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April 12, 2000

WEATHER

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Businesses alerted to questionable solicitations

Crossroads Area residents are receiving what are known as "look alike" solicitations and the Better Business Bureau of the Permian Basin wants citizens to be sure and read them closely.

The latest edition is from a company called "Yellow Pages Company" of Orange County, Calif.

Though the company uses a telephone as part of its logo, close scrutiny of the solicitation indicates it is for the Internet. In fact, on the back, it reads: "Yellow Pages, Inc. is an independent publisher not affiliated with any telephone company."

"Most of the soliciting firms of this nature publish a directory of sorts, but the value and circulation of these publications may be questionable," said Dick Rowland, president of the Better Business Bureau of the Permian Basin.

WHAT'S UP...

☐ Eagles Lodge Ladies, Auxiliary, 7 p.m., Eagles Lodge, 704 West Third.

THURSDAY

☐ Gideons International. Big Spring Camp No. U4206O, Hermans, 7 a.m.

☐ Big Spring Senior Citizens Center Art Classes, 9:30 to 11:30 a.m. for 55 and

☐ Kiwanis Club, noon, **Howard College Cactus**

☐ Christmas in April, Board of Directors, noon, Lions Bingo Building.

☐ Friends of the Library, noon, Howard County Library.

☐ American Legion Auxiliary, 7 p.m. ☐ Masonic Lodge No. 598.

7:30 p.m., 219 Main.

FRIDAY

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

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

Brandin' Iron Restaurant. ☐ College Park Church of God, 5 p.m. until 8, chicken-

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Martin County Sheriff narrowly beaten in runoff, recount expected By BILL McCLELLAN

News Editor

First there was an election, then a runoff and now it appears there will be a recount.

In a narrow race, incumbent Martin County Sheriff Mike Welling was defeated in Tuesday's Democratic runoff by reserve deputy sheriff and former state trooper Miles Tollison, with 574 votes to 570. A similarly close vote in the March primary had Tollison edging Welling with 479 votes to 473. However, 72 votes received by a third candidate meant no majority winner, forcing Tuesday's runoff.

Welling could not be reached this morning, but County Clerk Susie Hull said the Democratic county chairman has told her office a recount can be expect-

"We heard through the Democratic chairman that he has made a verbal request for a recount. We are still waiting to receive that request in writing. But he has until Sunday or Monday to do that," said Hull.

Welling, 45, has been the Martin County sheriff since

Pending a different outcome in a recount, Tollison will face Republican nominee Randy Cozart — Welling's chief deputy - in November.

In the only other locally contested race Martin County, Jesus "Sonny" Garza, a foreman with Cap Rock Electric, defeated Precinct 1 County Commissioner Doyle Hale, 237 votes to 135. Garza will face

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Kelly earns Democratic nomination for U.S. Senator, will face Hutchison

HERALD Staff Report

Gene Kelly won the nomination for U.S. Senator in Tuesday's Democratic runoff and the right to oppose Republican incumbent Kay Bailey Hutchison in November that's by statewide count, not

Howard County's decision. Howard County voters - in a paltry turnout - favored Gandy, a former one-term state lawmaker, by a count of 37 to 19. However, it was Kelly, a sixtime loser in previous races. who got the statewide nomination. He outdistanced Gandy 143,970 votes to 102,315.

Just 113 Howard County residents voted in the party runoffs

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Murder trial

Witness testifies he showed Schubert how to load, fire gun on night of two killings

By CARL GRAHAM

Staff Writer

A witness testified Tuesday before a 118th District Court jury that he showed murder defendant

Michael Eugene Schubert how to load and fire a gun on the night two men were killed. Scott Bland,

who said he had known Schubert since **SCHUBERT** were

teens, also said he was in fear of a drive-by shooting that night. Schubert is on trial for the June 18, 1999, shooting deaths of Francisco Xavier Navarro and Antonio Miguel Armijo.

The 21-year-old Bland testified that someone handed Schubert a gun, and said Schubert stated

Furgueron said that when pro-

jects are rebid with no changes,

He said the work to be done

would include adding a demul-

tiplexer and lighting control

panel as well as a minimal

amount of speakers, a sound

control panel, a control booth

for technicians and a parallel

set of cables that would allow

individuals and groups to use

imal system?" said McEwen.

"Minimal? Do we want a min-

"Minimal but adequate," said

Furqueron, explaining that the

sound system would be good

for locally staged events, and

that any groups coming in

would likely bring their own

their own sound system.

the cost generally goes up.

he didn't know how to load it. Bland further testified he showed Schubert how to load it and to fire it.

The jury was asked to leave on two separate occasions when a dispute arose between District Attorney Hardy Wilkerson and defense attorney Robert Miller as to whether Bland was trying to protect Schubert.

Bland further testified that after Navarro and Armijo left the party, he and Schubert prepared for a possible return of the two in fear there would be a drive-by shooting.

Another witness, 23-year-old Cecilia Mendez, stated she arrived at the defendant's house around 11:30 p.m. on the night of the June 17. She said there were several people there and they were drinking beer and some were smoking marijuana. She said they had less than a 30-

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Big Spring hires attorney, puts employee policy on hold for now

By BILL McCLELLAN

News Editor

Big Spring has a new city attorney — on a part-time basis but personnel policy amend-

ments and recreational services are still on hold for city employees. Jean Shotts

Jr., a former Big Spring city attorney, now Lubbock, was hired to represent the city at

an annual salary of \$45,000.

Shotts will provide day-to-day legal needs of the city, attending council meetings, providing legal advice to department heads, boards and commissions and will represent the city in municipal court.

City officials said a full-time attorney would have cost the city approximately \$97,000 annually.

The council also referred to the Parks and Recreation Board a request from Mayor Russ McEwen to rescind the \$100 annual fee city employees are

Auditorium contract awarded on 4-3 vote

By BILL McCLELLAN

News Editor

morning at Jack & Jill. The kids are part of the prekindergarten class.

In a 4-3 vote Tuesday, Big Spring City Council awarded a bid for sound and lighting renovations at the Municipal Auditorium.

From left, Noel Martinez, Tandace Gillium and Desmond Henry sing a song about "Mr. Sun" this

The close vote wasn't a reflection on the winning bidder Johnston Construction Group of Big Spring — but rather on the fact that only one bid was received.

"I have a problem with one bid. I can't approve that," said councilman Stephanie Horton, who has been critical in the past when city projects have not generated multiple bidders.

"I can't either." said Chuck Cawthon, who joined Horton and Oscar Garcia in voting against the \$62,493 bid.

charged at Comanche Trail

Stephanie Horton, who was on

the council when it approved

the \$100 fee for city employees,

said she was not against drop-

ping the fee, but noted that

some people might object.

Park Golf Course.







The motion passed however. on "for" votes by Tommy Tune, Joann Smoot, Greg Biddison and Mayor Russ McEwen.

Council members questioned rebidding the project, but were told that it was doubtful anything would change. "At this point, this is our best

shot for getting this project done as cheaply as possible," said Phil Furgueron, architect.

"We might be opening a can of worms here," she cautioned. She noted that when the fee

was instituted, the golf course was losing money and that fees were being hiked for everyone. "We told everyone, 'We did increase your rates, but we are

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charging our people \$100, too," she said. "It was that kind of McEwen said it was a gesture

sound systems.

for a good job the city employees do. "How about the ball player?"

said councilman Greg Biddison.

"Are they going to get a break, too? What about the employees who don't play golf?'

"I guess I look at it the same way as the employees who don't go to Moss Lake," said McEwen, referring to the fact that city employees are admitted free to

"It's an employee fringe benefit, pure and simple," McEwen

councilman Chuck Cawthon's suggestion, the council decided to refer the matter to the Parks and Recreation Board for a recommendation.

Council members did not address a policy involving worker's compensation as anticipated, deciding instead to leave the topic tabled. At issue is a proposed change in the policy which would make it stricter. The council, in tabling the issue two weeks ago, questioned whether the proposed new policy was strict enough.

Currently, employees on worker's compensation are paid full salary for an undetermined length of time. The revision would pay employees for 90 days, at which time worker's comp would kick in. The

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Lack of interest causes ABWA to disband in Big Spring after awarding scholarships

By GINA GARZA

Staff Writer

After more than 40 years, the American Business Women's Association (ABWA) of Big Spring has disbanded due to

lack of interest. "We've had declining members for years,' Amber said Rich, president. "Business women have so many things on their plate and

it's hard to fit

in everything.'

The ABWA originally started during World War II. Women had to go to work

while the men went off to war. After the war, the men came back to reclaim their jobs and therefore, left women out of jobs due to lack of training and education. Thus, the ABWA was formed.

In the 1950s, two local ABWA chapters were established The Cactus Chapter and the Scenic Chapter.

After the Air Force base closed during the 70s and Big Spring's population decreased, membership declined, and in 1988 the two chapters merged, becoming the Scenic Cactus Chapter of ABWA.

The ABWA's main goal was to scholarships women's education.

The local ABWA chapter selected its final three scholar-

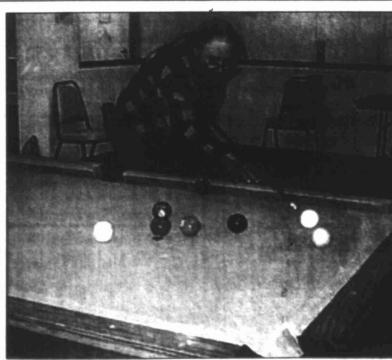
ship recipients Monday night during its last business meet-

Those receiving the scholarships are Jennifer Jones, a single mom with three children; Patricia Rosas, married with three children; and Jillery Armstrong, a senior at Big Spring High School. Each scholarship recipient will receive \$333 towards their education.

Also, during their meeting, the club announced its Woman

of the Year — Betty Kelley. Throughout the years, the club has also sponsored an art and crafts fair and auctions as well as clothing drives.

"We still have hopes of starting up again in the future when we have better membership,' said Rich.



HERALD photo/Debble L. Jensen Everett Smith, a resident of Canterbury South, practices his pool shots this morning at the retirement center.

George : **Vincent Pedro**

Graveside service for George Vincent Pedro, 47, of Odessa, formerly of Big Spring, will be 3 p.m., Wednesday, April 12, 2000, in Trinity Memorial Park with the Rey. Chris Coleman officiating.

Mr. Pedro died Monday, April 10, at his residence after a short illness.

He was born on April 25, 1952, in Temple and married Rheadene Miears on Dec. 3, 1974, in Big Spring. He moved to Odessa in 1980 from Big Spring. He was a driller in the oil field.

He is survived by: his wife, Rheadene Pedro of Odessa; one daughter. Helen Fay Pedro of Odessa; his mother, Edyth Pedro of Midland; one brother, William Pedro of Oregon; and one sister, Betty Munson of

Arrangements are under the direction of Hubbard-Kelly Funeral Home Inc., Odessa.

Olie Bell May

Funeral service for Olie Bell May, 95, Hobbs, N.M., will be 3 p.m. Wednesday April 12, 2000. at Chapel of Hope Funeral Chapel with Dr. Tom Martin, First Baptist Church, officiating. Burial will be at Memory **Gardens Cemetery**

Mrs. May died on Monday April 10, at Lea County Good Samaritan Village

She was born on July 17, 1904, in Gainesville and married Jerrell Melvin May on Nov. 8, 1923, in Gainesville. He preceded her in death on May 28, 1988. She moved to Hobbs, N.M., in 1945. She was a member of First Baptist Church, Hobbs Senior Citizens and the Golden Age Club. She worked for the Hobbs Municipal Schools cafeteria for 14 years at Houston Junior High School.

She is survived by: four sons, Kenneth May of Houston, Carroll May of Hobbs, N.M., Weldon May of Plano and Joe May of Big Spring; a daughter. Marvelene Appleton of Hobbs, N.M.; 21 grandchildren; 25 great-grandchildren; and 12 great-great-grandchildren.

Arrangements are under the direction of Chapel of Hope Funeral Home, Hobbs, N.M.

Margaret Ann Moore

Service for Margaret Ann Moore, 63, Stanton, will be 4 p.m. Wednesday, April 12, 2000. at First United Methodist Church in Stanton with the Rev. Skip Hodges, pastor, officiating. Interment will follow at Evergreen Cemeterv.

Mrs. Moore died on Monday, April 10, at her residence.

She was born on Nov. 6, 1936, in Lubbock, and married James I. Moore on May 28, 1955, in Spur. She was a member of runoffs for criminal appeals First United Methodist Church. seats, Howard County residents She worked as a bookkeeper for mirrored the state vote. Courtney Cin for 17 years. She retired in 1998 due to ill health.

Survivors include: her hus-Stanton; a son, James 1. "Buttons" Moore of Andrews; a Conroe; and two grandchildren.

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Nancy Alexander, 60, died Wednesday, Services are pending with Nalley-Pickle & Welch Funeral Home.

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Arrangements are under the direction of Gilbreath Funeral

Opal Mae Perry Everett

Service for Opal Mae Perry Everett, 87, Ozona, will be 10 a.m. Thursday, April 13, 2000, at the Ozona First Baptist Church, with burial following in Cedar Hill Cemetery.

Mrs. Everett died on Tuesday, April 11.

She was born on Nov. 13, 1912, in Stockdale, and she married Tom Everett Dec. 22, 1941, in El Campo. They made their home at the ranch on the Pecos river at Pandale. She worked at the Ozona High School Cafeteria for 15 years. She was a member of the First Baptist Church, Ozona and Pumpville Baptist Church. She was a member of the Ruth Sunday School Class and Fidelis Sunday School Class. She was a longtime member of the Pandale Study Club. She was preceded in death by her husband

Survivors include: two daughters, Janie Latona of Denison and Fannie Southern of Ozona; three sons, Tom (Tommy) Everett Jr. of Ft. Stockton, Bill **Everett of Big Spring and Alton** Floyd Everett of Comstock; eight grandchildren; one great great-grandson; eight stepgrandchildren; and 11 stepgreat-grandchildren.

Arrangements are under Preddy Funeral Home, Ozona.

Nancy Alexander

Service for Nancy Alexander. 60, Big Spring, is pending with Nalley-Pickle & Welch Funeral

She died Wednesday, April 12, 2000, at her residence.

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Republican nominee Kyle Averitt in the general election. There was one other locallycontested runoff in the Crossroads Area. In seeking the Democratic nomination for justice of the peace in Borden County, Jane Jones defeated Shirley M. Bennett, 173 votes to 74. Jones now fills the unexpired term of Carolyn Stone, who died last year. There is no Republican candidate.

RUNOFFS

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Tuesday 58 casting Democratic ballots, 55 casting Republican.

In the three Republican

Sharon Keller defeated Tom Price for the presiding judge seat on the appeals court, winband. James 1. Moore of ning 55 percent of the statewide vote. Locally, Keller edged Price 28 votes to 26. Keller will face brother, Laddie Ray Pierce of Democratic nominee Bill Vance

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in November.

Charles Holcomb will be the Republican nominee for Place 1 on the court. He got 55 percent of the vote to Guy Williams' 45 percent. Locally, Holcomb got 30 votes while Williams polled 20. There is no Democratic opponent.

For Place 2 on the appeals court, Barbara Parker Hervey defeated Jim Wallace statewide, 56 percent to 44 percent. Howard County voters favored Hervey 35 to 20.

She will face Democratic nominee William Barr in November. There were no locally-contested races, one reason cited for the low turnout across the state and Howard County.

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pack of beer and two joints of marijuana.

Mendez said she had known the defendant for more than a year but also knew the two deceased men as well. Under cross-examination, she admitted to Miller that she had a baby by Armijo.

Dr. Glen Groben, the deputy medical examiner for Lubbock County, performed autopsies on the two victims. Groben showed the jury the entrance and exit wounds of the deceased and stated that Armijo had a blood alcohol level of .22 percent or almost three times the legal amount to be considered intoxi-

The court recessed for the night at approximately 5:40 p.m. Court reconvened at 9 a.m.

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Renovation of the lighting and sound at the auditorium had been an addendum in remodeling work awarded to Johnston Construction last vear However, that part of the project had to be put on hold due to a lack of funds

This year, city officials asked the Dora Roberts Foundation for help on completing the project, and some \$52,000 is assistance was granted. That left the project about \$10,000 short, however, once the bid came in.

Tuesday, Assistant City Manager Emma Bogard said the Dora Roberts Foundation has indicated it would entertain providing the difference, but those funds would be in the next year's budget.

"Our recommendation is that you allow us to do the full project and have to come up with \$10,000, which would be reimbursed to us later in the year," Bogard told the council.

Bogard told the council that the reason for the higher cost was the price of components had gone up, plus Johnston would have to obtain special equipment to hang speakers as well as incur clean-up fees, bonding fees and the like. That equipment was necessary for the previous project, and would have already been on the project site, she noted.

McEwen questioned the possibility of completing part of the work now and the rest in the future if the Dora Roberts Foundation made more funds available

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Furgueron said the problem with splitting the project was the same as had occurred previously — it would drive the cost of each project up individually since the company would have to obtain special equipment for two separate projects.

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As for the lack of bidders, Furqueron said the project was advertised, but that most contractors consider a project of this type too small because most of the cost is in components, and not in actual renovation or construction.

After discussion, the council narrowly approved the project.

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revised policy also states that an employee on worker's comp for more than six months would be terminated, although he or she would still be entitled to compensation.

The council did approve allowing the city manager to deal with agreements pertaining to improvements to the Airpark. Specifically, they deal with requesting a \$750,000 grant from the Texas Department of Transportation for runway light improvements.

The upcoming council election, set for May 6, has two races which are uncontested, so the council declared District 2 councilman Oscar Garcia and District 4 councilman Tommy Tune as elected to office. The city will have to hold an election to determine the District 6 seat because incumbent Greg Biddison is behind challenged by Tom Guess, Judy Robertson and Brenda Weatherby Davis.

In other business, the council approved annexing a tract of land in the Highland Hills Subdivision and approved the following:

· an ordinance providing for an additional 15 percent penalty to defray costs of collecting delinguent taxes...

· a proposed budget for the county tax assessor-collector. " · intervention by the city in

the TXU Electric transmission and distribution rate case, an agreement with the Men's Church Softball League,

· granted a partial residence homestead exemption for the tax year 2000.

· and heard an update on Cornell Corrections contracts from attorney Drew Mouton.

WHAT'S UP

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fried steak dinner, meal includes chicken-fried steak. mashed potatoes with cream gravy, vegetable, dessert and dinner roll, adults \$5, children 12 and under \$3. Order taken on Friday from 1 until 8 p.m., call 267-8593 To place orders prior to Friday, call 267-2975.

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☐ Big Spring Shriners meeting, 6:30 p.m. for meal and meeting to follow

☐ Eagles Lodge Pot Luck Supper, 7 p.m., Eagles Lodge, 704 West Third.

☐ 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.

POLICE

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

• JUAN BERMEA, 36, 400 Circle, was arrested for violation of protective order.

 EDWIN DEAN, no age given, 1306 Lamar, was arrested for violation of protective

• LON ROUDES, 25, 1 Courtney Place No. 417, was arrested for assault/family vio-

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DOMESTIC DISTUR-

BANCE was reported in the 3700 block of Connally. THEFT was reported in the 1800 block of Gregg, 400 block of Birdwell, 1200 block of 11th

Place, 300 block of Owens. CRIMINAL MISCHIEF was reported in the 1000 block of East 12th.

• JUVENILE PROBLEM was reported in the 2100 block of Wasson and at Austin and Benton Street.

• BURGLARY OF A VEHI-CLE was reported in the 400 block of Owens

 BURGLARY OF A HABI-TATION was reported in the 400 block of East Fourth. · ASSAULT/FAMILY VIO-

LENCE was reported in the 1200 block of East 16th. · HARASSMENT was report-

ed in the 400 block of East Fourth.

 CRIMINAL MISCHIEF OF A VEHICLE was reported in the 400 block of Fourth.

 ACCIDENT/MINOR was reported in the 300 block of Nolan, 18th and Main, 500 block of Runnels, 2600 block of Gregg, 200 block of West Marcy.

FIRE/EMS

Following is a summary of Spring Department/EMS reports: TUESDAY

7:05 a.m. — 419 block Dallas, medical call, patient transported to Scenic Mountain Medical Center.

10:41 a.m. - 1412 block Sycamore, trauma call, patient transported to SMMC.

2:10 p.m. - 902 block Willa. gas leak, gas leak was cleaned

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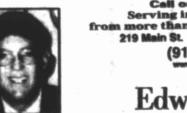
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Rejecting gas tax rollback, Senate eyes marriage penalty

rejecting a temporary rollback in the federal gas tax, the Senate encountered immediate Democratic resistance as Republicans tried to move a bill cutting income taxes for married couples.

Democrats put the brakes Tuesday on the GOP's 10-year, \$248 billion tax cut in a bid to force Senate votes on some of their priorities, such as a prescription drug benefit for Medicare and their own "marriage penalty" bill.

"We don't want to hold up a good debate ... but a good debate entails offering alternatives, other ideas," said Senate Minority Leader Tom Daschle,

The Republican bill, intended partly to ease the penalty paid by 25 million two-income couples, would expand the 15 per-

WASHINGTON (AP) - After cent and 28 percent income tax of many on issues that n't amount to much for the greater share of a married couple's income.

> It also would expand the earned income tax credit for lower-income couples and ensure that taxpayers could continue claiming personal credits, such as the \$500-a-child credit, without getting caught up in the alternative minimum

Unless a deal is reached on which amendments Democrats can offer, Senate Majority Leader Trent Lott, R-Miss., said senators will vote Thursday on whether to end the filibuster and take up the bill.

"For 10 years, we have talked about the unfairness of the marriage penalty tax," Lott said. eliminating it and who is not."

'We're going to see who is for The gas tax vote was the first

brackets so that they apply to a Republican congressional leaders scheduled for this week to highlight their tax cutting priorities in these final days of the income-tax filing season.

By 17 votes, the Senate failed to reach the 60-vote threshold necessary to cut off debate and proceed to the bill, effectively killing it. Twelve Republicans and 44 Democrats voted against measure, with Republicans in favor.

The gas tax bill would have rolled back 4.3 cents of the federal gas tax for the rest of the year and suspended the entire 18.4-cent tax if average prices exceed \$2 a gallon. The issue has lost some of its steam as the gas tax price rise has slowed and oil-producing nations agreed to increase their output. Opponents of the tax rollback,

average motorist, even if it were passed along by the oil companies. They said it would jeopardize \$6 billion a year for transportation projects, even though Lott said the bill would use surplus dollars to make up the losses.

Also Tuesday, the House voted 424-0 for legislation to bolster taxpayer rights in dealing with the Internal Revenue Service and better protect private tax information from computer hackers.

The bill, which now goes to the Senate, also would make changes in tax penalties and interest, including making interest on IRS overpayments tax free.

In a symbolic vote, the House signaled opposition by 420-1 to the tax increases in President Clinton's fiscal 2001 budget.

Response rate figures encouraging to Census

WASHINGTON (AP) - returned this year as in 1990. Residents of Laureldale, Pa., heard about it when they walked through borough offices, and got messages about it stuffed into their utility bills. There were even occasional, gentle reminders from municipal workers when they stopped by to talk to Mayor John Kahn Sr.

Everywhere people went in the small, working-class borough, it seemed, people were urging them to mail back their census forms, Kahn said. And that's just what most residents did. The 83 percent of households in Laureldale that returned a form gives it one of the highest response rates in the country.

Census director Kenneth Prewitt says he is encouraged since the national response rate was 62 percent as of Tuesday, surpassing the 61 percent minimum goal he had set in planning for this year's

He hopes that more communities like Laureldale will help boost response rates further, in spite of recent criticism that some of the things asked on the 53-question long form were toc intrusive.

While some states, particularly in the South, continue to lag behind the national numbers, others have surged ahead, giving hope to Prewitt that as many forms will be

"I've got my fingers crossed," Prewitt said. "This suggests that we will meet the 1990 rate of 65 percent. That would be quité a serious accomplishment not just by

American people." Response rates have declined each year since 1970 — from 78 percent to 75 percent in 1980 and 65 percent in 1990.

the Census Bureau, but by the

The Census Bureau will release final response rate figures on April 18. After that, the rate of forms mailed back is expected to be reduced to a trickle, and Census officials will prepare to send temporary workers out to homes that did not send back a form. That operation begins on April 27.

Census officials say they are encouraged by positive numbers in some states and local communities. For instance, Macomb County, Mich., has one of the highest response rates among all counties at 78 percent. Regional director Tom Chodzko says they tried a number of different things including stuffing fortune cookies with "Census 2000" messages - to get people to

return forms. Kahn, the Laureldale mayor, said he completely filled out the long form he received in the mail but still thought some of the questions invaded his

Railroad Commission delays action on plugging proposal

AUSTIN (AP) — The Texas Railroad Commission delayed action Tuesday on a proposal to force oil and gas companies to plug most of their open, unused wells after a year.

Michael Williams, chairman of the three-member board. referred the proposal to a committee for further study. The Regulatory Reform Committee is to report back in 45 days.

Williams said his advisory committee would come back with a "concrete proposal that addresses Texas' environmental needs as they relate to well-

Last week, Commissioner Tony Garza proposed sweeping changes to a commission program that allows companies to keep their wells open indefinitely, provided they pay a \$100 fee.

Garza said that as of Jan. 25, more than 15,600 wells throughout Texas had been open for two years or more. More than 6,400 wells had been open for five

years or more. His proposal would have given companies a single, oneyear extension. After that, it would be "either plug or pump"

plugging enforcement," he said. he said last week. The proposal sweeping ideas. would apply to wells now in the program.

however, said the relief would-

Ranchers and environmentalists have said the open wells pose a threat to the state's ground water.

Garza said his proposal was 'straightforward, balanced and took the interests of all producers, Texans and future generations into account."

Charles Commissioner Matthews called the proposal "government by ambush" and said oil and gas producers had no time to react to Garza's

Matthews said after the meeting that he was surprised to learn of Garza's proposals through the newspapers. instead of through more official channels. "There is a difference in style here," he said.

Matthews said media reports of Garza's proposal generated a lot of mail and telephone calls to his office- about two letters in support and 50 against.

He said he wants the commission's staff to research the issue, then give the board a full

House 'Project Exile Act' expected to crack down on criminals using guns

Republicans followed through who use or carry firearms duron their promise to strengthen gun enforcement with a bill rewarding states that impose tough mandatory minimum sentences on gun-toting criminals. Democrats urged them to go a step further and support tough gun safety legislation.

The House, by 358-60, on Tuesday passed the "Project Exile Act" that provides \$100 million over five years in grants

ing a violent crime or serious drug trafficking offense to at least five years in prison without parole.

The measure, which still requires Senate action, echoes the GOP theme that the answer to the nation's gun violence problem is not more gun laws but better enforcement of laws already on the books. The National Rifle Association,

WASHINGTON (AP) - House for states that sentence people which has criticized the administration for not adequately prosecuting gun violators, is an ardent supporter of the legisla-

The White House, and most Democrats, went along with the bill but said it provided too little money to make a difference and gave political cover to Republicans resisting more comprehensive gun control

President Clinton, seeking to Maryland's lead," he said.

move the gun safety debate outside Washington, on Tuesday attended a ceremony in Maryland for the first state law requiring built-in gun locks. He travels to Colorado today to back an initiative requiring background checks for gun

"Every single day Congress waits, we lose 12 children, nearly 90 people overall, to gun violence. Congress should follow

The bill is modeled after a mandatory minimum sentencing program initiated by the Justice Department Richmond, Va., once one of the nation's most crime-ridden

Since its implementation in 1997 crimes involving guns have dropped by 65 percent and violent crimes by 35 percent, although skeptics have pointed out that crime rates in other Virginia cities without the program dropped by similar rates. But Rep. Bill McCollum, R. Fla., the chief sponsor, said the bill sends "gun wielding criminals an unmistakable message' that gun crimes won't be toler-

Virginia last year passed a statewide "Project Exile" bill, making it one of six states, with Texas, Florida, Louisiana, South Carolina and Colorado, that would qualify for funds under the McCollum bill.



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OUR VIEWS

Take advantage of health-related events Saturday

n Saturday, just about everyone in Big Spring will have a chance to get healthy .. or at least find out how. Not only is Health Fair 2000 going on all day at Dorothy Garrett Coliseum, there are other events that go along with that, making it a "healthy Saturday."

The health fair, with a variety of exhibitors offering all types of screenings, information and tips, runs from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. and admission is free.

In the parking lot of this giant event, a bicycle rodeo will be offered for kids age 6-12. Aimed at teaching safety on the streets, the rodeo is sponsored by the Retired Senior Volunteer Program, the Big Spring Police Department and Citizens Police Academy Alumni. It goes on from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m.

If running or jogging is your thing, join folks at Big Spring State Park earlier that morning for the Master the Mountain fun run/walk. Co-sponsored by Scenic Mountain Medical Center, the trip around Scenic Mountain begins at 9 a.m.

Saturday also marks the kickoff of the Walk Across Texas campaign. Sponsored by the Texas Agricultural Extension Service, this program invites teams to compete for most miles walked, run or biked over eight weeks. At 1 p.m., participants will walk the first mile.

If you can't find something healthy to do on Saturday in Big Spring, you must not be looking. We urge all citizens to take advantage of at least one of these fun and beneficial events?

After all, it's about your health.

Bringing shame to the country they serve

've never before been ashamed of my government, even when I've disagreed with its leaders or opposed its policies. But the specter of U.S. Marshals whisk-

ing away a 6year-old boy so that he can be sent to live in a virtual prison fills me with shame. Unless **Attorney General Janet** Reno changes her mind, that is exactly

what will hap-

LINDA CHAVEZ

pen to Elian Gonzalez in the next few days. That Cuba is a prison is beyond dispute. which is why thousands of

Cubans have risked - and lost their lives escaping the island since Fidel Castro seized power 40 years ago.

Why is the U.S. government directing all its power to condemn this small boy to a life without freedom when he has already suffered so much? Reno's explanation is that she is simply trying to reunite the boy with his father — a man who divorced the boy's mother in 1991, several years before Elian was even born, and

never lived with the boy. But is this the full story? By now, much of Elian's tale

is all too familiar to most Americans. Just before Thanksgiving, two Florida fishermen found Elian floating in an inner tube along the Florida coast, his mother and all but two other companions drowned at sea on their harrowing escape from communist Cuba. The Immigration and Naturalization Service then turned over Elian to the cus-

tody of his great-uncle, Lazaro

Gonzalez, who lives in Miami, while the service determined the boy's status. The next day, a man identifying himself as Elian's father, Juan Miguel Gonzalez, demanded that his son be returned to Cuba. At the same time, the family with whom Elian was now staying began application for U.S. asy lum for Elian.

On Jan. 5, the commissioner of the INS notified the father that he would be returned to Cuba, and rejected the asylum request filed on Elian's behalf, decisions that were upheld by Attorney General Janet Reno. Despite a series of legal skirmishes in and out of court, nothing has changed in the government's position in months.

What's missing in this account, however, is any effort

by Reno or anyone else in the government to interview Elian himself or any member of the family with whom the boy has been living since November. As Lazaro Gonzalez pointed out recently in a letter to the attorney general, Reno has taken time off from her very busy schedule to meet with Juan Miguel Gonzalez, a foreign citizen and his lawyer, and with Elian's grandmothers, also foreign citizens. "Notwithstanding the time you have taken to meet with the Cuban members of the family, you have steadfastly refused to meet with any members of our American family and our counsel," he wrote. Why is it that our highest government officials are willing to make themselves available to Cubans, but obstinately balk at meeting with American citizens over the same issue?

Perhaps even more peculiar, the U.S. State Department has asked the Secret Service to provide a security detail to protect the home of Cuban diplomats, where Juan Miguel Gonzalez is currently staying in Bethesda, Md., while he awaits transfer of his son.

Normally, the Secret Service provides security only to diplomatic missions with whom the United States has reciprocal relations, for protection of our missions abroad. The United

States has no such agreement with Cuba, with whom we don't even maintain diplomatic relations. In order to justify providing such protection, the State Department had to declare the Cuban's home a "temporary mission," according to Jim Mackin, the public affairs spokesman for the Secret Service with whom I

spoke

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But from exactly what or whom are the Secret Service protecting Gonzalez? Some members of Congress have suggested that Gonzalez's lawyer, Greg Craig — who just happens to be President Clinton's personal lawyer, as well gave Castro assurances that Gonzalez would not defect while in the United States, and the Secret Service is there to make sure he doesn't. Can this allegation be true? Who knows. What is known is that uniformed Secret Service agents have prevented Juan Miguel Gonzalez's American uncle from approaching the home to speak with him about Elian.

When officials of the U.S. government decide their first duty is deference to the wishes and demands of Cuban officials, while ignoring the rights of American citizens to petition their own government, they bring shame on the country they are sworn to serve.

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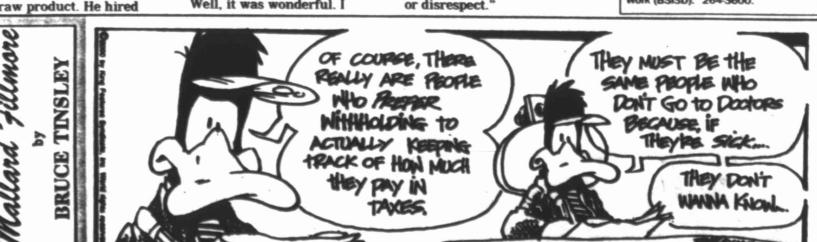
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Your Views

TO THE EDITOR:

My fourth grade class is studying communities in different states the second semester. The first half of the year we studied about our city and state, Evansville, Ind. I know a lot about how great our state is, but I don't know anything special about

I hope you will help me out. If you can, please send me postcards, brochures, pictures and other materials that will help me learn special things about your community and state.

I will use these materials to write an extensive report and

Wednesday's vote by the

Representatives to ban "par-

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set up a visitor's center about your state.

We will invite our whole school, our family and friends to enjoy our center.

With the materials you send me, I will try to set up the best center and report ever. I would be grateful and happy for you to do this for me.

If you can help, please send items to Evansville Day School; Rachel Huddleston L.15;3400 North Green River Road; Evansville, Ind.; 47715. This project is very special

to me. I hope you can help.

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RACHEL HUDDLESTON EVANSVILLE, IND.

He had some handkerchiefs for sale

arold Berman is a Dallas attorney who grew up in Colorado City. Some time ago he returned to his hometown to give a speech on the impact of early Jewish merchants there. The

city had several. He talked about some of his family members.

"My Uncle Max back in the 30s decided to go into the manufacturing business. He had

owned a department

store for years and decided the retail business was not the way to make money, that manufacturing was the only way.

SMITH

"He decided to manufacture handkerchiefs and bought a machine to make them. He had big plans. He bought enough material to supply everyone in the world with a dozen handkerchiefs.

"He bought so much cloth he had to shore up the second story of his building to hold the raw product. He hired

someone who knew how to sew and they started making handkerchiefs. He found out rather quickly that retailing was probably his field.

"After about two or three months he shut down his handkerchief business. That was in the late 30s "The war began in 1941.

Then, the scarcest product in the whole United States was handkerchiefs. And guess who had all the material to make

"Uncle Max re-opened his handkerchief business and started shipping handkerchiefs from Colorado City all over the world.

"When he ran out of cloth he closed down the business and sold the machine for five times what he paid for it."

Harold says all the Jewish store keepers were hard working, energetic and shrewd businessmen. They were all dedicated to their families and never hesitated to sacrifice for them. They were civic minded and served on school boards, city commissions and the chamber of commerce.

"I've often been asked, what was it like growing up Jewish in a small West Texas city? Well, it was wonderful. I

played Joseph in the town's nativity scene every year. I played saxophone in the high school band. We had teachers who cared about us.

"We all took great pride in being Jewish. We practiced our religion to the extent we could without a synagogue available to us. On the high holy days the Jews in Snyder, Sweetwater, Roscoe, Lorraine and Colorado City met at the **Bluebonnet Hotel in** Sweetwater for services. They

were conducted by a member of our community who was learned in our religion or by a Rabbi or military chaplain who may have been available at the "All stores owned by Jews closed for both Jewish and

Christian holidays. My father would leave his number with the operator on Christmas Day so if anyone got the wrong size, or broke a toy, or forgot to buy butter, they could call and he would go to the store. He made numerous trips to the store every Christmas day.

"I have no recollection of ever experiencing any anti-Semitism while I lived here. The respect we all had for each other left no room for any hate or disrespect."

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Volunteer of the year Bonner takes top honor at ACS annual meeting Tuesday

By DEBBIE L. JENSEN

Features Editor

Lucy Bonner was named volunteer of the year for the American Cancer Society

the group's annual meeting.

Bonner, who has served the ACS for 14 vears, reacted with shock when the announcement was made.

ALEXANDER " I was speechless," Bonner said. "I was consumed with emotion.' She described her work with

the group as "very rewarding." The varied and valuable work of volunteers was the highlight of keynote speaker Maj. Ronald Alexander's address at the luncheon in Garrett Hall at First United Methodist Church. Alexander recently took over the reigns at the Salvation

"You bring sunshine into the lives of people," said Alexander, relating various stories of the work of volunteers. He talked about a man named Dan, a volunteer who befriended a lonely old man who claimed to have no other friends. When the man died, he left a note describing what Dan's friendship had meant.

He related the Bible story of four men who brought an injured man to see Jesus Christ, who was speaking in a house. When they could not enter by the doors, the men cut a hole in the roof and lowered the man in exactly at the feet of

"Volunteers in today's society follow the same pattern in that they recognize a need," Alexander said. "We care enough to meet the needs of the people round about us.'

Like the four men who carried their friend to see Jesus, volunteer efforts may be not

recognized, Alexander said. "Sometimes we may not know who the volunteer was who made a difference in our battling cancer five years ago. life," he said.



HERALD photo/Debble L. Jensen Lucy Bonner, right, shares a laugh with Deloris Albert at the American Cancer Society annual meeting Tuesday, when Bonner

volunteer may be a member of our own family, like his eldest daughter, who came to Alexander's aid when he was "I suggest to you in the year

was named Volunteer of the Year.

But at other times, the caring 2000, ... those of you who volunteer, remember the kind of cheer you bring to other peo-Alexander ple." "Volunteers who give so freely are the lifeblood of a communi-

requires caution If you are looking for a hot before finalizing the purchase," are going online. However, remember that larger items are

Internet shopping

deal, many consumers today when shopping online, consumers should remember to use many of the same principles used in more traditional forms of making purchases, according to Sue Lynn Sasser,

family economics specialist with the Texas Agricultural Extension Service. "Because

online shopping is still new to many people, they may have the tendency to make impulsive decisions



rather than searching for specific items or have a budget in mind," she said. "Animated, colorful Web pages may entice you to spend more than you would normally because it's an exciting, convenient method of shopping."

"It is wise to set a budget for the items you want to purchase and then make a list of all purchases that need to be made before you begin shopping online." she continued.

"It also helps to note the amount you want to spend on each item. If you find one at a special price below your budgeted amount, you can add that amount to your savings

Sasser advised that there is more than the cost of the item to consider.

"Purchases made online will require some shipping and handling charges," she said. "Be sure you calculate those costs before determining if it's a good price. You might actually come out better to pay a higher price locally than order online and pay the additional charges.

"Shipping and handling charges will vary from busitant to check out those costs and consumer science.

she said. You should also more expensive to ship than smaller, lightweight products."

Reading and understanding the terms of the purchase are important considerations for online shipping.

"When shopping over the Internet, we don't always know who the seller is or where it is located," Sasser said. "Anyone can create a Web page and begin selling products. There is no guarantee that things are what they seem to be. Also, there is no guarantee that you will receive the merchandise or that the company will be in business if you decide to return the purchase.'

Therefore, it's generally best to search the Web sites of companies you already know and trust, she continued. "You can't judge the reliability of the seller by the quality of the Web

Sasser said it's best to use a credit card when shopping online because it gives the shopper some recourse if there is a problem with the transac-

"But you need to be very careful about giving your credit card number to just anyone asking for it," Sasser warns. "And never give your bank account number, your Social Security number or other personal information unless you know exactly why it is needed to make the purchase. It's also best not to use a debit card because that gives the seller direct access to your checking account."

Sasser said shopping online puts "an additional responsibility on the buyer.'

"Be sure you keep a copy of your purchase order and confirmation number for your records," she said. "Make sure you know the company's policies about refunds and returns before you place your order.

Dana Tarter is Howard ness to business, so it's impor- County Extension Agent, family

PEOPLE IN THE NEWS

WESTPORT, Conn. (AP) -Martha Stewart is moving out of this wealthy Connecticut suburb, fed up with what she calls an "unfriendly neighborhood atmosphere" and a difficult commute to New York

In a piece Stewart wrote for The New York Times Magazine on Sunday, she said she is sad to think about leaving the town she has called home for 28 years. But she said Westport "just doesn't work" for her any

Stewart said that although she used to be friendly with her neighbors, today she knows few

twice — "once with a slammed door!'

"As hard as it will be to leave my Westport home, I no longer feel connected to the neighborhood, the neighbors or even the town," she said

Stewart said she will probato another town near the city.

LOS ANGELES (AP) of his "Star Wars" saga.

After pioneering digital projection in movie theaters with In June in Australia. 'Star Wars: Episode I - The of them. She said she offered Phantom Menace' last year; fresh eggs or garden produce to Lucas said most of the live- - Leonardo DiCaprio plans to newcomers, and was rebuffed action scenes for "Episode II" shoot a science-fiction movie in See PEOPLE, Page 6A

will be shot using six digital, high-definition camcorders instead of film cameras.

Lucas made the decision after trial runs with a prototype camera made by Sony and

"The tests have convinced me bly live in Manhattan full time, that the familiar look and feel though she may end up moving of motion picture film are fully present," Lucas said Sunday in a message on his official "Star Wars" Web site. "The picture George Lucas is going digital to quality between the two is shoot much of the next chapter __indistinguishable on the large

"Episode II" begins shooting

BUCHAREST, Romania (AP)

of former dictator Nicolae Ceausescu. Ceausescu and his wife,

Romania this summer, with

parts to be filmed in the palace

Elena, were executed in the bloody anti-communist revolt

Romanian lawmakers at first rejected Miramax's request to shoot in the People's House, which houses the Parliament. Andrei Chiliman, vice president of the Deputies Chamber, said that those who initially opposed the project last month "suffer of some psychological blockages" connected with the building.

Thai food is hot, hot, hot in restaurants and kitchens, too

mand attention.

Having worked its way into dozens of restaurants around town, Thai is now working its way into home kitchens. This infiltration is helped along by an explosion of convenience products that make it easy to serve Thai at home.

Kimberly Coatney, a legal assistant who works in the Turtle Creek area, drifted toward Thai because she and her husband enjoy a lot of different ethnic foods. So far, she's made chicken satay, coconut chicken, coconut chicken soup and different noodle dishes.

'Thai flavors are more subtle, yet very distinct," she says. "In some foods, the spiciness gets in the way. With Thai, the spiciness enhances.

Product lines like Ka-Me and Thai Kitchen minimize the probability of overseasoning because sauces are ready to use. Or, you can make jasmine rice without rinsing and rerinsing until the water is clear. Just simmer, cover and serve.

"Sometimes I use packaged seasonings," Coatney says, "or I'll use packages of Thai rice

DALLAS (AP) - Thai food is that has seasonings already in hot — and not just with those them — you know, like you use wicked little chiles that com- taco seasoning for Mexican foods?'

Make-your-own-Thai meal kits with condiments bypass a lot of mashing, mincing, chopping and mixing. Asian Home Gourmet makes a Thai stir-fry rice that includes a spicy paste of lemon grass, shallots, pineapple juice, lime and coriander. Just add shrimp, tofu or veggies and voila! shrimp-fried rice for two in less than 20 min-

Most of the packaged products include simple recipe ideas. Thai Kitchen offers boxed Thai basil noodles that cook up into dinner for two, complete with suggestions for finishing the dish out with stirfried shrimp, fresh basil and asparagus.

Asian Home Gourmet makes an extensive line of Thai products, including tom yum soup mix for four. Just add water or seafood stock, shrimp, mushrooms, coriander and fresh lime. The package suggests squid, fish and chicken alternatives and such gourmet touches as lemon grass.

Canned sauces from Satay let you make a hot green curry or

Try Thai: Easy recipes

DALLAS (AP) - Thai recipes to try at home:

1 small head iceberg or green leaf lettuce 2 tablespoons chicken stock

1 tablespoon cornstarch

6 ounces ground sirloin or ground chicken

3 tablespoons diced scallions

2 tablespoons fish sauce 2 tablespoons chopped mint leaves

2 tablespoons fresh lime juice

teaspoon finely chopped garlic 1/4 teaspoon cayenne pepper 1/4 teaspoon sugar (optional)

Separate, rinse and dry lettuce leaves. Arrange on a platter and set aside. Combine stock and cornstarch in a small saucepan. Stir to dissolve. Add meat and cook over high heat, stirring constantly, until meat is cooked through, about 2 to 3 minutes. Remove from heat and stir in scallions, fish sauce, mint leaves, lime juice, rice powder, garlic, pepper and sugar, if using. Transfer meat mixture to a plate. To serve, have diners ace a spoonful of the meat filling on a lettuce leaf. Fold leaf wer and eat. Makes 6 servings.

Note: Serve this with Asian Home Gourmet's Thai Stir-Fry ling in some pan-sauteed vegetables and cubes of baked

Per serving: Cal 69 (36% fat) Fat 3 g (1 g sat) Fiber 1 g. Chol 10 mg Sodium 516 mg Carbs 4 g Calcium 40 mg. Source: "Tommy Tang's Modern Thai Cuisine" ECIPES, Page 6A

a medium yellow one. One even style pizza includes how to make a Thai-

For the family weary of meat

and potatoes, Thai is a pleasant, colorful departure. Although an authentic Thai meal includes several dishes, you can start with one or two. Even without convenience products, many are very easy.

Take the dish called larb. (Kids will love just saying the word. Some not-quite-fullydeveloped adults have fun saying "larb," too.) It's just seasoned ground beef wrapped in lettuce leaves like a soft taco, and it's as much fun to eat as it is to say. Normally found among the appetizers, it can work as part of a meal with pad thai or shrimp-fried rice. Heavenly Chicken Wings is another easy dish to start with; it can be paired with jasmine

"Thai food has become very popular," says Soon Chan, who has owned Thai Soon restaurant on Lower Greenville for 13 years. "And now it's easy to make it at home. They have lots of ingredients at Minyard and Tom Thumb, lots of places. "Until recently, you found

them only at small Vietnamese or Laotian markets or Hong Kong Market. Now people can pretty much cook the same as

we did where I came from in Bangkok."

But even those who grew up making the real thing, like Thai-born Sandy French, admit to taking shortcuts from time

"Sometimes, when I'm just cooking for me, I buy some canned things," says the cashier at Thai Soon. "The big difference is that at home in Thailand we would go and pick the food from the garden, wash it and cook it. It's the same for the fish. We catch it, clean it and cook it. You can't do that

No, but we do the next best thing: buy it, drive home, cook

If you're cooking up a Thai meal after everybody's home from work, soccer, basketball, softball and dance class, take advantage of convenience to put something exciting and different on the table; help is only a grocery shelf away.

Thai Iced Coffee

This beverage is like a bracing latte on ice. Make it by brewing very strong French roast or espresso-style coffee. While the coffee's brewing, add

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News From All Over

CINCINNATI (AP) — Some visitors to the Cincinnati Zoo got a closer look at a cheetah than they probably wanted over the weekend.

The 4-year-old cat somehow escaped from its stone-walled exhibit Saturday and roamed free for a while.A zoo visitor told the zookeepers, who found Casper within about 15 minutes. Casper apparently was so unnerved by the unfamiliar surroundings that he waded into a shallow lake, looking for refuge on a small island.

CAMBRIDGE, Mass. (AP) — The family of a man whose assisted suicide led to Jack Keyorkian's prison sentence has accepted an \$100,000 award on Keyorkian's

"He risked his personal freedom," said Melody Youk, who traveled from her home in Waterford, Mich. for the ceremony. "Today he is in a very small cell, alone but not

Melody and Terrence Youk accepted the Gleitsman Foundation's Citizen Activist Award for Humanitarianism on Kevorkian's behalf Monday at the Charles Hotel in Cambridge.

FOR YOUR INFORMATION

THIRD ANNUAL MASTER THE MOUNTAIN at Scenic Mountain begins 9 a.m. Saturday April 15, with a \$10 event fee that includes entry into the State Park and a free T-shirt of the event. Entry fees will help support the

Races include a 5K and 10K run and a 5K walk, and are challenging due to steep terrain at the park. Participants enjoy running on the park road which follows the edge of a 200 foot bluff at the Northern limit of the Edwards Plateau.

For reservations, call Ron Alton, Park Manager at 263-4931 or Laurie Phillips at 263-1211. Reservations are not required but recommended.

THE LAST WORD

Real peace comes from struggle that involves such things as effort, discipline, enthusiasm. This is also the way to strength. explorer Richard E. Byrd

There are no days in life so memorable as those which vibrated to some stroke of the imagination.

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Barber cuts to the chase with advice to customers

ANGLETON (AP) — When a young man sits in Edgar L. Rice V's chair, there's a strong possibility he'll get much more than a good haircut.

Rice, owner of Ebony Hair Palace in Angleton, has become well known throughout the county and surrounding areas for his propensity to also offer guidance to his younger

"We do a little bit," he said while wielding his scissors across one customer's hair.

"We do what we can. We don't try to overtake the parents," he said, explaining that he and the other barbers defer to the wishes of the parents.

'We're not gonna let (the kids) come in and disrespect us. We try to guide them.

Rice also said he allows some parents to drop off their kids for haircuts, because he understands that many of them work and need to run errands and simply don't have the time to wait with their child.

His knack for relating to younger clients and talent for satisfying his customers' needs has created such a demand that his appointment book is consistently booked months in advance.

Rodrick Jackson of Houston, 32, said he has scheduled appointments through May, and drives to Angleton almost weekly to get his hair cut.

Rice said he has several customers who come down from Houston, because of the clientele he acquired while working as a barber there for six months before opening his shop in Angleton.

"I got a lot of people from a lot of areas in the county," he said, "Bay City, Freeport ... they just kinda filter in.

As customers walk in, they are bombarded with music playing on the radio and invited to play pool in the lobby, as the laughter and banter of customers that gives Hair Palace its undeniable character wafts through the shop. The shop caters to female and

male customers, with their respective service areas divided by a shortened wall, adorned

Rice uses those mirrors as well as the ones mounted

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behind his chairs to assist him while he cuts hair.

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advance.

'Don't try that at home," he said while winking, as he cut one customer's hair by relying solely on the reflection in the mirror

Looking back at customers are framed sketches of such civil rights leaders as Malcolm X, Martin Luther King Jr. and Frederick Douglass.

As he talks to his customers about music, their families or the latest happenings, he never misses a beat or a necessary

Rice has honed his skill for more than a decade, since he began giving haircuts when he was 11 years old.

"I used to be a heavy primper," he said. "I was really into looking good.

That was in sixth grade when, as he said, he wanted to be on top of his game. The summer before his seventh grade year Rice said he began experimenting with haircuts.

"I was good at it," he said. "I cut my best friend's hair and it came out good, so I started cutting my own. He received formal training

at the Acres Homes Barbershop in Houston, and opened the Hair Palace in December 1996. Rice, 25, said he thinks he

and his other barber, Demetric Shepard, 21, are able to better handle younger clients because they can relate to them Rice said he is emphatic

about leaving a positive impression on such young cus-

"That's the future," he said of the children. "Kids are so funny. They're so pure, you can mold them. If you can touch them in any kind of way, it's gonna benefit them.

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canned condensed milk between 2 and 3 tablespoons to glass tumblers. Follow with ice to the top. Then pour the hot coffee over the ice.

Ins and Outs of Make-Your-

Thai food - a kind of fusion of Chinese, Indian, Indonesian, Vietnamese and Thai cultures is generally understated, but beware. An aromatic dish can be deceptive because of its fragrance. It isn't until a mouthful erupts like Krakatoa that tiny, fiery chiles make themselves known.

It's always a good idea to have lots of steamed rice standing by to cut the heat of toofiery food. Sweet drinks and chunks of fresh pineapple also help neutralize the heat.

Some basic ingredients to have on hand besides the convenience foods include bottled fish sauce, called nam pla; limes; tamarind (don't worry; it's in stores); roasted peanuts and soy sauce (even Tabasco makes one).

If you run into other musthave ingredients, don't panic. When a recipe calls for burdock root, look to Whole Foods. If a recipe calls for palm sugar, brown sugar will do. Don't fret when you see "thin" soy sauce in a recipe; light soy sauce will work fine. Maggi, a liquid condiment that has been on pantry shelves for ages, is now a popular ingredient in Asian cooking. You don't have to make your own coconut milk, either. It comes in cans.

Remember when treading unfamiliar culinary turf to proceed with caution. Use a little seasoning at first; if that's not enough, add more. Once it's in a dish, there's no getting it out, no matter what "it" is.

By the way, cooking Thai doesn't demand a wok. If you want to buy one, go ahead. But if you've got a sturdy iron skillet, vou're in business. Chinese bamboo steamers are cool to cook with, but a metal one will

Thai dishes are traditionally eaten with a fork and a spoon, so when the kids ask for chopsticks, tell 'em Thai kids don't use 'em'. (They do use chopsticks and spoons for traditional noodle soups served "bigbowl" style.)

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Heavenly Chicken Wings

1 1/3 pounds chicken wings, joints separated

1/2 cup vegetable oil 2 tablespoons shredded ginger 1 teaspoon minced garlic

1 teaspoon minced chile 6 minced kaffir leaves (or 6 1/2-inch) strips lime peel)

2 tablespoons fish sauce 2 teaspoons sugar

2 teaspoons vinegar 2 tablespoons chicken stock or water

Rinse chicken wings and pat dry. Heat oil and fry wings until golden brown on both sides. Remove. Pour oil off, reserving 2 tablespoons. Using the remaining 2 tablespoons, stir-fry ginger, garlic, chile and kaffir leaves about 1 minute or until fragrant. Add fish sauce. sugar and vinegar, then chicken wings. Stir to mix. Add stock or water and bring to a boil. Remove and serve immediately. Makes 3 servings.

Note: Serve chicken wings with A Taste of Thai soft jasmine rice.

Per serving: Cal 518 (78% fat) Fat 45 g (8 g sat) Fiber 1 g. Chol 84 mg Sodium 1,049 mg

Carbs 8 g Calcium 31 mg. Source: "Thai Cooking Made

Chicken With Basil 2 tabléspoons vegetable oil (divided use)

2 chopped garlic cloves 12 ounces cubed skinless boneless chicken breasts 1 chopped small onion

3 fresh chiles, seeded and thinly sliced 20 fresh basil leaves, plus

additional leaves for garnish 1 tablespoon fish sauce 1/4 cup coconut milk

Juice from 1/2 lime In a wok or heavy skillet, heat 1 tablespoon of the oil. Add garlic, chicken, onion and chiles. Cook, stirring occasion-

ally, 3 to 5 minutes or until cooked through. Stir in basil leaves, fish sauce and coconut milk. Stir briefly over heat. Add lime juice. Garnish with basil leaves. Makes 2 to 3 serv-Per serving: Cal 228 (43% fat)

Fat 11 g (2 g sat) Fiber 1 g. Chol 66 mg Sodium 548 mg Add rice, then peas, green Carbs 5 g Calcium 36 mg.

Source: "The Book of Thai Cooking" **Chiang Mai Noodles (Kow**

6 ounces egg noodles

1 (14-ounce) can Satay brand red curry sauce

1/4 teaspoon crushed dried red chiles 1 1/2 cups vegetables stock

2 tablespoons fish sauce or soy sauce

1 tablespoon palm sugar (or brown sugar)

1 chopped celery stalk 1 finely sliced shallot

1/4 chopped red bell pepper 1 ounce dried shiitake mushrooms, soaked, drained and sliced

1 tablespoon crushed roasted peanuts

2 tablespoons lime juice Cook noodles in boiling water 5 to 6 minutes. Drain and rinse in cold water to stop cooking.

Pour red curry sauce into a heavy pot. Stir until smooth; bring to a boil. Add crushed red chiles, vegetable stock, fish sauce and palm sugar. Return to a boil. Lower heat and add celery, shallot, red bell pepper, mushrooms and peanuts. Return to boil again; remove from heat. Pour noodles in a large serving bowl and pour sauce over them. Sprinkle with lime juice. Makes 2 servings.

Per serving: Cal 569 (24% fat) Fat 15 g (3 g sat) Fiber 5 g. Chol 81 mg Sodium 2,342 mg Carbs 90 g Calcium 77 mg. Source: Adapted from

"Vegetarian Thai" **Shrimp Fried Rice** 1/2 pound shelled shrimp 2 tablespoons vegetable oil 1/2 teaspoon minced garlic 1/2 cup minced onion 2 eggs, whisked slightly with

2 cups cooked long-grain rice 3 tablespoons green peas 1/4 cup chopped green onion 1 1/2 tablespoons fish sauce 1/2 tablespoon oyster sauce

1/2 teaspoon sugar 1/2 lime Devein shrimp, rinse and drain. Heat oil and stir-fry garlic and onion for 15 to 20 seconds. Add shrimp and stir-fry until color changes. Add eggs and stir-fry until slightly solid.

onion, fish sauce, oyster sauce and sugar. Stir to mix. Squeeze lime over the rice. Makes 2

Note: This dish can also be made with leftover meat and

Per serving: Cal 578 (35% fat) Fat 22 g (4 g sat) Fiber 6 g. Chol 385 mg Sodium 1,313 mg Carbs 57 g Calcium 122 mg. Source: "Thai Cooking Made

> **Sweet and Sour Pork** 1 tablespoon oil

4 minced garlic cloves 8 ounces pork, sliced 1/4-inch thick and 2x2 inches square

1 (10.5-ounce) bottle Satay brand Ginger Sweet & Sour

1/2 cup tomato wedges

1/2 small onion 1 chopped jalapeno (or to

taste) 1/2 cup pineapple chunks 1 green onion cut into 1-inch

2 tablespoons cornstarch, dissolved in 3 tablespoons water

Heat a wok or large skillet and add the oil, garlic and pork. Cook for 30 seconds and add the sauce. Heat to boiling. Add tomato wedges, jalapeno and pineapple and cook for 2 minutes, stirring intermittently. Add green onion and stir in enough of the cornstarch mixture to thicken the sauce slightlv. Makes 4 servings.

Per serving: Cal 297 (32% fat) Fat 10 g (3 g sat) Fiber 1 g. Chol 35 mg Sodium 54 mg Carbs 36 g Calcium 18 mg.

Source: Adapted from 'Thailand the Beautiful Cookbook'

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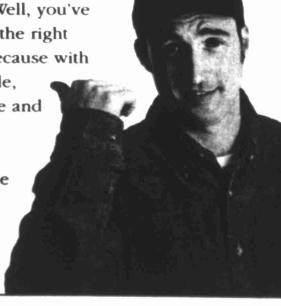


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EXIT 177 Home is closer than you think!

IN BRIEF

4-H shooting sports practice begins Saturday

Howard County 4-H shooting sports will have its first trap and skeet practice at 9 a.m. Saturday in Knott.

The practice session is open to all youngsters between the ages of 9 and 18.

For more information, call Van Gaskins at 353-4598 or Larry Romine at 353-4893.

Men's slowpitch softball league now being formed

Plans are currently under way to create a 12-team men's slowpitch softball league in Big Spring this summer.

Anyone interested in entering a team in the Spring City Men's Softball League should call Becky Crane at 264-2376 or Andi Andrews-York at 263-

Teen League baseball registration scheduled

Registration for Teenage League baseball has been scheduled for 5 p.m. to 7:30 p.m. today through Friday at the American Little League

Fees are \$50 per player and a birth certificate is required for registration.

For more information, call Sheri Nichols at 263-2917 or 263-2552, or Craig Caudill at 263-0170.

Little League umpires needed for new season

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

Prior experience is not nec essary, because new umpires will be trained

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

Pack's Chmura arrested in sexual assault case

HARTLAND, Wis. (AP) Mark Chmura of the Green Bay Packers posted bail after his arrest on accusations that he sexually assaulted his 17year-old baby sitter at a party following a high school prom. Chmura and friend Robert Gessert were both arrested

early Monday. The 17-year-old told authorities Chmura had sex with her on a bathroom floor at the party early Sunday. An 18year-old woman accused Gessert of sexual misconduct

in a hot tub at the same party Hartland Police Chief Morton Hetznecker recom mended charges of third degree sexual assault, a felony punishable by up to 10 years in prison and a \$10,000 fine.

Chmura, 31, and Gessert, 42, were not charged Monday But Court Commissioner Martin Binn found probable cause that a crime had been committed.

NBA targeting 2001 for new league start

NEW YORK (AP) - The NBA plans to have its own developmental league up and running in smaller cities by November 2001.

"We hope to create an envi ronment," deputy commissioner Russ Granik said, "that will be an ideal place for a prospective NBA player to have the opportunity to get the best training and be treat ed on a first-class basis and keep that player in the United States.

Currently, many players who don't make it to the NBA opt to go overseas to play professionally.

The new developmental league would aim to keep that talent closer to home.

ON THE AIR

Television

MAJOR LEAGUE BASEBALL 6 p.m. - Texas Rangers at New York Yankees, FXS, Ch. 29. 9 p.m. — Los Angeles Dodgers

at San Francisco Giants, ESPN, Ch. 30. 6 p.m. - Stanley Cup playoffs

conference quarterfinals, Game 1, Edmonton Oilers at Dallas Stars, ESPN, Ch. 30.

Coahoma remains perfect in 3-2A baseball chase with 11-1

By RICHARD JACKSON

Herald Correspondent

COAHOMA — It took just five innings for Coahoma's Bulldogs to take an 11-1 win over Post's Antelopes in District 3-2A baseball action Tuesday.

Senior Aaron Ovalle drew the starting nod for the Bulldogs and chalked up the win. Cody Teeler and Delvin White provided relief, as Coahoma remained unbeaten in district play.

The Bulldogs drew first blood in the bottom of the first inning when Mario Garcia led off with a double. With one out, Ovalle helped himself with an RBI

It looked as if a big inning was in the offing when Walt Bordelon and White

drew two-out walks to load the bases, but Colby Ditto's groundout ended the

Those two bases on balls established a pattern that would eventually reap huge rewards for the Bulldogs, as they continually forced the opposing pitcher to work behind in the count.

"Boy, was I proud to see the way we hit the ball today," Bulldogs head coach Scott Lewis said following the mercy rule-shortened game. "We've been struggling at the plate the last three games.

Their pitcher was pretty tough and I gave several take signs," Lewis added. That allowed us to work the count full and force him to come with the fastball. Eventually we tired him out and then we got to him."

Coahoma added three more runs in the third inning.

Once again, patience at the plate proved to be the key, as Ovalle and White opened the inning with back-toback walks. With one away, Bordelon drew still another free ride and Colby Ditto followed with a two-run single.

Another walk, this one issued to Joe Wright, again loaded the bases, setting the stage for a Post error in the outfield that made it a 4-0 game.

The Antelopes got their lone run in the top of the fourth when Justin Acevado laced an RBI single off Teeler.

Lewis then called on White for relief with the bases loaded and one out. The Bulldogs' senior ace promptly fanned the next two batters to end the threat.

bottom of the fifth to end the game.

Following a now familiar pattern, Bordelon and Ditto led off the inning by drawing walks before Wright singled home Bordelon. A sacrifice fly to center allowed Ditto to score.

Garcia then drew a two-out walk and Ovalle drove in two more runs with a

White and Luke Bowlin drew two more walks to again load the bases, allowing Bordelon to make a return appearance in the inning and lace a two-run single. Ditto completed the the onslaught with an RBI single that ended the game early.

The Bulldogs return to action at 2 p.m. Saturday when they play host to Olton's

Bulldogettes avoid upset, 6-5

Finish 2-2A play with perfect 10-0 record with rally

JOHN A. MOSELEY

Managing Editor

COAHOMA — The impossible almost happened.

Now in their sixth year of UIL softball competition, Coahoma's Bulldogettes have never lost a district game.

But that impressive string came almost as close to ending as possible Tuesday, when the Bulldogettes found themselves in the improbable position of having to mount a two-run rally in the bottom of the seventh inning for a 6-5 win over Winters' Lady Blizzards.

To their credit, Bulldogettes and head coach Robert Royer took the scare in stride, making it clear they never once doubted they'd find a way to win.

"I know this probably sounds a little crazy, but I really never way worried about it," Royer said after seeing center fielder Brandi Hart score the game winning run on a wild pitch. "I've seen this bunch of kids do it too many times. They always come through.

"I guess I could have stomped into the dugout and ma**d**e a f**o**ol out of myself ranting and raving for trying to give them a pep talk," he added, "but I knew that wasn't necessary They knew what they had to do, and I knew they'd go out there and get it done.

Hart, a junior who first stepped into the limelight as a freshman playing left field at the 1998 state tournament, expressed the same confidence.

"She (Winters pitcher Jana Presley) just put it right down the middle and I turned on it," Hart said of her seventh-inning double that drove in the gametying run. "You give me a pitch like that and I'm going to drive it somewhere.

"After all, the last thing I want to have to say is that I was on the first (Coahoma) team to lose a district game."

For Bulldogettes pitcher Kenni Kay Buchanan, another junior who saw an 11-strikeout performance almost go for naught, Coahoma's five errors were a cause for frustration.

"We just had too many errors," Buchanan noted. "But when we had to, we came up with the big hits and put the pressure right back on them."

From the outset, it was clear the Bulldogettes intended on closing out District 2-2A softball play with a perfect 10-0 record, as they jumped on Presley for three runs in the



Coahoma's Kenni Kay Buchanan hits a ground ball in the first inning Tuesday and reaches first base on a Winters error. Buchanan would later score, then chalk up 11 strikeouts in leading the Bulldogettes to a 6-5 come-from-behind win over the Lady Blizzards.

top of the first inning.

Although the Lady Blizzards had put a runner in scoring position in the top of the first, Coahoma had squelched Winters' plans for a big inning when clean-up hitter Michelle Paschal lined into a double play.

In the bottom of the frame. Winters center fielder Karla Salas managed to track down a hard-hit drive by leadoff hitter Kortney Kemper.

But Presley walked Ashley Lang and Buchanan reached base on a throwing error charged to Winters third base man Michelle Burton. That brought Hart to the plate and she responded with a double to left that drove in two runs.

Hart, who would lead the Bulldogettes with a 3-for-4 showing at the plate, advanced to third on a single by Erin Stovall and scored when Amber Bingham grounded out to

Winters escaped further damage in the first, ending the inning when Stovall tried to reach third while Hart was scoring Coahoma's third run.

The Lady Blizzards would tie the game in the top of the third, however, capitalizing on a pair of hits and two Coahoma

Carmen Martinez led off the inning by reaching base on a Bulldogette error and was awarded second base when umpires ruled Coahoma first baseman Kayla Smith interfered with her ability to

advance on the bad throw. Buchanan struck out catcher Kendra Hope, but Presley ripped a two-run double to left. She moved to third on a teammate's ground out and scored on an error charged to Coahoma's Stovall.

The Bulldogettes answered immediately when Buchanan led off the bottom of the inning with a double to left advanced to third on a ground out and scored on a wild pitch.

Coahoma would leave runners stranded in scoring position in the fifth and sixth inning, setting the stage for Winters' rally in the top of the seventh Shortstop Jessica DelaRosa

got things started with a leadoff single and moved to second on a sacrifice bunt by Salas. Martinez followed with an infield single and Jamie Reeves loaded the bases when Buchanan issued her second

and final walk of the game. DelaRosa was forced out at the plate when Hope hit into a fielder's choice play, but Presley singled to drive in a pair of runs to give the Lady Blizzards a 5-4 lead.

Coahoma ended the rally with a groundout, then set about staging their game-winning rally

Lang led off the bottom of the seventh with a single up the middle, but was forced at second when Buchanan hit into a fielder's choice. Hart then doubled to for the game-tying RBI and advanced to third on an errant throw by Winters' Reeves

The pressure proved to be too much for Presley, whose oneout pitch to Stovall skipped in front of the plate and past Hope to the backstop, allowing Hart to end the game with Coahoma's sixth run.

With the Bulldogettes improve to 22-5 overall and finish district play with a 10-0 slate. Winters dropped to 7-6 on the year and 5-4 in 2-2A action.

Coahoma will close out the regular season Tuesday, hosting Midland Greenwood at 5 p.m. game

Tape shows Knight grab player's neck

INDIANAPOLIS (AP) Indiana University officials are convinced of the authenticity of a tape showing basketball coach Bob Knight grabbing a player by the neck during a practice and pushing him back-

"Clearly it's an important piece of information as we continue our review," university Christopher spokesman Simpson told The Associated

Two university trustees are investigating the outspoken and controversial coach following recent reports from two former players that he physically abused team members

Last month, CNN/Sports Illustrated reported former player Neil Reed's allegation that Knight choked him during a 1997 practice. The videotape obtained by CNN/SI, and first aired Tuesday night, shows Knight grabbing a player by the neck, pushing him backward. The player's head appeared to snap backward.

Reed, who left Indiana in 1997, said he is the player on the videotape after watching it for the first time Tuesday.

I don't need a tape to tell me what happened," he told CNN/SI.

Indiana president Myles Brand last month appointed John D. Walda, the president of the board of trustees, and Frederick F. Eichhorn, a trustee and former president of the Indiana State Bar Association, to investigate whether Knight physically abused team members.

The two flew to Atlanta on Tuesday to view the tape.

"The tape does seem to shed some light on the reported incident between coach Knight and Neil Reed," Walda told CNN/SI. "Now it will be up to us to continue and complete or investi-The findings of the investiga-

tion are due no later than the third week of June

Reed said Knight choked him during a 1997 practice and also ordered Brand to leave a practice. Knight and Brand have denied the claims.

Knight also has denied an allegation by former Indiana player Richard Mandeville, who told CNN Knight once came out of a bathroom, pants around his ankles, and showed players soiled toilet paper, saying, "This is how you guys are playing.'

In a separate report, former player Ricky Calloway said Knight punched Steve Alford and slapped Darryl Thomas. Both former players say the

See TAPE, page 2B

Lady Steers regain 5-4A lead; Steers post win with big seventh admits not liking to think about it.

HERALD Staff Report

SNYDER — Big Spring's Lady Steers regained sole possession of first place in the District 5-4A softball standings Tuesday afternoon with a thrilling 2-1

win over Snyder's Lady Tigers. What's more, the Lady Steers put themselves in position to wrap up the district championship Friday afternoon when they play host to Andrews' Lady Mustangs at 4:30 on the Big Spring ISD

Softball Complex diamond. "This was a big one for us, now question about that," Lady Steers head coach Dan Arista said after watching his team score two runs in the top of the fifth inning to improve its record to 21-5 on

the season and 7-2 in 5-4A play "Now it just comes down to Andrews and us on Friday," he added. "We win

that and we're the champions, if how, we're probably going to have to play Snyder again to see who advances (into the playoffs) as No. 1.

Snyder put the Lady Steers under pressure almost from the start, scoring their only run in the bottom of the first inning on an error

Lady Steers ace Christina Gwyn responded with a brilliant 3-hit, 15strikeout performance, walking just two. Big Spring had its troubles offensively. managing just seven hits off Snyder

But when the Lady Tigers provided an opening in the top of the fifth, the Lady Steers made sure to take advantage.

Terri Denton got things started in the top of the fifth with a one-out single and third baseman Amy Jackson delivered a double that put runners at second and

For a second it looked as if Snyder would escape the threat when catcher Lindsey Marino popped out, but designated Nicci Vizciano delivered a shot to

It was Vizciano's only hit of the day, but a crucial one.

left-center field, scoring both Denton and

"That was the one we had to have, but you've got to remember that it doesn't mean anything if Terri and Amy don't get their hits earlier in the inning." Arista noted.

Seventh-inning collapse helps Steers to 13-5 win

SWEETWATER — Big Spring's Steers were so close to suffering a 5-4 loss Tuesday that head coach Pat Loter

Instead, a bobbled throw on what would have been a game-ending double play opened the flood gates and allowed the Steers to take a 13-5 win over

Sweetwater's Mustangs. As a result, the Steers find themselves in a three-way tie with Andrews and Snyder for second place in the District 5-4A standings with a 3-2 record midway

through the league chase. The Steers will put their 11-10-1 record on the line at 1 p.m. Saturday when they travel to Andrews.

Junior right-hander Clint Bamert went the distance in taking his second win since returning to the lineup after rehabilitating a broken collar bone.

He gave up just two earned runs,

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x-clinched playoff berth

Dallas 92, Portland 81

Houston 103, Denver 93 Golden State 109, Vancouver Phoenix 95, L.A. Clippers 88

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National League

COLORADO ROCKIES—Recalled

RHP Rick Croushore from Oklahoma of
the Pacific Coast League.

HOUSTON ASTROS—Traded C Paul Bako to the Florida Martins for cash and a player to be named. Recalled INF Julio Lugo from New Orleans of the Pacific Coast League .

LOS ANGELES DODGERS—Placed

RHP Gregg Olson on the 15-day dis-abled list. Recalled LHP Jeff Williams from Albuquerque of the PCL. NEW YORK METS—Signed INF. Rafael Bournigal to a minor league con-tract and assigned him to Norfolk of the nternational League. Released INF Domingo Cedeno. mingo Cedeno. SAN DIEGO PADRES—Placed INF

NBA BOARD OF GOVERNORS— Approved the sale of the Vancouver Grizziles to Michael Heisley, and the Dallas Mavericks to Mark Cuban. DALLAS MAVERICKS—Signed G.F. season. Placed F Bruno Sundov on the FOOTBALL

National Football League
NFL—Suspended Baltimore Ravens
DT Larry Webster indefinitely for violating the league's alcohol and substance DETROIT LIONS-Resigned LB

ravis Reece, QB Cory Sauter and S Ty MINNESOTA VIKINGS—Signed WR

Matthew Hatchette to an offer sheet PHILADELPHIA EAGLES—Re-signed TE Luther Broughton and LB James Darling to one year contracts. HOCKEY

lational Hockey League

ATLANTA THRASHERS—Signed F

ad Tapper.
CALGARY FLAMES—Fired Al Coates. general manager; Brian Sutter, coach; Nick Polario, director of player person-nel, and Rich Preston, assistant coach. FLORIDA PANTHERS—Reassigned D Brad Ference to Louisville of the AHL.

NASHVILLE PREDATORS—Signed D NASHVILLE PREDATIONS—Signed Williams and F Ville Pettonen to contract extensions. Exercised their contract options on F Sebastien Bordeleau. F Vitali Yachmenev and D Alexandre Boikov. PITTSBURGH PENGUINS-Signed F

Fryman, Cleveland, 13, Vizquel, Cleveland, 13; CJohnson, Baltimore, 12; CNLee, Chicago, 11; Lawton, Minnesota, 11; MJSweeney, Kansas City, 10; Durham, Chicago, 10; Randa, Kansas City, 10 TORONTO MAPLE LEAFS—Added C LW Don MacLean, CRW Adam Mair, D D.J. Smith: D. Nathan, Dempsey, D. Omitri Yakushin and G. Jimmy Waite to heir practice roster from St. John's of

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NHL PLAYOFFS

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San Diego 3, Arizona 2, 13 innings

Only games scheduled

Today's Games

Atlanta (Mulholland O-1) at Chicago

Cubs (Farnsworth 0-1), 1:20 p.m. Cincinnati (Harrisch 0-1) at Colorado (Yoshii 0-1), 2:05 p.m. Florida (Sanchez 0-0) at Milwaukee

N.Y. Mets (Hampton 0-2) at Philadeighia (Person 0-0), 6:05 p.m. Montreal (Pavano 1-0) at Philadeighia (Person 0-0), 6:05 p.m. Montreal (Pavano 1-0) at Pittsburgh (Cordova 1-0), 6:05 p.m.

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(Best-of-7)
Wednesday, April 12
Ottawa at Toronto, 6 p.m.
Edmonton at Dallas, 6 p.m. San Jose at St. Louis, 6:30 p.m.

Thursday, April 13
Buffalo at Philadelphia, 6 p.m.
Pittsburgh at Washington, 6:30 p.m.
Florida at New Jersey, 6:30 p.m. Los Angeles at Detroit, 6:30 p.m. Edmonton at Dallas, 8 p.m. Phoenix at Colorado, 9 p.m. Friday, April 14 Buffalo at Philadelphia, 6 p.m.

Saturday, April 15 Washington at Pittsburgh, 1 p.m San Jose at St. Louis, 1 p.m Milwaukee at Cleveland, 6:30 p.n. Phoenix at Colorado. 1 p.m. Miami at Detroit, 6:30 p.m. Atlanta at Charlotte, 6:30 p.m. Los Angeles at Detroit, 1 p.m. Ottawa at Toronto, 6 p.m. Toronto at Indiana, 7 p.m. L.A. Clippers at Utah, 8 p.m. Minnesota at Seattle, 9 p.m. Vancouver at Phoenix, 9 p.m. **Thursday's Games** Portland at San Antonio, 7:30 p.m.

Sunday, April 16
Dallas at Edmonton, 6 p.m.
Philadelphia at Buffalo, 6:30 p.m. Florida at New Jersey, 6:30 p.m. Monday, April 17
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Robinson likes way Spurs are heading toward playoffs

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This is the type of effort David Robinson wants to see.

Robinson led the defending NBA champion San Antonio Spurs to a 98-92 overtime victory Tuesday night over the Sacramento Kings.

"For us, this is a very big win," Robinson said after scoring 26 points and grabbing 15 rebounds. "For one reason, we needed to play a good game against them. We came back from 17 points (in the first quarter), and that showed character.

"We're getting that little edge back again. That's the team we know. We had that attitude all last year.'

Tim Duncan added 18 points and 13 rebounds for the Spurs, who outscored Sacramento 14-8 in overtime to win their third straight game and reach the 50win mark for the fifth time in seven seasons. They trail Phoenix by a half-game for fourth place in the Western Conference.

Despite playing with five fouls, Robinson sent it into overtime with a free throw, then scored six straight points in the extra session.

"It's fun being in this situation as the go-to guy, but it's a little tougher when you're not used to it," said Robinson, who also had three blocks and two steals. "Tim was a little hurt tonight, so the rest of us had to step it up. This was a big win

The Kings, who lost their third straight at home and have dropped four of five overall, were led by Chris Webber with 16 points and 12 rebounds, and Vlade Divac had 17 points and seven rebounds.

Elsewhere, it was Dallas 92. Portland 81; Chicago 100, New Jersey 93; Golden State 109, Vancouver 97; Phoenix 95, the Los Angeles Clippers 89; and Houston 103, Denver 93.

Mavericks 92, Blazers 81 Michael Finley scored 24 points and Dirk Nowitzki added 21 points and 14 rebounds as the Mavericks won their fifth straight.

'The sky's the limit," said Finley, who scored 13 in the final quarter. "We don't have any playoffs in our future this year, but we hope we can take this into next season. We're beating playoff teams who are jockeying for position. These are some good tests for us."

Rasheed Wallace's 13 points paced the Trail Blazers, who shot 34.6 percent from the field.

Bulls 100, Nets 93

Elton Brand led Chicago with 22 points, 15 rebounds and a career-high seven assists and Matt Maloney was 5-of-6 from 3point range for a season-high 19 points. The Bulls made a season-high

11 3-pointers and shot over 50 percent — 36-of-67 for 54 percent at home for the first time this Keith Van Horn led the Nets

with 25 points.

Warriors 109, Grizzlies 97

Larry Hughes scored 28 points and Jason Caffey and Mark Davis each added 25 for host Golden State.

The loss was the first for the Grizzlies under owner Michael Heisley, whose purchase of the team was approved unanimously earlier in the day by the NBA's Board of Governors.

Michael Dickerson scored 24 points to lead Vancouver.

Rockets 103, Nuggets 93

Walt Williams had 23 points and 12 rebounds and the Rockets outscored the Nuggets 14-2 in the final 6:20 to win their fourth straight game.

Williams was 7-of-12, making all four 3-point attempts, but had only a 3-pointer in the second half.

Nick Van Exel led the Nuggets with 27 points and 11 assists. Raef LaFrentz had 16 points for host Denver.

Suns 95, Clippers 88

Cliff Robinson scored 22 points and Todd Day got 10 of his 18 points in the fourth quarter as the Suns dealt the Clippers their 13th consecutive defeat. With their 11th win in 15

games, the Suns reached the 50win plateau for the ninth time.

STEERS

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allowing six hits while striking out four. He walked one and issued two more free rides by hitting batters with pitches.

The Steers got off to a quick 2-0 start when James Clements drew a lead-off walk. Right fielder Jose Carnero and Bamert then provided RBI dou-

But Sweetwater answered with three runs of its own in by reaching base on an error two more in the second to take added an infield hit. With one a 5-2 lead

"It was a little bit of a shaky start," Loter said following the game, "but Clint settled down and it was a solid, workmanlike performance after that.

The Steers began chipping away at the Sweetwater lead in the fifth when third baseman

Jay Kuykendall doubled and then moved to third and scored on a pair of groundouts.

Another Big Spring run came

in the sixth when Bamert drew a leadoff walk and scored on a double by second baseman Willis Morrison. Sweetwater's bubble burst in

the seventh, however, as the Mustangs wound up committing seven errors in the inning. Kuykendall opened the inning

out, Carnero reached base on an error that allowed Kuykendall to score A dropped ball in the outfield

allowed Ricky Solis to keep things going and tie the game.

Bamert then provided the game-winning hit when he singled to drive in Choate and ground ball by Daniel Beauchamp allowed Solis and Bamert to score. Morrison added an RBI single

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and scored seconds later when Bowe Butler ripped a triple. Kuykendall made his second appearance of the inning and

drove home Butler with a sin-The bleeding continued when Choate reached base for a sec-

ond time on an error and --the bottom of the inning and and center fielder Jason Choate Clements delivered a two-run double to cap the rally. "This one just shows you that it's never over until it's over.'

Loter noted. "They (Mustangs) kind of folded the tent after that error. They almost had the double play to end the game, but the shortstop couldn't handle the ball and they couldn't get us

TAPE

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incidents never happened. could not be reached for comment Tuesday. Knight declined an opportunity to view the tape before it aired, CNN/SI report-

University officials investigated and rejected Reed's claims three years ago. Brand said ath-Clarence director

Doninger interviewed the entire coaching staff and all team members, including Reed, Knight was out of town and in 1997. None of those interviewed, including Reed, made any specific allegations of abuse. at the time, Brand said.

The allegations of abuse are the latest in a long line of incidents involving Knight.

Last summer, he was accused by a Bloomington man of choking him in a restaurant parking

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Nearly a year after Barry Sanders shocked the football world by retiring, the Detroit Lions are still wondering what to do about it.

Maybe they'll find the answer in the NFL draft this weekend.

Running backs Greg Hill and Ron Rivers helped the Lions to an 8-8 finish and a wild-card playoff berth last season. But they were let go after the season and Jacksonville free agent James Stewart was signed for \$25 million.

Stewart is a decent runner. He rushed for 931 yards and 13 touchdowns on 249 carries for the Jaguars

big-play capability Sanders had nobody does — and the Lions certainly don't want to place the load of a full season on Stewart's shoulders.

So, they'll likely draft another running back if one is still available when the Lions get their first pick. Still, because Detroit has the 20th pick in the first round, the best prospects might already be gone.

'This draft is not filled with dominating players," said Ron Hughes, the Lions' vice president of player personnel. "It's filled with a lot of good play-

The top prospects at running back are Thomas Jones of Virginia, Shaun

last season. But he doesn't have the Alexander of Alabama, Ron Dayne of Gibson in last year's draft. The 6-foot-4. Courtney Brown and LaVar Arrington Wisconsin and Jamal Lewis of

> and chooses fifth. Arizona (seventh), Chicago (ninth) and the New York be ready for 2000. Giants (11th) all select before the Lions and are interested in the position.

The Ravens pick again at No. 15. Kansas City, selecting one spot behind Detroit, is eager to get Dayne and might trade ahead of the Lions to do

If Dayne were still on the board, the Lions might very well take him. Detroit coach Bobby Ross has always liked big players, one reason he took

380-pound Gibson — who cleared the way for 259-pound Dayne in college — Baltimore is seeking a running back missed the 1999 NFL season with a shoulder injury, but he is expected to

> If none of the top four running backs remain, the Lions might be interested in J.R. Redmond of Arizona State in a lower round

> Detroit has the 19th pick in the second round, 19th in the third, but no pick in the fourth round.

Jones figures to be the first runner to go. The top four choices seem certain, although the order is not. Cleveland has the top spot and has narrowed its Wisconsin offensive tackle Aaron focus on Penn State defenders

Washington will take whichever Nittany Lions player doesn't go to the Browns, plus, it appears, tackle Chris Samuels of Alabama with the Nos. 2 and 3 selections.

Next up are the Bengals, and Peter Warrick should fall to them.

Running back is considered one of the stronger positions in the draft, so the Lions won't have to search too hard in any round to find one.

Other possibilities, although not in the opening round, would be Miami (Ohio) tailback Travis Prentice, Arizona's Trung Canidate, Oregon's Reuben Droughns and Madison's Curtis Keaton.

Baseball average salary now nears \$2 million mark

average baseball player these days.

Only eight years after the average salary broke the million-dollar mark, it nearly reached \$2 million on opening day, falling just short at \$1,988,034, according to a study of all major league contracts by The Associated Press.

"I don't know if it is negative or positive for the game," New York Mets catcher Mike Piazza said. "It rewards guys with talent who have worked hard all their lives, rode the buses in the minors and now are getting paid very well for what they

When Piazza first came up to the major leagues in 1993, he made \$126,000. This year, he's making \$12,071,429, and that only puts him sixth.

Dodgers pitcher Kevin Brown is No. 1 at \$15,714,286. only slightly less than the \$16,519,500 the Minnesota Twins are paying their entire roster.

Arizona pitcher Johnson is second at \$13.35 million, followed by Baltimore outfielder Albert Belle (\$12,868,670), New York Yankees outfielder Bernie Williams (\$12,357,143) and Colorado outfielder Larry Walker (\$12,142,857).

Belle had been No. 1 the previous three seasons.

Cincinnati's Ken Griffey Jr. is only 19th at \$9,329,700, which includes \$7 million in salary, \$625,000 as the remaining share of the signing bonus from his Seattle contract and \$1,704,700, which represents the 2000 value of \$5.5 million in deferred payments. While Cincinnati gave Griffey a \$116.5 million, nine-year contract, \$57.5 million is deferred and won't even start earning interest until 2009.

"If the salaries continue to escalate and you don't have revenues that come close to staying even, then you're in trouble, and that's where we said Diamondbacks are," owner Jerry Colangelo, who pays Johnson every two weeks. "I don't think anyone could say it's a healthy sign. There needs to be a change in the economic system. That's just clear

and distinct." The average went up 15.6 percent from \$1,720,050, nearly as much as the 19.3 percent increase last season.

Salaries have increased 85.6 percent from the end of the 1994-95, when the average was \$1,071,029 on opening day. The NBA average is \$3.5 million this season, and the NHL aver-

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NEW YORK (AP) - A \$2 mil- age was \$1,297,000 in 1998-99 lion salary makes you only an the last season for which figures are available. In the recently completed season, players \$1,043,000.

'When a business is doing well, the numbers tend to go up. Salaries are part of it. Baseball is doing well," Mets outfielder Darryl Hamilton said. "Ticket prices are going up, too. There are a lot of new ballparks around the majors, and they're more fan friendly, built with the fans in mind. That's part of the price, guess.

The New York Yankees, at \$92,538,260, have the highest payroll for the second straight year, followed by Los Angeles (\$88.1 million), Atlanta (\$84.5 million), Baltimore (\$81.4 million) and Arizona (\$81.0 million).

Last year, all eight playoff teams were among the top 10 spenders. If that holds this year, the cutoff would be Tampa Bay, 10th at \$62.7 mil-

However, trades and other roster moves and performance bonuses change payrolls during the season, and St. Louis, Colorado, the Chicago Cubs, Seattle and Detroit all have payrolls between \$58 million and \$62 million.

The Yankees' payroll is nearly six times the size of Minnesota's. Also near the bottom are Florida (\$20.1 million), Kansas City (\$23.4 million) and Pittsburgh (\$28.9 million).

The number of players at \$1 million or more rose from 348 to 377, 44.8 percent of the 840 players on opening-day rosters and disabled lists. Those at \$2 million rose from 254 to 277.

At the top of the scale, the number of players making \$9 million or more doubled to 20.

The median salary - the point at which an equal number of players are above and below - was \$750,000, up from \$700,000 last year and \$275,000 at the end of the strike.

Those at the \$200,000 minimum, which is higher than the average before 1982, dropped from 68 to 46.

'Sure it's a lot of money,' Texas' David Segui said. "But look, the stadiums are full and look at the money they are making off television. The industry generates that kind of revenue and without the players, who's going to watch? Joe Blow can't play at this level."

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The Kansas City Royals are making a habit of hitting walkoff home runs. The Detroit Tigers have done the same by opening a new home with a

Gregg Jefferies and Bobby Higginson each drove in two runs as Detroit beat the Seattle Mariners 5-2 Tuesday at Comerica Park, the Tigers' first home game in 104 years that wasn't played at the corner of Michigan and Trumbull.

"This is home," Detroit first baseman Tony Clark said. "It feels good to break in with a win at our new home.

That's nothing new for the Tigers, who have won the openers at all three parks they have played in.

The Tigers, then in the Western League, routed Columbus 17-2 in the Bennett Park opener on April 28, 1896. When Navin Field, later called Tiger Stadium, opened on the same site on April 20, 1912, Detroit beat Cleveland 6-5.

The Royals' tradition is a much more recent one, as they won for the second straight night with a walk-off homer.

Brian Johnson followed up Johnny Damon's ninth-inning game-winner from a day earlier by hitting a two-run homer with one out in the 12th inning to give Kansas City a 7-5 comefrom-behind win over the **Baltimore Orioles.** "We're not going to let our-

selves get carried away with this. We're not going to let that happen," Johnson said. "We'll always be happy with a single if that's all it takes. In other American League

games, Boston routed Minnesota 13-4; the Chicago White Sox beat Tampa Bay 13-6; Cleveland beat Oakland 5-1; and Anaheim edged Toronto 5-4. In National League games,

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Francisco 6-5, Cincinnati beat Colorado 10-3, St. Louis defeated Houston 10-6, San Diego edged Arizona 3-2 in 13 innings, and Montreal beat Pittsburgh 7-3.

Comerica Park, built at a cost of \$300 million in downtown Detroit, has all the amenities, from statues of Ty Cobb and Al Kaline, to luxury suites and a carousel, yet it also seemed to satisfy the baseball purists.

"It's a beautiful stadium." said Seattle's John Olerud, whose first-inning double was Comerica's first hit. "And it's big. I thought there were some balls today that definitely would have been home runs in the old Tiger Stadium.'

Before a capacity crowd of 39,168 on a cold afternoon that featured a steady drizzle, players wore parkas — with hoods up — under their uniforms. Their breath was visible in vapors — like football players on a November day.

Brian Moehler (1-1), who started and won the final game at Tiger Stadium, gave up 10 hits and one walk, but allowed just two runs — one earned — in six

Freddy Garcia (1-1) gave up five runs and six hits in six innings. The Tigers only scored five runs off Garcia all season

At Kansas City, Joe Randa, whose three-run homer in the eighth off reliever Al Reyes had tied it at 5, beat out an infield Indians a 1-0 lead single leading off the 12th against Tim Worrell (1-1). Then Angels 5, Blue Jays 4 Johnson hit his second home run to left-center with one out. Jose Santiago (1-0) pitched the

12th for the win. Cal Ripken homered in his first at-bat, leaving him five hits from 3,000.

Red Sox 13, Twins 4 Boston didn't need another outstanding performance from a Everett's two homers and Nomar Garciaparra's four hits.

Ramon Martinez (1-1) became the first Boston pitcher to win other than his brother, Pedro, and Garciaparra went 4-for-5 as the Red Sox beat Minnesota in their home opener.

Joe Mays (0-1) took the loss.

White Sox 13, Devil Rays 6

Chicago hit four home runs, including consecutive shots by **Chris Singleton and Carlos Lee** in the fifth. Singleton's two-run homer put the White Sox up 6-5 at Tampa.

Ray Durham hit a leadoff homer off Esteban Yan (0-1) and Paul Konerko, who went 4-for-5 with four RBIs, had a two-run inside-the-park homer in the

Jose Canseco and Greg Vaughn homered for the Devil Rays, who have lost six of

Indians 5, Athletics 1

Charles Nagy allowed four hits in eight innings and David Justice homered as visiting Cleveland won its fifth straight.

Nagy (1-1) struck out eight and did not allow an Oakland baserunner past second with the exception of Jason Giambi's fourth homer. Justice hit his third homer of

the season against Omar Olivares (1-1) on the first pitch of the third inning to give the

of the season, and Darin Erstad hit a three-run homer for host

Mo Vaughn hit his first homer of the year, a solo shot into the left-field seats leading off the third against Kelvim Escobar (0-2) to give the Angels a 5-0 lead.

Troy Percival struck out the side in the ninth for his second

Dodgers 6, Giants 5

Kevin Elster knows Pacific Bell Park is a home-run haven at least for him.

Elster had the first threehomer game of his career in leading Los Angeles over San Francisco in the stadium open-

Barry Bonds, J.T. Snow and Doug Mirabelli hit one each for the Giants, but no one put one over the right-field wall into San Francisco Bay.

Before a sellout crowd of 40,930 on a pleasant afternoon, Elster hit a third-inning drive off Kirk Rueter (0-1) that tied it at 1, added a two-run shot in a three-run fifth, then hit a solo homer in the eighth off Felix Rodriguez.

Reds 10, Rockies 3

Ken Griffey Jr. homered for the third straight game, hitting his 13th career grand slam. He is 10th on the career list, tied with Harold Baines, Robin Ventura and Mark McGwire for the lead among active players.

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Day You'll Have: 5-Dynamic; 4-Positive; 3-Average; 2-So-so; 1-Difficult

ARIES (March 21-April 19) ***** What starts as a jolt could easily be turned into a stroke of good luck. Your personality and imagination help vou transform chaos into nirvana. Don't hesitate right now. Take action and move with the moment. Tonight: Zoom in on what you want.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20). **** Realize that another means well, even if he manages to shake up your universe. You have your hands full, but go within, and you'll find good solutions to what seems impossible. Use your resourcefulness and energy. Tonight: Take it

GEMINI (May 21-June 20) **** Take a leap of faith, and

you'll land on your feet. Choose to do nothing halfway right now. Information that comes forward might have you shaking your head. You know what works for you. Follow through accordingly. Tonight: Seek out a friend CANCER (June 21-July 22)

***** Stabilizing your

finances takes skill and deter-

mination. A new issue is thrown into the mix, forcing you to think and evaluate carefully. Someone you once considered the "Rock of Gibraltar" turns in a new direction. Initiate discussions with a boss

Tonight: Fun doesn't mean expensive. **LEO** (July 23-Aug. 22) ***** You might shock others

as much as they jolt you. Stop and think about the message behind the words. Sensitivity opens doors; being bullheaded slams them shut. You have a unique opportunity to break a pattern. Why not? Tonight: Have a good time.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) *** Take a deep breath. Understand what is going on within you. We all need an occasional timeout, and you are no exception. Move forward.

Refuse to be intimidated by a

work-related situation. Tonight: Say yes to something new and different.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22) ***** Making a decision tears you between friendship and love. Let another reveal more of his thoughts before you make a decision. Proceed in a new direction; make waves only where it counts. Bring others together. Tonight: Join a friend's activity friend's activity.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21) *** If you feel you are in a pressure cooker, you are right! The planets pull and tug at you from different directions. Stay centered, knowing what will, work. Dig into tasks. Accept a challenge. Take the lead and let others know who you are SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec.

***** You rush right in where others might not want to tread. Handle situations carefully and with a great deal of decorum. Consider others' reactions. Creativity and intuition intertwine, helping you make the right decision. Tonight: Where: the music is.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan:

**** You might be upset by a money dilemma, but you can easily figure it out. Knowing what works helps you make the right decision. You might need to stop and explain the fundamentals to a partner before you? take action. Ultimately, you get needed support. Tonight: Go for togetherness.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18) ***** You are capable of such prises, but this behavior encourages others to behave a similar manner toward you Observe what is going or rather than reacting. Make calls; reach out for others. You quickly accomplish a lot \$ 3 Tonight: Not alone.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20) *** Your nerves have had enough. Stop; pull back; do what is necessary to regain your balance. You might need some time off - perhaps several days. Finances straighten out as soon as you feel better; Trust your judgment. Tonight: Put your feet up.

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Cleanliness protects hospital workers and patients alike DEAR ABBY: May I add a few patient to the next and having

thoughts regarding the letter from "Daughter of a Patient," who wrote to stress her concerns about health-care workers and hand-washing? I strongly confirm that health-care workers need to demonstrate frequent and proper hand-washing techniques. Gloves are required while performing invasive procedures such as starting an IV, drawing

blood, changing a dressing, etc. But please do not assume that hand-washing did not occur if it was not done in the patient's visual field.

I have been an RN for more than 20 years. I wash

my hands before and after patient contact — always, without fail. Our institution does not allow us to use a patient's bathroom for our routine hygiene (unless our hands become soiled while in contact with that patient). Nurses, physicians and other healthcare personnel in direct contact with patients generally use a central hand-washing area, such as in a nurse's station. In this case, patients and their families may never actually observe personnel washing their hands - even though they have.

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However, if a patient or family member actually sees a health-care worker going from one area to the next, one direct skin contact with that patient, I suggest they report it immediately to the unit manage er. A health-care worker i\$ more likely to acquire an infectious disease from the public than the other way around. That's now twice the reason to observe good hand-washing techniques. - INFORMED AND HYGIENIC RN IN CALI-**FORNIA** DEAR INFORMED RN: The majority of mail I have

nel corroborates your state ments. Read on: DEAR ABBY: In response to the letter about hand-washing by medical personnel — yes, it probably could be better in some cases. I have been an RN

received from medical person-

for 12 years. Just because a patient doesn't see me wash my hands, it doesn't mean I haven't done it just before I entered the room. I generally wash my hands at the nurses' station for several reasons. I don't believe a patient's room or bathroom is the most hygienic place for me to wash my hands before I assess the

At my hospital, the soap kept in the nurses' station is a stronger germ killer than what is kept in the patient rooms. Furthermore, I often follow hand-washing with an antibacterial spray or lotion of my own. With the dramatic rise in antibiotic-resistant bacteria these days, such precautions not only protect patients, but also protect me. - SUSAN KELLY, SCOTTSDALE, ARIZ.

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Today's Highlight in History:

On April 12, 1861, the by James J. Andrews stole a American Civil War began as Confederate train near Confederate forces fired on Fort Sumter in South Carolina. On this date:

In 1606, England adopted as its flag the original version of the Union Jack.

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the Buster Keaton comedy "The General.") In 1934, "Tender Is the Night," by F. Scott Fitzgerald, was first published.

In 1862, Union volunteers led

Marietta, Ga., but were later

caught. (This episode inspired

In 1945, President Franklin Delano Roosevelt died of a cerebral hemorrhage in Warm Springs, Ga., at age 63; he was succeeded by Vice President Harry S. Truman.

In 1955, the Salk vaccine against polio was declared safe and effective.

In 1961, Soviet cosmonaut Yuri Gagarin became the first man to fly in space, orbiting the earth once before making a safe landing.

In 1981, the space shuttle Columbia blasted off from Cape Canaveral on its first test flight.

In 1989, radical activist Abbie Hoffman was found dead at his home in New Hope, Pa., at age

In 1989, former middleweight boxing champion Sugar Ray Robinson died in Culver City,

California, at age 67. In 1992, Euro Disneyland

opened in France. Ten years ago: In its first meeting, East Germany's first democratically elected parliament acknowledged responsibility for the Nazi Holocaust, and asked the forgiveness of Jews and others who had suffered.

Five years ago: In a move that stunned the business world, billionaire Kirk Kerkorian and former Chrysler Chairman Lee Iacocca made an unsolicited \$22.8 billion-dollar bid to buy the nation's third largest automaker; Chrysler responded that it wasn't for sale.

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One year ago: U.S. District Judge Susan Webber Wright cited President Clinton for contempt of court, concluding that the president had lied about his relationship with Monica Lewinsky in a deposition in the Paula Jones case. A jury in Little Rock, Ark., acquitted Susan McDougal of obstructing **Independent Counsel Kenneth** Starr's Whitewater inquiry and deadlocked on two other charges, causing a mistrial.

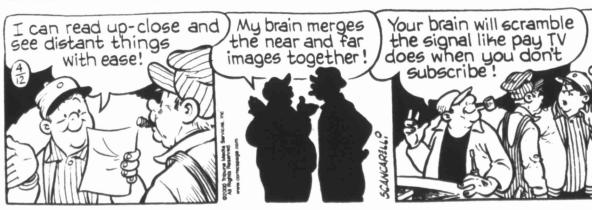
Today's Birthdays: Bandleader Lionel Hampton is 92. Actress-dancer Ann Miller is 77. Country singer Ned Miller is 75. Actress Jane Withers is 74. Opera singer Montserrat Caballe is 67. Actor Charles Napier is 64. Jazz musician Herbie Hancock is 60. Actor Frank Bank ("Leave It to Beaver") is 58. Rock singer John Kay (Steppenwolf) is 56. Actor Ed O'Neill is 54.

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