p.m. game, Bulldogs are 21

Bass club's scheduled for

The ninth annual Bass Club Open has been scheduled for Saturday at Laland. Guaranteed based on 150 \$4,400, with the winner taking \$20,000 is available landing a new largemouth bass record is 13.71 lb. Entry fees for ment are \$40. For more info Jim Crenshaw

Steers Basketball scheduled for

Jimmy Avery, Spring High coaching staff, their first Basketball Camp in Steer Gym. The camp, open to eighth graders and with sessions a.m. and noon e. A fee of \$45 per cover instructional shirt and certificate. The deadline for submissions is 1. For more info Avery at 264-364

American Cancer offering 1999

Officials with County unit of Cancer Society are offering local golfers a tag of the 1999 Pass. The ACS' Tag provides golfers rounds of golf throughout the fee.

Both the Big Spring Club and the Co Golf Course are in the program, others in the West Texas.

Application for able at the pro: Big Spring courts

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MAJOR LEAGUE BASEBALL 7 p.m. — Arizona Diamondbacks at H Astros, FOX, Ch. 29 PRO BASKETBALL 7 p.m. — Los Angeles at Houston Rockets HOCKEY 7:30 p.m. — NHL quarterfinals, game Maple Leafs at Philadelphia Flyers, ESPN, Ch. 3

IN BRIEF

Free tennis lesson slated today at Figure 7 Center

Jim Blacketer, the professional at the Figure 7 Tennis Center, will offer a free session of tennis lessons from 6 p.m. to 7 p.m. Monday at the center.

Adults and children are welcome to attend and racquets are available for those needing them.

Door prizes will be awarded and face painting will also be available during the event.

For more information, call Blacketer at 264-6834.

Class 3A softball playoff slated for BSISD Complex

A Class 3A bi-district softball playoff game pitting Kermit's Lady Yellowjackets and Abilene Wylie's Lady Bulldogs has been slated for today at the Big Spring ISD Softball Complex.

The Lady Yellowjackets bring a 7-13 record into the 5:30 p.m. game, while the Lady Bulldogs are 21-10.

Bass club's open touney scheduled for Saturday

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

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

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

Entry fees for the tournament are \$40.

For more information, call Jim Crenshaw at 267-6129.

Steers Basketball Camp scheduled for June 1-4

Jimmy Avery and his Big Spring High School Steers coaching staff have scheduled their first ever Steers Basketball Camp for June 1-4 in Steer Gym.

The camp, open to youngsters in the second through eighth grades will be conducted with sessions between 9 a.m. and noon each day.

A fee of \$45 per camper will cover instruction, a camp T-shirt and certificate.

The deadline for application submissions is May 21.

For more information, call Avery at 264-3641.

American Cancer Society offering 1999 golf passes

Officials with the Howard County unit of the American Cancer Society are encouraging local golfers to take advantage of the 1999 Texas Golf Pass.

The ACS Texas Golf Pass provides golfers with up to 450 rounds of golf at 259 courses throughout the state for a \$35 fee.

Both the Big Spring Country Club and the Comanche Trail Golf Course are participating in the program, as well as 82 others in the Panhandle and West Texas.

Application forms are available at the pro shops at both Big Spring courses.

IT'S MISSING

Results from Howard College's Hawk and Lady Hawk rodeo teams, which closed out their regular season over the weekend at the Tarleton State University Rodeo in Stephenville, are not included in today's edition of the Herald.

College officials did not call in results from any of the rodeo's performances over the weekend. Calls to the college went unreturned as the Herald went to press Monday morning.

ON THE AIR

Television

MAJOR LEAGUE BASEBALL

7 p.m. — Arizona

Diamondbacks at Houston

Astros, FXS, Ch. 29.

PRO BASKETBALL

7 p.m. — Los Angeles Lakers

at Houston Rockets, TBS, Ch. 11.

HOCKEY

7:30 p.m. — NHL conference

quarterfinals, game 3, Toronto

Maple Leafs at Philadelphia

Flyers, ESPN, Ch. 30.

Rangers close out sweep of Minnesota with 9-5 win

MINNEAPOLIS (AP) — Johnny Oates joked that the Texas Rangers haven't lived up to his expectations.

"I'd like to be 25 games in front," said Oates, whose team has a two-game lead over Oakland in the AL West Division.

What does make him happy is completing a four-game sweep at Minnesota with a 9-5 win on Sunday. That gave the Rangers eight wins in their 12-game road trip, giving them momentum heading into a three-game series at The Ballpark against the Yankees starting Tuesday.

"Anytime you play them, you know you're matched up against a good ballclub," he said. "You've got to pitch well, you've got to play a mental and physical

error-free game. It's important that we start beating them a couple of times."

Texas has had its injury problems this season, with both first baseman Mike Simms and pitcher John Burkett on the disabled list. Lee Stevens has filled the void at first with seven home runs, two in Sunday's win.

"With our injury situation, I have to go out and be prepared to play every day, no matter who's here," Stevens said. "As long as I'm swinging the bat, I'll be in the lineup."

Rick Helling was forced to go Sunday on three days rest after Burkett was temporarily scratched from the rotation. The short layoff didn't hurt the right-

hander, who pitched seven strong innings for his first win of the season after three straight losses.

"It didn't really feel any different, to be honest with you," Helling said. "I felt like I could have pitched more."

The Rangers staked Helling to an early 6-0 lead, which enabled him to relax.

"This four-game series looked more like our offense from last year," Helling said.

Oates said all four games against the Twins followed the same blueprint.

"All four guys gave us good starting pitching, we got some runs on the board early, we played pretty good defense, and the bullpen did a real good job consist-

ently," he said, ready to head home after the 13-day road trip.

"It's good to be over, it's good to win eight," Oates said.

Minnesota also followed a pattern, but it's one that they just as soon forget. They fell behind early, rallied in the late innings, but came up short.

"We score late, but I don't know if that's a good thing," said Matt Lawton. "If you watch us, we battle back and battle back, but we keep losing."

Losing is the bottom line that Tom Kelly sees.

"Positives?" asked the Minnesota manager. "When you lose it's tough to have positives."

Hawks suffer sweep by OC

By JOHN A. MOSELEY
Sports Editor

It couldn't have been much worse for Howard College's Hawks.

The Hawks, presented with an opportunity to clinch the Western Junior College Athletic Conference (WJCAC) baseball championship, closed out their regular season Sunday with 14-2 and 12-5 losses to Odessa College's Wranglers.

In the process, the Hawks went from controlling their own destiny to waiting until this week's doubleheader make-up between Odessa and New Mexico Junior College to see whether or not they'll enter the NJCAA Region V tournament as the WJCAC's champion or its runner-up.

"We just didn't play very well and Odessa played great baseball," a clearly dejected Hawks head coach Brian Roper said following Sunday's twinbill losses.

"I wish I knew what the answer was," Roper continued, noting that his Howard teams have shown a propensity of peaking too early and failing to finish the season in top form. "We open the conference 9-0 and then wind up 15-9, losing five of the six games against Odessa. That's not the way you want to head into the regional tournament."

The Hawks, who'd dominated Odessa in a 4-0 win Friday, getting a two-hit, 14-strikeout performance from sophomore Brandon Claussen, saw Saturday's scheduled doubleheader with Odessa rained out and were forced to finish the series Sunday afternoon.

That delay seemed to make all the difference for the Wranglers, who managed to hit home runs off every pitcher Howard sent to the mound Sunday — the four that saw duty in the opener and both Nick Webb and Duite Welch in the nightcap.

"They (Wranglers) were just dominating today," Roper said after seeing Odessa pound out 12 hits in the opener and 11 more in the second game — seven of those 23 hits being long balls.

"We didn't hit the ball at all in the first game, but we out-hit them in the second game and still got hammered," he added. "We just couldn't keep them in the park ... they did a great job of coming up with the big hits when they needed them."

In the first game, Howard simply couldn't get a handle on Odessa's Jeff McWilliams, who allowed just two Hawks hits in going the distance.

Meanwhile, the Wranglers made life miserable for Howard starter Danny McMurtry from the outset.

McMurtry was drilled by a line drive off the bat of Odessa's lead-off man Kory Doan on the opener's third pitch. The Hawks freshman was able to retrieve the carom



Howard third baseman John Michael Herrera crouches to field a grounder during the Hawks' 4-0 win over Odessa College on Friday afternoon. The Hawks missed their opportunity to lock up a conference championship, dropping both ends of a Sunday twinbill.

and Groves followed with his second round-tripper of the game.

The nightcap didn't improve things for the Hawks. Although they managed 12 hits in the second game, the Hawks stranded eight base runners.

Odessa, on the other hand, stranded just two in mounting an 11-hit attack on Howard starter Nick Webb and reliever Duite Welch.

Both Howard pitchers gave up the long ball — Webb giving up a solo shot to Davis in the fourth inning that allowed the Wranglers to take a 3-0 lead, and Welch giving up a three-run homer that capped the Wranglers' five-run rally in the top of the seventh that staked Odessa starter Danny Delmas to a 12-3 lead.

Roper provided the Hawks' only answer to Odessa's parade of home runs, clubbing a solo shot to put the Hawks on the board in the bottom of the fifth.

The Hawks added two more runs in the sixth and single tallies in the eighth and ninth innings, but simply couldn't match Odessa's scoring in bunches.

The sweep left Howard with a 40-14 mark overall, finishing the regular season with a 15-9 WJCAC record.

Odessa, which improved to 14-8 in conference play with Sunday's sweep, now needs only manage a split with NMJC this week to secure the WJCAC title.

Tech exes set for Saturday's annual scholarship touney

By JOHN A. MOSELEY
Sports Editor

A gauntlet of sorts has been thrown down by organizers of Saturday's scholarship golf tournament sponsored by the Big Spring chapter of the Texas Tech University Ex-Students Association.

"We're challenging alums from other schools ... especially other Big 12 or old Southwest Conference schools ... to band together and try to take our prizes," noted Howard County District Attorney Hardy Wilkerson, who co-chairs the tournament organizing community with Roxie McDaniel.

"This tournament certainly isn't for just Texas Tech exes or supporters of the school," he explained. "In fact, we'd like to see this thing develop some great rivalries between local graduates of other universities."

The tournament, the second staged by Tech exes, will be played at the Big Spring Country Club in hopes of exceeding last year's event that provided scholarships to Texas Tech for two Big Spring High School graduates in 1998.

Slated as a four-person scramble — teams will be composed of A, B, C and D players — participants can either form their own teams or turn in their entry listing a handicap and be placed on a team.

Entry fees will be \$60 per person, McDaniel said, and will include cart-rental, green fees and a luncheon following Saturday morning's 18 holes of play slated for an 8 a.m. start.

"Last year we had eight teams compete for the championship and we'd love to have even more people turn out this time around," McDaniel noted. "We'd like to be able to at least match what we did last year when we were able to provide two scholarships to Tech for a pair of grad-

uates from Big Spring High School."

The chapter's scholarships are not only for Big Spring High School graduates, however.

"Actually, any graduate of Howard College or a high school in Howard, Martin or Dawson counties is eligible to apply for the scholarships," McDaniel explained. "In fact, we're still taking applications from area high school students and Howard College sophomores for this year's scholarships through Friday."

"We can't stress that strongly enough," she added. "We'd love to see kids from Big Spring, Forsan, Coahoma, Stanton, Grady, Sands, Klondike ... all the area-high schools, as well as Howard College apply."

Unlike scholarship applicants, golfers wanting to play in Saturday's tournament need to get their entries in by Thursday evening to give organizers time to place individuals on a team.

Wilkerson noted that last year's tournament champions — the foursome of Gary Howell, Kenneth Howell, Terry Howell and Bob Shaffer — are indicated that they'll return to defend their title.

This year, members of the championship team will receive windbreakers emblazoned with a Texas Tech logo. The tournament's runner-up team members will also win Tech merchandise. In addition, every player entering the tournament will receive gifts and door prizes will be given away during the luncheon.

"The important thing is that we'll be having a good time and doing something that will help deserving students finance their college educations," McDaniel said. "We think players that enter this year will have an even better time than we did last year, and if things work out like we hope they will, we'll be able to better fund our scholarship program."



Roxie McDaniel and Hardy Wilkerson, co-chairpersons for the Texas Tech Ex-Students Association Scholarship Golf Tournament, display one of the windbreakers which will be awarded to members of the event's winning team Saturday at the Big Spring Country Club.

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THE Daily Crossword

Crossword puzzle grid with clues for Across and Down words.

Saturday's Puzzle Solved section showing the completed crossword puzzle and the words used.

Big Spring Herald advertisement including contact information and a list of staff members.

On this date: In 1785, American naturalist and artist John James Audubon was born in Haiti. In 1865, John Wilkes Booth, the assassin of President Lincoln, was surrounded by federal troops and killed. In 1937, planes from Nazi Germany raided the Basque town of Guernica during the Spanish Civil War. In 1945, Marshal Henri Philippe Petain, the head of France's Vichy government during World War II, was arrested. In 1961, Roger Maris of the New York Yankees hit the first of a record 61 home runs in a single season; the homer was off Detroit's Paul Foytack at Tiger Stadium. In 1964, the African nations of Tanganyika and Zanzibar merged to form Tanzania. In 1968, the United States exploded beneath the Nevada desert a one-megaton nuclear device called Boxcar. In 1970, the Broadway musical "Company" opened at the Alvin Theatre in New York. In 1980, following an unsuccessful attempt by the United States to rescue the U.S. Embassy hostages in Iran, the Tehran government announced the captives were being scattered to thwart any future rescue effort. In 1986, the world's worst nuclear accident occurred at the Chernobyl plant in the Soviet Union. An explosion and fire killed at least 31 people and sent radioactivity into the atmosphere. Ten years ago: Actress-comedian Lucille Ball died at Cedars-Sinai Medical Center in Los Angeles at age 77. Five years ago: Voting began in South Africa's first all-race elections. A Taiwanese jetliner crashed in Nagoya, Japan, killing 264 people. Rachelle "Shelley" Shannon, who admitted shooting and wounding an abortion provider outside his clinic, was sentenced in Wichita, Kan., to nearly 11 years in prison. One year ago: Auxiliary Bishop Juan Gerardi Conedera, a leading human rights activist in Guatemala, was bludgeoned to death two days after a report he'd compiled on atrocities during Guatemala's 36-year civil war was made public. Today's Birthdays: Actress-comedian Carol Burnett is 66. Rhythm-and-blues singer Maurice Williams is 61. Songwriter-musician Duane Eddy is 61. Singer Bobby Rydell is 57. Actress Claudine Auger ("Thunderball") is 57. Rock musician Gary Wright is 56. Actor Giancarlo Esposito is 41. Rock musician Roger Taylor (Duran Duran) is 39.