

EASTER SUNDAY

April 23, 2000

WEATHER

Today:



SUNNY
TODAY 85°-90° TONIGHT 55°-60°

Benefit auction donations needed

The auction to help benefit Spring City Senior Citizens Center has been scheduled for Saturday, organizers said.

Hours for the event have yet to be determined.

Donations of items for the auction are needed.

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

The auction will be held by David Lefever, local auctioneer.

WHAT'S UP...

MONDAY

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

TUESDAY

□ Intermediate line dance classes, 9 a.m. Senior Citizens Center.

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

WEDNESDAY

□ Optimist Club, 7 a.m., Howard College Cactus Room.

□ Senior Circle Big Spring Mall walkers meet 9:15 a.m. in front of movie theater box office.

□ Big Spring Downtown Lions Club, noon, Howard College Cactus Room.

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

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

THURSDAY

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

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

□ Kiwanis Club, noon, Howard College Cactus Room.

□ Masonic Lodge No. 598, 7:30, 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.

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Templo Belen Assembly of God forming Royal Ranger Ministry

By GINA GARZA
Staff Writer

The Men's Ministry of Templo Belen is starting a chapter of the Royal Ranger Ministry of the Assemblies of God.



RIOS

"This ministry is known throughout the Assemblies of God," said Domingo Rios,

coordinator. "In the past, we have been unable to start this program because of funds as well as membership."

He added the reason they have decided to start the ministry now is because the youth of Templo Belen Assembly of God has grown and this is a way to help keep them out of trouble and give them something to do.

The ministry is for boys from ages 6 to 17.

They do not have to members of the church.

"Right now, we are starting with our youth, but we hope to

TO HELP

The Men's Ministry of Templo Belen is in need of monetary donations to start a Royal Ranger Ministry chapter for boys age 6 to 17. To help, call 267-1123.

expand out into the community," he said.

The program will teach the boys about camping, crafts, how to behave as well as how to get closer to God. They will also be doing many other activities.

"We will have many campouts with other districts," he added. "Our main goal, though, is to bring the boys closer to God."

The boys will be required to purchase their uniforms and pay membership dues but there will be scholarships available for those who cannot afford it.

"We will have fund-raisers to help raise money for those unable to buy their uniforms or pay their dues," Rios said.

"There are a lot of single-parent families and low-income families who need a little extra help and we want to help them as much as we can."

Rios added the meetings will last approximately an hour to 1-1/2 hours but no more than two. Each meeting will be broken down into sections such as prayer, troop meetings, Bible studies, games and devotionals.

"We will also try to change up the meetings to include some outside activities because kids tend to get bored with the same things," he said.

Rios said the organization is accepting donations at this time.

Call 267-1123 for more information. All donations are tax deductible.



Several hundred kids made a mad dash for Easter eggs Saturday as College Park Church of God sponsored a free, community-wide event at the Old Settlers Pavilion in Comanche Trail Park. More than a thousand people enjoyed games, clowns, mimes, free drawings and activities for the whole family.

Howard College

SWCID residence hall annexes, softball field design are topics for board of trustees on Monday

By CARL GRAHAM
Staff Writer

A full agenda faces Howard College trustees at their monthly meeting Monday at 12:30 p.m.

at the South West Collegiate Institute for the Deaf (SWCID) boardroom.

Among the items of new business to be discussed will be the consideration of SWCID residence hall annexes, softball field design and workforce education programs.

According to Terry Hansen, vice-president of administrative services, local architect Phil Furquerson will be giving the board an update on the concept for the new SWCID resident hall annexes.

"There are several items Phil wants to give the board an update on," said Hansen. "One

is the addition of a storage area and computer room to the residence hall."

Hansen said Furquerson will also be giving the board a look at the design for the new Lady Hawk softball field that will be built just east of Jack Barber Field.

"Though Big Spring ISD has worked well with us in sharing their softball field, we do have plans for a field of our own and Phil will be showing the board the designs for the new field," said Hansen. "It will just be a lot more convenient for us and everybody else concerned."

Hansen said the relationship with local area schools has been good and he is always pleased to work with them.

Among other items will be the consideration of bids on a house that was given to the college by the late Dr. Robert Hays. Also considered will be notebook computers for San Angelo Title V, consideration of delinquent tax property, and consideration of employment of district faculty and professional staff.



HANSEN

Martin County Hospital outlook positive, says interim administrator

By BILL McCLELLAN
News Editor

Martin County Hospital's problems are just a "bump in the road" according to the interim administrator, and there is no reason the healthcare facility won't recover quickly.

Dan Griffis, who was enjoying his ranch near Justiceburg a few weeks ago, has been on the job a week now.

"I'm trying to do a survey of the hospital and get a feel for what is or what is not wrong. It takes time to see all of aspects of it," said Griffis.

"Cash flow seems to be the

primary problem," Griffis said — that and the lack of stability as the hospital has been through several administrators in a short period of time.

"They went leaderless for a few months, and any time you operate without good leadership, things get a little skewed," Griffis said.

What he has discovered, he said, is the hospital has a good foundation.

"We have a great board an excellent medical staff and the people of the community are strong supporters, both of the hospital and as tax supporters. I think Stanton hospital without a doubt will get through this.

This is just a little bump in the road," he said.

Griffis was contracted through the Texas Organization of Rural and Community Hospitals (TORCH).

"They asked me to help out and I love rural health care. As you know, healthcare is under a lot of pressure today. It's a difficult situation. At the same time, it is an essential core industry. So it's a lot of fun to come in and be able to help people who are so appreciative of their hospital," said Griffis.

Most recently, he served as vice president of managed care and interim director of Columbia Provider Services in

Dallas. He has had a long career in healthcare.

He previously served as vice president of business development for Columbia Healthcare and was responsible for building physician networks and negotiation and securing managed care contracts.

Prior to that, he was director of sales for Columbia Health care, director of physician services for Spohn Health System, senior vice president of Lubbock Methodist Hospital Systems and vice president of business development for St. Mary Hospital.

Serving as interim administrator is nothing new for

Griffis, who has performed as a troubleshooter at numerous hospitals.

"That's one of the things I have done in the past, the same as I am doing here," said Griffis. "But I'm not here on a timeline or anything. We are in the beginning stages of restructuring. When that is done, TORCH, the board, medical staff and I will all step back and see where we need to go from there."

Griffis received his bachelor's degree in business administration from Texas Tech University and his master's in healthcare administration from Trinity University.

Former Steers standout drowns during campout

By CARL GRAHAM
Staff Writer

A former Big Spring High School star athlete drowned early Friday morning when the flat-bottom boat he and three friends were in became flooded in a southwest Arkansas lake.

Twenty-year-old Antwone Edwards, who was attending Ouachita Baptist University in Arkadelphia, Ark., on a football scholarship, apparently could not swim and was unable to make it to shore.

"Antwone was an outstanding young man in every possible way," said Ouachita Baptist University president Andrew Westmoreland. "He was well liked and respected by his teachers and by his fellow classmates. It's going to be a very tough time around here

for a while."

When word reached Big Spring that the former student and gifted athlete had drowned, many of those who knew him well were shocked.

Big Spring High School assistant football coach Tim Tannehill admired and respected Edwards and was saddened at the announcement.

"First of all, he established a lot of respect for his coaches and in return, the coaches showed a lot of respect for him," said Tannehill. "Everyone — students and teachers — had a lot of respect for him."

As a senior, Edwards helped Big Spring to an 8-4 season record and a berth in the regional semifinals. The all-district fullback galloped for 1,485 yards and 16 touchdowns on 245 carries during the regular season.

Big Spring High head football coach and athletic director Dwight Butler said football was just an avenue for what the



Former Big Spring High School fullback Antwone Edwards, pictured here in the Steers' bi-district playoff win over El Paso Ysleta in 1997, died Friday morning in a boating accident near Arkadelphia, Ark. Funeral service is 2 p.m. Monday at First Baptist Church in Big Spring.

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OBITUARIES

Antwoyne Lee Edwards

Antwoyne Lee-Edwards, 20, of Big Spring, died on Friday, April 21, 2000, in Arkadelphia, Ark. Funeral services will be at 2 p.m. Monday, April 24, 2000, at the First Baptist Church with Rev. Greg Taylor, pastor of Miracle Revival Center, officiating. Interment will follow at Trinity Memorial Park.



He was born on June 8, 1979, in Big Spring, Texas.

Antwoyne was a lifelong resident of Big Spring and graduated from Big Spring High School in 1998. He was a member of the Big Spring Steer football team and track team. He was also actively involved in religious activities with the youth of Big Spring. He was attending Ouachita Baptist University in Arkadelphia, Ark., on a full athletic scholarship.

He was a member of Miracle Revival Center. Survivors include his parents, Carl and Pebble Evans of Big Spring; four sisters, Dewanaha Edwards, Cathy Edwards, Zelma Evans and Nina Evans, all of Big Spring; maternal grandmother and step-grandfather, Jo Ann and Odel Mason of Big Spring; maternal grandfather Heziki Edwards of Hobbs, N.M.; maternal great-grandmother, Fannie Holland of Midland; maternal great-grandfather, W.C. Smith of Snyder, Okla.; aunts and uncles Jo Frances and Bill Ray Young, Lorenzo and Kathy Williams and Darrick Mosley, all of Midland, and Zelma Mosley of Round Rock; and numerous friends.

Pallbearers will be Jeremy Collier, C.J. Ashley, Kevin Park, Jeff Denton, Brock Gee and Jeremiah Andrews. Honorary pallbearers will be the Ouachita football team, coaches and friends, Coach Dwight Butler and Coach Tommy Gibson.

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

Paid obituary

Cynthia Todd

Cynthia E. Todd, 90, of Vandalia, Ohio, and formerly of Big Spring, died Friday, April 21, 2000, after a short illness. Funeral service will be at 1:30 p.m. Tuesday, April 25, 2000, at Vandalia Baptist Temple. Burial will follow at Poplar Hill Cemetery.

Mrs. Todd was a native of Big Spring, a member of Trinity

Baptist Church and was retired from Big Spring State Hospital. She moved to Vandalia in August 1995 and was a member of the Vandalia Baptist Temple.

Survivors include a son, Troy G. Todd of Vandalia; a sister, Lois Robinson of McKinney; a brother-in-law, Ervis McGaugh of Big Spring; two grandsons; and three great-grandchildren.

Visitation will be held from noon until 1:30 p.m. Tuesday.

Arrangements are being handled by Morton & Whetstone Funeral Home in Vandalia.

Dalton Friend Carr

Dalton Friend Carr, 77, of Big Spring, died Friday, April 21, 2000, in a local nursing home.

Services are pending with Nalley-Pickle & Welch Funeral Home.

Ruth Lopez Contreras

Ruth Lopez Contreras, 54, of Big Spring, died Friday, April 21, 2000, at Scenic Mountain Medical Center.

Prayer service will be at 6 p.m. Sunday, April 23, 2000, at Myers & Smith Chapel. Funeral service will be at 10 a.m. Monday, April 24, 2000, at Myers & Smith Chapel with Rev. Ventura Martinez and Rev. Adam Flores officiating. Burial will follow at Trinity Memorial Park.

Mrs. Contreras was born on April 18, 1946, in Big Spring. She was a lifetime resident and a member of the Assembly of God Church. She married Robert Contreras in 1981.

She had worked at the Holiday Inn and also the Ponderosa Motel for a number of years until she retired due to illness.

She is survived by her husband, Robert Contreras of Big Spring; two daughters, Brenda Puga and Amanda Contreras, both of Big Spring; four brothers, Santos Lopez of Lubbock, Joel Lopez and H.D. Lopez, both of Big Spring, and Ponciano Lopez of North Platte, Neb.; six sisters, Manuela Rosales of San Antonio, Mary Helen Gonzales of Big Spring, Martha Sandoval of North Platte, Neb., and Anna Lopez, Rosa Flores and Maria Louisa Diaz, all of Big Spring; and several nieces and nephews.

She was preceded in death by her parents, Ponciano Lopez and Hortencia Diaz Lopez and one brother, Lucas Lopez.

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

EDWARDS

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Lord had called Edwards to. "He didn't just talk the talk of being a Christian, he lived it," said Butler. "You know, most Christian kids are considered outcasts to other students but that wasn't the case with Antwoyne. Just over the spring break he came by the house and told me he felt the Lord had called him to be a youth minister. I guess the Lord felt he had accomplished his mission and needed him there."

According to Clark County, Ark., Sheriff Troy Tucker, Edwards, two other OBU students and a recent ORU gradu-

ate, had presented a religious drama at the university Thursday night. The group decided to go camping at the DeGray Lake afterward.

Just after midnight, the four rode in a flat-bottom boat with a trolling motor from the spillway ramp to a nearby point, where they set up camp. Due to the cold weather, they decided to cut the trip short and return to the parking area just before 5 a.m. Water began entering the boat before they reached the shore. The other three occupants swam to the bank to safety, said Tucker.

The Clark County Sheriff's Office was notified of the accident at approximately 5:05 a.m., according to Sheriff Tucker. He estimated that water depth in the area to be around 30 feet.

University officials worked most of the day Friday to get word of the drowning to students, many of whom had left campus due to an Easter holiday from classes.

A funeral service has been scheduled for 2 p.m. Monday at the First Baptist Church in Big Spring. Arrangements are being handled by Nalley-Pickle & Welch Funeral Home.

WHAT'S UP

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- AMBUCS, noon, Brandin' Iron Restaurant.
- Spring City Senior Citizens country/western dance, 7:30 to 10:30 p.m. All seniors invited.

SATURDAY

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

SUPPORT GROUPS

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

MONDAY
• TOPS Club (Take off pound sensibly), weigh-in 5 p.m. and meeting at 6 p.m., College Heights Christian church, 21st and Goliad.
• Project Freedom, Christian support group for survivors of physical/emotional/sexual and/or spiritual abuse. Call 263-5140 or 263-2241 for dates/times of upcoming groups.

• Alcoholics Anonymous, 615 Settles, noon open meeting.
• Alzheimer's support group, 7 p.m., Canterbury South, 1700 N. Lancaster, first Mondays of each month. Call Galynn Gamble at 263-1271.

• Narcotics Anonymous, 6 p.m., St. Mary's Episcopal Church, 1001 Goliad. Call 268-4189 (pager no.).
• The New Voice Club, a sup-

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AROUND THE TOWN

port group for laryngectomees and their families, will meet Monday, Apr. 17, at 6:30 p.m., at 2410 Wasson Drive, the house behind the 7-11 store, but with the driveway on Randolph. For directions, 267-2800.

• Alzheimer's support group, 6:30 p.m., Marcy House, 2301 Wasson. Call 268-9041.

• Greater West Texas Chapter of the Alzheimer's Association, 7 p.m., Canterbury South, 1700 Lancaster. Topic: A Prescription for Caregivers. For more information call Galynn Gamble at 263-1271.

• Association of Retarded Citizens of Howard County meet 6:30 p.m. the first Monday of each month at 806 East Third Street, the HARC bingo building. Call 264-0674 for more information.

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

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

POLICE

Big Spring Police Department reported the following incidents between 8 a.m. Friday and 2 p.m. Saturday:

- HARIL HODNETT, 40, of 5511 Midway Road, was arrested on a charge of public intoxication.
- JASON BROWN, 17, of

1018 Nolan, was arrested on a county warrant.

• HARVEY ELLISON, 40, of 311 E. 35th, Odessa, was arrested on a charge of driving with an invalid license.

• JOSEPH GARZA, 18, of 5706 E. Midway, was arrested on a charge of driving with an invalid license.

• CATARINO GUERRERO, 51, of 3619 Walnut, Odessa, was arrested on a charge of driving with an invalid license.

• ADRIAN VERA, 25, of Highway 176, Box 1302, was arrested on a local warrant.

• BURGLARY OF A HABITATION was reported in the 200 block of Benton.

• BURGLARY OF A BUILDING was reported at the airport.

• MAJOR ACCIDENT was reported at Fourth and Jones.

• MINOR ACCIDENT was reported in the 200 block of W. Marcy.

• THEFT was reported in the 200 block of W. Marcy.

• ASSAULT was reported in the 1000 block of E. 12th.

• DOMESTIC DISTURBANCES were reported in the 600 block of NW Seventh, Aylesford and Seventh and in the 1500 block of Sycamore.

• DISTURBANCE/FIGHT was reported in the 2300 block of Gregg.

• LOUD PARTY/NOISE was reported in the 400 block of Dallas.

MEETINGS

MARTIN COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
9 a.m. Monday, Martin

County Courthouse

- Agenda items include:
- Bills
 - Official's reports
 - Road report
 - Pipeline crossings
 - Improvements and repairs
 - Mike Welling comments on Texas Commission on Jail Standards
 - Joint 911 resolution between Glasscock and Martin counties
 - Appoint hospital board members

HOWARD COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
9 a.m. Monday, Howard County Courthouse

- Agenda items include:
- Invoices
 - Purchase requests
 - Personnel considerations
 - Treasurer's quarterly report
 - Proposed transfer of Howard House Hotel building to Big Spring Main Street
 - Appointment of commissioners as member of Big Spring Main Street Pipeline crossings
 - Seal coating for Howard College
 - Courthouse/library renovations

BIG SPRING INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT
Noon Thursday, Marcy Elementary Library

- Agenda items include:
- Annual contract catalogue bids
 - GT and dyslexia plan approval
 - Employment/resignations
 - Employee appreciation banquet

Gov.

HOUSTON (AP) — The debate surrounding Gov. George W. Bush's mental record since he took office has been on a bad day.

Critics point to quality, and Houston's crown smog capital of indicators that presidential candidate environmental friend of polluter.

In response, Bush porters argue that is improving an has been behind it.

The truth may as either side suggests, according to Bush is publicly weak on environment.

In a March poll, Research Center & the Press, center President Al Gore 55 percent to 30

Report

ST. LOUIS (AP) — Agents did not find Davidians in the ended in a deadly group's compound according to a report from last week.

Vector Data British firm that simulation, proven report to U.S. Walter S. Smith, month.

The test was performed in Fort Hood.

Vector found debris were caused by sunlight in duration that reduced by gunfire Post-Dispatch Saturday, citi-

Bonfire

COLLEGE STA. — Last year's bonfire killed 12 people, ventioned directly evening's Muster University, but added special for the annual event Aggies who died year.

Muster, one of ditions at a camp conditions, concluded evening before a than 13,000 that university's 12 usually holds 12.

From its begin Muster has mar year when Aggie world get together times at A&M, those who died, who died in the on Nov. 18 we Friday evening, other Aggies w past year.

"This was t event," said Lan spokesman for because of the t n't know what k it was going to k Throughout A&M officials s time to come Aggies.

"It's a time for the world to rep spirit, rememb have fallen in t remember the t said Texas A&M Bowen, referring

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Ruth Lopez Contreras, 54, died Friday. Prayer services will be 6:00 PM, Sunday at Myers & Smith Chapel. Funeral services will be 10:00 AM, Monday at Myers & Smith Chapel, with burial at Trinity Memorial Park.

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

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May God Richly Bless All Of You
Joyce Riddle and Family

Sunday deadlines
All Sunday items (weddings, anniversaries, engagements, birth announcements, Who's Who, military) are due to the Herald office by Wednesday at noon. Birth announcement, engagement, wedding and anniversary forms are available at the Herald office. Pictures are to be picked up no later than 30 days after publication or they will be discarded.

To Our Family And Friends Of Big Spring
We would like to express our gratitude for the tremendous outpouring of love, generosity, and concern for our beautiful daughter, Corey. We were deeply touched by the presence, kind words, and gifts offered to us by our family and friends in Big Spring. Big Spring was Corey's birth place and first home. Please continue your prayers for Corey and our family, and keep her in your thoughts. We feel that she truly did her job on earth by touching so many lives. There are no words that can truly express how deeply we appreciate your kindness.
Love, Kaul, Brenda, Krissy, Patrick Rubio and all the Rubio Family

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Gov. George W. Bush's environmental record obscured by clouds

HOUSTON (AP) — Sometimes the debate surrounding Texas Gov. George W. Bush's environmental record seems as hazy as the smog that blankets this city on a bad day.

Critics point to Texas' bad air quality, and particularly Houston's crown as the nation's smog capital of 1999, as prime indicators that the Republican presidential candidate is soft on environmental issues and a friend of polluters.

In response, Bush and his supporters argue that the state's air is improving and the governor has been behind major air-quality improvement initiatives.

The truth may not be as clear as either side suggests. But it is evident, according to polls, that Bush is publicly perceived as weak on environmental issues.

In a March poll by the Pew Research Center for the People & the Press, people chose Vice President Al Gore over Bush by 55 percent to 30 percent when

asked which candidate would do the better job on the environment.

Bush tried to simplify the debate over his record early in the campaign.

"You've got to ask the question, 'Is the air cleaner since I became governor?' And the answer is yes," Bush has said often.

His campaign regularly cites the latest Environmental Protection Agency data, which show Texas led the nation in reduction of toxic emissions for 1995-97, a 14 percent reduction of 42.6 million pounds. The state's reduction was more than the 38.8 million pounds of all other states combined, the report said.

But environmentalists note that Texas also led all states in total emissions with 831 million pounds during that period. And they point to an upward spike in ozone violations since Bush became governor in 1995.

Data from the EPA and the Texas Natural Resource Conservation Commission show there were 679 eight-hour ozone violations in Texas' eight major metropolitan areas in the 1995-99 period, up from 508 in 1990-94.

"There's no argument that air quality in Texas has improved over the last 10 years, but it's improved along with the rest of the nation since the federal Clean Air Act was put in place in 1990," said Ken Kramer, director of the Sierra Club's Texas office.

Texas' progress has flattened in every major metropolitan area except El Paso, Kramer said, which explains why Houston vaulted ahead of Los Angeles as the nation's smoggiest city. Aggressive anti-pollution measures in Los Angeles have led to sharp drops since the late 1980s.

Even a report by a conservative California think tank,

released Monday by Lt. Gov. Rick Perry to bolster Bush's environmental image during Earth Week, acknowledged that progress in reducing ground-level ozone — a key ingredient in smog — has stagnated under Bush's watch.

On the other hand, the report by the Pacific Research Institute for Public Policy pointed out that Texas improved in the other five major pollution categories tracked by the EPA between 1988 and 1997.

"We've had significant gains and we have a plan in place in which we are offering to seek 90 percent reductions in pollution," said Bush campaign spokesman Dan Bartlett.

Texas has an impetus to seek reductions beyond improving Bush's image. If Houston, Dallas and Beaumont do not meet national air quality standards by 2007, the federal government may withhold billions of dollars in highway money.

The Bush campaign also trumpets his support for a 1999 law that forces grandfathered power plants — those built before the state's 1971 clean air laws — to come into compliance with current pollution controls.

During Bush's GOP primary fight with Arizona Sen. John McCain, television ads aired by a group called Republicans for Clean Air said Bush had led state efforts to "clamp down on old coal-burning electric power plants."

The ads, paid for by Bush supporters but not his campaign, may have overstated the governor's leadership. For two years, he had backed an industry-supported voluntary system of permits for all grandfathered plants, a position that still draws strong criticism from environmentalists.

Bush's endorsement of the mandatory program for power plants, which was added to the bill by a Democrat, came in the

waning days of the 1999 Legislature.

"Basically, he was a Johnny-come-lately to that provision, and he only publicly endorsed it after it was a fait accompli," Kramer said.

Bush's voluntary program is now law for 760 other grandfathered non-utility plants, but only 74 have volunteered so far, according to the Texas Natural Resource Conservation Commission.

Bush's original stance on the grandfathering issue gave environmentalists more fodder to accuse him of being too cozy with industry.

His top donor over his political career has been the Houston energy company Enron and its chief executive, Kenneth Lay, according to the book "The Buying of the President 2000" by the private Center for Public Integrity. Enron has one facility that benefited from the voluntary permit program.

Report: Federal agents didn't fire at Branch Davidians

ST. LOUIS (AP) — Federal agents did not fire at Branch Davidians in the 1993 siege that ended in a deadly blaze at the group's compound in Waco, according to a preliminary report from last month's simulation of the confrontation.

Vector Data Systems, the British firm that conducted the simulation, provided the written report to U.S. District Judge Walter S. Smith Jr. earlier this month.

The test was performed March 19 in Fort Hood.

Vector found that flashes produced by sunlight reflecting off debris were considerably longer in duration than flashes produced by gunfire, the St. Louis Post-Dispatch reported Saturday, citing informed

sources.

That finding would support the government's claim that similar flashes seen on a 1993 infrared tape were the result of sunlight reflecting off debris from the crumbling complex, not gunfire.

Vector also reported that the infrared cameras in aircraft above the Fort Hood simulation site picked up flashes from six of the nine weapons tested. But wherever flashes were visible from weapons, the shooters also were visible, the sources said. Flashes on the 1993 Waco tape do not show shooters.

Vector followed up the preliminary report with an oral briefing for Smith last Monday.

Mike Caddell, the lead counsel for the Branch Davidians, said

Smith has not yet relayed the conclusions of Vector's oral report.

He interpreted that as "a bad sign for my side."

But, Caddell said, he has strong evidence on other issues that he will stress at the June trial of the Branch Davidians' wrongful death suit against the government.

Among them are the Davidians' claim that the FBI failed to provide fire equipment as instructed by Attorney General Janet Reno and that the FBI commanders on the scene abused their discretion by prematurely knocking down part of the complex.

Regardless of Vector's conclusions, Caddell plans to present his own experts who will argue

that the flashes on the 1993 tape are from government guns. He acknowledges that his experts cannot show that any particular Branch Davidian died from a government bullet.

Vector was hired to conduct the test by Special Counsel John Danforth who, in September, was appointed by Reno to oversee an independent investigation into the standoff and fire.

The appointment came amid criticism following revelations that the FBI, contradicting a position it had taken for six years, used potentially incendiary devices on the last day of the 51-day standoff on April 19, 1993. David Koresh and about 80 followers died. Reno and the FBI deny any wrongdoing.

UT researchers believe early humans spoke in baby talk

AUSTIN (AP) — Babies' babbling and first words are determined by mechanics, not speech genes as widely believed, two University of Texas researchers say in a paper published Friday.

The work by Peter F. MacNeilage, a psychology professor, and Barbara L. Davis, an associate professor of communication sciences and disorders, suggests simple body mechanics like opening and closing the mouth and tongue position allowed humans to begin speaking.

They said their findings contrast the conventional theory that humans have an innate genetic capacity for learning language.

The researchers studied 10 children from age 7 months to 3 years. The UT paper appeared in Friday's edition of Science magazine.

"These patterns, created by basic open and close movements of the mouth and jaw during speech, indicate that purely physical effects may be

more important to the creation of conceptual language than previously thought," said MacNeilage.

The theory contradicts that of linguist Noam Chomsky, whose 50 years of research has been widely accepted. Chomsky believes humans have special genes used to pattern speech.

Chomsky told the Austin American-Statesman he hadn't seen the UT researchers' paper but dismissed what he had heard about it as "not even serious science."

"This is what I said as a student 50 years ago," said Chomsky, a professor at the Massachusetts Institute of Technology. Chomsky could not be immediately reached by The Associated Press.

"Language isn't in the mouth. It's in the head," said Morris Halle who co-wrote "The Sound Pattern of English" with Chomsky.

"Dogs have mouths, and they make all kinds of noises. Pigs go 'Oink, oink,'" Halle said.

Bonfire victims remembered at Texas A&M Muster

COLLEGE STATION (AP) — Last year's bonfire collapse that killed 12 people was rarely mentioned directly during Friday evening's Muster at Texas A&M University, but the tragedy added special significance to the annual event that recalls Aggies who died in the previous year.

Muster, one of the oldest traditions at a campus with old traditions, concluded Friday evening before a crowd of more than 13,000 that packed into the university's Reed Arena, which usually holds 12,500.

From its beginnings in 1883, Muster has marked a day each year when Aggies around the world get together to recall good times at A&M and remember those who died. The 12 Aggies who died in the bonfire collapse on Nov. 18 were remembered Friday evening, along with the other Aggies who died in the past year.

"This was not a bonfire event," said Lane Stephenson, a spokesman for A&M. "But because of the bonfire, we didn't know what kind of attention it was going to get."

Throughout the ceremony, A&M officials said Muster is a time to come together as Aggies.

"It's a time for Aggies around the world to renew their Aggie spirit, remember those who have fallen in the past year and remember the honored class," said Texas A&M president Ray Bowen, referring to the tradi-

tional recognition of the class that graduated 50 years before.

From Istanbul to Japan to France, 322 Musters were conducted on Friday. The one at the A&M campus in College Station was the largest.

It wasn't until about 50 minutes into the ceremony — which lasted about one hour and 45 minutes — that the bonfire tragedy was mentioned.

"That day will never be forgotten by all Aggies. This year the Muster is even more important, more meaningful to all Aggies. The bonfire tragedy marks the worst day in the history of our university," said keynote speaker Randy Matson, a 1968 Olympic shot put champion and onetime executive director of former A&M students.

After Matson's speech, the Roll Call for the Absent — a half-hour reading of the names of all Aggies who died in the past year — took place as the lights were turned off in the arena. The names of the 12 Aggies who died in the bonfire collapse, along with 158 other names, were read.

After each name, a friend or family member was ready to answer "Here" and light a candle in the missing Aggie's memory. The darkness of the arena was eventually pierced by a small row of candles that eventually grew into two flickering rectangles of light around the floor of the packed arena.

After the last name was read,

a group of A&M cadets marched into the middle of the arena's floor and fired a 21-gun salute into the air.

A&M freshman John Comstock of Richardson, who was the last of 27 injured in the collapse to go home, attended the ceremony.

About a half-hour before the ceremony Friday, he arrived at the arena in a wheelchair with his family. He made no comment as he entered, followed by a network television camera crew.

"It's our way of having a fam-

ily reunion," said Tanessa Saathoss, a member of the campus Muster committee. "This is the time of not necessarily coming home to A&M but of coming together."

The campus muster featured daylong activities, including a flag-raising ceremony and a barbecue.

Throughout the day, people filed past the fenced-in bonfire site, still marked by piles of the logs involved in the collapse.

Some of those viewing the scene stopped to kneel in prayer.

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Elian Gonzalez back with father

MIAMI (AP) — Seized in darkness, the little castaway adrift for five months in an international custody dispute was placed in his father's arms Saturday after federal agents used battering rams and pepper spray to hustle him from Miami and the relatives fighting to block his return to communist Cuba.

"We're taking you to see your papa," an agent told a terrified Elian Gonzalez, ending the protracted standoff in three frantic minutes with a raid that sparked protests through Miami and debate over the Clinton administration's use of force.

Crying with fright, the 6-year-old Cuban boy was taken before dawn and flown to Andrews Air Force Base outside Washington, where he was in seclusion with his father, stepmother and baby half-brother.

Though in his father's custody, Elian's fate still remains unsettled. The courts will ultimately rule on whether the boy should remain in the United States.

Unrest spread through Miami's Little Havana neighborhood as protesters spilled into the streets, lighting street fires and struggling with police

carrying batons and shields. Arrests were reported.

"What's happening?" Elian boy yelled in Spanish as riot-clad agents armed with automatic weapons burst into the Miami relatives' home, finding him in a closet in the arms of the same fisherman who had rescued him from the sea on Thanksgiving Day — and now had to hand him over.

Hours later, the boy whose mother drowned fleeing Cuba was getting reacquainted with his father, Juan Miguel Gonzalez.

Elian smiled as he posed for a picture with his father, and was seen in another photo playing with 6-month-old Hianny. Elian wore a Batman T-shirt.

"He seemed to be very happy to be back with his father," said Gregory Craig, Juan Miguel Gonzalez's lawyer. "It is amazing how quickly that bond re-established itself. It was almost instantaneous."

There was no independent corroboration of the lawyer's account of the reunion.

In Havana, Cubans rejoiced. In an official statement read over state radio stations, the government urged Cubans to "maintain calm and avoid pub-

lic displays."

After the months-long tug of war and failed all-night negotiations, it took officers only minutes to retrieve the boy from the relatives who cared for him since his rescue — and defied all previous efforts to have him released to his father and returned to Cuba.

The boy who had so often turned an impish face to the world looked terror-stricken in pictures taken by an Associated Press photographer who captured the raid inside the house on film.

"Elian is safe and no one was seriously hurt," Attorney General Janet Reno said afterward.

She said the relatives' intransigence left her no choice but to order the use of force.

Marisleys Gonzalez, the 21-year-old cousin who had cared for the boy like a mother, wailed and wept through the morning and shouted her disdain for the government.

"To have a 6-year-old crying. 'Don't take me, don't take me'... This is not America," she yelled as hundreds of Cuban-Americans poured into the streets to protest what they saw as Washington's betrayal.

Protesters set fires; many arrested

MIAMI (AP) — Riot police with batons and shields beat down rioting demonstrators on the streets of Little Havana on Saturday after Elian Gonzalez was snatched away by federal agents. More than 180 people were arrested.

The unrest continued for hours after the pre-dawn raid on Lazaro Gonzalez's house, with some setting bonfires and uprooting concrete benches. Police would clear out one area only to have another protest pop up a few blocks away in the working-class neighborhood.

At an evening news conference, Miami Mayor Joe Carollo and Miami-Dade Mayor Alex Penelas called on the community to be peaceful, but also talked of their shock at the federal action.

"That never should have happened in such a way," Carollo said. "Not in America."

Minutes after the mayors called for calm, an angry crowd tore down the CNN tent at the house where Elian had lived. Shouting "Get out, get out," several dozen stormed into the tent and knocked its equipment over.

Scores of police wearing gas masks and helmets cleared the street. Later, police officials told reporters they could no longer protect them.

As evening approached, much of Little Havana appeared calm, marred by an occasional outburst.

Earlier, police in small groups or walking 30-strong down the avenues shooed away protesters and scuffled with those that resisted.

Several officers were assaulted, and three were hospitalized after they were hit by a man with a baseball bat. Two were in serious condition.

An elderly man was handcuffed and dragged on his knees toward a police wagon. Officers threw down a girl in her 20s wearing flip-flops and handcuffed her. A teen-ager riding a bicycle was knocked down by police in an unmarked car, beaten and handcuffed.

"This is terrible," said Cristina Valdes, 67, who was among dozens of people venting their anger by banging on a parked van. "I'm ashamed to be an American. Clinton is a coward, coward, coward."

Police and witnesses said the

unrest appeared to be contained to 2 square miles within Little Havana, with traffic stopped from entering.

Miami police spokesman Detective Delrish Moss said charges against protesters ranged from disorderly conduct to inciting a riot.

"The fortunate part of this whole thing is it is all contained," Moss said. "Overall, I've seen a lot worse."

Police were not nearly as patient with demonstrators

Saturday as they were in early January, when hundreds of Cuban-Americans jammed downtown streets and tied up traffic for hours to protest Attorney General Janet Reno's decision to return Elian to his father. Police arrested about 100 people during those demonstrations.

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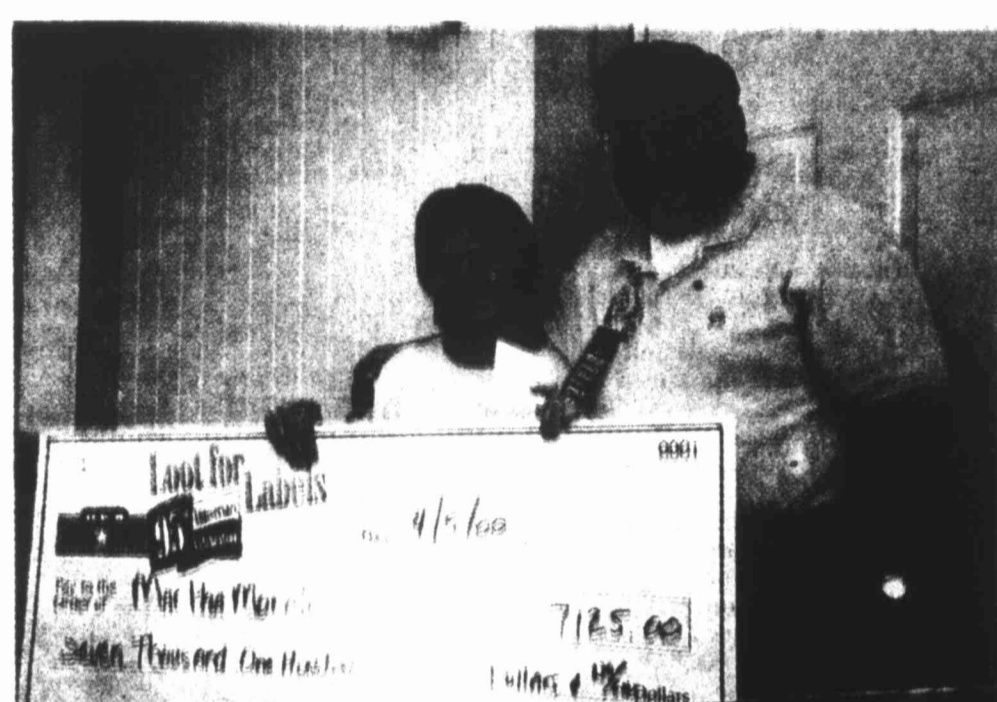
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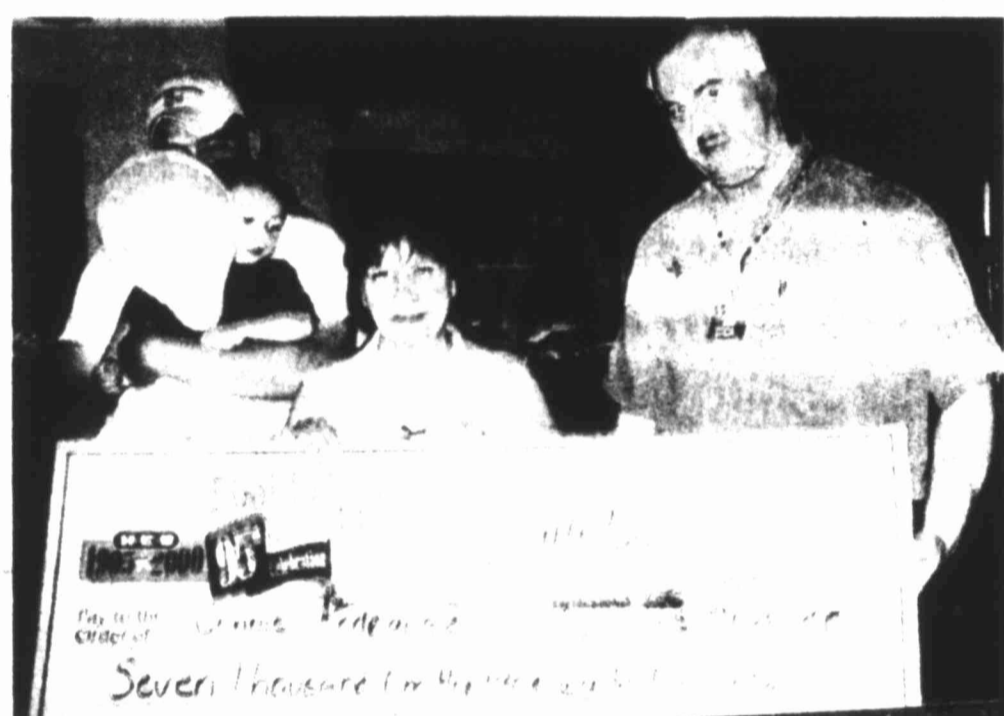
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OUR VIEWS

Wishing our state-bound kids the best

The field has been thinned considerably, and now nine high school students from the Crossroads area are poised to compete against the very best May 4-6 when they travel to Austin for state University Interscholastic League (UIL) academic and literary contests.

Those nine are all that's left of the more than 40 students from this area that took part in UIL regional competitions in San Angelo, Abilene and Levelland a week ago.

They include April Ward of Big Spring; Jason Wilde of Garden City; Taylor Bristow of Forsan; Josh Tunnell, Sheree Rivas and Scott Swift of Grady; and Ross Aten, Bekah Hensley and Trent Pepper from Borden County.

All nine have had to compete against their peers in district, area and regional contests to reach state and have distinguished themselves as some of the top students in West Texas.

Every one of these students has had to maintain a regular course load while spending countless nights preparing for academic competition, in addition to devoting numerous weekends taking part in practice contests.

We are here at the *Herald* are proud of all these young people.

Also deserving of our praise, however, are the countless teachers and sponsors who've gone out of their way to help students on these academic teams succeed.

Just as their students have gone the extra mile to take part in competition, these educators have gone a step further than what is required of them.

To our way of thinking, they've lived up to the highest expectations we could have of the teaching profession.

We wish them all — students, teachers and sponsors — nothing but the best of success in Austin.

YOUR VIEWS

TO THE EDITOR:

Recently, the community of Howard County and our many neighbors from other counties came together during a time of tragedy. As you know, the outcome of that tragedy was, most sadly, the death of two children, Dalton and Peyton Harbour, ages 6 and 9 months.

As citizens and neighbors, we learned during the crisis that we, as a county and as a region, were not ready to handle the requirements of an organized and successful search. Search efforts were not well organized or planned, valuable resources were turned away during critical hours, and feelings of frustration ran strong. All of this contributed to an unsuccessful search and rescue.

The greatest tragedy of all would be if we failed to take action in what we learned by the deaths of these two newest angels. Therefore, we have formed a satellite volunteer search and rescue team off of the nationally recognized team of Thunderstorm Canine based in Abilene. Our team will be known as Thunderstorm Canine, Big Spring Division, in honor of Dalton and Peyton Harbour. We will be formally certified in all areas of search

and rescue and will be able to respond quickly to any future disasters as necessary.

There is a huge cost associated with the formation of this team and we are asking for your help. We need monetary and equipment donations in any amounts to help offset the cost of canine searchers (dogs will cost up to \$2,500 each), equipment and team training. The support and success of this team is up to you.

Please do not ignore this letter. We are forming this team in an effort to turn something positive into two small children's death. And, we are sincere when we say that the people of Howard, Glasscock, Martin, Mitchell and other counties, and other surrounding communities should never again have to search 12 days for a little boy we could not find.

If you feel you can contribute to this effort, please make your donation to Thunderstorm Canine SAR; Big Spring Division; Debbie Pool, Treasurer; P.O. Box 321; Big Spring; 79721.

Thank you in advance for your love and support. Feel free to visit our web site at <http://thunderstormcanine.com>.

CASEY CLARK,
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Why are some pushing for more gun control?

If the homicide rate is falling, if the fatalities from firearms accidents are the lowest they've been since 1902, why do you suppose some people are so fiendishly insistent on more gun control? You ought to think about that.

It's already against the law for a convicted felon to purchase or possess a firearm. It's already against the law for a minor to purchase or possess a handgun. There is already a law requiring background checks on gun buyers. Gun dealers are already heavily regulated. Many states have laws punishing adults for failure to store guns safely. Why, then, do people insist more laws are needed? Why do they clamor for safer guns when firearms accidents accounted for only 1,400

of the 90,000 accidental deaths in the United States?

Well, I personally think that their motive has nothing to do with fighting crime or with safety. After all, firearms are dead last as a cause of accidental fatalities among both children and adults. Doctors, we now know, kill three times as many American s annually from mistakes than firearms kill counting homicides, suicides and accidents.

I think that the answer is both old and simple. Gun-control laws have always been elitist and racist. Elitists have always wanted to disarm the common folks while, of course, retaining the privileges of arms for themselves. And the right to keep and bear arms has always been a populist cause. James Madison boasted to a European critic that the new country of America, unlike the critic's country, did not fear its own people and allowed them to own arms.

In fact, that Second Amendment right to keep and own arms is one of the things that makes America unique. Many countries protect speech

and assembly and so forth. Almost no other protects the right of its people to keep arms.

You might, of course, think that the Second Amendment is obsolete. I would ask you to reconsider that. If you noticed in the last Los Angeles riot, neither the police nor the military was on hand initially to protect people's lives and property. The people had to protect themselves, and they did it with firearms. This is always true in major disasters, at least initially.

Any honest cop will tell you that, if you are attacked by a criminal, on the street or in your home, you are on your own. It's up to you to defend yourself and your family. If you think you are physically fit enough to disarm armed intruders, then more power to you, but every martial artist I have known says that there is no substitute for a handgun when it comes to serious self-defense.

If the only things needed to prevent crimes were laws and policemen, then there wouldn't be any crime statistics. But

every murder, every rape victim is testimony to the fact that neither the law nor the police can protect individuals from criminal attackers. On the other hand, very respectable studies have shown that Americans use firearms more than a million times a year to prevent crimes, usually without the weapons having to be fired.

It used to be said in America that God created people, but Samuel Colt (inventor of the revolver) made them equal. Indeed, a firearm is an equalizer. With a gun, an elderly person or woman or a small, sickly man can stand up to a young and large thug. It was the invention of firearms that ultimately ended the practice of professional warriors being the ruling class.

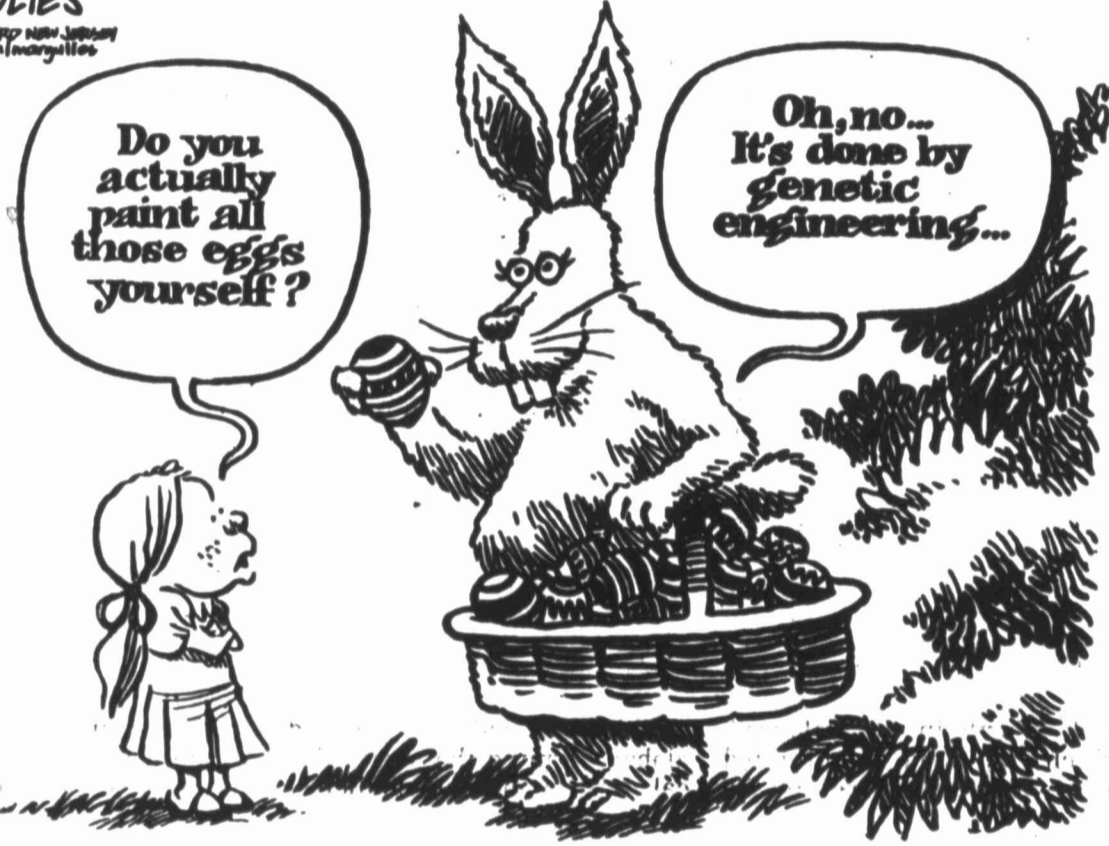
It seems as self-evident to me as it was to the Founding Fathers that a people disarmed by their government cannot claim to be free. The bottom line remains that force rules. Therefore, if you allow the government to have a monopoly on force, then you can never claim to be a free person.



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How do we know it's spring?

The lady launched a beauteous smile and looked off into the distance.

"I was asking a friend," she said, "how will we know it's spring without Celestine to tell us?"

The meeting was at the Roswell library. Outside, the dogwoods danced in a stiff April wind; inside, people milled about a punch bowl. I wanted to sit down and think about what the stranger had said to me, but there was no time. I thought about it later, on my drive home.

Of all the lovely tributes paid to longtime Atlanta Journal-Constitution columnist Celestine Sibley since her August death, glowing and eloquent tributes by governors and esteemed writers and past presidents, I think what the devoted Roswell reader said was best.

It doesn't seem right that Celestine's not around to announce springtime, especially a fine one like this.

The moon has been in the sky all my life, and Celestine in the newspaper.

For a while after she died, I kept expecting the moon to drop out of the night sky. It

hasn't, but I sometimes notice it teetering.

Celestine has been on my mind lately because I just finished her granddaughter Sibley Fleming's book, "Celestine Sibley: A Granddaughter's Reminiscence."

It is lovely writing, engaging even if you never knew Celestine or read a word she typed. (Which is highly unlikely if in the past 50 years you have lived anywhere in the South but a cave.) Sibley has good genes.

One of the most touching revelations came in the recipe part of the book.

"My grandmother didn't like eggs," Sibley writes. "She'd had the misfortune as a child to sniff a rotten egg and while she'd cook them, she wouldn't eat eggs unless they were mixed into something else like a cake or a casserole. In spite of her distaste for eggs, she was careful to hide this fact from all children until they were grown and could make up their own minds."

That tidbit touched me. It showed Celestine's selfless side, a side most are missing. I, for one, wouldn't pretend to like a rutabaga if every child I knew was destined to contract scurvy.

Sibley says a little about operating in a shadow as large as Celestine's. It had to be tough for the granddaughter, especially as a writer, especially in Atlanta.

"When I was just starting out, not even my own mother took me seriously, let alone

encouraged me. Even when I'd had three books with my name on them — by no means best sellers — and was paying all of my considerable bills by freelancing."

(That part of the book made me remember how Hank Williams Jr. and George Wallace Jr. — who was really the Third — once toured together in a rock band, desperate to escape "junior" status and having in common nothing more than guitars and giants as fathers.)

The other day I heard North Carolina novelist Jill McCorkle wax wise. She was trying to smooth ruffled feathers and conclude a writers' festival meeting that had gotten contentious.

Creative differences — in style, approach, motivation — are a good thing, McCorkle said.

"Otherwise, it would be the same story told endlessly, endlessly, endlessly. And who would want to read that?"

Sibley Fleming certainly has found her own voice, and in the book about her grandmother she seems completely unimpaired. Why, she even dares describe spring:

"The color of the sunset is not the dull winter hue but more of a rich butter yellow that blends with the blue clouds like a layered dessert. The curtains of light drop on the sky and the street lamps become the dominant feature."

The Woman in the Moon no doubt smiled.

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Post office puts halt to moving payments; top executive retires

WASHINGTON (AP) — The top finance officer of the Postal Service retired Friday after a report sharply criticized almost a quarter of a million dollars in relocation expenses paid to him and another official.

Postmaster General William Henderson announced the retirement of Richard Porras, the Postal Service's chief financial officer, so the agency can move onward "without any unnecessary distractions."

Henderson also issued a statement that said: "Effective immediately, no deviations from our relocation policy will be granted when the move does not involve a change in the work location."

A report from the post office's inspector general criticized payment of \$248,000 in moving expenses for Porras and another top manager, controller John

Ward, both of whom moved less than 50 miles and continued working in the same offices.

The payments exceeded those offered by private industry, were not approved by the postal board of governors and "could be perceived as a way to circumvent the statutory limits on compensation," Robert L. Emmons, acting inspector general for performance, concluded.

Counting relocation benefits as income would have boosted the pay of both men to about \$250,000, well over the cap of \$151,800 in effect at the time.

Rep. John McHugh, R-N.Y., who heads the House Government Reform postal subcommittee, said the report alarmed him. "At a time when the Postal Service is requesting a series of rate increases, this sort of mismanagement may

undermine the postal customer's confidence in the agency's ability to operate efficiently," McHugh said.

He said he has mixed emotions on Porras' departure after 37 years of service. "I think it's very unfortunate that an individual of his experience had to get caught up in this situation and feels it's necessary to leave the service. His background and expertise was a definite asset that will be missed," McHugh said in a telephone interview.

The report said Henderson approved the payments after consulting with agency lawyers and the secretary to the board of governors but not the full board.

The report recommended that written justification be required for future exemptions to the moving rule and that all exemptions and other incentive plans

for officers be sent to the governors for approval.

Postal spokeswoman Judy de Torok said there are "no grounds to ask for the money back. It was reviewed by counsel, and it was within management's prerogative to extend the benefit."

A rule requiring reimbursement only of moves of at least 50 miles and relocation to a new office sometimes is set aside if it is thought to be in the best interest of the Postal Service. That decision normally is made by the chief financial officer.

In this case, since Porras was seeking an exemption, the request went to Henderson, who approved both payments: \$142,311 for Porras, \$105,817 for Ward, who succeeded Porras as controller.

The report said Porras moved about 15 miles, but his new res-

idence was just 2 miles closer to his Washington office than the old home. The Postal Service said that the move got him closer to a post office training center and Dulles International Airport.

Ward, the report said, moved almost 22 miles from a home that was 26 miles from work to one just six miles away, saving 30 minutes of commuting time each way daily.

The Post Office said it had received no statement from Ward and had no immediate comment about his status.

Porras' payment included \$12,075 for transportation of household goods, \$37,275 for real estate expenses, \$25,000 for miscellaneous costs such as new rugs and plumber's bills, \$28,961 to cover withholding taxes and \$39,000 in a relocation income tax allowance.

Ward's payment included \$7,256 for moving household goods, \$31,573 for real estate costs, \$25,000 for miscellaneous expenses, \$24,455 for withholding taxes and \$17,533 for relocation income taxes.

Ward also received a "shared appreciation" loan from the post office which helped him cut his monthly mortgage payment by about \$1,000. These loans are designed for managers moving into higher-cost areas. In granting them the post office receives its money back when the home eventually is sold and profits from increases in its value.

The Postal Service, a semi-independent part of the government, does not use taxpayer money to fund its operations. The average relocation of a postal executive costs about \$80,000.

Clinton, Gore interviewed by federal prosecutors on campaign money

WASHINGTON (AP) — President Clinton and Vice President Al Gore were each interviewed for four hours this week in the government's long-running investigation into alleged fund-raising abuses in the Democrats' 1996 re-election campaign.

Gore's spokesman said the vice president is not a target of the Justice Department Campaign Finance Task Force. A White House official said Clinton also is not a target of the investigation. The president was interviewed Friday, Gore on Tuesday.

"The president and the vice president cooperated fully with the task force and voluntarily agreed to be interviewed this week," White House spokesman Joe Lockhart said in a statement.

The White House refused comment on the subject of the

interview. Lockhart was asked whether the president sticks by his earlier assertions that he has done nothing wrong. "All of his statements still stand," the spokesman replied.

Gore told reporters on his campaign plane returning to Washington from Michigan that he couldn't discuss the substance of the task force interview.

"It's a legal proceeding that customarily is protected from open discussion, lest it somehow interfere with the success and fairness of the undertaking. That's just pretty traditional," he said.

Asked if he would encourage the Justice Department to end its investigation before Election Day in November, Gore said: "I don't think it's for me to encourage or discourage the conduct of this investigation in

any particular way. I don't think that's my role. That's for them to decide."

Attorney General Janet Reno established the task force to investigate allegations that illegal foreign and corporate donations were made in the 1996 presidential campaign.

Reno has taken heavy criticism from Republicans for opting for the task force instead of recommending an independent counsel.

The federal prosecutor she put in charge of the probe in 1997 and FBI Director Louis Freeh both recommended an independent counsel.

Gore has been questioned five times under oath involving various investigations during the Clinton administration. "I volunteered to cooperate fully, as I have from the beginning of their investigation," he said of the task force.

"I, of course, answered every question fully and completely," Gore said, adding he didn't know whether he would be asked for further interviews. "There are no outstanding — there are no requests," he said.

Gore said he did not discuss his interview with Clinton. The Justice Department task force has indicted 24 people, including several Clinton-Gore donors and organizers of an April 29, 1996, event at a Buddhist temple in Hacienda Heights, Calif.

The vice president attended the gathering but says he didn't know it was a fund-raising event. On various occasions, he has said he thought it was community outreach, finance-related and keeping donors happy — "donor maintenance" in political terms.

Gore's role in the fund-raiser has continued to dog his presi-

dential campaign. Asked Friday whether he worries that the investigation will harm his campaign for president, he said: "I have no feelings about it."

Chris Lehane, Gore's campaign spokesman, said the Justice Department has assured the vice president's private attorney, Jim Neal, that Gore is "not a target" of the investigation.

Gore was questioned Tuesday in the dining room of the vice presidential residence by

Robert Conrad, head of the task force. Clinton's interview took place in the Treaty Room in the private White House residence with a prosecutor and four FBI agents.

Federal prosecutors also are investigating whether the White House tried to obstruct investigators by failing to surrender e-mail messages related to 1996 campaign fund-raising allegations, including the Buddhist temple event and Gore's use of White House telephones to solicit contributions.

Politicians, activists celebrate 30th Earth Day anniversary

WASHINGTON (AP) — Politicians, celebrities and activists celebrated the 30th anniversary of Earth Day on the National Mall Saturday and issued new calls to combat global warming at the source.

President Clinton, speaking on radio, blamed the Republican Congress for failing to recognize what he called the global warming threat and failing to act on legislation promoting clean and efficient energy.

Vice President Al Gore, the Democratic presidential contender, was expected to unveil new policy initiatives aimed at curtailing the flow of greenhouse gases in the atmosphere. These heat-trapping gases, mainly carbon dioxide from burning fossil fuels, are believed by scientists to be contributing to a risky warming of the earth.

Republican National Committee spokesman Chris Paulitz called Clinton's proposals "small ideas to help the environment" and criticized Gore's book "Earth in the Balance," which he said "highlighted Gore's extremist ideas on the environment that would assure that gas prices would go up and our economy would crumble."

The theme of Earth Day 2000 is "Clean Energy Now" and the multimedia stage and nearby exhibit tents were outfitted with an array of high and low technologies which use non-polluting energy sources, including wind, solar, natural gas, biofuels, and propane.

Leonardo DiCaprio, star of the movie "Titanic," acted as host for an event that included an afternoon of big-name entertainment and speeches. "All Americans can be proud

of the tremendous progress we've made since the first Earth Day 30 years ago," said President Clinton, setting the stage for the celebration in his weekly radio address. He called global warming the most critical environmental challenge now facing the world.

"If we value our coastlines, or farm lands and our vital biodiversity we must build a national consensus to reduce our emissions of greenhouse gases..." he said.

Clinton said he will shortly issue executive orders to:

—Require that federal agencies reduce the amount of petroleum their cars, vans and trucks burn by 20 percent over five years. He said this can be done with existing technology, including the wider use of electric-power, natural gas and ethanol as power sources.

FDA approves option for Alzheimer's treatment

WASHINGTON (AP) — A third medication to treat Alzheimer's disease, Novartis Pharmaceuticals' Exelon, has received approval by the Food and Drug Administration.

Four million Americans suffer from Alzheimer's, which has no known cause or cure. It afflicts mainly the elderly, robbing them of their memories and ability to care for themselves and eventually killing them.

Exelon, whose approval was announced Friday, works in the brain the same way as the other two Alzheimer's drugs, Aricept and Cognex. They inhibit the breakdown of acetylcholine, a brain chemical vital for nerve cells to communicate with each other. The longer acetylcholine

remains in the brain, the longer those cells can call up memories.

The drugs offer modest relief for mild to moderate Alzheimer's symptoms. While the products have not been compared directly, Exelon's effectiveness is believed to be "pretty much in the same league" as Aricept and Cognex, said FDA official Dr. Russell Katz.

After 26 weeks of therapy, 81 percent of Exelon patients had stable or slightly better symptoms than patients given a dummy pill, Novartis said.

But Katz noted that Exelon's label bears a strong warning about a significant risk: It can cause nausea and vomiting severe enough that patients lose weight. In clinical trials, 26 per-

cent of women and 18 percent of men who took high-dose Exelon lost at least 7 percent of their initial body weight.

The nausea and weight loss did end once affected patients stopped the drug. Katz noted that Alzheimer's patients need options.

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IN BRIEF

Hawks suffer three-game sweep at hands of NMJC

Howard College's Hawks, hoping to clinch a spot in the NJCAA Region V baseball tournament, ran afoul of a red-hot New Mexico Junior College lineup over the weekend, as the Thunderbirds posted a 15-4, 13-3 and 11-0 sweep. The lopsided losses left Howard with a 25-25-1 record overall and a 9-12 mark in Western Junior College Athletic Conference (WJCA) play.

The three losses also mean Howard could find itself in the position of having to sweep Frank Phillips' Plainsmen Friday and Saturday in Borger if they are to qualify for the region tournament.

"It just depends on what El Paso was able to do at Odessa," Hawks head coach Justin Hays noted. "If they won two, we'll have to sweep Frank Phillips up there."

NMJC's hot bats pounded Hawks pitching for nine home runs, while Howard got just 13 hits during the series.

Rodeo directors schedule event for June 14-17

The dates for this year's 66th annual Big Spring Cowboy Reunion and Rodeo will be June 14-17.

Each rodeo performance will begin at 8 p.m., 30 minutes earlier than they have in past years.

In addition, the rodeo parade will officially kick off the rodeo, starting at 4:30 p.m. Wednesday, June 14.

Directors announced that Mike Mathis will return as announcer for the rodeo.

Rodeo clowns this year will include Bob Smets, known as the "Kamakaze Kid" for his daring bullfighting ability; Lance Britton, the current world champion bullfighter; and the "Agin' Ragin' Cajun."

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 league should call Becky Crane at 263-2376 or Andi Andrews-York at 263-7641.

Little League umpires needed for new season

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

Prior experience is not necessary, because new umpires will be trained.

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

ON THE AIR

Television

AUTO RACING

10 a.m. — FIA Formula One British Grand Prix, FXS, Ch. 29.
3 p.m. — Nashville Twin 125 Super Trucks, TNN, Ch. 35.
11 p.m. — ASA AC Delco Series Discount Auto Parts 300, TNN, Ch. 35.

MAJOR LEAGUE BASEBALL

Noon — Pittsburgh Pirates at Atlanta Braves, TBS, Ch. 11.
2 p.m. — Minnesota Twins at Texas Rangers, FXS, Ch. 29.
7 p.m. — Baltimore Orioles at Oakland Athletics, ESPN, Ch. 30.

NBA PLAYOFFS

11:30 p.m. — Toronto Raptors at New York Knicks, NBC, Ch. 9.
2 p.m. — Minnesota Timberwolves at Portland Trail Blazers, NBC, Ch. 9.
4:30 p.m. — Sacramento Kings at Los Angeles Lakers, NBC, Ch. 9.
7:30 p.m. — Milwaukee Bucks at Indiana Pacers, ESPN, Ch. 30.

GOLF

2 p.m. — PGA Greater Greensboro Open, final round, CBS, Ch. 7.
4:30 p.m. — Senior PGA Las Vegas Classic, final round, ESPN, Ch. 30.

NATIONAL HOCKEY LEAGUE

2 p.m. — Conference quarterfinals, Detroit Red Wings at Los Angeles Kings or New Jersey Devils at Florida Panthers, ABC, Ch. 2 and Ch. 8.

TENNIS

3 p.m. — WTA Family Circle Cup, finals, FOX, Ch. 3.

Few players make up ground on Sutton at Greater Greensboro

GREENSBORO, N.C. (AP) — Hal Sutton overcame an early four-putt to shoot an even-par 72 Saturday and remain in control heading into the final round of the Greater Greensboro Chrysler Classic.

Cool temperatures, windy conditions and slick greens at Forest Oaks Country Club made it difficult for Sutton to come close to duplicating his 11-birdie performance in the second round.

But few in the field made up any ground on the 20-year PGA Tour veteran as Sutton finished at 13-under 203 for a three-stroke lead over Andrew Magee.

Magee matched David Love III for the

low round of the day, making an 8-footer for birdie on No. 18 to close with a 68 for a three-day total of 10-under 206.

Love, a former Greensboro champion, was six shots back and tied for fifth at 209.

"I'm back in the race maybe for second," Love said when asked if he could catch Sutton. "I figured I needed to get at least into double digits to have a chance."

Barry Cheesman started the day in second, five shots behind Sutton, and kept pace with his playing partner before bogeying three of his final five holes to shoot a 73 and drop into a tie with Love

and several others at 7 under.

Sutton wasn't close to the precision that produced a spectacular 64 Friday. He parred the first four holes in his third round before running into trouble on the green at the par-4, fifth hole.

After backing away from a 25-foot birdie putt because of gallery movement, Sutton left his first putt 8 feet short and proceeded to four-putt for a double bogey as Omar Uresti pulled within one shot.

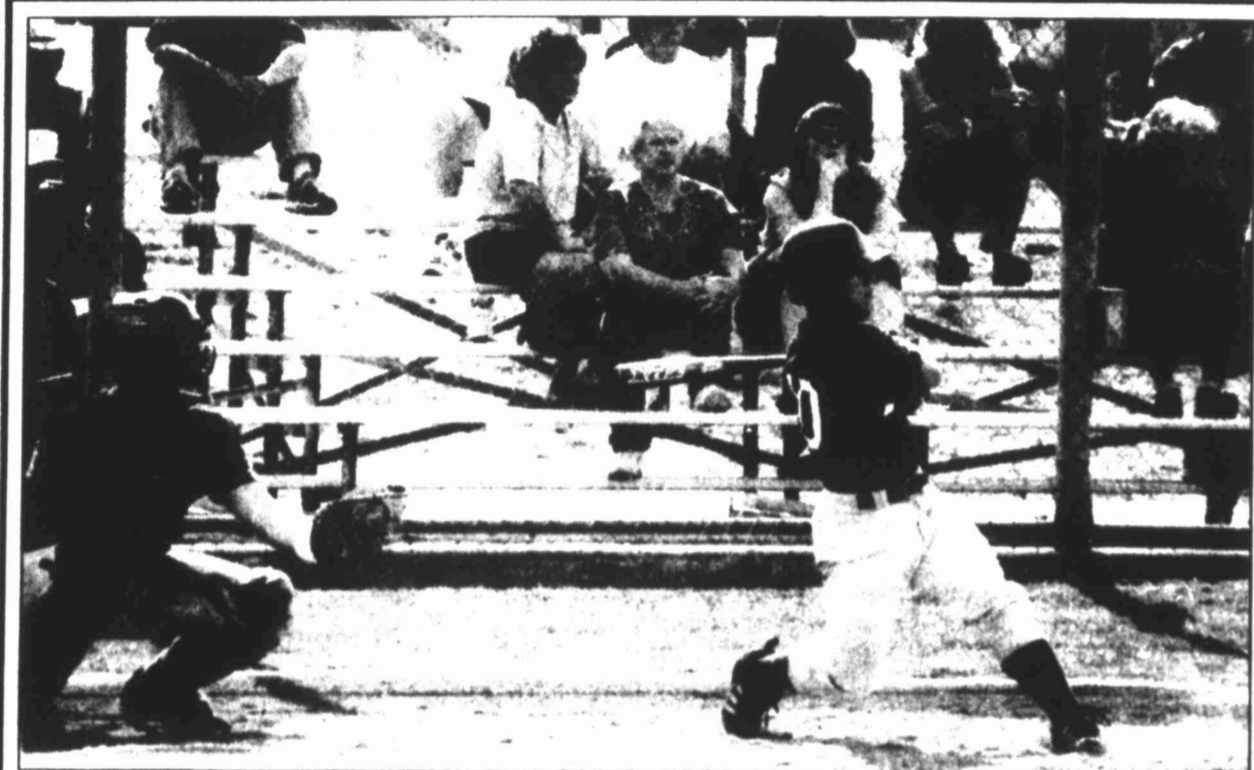
But Sutton quickly rebounded with birdies on the next two holes as Uresti bogeyed No. 11 and finished 2 over on the back for a 69. Uresti and Dudley Hart, who also had a 69, were tied for

third at 208.

Sutton, who putted great in his first two rounds, regained his form on the greens on the back nine, saving par on consecutive holes from 4, 4 and 8 feet.

He then made a 15-foot uphill birdie putt on No. 13 to move to 14 under before bogeying the next hole from a bunker. Sutton went from rough-to-rough on No. 15, but saved another par with a 4-footer.

Uresti, whose 72.67 third-round scoring average is 152nd on tour, started the day at 5 under, eight shots behind Sutton and seemingly out of contention. But he birdied four of his first six holes to card a front-side 31 and move to 10 under.



HERALD photo/Jim Fierro

Coahoma second baseman Walt Bordelon follows throw, as he belts a three-run homer in the first inning of the Bulldogs' 10-0 win over Hale Center on Tuesday. Bordelon was one of several Coahoma players to display power Friday night, as they rolled to an 11-0 win over Tahoka and clinched their seventh consecutive district baseball championship.

Bulldogs claim seventh straight district crown

HERALD Staff Report

TAHOKA — Seven straight. It was just that simple Friday evening, as Coahoma's Bulldogs put a lock on the District 3-2A baseball championship — their seventh consecutive league title — with an 11-0 win over Tahoka's Bulldogs in five innings.

The Bulldogs, improved to 18-5 on the season and 11-0 in district play with two games remaining on the regular schedule.

Coahoma will take on Midland Christian's Mustangs in a non-district game at 5 p.m. Tuesday before closing out

both the regular season and the 3-2A schedule with a 5 p.m. Friday game at Morton.

Simply put, Coahoma took no prisoners with the district championship on the line Friday.

Bulldogs head coach Scott Lewis sent senior ace Delvin White to the mound and the fireballing lefthander was nothing short of dominant.

White allowed one hit and struck out 13 Tahoka batters in his five innings of work, while his teammates pounded out 12 hits, half of them for extra bases.

"We played a heck of a baseball game ... played like we're supposed to play," Lewis said

following the win. "Delvin was just one fire ... gave up one hit. That's all that kept him from having a perfect game."

Senior shortstop Mario Garcia provided an inside-the-park home run to take top billing on offense for Coahoma, but four other Bulldogs regulars provided multiple hits.

Travis McMillan and Lance Monteleone both finished the game with a single and triple to their credit, while second baseman Walt Bordelon added still another triple.

Catcher Aaron Ovalle and Luke Bowlin also had a pair of hits apiece, both collecting a single and a double in the run-

Padres need more than big homer to take 8-6 win over Astros

The ASSOCIATED PRESS

Center field at Enron Field looks like a modern-day death valley, a fence about 3 feet high atop the grassy knoll, 436 feet from home plate.

Ryan Klesko became the first player to clear it, a shot estimated at 440 shot during San Diego's 8-6, 10-inning win over Houston on Saturday.

"Four-forty? I think it went a lot farther than that," San Diego manager Bruce Bochy said. "That ball would have gone out anywhere."

The ball hit the wall of Union Station, which is behind the fence, at about 25 feet above field level.

"The ball carries well here," Klesko said. "I knew I hit it good when I hit it, but I didn't know I'd hit it that good."

Klesko's two-run homer put San Diego ahead 6-4 in the sixth, but Roger Cedeno retied it with a two-out, two-run single off Donne Wall in the bottom half.

Carlos Hernandez, activated earlier in the day, then hit a two-run double with two outs in the 10th. He had been 0-for-4 with three strikeouts.

"It doesn't matter to me what I did the last time up," Hernandez said. "I don't think about that. I was just looking for a strike. In that situation, I knew the pitcher would be trying to get ahead of me and so I was ready."

Phil Nevin, who was 3-for-5, singled off Yorkis Perez (1-1) opening the 10th, Eric Owen walked with two outs and Hernandez, who strained his right groin April 6, doubled into the gap in left-center.

"I tried to throw a strike, but not a pitch like that," Perez said. "I gave him a pitch he was looking for."

Will Cunnane (1-0) pitched a hitless ninth, and Trevor Hoffman struck out the side in the 10th for his third save.

"The bullpen did a great job today," Bochy said. "This was a good ballgame for us, we came back and got the job done against a very good team."

Al Martin homered and had three hits

for San Diego, which outthrew the Astros 14-6.

Ken Caminiti and Jeff Bagwell homered for Houston — Bagwell's sixth in 33 at-bats after he failed to hit one in his first 25. There have been 29 homers in eight games at Enron Field.

Houston's Chris Holt was tagged for six runs and 10 hits in six innings. Holt, who has a 11.51 ERA, leads the league with 26 earned runs allowed. Opponents are hitting .409 against him (36-for-88).

"It's getting tougher and tougher to lose, particularly at home," Houston manager Larry Dierker said after watch-

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Baseball seems to like the idea of a Texas rivalry

By MICHAEL A. LUTZ

AP Sports Writer

HOUSTON — It wouldn't be "Da Bums vs. Da Yankees" right away but in a rare moment of logic, baseball seems to agree it would be a good thing for the Texas Rangers and Houston Astros to play on a regular basis.

Commissioner Bud Selig wants it. Owners Tom Hicks of the Rangers and Drayton McLane of the Astros want it. So expect it to get done. Maybe. Logic doesn't always prevail when baseball's brass get together.

"I talk about this at every owners' meeting," McLane said. "The Texas Rangers and Houston Astros are the only teams in the same state that don't play each other."

"They play in New York and they play in California and here we are the second biggest state and we don't play the Texas Rangers. It's like the Texas Longhorns and Texas Aggies. We should be playing too."

The Rangers like their competitive chances in the AL West but they're campaigning to get back to their own time zone in the AL Central. Selig would also like to see the Astros and Rangers heat up a regional rivalry.

"I believe this will be a modest realignment, one in which we will preserve all the natural rivalries," Selig said. "And, by the way, somehow we're going to try to figure a way for the Astros to play the Rangers."

"If ever there was a natural rivalry, that's one of them. It's ridiculous not to have those teams playing."

Rangers president James Lites likes the idea too.

"I think it would be a great rivalry," Lites said. "I'm not a native Texan but there is a cultural and geographic and psychic alignment between the state's two biggest cities. It's a natural for baseball."

"So many people from Houston are in Dallas and people from Dallas in Houston. It's just such a natural."

and discussed but did not vote on realignment. The Rangers are likely to move from the AL West to the AL Central. There is also talk of rotating the interleague games that would allow the Rangers and Astros more chances to play.

The Texas teams played before a capacity crowd in an exhibition game April 1 that helped the Astros open their new Enron Field. Many fans came to see the new digs, but it's easy to project a Rangers-Astros feud that would also sell tickets.

"I think when you play a team more often, the fans get to know the players on the other team and maybe for some ill-feelings for certain guys and create more attention," Astros manager Larry Dierker said. "Maybe it gets a little bad blood going and all that."

Hicks sees the possibilities too.

"I'm not confident that we'll move," Hicks said of the proposed realignment. "But that isn't as important as getting to play the Astros. Again, we're the only team that doesn't play its natural rival

in interleague play. I'm confident that we will somehow, some way, get that fixed. I'm actually quite happy with playing Seattle, Oakland and Anaheim."

The Rangers are anxious to get into a friendlier time zone. They'd rather look at the schedule and see a 7:30 p.m. game start in Houston than a 9:30 p.m. in Anaheim.

"We've won three of the last four division championships, so we're not in a big hurry to get out of the West," Lites said. "But from a fans' perspective, the more games we could start in normal central and eastern times is probably a positive thing."

It looks like the Rangers will be joining the only six-team division in baseball if realignment goes as anticipated.

"That's a problem, competitively," Lites said. "Everything is cyclical but in the short term the Cleveland have been great at developing players and they are not in a hurry to have us come in and look at them every day."

"But this is not the end of realignment. It's just progress."

BASEBALL

American League
CHICAGO WHITE SOX — Clayton Kershaw, RHP, traded to Tampa Bay Devil Rays for...

OAKLAND ATHLETICS — Acquired RHP Matt Mante from Seattle Mariners for...

SEATTLE MARINERS — Placed Jaime Moyer on the 15-day disabled list...

ATLANTA BRAVES — Recalled Bruce Chen from Richmond International League...

INTERNATIONAL LEAGUE — Placed McGilchrist on the 15-day disabled list...

CINCINNATI REDS — Placed Larkin on the 15-day disabled list...

PHILADELPHIA PHILLIES — Contract of INF Andy Tracy from Atlanta Braves designated for release...

PHILADELPHIA PHILLIES — OF Brian Hunter off waivers from Atlanta Braves...

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SPORTS EXTRA

TRANSACTIONS

BASEBALL
American League
CHICAGO WHITE SOX—Claimed 3B Herbert Perry off waivers from the Tampa Bay Devil Rays.
OAKLAND ATHLETICS—Agreed to terms with SS Miguel Tejada on a four-year contract.
SEATTLE MARINERS—Placed LHP Jaime Moyer on the 15-day disabled list, retroactive to April 15. Recalled RHP Brett Tomko from Tacoma of the Pacific Coast League. Released OF Shane Monahan. Recalled INF Carlos Hernandez from Tacoma of the Pacific Coast League.
National League
ARIZONA DIAMONDBACKS—Activated RHP Matt Murton from the 15-day disabled list. Designated RHP Darren Holmes for assignment.
ATLANTA BRAVES—Recalled LHP Bruce Chen from Richmond of the International League. Placed RHP Hyeon Kwon on the 15-day disabled list, retroactive to April 12.
CINCINNATI REDS—Placed SS Barry Larkin on the 15-day disabled list. Called up INF Gookie Dawkins from Chattanooga of the Southern League.
COLORADO ROCKIES—Placed RHP Rolando Arango on the 15-day disabled list. Called up RHP Kevin Jarvis from Colorado Springs of the PCL.
MONTREAL EXPOS—Optioned RHP Jeremy Powell to Ottawa of the International League. Purchased the contract of INF Andy Tracy from Ottawa.
PHILADELPHIA PHILLIES—Claimed OF Brian Hunter off waivers from the Atlanta Braves. Designated INF Tomas Perez for assignment.
FOOTBALL
National Football League
CHICAGO BEARS—Re-signed WR Bobby Engram to a three-year contract.
NEW YORK GIANTS—Signed OT John Muzora, LB Kevin Lewis and OT Fava Talaeai.
OAKLAND RAIDERS—Signed DE Jamal Bull, OT Jeff Conaway, RB Jabari Jackson, LB Julius Jackson and DE Abdul Salam Noah.
SAN DIEGO CHARGERS—Signed S Greg Jackson to a one-year contract.
HOCKEY
National Hockey League
MINNESOTA WILD—Named Laura Day vice president of corporate partner ships. Steve Griggs vice president of customer sales and service. Matt Malja vice president of marketing. Bill Robertson vice president of communications and broadcasting.
SOCCER
Major League Soccer
COLORADO RAPIDS—Called up MF Danny De Vail from Tennessee of the A-League.
COLLEGE
STONEHILL—Named Kevin O'Brien men's basketball coach.
WYOMING—Extended the contract of Steve McClain, men's basketball coach, for two years through the 2005 season.

MAJOR LEAGUE STANDINGS

AMERICAN LEAGUE East Division				
	W	L	Pct.	GB
Baltimore	11	5	.688	—
New York	11	5	.688	—
Boston	9	6	.600	11/2
Toronto	9	10	.474	31/2
Tampa Bay	6	11	.353	51/2

National League				
	W	L	Pct.	GB
Chicago	11	6	.647	—
Cleveland	9	6	.600	1
Minnesota	8	10	.444	31/2
Kansas City	8	11	.421	4
Detroit	4	12	.250	61/2

NATIONAL LEAGUE West Division				
	W	L	Pct.	GB
Atlanta	10	6	.625	—
New York	11	7	.611	—
Montreal	9	7	.563	1
Florida	10	8	.556	1
Philadelphia	6	9	.400	31/2

FRIDAY'S GAMES

Today's Games
N.Y. Yankees (Herranderz 3.0) at Toronto (Castillo 0.2), 12:05 p.m.
Cleveland (Finley 1.0 and Nagy 1.2) at Boston (P. Martinez 3.0 and R. Martinez 1.1), 12:05 p.m.
Anaheim (Dickson 2.0) at Tampa Bay (Eaton 0.0), 12:15 p.m.
Detroit (Moehler 1.1) at Chicago White Sox (Baldwin 2.0), 1:05 p.m.
Minnesota (Radke 1.2) at Texas (Oliver 0.0), 2:05 p.m.
Kansas City (Suppan 1.1) at Seattle (Sele 1.1), 3:35 p.m.
Baltimore (1 Johnson 0.0) at Oakland (Muller 1.0), 7:05 p.m.

Today's Games
Colorado at St. Louis (n)
Philadelphia (Person 1.0) at Florida (Perry 2.1), 12:05 p.m.
Chicago Cubs (Tapscott 0.2) at N.Y. Mets (Hampton 1.3), 12:10 p.m.
Pittsburgh (Cordova 1.1) at Atlanta (Maddux 2.0), 12:10 p.m.
Los Angeles (Perez 1.1) at Cincinnati (Villone 2.0), 12:15 p.m.
Milwaukee (Navarro 0.3) at Montreal (Vazquez 1.0), 12:35 p.m.
Houston (Elarton 0.0), 2:05 p.m.
Colorado (Karl 0.1) at St. Louis (Benes 1.1), 3:10 p.m.
San Francisco (Nathan 0.0) at Arizona (Reynoso 1.2), 3:35 p.m.

Southwest Texas State University considers changing name — again

AUSTIN (AP) — To win respect in the NCAA, some Southwest Texas State University students are lobbying the school to change its name — again.

"It's this big clump of letters," David Rodriguez, president of Associated Student Government, told the Austin American-Statesman. "We're not really looked upon or recognized throughout the country."

Rodriguez and others are pushing the school to change its name to Texas State University, a move some alumni are fighting. School administrators have adopted a wait-and-see attitude, and an alumni group will discuss it in June.

The school has changed its name four times since 1903, when it was founded as Southwest Texas State Normal School. The school was renamed in 1918 to Southwest Texas State Normal College.

In 1928, it became Southwest Texas State Teachers College, from which future president Lyndon Johnson graduated in 1930. In 1959, the name changed to Southwest Texas State College in 1959, and its current name was adopted in 1969.

Any change would require approval by the Legislature. For students favoring the change, the new name brings hopes of being taken seriously, especially in football.

"It's a name that sells and a name that sounds superior," said Rodriguez.

The issue grew out of a February regents' vote to boost Southwest Texas' football team to Division I-A, which includes the University of Texas. The shorter name means better credibility, said Athletic Director Jim Wacker.

"Fans would much rather see Texas State University on the schedule than Southwest Texas State University just because of the perception. Perception is reality," Wacker said.

But at least one student opposing the new name has e-mailed more than 200 alumni to warn them of the possible change.

NBA

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run over the final seven minutes of the second quarter for a 41-35 lead at the half after both teams got off to cold shooting starts.

The Spurs hit only two of their first 14 shots, and Phoenix opened 3-for-14.

David Robinson was called for two fouls in the first seven minutes of the game and the Spurs had to rely on Walker, who had nine rebounds and seven points in the first quarter. Walker averaged 3.8 rebounds in the regular season.

Hardaway had eight points in the Suns' second quarter charge to their halftime lead.

Heat 95, Pistons 85
 Thanks to the best playoff game of Jamal Mashburn's career, the Miami Heat didn't miss Tim Hardaway much Saturday.

With Hardaway sitting out because of a sore left foot, Mashburn scored 29 points, leading the Heat past the Detroit Pistons 95-85 in their playoff opener.

Game 2 in the best-of-five series is Tuesday.

Alonzo Mourning blocked nine shots, a Heat playoff record, spearheading a strong defensive effort. The Pistons

committed 18 turnovers and finished 18 points below their regular-season average of 103.5 per game, second-best in the NBA.

The Pistons had said they wanted to start the postseason in Miami, but they hardly looked at home against the Heat. Grant Hill, slowed by a bone bruise in his left foot, scored only 13 points and had six turnovers. Jerry Stackhouse led Detroit with 23 points.

Mashburn helped Miami get off to a fast start with 11 points in the first quarter, putting the Heat ahead 23-14.

But Mourning aroused the crowd when he took the ball 25 feet from the basket and drove around Mikki Moore for a dunk and a 60-50 lead.

That came during a 10-0 Heat run that put them up 62-50. Mashburn sank two long jumpers early in the fourth quarter for a 79-64 lead.

Jazz 104, SuperSonics 93
 Karl Malone scored a career playoff-high 50 points, breaking a 16-year-old Utah team record as the Jazz beat Seattle 104-93 on Saturday in Game 1 of the best-of-five series.

The 36-year-old forward was in classic form, almost unstoppable in the second half as he scored 28 points. His 50 points came on 18-of-32 shooting and

he added 12 rebounds in 43 minutes.

Jeff Hornacek added 13 points and John Stockton had 10 for the Jazz, who also got seven points and 10 rebounds from reserve center Greg Ostertag. He also tied a Jazz playoff record with five blocked shots in the second quarter.

Gary Payton led Seattle with 24 points. Shammond Williams scored 23. Brent Barry had 11 and Vin Baker 10.

Malone tied his career playoff high of 44 points on two free throws with 4:59 remaining. Back at the line one minute later, Malone hit two more to match Adrian Dantley's team record of 46, set in the 1984 playoffs against Phoenix.

Then with 2:29 to play, Malone hit an 18-foot jumper over Baker. It completed a run where Malone scored 13 straight points and gave the Jazz a comfortable 100-88 lead.

The only drama as the clock ran down was whether Malone could reach 50, and he did it on a turnaround jumper from the left side with 24.2 seconds remaining. Utah fans stayed on their feet, screaming for Malone until the final horn.

Utah won it by heating up in the third quarter. Leading 52-49 at halftime, the Jazz stretched the advantage to 68-57 with a 12-

AL LEADERS

BATTING—Erasid, Anaheim, .464; Thomas, Chicago, .426; Olerud, Seattle, .400; W. Clark, Oakland, .389; O'Neill, New York, .386; Rodriguez, Texas, .381; Chavez, Oakland, .379.

RUNS—Rodriguez, Seattle, 18; Mondesi, Toronto, 18; T. Batista, Toronto, 17; Guzman, Minnesota, 16; Durham, Chicago, 15; Thome, Cleveland, 15; Diep, Seattle, 15; W. Clark, Baltimore, 15.

RBI—Bordick, Baltimore, 22; Jagambi, Oakland, 21; Coomer, Minnesota, 21; A. Rodriguez, Seattle, 19; Rodriguez, Texas, 19; E. Martinez, Seattle, 19; Fulmer, Toronto, 18; T. Batista, Toronto, 18.

HITS—Erasid, Anaheim, 32; Mondesi, Toronto, 27; Thomas, Chicago, 26; Kennedy, Anaheim, 25; Lawton, Mississippi, 25; Fagan, Kansas City, 24; T. Batista, Toronto, 24; Rodriguez, Texas, 24.

DOUBLE—P. Mauer, Anaheim, 8; T. Batista, Toronto, 8; Mondesi, Toronto, 8; Erasid, Anaheim, 7; Dye, Kansas City, 7; C. Delgado, Toronto, 7; Olerud, Seattle, 7.

TRIPLES—A. Kennedy, Anaheim, 2;

NL LEADERS

BATTING—V. Guerrero, Montreal, .441; Reese, Cincinnati, .417; Piazza, New York, .389; Vidro, Montreal, .387; Vina, St. Louis, .387; Edmonds, St. Louis, .386; Sheffield, Los Angeles, .385.

RUNS—Edmonds, St. Louis, 18; Vina, St. Louis, 18; Vidro, Montreal, 17; S. Francisco, 16; Helton, Colorado, 15; Lansing, Colorado, 15; A. Martin, San Diego, 15.

RBI—V. Guerrero, Montreal, 23; Tatis, St. Louis, 22; Helton, Colorado, 21; Griffey Jr., Cincinnati, 18; B. L. Rodriguez, Atlanta, 18; Lowell, Florida, 17; Edmonds, St. Louis, 17.

HITS—Vina, St. Louis, 29; V. Guerrero, Montreal, 26; Reese,

NL LEADERS

DWELLS, Toronto, 22; Sipping, Kansas City, 21; Nomis, Detroit, 21.

NBA PLAYOFFS

FIRST ROUND (Best-of-5)
Saturday, April 22
 Miami 95, Detroit 85, Miami leads series 1-0.
 Phoenix 72, San Antonio 70, Phoenix leads series 1-0.
 Utah 104, Seattle 93, Utah leads series 1-0.
 Philadelphia at Charlotte (n)

Sunday, April 23
 Toronto at New York, 11:30 a.m.
 Minnesota at Portland, 2 p.m.
 Sacramento at LA Lakers, 4:30 p.m.
 Milwaukee at Indiana, 7:30 p.m.

Monday, April 24
 Philadelphia at Charlotte, 7 p.m.
 Seattle at Utah, 9:30 p.m.

Tuesday, April 25
 Detroit at Miami, 6 p.m.
 Phoenix at San Antonio, 8:30 p.m.

Wednesday, April 26
 Toronto at New York, 7 p.m.
 Minnesota at Portland, 9:30 p.m.

Thursday, April 27
 Milwaukee at Indiana, 9 p.m.
 Sacramento at LA Lakers, 9:30 p.m.

Friday, April 28
 Charlotte at Philadelphia, 7 p.m.

Saturday, April 29
 Miami at Detroit, 11:30 a.m.
 San Antonio at Phoenix, 2 p.m.
 Utah at Seattle, 4:30 p.m.
 Indiana at Milwaukee, 7:30 p.m.

Sunday, April 30
 New York at Toronto, 11:30 a.m.
 Portland at Minnesota, 2 p.m.
 LA Lakers at Sacramento, 4:30 p.m.

Monday, May 1
 Charlotte at Philadelphia, TBA, if necessary.
 Indiana at Milwaukee, TBA, if necessary.

Tuesday, May 2
 LA Lakers at Sacramento, TBA, if necessary.
 New York at Toronto, TBA, if necessary.
 Portland at Minnesota, TBA, if necessary.
 San Antonio at Phoenix, TBA, if necessary.

Wednesday, May 3
 Miami at Detroit, TBA, if necessary.
 Utah at Seattle, TBA, if necessary.

Thursday, May 4
 Milwaukee at Indiana, TBA, if necessary.
 Minnesota at Portland, TBA, if necessary.
 Philadelphia at Charlotte, TBA, if necessary.
 Phoenix at San Antonio, TBA, if necessary.

Friday, May 5
 Detroit at Miami, TBA, if necessary.
 Sacramento at LA Lakers, TBA, if necessary.
 Seattle at Utah, TBA, if necessary.
 Toronto at New York, TBA, if necessary.

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LOCAL BOWLING RESULTS

MENS CAPROCK WEEK 9
RESULTS-WGAS over A&B Pole Line 8-0, Glickman Armory over Bowl-A-Rama 6-2, Allan's Furniture over Four Way Gin 6-2, Burgess Auto split with Santa Fe Sandwiches 4-4, Partee Drilling over Tough As Nails 8-0; hi sc team game Burgess Auto 7-9; hi sc team series Allan's Furniture 2304; hi hdp team game Santa Fe Sandwiches 8-8; hi hdp team series Glickman Armory 2388; hi sc game Don Cunningham 246; hi sc series Joe Rodriguez 638; hi hdp game Abel Cruz 251; hi hdp series Joe Rodriguez 686.
STANDINGS-Burgess Auto 52-20, Four Way Gin 52-20, Santa Fe Sandwiches 50-22, Partee Drilling 44-28, Glickman Armory 32-40, A&B Pole Line 30-42, Bowl-A-Rama 28-44, WGAS 21-51, Tough As Nails 12-60.

MENS MAJOR WEEK 33
RESULTS-Trio Fuels split with BSI 4-4, Mason's Collectables over Bob Brock Ford 6-2, Collums Restaurant over Burgess Automotive 8-0, O'Daniel Trucking over Parks Agency 6-2; hi sc team series Collums Restaurant 3097, Trio Fuels 3057, O'Daniel Trucking 2713; hi sc team game Trio Fuels 1143, Collums Restaurant 1110, BSI 963; hi hdp team series Collums Restaurant 3499, Trio Fuels 3408, BSI 3332; hi hdp team game Trio Fuels 1260, Collums Restaurant 1244, BSI 1177; hi sc series Sam Gonzales 702, Philip Ringener 672, Richard Rowden 667; hi sc game Sam Gonzales 269, Jackie Lecroy 257, Terry Davis 257; hi hdp series Sam Gonzales 759, Bobby Cordova 75, Clark Dunnam 729; hi hdp game Sam Gonzales 288, Terry Davis 278, Jackie Lecroy 273.
STANDINGS-Collums Restaurant 154-94, Trio Fuels 148-100, Parks Agency 143-105, O'Daniel Trucking 124-124, BSI 120-128, Bob Brock Ford 118-130, Burgess Automotive 94-154, Mason's Collectables 91-157.

MENS CAPROCK WEEK 11
RESULTS-WGAS over Four Way Gin 6-2, Partee Drilling over A&B Pole Line 6-2, Burgess Auto over Bowl-A-Rama 6-2, Glickman Armory split with Allan's Furniture 4-4; hi sc team game Burgess Auto 8-2; hi sc team series Burgess Auto 2310; hi hdp team game Burgess Auto 8-6; hi hdp team series Partee Drilling 2490; hi sc game Terry Ward 296; hi sc series Chris Spivey 707; hi hdp game Chris Spivey 260; hi hdp series Chris Spivey 746.
STANDINGS-Burgess Auto 64-24, Santa Fe Sandwiches 62-26, Four Way Gin 58-30, Partee Drilling 52-36, Allan's Furniture 49-39, A&B Pole Line 40-48, Glickman Armory 36-52, Bowl-A-Rama 32-56, WGAS 29-59, Tough As Nails 18-70.

MENS CAPROCK WEEK 12
RESULTS-Tough As Nails over A&B Pole Line 6-2, Santa Fe Sandwiches over Glickman Armory 6-2, Bowl-A-Rama over Four Way Gin 6-2, Partee Drilling over Allan's Furniture 8-0, Burgess Auto over WGAS 6-2; hi sc team game Burgess Auto 9-5; hi sc team series Burgess Auto 2351; hi hdp team game Partee Drilling 840; hi hdp team series Partee Drilling 2457; hi sc game Jackie Lecroy 277; hi sc series Cory Elliott 664; hi hdp game Chriss Spivey 259; hi hdp series Jim Galtner 680.
STANDINGS-Burgess Auto 70-26, Santa Fe Sandwiches 68-28, Four Way Gin 60-36, Partee Drilling 60-36, Allan's Furniture 49-47, A&B Pole Line 42-54, Bowl-A-Rama 38-58, Glickman Armory 38-58, WGAS 31-65, Tough As Nails 24-72.

WEDNESDAY NITE TRIO WEEK 30
RESULTS-American State Bank over Our Gang 8-0, Alley Cats over Disfunctional 6-2, Spankys over KC Steak House 6-2, No Name over MGM 6-2, Rapid Masonry postponed, Timeless Design unopposed, Slow Starters postponed, Big Spring Music unopposed, Arrow Refrigeration postponed, BSI unopposed, Loan Stars unopposed 8-0; hi sc team game Loan Stars 654, Big Spring Music 630, American State Bank 625; hi sc team series Big Spring Music 1832, American State Bank 1802, Loan Stars 1709; hi hdp team game Loan Stars 763, Big Spring Music 721, American State Bank 712; hi hdp team series Big Spring Music 2105, American State Bank 2063, Loan Stars 2036; hi sc mens game Junior Barber 258, Jackie Lecroy 238, Jerald Burgess 235; hi sc mens series Jackie Lecroy 710, O.D. Daniel 670, Junior Barber 629; hi hdp mens game Monty Hendricks 279, Junior Barber 273, Mark Rogers 257, Q.T. Coats, Jr. 257; hi hdp mens series Jackie Lecroy 743, Q.T. Coats, Jr. 740, O.D. Daniel 739; hi sc womens game Cathy McMurtrey 228, Joyce Davis 226, Veronica Schroyer 179; hi sc womens series Joyce Davis 642, Cathy McMurtrey 576, Veronica Schroyer 492; hi hdp womens game Cathy McMurtrey 276, Lucy Clinton 256, Joyce Davis 249; hi hdp womens series Cathy McMurtrey 720, Joyce Davis 711, Veronica Schroyer 687.
STANDINGS-Big Spring Music 159-73, American State Bank 148-92, Disfunctional 146-80, KC Steak House 145-95, Rapid Masonry 139-31, Spankys 131-93, Timeless Design 128-104, No Name 122-119, Loan Stars 118-122, Our Gang 116-122, BSI 114-114, Slow Starters 108-124, Arrow Refrigeration 102-128, MGM 92-140, Alley Cats 86-152.

PIN POPPERS WEEK 32
RESULTS-Bowl-A-Rama split with Guy's

Resturant 4-4, Kuykendall over L&M Properties 6-2, Gas N Grub over Perco Care Center 6-2, Rose Barber Shop over Dixie Chicks 6-2, Hair Designs by Randy 8-0; hi team series Hair Designs by Randy 1816, Guy's Restaurant 1804; hi team game Guy's Restaurant 841, Guy's Restaurant 639; hi hdp team series Guy's Restaurant 2389, Hair Designs by Randy 2333; hi hdp team game Guy's Restaurant 841, Guy's Restaurant 834.
STANDINGS-Rose Barber Shop 151-105, Hair Designs by Randy 142-114, Guy's Restaurant 139-117, Gas N Grub 138-118, Perco Care Center 128-128, Kuykendall 121-135, Health Food Store 120-136, L&M Properties 118-138, Bowl-A-Rama 117-139, Dixie Chicks 106-150.

VA COUPLES
RESULTS-Untouchable Dogs over Betty's Bandits 6-2, Eight over Fourteen 6-2, Misfits over Winners 8-0, Hoot Owls over the Dreamers 8-0, Choke-A-Holics over Sex Pistols 8-0, NFS split with BSI 4-4, Lighthouse over Hardison 6-2, Do's and Dont's over Undecided 8-0, Thirteen split with Three 4-4; hi sc team series Eight 2021, Do's and Dont's 1998, Untouchable Dogs 1919; hi sc team game Eight 713, Choke-A-Holics 710, Untouchable Dogs 706; hi sc mens series Jerald Burgess 588, Richard Robertson 553, Joe Krug 551; hi sc mens game Jerald Burgess 247, Richard Robertson 236, Jim Galtner 206; hi hdp womens series Rosalita Lozano 603, Lavonne Brumley 541, Bethany Everett 514; hi sc womens game Maria Escobar 210, Rosalita Lozano 209, Lavonne Brumley 202; hi hdp team series Choke-A-Holics 2677, Three 2664, Thirteen 2647; hi hdp team game Choke-A-Holics 972, Lighthouse 946, Untouchable Dogs 939; hi hdp mens series Thomas Moreno 725, Richard Robertson 688, Jimmy Horton 683; hi hdp mens game Richard Robertson 281, Thomas Moreno 276, Jerald Burgess 270; hi hdp womens series Rosalita Lozano 723, Gail Krug 697, Rosalita Hector 696; hi hdp womens game Maria Escobar 267, Bethany Everett 260, Barbara Miller 254.
STANDINGS-NFS 146-94, Eight 145-95, Choke-A-Holics 141-99, BSI 137-103, Three 134-106, The Dreamers 130-110, Hoot Owls 126-114, Do's and Dont's 122-118, Lighthouse 122-118, Winners 121-119, Fourteen 120-120, Untouchable Dogs 114-126, Betty's Bandits 112-128, Thirteen 109-131, Undecided 108-132, Sex Pistols 105-135, Misfits 104-136, Hardison 64-176.

WEDNESDAY NITE TRIO WEEK 31
RESULTS-Timeless Design over BSI 6-2, Rapid Masonry over MGM 6-2, No Name over American State Bank 8-0, Loan Stars over Big Spring Music 8-0, Slow Starters over Arrow Refrigeration 6-2, Alley Cats over KC Steak House 8-0, Spankys over Our Gang 6-2, Disfunctional (unopposed) 6-0; hi sc team game Loan Stars 560, American State Bank 539, R-r-d Masonry 532; hi sc team series Loan Stars 1595, Big Spring Music 1533, American State Bank 1526, Rapid Masonry 1526; hi hdp team game Our Gang 701, BSI 679, Timeless Design 678; hi hdp team series Timeless Design 1979, No Name 1942, Alley Cats 1921, Slow Starters 1921; hi sc mens game Jackie Lecroy 233, Joe A. Rodriguez 220, O.D. Daniel 219; hi sc mens series Jackie Lecroy 626, O.D. Daniel 603, Junior Barber 589; hi hdp mens game Q.T. Coats, Jr. 257, Joe A. Rodriguez 254, Russell Parks, Jr. 253; hi hdp mens series Tony Spears 692, O.D. Daniel 603, Q.T. Coats, Jr. 664; hi sc womens game Robin Brown 202, Pattie Hill 193, Cathy McMurtrey 179; hi sc womens series Pattie Hill 559, Robin Brown 533, Cathy McMurtrey 502; hi hdp womens game Robin Brown 263, Gerry Hartley 243, Pat Cypert 238; hi hdp womens series Robin Brown 716, Pat Cypert 674, Pattie Hill 670.
STANDINGS-Big Spring Music 159-81, Disfunctional 152-80, American State Bank 148-100, KC Steak House 145-103, Rapid Masonry 145-93, Spankys 137-95, Timeless Design 134-106, No Name 130-118, Loan Stars 126-122, Our Gang 118-128, BSI 116-120, Slow Starters 114-126, Arrow Refrigeration 104-134, Alley Cats 94-152, MGM 94-146.

MENS CAPROCK WEEK 11
RESULTS-WGAS over Four Way Gin 6-2, Partee Drilling over A&B Pole Line 6-2, Burgess Auto over Bowl-A-Rama 6-2, Glickman Armory split with Allan's Furniture 4-4; hi sc team game Burgess Auto 8-2; hi sc team series Burgess Auto 2310; hi hdp team game Burgess Auto 8-6; hi hdp team series Partee Drilling 2490; hi sc game Terry Ward 296; hi sc series Chris Spivey 707; hi hdp game Chris Spivey 260; hi hdp series Chris Spivey 746.
STANDINGS-Burgess Auto 64-24, Santa Fe Sandwiches 62-26, Four Way Gin 58-30, Partee Drilling 52-36, Allan's Furniture 49-39, A&B Pole Line 40-48, Glickman Armory 36-52, Bowl-A-Rama 32-56, WGAS 29-59, Tough As Nails 18-70.

MENS CAPROCK WEEK 12
RESULTS-Tough As Nails over A&B Pole Line 6-2, Santa Fe Sandwiches over Glickman Armory 6-2, Bowl-A-Rama over Four Way Gin 6-2, Partee Drilling over Allan's Furniture 8-0, Burgess Auto over WGAS 6-2; hi sc team game Burgess Auto 9-5; hi sc team series Burgess Auto 2351; hi hdp team game Partee Drilling 840; hi hdp team series Partee Drilling 2457; hi sc game Jackie Lecroy 277; hi sc series Cory Elliott 664; hi hdp game Chriss Spivey 259; hi hdp series Jim Galtner 680.
STANDINGS-Burgess Auto 70-26, Santa Fe Sandwiches 68-28, Four Way Gin 60-36, Partee Drilling 60-36, Allan's Furniture 49-47, A&B Pole Line 42-54, Bowl-A-Rama 38-58, Glickman Armory 38-58, WGAS 31-65, Tough As Nails 24-72.

WEDNESDAY NITE TRIO WEEK 30
RESULTS-American State Bank over Our Gang 8-0, Alley Cats over Disfunctional 6-2, Spankys over KC Steak House 6-2, No Name over MGM 6-2, Rapid Masonry postponed, Timeless Design unopposed, Slow Starters postponed, Big Spring Music unopposed, Arrow Refrigeration postponed, BSI unopposed, Loan Stars unopposed 8-0; hi sc team game Loan Stars 654, Big Spring Music 630, American State Bank 625; hi sc team series Big Spring Music 1832, American State Bank 1802, Loan Stars 1709; hi hdp team game Loan Stars 763, Big Spring Music 721, American State Bank 712; hi hdp team series Big Spring Music 2105, American State Bank 2063, Loan Stars 2036; hi sc mens game Junior Barber 258, Jackie Lecroy 238, Jerald Burgess 235; hi sc mens series Jackie Lecroy 710, O.D. Daniel 670, Junior Barber 629; hi hdp mens game Monty Hendricks 279, Junior Barber 273, Mark Rogers 257, Q.T. Coats, Jr. 257; hi hdp mens series Jackie Lecroy 743, Q.T. Coats, Jr. 740, O.D. Daniel 739; hi sc womens game Cathy McMurtrey 228, Joyce Davis 226, Veronica Schroyer 179; hi sc womens series Joyce Davis 642, Cathy McMurtrey 576, Veronica Schroyer 492; hi hdp womens game Cathy McMurtrey 276, Lucy Clinton 256, Joyce Davis 249; hi hdp womens series Cathy McMurtrey 720, Joyce Davis 711, Veronica Schroyer 687.
STANDINGS-Big Spring Music 159-73, American State Bank 148-92, Disfunctional 146-80, KC Steak House 145-95, Rapid Masonry 139-31, Spankys 131-93, Timeless Design 128-104, No Name 122-119, Loan Stars 118-122, Our Gang 116-122, BSI 114-114, Slow Starters 108-124, Arrow Refrigeration 102-128, MGM 92-140, Alley Cats 86-152.

PIN POPPERS WEEK 32
RESULTS-Bowl-A-Rama split with Guy's

BASEBALL

Continued from page 8A

ing his team drop to 2-6 in its new ballpark. "We were sloppy, and we can't afford to be like that."

San Diego's Matt Clement gave up six runs, five hits and four walks in five-plus innings and struck out seven.

Tony Gwynn's sacrifice fly put San Diego ahead in the first, but Clement opened the bottom half with nine straight balls — walking Craig Biggio and Cedeno — and Caminiti hit a two-out, two-run homer into the bullpen in right-center.

Clement tied it with a squeeze bunt in the second, but San Diego went ahead 4-2 on Nevin's RBI grounder in the third and Martin's home run off the right-field foul pole in the fifth.

Bagwell's two-run homer, a drive over the railroad tracks above the left-field bleachers, tied it again in the fifth.

White Sox 14, Tigers 6
At least seven players and a manager were ejected and White Sox reliever Keith Foulke was left with a bloody cut under his left eye Saturday in Chicago's fight-filled 14-6 win over the Detroit Tigers.

There was a big brawl in the seventh inning, and another bench-clearing altercation with two outs in the bottom of the ninth. A total of five players were hit by pitches.

Chris Singleton went 5-for-5 and drove in a career-high five runs as the White Sox won their fourth in a row. Detroit lost its sixth straight game.

In the sixth, Detroit starter Jeff Weaver (0-2) hit Carlos Lee with a pitch. Weaver was pulled and exchanged words with Lee.

Then in the seventh, White Sox starter Jim Parque (2-1) hit Dean Palmer in the arm with the first pitch. Palmer immediately rushed the mound and the benches emptied.

Several punches were thrown. Tigers coach Juan Samuel was seen hitting White Sox reliever Bill Simas, and Detroit outfielder Bobby Higginson hit Foulke.

Magglio Ordonez and Simas were ejected for Chicago. Palmer, Weaver, Rob Fick and Danny Patterson were ejected for Detroit.

White Sox reliever Tanyon Sturtze became the seventh player to be ejected when he hit Deivi Cruz in the ninth inning. Chicago manager Jerry Manuel also was tossed, though the benches stayed calm for the moment.

But later in the inning, with one out left, Bobby Howry hit Detroit's Shane Halter. Tigers reliever Doug Brocail led the charge for the dugout and the brawl lasted about five minutes.

There was no immediate word on ejections from the final fight. Singleton hit an RBI single in

the second, a two-run single in the fourth and an RBI double in the sixth. He added a solo homer in the eighth.

Paul Konerko added a three-run homer for the White Sox.

Mariners 4, Royals 2
SEATTLE (AP) — Brett Tomko pitched six strong innings in his Seattle debut and Tom Lampkin homered and drove in three runs as the Mariners handed the Kansas City Royals their eighth consecutive defeat, 4-2 Saturday.

Tomko (1-0), acquired in the trade that sent Ken Griffey Jr. to Cincinnati, was called up from Triple-A Tacoma on Friday. Starting in place of the disabled Jamie Moyer, he allowed Jermaine Dye's seventh homer of the season, but not much else.

Tomko limited the Royals to four hits, while walking none and striking out seven in six innings.

Kazuhiro Sasaki pitched the ninth for his third save.

Lampkin gave Tomko a 2-0 lead with a two-run homer in the second inning.

After Dye homered in the fourth, the Mariners scored two runs in the bottom of the inning. Jay Buhner and Lampkin had RBI doubles.

Jay Witasick (0-4) went five innings, allowing four runs and six hits.

Orioles 4, Athletics 3
Mike Bordick hit a two-run homer and boosted his league-leading RBI totals to 24 as the Baltimore Orioles won their sixth straight, 4-3 over the Oakland Athletics on Saturday.

Jose Mercedes (2-0) allowed two runs and six hits in 5 2/3 innings.

Bordick, connected off Gil Heredia (1-2) in the second inning, driving in Cal Ripken Jr. who had singled.

Calvin Maduro pitched 2 1/3 hitless innings in relief.

Jason Giambi hit a one-out sacrifice fly off Mike Timlin in the ninth, pulling Oakland within a run. Olmedo Saenz then loaded the bases with an infield single, Buddy Groom relieved and Matt Stairs hit a game-ending foulout to Ripken at third. Groom got his second save.

Heredia allowed four runs three earned — and eight hits in six innings. He struck out four but also had uncharacteristic control problems, walking four.

Dodgers 16, Reds 2
Todd Hollandsworth led off the game with a home run, part of a four-homer barrage that swept the Los Angeles Dodgers to a 16-2 victory Saturday over the Cincinnati Reds.

Hollandsworth's shot off Pete Harnisch (0-2) started another battering of the Reds' pitching

staff. Cincinnati has given up 25 runs, 26 hits and six homers in the first two games of the series.

Kevin Elster hit a two-run homer off Harnisch for a 4-1 lead in the second inning.

Eric Karros added a three-run shot off Harnisch and Gary Sheffield hit a two-run homer, his seventh, off Manny Aybar in the sixth for an 11-1 lead.

Harnisch gave up three homers, one triple, three doubles, a single and five walks for nine runs in 4 2/3 innings Saturday.

Chan Ho Park (3-1) gave up one hit in five innings before leaving with a blister on the middle finger of his pitching hand.

Blue Jays 8, Yankees 2
Jose Cruz Jr. hit a leadoff home run off the Windows restaurant in center field and later added a three-run shot as the Toronto Blue Jays beat the New York Yankees 8-2 Saturday.

Kelvin Escobar (2-2) pitched a complete game as the Blue Jays won their fourth in a row. He allowed nine hits, struck out four and walked none.

Pitching with a 5-0 lead after the first inning, Escobar tossed his second career complete game.

David Cone is winless in his first four starts of the season. He was tagged for eight runs and eight hits in three-plus innings, leaving with a 10.70 ERA.

Cruz began the game with a home run, and Tony Batista hit a two-run drive that capped a five-run first inning. Cruz made it 8-1 in the fourth with his seventh homer.

Jeter led off the fourth with a triple, and O'Neill followed with an RBI single. Jeter had an RBI groundout in the eighth.

Mets 8, Cubs 3, 1st game
Mets 7, Cubs 6, 2nd game

Starter Glendon Rusch (1-1) held the Cubs to two runs and four hits in seven innings for his first win as a starter in nearly two years in an 8-3 victory in the first game of a Saturday double header.

Derek Bell went 4-for-5 with two runs scored and two RBIs for the Mets, who have won five straight games and seven of eight. The Cubs have lost five of six.

Bell singled in the first off Jon Lieber (1-2) and scored on Robin Ventura's RBI groundout, and doubled in the sixth and scored on Todd Pratt's groundout. Matt Franco added an RBI single in the sixth.

Rusch allowed a pair of solo homers in the seventh, Mark Grace's fourth of the season and Shane Andrews' seventh.

The Mets broke the game open with five runs in the eighth on Rey Ordenez's RBI

single and two-run doubles by pinch-hitter Benny Agbayani and Bell.

The Mets also won the night-cap. Robin Ventura's solo homer and a two-run single by Rey Ordenez keyed a five-run sixth inning as the Mets won 7-6.

Kyle Farnsworth (1-3) took the loss. Dennis Cook (3-0) came on in the sixth and pitched 1 1/3 innings for the win.

Devil Rays 11, Angels 9.
Bubba Trammell hit a two-run homer off Kent Mercker with two outs in the 10th inning Saturday, giving the Tampa Bay Devil Rays an 11-9 win over the Anaheim Angels.

The Devil Rays set a team record with five home runs. Fred McGriff connected twice and drove in five runs and Jose Canseco hit a 472-foot shot, the longest in Tropicana Field history.

Trammell hit his second pinch-hit home run of the season as Tampa Bay won for just the second time in eight home games.

Mercker (0-1) gave up a leadoff single to McGriff in the 10th and retired the next two batters. Trammell hit a 3-2 pitch into the left-field stands.

Albie Lopez (1-0) pitched a perfect 10th.

Anaheim tied the game at 9 in the ninth on RBI singles by Mo Vaughn and Orl Palmeiro off Roberto Hernandez.

Anaheim went up 6-3 and chased Esteban Yan during a three-run fifth.

Marlins 4, Phillies 2
Jesus Sanchez was 2-for-2 with an RBI and pitched into the seventh inning as the Florida Marlins ended their six-game losing streak against Philadelphia, beating the Phillies 4-2 Saturday night.

Sanchez (3-0) allowed two runs and seven hits in 6 1/3 innings, struck out four, walked two and hit two batters.

Kevin Jordan had a 4-0 lead but left after Doug Glanville's two-run single in the seventh. Braden Looper got Ron Gant to hit into an inning-ending double play, and Antonio Alfonseca pitched a hitless ninth for his sixth save in seven chances.

Paul Byrd (0-2), making his first start in 12 days, gave up four runs in six innings and struck out seven. His overall ERA dropped from 23.40 to 13.91, but his ERA at Miami rose from 1.01 to 1.93 in eight appearances.

Mark Kotsay was 2-for-4 with a leadoff homer and an RBI double.

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QUICK TRIVIA

◆The bronze statue known as the Colossus of Rhodes was actually a statue of the sun god Helios. It was destroyed by an earthquake in 224 B.C.

◆In basketball slang, when a shot is blocked into another player's face, the player is said to have eaten a "Wilson Sandwich," and has "leather breath."

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Canine controversy

Big teeth, tiny bark: Dog owners choose sides

For some, dogs are all bark, bite and bother. But for "dog people," their canine companions are a vital part of their lives, like family members or even their own children. The question then often becomes: Big or small?

While those who prefer large dogs may consider the small ones "yappy" and "ankle biters," the big breeds can likewise be lambasted as "slobbery" and "dangerous."

But gigantic or tiny, for those who love them, any dog is just right. And dogs of all shapes, sizes and styles will be converging on Big Spring Saturday as the Big Spring Kennel Club Dog Show kicks off at Dorothy Garrett Coliseum. Spectators are welcome to watch the competition, which should begin by 8 a.m. Saturday and Sunday, visit with breeders and owners, and shop at pet-related vendors.

From the Great Dane to the Chihuahua, there should be something for every dog lover.

"He thinks he's a lap dog," said Rusty Wells, who had to be convinced by his wife, Treasa, to adopt Mo, their 170-pound Mastiff. Mo is still a puppy, he is expected to reach a top weight of 200-220 pounds.

When he growls, which is not often, it is a low, vibrating rumble. When he runs, which is not often, either, he can find it difficult to stop.

And always, always, there is the drool. Rusty and Treasa keep a towel handy on outings.

Hazel Baker is in the opposite camp, preferring her dogs teacup-sized and cute. She owns, breeds and shows Chihuahuas, none of which is over six pounds.

"They are more economical," she pointed out, adding that each one eats only about a half-cup of food a day. Mo alone may chomp his way through 10 cups in the same time.

"And I just like to be able to love and hug on them," Baker said.

But in a home with children, she conceded, a small pet may be easily stepped on or hurt. Some people fear the larger breeds are more likely to attack children. Still others say the smaller dogs are less patient with the young ones. Obedience trainer Trellis Lucas said neither is the case.

"It's a matter of teaching the dogs that all humans in the house, children included, are their bosses," Lucas explained. "As long as the humans are in control, there should not be a problem."

And, she added, whether a dog likes children is more a matter of individual exposure than the dog's size.

Similarly, weight problems, which plague hundreds of pets today, don't discriminate: They are common among dogs large, small and in-between.

The Mastiff, for example, is known as the world's heaviest breed. An overweight Mastiff could top 300 pounds or even more, but it will be in danger of health problems.

So will an overweight Chihuahua, though it might only top 10 pounds.

What about those teeth? Lucas said while both large and small dogs with poor training and socialization will bite, large dog attacks are reported more.

"Bigger dogs, bigger teeth; it's that simple," she said. "You have to teach your dog, no matter what size, not to put its mouth on people at all."

Seasonal comfort is not dependent on size, either.

While large dogs do tend to get overheated in the high summer temperatures, they compensate with less activity. Baker said her Chihuahuas can tolerate the heat a little better than Mo may, but they still need provision for shade, water and a cool retreat.

In fact, Baker keeps her dogs indoors much of the time, as do the Wellses, who have German Shepherds along with Mo.

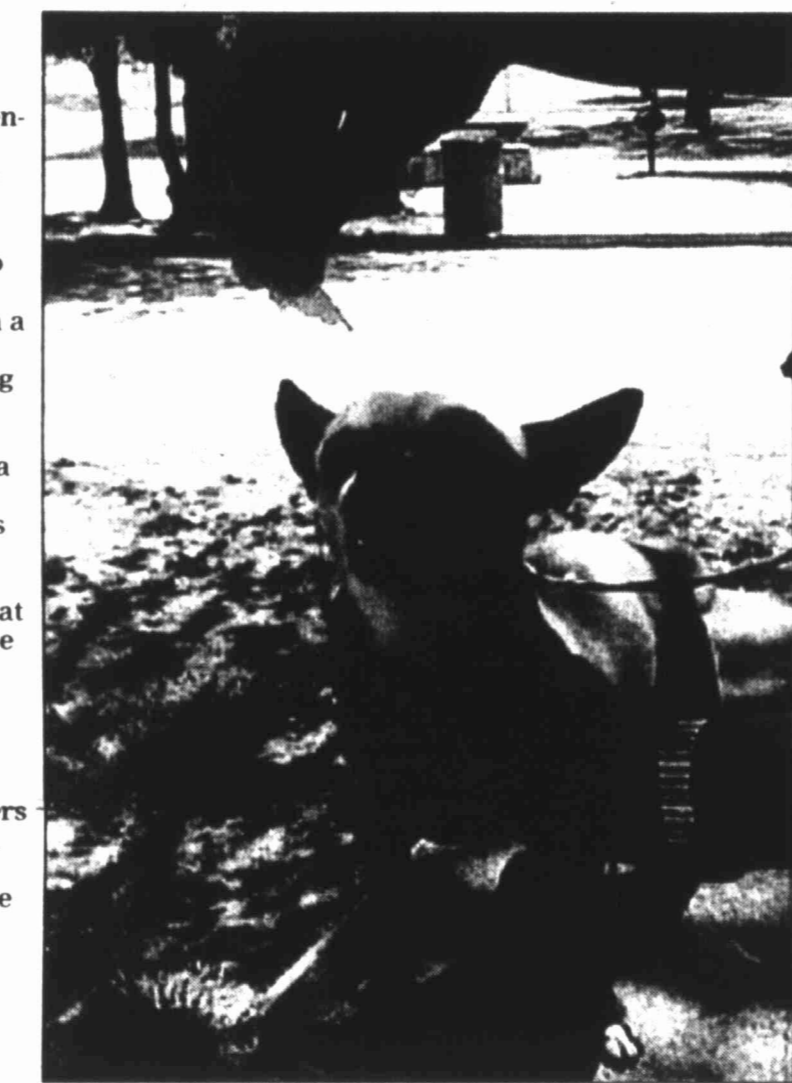
If a show dog is what you want, consider the advantages of both sizes.

"I train obedience, and with these little dogs you spend too much time bending and on your knees," Lucas said.

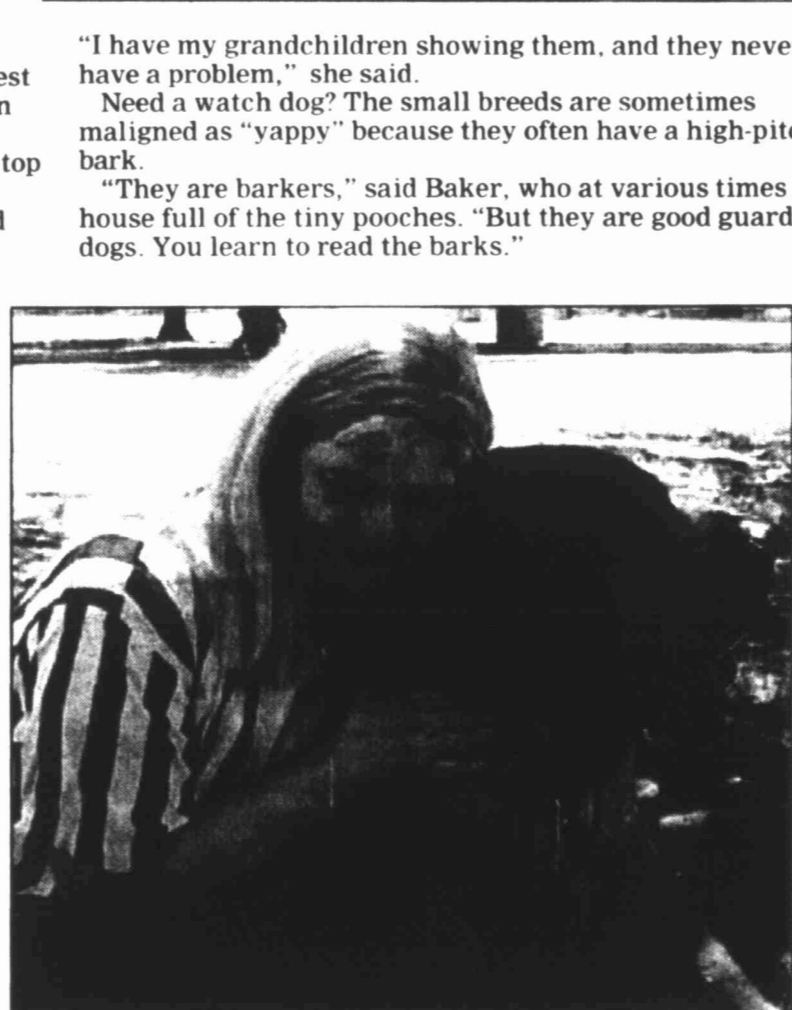
But Baker, who shows her dogs for "confirmation," or good breeding characteristics, said she thinks they are easier to handle in that show ring.



At left, Chihuahua meets Mastiff. Owners say the smallest breed and the heaviest breed, respectively, can learn to get along fine even in one household. Below, left, Hazel Baker gives one of her Chihuahuas a handful of turkey as a treat. Below, right, Mo pines for a treat a bit larger.



Below, left, Treasa Wells would not trade Mo, who weighs 170 pounds now and could reach 220 in adulthood. Below, Hazel Baker poses one of her tiny canines with the Mastiff for a study in contrast.



Story and photos by Debbie L. Jensen

Reading to children brings treasured moments again and again

I've always been a reader — starting with "Go Dog, Go," progressing to the Happy Hollisters and Nancy Drew as a preteen, then into novels, mysteries and almost anything I could get my hands on as I got older.

There was a time I might have three or four books going at once. My husband marvelled at how I could keep up with all the storylines.

But these days, I have gone back to my reading roots, reciting phrases like, "I have four apples up on top!" and "One fish, two fish, red fish, blue fish."

I haven't given up reading

books for myself, it's just that, with a toddler at home, I have little time for that anymore. I have actually been reading the same mystery novel now for the last two weeks. That doesn't sound too bad until I tell you I have read exactly four pages in that time.

But in those same two weeks, I have read my toddler's current favorite, "Ten Apples Up On Top," five times. And that was just in one evening.

She likes to read, too, you see. It's just that she likes to read the same books over and over. She starts her pleas before we even get to the last page.

"Agin, Mommy, agin!" And there we go again. I will admit some-

times I abbreviate the story on the third and fourth repeats. I figure she knows what's going to happen as well as I do, so get to the good stuff.

Sometimes she focuses on just one or two pages, such as in the book, "Are You My

Mother?" There is a part near the beginning where the baby bird is hatching from the egg. The egg jumps and jumps (and Hannah jumps, too) and then comes her favorite line, which she repeats as I read it every time, "Out came the baby bird."

Except she says it more like, "Owwt cam babeeee!"

We sometimes don't ever get beyond that page because she wants to hear it over and over. And we get louder and louder until we are yelling together, "Owwt cam babeeeee!"

Some of my favorite moments are when she takes a book to her brother or sister, who duti-

fully read it to her, sometimes two or three times.

It is not always easy to make time for these reading marathons. Many nights I have skipped that load of laundry or left the living room clutter until tomorrow because I was called on to, "Reeeeee!"

A friend told me a few days ago that, while shopping for a baby gift, she picked up several copies of her children's favorite books.

Her kids are older elementary schoolers now, so "Goodnight Moon" and "The Runaway Bunny" have been replaced with more sophisticated read-

ing. But this friend said just seeing those books that she once read again and again, night after night, brought tears to her eyes.

And when she took the books home, she read them to her now too-old children and they all had a great evening of nostalgia.

I look forward to the times when my daughter and I will see a copy of "The Foot Book" and remember how much we enjoyed reading it together.

And reading it, and reading it and reading it. "Agin! Agin!"

Debbie L. Jensen is features editor of the Herald.



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ON THE MENU

SENIOR CITIZENS CENTER

MONDAY - Pork chops, potatoes, okra and tomatoes, salad, milk/rolls and fruit.
TUESDAY - Fish, baked potatoes, squash, coleslaw, milk/cornbread, cobbler.
WEDNESDAY - Steak, noodles, broccoli and cheese, salad, milk/rolls, fruit.
THURSDAY - Chicken, new potatoes, turnip greens, fruited gelatin, milk/rolls, pudding.
FRIDAY - Roast, mashed potatoes, green beans, fruit salad, milk/rolls, cake.

BIG SPRING ELEMENTARY

MONDAY - In service.
TUESDAY - Chili dog, potato wedges, pineapple tidbits, rosy applesauce, milk.
WEDNESDAY - Mexican jambalaya, salad, corn, grapes, milk.
THURSDAY - Chicken fried steak, mashed potatoes, green beans, mixed fruit, hot roll and milk.
FRIDAY - Hamburger, salad, french fries, pinto beans, lemon pie and milk.

SANDS SCHOOLS

MONDAY - No school.
TUESDAY - Chicken fried steak, green beans, whole new potatoes, hot rolls, fruit and milk.
WEDNESDAY - Beef and cheese chalupas, corn, salad, cobbler, corn bread and milk.
THURSDAY - Fish, tartar sauce, salad, french fries, fruit, batter bread and milk.
FRIDAY - Corn dog with mustard, tater tots with cheese, pork and beans, pudding and milk.

FORSAN SCHOOLS

MONDAY - Student holiday.
TUESDAY - Pizza, scalloped potatoes, salad, cookies, fruit and milk.
WEDNESDAY - Hot dogs, french fries, salad, peaches and cream, milk.

THURSDAY - Stew, corn, corn bread, fruit and milk.
FRIDAY - Fajitas and cheese, ranch style beans, spanish rice, salad, sherbet and milk.

ELBOW ELEMENTARY

MONDAY - Easter holiday.
TUESDAY - Chicken noodles, green beans, fruit, crackers and milk.
WEDNESDAY - Braised beef, rice, peas, peaches, hot rolls and milk.
THURSDAY - Steak/barbecue sauce, french fries, lettuce/tomato, fruit and milk.
FRIDAY - Baked potato with trimmings, meat/cheese sauce, salad, mud pie and milk.

STANTON SCHOOLS

MONDAY - Holiday.
TUESDAY - Pizza, baked potato, green beans, vegetable sticks, fruit cocktail, Italian bread, milk and fruit drink.
WEDNESDAY - Beef taco, taco shell, tortilla, pinto beans, salad, pineapple chunks, cornbread, milk and fruit drink.
THURSDAY - Steak fingers or chicken nuggets, mashed potatoes, cream gravy, peas and carrots, peaches, rolls, milk and fruit drink.
FRIDAY - Barbecued beef on a roll or toasted cheese sandwich, potato puffs, beans, pears, brownies, milk and fruit drink.

COAHOMA SCHOOLS

MONDAY - Holiday.
TUESDAY - Pizza, fries, pineapples, milk.
WEDNESDAY - Tacos, pinto beans, salad, oranges, milk.
THURSDAY - Sub sandwiches, lettuce/tomato, spicy fries, pears.
FRIDAY - Cheeseburger pockets, tater tots, apples.

Grandmother celebrates grandson's heroics

By DEBBIE L. JENSEN
Features Editor

Rita Palmer is proud of all her grandchildren, three of whom chose to serve their country in the U.S. Army.

Now she has heard that one of them, Stephen Gresham, was honored for a heroic act: The sergeant was featured in "Stars and Stripes" magazine and named Warrior Hero of the Week for saving a man's life in Kosovo.

"Stars and Stripes" reported Gresham saved the life of a policeman serving with the United Nations mission in the troubled country. The man had severed a main artery in his wrist on a broken glass door. Gresham grabbed his field dressing bandage and pressed it firmly in the wound until medical help arrived.

"Even though his police buddies were standing there, the guy began yelling for MP (Military Police) help," said Capt. Mark Chitwood, battalion adjutant. "From the reports, Gresham heard the guy yelling and had to run downstairs to him."

Gresham is serving with the 709th Military Police in Kosovo. His wife, Stephanie, is a corpo-

ral serving in Baumholder, Germany.

Palmer's other military grandchildren are Cpl. Thomas Cannon, serving in Baumholder, and Cpl. Christy Godwin, based in San Antonio.

Palmer's daughter and son-in-law, Gresham's parents, are Dallas and Ed Gresham, who grew up in Big Spring, married here and now live in Jacksonville. The soldier's paternal grandparents are also former residents, Gene and Jo Gresham, who both taught school for years in Big Spring and now live in Athens, Texas.

Palmer said she and the rest of the family have been extremely proud of their soldier-hero.

"In this day and age, a patriot is often looked on at best as naive, at worst as stupid," she said. "But when we need them, we always look to our military."

She recalled a line from Rudyard Kipling, "... It's a thin red line of heroes when the drums begin to roll."

She said her grandchildren chose the military of their own accord, possibly following the example of their uncle, her son Clarence Palmer, who chose service. For the boys, she said,



HERALD photo/Debbie L. Jensen
Rita Palmer is shown with photos of her three military grandchildren, from left, Cpl. Thomas Cannon, Cpl. Christy Godwin and Cpl. Stephen Gresham, who has been credited with saving a life.

the "tough guy" image of the soldier might have had something to do with it.

"I tried to teach my grandchildren that the best 'tough guy' is one who uses his strength to reach out and help

somebody weaker," Palmer said. "That's what makes this really gratifying."

For his heroism, Gresham got a promotion (to his current rank of corporal), a citation and a medal.

ODDS-N-ENDS

DES MOINES, Iowa (AP) — Wanted: big-hearted animal lovers willing to take home a pet rat. Or two. Or three.

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"We'll keep six or eight of them here and send the rest to humane societies around the state," he said.

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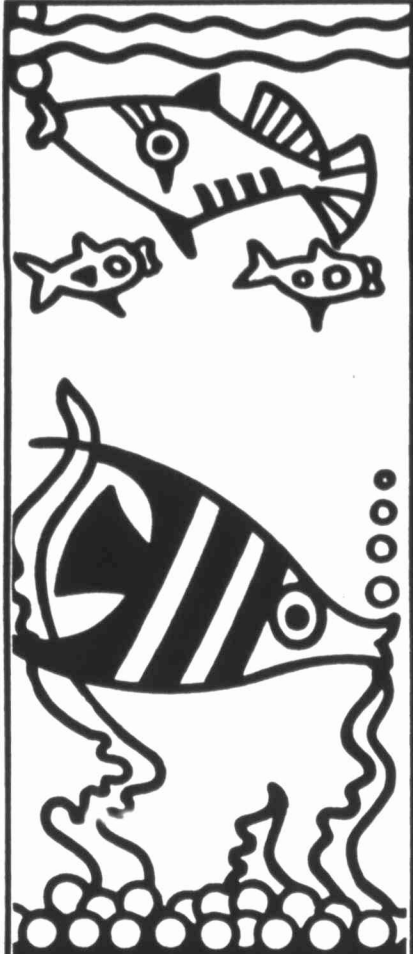
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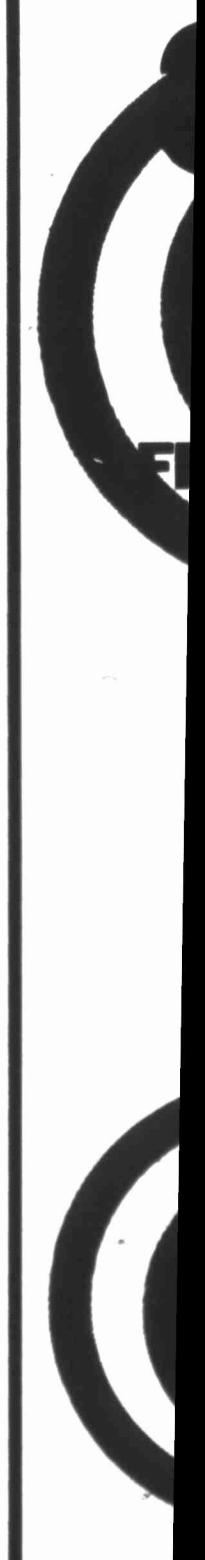


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By BOB THOMA Associated Press What is it ab that attracts s ers? The chance drama with liv The claustrop men under pre nious ping-pin tion devices a sent danger of not to mention tage? Whatever the movies have filmgoers. An out: Fra "Submarine" Below" (Walter Montgomery.

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GETTING ENGAGED



Erin Denise Roberts of LaGrange and Scott Allen MacKenzie of Lubbock will be united in marriage on July 22, 2000, at First Christian Church in Big Spring with the Rev. Gary Groves, First Christian Church of Midland, officiating. She is the daughter of Wayne and Shelane Robert of Big Spring and the granddaughter of Thelma Roberts, the late M.O. Roberts and Shelby and Carleta Parnell, all of Big Spring. He is the son of Finlay and Florence MacKenzie of Gresham, Ore.



Rosario Slate of Big Spring and Robert Rios Jr. will exchange wedding vows on April 29, 2000, at St. Thomas Catholic Church with the Rev. James Plagens officiating. She is the daughter of the late James Don Slate of Big Spring and Rosario V. Slate of Palma De Mallorca, Spain. He is the son of Robert Rios Sr. of Big Spring and Cathy Guzman of Big Spring and the grandson of Tony Sr. and Irene Guzman, Foustino Rios and the late Crecencia Rios.



Tisha Shawnta Fulgham and Cody Joe Ward, both of Big Spring, will be united in marriage on May 20, 2000, in Highland South with Malcolm Pointon officiating. She is the daughter of Kenny and Jarry Fulgham and the granddaughter of Roe and Nancy Fulgham and Nadine Long. He is the son of Joe and Sandra Ward and the grandson of J.B. and Wanda Ward and Inez Owen.

IN THE MILITARY

Jordan W. Rainey graduated March 31, 2000, from United States Naval Recruit Training Command in Great Lakes, Ill. Rainey received further training in Pensacola, Fla. in preparation for an overseas duty



RAINEY

assignment in Atsugi, Japan. He is a 1997 graduate of Big Spring High School. His is the son of Wanda and Perry Gamble of Big Spring and the grandson of Jerrye and Buford Hull, Shirlene and Gorman Rainey and Nannie Lee and Shirley Walker, and Rose Gamble, all of Big Spring.

Army National Guard Warrant Officer Rodney E. Hammack is one of more than 700 Texas Army National Guard soldiers who recently deployed to Bosnia-Herzegovina from Fort Hood, Killeen. The soldier is a member of the 49th "Lone Star" Armored Division

headquartered in Austin. The eight-month mission is to perform a headquarters function and provide a troop component to keep the peace and freedom in Bosnia, and provide safety and security for the peoples of Bosnia-Herzegovina and the Balkans.

Hammack is a data processing technician regularly assigned to Headquarters Company at Camp Mabry, Austin.

He is a 1971 graduate of Forsan High School and received a bachelor's degree in 1989 from Fresno State University, Calif.

HUMANE SOCIETY

Pictured is Roscoe Male Rottweiler mix, neutered, 2 years old, sweet but shy. Sissy Black female large mix with docked tail, spayed, 4 years old. Shamu Black and white



male Border Collie mix, neutered, 8 months old.

Billy Gun - Tan and white male large mix, neutered, 3 years old.

Jack - Male small to medium size mix, neutered, 1 year old.

Retta - Female Border Collie mix, spayed, 3 years old, sweet girl.

Joe - Male small to medium sized Hells Mix, neutered, 1 year old.

K.C. - Red Brown colored female Pitt mix, spayed, 1 year old.

Coors - Chocolate colored

female small dach mix, 2 years old.

Duchess - Female, Bassett mix, spayed, 3 years old, sweetie.

These, plus many more dogs and cats are awaiting adoption. Adoption fees for dogs are just \$60 and cats are \$50.

This includes spaying or neutering, vaccinations, wormings and all pets for adoption have received their rabies shots. Also covers feline leukemia tests for cats. All pets come with a two-week trial period. Call the shelter at 267-7832 for more information.

'U-571' has far-fetched plot instilled with excitement, immediacy

By BOB THOMAS

Associated Press Writer

What is it about submarines that attracts so many filmmakers?

The chance for intimate drama with lives on the line? The claustrophobia of heroic men under pressure? The ominous ping-ping-ping of detection devices and the ever-present danger of depth charges not to mention mutiny or sabotage?

Whatever the lure, submarine movies have long captured filmgoers. Among the standouts: "Hell Below" (Walter Huston, Robert Montgomery, 1933);

"Destination Tokyo" (Cary Grant, John Garfield, 1943); "Run Silent, Run Deep" (Clark Gable, Burt Lancaster, 1958); "20,000 Leagues Under the Sea" (James Mason, Kirk Douglas, 1954); "Das Boot" (1981); "The Hunt for Red October" (Sean Connery, Alec Baldwin, 1990).

"U-571" makes use of the familiar peril-under-the-sea devices, and adds some of its own. This time U.S. submariners in World War II not only capture a German coding machine in a U-boat, they also commandeer the sub and venture into German waters.

Jonathan Mostow provided the story and wrote the script with Sam Montgomery and

David Ayer. Mostow, who also directed, stresses that "U-571" is fiction (a postscript in the credits salutes the British who actually broke the code).

The story begins in 1942, when German subs are devastating British and American ships in the Atlantic. While couples dance to swing music at a U.S. naval base, Lt. Andrew Tyler (Matthew McConaughey) sulks because his commanding officer, Lt. Cmdr. Mike Dahlgren (Bill Paxton), has denied Tyler's application for his own command. The party ends as the submariners are summoned to immediate embarkation. They report to S-33, a leaky

tub that is older than most of its crew. The hurry-up mission is a secret to all but the commander and two strangers, a Navy lieutenant (Jake Weber) and a Marine major (David Keith).

At sea the mission is revealed. The old sub has been rigged to resemble a U-boat, and crew members are issued German uniforms. They will purport to rescue a stranded German sub, but will capture it and remove the coding machine. Needless to say, the mission encounters a host of troubles.

Some time-worn clichés are unavoidable, but Mostow instills the far-fetched plot with

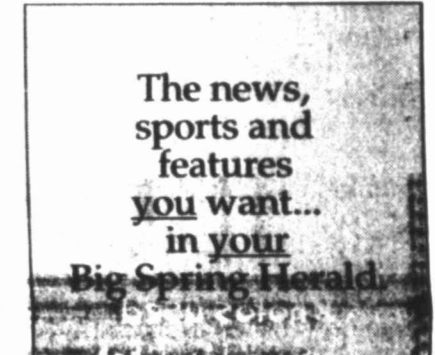
excitement and immediacy. As with most of today's films, the explosions are excessive. And the earsplitting depth charges extend beyond human endurance. The special effects are extraordinary.

McConaughey, whose career has wavered since his splashy start in "A Time to Kill," dominates the screen with a powerful performance. Lean-faced, his hair shaved close to his scalp, he is the kind of commander every enlisted man wished he had.

Harvey Keitel, as a chief dating back to World War I, brings a welcome air of stability to the youthful crew. Jon Bon Jovi, Erik Palladino,

T.C. Carson and Jack Noseworthy contribute notably.

The Universal Pictures release was produced by Dino and Martha De Laurentiis. Rated PG-13, with mild swearing and intense battle scenes. Running time: 114 minutes.



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National Theater of the Deaf breaking sound barriers

CHESTER, Conn. (AP) — The greatest challenge for most live theater companies is getting people to come and see productions.

For the National Theater of the Deaf, patrons must also get past the troupe's name.

"We are actors who happen to be deaf. That's all," explains Bernard Bragg, a founding member of the company. "Many of us feel the same way: that deafness is a way of life, that we are a people having our own language and our own culture."

Unlike most theaters, where the words are spoken by the actors and heard by the audience, the experience of language during NTD productions is both aural and visual.

Watching the actors with this theater is like getting a "double experience," says Maggie Wagner, a movie actress from New York teaching classes at

NTD this semester. "The communication is just as full, if not fuller, than watching regular hearing theater," she says, "because you're receiving information in two parts."

It is the first time Wagner has worked with deaf actors. Their lines, delivered in American Sign Language, are interpreted by hearing actors for members of mostly hearing audiences.

The sign language used in NTD productions is an emotional form of communication, Wagner says.

"It's very balletic. It's different when they're on stage than it is when they're speaking off stage," she says. "It's very lyrical, very flowing, dance-like and not as conversational."

Wagner, a professional actress, assumed it would be difficult to communicate certain acting concepts to the deaf actors. Not so, she found.

"A lot of acting training is being able to hear the way someone says something to you," she says. "But the nuances of language are just as profound in deaf actors as they are in hearing actors."

The National Theater of the Deaf — and its subsidiary, the Little Theater of the Deaf — are based in Chester, Conn. They take their productions, staffed with professionally trained actors, both hearing and deaf, to theaters across the country.

"It's the best when kids connect with this as a visual art form and see the language being expressed visually," says Annie Tomasetti, a deaf actor who debuted with the company in 1997.

The company is finishing two years of children's shows, workshops and residencies at colleges. At the same time, it is working with "Children of a Lesser God" author Mark

Medoff on a new show it will take on tour next year.

"Children especially love the interaction," Tomasetti says. "They learn the signs from us, and see a story with a moral."

Tomasetti has bachelor's degrees from Gallaudet University in theater and sign communication. She studied for four years at the National Theater of the Deaf, which is also a theater school, before starting with NTD full-time.

Nikki Kilpatrick, a volunteer for the company since its beginnings in 1967, interpreted Tomasetti's signing for a reporter.

"It's a different way of presenting theater," explained Sara Ridberg. "It gives an added visual dimension that regular theater doesn't have."

Ridberg, in her second year with the company, has degrees in women's studies and deaf culture. Ridberg and Reggie

Meneses interpret for the audience what the actors are signing on stage.

"When an adult sees a show with sign language done in a beautiful way," Ridberg says, "they realize that American Sign Language is an ability that we have that they don't."

The theater also offers a Summertime Storytelling program on the green in Chester. The company sponsors high school drama students and a teacher for a four-week summer program.

Other theaters performing in American Sign Language include the New York Deaf Theater, the Deaf Youth Drama Program in Seattle, and Deaf West, a Los Angeles company.

A busy spring performance schedule takes NTD actors from Connecticut to Massachusetts, Vermont, New York, North Carolina and Maryland.

STORK CLUB

Karli Lyn Thompson, girl, April 15, 2000, 8:59 a.m., seven pounds nine ounces and 19 1/2 inches long; parents are Billy and Kerri Thompson of Fort Worth.

Grandparents are Frankie Chandler and Bonnie Chandler, Raellen Thompson, Bill and Fern Thompson, all of Big Spring. Big brother is Brock Thompson.

Paid announcement

D'Amberly Nicole Baldwin, girl, Feb. 23, 2000, 3:27 a.m., five pounds six 1/2 ounces and 17 1/2 inches long; parents are Michael and Jennifer Baldwin of Big Spring.

Grandparents are Ronald and Cindy Dunlap of Big Spring and Joe and Christy Baldwin of Lubbock.

ODDS-N-ENDS

DIXFIELD, Maine (AP) — Ray and Roy Hodsdon are brothers in law. More accurately, they are twin brothers in law enforcement.

The 30-year-old brothers are police officers.

Roy Hodsdon was hired by the Rumford Police Department last July. Ray Hodsdon — younger by 7 minutes — was hired at the nearby Dixville Police Department this month.

The Hodsdons said they have admired military and police officials since they were little — their father was in the Air Force — and have always wanted to be officers.

MORGANTOWN, W.Va. (AP) Talk about bulk rate postage.

Authorities are trying to find out who packaged two 10-foot pythons and dropped them in the mail.

The package was mailed from the downtown Morgantown post office and contained a fake return address, Morgantown Animal Control Officer Sylvia Smith said Wednesday.

They were mailed to an animal shelter in Arlington, Va.

Some women turn to diet, herbs to help with menopause

SAN ANTONIO (AP) — English-woman Linda Kearns was 52 when she found the dark spot on her breast, which she was convinced was cancer.

After several tests, doctors told her not to worry. But Kearns was taking no chances. She stopped hormone replacement therapy cold turkey, even after 13 years of taking the hormones since surgery to remove her ovaries.

The side effects were devastating. "I had horrible symptoms: hot flashes, night sweats, palpitations, it was awful. I had to go back on (HRT) because I felt so dreadful," says Kearns, now 54. She then weaned herself off HRT over four weeks.

Her symptoms, while not as intense, were still bad. As a self-described lifetime whole-foods eater, with a background in nutrition, she decided to find a way to ease her symptoms naturally.

So she joined the thousands of women who have begun to question the standards of conventional, Western medicine, and who are seeking a different way to treat their menopause symptoms: through diet, herbal supplements or even plant-derived prescriptions.

Menopause, when women stop menstruating, usually happens in women 50-52, but as local gynecologist Deborah McNabb points out, there is a wide range of normal. The problem with current HRTs, which use synthetic hormones and hormones from other animals, is that while some studies show it

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helps reduce the risk of heart disease and osteoporosis in post-menopausal women, other studies link it to an increased risk for breast cancer.

For that reason, McNabb says that women with a family history of breast cancer are not good candidates for conventional HRT.

Things can also get tricky when women start to experience menopausal symptoms during peri-menopause, the stage before menopause when periods become infrequent and irregular before stopping altogether. Often, women in this phase suffer the same symptoms of hot flashes, palpitations, fatigue, etc.

Relief for these women is hard to find, McNabb says, because estrogen levels are fluctuating tremendously. One day, the body could have almost none, resulting in menopausal symptoms, and another day there could be a lot, perhaps resulting in menstruation. Giving the right amount of hormones at any given time is nearly impossible.

And with hormones, there can be too much of a good thing. "If a woman comes in with a great

family history and she eats right and exercises, then she's probably a good candidate for getting HRT," McNabb says.

"But that's not the average woman. The average woman is like me, a little overweight, with a history of heart problems or high blood pressure."

In these cases, or when women haven't actually reached menopause yet, McNabb says alternative HRTs could be a reasonable option. In fact, she has several patients who are experimenting with alternative therapies. Some are reporting great successes, and others have had problems like irregular bleeding.

"I don't discourage people from trying new therapies, but I can't recommend them," she says, explaining that if a patient is interested in finding out more about them, she refers them to someone else with more experience in supplements.

One of the people she commonly refers patients to is Kiersten Alton, a local pharmacist who specializes in compounding (taking commercially available medicine ingredients and making new combinations or forms of medication) and supplements.

Alton recommends starting with a diet rich in phytoestrogens (plant-derived estrogen hormones).

Phytoestrogens have a mild estrogenic effect on the body and can help ease some of the menopausal symptoms, she

says.

For many women, like Kearns, that's enough.

After weaning herself off hormone replacement therapy, Kearns started experimenting with making a cake that could in one serving give her all the nutrients she needed a day for relief.

But making a cake out of soy flour, oats, various seeds, raisins and soy milk isn't easy. It took three weeks of experimenting (and eating unsatisfactory results) before a decent cake emerged.

Her symptoms also started to disappear.

"I wasn't feeling the same palpitations and night sweats. And I got better and better, and now the cake's better, too."

Today she is symptom-free. Alton says that even one or two servings of phytoestrogen-rich foods can have an effect. Because the food is whole, not extracted, it's hard to overdo it.

But she warns that supplements should not be viewed as harmless and should not be taken in conjunction with standard HRT.

"When you eat a whole plant, that's fine, because there are other things in the plant that help keep everything in balance."

"But taking an extract, when you isolate one thing, it's like a drug. We have some pretty strong technology and supplements, and they don't require (FDA drug) studies because they fall under food, not drugs," Alton explains.

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By CARL GRAHAM
Staff Writer

Students from Junior High and Junior High wer taking honors for their solar model car construction at the TXU Electric & Gas regional races that took place this month at Goddard Junior High in Midland.

Winning teams in each of gories recognize construction a received trophie

March

By CARL GRAHAM
Staff Writer

Some real good March rains. have fueled a dramatic improvement in both producer attitudes and field preparations across much of the area.

Producers

Review commission slams state economic development agency

AUSTIN (AP) — The Legislature should abolish a pair of major state departments if legislators cannot fix a Pandora's box of fiscal and administrative sins, a state commission said in two new reports.

The Sunset Advisory Commission's reports on the departments of Economic Development, and Housing and Community Affairs give long lists of problems over nearly 270 pages.

In both cases, the commission recommends the Legislature review the departments again in two years. If they pass review, lawmakers should reauthorize them for another 12 years, the

reports state.

Joey Longley, director of the commission, told the Austin American-Statesman it was "not unheard of, but it's not uncommon" to recommend probation for a department.

Both departments have been the targets of recent criticism. The State Auditor's Office reported "gross mismanagement" at the Economic Development Department three months ago.

Several newspapers have reported on federal and state criminal investigations into how the housing department handles a federal tax credit program

for building low-income housing.

The Sunset Advisory Commission periodically reviews state departments and programs, and recommends the Legislature either continue or abolish them.

The commission reported the Economic Development department "has yet to succeed as an effectively run state agency" and recommended: —Moving two of its main programs to other departments: the Smart Jobs training program to the Texas Workforce Commission and giving the Department of Transportation the responsibility for promoting tourism.

—Improving on the current "lack of oversight and management controls."

—Submitting an economic development plan to the Legislature every two years because it has failed to produce long-range economic development planning for the state.

Mark Langdale, chairman of the department's governing board, said in a statement he was frustrated by the report because his agency reorganized only two and a half years ago.

"Changing the agency's direction again would be harmful, especially to Texas' rural, small and mid-sized communities who benefit most from the

department's activities," he said.

He said the commission ignored significant improvements at the department during the past year, including the hiring of a new executive director, Jeff Moseley, former Denton County judge.

The commission reported that there is a clear need for a statewide housing agency, but the problems at the housing department were severe enough to warrant a two-year probation.

"Key problems were found regarding the department's failure to allocate resources to meet the state's most pressing needs," the report states.

Western Container constructing new office building

By GINA GARZA
Staff Writer

Western Container is expanding its Big Spring plant by constructing a new office building.

"The new office building will be about 8,000 square feet and will house the administration offices, corporate lab — which is certified by Coca Cola — breakrooms and restrooms," said Barbara Morrison, humane resource manager. "We are trying to make our building more efficient."

In October of 1999, Moore Development for Big Spring, Inc. agreed to help Western Container build new office space at a cost of \$350,000.

Western Container has been making and distributing bottles in Big Spring since 1980.

In 1998, it hit a record by producing almost 60 million bottles.

"Last year, we made in excess 3 billion bottles," Morrison said. "In fact, we made four records four times this month and our company is at full speed."

Western Container has tripled its size in the past six years and as of 1999, was the 13th largest plastic producer in the nation and second largest in Texas.



Ace Merrick, left, and Bob Menges cut wood panels to cover the window vents on the Western Container building.

Western Container has a plant in Houston, Hattiesburg, Miss., and two in California.

Nation wide, employees are about a total of 620, with about 180 being employed by the Big Spring plant. The Big Spring plant is the oldest Western Container plant.

Enterprise

North Texas start-up plans to sell reserved seats at movie theaters

PLANO (AP) — When market consultant Howard LaMunion and his wife decided to see a movie last summer, they endured a crowded parking lot, a long ticket line at the front door and another queue for seats inside the theater.

The exasperating experience on a hot evening in Plano sparked an idea in LaMunion's mind.

"You can buy reserved seats for a hockey game, a baseball game or a concert. Why not a movie theater?" LaMunion says. "That's probably where you need it most."

LaMunion called up lots of business contacts and enticed a handful to join him in starting a company, Reserved Movie Seats.com Inc., that would offer reserved movie seats over the Internet.

The fledgling company plans its debut in October in Dallas and Austin and expand to seven other cities nationwide next year.

CBS Corp. and several movie chains, including AMC Entertainment Inc., to form MovieTickets.com. They plan to sell tickets online by Memorial Day, just in time for the summer blockbusters.

MovieTickets.com co-chief executive Mitchell Rubenstein said his company has the technology to sell reserved seats but doesn't plan to.

"We don't believe there's a market there, except perhaps on the opening weekend of a major new release," Rubenstein said.

Marc Pascucci, senior vice president of marketing at Loews, said an obstacle to reserved seating is that most theaters lack seat numbers.

Randall Hester, Cinemark's vice president of marketing, said his chain's new theaters will have reserved sections. Cinemark is experimenting with reserved seating in Kansas City and Orlando Fla., and plans to eventually offer the service over the Internet — and he assumes others will do the same, leaving the Texas upstarts without a market.

"We're in the same business," Hester said of LaMunion's company. "How do they get us to reserve the seat?"

At least Hester will give Reserved Movie Seats.com a chance to make its pitch — he has a meeting with the company scheduled next week.

LaMunion insisted that his company wants to be a partner, not a competitor, with the theater operators.

He wants the theaters to sell tickets but let him charge customers \$3 or \$4 extra to reserve a specific seat.

Some in the industry doubt that many consumers will pay extra to get a choice seat.

Weeds are aggressive competitors that invade turf

Weeds are aggressive competitors for sunlight, moisture and nutrients as well as prolific multipliers under even the worst conditions.

What may be a weed to some, may not be to another. Therefore, a definition of a weed is anything that detracts from the desired appearance from home-



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owner's turf.

Weeds are usually the first thing present in the establishment of turfgrass. The origins of weeds are as varied as those of our turfgrasses. Most weeds were brought from Europe and Asia into this country.

The best way to keep undesirable weeds out of a lawn is through having and maintaining a high quality turfgrass. The aggressive nature of weeds and their prolific capacity enables them to invade thin, weak turf.

Management practices should always be viewed as one of the first steps in effective weed

control.

You must determine why weeds established a foothold and correct those deficiencies. You must do this in order to correct the basic problem.

You must identify the weed to be able to control it as well. There are four major classes of weed.

They are grassy weeds, broadleaf weeds, annual and perennial.

Treatments for those different types of weeds can vary. Grassy weeds have jointed, hollow stems and the leaf blades have veins that run parallel to the leaf margins.

They are also longer than

they are wider, and usually have a fibrous root system. Broadleaf plants usually have wide leaves and often flowers. They usually have a taproot system.

The sedges and grasses are the other grouping of weeds. Sedges have three sided leaves. Over the next three weeks, this article will address weed control, as well as turfgrass management.

(David Kight is Howard County Extension Agent — Agriculture. His telephone number is 264-2236 and his office is located in the basement of the Howard County Courthouse.)

Area students win TXU competition

By CARL GRAHAM
Staff Writer

Students from Big Spring Junior High and Garden City Junior High were among those taking honors for their solar model car construction at the TXU Electric & Gas regional races that took place this month at Goddard Junior High in Midland.

Winning teams in each of the four categories recognized outstanding construction and creativity received trophies and \$50 cash



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prizes for their schools. The area winners included:

Most creative design — Big Spring Junior High

Best use of recycled material — Nimitz Junior High, Odessa

Best use of school mascot — Bonham Junior High, Odessa

Overall creativity — Garden City Junior High

Area teams with the fastest cars received trophies, cash prizes for their schools and a berth in the upcoming championship race. They were:

1st place/\$300 prize — Abell Junior High, Midland

2nd place/\$200 prize — Goddard Junior High, Midland

3rd place/\$100 prize — Ector Junior High, Odessa

4th place/\$50 prize — St. Ann's Junior High, Midland

Mike Nieto, manager for TXU Electric & Gas in Big Spring, said the race is a good learning tool for the kids who get involved.

"TXU Electric & Gas sponsors the solar model car races each year to enhance interest in science and technology among students in grade 6 through 9 and familiarize them with environmentally friendly, renewable energy sources such as solar power," said Nieto.

Teams from 24 schools across Texas will head to Fort Worth on Saturday, April 29, for the first solar model championship race of the new century. The competition will take place at Texas Motor Speedway, the second largest sporting complex in the nation.



Juvenile probation officer Margie Thompson-Bradberry was given the Amador Rodriguez Award for her service in the field of juvenile probation. The annual award is given by the Texas Probation Association to those who have excelled in their field as probation officers.

HERALD photo/Carl Graham

Domestic rig count now up eight to 817

HOUSTON (AP) — The number of rigs actively exploring for oil and natural gas in the United States increased this week by eight to 817.

Of the rigs running nationwide, 206 were exploring for oil, 610 were looking for gas and one was looking for miscellaneuous, Houston-based Baker Hughes Inc. reported Friday.

The year-ago total was 488.

Baker Hughes has kept track of the count since 1944. The tally peaked at 4,530 on Dec. 28, 1981, during the height of the oil boom but set several record lows last year, bottoming out at 488 in April 1999.

Of the major oil- and gas-producing states, Oklahoma gained six rigs and California three.

March rains have fueled improvement in outlook for planting cotton

By CARL GRAHAM
Staff Writer

Some real good March rains have fueled a dramatic improvement in both producer attitudes and field preparations across much of the area.

Producers



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have taken full advantage of the much needed rainfall to get ready to plant the 2000 crop. Normally the month of March is characterized by a lack of rainfall. This year however, rainfall totals of three or more inches in many areas have sparked producer activity.

Area farmer John Wayne Metcalf said he still could use a little more moisture.

"Of course this time of the year any rain is appreciated," said Metcalf. "We definitely will

have to have more rain for planting but it sure is a good start. The lakes sure have benefited from it."

Metcalf said the farmers have lost more money from the boll weevil in the last five years than from the lack of rain.

David Kight, the Howard County extension agent, said that in another week, conditions should be just right.

"Ideally I think if we could go another week or so, most of our producers would have things

just about ready and done," said Kight. "Then if we got a rain of an inch to an inch and a half, we would be sitting in pretty good shape."

The combination of adequate soil moisture and warm temperatures we have been having could encourage some producers to hit the ground running a little earlier than they normally would.

"Most producers look at the 10th to the 15th of the month of May as the planting window,"

said Kight. "If we could get that rain around May 1, let it dry out for four or five days, most of us would be in pretty good shape."

That means many producers who want to squeeze every last day they can into the growing season could begin to move into selected fields earlier than normal.

Soil moisture conditions will continue to dictate when many fields get planted. Most producers will delay planting until they get a "planting rain."

As far as other ag economy in Howard County, all ranchers are in better shape with their native pasture land according to Kight. The only problem is, the county doesn't have that many head of cattle.

"I went to the sale barn just the other day and they sold 75 head of cattle," Kight said. "Normally there would be between four to five hundred head sold. It's just been so dry for so long, people have pretty much liquidated their herds."

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7-Eleven donated \$3,000 Friday afternoon to help support the Relay for Life event. Pictured from left are Susan Lewis and Wanda Driver, both of Relay for Life, Gary Don Hull of 7-Eleven and Lucy Clinton of Relay for Life. Almost \$30,000 has been raised to sponsor the May 12-13 event and 60 teams have signed up to participate, Lewis said.

Winn-Dixie to cut 11,000 jobs

JACKSONVILLE, Fla. (AP) — Supermarket giant Winn-Dixie Stores Inc. plans to cut 11,000 jobs and close 114 money-losing stores and other facilities in a bid to remain competitive.

The job cuts and closings will eliminate 8 percent of 132,000 positions in the chain, which has operations in 14 states and the Bahamas. A Tampa warehouse, detergent and bag factories in Jacksonville and division offices in Tampa, Atlanta, and Louisville, Ky., will be shut down.

"Today's grocery business is probably the most competitive in our 75-year history," company chairman Dano Davis said in a statement. "These changes are absolutely necessary to provide Winn-Dixie with an effective infrastructure to train and support operations management teams."

The top-to-bottom restructuring plan for the 1,189-store chain will consolidate management, beginning with the retirements of 10 vice presidents, though most of the cuts will

involve store worker layoffs.

Shares of Winn-Dixie, the nation's sixth-largest supermarket chain, were trading down 75 cents, or 3 percent, to \$18.31 on the New York Stock Exchange.

The changes should produce annual savings of \$400 million a year and will be absorbed with a pretax charge of \$450 million to \$550 million in the fourth quarter and the company's next fiscal year, it said.

The Jacksonville-based chain has focused in the past five years on building and remodeling more than 900 stores, primarily under the Winn-Dixie Marketplace banner.

Stores operate in Florida, Georgia, North Carolina, South Carolina, Alabama, Mississippi, Louisiana, Kentucky, Ohio, Tennessee, Indiana, Virginia, Texas, Oklahoma and the Bahamas.

Fired employees will get severance packages and accrued benefits, said company spokesman Mickey Clerc. He said the company is not

disclosing which stores will be shut down.

An average store has 85 workers. The Tampa warehouse and division office, with about 200 employees, and the bag and detergent plants with a total of 62 employees, will close by the end of June, as does the end of the fiscal year Clerc said.

Division offices in Atlanta, with 75 employees, and Louisville, with 60 employees, face the same closure dates, he said.

Winn-Dixie had earlier announced the sale of 74 stores in Oklahoma and Texas to The Kroger Co.

The company also reported third quarter revenue of \$3.20 billion, down \$4.2 million from the same period last year.

Profits were \$10.3 million, or 7 cents a share, down from \$58.8 million, or 40 cents per share, for the same period last year.

Analysts surveyed by First Call/Thomson Financial were expecting earnings of 22 cents per share.

PUBLIC RECORDS

Justice of the Peace Bonnie Green Precinct 1, Place 1

Bad Checks/Warrants issued:

The addresses listed are the last known addresses. Names on this list remain until all fines have been paid. If any problems with this list, please call 264-2226.

Anderson, Michelle, 7105 East County Rd. Midland

Balderaz, Benard, 3384 West 88 Apt 44, Big Spring

Barraza, Alica, 1501 Wood, Big Spring

Batchelor, Dana, 2300 South 8th No 24, Lamesa

Beck, Linda, 1713 Worley Rd., Banner Elk N.C.

Boren, Trina Dean, 2918 South Anderson Rd., Big Spring

Bullard, James, 202 Fourth, Palestine

Bustamante, Lucia, Rocha, 603 Northeast Eighth, Big Spring

Bustamante, Vicente, A, 603 Northeast Eighth Street, Big Spring

Calhoun, Gloria, 1104 North Bell, Big Spring

Carita, Jeri, 1214 Lumber, Big Spring

Conover, Ray, G, 104 North Gullah, Big Spring

Coates, Tara, L, 2192 South Monticello, Big Spring

Cox, Donna Lynn, 1407 State, Big Spring

Diaz, Nancy Ann, 1095 East 10th St., Elliott Army, 408 Sevier, Fort Worth Heights

Evans, W. Carol, 809 East 33rd, Plainview

Gibson, Rebecky, 605 West 10th, Big Spring

Hayes, Linda Elaine, 1155 South Main, Lave Road, Big Spring

Henderson, James, Jr., P.O. Box 59, Comstock

Henderson, Peggy, 1048 E. Lumber, Big Spring

Hight, Hank, Jr., 1307 Mt. Vernon, Big Spring

Holtman, Donald, R, 2142 Parkway, Big Spring

Hoy, Jim, 809 East 10th St., Midland

Lamesa, Alan, 1074 E. 10th St., 252 Channel, Midland

Lopez, Monica, 1009 West 10th, Big Spring

Mathews, W. W., 102 West Second, Midland

Mathews, Kathy, 3704 Lumber, Big Spring

Mrs. Carol L., 408 Cornway, Big Spring

Moore, Gary, 1712 W. 12th, Odessa

Nash, Jennifer, P.O. Box 1294, Big Spring

O'Banion, Eddie, Rt. 1, Box 50, Ackery, Groves, Juana P.O. Box 186, Idaho

Ovalle, Nilda, Gonzales, 3801 East Highway, 80 N. 34, Midland

Purser, Richard, 1809 Union, Big Spring

Ramsey, Cynthia, 426 Tulane, Big Spring

Rodriguez, Jesse, 8419 Opel Lane, Big Spring

Timm, John, 4000 M., 5200 Professional Dr. Apt. 42, Wichita Falls

Tyler, Evan, 2014 East Cedar, Midland

Underman, John, 117, Highland Dr., Big Spring

Vasquez, Luis, 1411 North Lamesa, 11141 North 1st, East Peck, Midland

Ward, David, 1014 East 10th, Big Spring

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Warranty deed with vendor's lien:

grantor: Gene Campbell and Mary Jane Campbell; grantee: Ernest M. Strickland and Laura M. Strickland; property: Lots 1 and 2, subdivision C, blk. 19, Fairview Heights Addition, filed April 10, 2000.

grantor: Calvin C. Cordes; grantee: Carolyn M. Brown; property: A tract of land out of the northwest quarter, sec. 6, blk. 31, filed April 14, 2000.

grantor: Helen Beth Wise; grantee: Jacoby J. Hopper and spouse, Stephanie G. Hopper; property: Lot 20, blk. 16, Kentwood Addition, filed April 14, 2000.

grantor: Robert D. Howland Sr. and spouse, Delois K. Howland; grantee: Margarito O. Yanez Jr. and spouse, Michelle L. Yanez; property: 75 acre tract of land out of West McClanahan and Jonnie Johansen Subdivision out of the Southwest quarter of sec. 7, blk. 32, filed April 14, 2000.

118th District Court: Filings: Divorce: Diane Fletcher Duncan vs. Dana Allen Duncan; Jeremy Heath Gamboa vs. Jennifer Lynn Gamboa; Gary Todd Sleight vs. Cynthia Mary Sleight; Victor R. Yanez vs. Maria Yanez; Melissa Dianne Adams vs. Lester Don Adams Jr.; Ruben Arriola Hilario Jr. vs. Joyce Dee Hilario; Larry Gene Chandler vs. Brenda Sue Chandler; Larry Charles Peterson vs. Sally Ann Peterson; Elida Villarreal vs. David Joe Villarreal Jr.; Family: Victoria Perez vs. Israel Perez; Injuries and Damages: Tori L. Hall vs. Gloria Alexander; Injuries and Damages with a Motor Vehicle: Royalty Well Service, Inc., and Raymond Bill Jenkins vs. Francis A. O'Hara and Jan Stockton; Accounts, notes and contracts: Sue Read vs. Fred Eugene Forster, III; Countrywide Home Loans, Inc. vs. Patricia Faye Snowden Henley and Cal W. Henley; First Select Corporation vs. Edgar H. Meiser; Provident National Bank vs. Karol A. Smith; Tire Time Rentals, LTD. vs. Stone Rentals, Inc.; Ackerly Oil Company, Inc. vs. Geary Williams.

Court Rulings: Mary J. Thompson vs. James Butler Thompson, divorce-judgment; Amy L. Flores vs. Joe Torres, family-judgment.

Ficha Mae Southwood vs. Granville Wayne Southwood, divorce-granted; Arvil James Henry vs. Donna Lou Henry, divorce-granted; Marjorie Kay Richardson vs. Daryl Dane Richardson, divorce-granted; Claude Wayne Jordy vs. Deborah Ann Jordy, divorce-granted; Alan Wayne Williams vs. Ruby Lee Williams, divorce-granted; Ron Brooks vs. Jana D. Brooks, divorce-granted; Melinda Garcia vs. Bobby G. Ruth Jr., family-judgment; Travelers Indemnity Corporation vs. M.J. Thompson Electric, Inc., ANC-judgment.

Barbara Michelle Green vs. Michiel Wayne Green, family-judgment; Ramona Bermea vs. Juan Bermea, family-judgment; Z.B. Finehart vs. Sheila Kay Finehart, family-law; Frank Ramrez vs. Sandy Rodriguez, family-law; Joann Rodriguez vs. Joe T. Rodriguez, family-law; Chrystal Ann Smith vs. Douglas Leroy Smith, family-judgment; Kasi Wilshef vs. Tori Ruth Hinkle, divorce-judgment; Rosemary Cortez vs. Lee Cortez Jr., family-judgment; Larenda Sue Kirby vs. Marty Lynn Kirby, family-law; Maria Martinez Yanez vs. Marcos L. Yanez, divorce-granted; Katie Mae Gardner vs. Johnny Ray Gardner, divorce-granted; Beverly Ann Covarrubias vs. Alfredo Covarrubias, divorce-granted; Tommie Wooten vs. Mike and Sherri Adams, ANC-dismissed; Paz Garcia, Deceased vs. George Earnest Ferguson and He, other-dismissed; Mary Beatriz Rodriguez vs. David Rodriguez, divorce-dismissed; Molly Rae Gilliam vs. John Eric Gilliam, divorce-granted; Sharon Lynette Redford vs. Robert Keith Redford, divorce-granted; Vaudry Vern Grigg, ET Al vs. Debra J. Holley, IDO-judgment.

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ACROSS
1 Distributing cards in error
11 Buddies
15 Of the period when the moon is not visible
16 Gather in
17 Cavern-floor buildup
18 Caen's river
19 Things to avoid
20 "Doggie in the Window" singer
22 Dutch East
24 Sailed for pleasure
25 One who detects by observation
28 Covers a room
29 Glacial pinnacles
32 Fragrant gum
33 Waste catcher
37 Of wine
38 Break sharply
39 Tabula
40 Steep slope
42 Spread on
44 Gathering a cache
49 "A Bend in the River" author V.S.

DOWN
1 Accomplished incorrectly
2 Chant
3 Tolerates
4 Of the mouth of a river
5 Graphite removers
6 Math sub.
7 Like it or not
8 Dolphin genus

9 Dapper
10 Actress Garbo
11 Biblical seers
12 Aquarium bubbles
13 "Bad Company" co-star Frank
14 Increases tempo
21 Transportation regulators, briefly
23 Colander
26 Goddess of strife
27 Dressing choice
30 Goodbye to Gianni
31 Scrawny person
33 Hand over
34 Excessive greed
35 Add breath to pronunciation
36 Explores by touching
41 Copious

43 Edible tuber
45 Burr or Hamilton, e.g.
46 Pianist
47 Drink of the gods
48 Says howdy
50 N.E. school

51 Legal
54 Inter-campus sports grp.
55 Judy Garland's original last name
59 13th letter of the Hebrew alphabet

By Willy A. Wiseman New York, NY 4/22/00

HAPPY BIRTHDAY for Sunday, April 23:
You switch gears and interests fairly easily this year. Sometimes you are security-oriented; at other times, you want to risk. Different people, settings and ideas have a special appeal. Your career demands attention and focus. Money is a "wild card." Your abilities to listen and to work as a team are key. Embrace new ideas. If you are single, having a quality relationship becomes more important.

ARIES (March 21-April 19)
**** Make phone calls early in the day. Bring family and friends together. How you spend time isn't as important as the camaraderie and reconnecting that take place. Surprises surround loved ones and groups. Tonight: Your role is pivotal.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20)
**** Take time with your partner or sweetie. Excitement surrounds an idea you come up with. Visit with others later in the day. Relax with friends. Your body and mind relax in a different setting. Socialize and

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get into the moment. Tonight: Take your time coming home.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20)
**** News or a surprise call shifts your mood in a positive way. You can't complain about being bored! Getting together with a special friend adds to the caring feeling of the day. Share good news. Take time for a leisurely talk and meal. Tonight: Be with a special someone.

CANCER (June 21-July 22)
**** This morning, do what you must. By the afternoon, others request your presence. Getting together with family and friends always makes your day, and now is no exception. A partner or close loved one delights you. Tonight: Don't worry about the time.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22)
**** Let the kid in you come out. Children and loved ones delight in your light, fun ways. A partner could surprise you with his reaction. Share an important project or hobby in the afternoon. Make sure you incorporate something you find relaxing. Tonight: Put your feet up.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22)
**** Deal with personal matters before family issues. You

might want to play Easter bunny with a loved one. Joy comes out in imaginative, fun sharing. Visualize what you want, then share these ideas for the future. You find that others want the same. Tonight: Don't forget an important call.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22)
**** Others have plenty of suggestions. Make calls; socialize and visit with loved ones. Catch up with a neighbor. Make the effort to reconnect on a deeper level with those who make a difference in your daily life. Tonight: Take time with a partner.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21)
**** Treat others to breakfast or brunch. Let go of rigid plans and flow with what others want. Respond to another's call or inquiry. Something new is brewing between the two of you. Be sensitive to another's wishes. Tonight: Just be open.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21)
**** You always deal well with the unanticipated. Once again, you get the chance to demonstrate it! Another's behavior could leave you stunned. Indulge and treat another well. Go out and do something you both adore.

so. And they deserve to live to a ripe old age if they are able to.

DEAR ABBY: After reading about Oscar Ortiz, the veteran who was appreciated after 55 years, I'm moved to write about the few seconds of appreciation I, a retired teacher, received while stopped at a busy intersection waiting for the traffic light to turn green.

A car filled with large, handsome, very noisy males drove alongside me and stopped. I glanced over at them and smiled. One of the young men said, "Don't worry - we're listening to Michael Jackson's 'Scream.'" I replied, "Sounds normal to me after teaching high school for 30 years."

The driver did a double take and said, "Where did you teach?" "Westminster High School," I answered. He then said, "Mrs. P. - is that you?" When I nodded affirmatively, he said: "I never told you before, but I loved you. You were the best teacher I ever had in all my years in school."

Then I recognized him. I said, "Sean, I remember when you brought your 18-month-old son to my class, and I gave him

Tonight: Let go of rigidity.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19)
**** As the day progresses, you feel better and better, until you feel that nothing can stop you. Your high-voltage energy translates into a lot of charisma and attraction in a relationship. Be a little impulsive; be less restrained. Tonight: Whatever puts a smile on your face.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18)
**** Make calls early in the day. Reach out for others. Schedule some downtime just for you, if possible. Take a nap; curl up with a good book; simply enjoy yourself. Though others might feel unusually gregarious and social right now, feel free to decline an invitation. Tonight: Vanish.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20)
**** Do what you need to do for others, who expect a lot from you. Your cheerful attitude and high profile attract attention. Get together with family and friends. Enjoying yourself comes easily, wherever you are. Make an effort toward a shy friend. Tonight: Where people are.

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DEAR CAROLE: I'm pleased to help. As important as putting the instructions in writing is to make sure in advance that the animal would be a welcome member of the family in the event of the owner's death or disability. Some pets, specifically some species of birds, can live to 75 years or

toys to play with while you studied." Sean said, "Look in the back seat, because there he is. He's almost 16 now."

The traffic light changed and our cars started moving into the intersection. The last I saw of my former student, he was waving at me and shouting, "Always remember, Mrs. P., I love you!"

I've been on cloud nine since those few seconds at the intersection. I hope this story might prompt students everywhere to communicate with those teachers who somehow influenced their lives. Dedicated teachers need appreciation. A few seconds will do - but more is always appreciated. - ULA PENDLETON, LOS ANGELES

DEAR ULA: I, too, hope your letter generates some response. I'm willing to bet that almost everyone can remember a special teacher who made a difference because of his or her caring heart.

Readers, if you do, sit down and write that teacher - or former teacher - a letter of acknowledgment and thanks. It won't take long.

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