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Canterbury Retirement Homes has collected the best recipes from group members, family and friends and compiled them into a keepsake cookbook "Treasured Recipes."

The Canterbury Auxiliary is now selling the one-of-a-kind cookbooks for \$8 each.

The cookbook contains 500 recipes including appetizers, main dishes, desserts and many others. All the recipes have the contributor's name to help find the recipes from family and friends.

For more information, contact the Canterbury office or call 263-1265.

WHAT'S UP...

TODAY

Senior circle, 4 p.m., Scenic Mountain Medical Center. Sit and Be Fit Chair Aerobics. People 50 and older are invited to participate.

Big Spring Evening Lions Club, 6:30 p.m., 1607 E. Third. Call Janis Dean.

Big Spring Commandery No. 31, 7:30 p.m., Masonic Temple, 221 1/2 Main, 6:30 p.m. supper.

Big Spring Assembly No. 211, Social Order of the Beauceant, 7:30 p.m., Masonic Temple 221 1/2 Main, 6:30 p.m. supper.

TUESDAY

Intermediate Line Dance class, 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.

Sit and Be Fit Chair Aerobics, 10 a.m., Scenic Mountain Medical Center cafeteria. People 50 and older are invited to participate.

Beginning line dance class, 10:30-11:30a.m., free to beginners. Contact Margarita Durand-Hollis at the Dance Gallery.

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

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Big Spring Day in Austin group making final preparations

By JOHN A. MOSELEY
Managing Editor

It will be early, very early, but a large majority of the more than 200 people planning to take part in Big Spring Day in Austin are expected to start their trip at 5 a.m. Tuesday when



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the two chartered buses leave the Memorial Stadium parking lot.

With the total number of people registered for the trip, it seems almost assured that Big Spring in Austin will be just as big a success as it was two years ago.

Big Spring Area Chamber of Commerce officials had little trouble filling up a second chartered bus for the trip, and they say they've again been astounded by the

interest the community has shown.

"We filled the at second bus pretty quickly," said Terri Davis, executive director of the chamber, which is co-sponsoring trip with Moore Development for Big Spring. "There's just been tremendous interest in this trip again. That's exciting."

Big Spring Day in Austin provides local residents an opportunity to visit the Texas capitol and thank leg-

islators and other state officials for their efforts on behalf of the community.

The buses will arrive back home around 10 p.m. Tuesday.

More than 200 people made the trip to Austin two years ago and Davis said even more may be going this year. Only a final tally once the group gets together in Austin will organizers know for sure.

"We've really been thrilled at the interest the

young people in our community have shown," Davis said. "We're going to have an extremely representative cross section of our community down there and that's really exciting."

Activities will include the reading of a resolution on the floor of the House and Senate and a musical performance by Big Spring High School's "Rhapsody" group inside the capitol's

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'Men in Black' group going extra mile in fund raising

By LYNDEL MOODY
Staff Writer

The Sid Richardson Carbon Company Relay for Life team known as "Men in Black" wants to help with the battle against cancer anyway it can, even by kissing a pig.

"Whoever raises the most money will have to kiss a pig at the Relay for Life on May 11," said Ernie Strickland, one of the team's co-captains.

Strickland said to donate, find the Men in Black team member your want most to kiss the pig and place a donation in the individual's jar or bucket.

"As a group and as a company we are trying to get involved with the community," Strickland said.

Adults participating in the "Kiss the Pig" contest are: Mark Allen, Eric Gang, Brad Roberts, Doyle Lawson, Jerry Turney, Mike Storen, Maury Smith, Tommy Burt, Joey Roberts, Shane Burt and Strickland.

There will also be a division of the contest for juveniles, that includes children of the Men in Black team.

Youth participating are Codye Burt, Shiloh Santer, Mallory Smith, Kimberly Berry, Kaela Strickland and Robert Strickland.

"When it comes to fighting cancer, there are no boundaries," Strickland explained. "We have several people on the team who have lost loved ones to can-



Ernie Strickland, left, co-captain of the Sid Richardson Men in Black Relay for Life team, sells a wok to Chuck Daniels of Midland during the Old Sore Head Days in Stanton on Saturday. All money raised by the Men in Black will be donated to the American Cancer Society.

cer." In fact, the person who first organized a team three years ago, Tommy Burt, lost both his parents to cancer. And Strickland's family has also been touched by

the disease. "My wife Laura is a cancer survivor," he said. "We caught things early enough that we did not have to go through what some others have had to go through. They have made great

strides in cancer research," he added. "That's why events like Relay for Life are so important. They're making advancements in research every day. And all that is made possible by fund-raisers like this."

State park planning summer activities

By CARL GRAHAM
Staff Writer

Now that the weather has gotten a lot nicer it is time to start getting ready for several activities scheduled over the next several



ALTON

months at the Big Spring State Park.

According to Park Manager Ron Alton, there are activities planned for the entire family with the first big event coming up on Saturday, April 21.

"We will be having our 4th Annual 'Master of the Mountain' Fun Walk/Run on Saturday, April 21," said Alton. "Participants have always enjoyed this one in the past. They can enjoy

running on the park road which follows the edge of a 200-foot bluff at the northern limit of the Edwards Plateau."

The race will start at 9 a.m. A \$10 event fee will be charged for Fun Run participants. That fee entitles them to a race T-shirt.

Alton said that the run challenges participants because of the steep terrain at the park. There is a choice of either a 5K or 10K

course.

During the first four Saturdays in June, the Sunset Nature Walks, which were extremely popular with local residents last year, will resume.

"Everyone will meet at the park pavilion and from there we will take a Nature Walk," said Alton. "I will accompany the group and will be pointing out several

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Grant Coahoma gets nearer to funding

By CARL GRAHAM
Staff Writer

COAHOMA — Coahoma has moved one step closer to the construction of a new 100,000-gallon elevated water storage tank that will double the city's water tower storage, according to Mayor Bill Read.

A grant assistance application for the city to construct the tank received a favorable preliminary recommendation from the Texas Department of Housing and Community Affairs (TDHCA) in March. The application, filed in August of last year by the city of Coahoma is for a \$350,000 grant from the Texas Community Development Program.

"We placed second out of the 25 other cities submitting applications," said Read. "Out of the 25, only 11 were approved so we are in pretty good shape."

A site visit to confirm the needs addressed in the grant application was conducted on the morning of April 3, 2001 by a representative of the Texas Community Development Program.

The grant will be used to replace the existing 50,000-gallon elevated tank that was constructed by the city in 1929. The new tank will help the city meet its TNRCC requirements while providing additional storage capacity, pressure and fire protection.

The Texas Community Development State Review Committee will consider final approval of Coahoma's application on May 4, 2001. If the application receives final approval, as is expected, the grant funds will become available to the city

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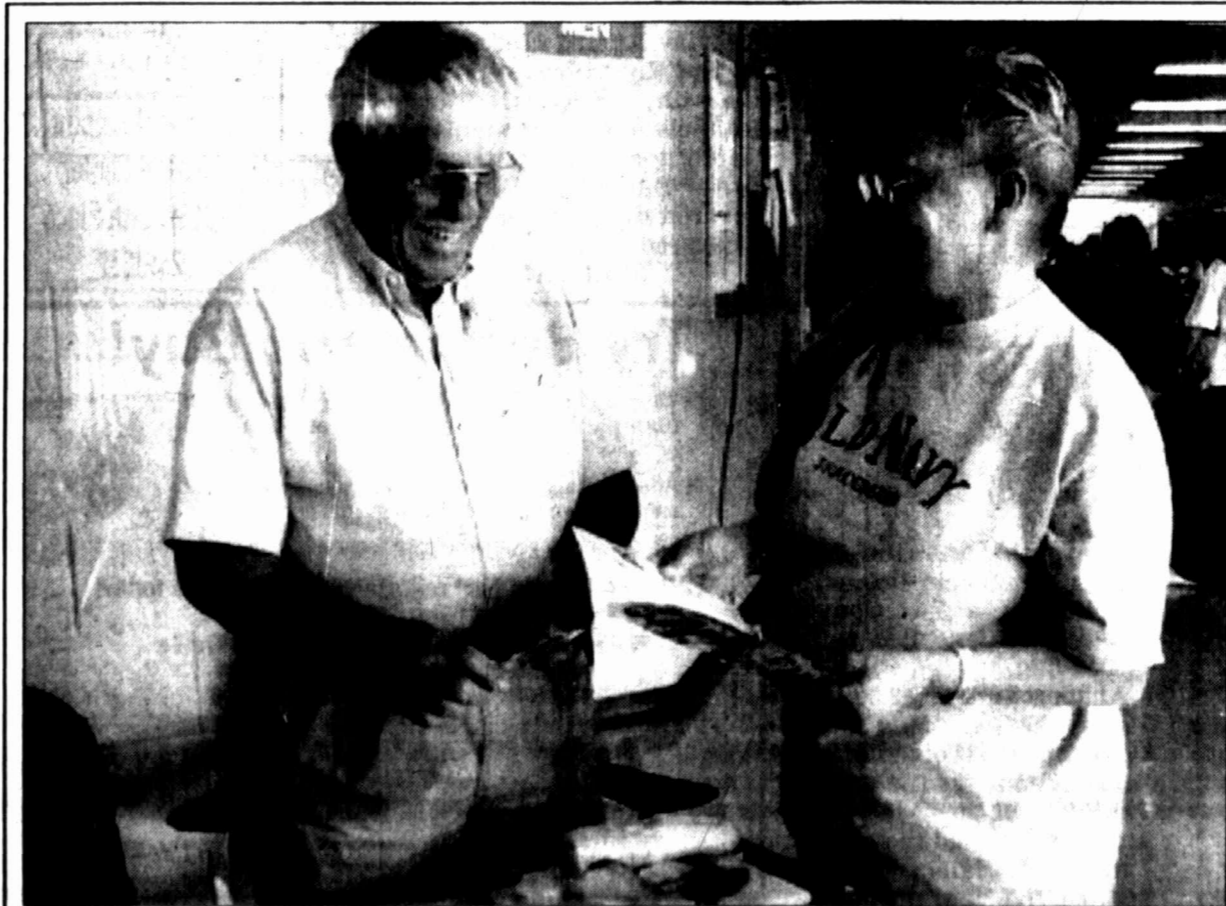
Transient held here following theft arrest

By CARL GRAHAM
Staff Writer

A 20-year-old transient is currently in the Howard County Jail awaiting authorities from San Angelo who are expected to pick him up after he had an early Thursday morning joy ride in a bread van.

According to Roger Sweatt of the Big Spring Police Department, the transient came upon a Mrs. Baird's bread truck in San Angelo and seeing that the

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Alex Stewart of South Padre Island, left, demonstrates the quality of this Rada Cutlery item for Sandra Turner. Stewart and his wife Lynn are both retired and enjoy traveling to craft shows to sell Rada Cutlery.

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Lyndel Moody

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OBITUARIES

Evelyn Marie Landers

Evelyn Marie Landers, 89, of Houston, formerly of Big Spring, died on Saturday, April 7, 2001, in a Houston hospital. Funeral services will be at 11 a.m. Tuesday, April 10, at the First Baptist Church Chapel with the Rev. Jeff Donnell, officiating. Interment will follow at Trinity Memorial Park.

Marie was born on July 10, 1911, in Newark, Ark., and married Martin Landers on Aug. 19, 1936, in Ada, Okla. He preceded her in death on July 12, 1989 after 53 years of marriage.

She received her BA Degree from East Texas Central State Teachers College in Ada, Okla., a Masters Degree in Education from Baylor University, and also a Masters Degree in Religious Education from Southwestern Theological Seminary. Mrs. Landers had done graduate studies toward her Doctorate Degree at Texas Tech university.

Mrs. Landers was a preacher's wife and dedicated school teacher. She had taught elementary and high school in Oklahoma and Texas, teaching at Hugo and McAlister, Okla., and then in Fort Worth, Plainview and Big Spring. In Big Spring she taught for 15 years at Kentwood and Parkhill Elementary Schools. Mrs. Landers moved to Houston in 1995 to be near her son and daughter-in-law and grandchildren.

She was a member of the Williams Trace Baptist Church in Sugarland and a former longtime member of First Baptist Church in Big Spring and had served as teacher of the Questers Sunday School Class for 30 years. She was also a member of the Texas State Teachers Association and Kappa Delta Gamma Honor Society in Education.

Survivors include her son and daughter-in-law, Dr. William and Maurine Landers of Houston; four grandchildren, Alicia Maurine Morford and her husband, Jonathan, of Houston, Melanie Ann Landers of Portland, Ore., Martin Clark (Marty) Landers of Austin, and Brian Dewane Landers of Houston; and one great-granddaughter, Drew Maurine Morford of Houston.

The family suggests memorials to the Children's Ministries at the Williams Trace Baptist Church in Sugarland or the Quester's Sunday School Class at First Baptist Church, 705 West FM 700, Big Spring 79720.

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Evelyn Marie Landers, 89, died Saturday. Services will be 11:00 AM Tuesday at First Baptist Church Chapel. Interment will follow at Trinity Memorial Park.

Robert Alton Beaty, 53, died Saturday. Services are pending.

Ruth Roach, 79, died Monday. Services are pending.

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The Family will receive friends from 6-7 p.m., today at the funeral home.
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Ruth Roach

Funeral service for Ruth Roach, 79, of Big Spring, is pending with Nalley-Pickle & Welch Funeral Home.
Mrs. Roach died Monday, April 9, 2001, in an Odessa hospital.

Robert Alton Beaty

Funeral service for Robert Alton Beaty, 53, of Big Spring, is pending with Nalley-Pickle & Welch Funeral Home.
Mr. Beaty died Saturday, April 7, 2001, in Stanton.

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"If it is approved as we anticipate, we will go through a process of calling for bids on the project," said Read. "The process takes several months but I would still anticipate a completion date by the first of the year if everything goes according to schedule. This is something we have needed for some time."

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rotunda. Everyone will participate in a box lunch on the capitol grounds, and an ice cream reception will be held for legislators and staff members. A group photo will also be taken on the capitol steps.

No special tours of the capitol building are planned, but members of the group will be able to take regular tours conducted by state employees. Members of the committee planning the trip stressed the importance that the trip is planned to offer the community's thanks to our legislators for their efforts.

PARK

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interesting things along the way such as the century old rock carvings on Scenic Mountain. We also will watch for the sunset atop the bluff and learn about local flora and fauna."

Stargazing Night returns on Saturday, June 23.
"On the fourth Saturday in June we will start the evening off at 8 p.m. with our Nature Walk and then at 9 p.m. we will climax the evening with our popular Stargazing event," Alton noted. "Like last year we will have amateur astronomers here with us to answer questions as we observe the stars and solar systems. It's always a fun evening for us."

Alton said as the events get closer, more information will be distributed about each of the events. For any questions about upcoming events, call Alton at 263-4931.

ARREST

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keys were in it decided to take a ride.
Sweatt said that the man filled the truck up with gasoline at a 7-11 convenience store and fled without paying.

At approximately 2:30 a.m. Friday the Big Spring Police Department received a call in reference to the stolen vehicle. Officer Joe Bob Morales received the call. Moments later Morales spotted the van and began

pursuit of the vehicle, stopping the van about 20 miles north of Big Spring on U.S. Highway 87.

The transient, identified as Jeremiah Clay, was arrested by Morales on charges of unauthorized use of a motor vehicle and for resisting arrest.

Abuse of cell phones leads to university crack down

LUBBOCK, Texas (AP) — The honor system isn't working, so Texas Tech's athletic department is cracking down on employees who use school cellular phones for personal use, the Lubbock Avalanche-Journal reported Sunday.

Records obtained by the newspaper show that Tech's cell phone bill in the athletic department more than tripled from \$34,643 in fiscal year 1999 to \$104,887 in 2000.

In an open-records survey of several schools, the Avalanche-Journal was unable to find another athletic department with an estimated or actual annual cellular phone bill exceeding \$90,000.

"(Cell phones at Tech have) been abused, totally abused," Tech athletic director Gerald Myers said. "Some have been using it for their own personal use, so we're going to go with a plan to control it."

Tech's 2000 cell phone expenses were at least \$20,000 more than the actual or estimated expenses of Ohio State and Michigan, the two richest athletic departments in the nation, with annual budgets of \$64 million and \$47 million, respectively.

Tech's 2001 athletic department budget was \$20 million.

Tech President David Schmidly was out of town last week and could not be reached for comment. Myers said Tech is considering different plans that would limit the amount of cellular minutes used each month by employees.

Before, Myers said, Tech had only "expected" employees not to use university cell phones for purposes other than business.

After receiving the recent bill, some athletic department employees were asked to turn in their phones by the Tech administration. Several phones have since been returned to employees with a current plan to more closely monitor individual phone bills.

SUPPORT GROUPS

TODAY
•TOPS Club (take off pounds 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.

•Encourager's support group (all widows and widowers are invited) will meet Monday April 16, at 6 p.m. at the First Presbyterian Church, Seventh and Runnels (enter through the north door). We will celebrate Easter and have a covered dish dinner. Bring a covered dish.
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BIG SPRING AROUND THE TOWN

• Caregivers Night Out, meets every fourth Tuesday every other month from 6:30 p.m. at Community Care Hospice.

•Gamblers Anonymous, 7 p.m., St. Stephen's Catholic Church, room 1, 4601 Neeley, Midland. Call 263-8920.

•Alcoholics Anonymous, 615 Settles, noon open meeting and 8 p.m. 12 and 12 study.

WEDNESDAY
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•Alcoholics Anonymous, 615 Settles, noon open meeting and 8 p.m. 12 and 12 study.

•HOME HOSPICE and Canterbury are sponsoring a new grief support group. It will meet the second Wednesday of each month at 3 p.m. in the community room at Canterbury South, 1700 Lancaster. Call Home Hospice at 264-7599 or come by 600 South Gregg for further details.

BRIEFS

CITY OF BIG SPRING
Polly Mays Annex; Water Department, Code Enforcement, Permits and RSVP will be closed Friday April 6 at 4 p.m. to spray for bugs, and April 13, for Good Friday.

ELBOW ELEMENTARY WILL HAVE a pre-registration Kindergarten Easter Egg Hunt April 12 at 12:30 p.m. This will be for those children who plan to attend Kindergarten at Elbow Elementary for the school semester of 2001-2002, and takes place at the school. To qualify for Kindergarten the child must be 5 years old before Sept. 1, 2001. The parent attending this Easter Egg Hunt will need to bring the child's shot records, birth certificate and social security card. The parent will also be asked to fill out registration papers and a home language survey.

THE BIG SPRING EVENING LIONS CLUB will have free eyeglasses for all adults Saturday from 9 a.m. to noon at the Big Spring Evening Lions Club bingo building, 1607 East Third.

All adults needing eyeglasses who don't have the income to purchase the exam or glasses are welcome. The recycled eyeglasses are donated by the community as a service project of the Lions.

The Lions group usually offers the eyeglasses the second Saturday of month; it was changed to the third Saturday for February. For more information call Donna Groenke at 393-5290.

SPRING TABERNACLE CHURCH, 1209 Wright, has free food for the area needy from 10 a.m. to noon every Thursday.

THE MOBILE MEALS PROGRAM, which delivers to the elderly and homebound, needs

Scenic Mountain Medical Center
1601 W. 11th Place
263-1211

volunteers to deliver meals. If you can spare one hour per week to deliver eight or 10 meals, we need you. About 85 to 90 meals are prepared, packaged and delivered within the city limits of Big Spring. If you can volunteer, please call 263-4016 before 3 p.m.

FIRE/EMS

The following is a summary of the Big Spring Fire Department and EMS:

12:49 a.m. — 700 block of Lancaster, medical call, service refused.

11:37 a.m. — 1600 block of Tucson, medical call, one patient transported to Scenic Mountain Medical Center.

12:15 p.m. — 9900 block of CR 24, medical call, one patient transported to SMMC.

12:45 p.m. — 1600 block of Owens, medical call, one patient transported to SMMC.

2:03 p.m. — 3200 block of Parkway, medical call, one patient transported to SMMC.

3:39 p.m. — 1700 block of Lancaster, trauma call, service refused.

RECORDS

Sunday's high 92
Sunday's low 60
Precip. Sunday 0.00
Record high 95 in 1939
Record low 27 in 1973
Average high 75
Average low 46
Month to date 0.00
Year to date 2.84
Sunrise Tuesday 6:22 a.m.
Sunset Tuesday 7:12 p.m.

MARKETS

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Archer-Daniels	12.67 +.57
Atmos Energy	22.21 +.46
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Chevron Corp	91.02 +1.8
Compaq	16.54 +.24
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Dell	25.28 +.47
Du Pont	43.89 +1.27
Exxon Mobil	82.8 +.7
Halliburton	35.66 +1.48
IFCO Systems	2.56 nc
IBM	96.17 -1.78
Intel Corp	23.05 -.58
NUV	9.16 -.03
Patterson Ener	31.75 +1.92
Pepsico Inc	42.8 +.8
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Total Fina	70.8 +.35
Unocal Corp	35.25 +.75
Wal-Mart	51.47 +.23
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AMCAP	15.87 -.29
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SHERIFF

The Howard County Sheriff's Office reported the

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following activities between 8 a.m. Friday through 8 a.m. today:

•LOUIS LEDESMA, 43, of Sealy, was arrested on a motion to revoke probation on a judgment sentence of failure on child support. (HCSO)

•JEREMIAH CLAY, 20, a transient, was arrested on a charge of unauthorized use of a motor vehicle. (BSPD)

•HAROLD RAY OTT JR., 22, of Coahoma, was arrested on a charge of assault causing bodily injury. (HCSO)

POLICE

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

•DAVID LEURA, 38, of 405 W. 5th, was arrested on charges of driving while intoxicated.

•ROBERT MAXWELL, 28, of Midland, was arrested on a charge of criminal trespass of a habitation.

•RONNIE FREEMAN, 43, a transient, was arrested on a charge of public intoxication.

•JOHN PAUL FIERRO, 33, of 1511 Wood, was arrested on charges of assault/family violence and public intoxication.

•RAYMOND FIERRO, 36, of 1001 E. 19th, was arrested on charges of driving while intoxicated and criminal trespass of a habitation.

•MARIA ISELA GARVIN, 21, of 1004 Wood, was arrested on local warrants.

•GABRIEL TALAMAN-TEZ, 23, of 600 Steakley, was arrested on a charge of driving while license invalid.

•ROGER EDWARDS, 44, of 1515 Madison, was arrested on seven local warrants.

•ANDREW AGUILAR, 32, of 1615 Canary, was arrested on a charge of violation of a protective order.

•JACOB BELCHER, 25, of 603 Caylor, was arrested on a charge of public intoxication.

•CHRISTOPHER HATTER, 23, of 603 Caylor, was arrested on a charge of public intoxication.

•ASSAULT/FAMILY VIOLENCE was reported in the 600 block of Abrams and in the 1500 block of Kentucky Way.

•TERRORISTIC THREAT was reported in the 1500 block of Sycamore.

•CLASS C ASSAULT/FAMILY VIOLENCE was reported in the 1500 block of Wood.

•DRIVING WHILE LICENSE INVALID was reported in the 1300 block of Airbase Road.

•THEFT was reported in the 1400 block of Wood, in the 500 block of Rosemont and in the 1200 block of Wright.

•CRIMINAL TRESPASS OF A HABITATION was reported in the 1500 block of Sycamore.

•THEFT OF A FIREARM was reported in the 2600 block of Ann.

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Six dead after car rolls into lake, only survivor detained by police

DALLAS (AP) — Six people, including three women and two children, are dead after a vehicle rolled into Lewisville Lake from a closed park road.

Police in the suburb north of Dallas briefly detained a man who escaped from the submerged vehicle late Sunday for questioning. A witness said the man was teaching a son how to drive, but the youth hit the accelerator instead of brakes.

"There were six apparent drownings in one car," Gary Pfeiffer, a field agent with the Dallas County medical examiner's office, told The Associated Press early

Monday. "There were a total of seven — one survived."

Broadcast reports said the dead ranged in age from one to 30 years. Angela Brown with the medical examiner's office said five bodies were being sent to Dallas County for autopsies.

The deaths occurred about 10 p.m. Sunday along Sandy Beach Road in Lake Lewisville Park near Interstate 35E.

The vehicle broke through timber barricades at the road's end and went into the lake, said Lewisville police spokesman Richard Douglass.

He said police held the

survivor of the vehicle submersion, but later released him.

"We wanted to sort out the facts of who was in the car with him and what they were doing," said Douglass. "He had gone in the water along with the son, then escaped and was quite upset."

A spokeswoman for Medical Center of Lewisville said a 22-year-old woman was pronounced dead at 10:48 p.m.

Two children died after they were flown by helicopter to Children's Medical Center of Dallas, Pfeiffer said.

The hysterical father, who had escaped from the vehicle, had to be restrained from diving back into the water for his children.

"He was just telling me his kids were in there, his wife and a few other people," a witness, Daniel DeLuna, told Fort Worth television station KTVT. "He wanted me to jump in, and he wanted somebody else to jump in, and we were all holding him back because he was wanting to jump in himself."

"He told me his son wanted to know how to drive. So he let his son behind the wheel, and when he accel-

ated, he put it in drive instead of reverse," DeLuna said. "That's when it went into the water."

Pfeiffer said an exact cause of death has not yet been determined. The victim who remained at the Denton County hospital will be taken to the Tarrant County medical examiner's office for an autopsy.

Other victims were taken to Parkland Health and Hospital System, Pfeiffer said. There, health workers continued attempts to revive them.

"The paramedics were working on them," Mike Nolan of the Lewisville Fire

Department said. "It's a load-and-go situation."

Other details were sketchy. "We have had five choppers lift up with six different victims, so we're still sorting it all out and notifying next-of-kin," Douglass said.

Authorities have said Lewisville Lake has gained a reputation as one of the region's most dangerous waterways.

The lake led the Dallas-Fort Worth area from 1995 to May 2000 with seven reported boating-related deaths, 37 accidents, 24 injuries and 21 other water fatalities.

Palestinian killed in exchange of fire, Israel bombs Gaza

JERUSALEM (AP) — A Palestinian was killed overnight during an exchange of fire between Israeli and Palestinian security forces near the West Bank city of Ramallah. Palestinians said Monday, after the Israeli army bombarded Palestinian targets in the Gaza Strip.

Israeli media reported that a meeting of security commanders from the two sides would take place later Monday, but neither side would confirm the reports. Israel's Internal Security Minister Uzi Landau cast doubt on the value of further talks with the Palestinians and called Palestinian leader Yasser Arafat's police "terrorists."

Near Beitunia on the outskirts of Ramallah, the body of Palestinian Tayseer el-Omolee, 45, was found with three bullet wounds early Monday.

Omolee was apparently caught in cross fire Sunday night between Palestinians firing from security offices at an Israeli army base and soldiers returning fire, Palestinian witnesses said. The Israeli army did not immediately comment on the incident.

Palestinians said Israeli fired three surface-to-sur-

face rockets at the north Gaza town of Beit Lahiya, plunging it into darkness and injuring four Palestinians, in retaliation for a Palestinian mortar shell attack.

The Israelis have not used rockets of this kind during more than six months of conflict with the Palestinians. The Israeli military would not comment on the type of weapons it used.

The rockets hit an abandoned police station, a headquarters of Arafat's Fatah group and a civilian home, Palestinian police said. A 60-year-old woman and a 10-year-old boy were injured when the roof of the house hit by the Israeli rocket collapsed.

The boy's father, Hamis Abu-Sultan, 42, showed reporters a bloodstained blanket. "What has this child done to the Israelis?" he said.

The Israeli attack came after Palestinians fired mortar shells at Nahal Oz, an Israeli communal village just outside the Gaza Strip. No Israelis were injured, but local residents complained they did not have adequate bomb shelters to protect against such attacks, Israel radio reported.

Bush: U.S.-Chinese relations in jeopardy

WASHINGTON (AP) — President Bush said Monday that "diplomacy takes time," but cautioned China that relations with the United States will suffer unless the 24 crew members of a U.S. spy plane are released soon.

"Every day that goes by increases the potential that our relations with China will be damaged," Bush told reporters during a Cabinet meeting to discuss his budget proposal.

As the standoff dragged into its second agonizing week, Bush repeated the message delivered by his national security team on Sunday interview shows.

Secretary of State Colin Powell, Defense Secretary Donald Rumsfeld and national security adviser Condoleezza Rice attended the Cabinet meeting as Bush was asked twice what he could do to end the showdown.

"All of us along this table understand that diplomacy takes time but there is a point, the longer this goes, there is a point at which our relations with China become damaged," Bush said. He repeated the line later: "Everyday that goes by increases the potential that our relations with China will be damaged."

"We're working behind the scenes. We've got every diplomatic channel open. We're in discussions with the Chinese," Bush said. "Now it's time for our

troops to come home so our relations will not be damaged."

Bush had just concluded a telephone call with Brig. Gen. Neal Sealock, the military attache at the U.S. Embassy in Beijing, who met with all 24 crew members for 40 minutes Monday.

"Their spirits are very high and that is good news," Bush reported.

Spokesman Ari Fleischer quoted Sealock as telling Bush: "Their unit integrity is second to none. Their spirits are as high as I've ever seen them."

The remarks by Bush and his advisers signal a growing impatience with China in the ninth day of the standoff. Some U.S. officials had expected the administration and China to come to terms over the weekend.

The Americans have been held by the Chinese since their crippled EP-3E surveillance plane made an emergency landing on Hainan island in southern China April 1 after colliding with a Chinese fighter jet. The Chinese pilot is missing.

Bush sent a letter to the pilot's wife, Ruan Guoqin. Her public anguish has fueled tensions between the two countries as she accused Bush and his administration of being "too cowardly" to apologize for the loss of her husband.

Bush and other top U.S. officials tried on Sunday to balance their sympathy for her with tough reminders to

Chinese officials that the standoff is damaging relations between the two countries.

"I don't want to put a timetable on it; every day that goes by without having it resolved raises the risks to the long-term relationship," Vice President Dick Cheney said on NBC's "Meet the Press."

Administration officials were careful to avoid spelling out specific consequences of further delay in sending the 24 Americans home, but repercussions in Congress were possible. Lawmakers cited a possible trade fight later this year and an upcoming decision on U.S. weapons sales to Taiwan.

"From what I have heard, it is just common sense that the Chinese intransigence is putting a very serious strain on our relationship with China," Rep. Henry Hyde, R-Ill., said Monday on ABC's "Good Morning America." He is chairman of the House International Relations Committee.

Hyde, who last week had wondered aloud whether the crew members were hostages, dropped any doubt. "If you look up the definition of hostages, I don't see what else you can describe our 24 crewmen as. They're being held against their will to accomplish some purpose and the purpose evidently is to humiliate us before the world by making us apologize," he

said.

Cheney rejected used of the word "hostage," noting that the United States has access to the crew and they are being treated well.

Secretary of State Colin Powell said he was "sorry" about the personal loss experienced by the pilot's wife, using a word top administration officials had avoided. But Powell made clear the United States will not apologize for the collision it says took place in international airspace.

"We have expressed regrets, we've expressed our sorrow, and we are sorry that a life was lost," Powell said on "Fox News Sunday," referring to the missing pilot.

In comparison, he offered this explanation for the U.S. position on an apology to Beijing for the collision: "The question of apology is something quite different, because then we are being asked to accept responsibility. And that we have not done, can't do, and therefore won't apologize for that."

Bush's letter was sent Sunday to the U.S. Embassy in Beijing, which would forward it to the Chinese Foreign Ministry for delivery to the pilot's wife, the White House said. The text of the letter was not made public.

"The purpose of the letter is to respond in a humanitarian way, in an American way, to a widow who is grieving," Powell said.

Administration releases \$1.96 trillion budget with numerous spending cuts

WASHINGTON (AP) — President Bush sent Congress on Monday the full details of his \$1.96 trillion budget, promising to restrain what he considers the excessive growth of government spending by trimming a multitude of government programs, from energy conservation to putting police on the streets.

The nearly 5-inch-thick stack of blue budget books, which fleshes out the broad budget outline the president released in February, seeks to put the new administration's stamp on the federal government by rolling back many initiatives promoted by the Clinton administration.

All of the cuts make room for Bush's signature proposal, a \$1.6 trillion, 10-year tax cut, while also using a projected \$5.6 trillion surplus over the next decade to pay down a record amount of the national debt.

In his full budget, Bush re-estimated the cost of his campaign-promised tax cut at \$1.49 trillion over 10 years, giving him room to add some new tax breaks to the package — the biggest of

which is a \$52.9 billion program to provide up to \$2,000 in tax credits to help low-income families pay for health insurance.

In all, the budget for the 2002 fiscal year that begins Oct. 1 would spend \$1.96 trillion, a 5.6 percent increase over this year. It would hold the growth in discretionary spending — everything but spending on mandatory benefit programs — to a 4 percent increase, far below the 8.7 percent increase in budget authority that former President Clinton got for the current fiscal year.

"This budget offers a new vision of governing for our nation," Bush said in a message accompanying his budget.

Hoping to build momentum for that vision, Bush held an early morning meeting with his Cabinet where he proclaimed that his budget "represents compassionate conservatism" while setting priorities and going after wasteful government spending.

"Washington is known for its pork. This budget funds our needs without the fat," Bush said.

The budget, however, has already provoked howls of protests among various interest groups, and members of Congress from both parties are already vowing to protect their favorite programs. Democrats have contended the budget cuts are too severe because the president wanted to protect his massive tax cut.

Bush suffered his first major congressional defeat last week when the Senate voted to trim his \$1.6 trillion, 10-year tax cut by one-fourth to make room for \$200 billion in increased debt reduction and billions of dollars of higher spending than Bush is seeking in his budget.

However, the administration is warning that Bush will not hesitate to veto congressional spending bills that he believes are excessive.

Bush's budget pledges in its introduction to restrain "recent explosive growth in discretionary spending" by cutting "unjustified programs, excessive programs, duplicative programs and programs that have completed their mission."

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OUR VIEWS

Big Spring's people again are big asset

Big Spring, you've done it again. The call goes out for volunteers to benefit a worthy cause and the people of this community always respond ... always. That was the case Saturday when more than 300 people turned up to participate in the Texas Trash-Off, helping to beautify our community, while at the same time, more than 125 more people donned their walking shoes and walked the 2.5- and 5-mile circuits of the MS Walk.

And it's not like there was nothing else for those people to do Saturday.

As a matter of fact, there were plenty of distractions that went far beyond the normal weekend activities one might consider.

The Spring City Arts and Crafts Show happened to coincide with the two fund-raising efforts, as did the most recent Old Sorehead Trade Days in Stanton.

Still, there were almost 500 people in this community who decided to make helping others less fortunate themselves or improving the appearance of our city a priority.

In both instances, organizers of the two events said they could not have been happier with the manner in which their fellow citizens responded to the call.

We here at the Herald want to take this opportunity to offer our congratulations to all of those who took part in the two events. It's called service above and beyond the call of duty and we appreciate it.

OTHER VIEWS

The release of the 2000 census underscores what many a Texas commuter sitting in stacked-up freeway traffic every morning already knows: suburban counties in the Hill Country and throughout the state are grappling with explosive growth.

Growth, of course, brings with it prosperity, but it also brings unregulated development, unprecedented demand on water supplies and horrendous traffic problems.

Counties are the governmental bodies most likely to deal with growth problems that transcend city jurisdiction yet Texas counties traditionally haven't had the tools to deal with such issues.

As long as counties were largely rural and undeveloped, commissioners had little to worry about beyond road maintenance and administering county court systems. County residents were content to keep it that way.

No more. As population growth and development spills out of cities and spreads across former cotton fields and cattle pastures, unregulated development threatens to ruin the very qualities that attracted residents to rural and suburban Texas in the first place. Commissioners in many counties are powerless to do much about it.

Several bills wending their way through the legislative process would give counties more authority. This includes a bill sponsored by state Sen. Jeff Wentworth, R-San Antonio, that would provide counties some of the same authority that cities

use to regulate land use. The bill would require a local option election.

One sponsored by state Sen. Eddie Lucio, D-Brownsville, would give border counties limited local ordinance-making authority to regulate colonies. Another bill would require developers in unincorporated areas to partially subsidize county roads; yet another would allow billboard regulation.

Legislation sponsored by state Sen. Frank Madla, D-San Antonio, would give land-use authority to counties with populations of 700,000 or more. It's a good bill, although adjacent counties need the same authority, as runaway development in Hill Country counties adjacent to Bexar and Travis counties so dramatically illustrates.

What counties really need from the Legislature is the power that cities have to manage growth through zoning authority. In the words of Comal County Commissioner Jay Millikin, "That's a tough nut to crack."

Millikin and his fellow commissioners face opposition not only from lobbies for builders and developers but also from lawmakers who insist cities should handle growth problems.

Millikin's response, and it's a valid one, is that counties are on the front lines of this growth battle, much more so than cities, and with the proper tools, they can fight the battle without raising taxes.

SAN ANTONIO EXPRESS-News

Texas politics still a very strange mix

Texas politics: still more entertaining than any other. kindergarten. Last week offered the following festive events: A.R. "Tony" Sanchez, Democratic nominee-presumptive for governor next year, receives a threatening letter that he hands over to his lawyer, Tony Canales, the former U.S. attorney in Houston.



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Canales hires two former FBI agents, now private eyes, to investigate from whence cometh the letter, and they say it comes from Texas Secretary of State Henry Cuellar, who is supposed to be a Democrat but was appointed to his job by Republican Gov. Rick "Good-hair" Perry.

While we are digesting the possibility that our secretary of state spends his spare time penning nasty missives to others in public life, three of Cuellar's friends report that the PIs told them Cuellar is gay and asked them if he's been involved in group sex. All this winds up in the Houston Chronicle. Now Republicans are demanding to see the threatening letter and are saying it's all a smear job.

I believe I can straighten this all out for you. They call it "Laredo Rules;" it means that in Laredo, there are no rules in politics. This art form — we might think of it as Extreme Politics — is best appreciated as a Punch and Judy Show crossed with pit-bull fighting. We can look forward to more thrilling episodes in the same vein. Think how boring it must be to live in Nebraska.

Meanwhile, back at the state zoo, we still have an agenda dominated by George W. Bush, but it's Bush-in-reverse. Pretty much whatever George W. stood for, the Legislature is now undoing as fast as it can, and whatever he was against is now getting done. It's a striking symmetry.

The first problem, of course, is money. Bush successfully pushed for tax cuts in 1997 and 1999 that set up his run for the presidency nicely but left Texas without a nickel to spare. It turns out that one of his parting gifts was to bury the fact that we could only pay for 23 of the 24 months of Medicaid for nursing homes.

Sen. Eddie Lucio proposed cutting off the '99 property tax cut. More startling, Republican Sen. Chris Harris of Arlington (who is having quite a peppy session) proposed a constitutional amendment to roll back the 1997 property tax cut.

The state has a potential

shortfall of \$700 million just two years after Bush's last \$1.8 billion cut. The Lege is not likely to be forced to raise taxes until next session, but the Senate budget passed last week includes \$6 billion worth of unfunded items, including making it easier for children to enroll in Medicaid, helping school districts with building bonds, finally getting mandatory kindergarten statewide and almost \$1 billion worth of highway construction that has to be postponed. We are also unable to cover teachers' health insurance or a raise for state employees.

Texas' performance, or lack of it, on Medicaid is already the subject of one federal court order and is likely to attract another as we continue to lag in providing health insurance for poor kids.

According to the Legislative Budget Board, the state share of public-school funding this year is 44 percent — the lowest level since Texas began education reform in 1984, despite the pledge that Bush ran on to make it 60 percent.

On other old Bush battles, Sen. Rodney Ellis of Houston is finally about to get a statewide indigent defense system. Bush vetoed the Ellis bill two years ago, but the publicity that Bush's own campaign brought to the weakness of the state's criminal justice system has helped make this a fairly easy sell.

There is still a possibility that the Lege will act on executing the retarded (another bill opposed by Bush) and providing life-without-parole as an alternative to the death penalty. The public supports both reforms already, according to state pollsters.

A more surprising vote was the House's decision to put a two-year moratorium on one of Bush's signature issues: charter schools. Bush was red-hot on charter schools and pushed them through the Lege willy-nilly. It was the willy-nilly part, the lack of state supervision, that proved to be the problem.

According to an interim study, 163 of the 192 schools chartered so far have severe problems. One-fourth of the charter schools are rated "unacceptable" by the state education agency, and only 59 percent of the charter students passed their Texas Assessment of Academic Skills tests in '99, compared with 78.4 percent statewide.

Bush, you recall, was fond of touting charter schools and "ending social promotion" as the keys to educational success. The House education committee voted to delay Bush's plan to "end social promotion." The new bill would allow factors other than test scores to be considered in promotion decisions — a position advocated by many educators.

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Bush administration ends meat testing

Each year, school lunch programs around the country cater to more than 26 million children. It was only last July that the government required testing meat for salmonella, which causes 1.4 million incidences of food poisoning and more than 600 deaths a year in the United States.



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The Bush administration, however, has said that it will not uphold the testing requirements. Instead, it is proposing what it claims are more cost-effective ways of ensuring the safety of meat. The administration's plan would put the focus on improving conditions during slaughter and processing for all types of contamination. It has also proposed that meat could be irradiated to eliminate

bacteria. The rules set up by the Clinton administration engendered bitter complaints from the meat industry, whose representatives have claimed that the policy is too costly and strict. In a March 21 letter to the current Agriculture Secretary, Ann M. Veneman, meat industry groups and the American School Food Service Association complained that "the new specifications have created problems for each and every sector involved in supplying schools with safe, wholesome beef products and caused a decline in ground meat purchases for the school lunch program."

"The letter recommended that USDA work closely with industry in developing a rational, science-based set of guidelines, rather than the multiple standards that exist today."

Sara Lilygren, spokeswoman for the American Meat Institute said, "For a variety of reasons, the new specifications had no basis in public health." She went on to point out that the

zero tolerance standard for salmonella was unjustified and unnecessary since most of the bacteria would be killed during the cooking process. Proponents of the stricter policy cite the fact that the program rejected 5 million pounds of ground beef last year, almost 5 percent of the total amount of beef purchased by the USDA.

Dan Glickman, Agriculture Secretary under Bill Clinton, said, "Our principle was that kids in school lunch programs should be eating meat at least on a par with fast-food outlets. We knew there were trade-offs and that it might raise the price, but I would say today that it was the right decision."

Carol Tucker Foreman of the Consumer Federation of America believes "this program is working, so why not continue it?" She called the Bush administration's new proposal "a very significant rollback. Do we really want to take chances with that much contaminated meat being served to our

children at lunch?" Other proponents view the new proposal as part of a larger Bush administration pattern of rolling back health and environmental standards. Sen. Richard J. Durbin, D-Ill., remarked, "First, it's arsenic in water. Now it's salmonella in school lunches. Where will this end?"

Kenneth Clayton, the acting administrator of the USDA's Agricultural Marketing Service, denied that the new proposals were the result of pressure from the meat industry. He stated: "Everyone knew last year that these standards were interim, and the plan was always to review them. We want input from people involved in the process."

Clayton also said: "Our objective in buying ground meat for school lunch, particularly, and other feeding programs is to ensure that we are buying the safest possible food. ... We have been reminded periodically this year that simply testing the end-product, in fact, is not the best way to get the safest possible food."



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IN BRIEF

Bulldogettes pound way to 12-0 victory

Coahoma's Bulldogettes opened district play with an impressive 12-0 win over Colorado City's Lady Wolves in five innings Friday.

Brandi Hart and Erin Stovall did much of the damage in Coahoma's 10-hit attack. Hart had two doubles and a triple, while Stovall had a pair of singles and a home run.

Karen Sterling, Kenni Kay Buchanan, Kayla Smith and Stephanie Sparks rounded out the Bulldogettes' hitting.

Amber Bingham chalked up the win, allowing just one hit, while striking out eight and walking one.

Coahoma also won the junior varsity game, taking an 8-2 victory.

The Bulldogettes travel to Midland to face Lee's Lady Rebels at 5 p.m. Tuesday.

Swim lessons being offered at the YMCA

Parents can register their children for swim lessons at the YMCA.

Classes will be held at 6 p.m. and will meet two nights each week.

Beginner and intermediate level classes are open for children age three to five and six and older.

For more information, call the YMCA at 267-8234.

Women's softball seeking players

The Big Spring United Girls Softball Association is seeking women 20 and older to play fast pitch softball.

Registration is \$30 and teams are now forming.

For more information, call Alicia Buzbee at 264-0216

Industrial league softball sign-ups

Anyone wanting to participate in the softball league, the sign-ups and entry fee deadline is Friday.

The entry fee is \$385 and there is a 20 roster sign-up limit.

For more information, call Sally Grant at 393-5237 or 268-4728.

Big Spring Fling set at Birdwell Park

The second Big Spring Fling will take place Sunday, April 22. Registration will run from 10 to 11 a.m.

Trophies and disc golf jewelry will be awarded to winners. There will also be closest to the basket every round.

The entry fees are \$25 in the pro division, \$15 for juniors and novices.

For more information call Greg Brooks at 267-6335 or 267-1465.

Cancer Scramble slated for April 28-29

The fourth annual Cancer Scramble is set for 1 p.m. Saturday April 28-29.

The entry fee is \$75 per player plus cart fee. Private carts are welcome.

Prize money will be awarded to one third of the field in the form of pro shop credit.

There will be a longest drive contest and prizes for closest to the pin.

The field is limited to first 36 teams. Proceeds benefit Relay for Life.

To enter call the Big Spring Country Club at 267-5354.

ON THE AIR

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BSHS netters get good draw for 5-4A tournament

By JOHN A. MOSELEY
Managing Editor

Big Spring players entered today's opening rounds of the District 5-4A Tennis Tournament in Plainview with an opportunity to have a significant impact.

At least that's the way Steers head tennis coach Sara Corse sees things.

"We're especially strong in the boys' draw," Corse said, noting that the Steers have two players seeded in the boys' singles draw, as well as two seeded teams in the boys' doubles draw. "But I think our girls are in a position to be extremely competitive, especially in the doubles."

Corse admitted her optimism was somewhat colored by the success the Steers junior varsity enjoyed during Friday's final rounds of the junior varsity's district tournament where Vishal Shroff claimed the boys' singles championship and the tandem of Michael Williamson and

Ryan Vela won the boys' doubles crown.

"That's one of the most exciting things about this team... that we're as young as we are," Corse explained. "We've only got two seniors on the entire team, and every one of these kids gets better every tie they walk onto the court. In a situation like that, the sky's the limit."

The boys' singles field may be the tournament's most competitive where the Steers' Derek DeHoyos enters play as the No. 2 seed, facing Frenship's Craig Nix in the first round, while teammate Zach Smiley is the No. 3 seed and will face Levelland's Parker Payne in the opening round.

Frenship's Justin Wolfshohl is the top seed in the boys' singles draw, while Snyder's Horacio DePaz is seeded fourth.

"Anyone of those four guys is capable of winning the tournament," Corse noted. "It's going to be

tough because of that, but I really believe that both of our guys are capable of winning it."

Corse is just as confident that the Steers two seeded teams — the No. 2 seeded tandem of Jay Shroff and Alex Edgeon and the No. 3 seeded duo of Brian Wingert and Michael Roffers are capable of reaching the Region I, Class 4A tournament set for April 23-24 in San Angelo.

The Steers' doubles biggest challenge figures to come from Snyder's No. 1-seeded team of Ryan Gibson and Allan Smith.

"There's no question that Gibson and Smith are an excellent team," Corse admitted, "but we hope Brian and Michael can surprise them in the semifinals. Both of our teams are capable of getting to the semifinals, then anything's possible."

Corse said the same is true of the girls' doubles draw where April Ward and Megan Roffers open the tournament unseeded, but received a favorable draw and have an oppor-

tunity to reach the semis where they'd most likely face the No. 1 seeded team of Amanda Long and Shanna Grady of Andrews.

"They got a decent draw and they're certainly capable of surprising some people," Corse explained. "If they can get to the semifinals and be on a roll, there's no telling what could happen."

The Lady Steers' other doubles entry in the doubles field, Mindy Partee and Annette Richardson also received a favorable draw and find themselves facing an unseeded Frenship team in the opening round.

Big Spring has just two girls entered in singles competition, as well. Heather Parnell will open the tournament facing unseeded Kendall Neighbors of Andrews in the opening round, while Lauren Chesworth faces Lubbock Estacado's Antoinette Nava, another unseeded player, in the opening round.

Lady Hawks stay atop WJCAC

By KAMILAH WARD
Sports Writer

It was Diana Faulkner's last-minute heroics at the plate Sunday that gave Howard College's Lady Hawks a win and kept them in first place in the Western Junior College Athletic Conference (WJCAC) softball standings.

The opening game of the double-header, one that started out with big plays, ended in a loss for Howard. The 6-2 final was the second loss the Lady Hawks suffered in the weekend series with Midland College's Lady Chaparrals, making the nightcap a must if Howard was to stay atop the WJCAC standings.

Howard got what it needed in the second game when Faulkner hit a two-run homer over the left field gate, driving in Brianna Bohls, giving the Lady Hawks a 6-5 win.

The victory secured a one-game lead over Midland for first place in the league standings.

In the opening game, Midland jumped out on the Lady Hawks early, holding Howard scoreless through the first five innings. The Lady Hawks managed to get a couple of runs in the sixth, but lost fleet-footed Devon Melby to an ankle injury after she collided with the first baseman for the second time during the game.

Sophomore De'Shaun Drake suffered the loss, giving up six runs on seven hits, while Midland's Julie Standford chalked up the win, giving up two runs on seven hits.

Bohls highlighted the Lady Hawks' first outing with a two-run homer to right. She and Drake topped the Lady Hawks' performance, both finishing 2-for-3 at the plate.

The nightcap proved to be a study in mistakes by both teams, Midland finishing with four errors, while Howard closed the books with three.

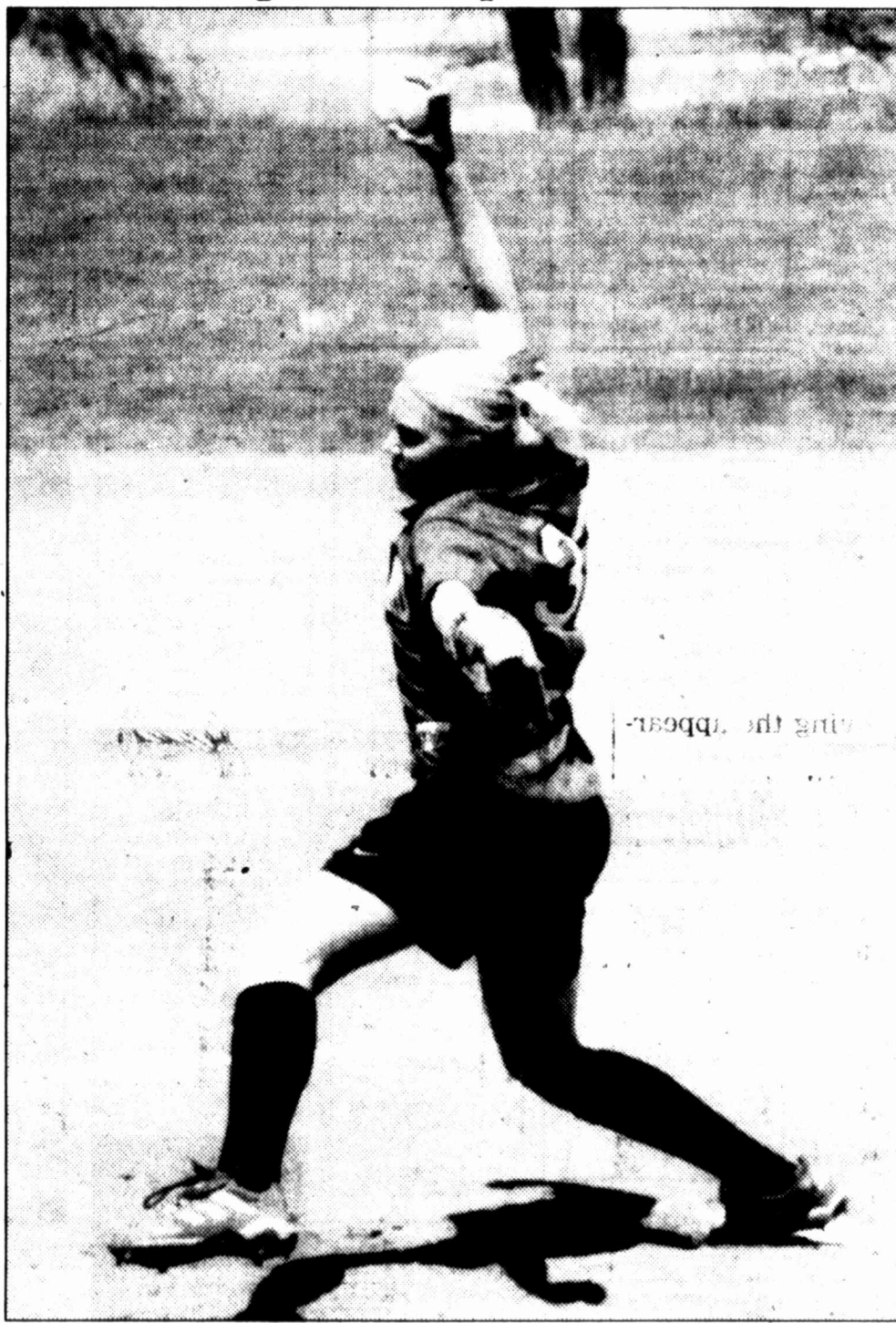
Midland used three pitchers in a bid to pull even in the standings, beginning with Morgan Webster and ending with Standford. All the while, the Lady Hawks were struggling to make plays at the plate. They scored their first run in the third inning, but trailed 5-2 in the bottom of the fifth after Bohls' RBI single drove in Brittany Murray.

Meanwhile, Midland, which was having a field day with its bats, scored all five of its runs in the first four innings.

The Lady Chaps started out early, scoring runs in each of the first two innings and adding a big three-run inning in the fourth.

But Amanda Michael stepped into the pitcher's circle to start the fifth inning and put a halt to the Midland's offensive run.

That paved the way for the Lady



Howard College's Brandy Smith delivers a pitch in the fifth inning of Sunday's second game against Midland College's Lady Chaparrals. The Lady Hawks managed to rally from a 6-2 deficit in that game, allowing them to maintain a one-game lead in the Western Junior College Athletic Conference softball standings.

Hawks to stage a rally.

And they did just that, when a Midland error allowed Veronica Owens and Rose Tirre to score a pair of runs.

But the real action didn't get started until late in the seventh inning when Faulkner added the finishing touches to a much needed win for Howard.

Bohls reached base on another error, which set the stage for Faulkner, who in the clutch showed that the Lady Hawks are capable of the big comeback.

The weekend series ended in a two-way split for the Lady Hawks as they improved to 32-12 on the season and 16-4 in the WJCAC.

Midland, now 35-12 overall and 15-5 on conference play, heads home for a pivotal showdown with El Paso Community College's Tejanas. The Lady Hawks will return to action Friday when they take open a WJCAC series against Odessa College's Lady Wranglers at the Big Spring Independent School District Softball Complex.

Velarde delivers big hit to give Rangers win over Mariners

The ASSOCIATED PRESS

Randy Velarde has two things none of those big-name Texas newcomers have: a game-winning homer for the Rangers and a seven-game hitting streak.

Velarde hit a solo homer in the eighth inning Sunday, an inning after coming in as a defensive replacement, as Texas beat Seattle 5-4 to avoid a three-game sweep. He is the only player on the team with a hit in all seven games.

Not bad for a 38-year-old second baseman whose off-season trade from Oakland to Texas was often overlooked, especially after the Rangers signed Alex Rodriguez, Ken Caminiti and Andres Galarraga.

"Those guys, they've got some hardware on their fireplaces... gold gloves, silver sluggers and MVPs,"

Velarde said. "They deserve it all, I don't have anything on mine."

"I'm 1-25th of this team. They can have all of those accolades. What I want is a world championship ring. I know there's not much left in this career, but that is the one thing missing."

Not only did he have the game-winning hit, his seventh extra-base hit in as many games, Velarde made a key defensive play. He charged a slow roller by Ichiro Suzuki in the ninth, then scooped and threw in one motion to get Seattle's speedy leadoff hitter for the first out.

"Randy was a great addition... maybe the key addition that we made," said Rangers starter Kenny Rogers, who gave up just two runs in 6 2-3 innings; but left with a no-decision. "I had no idea the range Randy had."

In other AL games, it was

Cleveland 4, Baltimore 3, Detroit 5, Chicago 3, New York 16, Toronto 5, Kansas City 15, Minnesota 4, and Anaheim 6, Oakland 4.

In NL games, St. Louis topped Arizona 9-4, Pittsburgh beat Houston 9-3, San Francisco beat Los Angeles 8-3, Milwaukee topped Cincinnati 8-4, Montreal defeated New York 5-2, Florida downed Atlanta 6-1, Philadelphia edged Montreal 3-1 and San Diego beat Colorado 11-3.

Velarde was the first batter faced by reliever Jose Paniagua (0-1), who was pitching for the third straight day.

"He wasn't popping the ball the way he is capable of, and he's vulnerable like that. He left a fastball over the plate," Velarde said.

That was the third time in the game that a relief pitcher gave up a homer to the first batter he faced.

The Rangers led 4-2 when Galarraga greeted reliever Norm Charlton with a leadoff homer in the seventh.

Mark McLemore tied the game at 4 in the top of the eighth with a two-out, two-run homer off Mike Venafro, who had just entered the game.

"It was nice. It would have been nice if it would have won the game," said McLemore, who played in Texas from 1995-99. "But we won the series. That's what matters."

The Mariners won the first two games in the series against the Rangers and Rodriguez, their former All-Star shortstop who signed the richest contract in sports history with Texas, \$252 million over 10 years.

Rodriguez was 0-for-2 in the finale, but reached base three times (two walks, hit by pitch).

Tiger keeps rolling

AUGUSTA, Ga. (AP) — The vanquished usually make a mad dash to the parking lot on the final day of the Masters.

This time, it was different.

Some gathered in front of TVs in the Augusta National clubhouse. A few more actually wandered out to the 18th green to witness in person. Tiger Woods was making history, and even the guys he beats week in and week out wanted to see.

"It's a great time to be involved in the game, whether you're a player or a spectator," Steve Stricker said. "It's a great time to watch."

Woods kept his rivals around until the end Sunday, even those who completed their 18 holes with no chance of denying his destiny.

Call it a Grand Slam, call it a Tiger Slam, it really makes no difference. This was something special, a moment that transcended the game of golf to become one of those landmark moments in the American sports lexicon.

DiMaggio's 56-game hitting streak Chamberlain's 100-point game. Tiger's four straight major championships.

"He's not like anyone we've seen before in the game," said Mark Calcavecchia, who returned to the course in time to watch Woods wrap up a clean sweep of the U.S. Open, British Open, PGA Championship and Masters — albeit not in the same calendar year.

Woods held off his two most dangerous rivals, David Duval and Phil Mickelson, with a 16-under 272 total to win the first major of 2001.

In a span of 294 days, Woods routed Pebble Beach, conquered the home of golf at St. Andrews, hung on to win a heart-stopper at

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HOROSCOPE

HAPPY BIRTHDAY for Tuesday, April 10, 2001: Your ingenuity develops as you meet challenges. Your pioneering spirit and determination mix to make you a sure winner. You do have an odd assortment of friends. Remember, you chose them and have only yourself to blame if they annoy you. You grow because of your need to understand others. Test out ideas on others before initiating them. If you are single, you have ample sounding boards, as you have so many different and delightful people around you. If you are attached, plan a special getaway or a workshop together. AQUARIUS often surprises you.

The Stars Show the Kind of Day You'll Have: 5-Dynamic; 4-Positive; 3-Average; 2-So-so; 1-Difficult

ARIES (March 21-April 19) *** You surprise others as well as yourself as you bolt into work, a tornado ready for anything. Unfortunately, with your devil-may-care Martian attitude, you trigger others. Be sensible with others. Share where you are coming from and explain yourself. Tonight: Quality time with a loved one.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20) *** The Bull sees red when crossed or when contradicted by a trusted associate. Loyalty remains a primary quality in all your relationships. Express your disdain in a way another can hear. Exhaustion sets in because of recent frustration. Tonight: Say yes to an offer.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20) *** Your ability to absorb information helps you pump new ideas into a work project. Others admire your ability to see the big picture. Take a walk and relax that overly active Gemini mind before it blows a fuse! Tonight: Recharge your batteries.

CANCER (June 21-July 22) *** Though yours might be known as a moody sign, actually you are overly sensitive to others, and sometimes you "act out" on their feelings. Other times, your highly tuned sensitivity causes your feelings to be hurt. Dealing with a touchy associate adds to the problems right now. Tonight: Do only what you want.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22) *** You feel like you might not have a choice with a friend or loved one. Express your individuality by finding answers. Someone could be tough on you. Demonstrate the fortitude and courage of your sign. Don't give up. Tonight: Leave work as soon as possible.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) *** Your actions and words speak for themselves. You believe in follow-through. As a result, others trust you. Curves appear where you least anticipate them. Spring from your sense of

direction, and you'll solve nearly anything. News might be slow to arrive. Tonight: Take some time for yourself.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22) *** Tame expenses before you have a problem. You might think you have the simplest taste, but you only settle for the finest things. Your checkbook might be feeling the results of reckless behavior. Share in a discussion about the quality of your lives. Tonight: Let go of right and wrong.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21) *** Others often try to buck your need for control. You get a great example of this from someone close to you. As a result, another might turn away. Do you really want this? Flexibility wins friends at home and at work. Tonight: Beam in what you want.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21) *** Lying low is not in your nature. Whatever you do today, you do well, even if you're observing rather than acting. Get in some exercise or other stress-busting activity. Tonight: Nap, then decide.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19) *** Taking a strong stand, which is natural for you, does bring results. Still, be wary of the financial implications. You might not even have a total perspective yet. A child or new friend could test your commitments. Your priorities come into play. Tonight: Go along with another's suggestion.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18) *** Respect another's opinion, even if you are sure he is dead wrong. You believe in freedom of thought, remember? You could be overreacting and reacting strongly, as a result. Take a nap at lunchtime if you can. Tonight: Leave work as soon as possible.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20) *** Respect information that comes from experts and excellent sources, even if you instinctively disagree. Do research before waving a red flag. Someone you listen to takes a strong step, which might confuse you on some level. Confusion seems normal lately. Tonight: Hop on the 'puter.

BORN TODAY Publisher Joseph Pulitzer (1847), actor Max von Sydow (1929), actor Haley Joel Osment (1988)

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Retired husband prefers fishing to work
Dear Ann Landers: I desperately need your help. My husband retired after a 21-year, highly successful military career. He is 43 years old. He has since made bass-fishing tournaments his new "profession." He is gone seven days out of every month fishing at these events. When not fishing, he works a small part-time job, takes our child to school and, on most nights, prepares dinner. I work full time and pay all the bills, except the insurance policies on my husband's "fishing toys." I feel a tremendous amount of pressure to keep up with a lifestyle that we've grown accustomed to these last 19 years. Our child attends private school, we own a motor home, a new bass boat and two houses. The problem is my husband won't talk

about going back to work full time and refuses to discuss our financial future. I find this very depressing and want to end our marriage. You once suggested asking yourself, "Am I better off with or without him?" Well, I did that and decided I was better off without him. My parents are both dead, and I have no one to talk to. We tried counseling a year ago. The counselor did not take me seriously. He just laughed when I said, "I can't stand his fishing." Ann, this fishing thing is an addiction, like gambling. What can I do about it? -- Military Retiree's Wife

Dear Wife: I suggest that you see another counselor and discuss your marital dissatisfaction at length. Your husband could be doing a great many things that are a lot worse than bass fishing. A man who works part time, takes his child to school every day and prepares dinner sounds like a pretty decent guy to me.

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"SINCE WE'RE BOTH AWAKE, HOW 'BOUT READIN' ME ANOTHER STORY?"

FAMILY CIRCUS



"We get cotton from rabbits. They grow it on their tails."

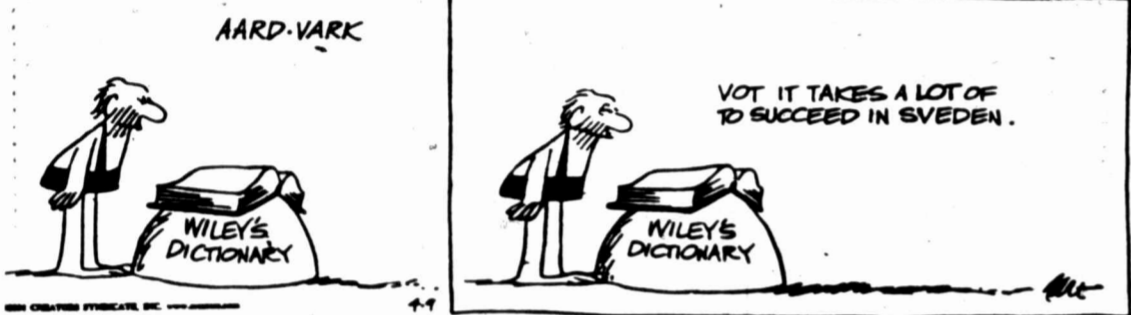
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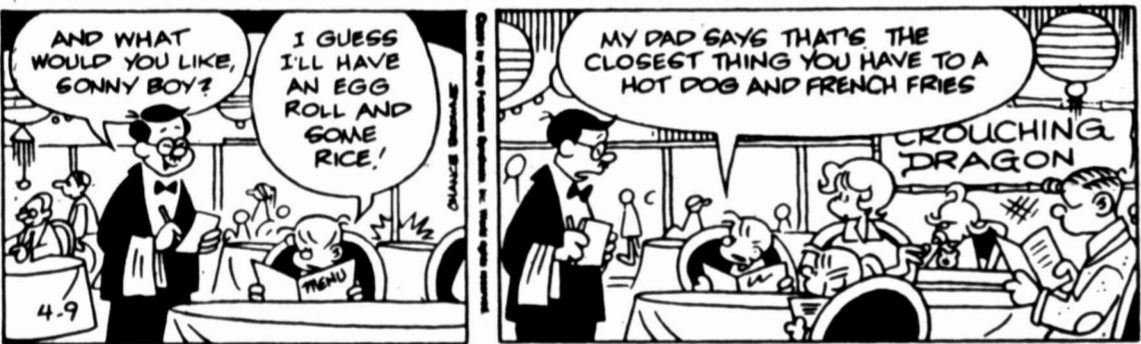
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THIS DATE IN HISTORY

The ASSOCIATED PRESS Today is Monday, April 9, the 99th day of 2001. There are 266 days left in the year. Today's Highlight in History: On April 9, 1865, Confederate General Robert E. Lee surrendered his army to Union Gen. Ulysses S. Grant at Appomattox Court House in Virginia. On this date: In 1682, French explorer Robert La Salle reached the Mississippi River. In 1939, singer Marian Anderson performed a concert at the Lincoln Memorial in Washington, D.C., after she was denied the use of Constitution Hall by the Daughters of the American Revolution. In 1940, Germany invaded Denmark and Norway. In 1942, American and Philippine defenders on Bataan capitulated to Japanese forces; the surrender was followed by the notorious "Bataan Death March," which claimed nearly 10,000 lives. In 1959, NASA announced the selection of America's first seven astronauts: Scott Carpenter, Gordon Cooper, John Glenn, Gus Grissom, Wally Schirra, Alan Shepard and Donald Slayton. In 1963, British statesman Winston Churchill was made an honorary U.S. citizen. In 1965, the newly built Houston Astrodome featured its first baseball game, an exhibition between the Astros and the New York Yankees. The Astros won, 2-1. In 1992, former Panamanian ruler Manuel Noriega was convicted in Miami of eight drug and racketeering charges. In 1993, the Rev. Benjamin Chavis was chosen to head the NAACP, succeeding Benjamin Hooks.

Today's Birthdays: Playboy magazine founder Hugh Hefner is 75. Naturalist Jim Fowler is 69. Actor Jean-Paul Belmondo is 68. Comedian Avery Schreiber is 66. Actress Michael Learned is 62. Country singer Margo Smith is 59. Country singer Hal Ketchum is 48. Actor Dennis Quaid is 47. Humorist Jimmy Tingle is 46. Golfer Severiano Ballesteros is 44. Actress-model Paulina Porizkova is 36. Rock singer Kevin Martin (Candlebox) is 32.

Answer to previous puzzle: A crossword puzzle grid with numbers 1-32 and corresponding words.

Newsday Crossword IT'S GREEK TO ME by Norma Steinberg Edited by Stanley Newman

Crossword puzzle grid with clues for Across and Down. Clues include: 1 Bridge coup, 5 Suspend, 9 Majorca's capital, 14 Actress Olin, 15 At any time, 16 UFO pilot, 17 Enthusiastic, 18 Kudrow of Friends, 19 Show mercy to, 20 Software tryouts, 22 Lobbed, 23 Sailor, 24 Entreaty, 26 Puts the collar on, 29 Nearly, 33 Actress/author Fannie, 37 Buckeye State, 39 Rod between wheels, 40 Verdi heroine, 41 Equine kids, 42 Many August babies, 43 Ball club, 44 Sooner State: Abbr., 45 Loose change, 46 Disco singer Donna, 48 Data-entry goof, 50 Poker stake, 52 Los __, NM, 57 Brainy, 60 Helen Reddy song, 63 Viking of the comics, 64 Merrimack, 65 Florence's river, 66 In the blink of __, 67 Astronaut Shepard, 68 Dock, 69 Stoppenwolf author, 70 Mesmerized, 71 Small pie, 10 Group leader of a sort, 11 Perjurer, 12 Insignificant, 13 Once more, 21 Sharp taste, 25 Vietnam neighbor, 27 Reserve, as a room, 28 Commandments verb, 30 Yoked animals, 31 Pigeonhole, 32 Mrs. Dick Tracy, 33 Singer Domino, 34 Stead, 35 Eden patriarch, 36 Photons emitted by electrons, 38 "Now __ me down to sleep...", 41 Citadel, 45 Soft drink, 47 Main course, 49 Inventor's document, 51 Candice's dad, 53 Become accustomed (to), 54 Sound of Music heroine, 55 Deed holder, 56 Show scorn, 57 Persian ruler, 58 Horse's hair, 59 Mellows, 61 Singer Fitzgerald, 62 Hurdle.