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Donations are being accepted for an auction to benefit the Spring City Senior Citizens Center.

For information, contact Bobbie Leonard at the Spring City Senior Citizens Center, 267-1628 or Crossroads Auction Company, 263-8200.

The auction will be held by David Lefever, local auctioneer, and is being planned for mid-April if there are enough donations. The date will be determined at a later time.

WHAT'S UP...

THURSDAY

□ Gideons International, Big Spring Camp No. U42060, Hermans, 7 a.m.

□ 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.

FRIDAY

□ The Greater Big Spring Rotary Club, noon, Howard College Cactus Room.

□ AMBUCS, noon, Brandin' Iron Restaurant.

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

SATURDAY

□ American Auxiliary Legion No. 506, will have a Christmas in April dinner with turkey, dressing and all the trimmings from 12 to 3 p.m., \$6 a plate and call in are welcome. An auction will take place from 4 to 6 p.m., call 263-2084 for more information.

□ Dance, 8:30 p.m., Eagles Lodge, 704 West Third. Members and guests welcome.

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

MONDAY

□ Texas Tech Exeses meeting, 6 p.m., Spareberg Building, 309 South Main.

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

□ Gospel Singing, 7 p.m., Kentwood Center, 2905 Lynn. Guest singers from Stanton, Midland and Colorado City.

□ Howard County Library, Book Club Meeting, 7 p.m. Book to be discussed *Turnip Blues* by Helen Campbell

□ Big Spring Chapter and Council, R.A.M., 7:30 p.m., Masonic Building, 221 1/2 Main St.

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More than 300 volunteers expected to participate in 'Trash Off' here

By CARL GRAHAM
Staff Writer

More than 300 volunteers have signed up for this year's "Don't Mess with Texas" Trash Off, scheduled for Saturday.

According to Pat Simmons,



SIMMONS

chairperson for the event, things are moving along nicely. "We have 25 groups signed up to participate, three of which have not furnished the number of participants at this time," said Simmons. "By the time we start, the number should exceed 320."

The count includes, 50 inmates from the Wilderness Camp, two Adopt-a-Highway teams, American Legion Post #506, First Presbyterian Church, Assembly of God

Church youth, Big Spring Area Chamber of Commerce, Big Spring High School Key Club, BSHS Student Council, Big Spring Junior High School Student Council, Big Spring Womens Club and the Goliad Junior Classics.

Others are the City of Big Spring, Fina Oil & Chemical Co, 4-H Club, Lusk Family, Dorothy Holland, Marcy Elementary School, Nazarene Church Youth, Pizza Inn, Wanda Roman, Scenic

Mountain Medical Center, TXU Electric, Big Spring Fire Department and the *Big Spring Herald*.

"While the sign-up deadline is past, we still ask anyone wishing to participate to call and sign up because we have plenty of trash bags," said Simmons. "I trust everyone will take a second look around their property and get out and pick up around their house. We can really make a difference in the appearance of Big Spring if make a

joint effort."

Simmons asks that citizens dispose of all trash and garbage in bags that are tied up, to utilize the Wal-Mart & HEB plastic bags, place them in a dumpster and close the lids. She said that trash blows when being transferred from the dumpster to a pick-up vehicle, especially when it is loose.

"We again want to thank our wonderful friends, supporters,

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Howard County mourns loss of Harbour children

By CARL GRAHAM
Staff Writer

About 300 area residents — with prayer, song and testimony — turned out Tuesday night at Comanche Trail Park Amphitheater to comfort the family of 19-month-old Peyton and 6-year-old Dalton Lee Harbour.

The two children were swept off FM 818 at Mustang Draw last Thursday along with their mother, Cindy Harbour, who survived. Peyton's body was recovered at about 7:45 that same night. The search for Dalton began its seventh day at daybreak today.

The candlelight vigil began with a song and prayer by Cavan and Donna McMahon, Paul Baskin of New Life Fellowship and Lauren McDowell of Living Water. Baskin sang a tribute to Dalton as well as a song titled "I Go To The River," which he wrote last week after he heard about the tragedy.

"Too short the span, held them in my hands. Lord, you know how deeply felt these great losses. How can a life go on in tragedies of time?" Baskin sang.

Then Baskin prayed, "Heal hearts tonight, let the family hear your spirit speak. Give comfort to the hurting, Oh Lord, give them the comfort



Several hundred people attended a candlelight prayer and song vigil in support of the Chad and Cindy Harbour family, who lost their two children when rains swept across Mustang Draw southwest of Big Spring last Thursday.

they seek." In several moments of silent prayer, the crowd was urged to reflect upon the events that have taken place the last week. Then Baskin gave an invitation

to anyone who would like to say a few words, or a prayer of comfort to the family.

The first to speak was Dickie Stanley.

"I lost my daughter to cancer

almost three years ago," said Stanley, tearfully. "We questioned, 'Why does this have to happen? Why do children have

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Hundreds attend memorial services

By GINA GARZA
Staff Writer

About 800 family members and friends paid their respects at a memorial service Tuesday afternoon for Dalton Lee and Peyton "Peyt-Peyt" Renee Harbour, tragic victims of last week's storms.

The service was in the sanctuary of the First Baptist Church under the direction of Nalley-Pickle & Welch Funeral Home.

"This tragic death has touched the hearts of thou-

sands," said the Rev. Jesse Colegrove, minister of Birdwell Lane Baptist Church.

Colegrove read from the Bible, 2 Samuel 12:15-23. The songs "Precious Child," "This Little Light of Mine" — "Peyt-Peyt's" favorite — and "Fishers of Men" — Dalton's favorite — were sung.

"Each Sunday morning these lovely parents brought Dalton and Peyton," Colegrove said of Chad and Cindy Harbour of Lomax. "Dalton always comforted Peyton during Children's Church with hugs and kisses."

Colegrove mentioned that the children had just finished making angels in Children's Church, listing their favorite things.

"Dalton loved the snack Goldfish, the color red, the book Big Truck and he liked to draw," he said. "But his favorite holiday was his birthday."

"Peyton loved cookies, the colors pink and yellow, the story of the Three Little Pigs and she loved to play and color," he added.

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Courtesy photo PEYTON and DALTON HARBOUR

Big Spring council approves police department computer upgrades

By BILL McCLELLAN
News Editor

Computer upgrades for Big Spring Police Department that hold the promise of assisting officers and citizens alike gained approval Tuesday by city council



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members. "This will allow us to enhance the laptops we use in the field and at the station, as well as the desktops in records and dispatch," said Lonnie Smith, police chief.

Key for the public is that the software will create a computer-assisted dispatch center, allowing better tracking of not only police calls but 911 emergency calls. According to Smith, it will allow the flagging of special needs clients, showing, for

instance, a history of calls to emergency medical services or to police made from a residence. This could help EMS and police be better prepared for what they might find when they arrive on a scene.

"It will help get better information to the officers or EMS who are responding," said Smith. "It will also enable dispatch better control and reduce the paper flow that we currently have."

He hopes also that it will be a

cost-saving measure for the department.

"Officers will be able to do their offense and accident reports in the field. They'll be able to come back and input that information the same day in most cases. That allows the detective to access the information more quickly," Smith told the council.

The \$65,115 package, which includes training, will also feature some upgrades to the overall system and allow quick

access of photos and documents throughout the department.

Smith said the software will be paid from current funds — \$28,206 from a 1999 local law enforcement block grant, \$8,924 from a juvenile accountability incentive block grant, \$15,000 from Howard County 911, and \$12,985 that was previously earmarked for computer consulting.

That was one of a number of

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Moss Creek Lake still accessible, despite washout of main road

By BILL McCLELLAN
News Editor

So much for the cleanup at Moss Creek Lake.

Last week's rains flooded the small, city-owned lake east of Big Spring, causing a torrent of water to flow over the spillway and wash out the main road.

"We refer to it as our little Grand Canyon out there," said City Manager Gary Fuqua.



FUQUA

The lake is still open to the public, but what they'll find there is vastly different from a few weeks ago, when the city held an open house to showcase all of the improvements at the site.

"It's devastating what the water did," said Fuqua. "We had that nice beach with the sand and that's gone. Some of the roads are washed out and gutted. The two boat docks are damaged."

Last month, the city had completed a five-month, \$20,000 clean-up and renovation of the lake grounds. Much of that is still intact, though crews will now have to go back in again to



From left, Bree Feaster, Danielle Jeter and Belle Feaster stand at the former entrance to Moss Creek Lake. Water crashing over the spillway destroyed the road last weekend. The lake is still accessible, though campers and fishermen are urged to use caution because of the debris.

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OBITUARIES

Felipe Munoz

Felipe Munoz, 73, of Big Spring, died Monday, March 27, 2000, at Comanche Trail Nursing Home following a long illness.

Rosary was 7 p.m. Tuesday, March 28, 2000, at Myers & Smith Chapel. Service was 10 a.m. today at Sacred Heart Catholic Church with the Rev. James Plagens officiating. Burial was to follow in Mount Olive Memorial Park.

Felipe was born on Sept. 3, 1926, in Casa Piedra. He moved to Big Spring in 1937. He married Maria Garcia Sept. 16, 1950, in Big Spring.

Felipe was employed by the Big Spring Independent School District for 20 years, retiring in 1988, and had primarily worked at Big Spring High School.

He is survived by: his wife, Maria Munoz of Big Spring; one son and daughter-in-law, Ruben and Linda Munoz of Austin; four sisters, Paula Martinez, Estella Martinez and Livrada Lopez, all of Big Spring, and Natalia Heredia of Midland; one brother, Jose Munoz of Big Spring; and four grandchildren, Israel Diaz-Munoz of Dallas, Tami Jo Anderson of Italy, John Mark Wagon of Odessa and Christi Morton of Vincent.

In addition to his parents, he was preceded in death by two brothers, Pedro Munoz and Leon Munoz, and two sisters, Augustina Upton and Maria Garza.

Pallbearers were Edward Martinez, Roberto Munoz, Ricky Martinez, Andy Lopez, Lorenzo Herridia and Michael Garza.

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

Paid obituary

Audon "Odie" Saldivar Sr.

Deacon Audon "Odie" Saldivar Sr., 48, died Sunday, March 26, 2000, at Midland Memorial Hospital.

He was born to Jose and Dora Saldivar on Dec. 26, 1951, in Big Spring where he was raised and educated. After graduating, he attended Howard College. He met and later married Mary Elma Valencia in 1971. He was employed by Conoco Inc. as a production



specialist for 25 years.

Mr. Saldivar studied the deaconette program for four years in Austin. In 1980, the family moved to Stanton where they resided for 14 years. From 1994 to 1998, he served as deacon at Our Lady of Grace Catholic Church in Loving, N.M. The couple moved to Midland in November 1999 from Freer, where he also served as deacon. In 1999, he retired from Conoco. In 1999, he began to serve at Our Lady of San Juan Catholic Church in Midland, as the associate director of the New Deacon Program of the diocese of San Angelo.

He was a fourth degree Knight of Columbus and a Cursillista. He was very active in all aspects at Our Lady of San Juan. He enjoyed music and played the bass and lead guitar for various bands including Tejano and Christian music. He was currently working on starting a prison ministry. He also loved working with the youth and search program. He was loved by all.

A brother, Arthur Saldivar precedes him in death.

Viewing will be at Our Lady of San Juan Catholic Church, 1008 West New Jersey, Midland. A mass will be at Our Lady of San Juan at 6:30 p.m. Wednesday, March 29, followed by a vigil prayer service at 7:30.

The funeral mass will be at 11 a.m. Thursday, March 30, at Our Lady of Guadalupe Catholic Church with Bishop Michael D. Pfeifer O.M.I. and assisted by the Rev. Thomas C. Kelley and other priests and deacons of the diocese officiating. Interment will follow at Resthaven Memorial Park.

He is survived by: his wife, Mary Elma Saldivar of Midland; two sons, Audon M. "Odie" Saldivar Jr. of Midland and Jacob Mathew Saldivar of Fort Bragg, N.C.; two daughters, Trish Gonzalez and husband, Mark Gonzales I, of Stanton and Terri Flores and husband, Valentin T. Flores, of Stanton; four brothers, Jaime Saldivar, Raymond Saldivar and Tony Saldivar, all of Big Spring, and Johnny Saldivar of Midland; four sisters, Teodora "Tia" Del Torro, Bertha Miranda and Lisa Hernandez, all of Big Spring, and Denise Garcia of Carlsbad, N.M.; parents, Jose and Dora Saldivar of Big Spring; four grandchildren, Valentin T. Flores III, Mark A. Gonzalez II, Maegan Flores and Mercedes Gonzalez, all of Stanton; and numerous nephews and nieces.

The family suggests memorials to Our Lady of San Juan Catholic Church; 1008 West New Jersey; Midland; 79701.

Arrangements are under the direction of Reyes-Garcia Funeral Home in Midland.

Paid obituary

Etta Lee Martin Gibson

Service for Etta Lee Martin Gibson, 85, Colorado City, will be 2 p.m. Thursday, March 30, 2000, at the Oak Street Baptist Church, Colorado City, with the Rev. Jim Ritter officiating and Dr. Bentley Gwyn assisting. Burial will follow in the Dunn Cemetery.

Mrs. Gibson died Tuesday, March 28, in a Colorado City care facility.

She was born April 11, 1914, in McLellan County and had been a resident of Mitchell County since 1920. She married John Darlton Gibson on Dec. 19, 1935, in Loraine. He preceded her in death on Dec. 6, 1992. She was a homemaker, a 61-year member of Home Demonstration Club, a 25-year member of the Eastern Star and a member of the Oak St. Baptist Church.

She is survived by: one son, John Lyndall Gibson of Big Spring; a daughter, Marvely Deatherage of Hawley; three grandchildren; and two great-grandchildren.

The family will receive friends at the funeral home from 6-8 p.m. today.

Arrangements are under the direction of Kiker-Seale

Funeral Home in Colorado City.

Darlene Louise Milne Howard

Darlene Louise Milne Howard passed away on Tuesday, March 28, 2000, after a short illness. A 20-year cancer survivor, she was surrounded by her family when she passed away at the age of 87.



Funeral service will be at 10:30 a.m. Thursday, March 30, 2000, at the Nalley-Pickle & Welch Rosewood Chapel with Dr. Ed Williamson, pastor of First United Methodist Church, officiating. Interment will follow at Trinity Memorial Park.

She was born in Des Moines, Iowa, on July 7, 1912, to William "Scotty" and Edith Ullom Milne. Her father immigrated from Scotland and was a renowned cattle auctioneer. Her family moved to Missouri where she graduated from Albany High School in Albany, Mo. She moved to California in 1940, where she worked for Standard Oil of California.

While in the San Francisco Bay Area and after the start of World War II, she met John Wesley Howard of Big Spring, who was working as a welder in the Richmond Ship Yards, prior to his joining the U. S. Army. They were married on June 30, 1943, in Richmond, Calif., and celebrated 47 years of matrimony until Mr. Howard's death on Aug. 29, 1990.

In 1955, Mrs. Howard followed her husband back to Big Spring where he began work at Cosden Oil and Chemical Company and eventually retired in 1982. She worked at a number of local businesses, including Grants, Hemphill-Wells and after 13 years, she retired as a sales clerk for Carter's Furniture in downtown Big Spring.

She had many hobbies, such as growing African violets, crocheting and knitting and was very skilled at working with ceramics. She made a number of items, including everything from decorative dinnerware and specialty ornaments to her final passion of making porcelain dolls for her family and friends. She enjoyed spending time at her daughter and son-in-law's house on Lake Hubbard Creek, where she fished and played ball with her great-grandchildren.

She was a member of Big Spring Chapter No. 67, Order of the Eastern Star. Although a devout Baptist, she regularly attended First United Methodist Church with her family.

She is survived by: her only child, Ann Louise Duncan and son-in-law, Buddy Duncan of Big Spring; two grandchildren, Heather Duncan of Lubbock and John Hatch; and wife, Rebecca, of Buda. She has three great-grandchildren, John Robert, Gibson and Hannah Hatch, all of Buda. She is survived by: one sister, Mary Langren of Tucson, Ariz., who is the last of eight brothers and sisters. She is also survived by: three sisters-in-law, Geraldine Parrish, Joyce Bradley and Delores Currie; and by one brother-in-law, Bill Howard, all of Big Spring.

Pallbearers will be Jerry Foresyth, Ray Bluhm, George Perry, Terry Carter, Larry Ringener and Floyd Morehouse.

The family suggests memori-

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als be made to the donor's favorite charity.

The family will be at 2504 Lynn.

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

Paid obituary

Wilbur Townsend

Service for Wilbur F. Townsend, 59, Big Spring, is pending with Myers & Smith Funeral Home & Chapel.

He died Tuesday, March 28, 2000, at Midland Memorial Hospital.

Albert Salazar

Service for Albert Salazar, 52, Big Spring, is pending with Myers & Smith Funeral Home.

He died Wednesday, March 29, 2000, at University Medical Center in Lubbock.

COUNCIL

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sizable items Big Spring City Council members signed off on Tuesday. Another was a \$153,900 excavator for the upkeep and maintenance of Beals Creek. That bid was awarded to Continental Equipment of Abilene and will be paid for from the Beals Creek fund, city officials said.

The council also approved up to \$60,070 for engineering services for the Capehart sewer line replacement project. That bid was awarded to Parkhill, Smith & Cooper of Lubbock.

Up to \$195,000 could be spent on asphalt and aggregate for the city's upcoming summer seal-coating project, the council decided. That includes base bids of \$71,037.40 on 101,482 gallons of asphalt from Final Oil and Chemical and \$89,581.84 for 3,383 cubic yards of aggregate from Laredo Paving, plus options to increase the amount of both, if desired.

In other business, the council approved \$2,300 as its share of a coalition of cities to support a steering committee of the TXU Electric service area. Officials are expecting TXU to ask for a rate increase in the near future and the steering committee will hire a consultant to represent the cities in that regard.

Also approved was a bid of \$12,595 to U.S. Underwater of Burleson to inspect the city's water tanks. Officials said that amount should be decreased by some \$2,000 because inspection on two of the tanks has already taken place.

TRASH OFF

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and volunteers at Scenic Mountain Medical Center who will be providing lunch for the Trash-off participants between noon and 1 p.m.," said Simmons.

According to Simmons, the food will be served on the northwest corner of the hospital. Anyone wishing to have lunch at SMMC that has not been in contact with her should call her at 263-4607 or call Amber Rich, director of business resources for SMMC at 267-1314.

The city will again furnish dumpsters to be located just east of Dunlap's on the south service road and at the Big Spring Herald lot near the recycling bins. Trash bags are furnished by Glad Bags, one of the

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to suffer?" We just don't know, but there is an answer, there is a purpose."

Stanley went on to say that sometimes after a tragedy, people have a tendency to turn away from God. Others, he said, turn toward God for strength and comfort. "Now is the time to turn to Him," Stanley said.

Preston Harrison of New Life Fellowship also addressed the gathering.

Harrison began by reading from Genesis 1, verses 3 through 5. He said now is the time to stand behind the family. "Get behind these people and stand with them," Harrison said. "I believe we serve a mighty God and if it is His will, He can bring Dalton back as He did with Lazarus."

Baskin led the congregation in singing "Softly and Tenderly," followed by a solo by Cherise Felty, titled "Peace."

The vigil ended with the congregation singing "Amazing Grace" and holding their lit candles.

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The sanctuary was covered with hundreds of flowers in many different colors and arrangements, as well as balloons with Winnie the Pooh on them.

Peyton's basket was open for viewing and a portrait of Dalton was displayed beside her. Two large easels displaying various pictures of the children enjoying themselves on holidays and at play were on display.

"Dalton and Peyton are in the arms of our dear Savior — safe, secure and blessed," said Rev. Colegrove.

"We could be called at any time. We don't know when our time is so we need to make the most of what God's Son has to offer," added Rev. Colegrove. "God wants you to keep on going to be a testimony for those kids."

LAKE

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clear the debris, rework the swimming area and fix the docks, among other things.

"It's going to have to be cleaned up," said Fuqua. "There are a lot of tree limbs and all. I would advise anyone using the

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lake to be extra cautious. I wouldn't personally take a boat out on it right now because of all of the debris."

Many of the campsites — including the newly renovated RV area — are still accessible and fine for campers to utilize, Fuqua said.

"It's a shame that this happened, but we needed the rain," he added.

JAIL

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present moment.

"The Commissioners Court is aware of our situation and in fact three of the commissioners visited the new Terry County facility at Brownfield and the new jail facility in Dawson County which is in Lamesa," he said.

Those commissioners that made the trip in December were Jerry Kilgore, Bill Crooker and Gary Simer.

Boy critical after bicycle struck by car

A 10-year-old Big Spring boy is in critical condition at University Medical Center in Lubbock following a car-bicycle collision Tuesday evening.

At approximately 5:30 p.m. Tuesday night, the Big Spring Police Department responded to a major accident at the 1500 block of Stadium involving a bicyclist and a vehicle.

The bicyclist, 10-year-old Bret LaMonda of Big Spring, was headed north at the 700 block of Circle when he apparently failed to yield right of way and was struck by a vehicle driven by 17-year-old Samantha Melchert of Big Spring. Melchert was headed west at the 1500 block of Stadium and apparently did not see the boy.

LaMonda was transported to Scenic Mountain Medical Center with severe head injuries and later transported by helicopter to University Medical Center at Lubbock.

BRIEFS

A SPRING DANCE SPONSORED by Hispanic Women for Progress is planned Friday at Big Spring High School cafeteria. The dance, for ninth through twelfth graders at the high school, begins at 8 p.m. and lasts until midnight. The cost is \$5 per person and music will be provided by a disc jockey.

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Albert Salazar, 52, died Wednesday. Services are pending.

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Tornadoes rip through Fort Worth area, killing four

FORT WORTH (AP) — Rescue workers hoped daybreak would give them a clearer picture of the damage the morning after two tornadoes swirled through the Fort Worth area, killing at least four people and injuring well over 100 others.

Authorities closed off the central business district and urged people who work downtown to stay home after one twister shattered windows in dozens of office towers, sending glass and debris crashing into the streets and leaving many buildings structurally weakened.

Fort Worth Mayor Kenneth Barr said rescuers planned to continue their floor-by-floor damage assessment at dawn with the help of a team of 100 specialists from the Texas Urban Search Rescue Team, a group the Texas Legislature created after the 1995 Oklahoma City bombing to respond to catastrophes.

"We've been to each building preliminarily, and we haven't found anybody. But we're bringing new search and rescue folks in as soon as it's daylight, so we're going to retry areas," said Pat Svacina, a spokeswoman for the city of Fort Worth spokesman. "We have no indication that there's any other victims, but we want to be sure."

The crash of glass breaking could be heard in the downtown area as workers early today began pushing pieces of win-

dows out of their frames. "Our biggest concern is getting the glass out of these tall buildings. That stuff, if it starts falling and we get winds here, it becomes flying objects, and experts tell us they could fly for several blocks. So we've got to keep people out of here and not have people in danger," Svacina said.

Two people died in the tornado itself, said Lt. Kent Worley, a spokesman for the Fort Worth Fire Department. One person was crushed inside a collapsed industrial building, and another was hit by flying debris.

Strong winds blew two other people from their car into the Trinity River. Their bodies had not been found, Worley said, and a search and rescue team was expected to resume searching at daybreak. Names of the victims were not available.

Based on reports from tornado spotters, Fire Chief Larry McMillen said the storm spawned two tornadoes. One took a northerly route, while the second moved southeast through the downtown area.

The storm arced in an east-southeasterly direction into Arlington and Grand Prairie, he said.

In Fort Worth, 89 people were injured. Four people were admitted to area hospitals. One person was in critical condition this morning, said Lt. David Burgess, public information officer of the Fort Worth Police

Department. Twelve injuries, all minor, were reported to the east in Arlington, and 82 people were left homeless, said Officer Brad Blackman with the Arlington Police Department.

"It's somewhat of a miracle that there aren't more injuries than we've found out about so far," Barr told reporters at a news conference with other city officials.

"The wind was blowing so fast and all the people were shouting. We don't want to die, we don't want to die," said Sanu Piya, a worker at Star City Fina gas station and convenience store in downtown Fort Worth, who huddled with others in the store as the tornado passed.

Sean Finley, manager of Reata, a popular restaurant on the top floor of the 35-story Bank One building in Fort Worth, said his business was destroyed. "Imagine a large bomb going off," he said.

"It got pretty hectic in here," said owner Mike Evans, who helped evacuate patrons and employees down 35 flights of stairs to safety. "We were doing some major yelling to get people out of there."

Jeffery Moore, a forecaster with the National Weather Service office in Fort Worth, said a team of experts planned to survey the damage in the morning to determine where on the Fujita Scale the tornadoes

TORNADO FACTS

FORT WORTH
Four dead
More than 100 injured, three critically

Widespread damage throughout downtown, including the 35-story Bank One building with Reata restaurant on the top floor; the Tandy Center; the Union Pacific Resources Plaza; the Cash America International building; the Renaissance Worthington Hotel; the Modern at Sundance Square museum; Calvary Cathedral International church

ARLINGTON
12 minor injuries
82 people left homeless
More than 100 homes damaged
Post office damaged
Texas Health and Human Services Center demolished

GRAND PRAIRIE
About 56 homes damaged

RIVER OAKS
Castleberry High School closed Wednesday because of broken windows and doors.

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would fall. Tornadoes range from F1, the weakest, to F5, where winds can exceed 300 mph.

Moore said another round of severe weather was possible. "This is spring in Texas. Unfortunately, spring in Texas means we do have a chance for severe weather all too often," he said.

Clinton receives bill lifting Social Security earnings limit

WASHINGTON (AP) — Without a dissenting vote, Congress sent President Clinton legislation repealing a Depression-era law that reduces the Social Security benefits of thousands of older workers. The president intends to sign the bill into law.

The bill, passed Tuesday by the House on a 419-0 vote, will scrap a law that would have cut benefits this year by \$1 for every \$3 a Social Security recipient age 65 to 69 earns in outside income above \$17,000.

"The victory today goes to the hundreds of thousands of older Americans who don't see retirement as an end, but as a new beginning," said Rep. Bill Archer, R-Texas, chairman of the House Ways and Means Committee.

About 800,000 people are directly affected, including 415,000 due refunds averaging \$3,500 each because of deductions made since Jan. 1 from their Social Security. In all, older workers or their dependents stand to gain \$6 billion in Social Security benefits this year, or \$6,700 each on average, according to the Social Security Administration.

The House had previously passed the bill unanimously, followed by the Senate 100-0 last week. The House's action Tuesday was necessary

because of minor changes made by the Senate.

Rep. Charles Rangel of New York, senior Democrat on the House Ways and Means Committee, called the legislation "long overdue" and said it demonstrates that Democrats and Republicans can work together.

"There are plenty of differences between our parties," Rangel said. "Certainly, there should be a lot of things we can agree on."

Although the legislation would not affect the financial soundness of the Social Security trust fund, it does carry a price tag of \$35 million to implement this year. Clinton has asked Congress to approve that amount for administrative costs and additional claims expected from people who delayed retirement because of the cap.

Social Security Commissioner Kenneth Apfel said the agency's computers will identify which people are affected and who gets retroactive payments. People should only contact the agency, he added, if they've recently changed their address or their bank.

About 7.5 million people between the ages of 62 and 70 who receive Medicare, Social Security or both will receive notices detailing the change.

44 percent of Census 2000 forms returned

WASHINGTON (AP) — Early census returns show that 44 percent of U.S. households had completed and mailed back their 2000 Census forms as of Tuesday.

Two weeks after most of the 115 million questionnaires were mailed out, the Census Bureau is more than halfway toward their goal of a mail response rate of 70 percent for this year's count.

"A national response rate of 70 percent would signal that the country has reversed a decades-long decline in civic participation," Census director Kenneth Prewitt said.

The response rate was 78 percent in 1970, 75 percent in 1980 and 65 percent in 1990.

Census officials remain cautiously optimistic about the response. They did several things differently this year to promote the count, most notably a \$168 million advertising campaign.

Massachusetts, Pennsylvania, Ohio and Nebraska had the highest return rates as of Tuesday at 51 percent.

Puerto Rico had the slowest response rate at 24 percent, followed by Mississippi at 28 percent and Louisiana at 32 percent.

Response rates for states, Puerto Rico and the District of Columbia, as well as local communities, will be updated on the Census Bureau's Web site at www.census.gov until April 18.

Mobile home fire kills eight in Georgia

ACWORTH, Ga. (AP) — A fire engulfed a mobile home early today, killing eight people, including an infant, authorities said.

Firefighters found eight bodies in the trailer after getting the fire under control, Cobb County Fire Department spokesman Mark Gresham said.

Authorities at first feared a ninth person may have been trapped in the charred remains but later said only eight people were in the trailer.

Acworth Police Sgt. Chuck Martin said a mother and an infant were among the victims. Although all of the victims were not immediately identified, Gresham said, "We feel that many of the victims were related." In addition to the infant, the other victims included teen-agers or young adults, he said.

Police said the fire at the Modern Living Mobile Home Park in Acworth, about 30 miles northwest of Atlanta, was

reported at 3:16 a.m. Gresham said the trailer was completely engulfed in flames when crews arrived, and authorities were told several people were inside.

Gresham said it took "just a matter of minutes" to get the fire under control. Once the fire was out, firefighters searched the mobile home and found the bodies.

A cause of the fire was not immediately determined, Gresham said.

Ex-commander calls aid program ridiculous

WASHINGTON (AP) — Sylvester Salcedo is normally not the kind to challenge the establishment. A retired Navy lieutenant commander, Salcedo received a Navy and Marine Corps Achievement Medal last year for "superior performance" in fighting narco-traffickers.

But in January, appalled at President Clinton's decision to ask Congress for \$1.6 billion over two years in counterdrug assistance to Colombia, Salcedo decided he must register a protest: He mailed his medal to the White House.

Salcedo believes efforts to interdict drug flows from South America are futile.

The money, he says, would be better spent on treating drug

addicts at home. The House was due to take up the Clinton proposal today, and Salcedo, who lives in New York City, was planning to be on hand, hoping to influence undecided lawmakers.

A key component of the aid package is 63 helicopters, designed to provide mobility for Colombia's counterdrug effort.

"Its chances for success are ridiculous," Salcedo said in a recent telephone interview. "It's impractical. There are just too many variables beyond our control."

Accompanying the medal he received was a certificate that cited his "professional achievement in the superior performance of his duties" and his "exceptional diplomatic

aplomb." He has seen the drug problem from both ends of the pipeline — from the supply side in Latin America and the demand side in Boston, where he worked for a time as a Spanish teacher in a low income area.

He received the medal after serving about 2-1/2 years with Joint Task Force Six, a Pentagon unit that provides military specialists to law enforcement agencies.

His assignment, among other goals, was to penetrate drug gangs.

Salcedo said he mailed the medal to the White House public liaison office. He has tried through e-mail and phone calls to communicate with that office, but without success.

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OUR VIEWS

Let's all join the Trash Off this Saturday

Let's talk trash. More than 300 volunteers will be doing just that Saturday for the annual "Don't Mess With Texas" Trash Off. It's a state-wide project, and one we can all be proud to be a part of.

These volunteers will take various areas of the community and using donated bags, will pick up the trash they discover there. One thing is certain — they will find a discouraging amount of trash. Last week's rains have uncovered a lot of debris around the city, particularly in areas such as Comanche Trail Park and along FM 700.

The deadline for groups to sign up to participate has — like so much trash — blown by the wayside. That doesn't mean you can't help, however. You can still join one of the 25 or so groups who have pledged to help. Or, form your own group of neighbors, workers, friends or family.

The important thing is to take the time to clean up Big Spring. It's our city and we need to be proud of it. The Trash Off also reminds us that it is up to each person to dispose of refuse properly. We at the Herald participate in the trash off, and we're always amazed at the amount of bottles, cans and wrappers we pick up at Comanche Trail Park. It's a shame that some people just don't seem to get it. They don't understand that if everyone threw their trash on the ground instead of a container, there would be no park. There would be no nice picnic grounds, no Kid's Zone, no ball fields. They'd all be buried under a heap of refuse.

So join us Saturday, if you can. Help us make our community brighter. Let's talk some trash.

YOUR VIEWS

TO THE EDITOR:

We are seeking information about Homer and Edna McKinley, long time residents of Glasscock County. They both died in the 1970s and were childless.

We are writing a family history and would like to gather as much information as possible.

If you knew the McKinleys,

have an anecdote to share, or any information, we would appreciate hearing from you.

Please call 398-5546, e-mail jbranham@crcom.net, or write to: Jaynie Branham, 18201 U.S. Hwy. 87, Big Spring, Texas 79720.

Thank you for your help. Sincerely,

JOHN & JAYNIE BRANHAM
BIG SPRING

OTHER VIEWS

PETA (People for the Ethical Treatment of Animals), arguably the world's most humorless animal rights organization, now says it was only kidding in its campaign to encourage beer drinking instead of milk consumption.

If the group's policy-makers think that drunken driving is a joke or that drunkenness on college campuses is one big laugh, then it's obvious that the ethical treatment they propose for animals doesn't extend to human beings.

Bolstering beer drinking on college campuses while officials at those schools are fighting a tough battle to reduce alcohol consumption is hardly ethical.

THE (YOUNGSTOWN, OHIO) VINDICATOR

Convicted bomber Timothy McVeigh recently vented his spleen on the nationally televised "60 Minutes" program, using that forum to rant against the federal government for everything from the Persian Gulf War to the incidents at Ruby Ridge and Waco.

McVeigh even complained that nationally disseminated

pictures of him clad in a jailhouse-orange jumpsuit helped convict him of the 1995 bombing of the Murrah Federal Building in Oklahoma City. Oddly, McVeigh never claimed to be innocent of the charge, but merely said he wants a new trial.

We'll leave it to the judicial system to determine whether McVeigh's motion for a new trial has merit. In the meantime, we have to wonder what led the producers of "60 Minutes" to give McVeigh such an opportunity. What did they expect him to say?

We understand that programs like "60 Minutes" look for stories that will boost ratings, but that doesn't mean they have to air an interview just because it is on tape.

The jurors who convicted McVeigh had no doubt that he was guilty of the cold-blooded murder of 168 innocent people. Giving him a national forum in which to vent his sick ideas is not our idea of good television programming. Spare us, please.

SOUTH BEND (INDIANA) TRIBUNE

An open letter to a former presidential candidate

Dear John: Your initial battle is over, an extraordinary campaign in which you rose from poll numbers within the statistical margin of error to mount a credible race for the nomination...



JEFFREY HART

What you must be considering is... 1976. That year, Ronald Reagan mounted a serious challenge to an incumbent president, Gerald Ford.

Ford was a weak candidate in 1976, even with the power of the Oval Office behind him. He had pardoned Richard Nixon, which was probably a courageous though unpopular move; he was something of a figure of fun, verbally challenged; and his answer to inflation was the WIN button, "Whip Inflation Now."

Reagan had finished his tenure as governor of California and immediately commenced running for president, speaking widely, publishing a syndicated column and gathering his forces for 1976. He was the leader of a nationwide conservative movement.

He probably would have defeated Ford for the nomination had it not been for a colossal blunder in New Hampshire.

On the advice of aides, Reagan proposed an \$86 billion cut in federal programs. He suggested that the states could vote on such taxes as they had been run from Washington.

This was sound enough for a seminar thesis. The trouble is, New Hampshire had no state income tax, didn't want one and was perfectly happy as a low-tax state.

Reagan bombed in the New Hampshire primary, recovered in the South and arrived in Kansas City, Mo., with a huge block of delegates. Ford squeaked in. After his nomination, with Bob Dole as his running mate, he prevailed upon Reagan to speak from the platform — to "unite the party."

The speech Reagan gave — eloquent, technicolored, idealistic — rocked the convention. Ford delegates left thinking they had nominated the wrong man. Reagan did not once mention Ford in this speech.

In the campaign, Reagan supported Ford the way the rope supports the hanged man. He campaigned for Republican congressmen and officials who supported him on a stronger Cold War policy, sound money, anti-welfare programs and deregulation. Ford did not help his cause by declaring, in a debate with Jimmy Carter, that Poland was not under Communist domination.

Reagan was already running for 1980, when he won in a landslide against a weak and ridiculed Carter. The problem for you, John, is that unlike Reagan in 1976, you do not have a credible core program.

Yes, you energized many new voters, and yes, you won the support of many independents and even many Democrats.

You think they were supporting your two main initiatives: "campaign-finance reform" along the lines of McCain-Feingold, and, less prominently now, your war on "Big Tobacco."

The truth is that most of those who voted for you in the primaries had little interest in either. In fact, they might have been hostile to both, as I am myself.

In a recent poll about issues voters think "important" in the year 2000, campaign-finance reform tied at 4 percent, along with abortion.

Those who supported you, as I did toward the end, supported John McCain as an individual, a man of eloquence and charm, with a conservative voting record and a heroic war past, a man relaxed under pressure and seemingly genuine. And, above all, a man who would beat Al Gore in a presidential debate.

Unlike Reagan in 1976 and 1980, you did not have any sort of coherent position that enlisted wide support. Your appeal was personal and not transferable.

The reason why the public is not interested in political money-raising is simple: People want the candidate who will

back the directions they care about. And, they think, the more money he or she raises, the better.

The reason why McCain-Feingold would be a disaster is that the Republicans/conservatives start far behind in getting their message out.

The Democrats start with a volunteer base in the major media, such as the TV networks (CBS, NBC, ABC), the major newspapers (The New York Times, The Washington Post, The Boston Globe, the Los Angeles Times and so on), in the national news magazines (Time and Newsweek) and in the universities — a major Democratic opinion monopoly. The Republicans can get their message out only by going over the heads of all this via television, and this costs money. "Reform" might be worked out, but not according to the restrictions of McCain-Feingold.

You are not Reagan, losing closely but with a popular coherent program in 1976.

You carried only a minority Republican vote against W., who will probably lose to Gore. What you lack is a set of issues that appeal to Republicans — you are "proud to be a Reagan Republican" — and can be used to establish your base. Reagan changed nothing to attract "Reagan Democrats" and independents.

Least of all did he put forth, as you did, condemnations of the "rich" and other leveling sentiments.

You have work to do.



An adventure way out west

We flew to California over spring break. The plane stopped in Las Vegas enroute and the landing was very rough. I asked the stewardess: "Did we landed on purpose or were we shot down?"



TUMBLEWEED SMITH

We went west to visit Disneyland with our 9-year-old grandson, Jackson.

When we arrived at the amusement park Tuesday morning, I actually had a lump in my throat. It was a sentimental moment. My last visit there was in 1975 when we took our two sons, then 11 and 8 years old. The deja vu made me feel 25 years younger.

The first thing I did was buy Jackson an exclusive Mickey Mouse Pin, the type sold only at Disneyland. He wore it on his shirt the whole trip.

There were some Disney characters greeting guests. We saw Minnie Mouse, the White Rabbit, Pocahontas and others.

I bought Jackson a Disneyland autograph book and ball point pen so he could get them to sign his book. He set a goal of 10 autographs. He reached it easily.

Jackson had a private visit with Mickey Mouse and has the picture to prove it. We rode the teacups, the Astro Orbiter, the Indiana Jones vehicle, the rocked rods, the space mountain roller coaster, the Disneyland Railroad and Monorail.

We explored Tarzan's tree house, toured the Haunted house, visited the small world, experienced Peter Pan's flight, Snow White's scary adventures and Pinocchio's daring journey into the belly of a whale.

Jackson said it was the best day of his life. By the way, the weather was perfect, despite predictions of rain the previous week.

Wednesday morning we boarded AMTRAK and spent 12 hours getting to San Francisco. It is something everyone should do once.

The ocean is to the left; the strawberry fields, almond trees and grape orchards are on the right. The scenery is spectacular.

Our son B.Z. met us at the train station. He has a recording studio in downtown San

Francisco and creates music for TV shows, movies, and web sites. He arranged a special treat for us on Thursday. We took the ferry to Alcatraz, where some of the most notorious criminals from the 20s to the 50s spent some time.

Our walking tour of the prison, known as "The Rock" was enhanced by a well-produced audio tape which we listened to with headphones.

Prior to becoming a prison, Alcatraz was a fort and a light-house. It's located in the heart of San Francisco bay, just a mile and a quarter from one of the most beautiful cities in the world.

Today, Alcatraz is a national park and has more than a million visitors a year.

Friday we headed back to LA by car. We got there in just six hours, half the time it took to make the trip by train. We went to Hollywood, ate on Wilshire Boulevard, saw Rodeo Drive, the famous shopping street, and drove through some beautiful neighborhoods.

Then we did something I had been wanting to do for some time: visit the La Brea Tar Pits. That didn't take much time at all.

We got on the plane and came home. We saw a lot in four days.

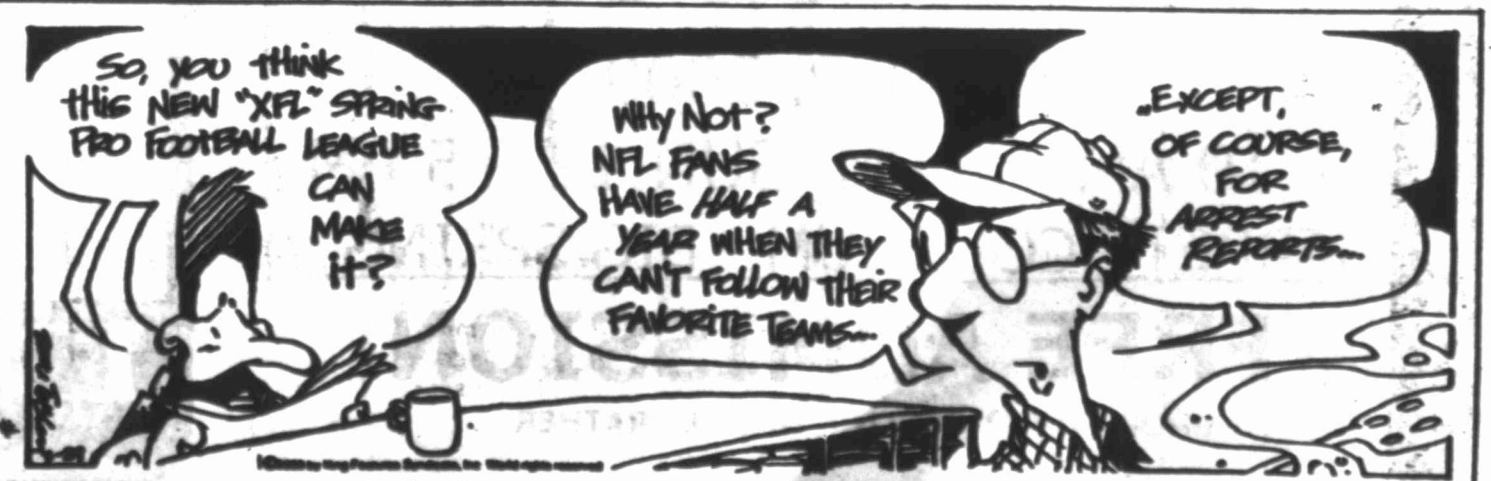
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Got an item?

Do you have a story idea for the life! section? Call 263-7331, Ext. 236.

More than the average volunteer

Stephenson's dedication recognized with region-wide award

By VALERIE AVERY
Herald Correspondent

One lumbering Christmas angel was all it took to hook Ruth Stephenson as a volunteer at Big Spring State Hospital.

After retiring in 1994 from a 24-year career as a public school teacher, she said she began looking for something to do.

"I think my daughter was afraid I wouldn't do anything," said Stephenson, a Midland native. "She took me to a Christmas program at (the hospital) where she had worked for many years.

"One of the things that touched me was this one patient who knelt and prayed. He was the biggest Christmas angel I had ever seen. And when I realized that we do so little with our abilities, and see what the patients strive to do with their limitations - it was just an inspiration.

"The people who work with the patients were so dedicated and so caring and devoted and professional. It just gave me a wonderful feeling about everything."

The emotional attachment Stephenson felt when watching the program, though, became a hindrance when she thought about working directly with patients.

"I had come with (daughter) Jennifer and she brought me out here on a couple of units to



Courtesy photo

Ruth Stephenson looks over paperwork at the Community Relations Office at Big Spring State Hospital. She was recently named Volunteer of the Year for Region I of Texas Department of MH/MR.

see what services I could provide. I think I was too emotionally sympathetic. I didn't think I could do a good job. I went in to the Community Relations Office and told them I could file and work a computer.

"They had just lost a receptionist, and I told them I could do that. I haven't stopped

since," she said, laughing.

Stephenson is no casual volunteer who works only special events. She treats her work as a profession, working a full day each Tuesday and Thursday, driving in from her home in Midland.

The difference is that she draws no paycheck.

Her dedication to Big Spring State Hospital and the Volunteer Services Council earned her the coveted Region I Volunteer of the Year Award, which will be presented this weekend at the annual Volunteer Services State Convention.

Stephenson was selected from among volunteers at all of the Texas Department of Mental Health/Mental Retardation centers, schools and hospitals in West Texas.

They included more heavily populated areas such as Amarillo, Midland, Odessa, El Paso, Lubbock, Abilene and San Angelo.

The award is one of the highest a volunteer can receive, Big Spring State Hospital Community Relations Director Billie Russworm said.

"I think the nominating committee could see the dedication she has to Big Spring State Hospital," Russworm said. "I'm not sure how we could operate without her. She has a full concept of what needs to be done. She does a lot of paperwork and lets us concentrate on recruiting volunteers and directing them. Ruth is pretty much priceless."

Stephenson said she enjoys her "second career."

"It's a kind of ministry," she said. "And I've never had so much fun working. The pressure is on myself. I just believe in everything that is being done in this office."

Walk Across Texas: Fun and habit-forming

You have probably heard of "Waltz Across Texas," but what about "Walk Across Texas." Do you think you and a group of friends could walk across Texas and develop a healthy exercise habit?

Walk Across Texas is an eight-week program sponsored by the Texas Agricultural Extension Service that could spark some friendly competition in Howard County. Teams of eight will compete to see who can log the most miles walking, jogging or even biking. The kickoff for the Howard County Walk Across Texas program is April 15 during the Big Spring Area Health Fair. The time is now to begin forming your teams.

Each team will elect a team captain who will keep track of mileage walked, jogged or biked as reported by team members. The captain will report the mileage to the county extension office, where it will be posted so that teams can come by and check their progress.

The team that walks the farthest will be recognizing at a closing ceremony in June. But

all participants come away with benefits, the healthy habit of walking for exercise.

Many people are unaware of the positive benefits of exercise. According to the American Heart Association, heart disease is the number one health problem in the United States. The risk of heart disease could be significantly reduced by regular exercise.

According to the Texas Department of Health, the positive effects of physical activity are not limited to lowering the risk of heart disease. Not only does regular exercise help relieve stress and anxiety, "physically active people outlive inactive people," according to a TDH report.

Participating in Walk Across Texas is not only a great way to get involved in the community, it is a healthy habit. To participate, get a team together. Biking and jogging teams are limited to four people. Choose a team captain and a name for your team.

Fill out a registration form available at the Howard County Extension office located in the basement of the Howard County Courthouse, 300 Main St. in Big Spring. There is a minimal registration fee for each team entry.

For more information, call Extension Service at 264-2236.

Dana Tarter is Howard County Extension Agent, family and consumer science.



DANA TARTER

Homeless women Domestic violence mostly to blame for growing numbers

AMARILLO (AP) - She was a happily married woman in a promising career until her husband found someone younger and prettier.

Kelly Smith (not her real name) said her ideal life "plummeted into despair."

Depressed, Smith lost her job and her self-esteem. She drifted aimlessly, mooching off friends until she hooked up with a guy who promised love, happiness and all the booze she could drink.

After draining every penny of her savings, Smith ended up living in Ellwood Park with people she describes as "society rejects."

Drunken brawls with her boyfriend left her bruised and bleeding. There are whole days she simply can't recall.

But Smith was lucky.

After six months on the streets, an outreach of community and church workers encouraged her to enter the Northwest Texas Healthcare System Pavilion, where she overcame her substance abuse.

In two weeks, she was ready for Martha's Home, one of several city shelters for homeless women, funded, in part, by the city of Amarillo Emergency Shelter Grant program.

Today, Smith has a job, an apartment and plans for the future.

But memories of those months in the park still haunt her.

Amarillo social workers say the number of homeless women increases each year.

According to research com-

pared by the U.S. Conference of Mayors, women and children are the fastest growing group of homeless, accounting for about 40 percent of people who hit the streets.

Many, like Smith, suffer from depression or a host of mental health disorders, said Tim Bowles, director of Homeless Services at Texas Panhandle Mental Health Authority.

Though many factors can send a woman into despair, Bowles said domestic abuse is one of the biggest causes.

Most of the women who leave a bad situation have never worked and have no clue where to go or how to get help, he said.

The saddest victims are the children.

Bowles remembers one woman and her 4-year-old daughter who were living in an abandoned bus.

"They were sitting in my office, and the little girl asked if she could go to the bathroom," he said. "When I said she could, she asked if she could also wash her hands because she and her mom didn't have a bathroom."

"For some reason, that just hit me hard. That child knew her situation. She just wanted to focus on all the rest," he said.

Though federal welfare programs have been slashed, assistance for homeless women and children still exists, Bowles said.

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Real Erin Brockovich ready for PG&E sequel

KETTLEMAN HILLS, Calif. (AP) - In the No. 1 hit "Erin Brockovich," many moviegoers are seeing how a brash young legal secretary forced Pacific Gas & Electric Co. to pay a record \$333 million settlement for poisoning the water in a small California desert town.

The movie's story of environmental villainy is only the beginning of the legal and public relations nightmare Brockovich has created for the utility company.

A bigger, broader lawsuit is headed to trial in November against San Francisco-based PG&E and one of its main suppliers.

About 1,500 employees, their families, other residents and farmers who lived or worked near three PG&E gas-compressor plants contend their water supplies also were contaminated with harmful levels of cancer-causing chromium 6 from the 1950s to the 1970s.

The tough-talking, streetwise Brockovich is trying to find every last person who may have been exposed. Being portrayed on screen by Julia Roberts hasn't hurt. In the

movie's first week, 40 to 50 potential plaintiffs called.

"We won't feel resolved - morally, ethically, or legally - until we have found everyone we were supposed to," said Brockovich, 39. "And I will keep working until we do."

PG&E has said little about the accuracy of the movie or its effect on the litigation.

"Our general response with respect to the movie is just that we recognize it's a dramatization. It's an entertainment vehicle," spokesman Greg Pruett said. He added that PG&E officials "don't really have any thoughts" about how the film might affect the company's image or influence jurors.

"I will say this: I do believe that when the case is brought to trial, we will mount a very spirited and vigorous defense," he said. "And we are confident we will be successful in that defense."

Brockovich, who was hired by lawyer Ed Masry even though she had no college degree or technical experience, was looking at files for a real estate case in 1992 when she found medical reports about

low T-cell counts and other blood problems among residents of the town of Hinkley.

Curious, she drove her beat-up car out to the Mojave Desert town - about 130 miles north of Los Angeles, near the Arizona state line - and began a quest that lasted four years.

"Erin did most of the work," Masry, played by Albert Finney in the movie, said of the research that uncovered the Hinkley pollution scandal that brought compensation for 652 Hinkley residents in 1996.

Brockovich earned \$2 million for herself. But she wasn't done snooping around.

Suspecting similar problems at other PG&E plants, Brockovich and Masry drove out to Kettleman Hills in California's Central Valley, where employees and their families once lived onsite in a complex they called Camp PG&E.

Masry looked at the cooling towers and the buildings abandoned in the mid-1980s and saw no sign of contamination. He told Brockovich to drop it.

She noticed a white powder on the needles of the tamarisk trees, an abnormality she

remembered from Hinkley. And soon, she was at it again, mining records and tracking down anyone who lived or worked at Kettleman.

Among the boxloads of documents she copied was a 1964 letter from the U.S. Interior Department notifying PG&E about unhealthy levels of chromium 6 in Kettleman's water well.

The Kettleman plaintiffs accuse PG&E of contaminating the water they used for drinking, bathing, swimming and watering crops. They say the water gave them everything from nosebleeds to fatal diseases.

The case also includes about 150 people from Hinkley who missed out on the first lawsuit and about 20 from a plant in nearby Topock who also claim they were sickened by chromium. Also being sued is Betz Laboratories Inc. of Pennsylvania, which supplied the chromium, one of the chemicals used to cool natural gas.

Unlike the lawsuit depicted in the movie, PG&E has not

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State by state, Americans called healthier than ever

ATLANTA (AP) - Mississippians battle the bulge with less success than the rest of us - 22 percent of them are obese - while nearly 25 percent of Texans have no health insurance, and more than half of North Dakotans say they don't always wear a seat belt.

Which state has the most drinkers? Wisconsin, where residents also confessed to the most binge drinking.

The findings come from the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, which on Thursday released a survey of health behavior broken down by race and ethnic

groups for each state and Puerto Rico.

The numbers, culled from 1997 telephone interviews with 134,000 people, highlight continuing disparities between whites and other racial groups when it comes to such factors as high blood pressure, obesity and lack of access to medical care.

The report, which contains data on 20 health topics, is the first time the CDC has collated such a wide range of information for each state on a comparative basis, said the report's author, Julie Bolen of the CDC's National Center for Chronic Disease Prevention and Health Promotion.

The report is intended to help state health departments compare their prevention activities to those of other states.

"This is the first time we've put it all under one cover to compare states," she said. "It's a good chance for people across the country to see how they're doing."

Texas led the nation in the percentage of uninsured residents mainly because of its large Hispanic population. Nearly half of the state's Hispanics - 44.9 percent - said they had no health insurance. By contrast, only 6.1 percent of Hawaiians said they had no insurance.

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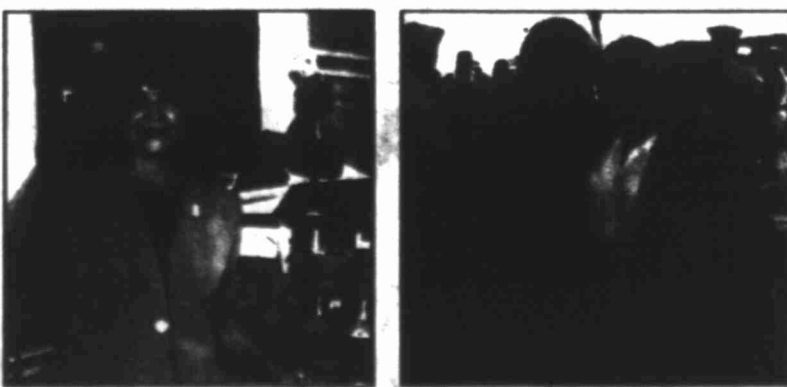
WHERE ARE THEY NOW?

Maria Mata, who lived in Big Spring from 1967-1993, now has a popular Latin radio program in Pensacola, Fla. The Big Spring High School graduate started the program in 1994 on WRNE 980 AM, and has since last year been also doing the show as a live broadcast for television also.

Mata's work at the station drew the attention of Good Morning America, which taped a segment there in May 1999, taping about 15 minutes of her working on the air.

Her "day job" is manager of the Cubi Point Cafe kitchen at the National Museum of Naval Aviation, where she has a staff of six.

Two of Mata's brothers as well as her parents, Miguel and Belen Mata, still live in Big Spring.



Maria Mata, above, got to meet Diane Sawyer when Good Morning America filmed a segment that included footage of her Latin radio program in Pensacola, Fla.

FOR YOUR INFORMATION

THE FORSAN INDEPENDENT SCHOOL District will begin taking applications for transfer students for the 2000-2001 school year on Monday, April 3, from 9 a.m.-3 p.m. New applicants will need to go to the business office at the Forsan campus to complete paperwork and have an interview. Parents need to bring a copy of the student's records if possible. Call 457-2223, ext. 220, for more information. No applications will be given out early.

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PLANS ARE IN THE works for the annual dog show sponsored by the Big Spring Kennel Club. The event is set for April 29-30 at Dorothy Garrett Coliseum. Judging will begin Saturday morning, and spectators are always welcome to attend. There is no admission fee.

There will also be opportunity to talk with dog breeders and owners, exhibitors and vendors.

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HOMELESS SEQUEL

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Housing and Urban Development Section 8 programs provide rent and utility assistance. Medicaid pays for health care. Food stamps buy groceries.

Many agencies also offer job training.

Assistance programs usually have a waiting list of six to 10 months, Bowles said. That can be a problem for women living in shelters.

"If the housing situation doesn't work out before shelter time expires, the woman is more likely to go to the streets or an abusive situation," he said. "Or she'll turn to self-harmful things like drugs and prostitution."

Amarillo's emergency shelter facilities — Salvation Army and Faith City Mission are the largest — meet short-term needs.

But at the end of the stay, many persons still are homeless, according to information compiled by the city of Amarillo.

Smaller shelters that offer outreach, training, case management and/or job referrals, stay at full capacity and often turn away homeless families.

At Martha's Home, director Susan Kirkes tries to get women plugged into community services as quickly as possible.

Though the home provides three months' shelter to women, Kirkes said she will extend stays for those who need more time to get established.

But her tenants aren't coddled.

"We're strict here," Kirkes said. "The women have to find a job in order to stay."

They're also expected to help around the house with cooking and other chores. Moms are encouraged to attend parenting classes; addicts go through the necessary treatment programs.

Kirkes' role is cheerleader, encouraging women to become self-sufficient and put their lives back together.

In the end, she said, 65 to 70 percent of the women at Martha's Home find a job and move into a home or apartment.

What scares Kirkes is the increasing number of women who are trying to overcome substance abuse — and the alarming number of homeless young mothers with more than one child.

Those are typically the women who don't make it, she said. Like one mother with a 10-day-old baby who returned to the guy who dumped her when she was pregnant. Or the drug addict who went back to prostitution "because it was a comfort zone. She wanted a straight life so badly, but she didn't think she deserved success," Kirkes said.

At the Downtown Women's Center, Abba House is a shelter with an emphasis on training homeless women to learn new skills.

More importantly, the women rebuild their self-esteem, said Life Skills director Jack Hilton.

Hilton said he is proud of one teen mom who managed to turn her life around in just a few months.

While earning her high school general educational development diploma, he said, the shelter resident learned a variety of basic skills, including typing. Soon she was accessing career information on the Internet and printing out a resume.

She trained in food service in the center's Cup of Kindness Sandwich Shop at Sunset Center. Two weeks later, Hilton said, she was hired as a food technician in a nursing home.

"She's also enrolled in college," he said. "Right now, she's waiting for housing to become available."

Kirkes describes Amarillo as one of the "most wonderful communities with agencies, churches and service organizations eager to help women in need."

Bowles said having the TPMHA program and other services for homeless people located at the Tyler Street Resource Center eases the process.

Smith, who still relies on public transportation and the kindness of strangers, said she has put her faith in God.

"People ask me, 'How did you pull out?' and I tell them it was with God's help," she said.

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offered binding arbitration, which would bring a swift outcome. Lawyers for the plaintiffs say PG&E is trying to prolong the proceedings so that there will be fewer survivors.

PG&E declined to respond to that allegation or any other related to the lawsuit.

Gary Praglin, one of the lawyers for the plaintiffs, said at least 50 people have died since the case was filed about five years ago.

Their illnesses include cancer, kidney and liver diseases, serious respiratory problems and colon diseases like Crohn's.

Ruth Ann Vaughn, who spent the first 10 of her 47 years at Camp PG&E, recalls the innocent days she spent floating boats carved from Ivory soap in the cooling ponds, or being sprayed by the mist from the cooling towers as she rode on the handlebars of her brother's

bike to buy bubblegum from a company snack machine.

She blames chromium exposure for her Crohn's disease and the loss of her sister and mother, who died of multiple organ failure in the early 1990s. And she wants PG&E to pay.

"They need to take care of the people they've harmed," Vaughn said, her voice cracking. "They've killed innocent children, moms, dads and families, for profit."

Oscars watched by 79 million.

NEW YORK (AP) — An estimated 79 million Americans watched at least some of the lengthy Academy Awards telecast, with the average audience slightly larger than last year, Nielsen Media Research said Monday.

The show had a 29.2 rating and 48 household share. The average audience tuning in to at least part of the telecast was 46.3 million people.

With "American Beauty" and its lead actor, Kevin Spacey, winning the big awards, the

Oscar telecast stretched to more than four hours. That came despite promises from producers to move things along.

ABC officials were somewhat surprised to find the national ratings up slightly. Earlier on Monday, the overnight ratings based on measurements from the nation's top metropolitan areas forecast a small decline in viewership.

The Oscars are traditionally the highest-rated entertainment special of the year.

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IN BRIEF

Gwyn throws one-hitter in Lady Steers' 1-0 win

Big Spring's Lady Steers held onto their share of the District 5-4A softball lead Tuesday, as freshman pitcher ace Christina Gwyn tossed a one-hitter in a 1-0 win over Andrews' Lady Mustangs.

Gwyn struck out 14 batters, an Andrews single in the fifth inning being the only blemish on an otherwise perfect outing.

The Lady Steers, now 19-4 overall and 4-1 in district play, scored the game's only run in the top of the third inning when center fielder Kaci Acric reached base on an error and swiped second before Trista Casey ripped an RBI double.

The Lady Steers now play host to Sweetwater at 4 p.m. Friday at the Big Spring ISD Softball Complex.

Bulldogettes roll to 36-0 victory over Loraine

Coahoma's Bulldogettes remained perfect in District 2-2A softball play Tuesday with an easy 36-0 win over Loraine's Lady Bulldogs.

Junior Amber Bingham threw a one-hit shutout at the Loraine lineup, while Stephanie Sparks keyed the Bulldogette offense with a 5-for-5 showing at the plate.

The Bulldogettes, now 18-5 overall and 6-0 in district play, take a few days off before traveling to Jim Ned on Tuesday for a 4:30 p.m. district game.

Howard College preparing for rodeo's first go-round

A field of almost 500 collegiate rodeo competitors are scheduled to take part in this weekend's Howard College Rodeo at the Big Spring Rodeo Bowl.

Performances are scheduled for 7 p.m. Thursday through Saturday.

Slack events are slated for 9 a.m. on Friday and Saturday, with the short go-round starting Saturday night.

The nine events — bareback riding, calf roping, breakaway roping, steer wrestling, saddle bronc riding, team roping, goat tying, barrel racing and bull riding — will be featured in each of the rodeo's three performances.

Tickets for the rodeo will be \$5 each at the gate with children 12 and younger admitted free with an adult.

Seven YMCA swimmers selected for all-star meet

Seven members of the Big Spring YMCA swim team have been selected to participate in the West Texas All-Star Swim Meet set for April 15 in Lubbock.

Big Spring's representatives will be Will Liggett, Jessica Hughey, Ryan Hughey, Hanna Lester, Lauren Sage, Cameron Hughey and Kelly Sage.

All seven were selected to compete in the all-star event based on their performances at the West Texas A-B Championships held in February.

Little League umpires needed for new season

Officials of the Big Spring Little League Umpires Association say new umpires are needed for the upcoming season.

Prior experience is not necessary.

For more information, call Kevin Pirkle at 267-5053 or 264-0241.

Coahoma UGSA begins registration continuing

The United Girls Softball Association of Coahoma will hold registration from 6 p.m. to 8 p.m. today through Friday at the Coahoma Community Center.

Registration fees are \$20 per player and youngsters should bring their birth certificate.

ON THE AIR

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HIGH SCHOOL BASKETBALL
7 p.m. — McDonald's All-American High School All-Star Game, ESPN, Ch. 30.

Bulldogs roll to 8-0 win behind White's no-hit pitching

By RICHARD JACKSON
Herald Correspondent

COAHOMA — Senior Delvin White added a no-hitter to his impressive pitching resume Tuesday in leading Coahoma's Bulldogs to an 8-0 win over Tahoka in a battle of District 3-2A baseball powerhouses.

Both teams entered Tuesday's game unbeaten in district play, but by the time White and his teammates were through, Tahoka had been relegated to second-place status.

The fire-balling southpaw struck out 13 Tahoka batters, walked four and allowed one batter to reach base on a fielder's choice play.

Coahoma scored all the runs White would need in the bottom of the first inning when Mario Garcia led off with a single and stole second, setting the stage for an RBI double from Travis McMillan.

The Bulldogs made it 3-0 in the second inning when Luke Bowlin and Walt Bordelon laced consecutive singles and scored on a two-out single by Cody Teeler.

Coahoma erupted for the remainder of its runs in the bottom of the fifth inning when McMillan led off with a single and catcher Aaron Ovalle ripped a two-run homer to make it 5-0.

White followed with a single and was replaced by courtesy runner Lance Logan.

With one away, Bordelon doubled to

score Logan and scored himself a few moments later when Joe Wright singled. Wright advanced to second on a wild pitch and scored when Lance Montealeon added another single.

Tahoka managed to get out of the inning when Montealeon was cut down at second trying to stretch his hit into a double, but too much damage had been done.

"There were a couple of times there when Delvin had a little trouble, but he just seemed to get better and better as the game went on," Bulldogs boss Scott Lewis said following the win.

More importantly, Lewis was especially pleased with his team's hitting display, singling out Ovalle for his home run that all but nailed the lid on

Tahoka's coffin. "This was a big game ... out kids knew it and responded just the way we wanted them to," Lewis said. "It wasn't hard getting them ready to play Tahoka ... they were ready."

In addition to Ovalle's round-tripper, the Bulldogs got plenty of offensive power from Garcia, McMillan, Bordelon and White, as well as Teeler's two-run double.

Garcia went 3-for-4 at the plate to lead the Coahoma offensive effort, while McMillan, Bordelon and White each had a double and a single.

The Bulldogs now, take a break from district play, as they play host to Lubbock Christian in a 4:30 p.m. double-header on Friday.

Steers open 5-4A play with 6-5 loss

JOHN A. MOSELEY
Managing Editor

It wasn't pretty, but it was exciting.

Andrews' Mustangs didn't look like the state's defending Class 4A state baseball champions, but they managed to open District 5-4A play with a win Tuesday, holding off a late rally by Big Spring's Steers to claim a 6-5 victory.

Together, the Steers and Mustangs committed a total of 12 errors and none of the game's 11 runs were earned.

Nonetheless, a large crowd left Steer Park having spent an enjoyable afternoon.

For the Steers, however, the loss that left them with an 8-9-1 overall record was seen as a wake up call.

"We've just got to be more serious about practice ... have to work harder," noted Big Spring senior shortstop James Clements, who admitted being frustrated with his 0-for-3 showing at the plate.

"We need to do a better job of driving the ball and stop popping it up," he added.

The Steers could also use a little luck when it comes to injuries, as well.

Having already reconciled themselves that catcher Ryan Guinn, who underwent back surgery last week, would be unavailable for the remainder of the season, the Steers received more good news on Thursday when Clint Bamert, Big Spring's projected starting pitcher for the district opener, suffered a broken collar bone during workouts last Wednesday.

It was the fourth time Bamert, the Steers' first baseman when not handling mound duties, has broken his collar bone and it is doubtful he'll return to the lineup.

Andrews, which lost much of last year's state championship squad to graduation last May, managed to survive seven errors thanks in no small part to a sterling relief performance by sophomore Brock Johns.

While the Mustangs jumped out to an early lead and seemed en route to an somewhat easy win, Big Spring made things interesting in the bottom of the fifth inning, turning a 6-1 Andrews lead into a paper-thin 6-5 edge.

The Steers mounted their rally when second baseman Willis Morrison and right field-



Andrews' Huber Rodriguez scores the Mustangs' second run in the first inning Friday, as Big Spring catcher Ricky Yanez bobbles the throw from first baseman Daniel Beauchamp. Andrews, the defending Class 4A state champions, managed to hold off the Steers for a 6-5 win in the District 5-4A opener for both teams.

er Jose Carnero led off the Big Spring fifth by reaching base on back-to-back errors charged to Mustangs second baseman Chris Ramirez.

After Clements flew out to deep left field, Steers reliever Ricky Solis drew a walk to load the bases.

That set the stage for first baseman Daniel Beauchamp who grounded to third where Andrews' Simon De La Cruz mishandled the chopper, allowing both Morrison and Carnero to score.

It looked as if Mustangs starter Steven Lopez might be able to stop the bleeding when he got Jay Kuykendall to pop out to shallow right field, but Andrews shortstop Brian Holt mishandled a grounder off the bat of designated hitter Bowe Butler, allowing two more Big Spring runs to score.

That was all Mustangs coaches could bear, and they called on Johns for relief.

The sophomore right-hander managed to save the day, getting Mike Smith to ground out

to first to end the inning. Johns then closed out the game with a couple of 1-2-3 innings, including four strikeouts.

Andrews jumped on top from the very outset, scoring three runs in the top of the first inning.

Holt led things off against Steers starter Jason Choate, lining to center field where Solis had the ball pop out of his glove as he attempted to make a diving catch.

Center fielder Huber Rodriguez singled to put runners at the corners and promptly swiped second before catcher Adrian De La Cruz drove in Holt with a ground out to short.

Simon De La Cruz added another RBI when he grounded out to third a designated hitter Tyson Dever kept things going by reaching base on an error.

Derek Hicks drew a walk on four straight pitches and Robert Boling followed by reaching base on an error that allowed Dever to score.

Andrews expanded its lead to

5-0 in the top of the second inning when right fielder Scott Kello led off with a walk and Holt followed with an infield single.

Rodriguez loaded the bases when he was hit by a pitch and when Carnero was unable to hold onto a liner off Adrian De La Cruz's bat, two more Andrews runs scored.

The Steers didn't manage to get on the scoreboard until the fourth inning when Beauchamp sent a towering shot to right-center field for a triple and scored on a two-out error charged to Lopez.

But the Mustangs, now 11-7 on the season, answered back in the top of the fifth, when Dever reached base on an infield single, swiped second and advanced to third on a throwing error charged to Steers catcher Ricky Yanez and scored on a sacrifice fly by Ramirez.

The Steers will try to rebound Saturday when they play San Angelo Lake View's Chiefs in a 2 p.m. game at Steer Park.

Lady Raiders' tourney run earned respect

LUBBOCK (AP) — It was supposed to be a rebuilding season for the Texas Tech Lady Raiders. What they built got them within one game of the Final Four.

"I'm really proud of them. They really exceeded everybody's expectations, except their own," coach Marsha Sharp said Tuesday night from her hotel room in Philadelphia, where the Women's Final Four will take place this weekend.

The Lady Raiders came within one game of getting there themselves. They lost 57-44 Monday night to Tennessee at the regional finals in Memphis.

"I thought that we were playing the best basketball we had all year," Sharp said. "We talked as a group about making sure that if somebody beat us, it was somebody we considered a special team. I think Tennessee fits that category."

The Lady Raiders finished their season 28-5, making the farthest trek into the NCAA tournament since 1995, when they also lost to Tennessee in the regional final, 80-59.

"If you can rebuild yourself into the Elite Eight you've done a great job," assistant coach Linden Weese said shortly after the team returned home to Lubbock.

"They didn't have any fears and they felt like they could play with anybody they stepped on the floor with. They just never backed down or backed away from anybody — even Tennessee. ... They know how close they were to the Final Four. A couple buckets here, and a couple rebounds there, and they would have been there."

After losing four seniors from last year's team, the Lady Raiders came into the season with six underclassmen and three seniors.

"We knew those shoes would be hard to fill and we knew that no one would expect us to get that far," senior forward Keitha Dickerson said.

But Texas Tech won all its nonconference games before starting Big 12 play with two losses. The Lady Raiders then rallied to share the Big 12 regular-season championship with Iowa State and Oklahoma.

"You had a group that felt it was their turn to be the ones that are really special to

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Iverson gets call, then the victory with last-second shot

The ASSOCIATED PRESS

Allen Iverson got the call, and that gave Philadelphia its seventh straight win.

Iverson had the ball in his hands with 1.8 seconds left in the game and the score tied at 100. Minnesota's Kevin Garnett was called for a foul when he tried to block Iverson's jumper, and he calmly sank both free throws, giving him 43 points and the 76ers a 102-100 victory over the Timberwolves on Tuesday night.

"He got me," Iverson said of the call that put him on the line for the game-winner. "The shot was off and he knocked me down."

Garnett saw it differently. "It was after the shot," Garnett said of the bump between the two. "I never argued that there was contact. The shot was way over the rim. If I fouled him, I think it would have come up short."

Garnett's coach agreed. "I think it was unfortunate how the game ended," Flip Saunders said. "I don't think you make that kind of call. I think that was a no-call, but that's me."

In other NBA games, it was Dallas 112, the Los Angeles Clippers 102; Houston 121, Golden State 86; Sacramento 103, New York 95; Orlando 122, Boston 87; New Jersey 111, Indiana 106; Atlanta 116, Denver 111; Miami 81, Phoenix 78; Toronto 99, Cleveland 96; and San Antonio 89, Portland 85.

The victory was Philadelphia's seventh straight, the 76ers' longest win streak in more than nine years.

Garnett had 31 points and nine rebounds for the Timberwolves, who had their six-game winning streak snapped. His jumper with 15 seconds left pulled Minnesota even for the first time since the first quarter. Then the 7-footer fouled the 6-foot Iverson.

It was the eighth time this season and 16th time in his career that Iverson has scored at least 40 points. Tyrone Hill had 18 points and 14 rebounds for Philadelphia.

Mavericks 112, Clippers 102
Michael Finley recorded his fourth triple-double of the season and fifth of his career with 20 points, 12 rebounds and 10 assists to lead Dallas to its fourth straight road victory.

Eric Piatkowski scored 28 points and second-year center Michael Olowokandi added a career-high 27 points for the Clippers, who have lost eight straight.

Kings 103, Knicks 95

In Sacramento, Chris Webber had his fourth triple-double of the season with 21 points, 10 rebounds and 11 assists as the Kings downed New York.

Predrag Stojakovic added 20 points for Sacramento.

Allan Houston had 33 points and Latrell Sprewell added 18 for the Knicks.

Spurs 89, Trail Blazers 85

Tim Duncan scored eight of his 36 points in the final 3:16 after David Robinson was ejected, and San Antonio rallied from 11 points down in the fourth quarter to win at Portland.

Robinson was ejected for heatedly arguing an offensive foul.

Scottie Pippen scored a season-high 25 points and Rasheed Wallace added 17 for the Blazers.

Rockets 121, Warriors 86

In Houston, Walt Williams had 20 points and 11 rebounds and Shandon

Anderson scored 20 points to lead the Rockets.

Golden State, which has lost six straight, was led by Larry Hughes' 22 points.

Nets 111, Pacers 106

Keith Van Horn and Stephon Marbury hit key baskets down the stretch as New Jersey held on to beat Indiana.

Van Horn finished with 30 points and Marbury added 28 points and 10 assists as the Nets snapped a three-game losing streak and extended the Pacers' losing skid to three games, matching their longest of the season.

Jalen Rose had 27 points and Austin Croshere added 15 and 10 rebounds for visiting Indiana, which saw All-Star Reggie Miller ejected in the opening seconds of the fourth quarter after picking up two technicals in three seconds.

Hawks 116, Nuggets 111

In Atlanta, Dikembe Mutombo and Alan Henderson each scored 24 points as the Hawks snapped a three-game losing streak.

Antonio McDyess had 28 points and 11 rebounds for Denver.

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NHL

National Hockey League Semifinals
At Madison Square Garden
New York
Wako Forest 62, N.C. State 59, OT
Notre Dame 73, Penn State 52

NBA STANDINGS

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

NCAA - MEN

THE FINAL FOUR
At The RCA Dome
Indiana
National Semifinals
Saturday, April 1
Wisconsin (22-15) vs. Michigan State (30-7), 4:42 p.m.

NCAA - WOMEN

THE FINAL FOUR
At First Union Center
Philadelphia
National Semifinals
Friday, March 31
Tennessee (32-3) vs. Rutgers (26-7), 6 or 8 p.m.

TRANSACTIONS

BASEBALL
ANAHIM ANGELS—Optioned INF Larry Barnes and INF Trent Durrington to Edmonton of the PCL.

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LADY RAIDERS

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watch," Sharp said. "I think they played very well in the underdog role. In that role, there is not a lot of pressure other than what you put on yourselves."

"They played harder than any group I've ever coached," she said. "For a lack of a better term, they went to war for me every day and that was something very special to watch."

"We felt like we were right where we needed to be," Schmucker-Pharies said. "We were going to stay in the game and make them fight. We felt like we were playing great defense."

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Irish, Demon Deacons advance to NIT's final

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While Notre Dame cruised past Penn State in the NIT semifinals, Wake Forest needed five extra minutes to beat North Carolina State.

The Irish routed the Nittany Lions 73-52, and the Demon Deacons outlasted the Wolfpack 62-59 in overtime Tuesday night to advance to Thursday night's National Invitation Tournament final.

Notre Dame (22-14) and Wake Forest (21-14) have never faced each other in basketball. Penn State (18-16) will play N.C. State (20-13) in the consolation game, which precedes the final.

Throughout the NIT, both Notre Dame and Wake Forest talked about showing the NCAA selection committee that it made a mistake by not giving them at-large invitations.

Both teams think their post-season runs have further strengthened their arguments.

"No one expected us to be here," Irish forward David Graves said. "No one expected us to be in the postseason, and it's a relief to prove everyone wrong."

Troy Murphy had 18 points and eight rebounds to lead the Irish past the Nittany Lions. Matt Carroll added 13 points, and backup Jere Macura 12 points and seven rebounds for the Irish, who shot 53 percent on 25-for-47 shooting.

"We showed how we can spread our offense out," Murphy said. "They couldn't focus on any one of our players."

Notre Dame used its stifling zone defense to hold Penn State to just 33 percent shooting from the field (18-of-54).

Joe Crispin led Penn State with 16 points on 6-for-12 shooting, including 4-for-9 from 3-point range, and Jarrett Stephens added 11 points and nine rebounds.

"We shot the ball very poorly," Penn State coach Jerry Meyer said. "It wouldn't have mattered who we played tonight. When you shoot that poorly, you're not going to win the basketball game."

Penn State trailed by double digits the entire second half, and Notre Dame led by as many as 22 when Murphy's

slam dunk at 2:28 gave the Irish a 70-48 lead.

"I was impressed with our guys' intensity and the way they maintained it for the second half," Notre Dame coach Matt Doherty said. "That's tough to do with a lead and against a dangerous team like Penn State."

It will be the fourth NIT final appearance for the Irish, and first since losing to Virginia in 1992.

"We're excited to be going to the championship game of the NIT against a good Wake Forest team," Doherty said.

Darius Songalla scored six of his 18 points in overtime to lead Wake Forest past Atlantic Coast Conference rival N.C. State.

"This was an old-fashioned ACC, Tobacco Road type of game," Demon Deacons coach Dave Odum said. "That's what happens when two evenly matched teams play."

Songalla made a layup off a pass from Robert O'Kelley with 58 seconds left to give Wake Forest a 58-56 lead in overtime. Songalla was fouled by Kenny Inge on the Demon Deacons' next possession with 35.9 left and made both foul shots for a 60-56 lead.

N.C. State's Tim Wells responded with a 3-pointer with 22 seconds left, closing the Wolfpack to 60-59.

But Songalla was fouled by Anthony Grundy with 13.7 seconds and made both free throws to seal it.

"It feels great to be in that situation where you're making key shots at the end of the game," Songalla said. "The most important thing for me was the confidence my teammates showed in giving me the ball when it counted."

Josh Howard had 14 points and Rafael Vidaurreta added 10 points and eight rebounds for Wake Forest, making its first NIT final appearance.

"It was a rough game, but we've been in those kinds of scraps all year long and we've always been able to come back," Odum said. "Truly for the first time this year, I'll be able to say to my players that they have the summer to rest."

Inge, Damon Thornton and Justin Gainey each had 10 points for N.C. State, which shot just 29.5 percent from the field on 18-of-61 shooting.

FINAL FOUR

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just outside the city at Cheyney State.

It will be homecoming from some players as well. Penn State's Andrea Garner and Rashana Barnes, Rutgers' Shawnetta Stewart and Tennessee's Kristen Clement all are Philly products. Look for those personal cheering sections to be a little larger and louder than usual.

And imagine how it must feel for Portland. The three other coaches all have been to the Final Four at least twice. This will be a first for Portland, in her 24th season as a coach.

"There's obviously (another) group of people that this means a lot to," she said. "A husband who for 24 years has watched this woman do anything she wanted. He did a heck of a job raising my three kids. They've allowed me to be me."

"And there's not many fami-

lies in this world that lets their mom be 100 percent themselves. I hope I've been a good mommy coach, so that made it special."

Penn State (30-4), the Big Ten champion, has improved steadily during the careers of its two senior leaders: Garner and Helen Darling. The Lady Lions have gone from a 15-12 record and no NCAA tournament berth when they were freshmen to a school-record victory total and a chance to win the national championship.

"We thought about it our first year," Darling said. "And she told us our first year we were going to be the class to take us to the Final Four. Here we are."

Connecticut (34-1) has reason to be grateful, too, even though the No. 1-ranked Huskies expected to get this far.

UConn won the national championship in 1995, returned to the Final Four in 1996 and just now is getting back for the first time since.

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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)
**** Opportunity strikes. Don't hesitate to plunge in and grab an offer. Another might be cynical or somewhat difficult. Listen, but don't take it personally. A boss could be very difficult as well. Use your interpersonal skills. Tonight: With friends.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20)
*** Others make demands, and you have mixed feelings about whether to meet them. Remember on which side your bread is buttered. Another's perspective makes you think twice. A parent cares about your well-being. Tonight: Reject negativity.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20)
**** You are challenged to take an overview and to not get caught up in details. Your perspective of a work matter could change because of a partner. Refuse to be negative. Listen to others; open up to new ideas and solutions. Consider taking a risk. Tonight: Catch up on mail.

CANCER (June 21-July 22)
*** A partner helps in ways you hadn't anticipated. Count on a friendship that can make a big difference for you. Revise work. Don't get stuck on unproven ideas. Ask for more support or help if needed. Recognize that you can't have

everything you want instantly. Tonight: Express your appreciation.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22)
**** Defer to others and listen to feedback. Another might not agree with you, but he presents another side of the story. A partner plays devil's advocate, helping you see another way of thinking. Work with others. Expect the best. Tonight: Say yes.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22)
**** Work takes high priority. Good news that comes your way early on could be tempered later. Recognize the source of another's resistance, and deal with that, rather than getting into an ego struggle. A family member could change his tune. Tonight: Soak away stress in a hot tub.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22)
**** Your ingenuity and appeal move a partner and open new doors. Be realistic; another could reverse his opinion just as easily. Brainstorm about work with those who can give you strong feedback. Tonight: Do something you enjoyed as a kid.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21)
*** Deal with your family and a domestic matter. You work well when everyone remains positive. However, negativity could cause your enthusiasm to plummet. A child or new friend could challenge you, encouraging a risk. Tonight: Play it low-key.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21)
**** You could be a lot harder on yourself than you are on anyone else. You have a strong reaction to another, and you need to relax and do some thinking. A family member clearly means well. Relax, and refuse to let day-to-day matters eat at you. Tonight: Change plans.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19)
*** Deal with finances. Don't be surprised if what appears, this morning, to be a good risk changes. Flow with others' moods. Visit and socialize. Try not to react too strongly. Make a budget and stick to it. Use

your good money sense. Tonight: Pay bills.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18)
**** You are unusually robust and enthusiastic. Enter a project positively, knowing what you want and expect. Your sensitivity is enhanced. A friend could change his tune quite a few times. Don't take his decisions personally. Tonight: It is your call.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20)
*** Say what you think, but don't be surprised by another's reactions. You can't always make the right call. Be more observant. You might need to play a boss differently. You simply don't see eye to eye with him today. Tonight: Get a good night's sleep.
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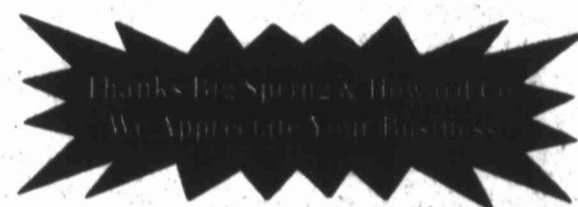
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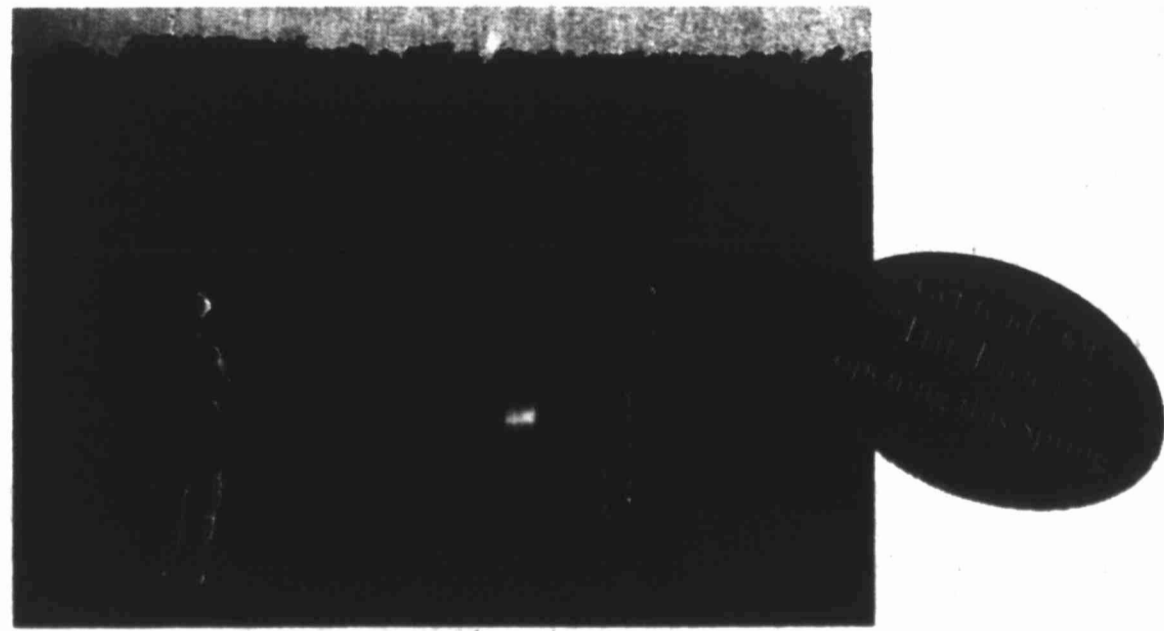
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2895 March 29, 2000

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NOTICE TO DEFENDANT
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TO Cecil Johnson Defendant.

You are hereby commanded to appear by filing a written answer to the Plaintiff's Petition at or before ten o'clock A.M. of the Monday next after the expiration of 42 days after the date of issuance of this citation the same being Monday the 17th day of April, 2000, before the Honorable 119th District Court of Howard County, Texas at the Court House of said County in Big Spring, Texas. Said Plaintiff's Petition was filed in said court on the 1st day of March, A.D. 2000. In this case, numbered 97-05-39122 on the docket of said court, and styled,

IN THE INTEREST OF BRIAN CHRISTOPHER LEWIS, TERRANCE LEWIS, DANIEL R. LEWIS, JOEY LEWIS AND MOBEY LEWIS, MINOR CHILDREN

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2895 March 8, 15, 22, 29, 2000

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Dated this 24 day of March, 2000.

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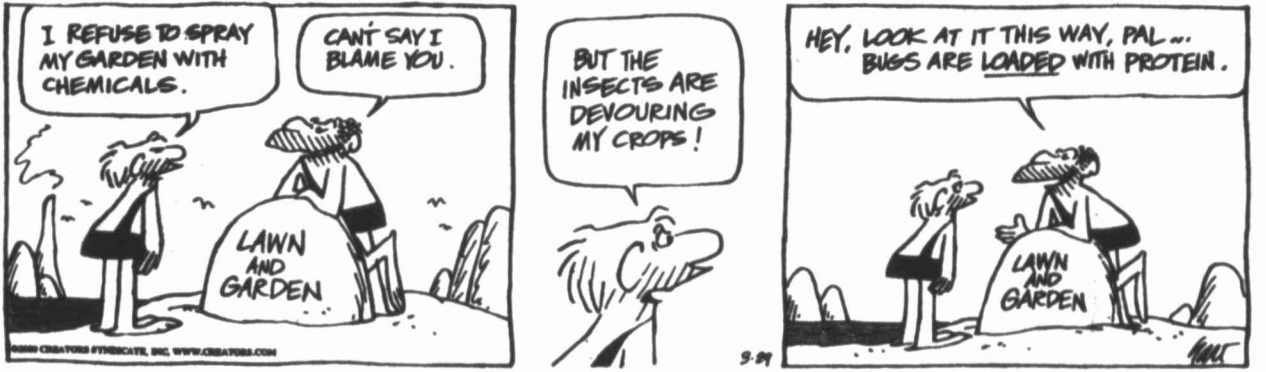
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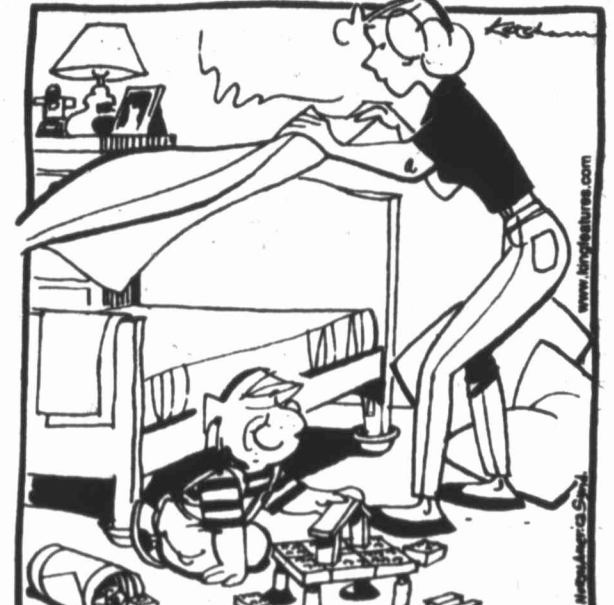
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THE Daily Crossword

Crossword puzzle grid with clues for Across and Down words.

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was born in Charles City County, Va. In 1847, victorious forces led by General Winfield Scott occupied the city of Vera Cruz after Mexican defenders capitulated. In 1867, the British Parliament passed the North America Act to create the Dominion of Canada. In 1882, the Knights of Columbus was chartered in Connecticut. In 1951, Julius and Ethel Rosenberg were convicted of conspiracy to commit espionage. (They were executed in June 1953.) In 1962, Jack Paar hosted NBC's 'Tonight' show for the last time. In 1971, Army Lt. William L. Calley Junior was convicted of murdering at least 22 Vietnamese civilians in the My Lai massacre. (Calley ended up spending three years under house arrest.) In 1971, a jury in Los Angeles recommended the death penalty for Charles Manson and three female followers for the 1969 Tate-La Bianca murders. (The sentences were later commuted.) In 1974, eight Ohio National Guardsmen were indicted on charges stemming from the shooting deaths of four students at Kent State University. (The guardsmen were later acquitted.) Ten years ago: President Bush, addressing the National Leadership Coalition on AIDS, declared his administration 'on a wartime footing' against the disease, and called for compassion, not discrimination, toward those infected with the virus. Five years ago: The House of Representatives rejected, 227-204, a constitutional amendment placing term limits on lawmakers. (The rejected proposal would have limited terms to 12 years in the House and Senate.) One year ago: NATO airstrikes against Yugoslavia continued for a sixth night. The Dow Jones industrial average closed above 10,000 for the first time, at 10,066.78. Connecticut beat top-ranked Duke, 77-to-74, for its first NCAA basketball championship. Legendary jazz singer Joe Williams died in Las Vegas at age 80. Today's Birthdays: Former U.S. Sen. Eugene McCarthy is 84. Actress Eileen Heckart is 81. British former Prime Minister John Major is 57. Comedian Eric Idle is 57. Composer Vangelis is 57. Singer Bobby Kimball (Toto) is 53. Olympic gymnast Kurt Thomas is 44. Actor Christopher Lambert is 43.

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