

MONDAY

May 14, 2001

WEATHER

Tonight:



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TONIGHT TOMORROW
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Prayer service to honor area peace officers

A community wide prayer service for local and area peace officers will be held at 7 p.m. Tuesday at Big Spring Municipal Auditorium.

Guest speaker will be Department of Public Safety Trooper Less Grace, who patrols highways in Comanche County.

Grace was severely injured in a traffic accident while on duty.

Prayers will be offered for officers as well as to honor all peace officers who have died in the line of duty across the United States.

The public is invited to attend the ceremony, which is expected to last about one hour.

The event coincides with Law Enforcement Week.

WHAT'S UP...

TODAY

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

□ Big Spring Commandery 34 meets at 7:30 p.m., Masonic Temple, 221 1/2 Main. 6:30 p.m. dinner.

□ Big Spring Assembly 211, Social Order of the Beauceant, 7:30 p.m., Masonic Temple, 221 1/2 Main. 6:30 p.m. dinner.

TUESDAY

□ Intermediate Line Dance class, 9 a.m., Senior Citizens Center.

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

□ Big Spring Band Boosters, 6 p.m., high school band hall.

□ Big Spring Art Association, 7 p.m., 500 Main, library basement.

□ Big Spring Chapter 67 Order of the Eastern Star, 7:30 p.m., Masonic Lodge, 219 Main.

WEDNESDAY

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

□ Sit and Be Fit Chair Aerobics, 10 a.m., Scenic Mountain Medical Center cafeteria.

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Kight says fuel prices could be final straw for area's farmers

By **CARL GRAHAM**
Staff Writer

If you do much driving, you have no doubt noticed the spiraling price of gasoline. In fact, some are predicting that by mid-summer the costs could be \$2 a gallon or more.



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As much as everyone com-

plaints about the cost the only alternative to paying the high cost is to walk or ride a bike and that is not a realistic alternative.

Perhaps hit the hardest though are agricultural producers who, not only have to fight boll weevils, army worms and Mother Nature, but now have to pay more money for fuel despite the fact that the price of cotton is at the same level it was 40 years ago.

Howard County Extension Agent David Kight says cotton farmers are fighting a

losing battle in trying to make a living.

"Cotton is selling for around 39 or 40 cents a pound," he explained. "That is about what farmers were getting 30 or 40 years ago, yet everything else, including gasoline, has doubled or tripled."

"Tractors and other farm equipment have increased, the pickups they use around the farm have increased ... everything except the price of cotton."

Kight said if businesses such as restaurants, super-

markets or any other retail firms returned as little profit as the family farmer they simply would not remain in business for long.

"The average farmer only returns about a 1 1/2 percent profit margin at best," said Kight. "Most businesses have to make a 25 to 30 percent profit margin or they aren't able to stay in business."

"For farmers to show any substantial profit the price of cotton would have to go up to 90 cents to \$1 a pound."

Kight said that even \$1 a pound would not increase the price of cotton goods that much.

"If even the price should reach \$1 a pound, the increase in a pair of jeans would probably be only a couple of bucks," said Kight.

"A \$25 pair of jeans would probably rise to around \$27 a pair," he added. "If something isn't done fairly soon, there won't be any cotton farmers left because they, too, can't continue to stay in business that way."

HC says goodbye to veteran teacher

Dudley ends 32-year stint with college

By **LYNDEL MOODY**
Staff Writer

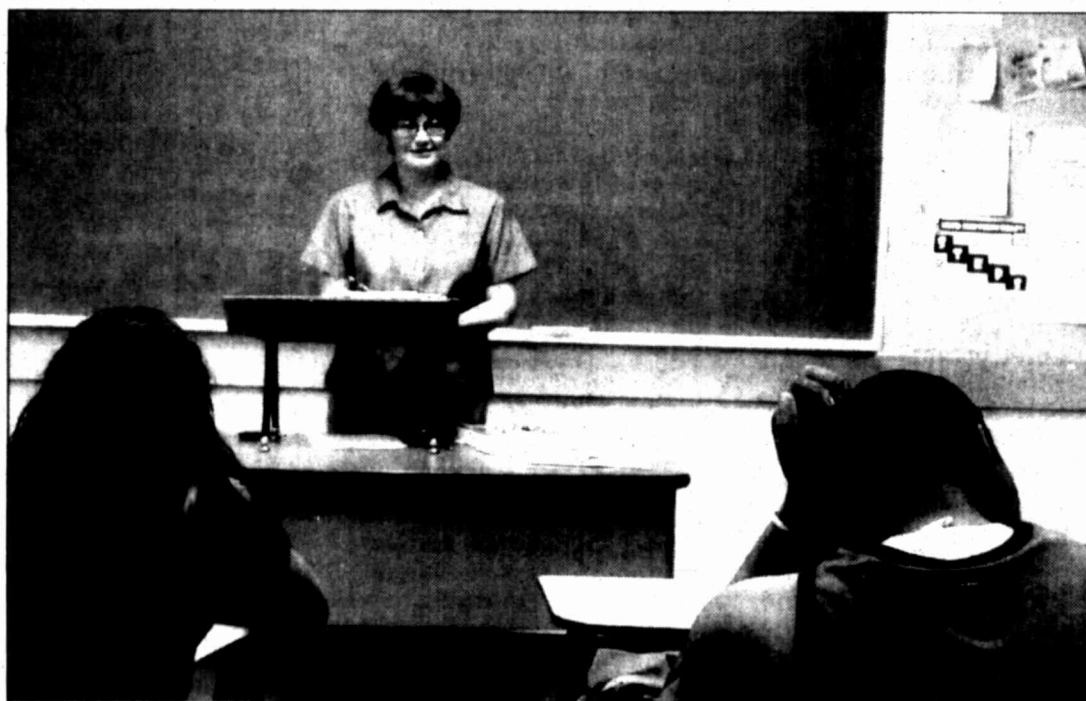
After 32 years as a faculty member of Howard College, psychology instructor Dr. Mary Dudley says it is time to call it quits and will be retiring this year.

"I don't want to not want to teach," Dudley said. "I am getting close. It is time."

Dudley came to Big Spring and Howard College in her early 20s after her husband, Jerry, accepted a position as both a physical education instructor and men's dormitory supervisor.

During the couple's first years at the college, they lived in the men's dorm and Mary taught at Kentwood Elementary. Both Dudleys sought and obtained graduate degrees during the summer sessions.

Mary had some interesting times while living in the dormitory and one of



Courtesy photo

Dr. Mary Dudley lectures to her students during one of her final classes. Dudley has retired from Howard College after 32 years of service.

the more memorable moments came when she was studying.

She would study in a room and through one wall she could hear a student, known for his use of profanity, talking with someone on the phone. Through the opposite wall she over-

heard a student studying for the ministry practicing his sermon.

"I learned a lot," she joked. "I was trying to listen to the sermon, but I ended up listening to the other guy. I'd never heard any of that before."

Dudley became a full-time

Howard College faculty member teaching psychology in 1969 after earning her master's degree from East Texas State University in Commerce. She eventually earned her doctorate in higher education at Texas

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After 35 years, King retiring ... almost

By **LYNDEL MOODY**
Staff Writer

Howard College wrapped up another academic year Friday and said goodbye to a 35-year veteran English instructor, but not just yet.

"I am retiring because I am old," said English instructor Susan King. "I have taught for so long that I will make a little bit more money retired than I will working. In case retirement is not what I think it will be, I will be teaching two classes next fall."

King will return next year on a part-time bases to teach her two favorite courses, art history and world literature, for what she jokes are part-time "slave wages."

"I have never taught for

the money and it is a good thing," King said.

King, has two children, a son, Bill, who is a retired sheriff's deputy, and daughter, Elizabeth Treece, a medical technologist at the Veterans Administration Medical Center, and plans to spend more time traveling with her husband, David.

She came to Howard College 35 years ago because the college offered the couple teaching positions when many colleges had policies against hiring more than one family member.

Tired of commuting to different jobs because those policies, the Kings moved to Big Spring and stayed.

"I have always said there

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Courtesy photo

Susan King, English instructor at Howard College, stands in front of her American Scholastic Press Association awards for the Thistles magazine. After 35 years of teaching at Howard College, King is retiring this year.

Coahoma EMS sets May 26 observance

By **CARL GRAHAM**
Staff Writer

The Coahoma Fire Department and EMS unit has scheduled several activities to be held from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Saturday, May 26, at the fire station during National Emergency Medical Services Week.

National EMS Week is scheduled for May 20-26. It is a week long celebration to honor the approximately 750,000 EMS providers nationwide.

The theme this year is "Answering the Call" which addresses the commitment EMS providers make in answering the needs of their communities and the countless ways they continue to ensure our health, protection and physical well-being.

According to Kelly

Overton, EMS director of the Coahoma Fire and EMS Department, the job they do is unique from any other job.

"This job is different from any other job you can have," said Overton. "You are under tremendous pressure and have to think and react quickly and make flawless decisions. A lot of people aren't aware of what EMS providers do and how far their services reach into the community. EMS Week is a great opportunity to recognize the contribution of the past and to build upon them for the future."

Activities scheduled for the May 26 observance include a simulated one-car rollover that will simulate what happens to passengers when seat belts are not worn. It will be sponsored

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Health

BSSH puts focus on employees' well-being

By **VALERIE AVERY**
Herald Correspondent

Healthy employees miss fewer workdays and cost companies less in health insurance premiums.

Businesses which invest in their workers' health show a commitment to their staff members that extends beyond a paycheck, said Melvin Berry, Big Spring State Hospital's employee health coordinator.

In an effort to invest in its employees' health, Big Spring State Hospital will host an employee health fair from noon to 3 p.m. Wednesday in the Professional Building Conference Room. The health fair is free and open only to state hospital employees.

Glucose, blood pressure, oxygen saturation and hemoglobin screenings as well as pneumonia vaccines will be available, Berry said. The hospital's Wellness Committee was formed to assist employees keep tabs on their health in the midst of busy work schedules.

"We know that wellness programs reduce absenteeism, on-the-job injuries and costs associated with worker's compensation," Berry said. "Mostly, though, it shows that the company cares about its employees."

Big Spring State Hospital is Howard County's largest employer with nearly 700 employees on the payroll. An unhealthy workforce can be detrimental to the smooth operation of the organization, CEO Ed Moughon said.

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HERALD photo/Lynndel Moody

Volunteer Aminta Lopez leads Bauer student Breanna Hilario around the campus playground one of Hardin-Simmons University's famed white horses. Following Hilario is Bauer student Crystal Ramirez. Bauer students were treated to the ride by university officials after having read about the horses all year long.

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OBITUARIES

Mary Ella Nemmers

Mary Ella Nemmers, 86, of Big Spring, formerly of Mitchell, S.D., died on Saturday, May 12, 2001, at her residence. Funeral mass will be at 10:30 a.m., Wednesday, May 16, at the Holy Family Catholic Church in Mitchell, S.D. Interment will follow at St. Labre Indian Mission Cemetery in Ashland, Mont., on Friday, May 18.



She was born on Feb. 9, 1915, in Mitchell, S.D., and married Joseph Richard Nemmers on Aug. 29, 1938, in Mitchell, S.D. He preceded her in death on Aug. 7, 1969.

She was a graduate of Dakota Wesleyan University and attended Kent State University. She was a teacher for many years in numerous states, retiring from St. Labre Indian School on the Northern Cheyenne Indian Reservation in 1980. Mary Ella performed in many amateur plays and was an accomplished artist.

She was a member of Immaculate Heart of Mary Catholic Church.

Survivors include her daughter and son-in-law, Carol and Jim Kurth of Big Spring; six grandchildren, Michael Schmidt and wife, Becky, of Dallas, Robert Schmidt and David Schmidt of Big Spring, Kathleen Tiner and husband, Brian, of Abilene, Abbie Thackrah and husband, Tim, of St. Petersburg, Fla., and Jay Kurth of St. Petersburg, Fla.; seven great-grandchildren, Kyla, Brandon and Kirsten Hall and Haylee Tiner, all of Abilene, Jonathan Schmidt of Big Spring and Victoria and Timothy Thackrah of St. Petersburg, Fla.

Mary Ella was preceded in death by her parents, Thomas Patrick and Rosella Navin; four brothers, Louis, Kenneth, Virgil and Francis Carlyle Navin; and two sisters, Winifred Bacon and Cecile Harper.

The family visitation will be held at Bittner Funeral Home in Mitchell, S.D., Wednesday, May 16, at 7 p.m.

Local arrangements are under the direction of Nalley-Pickle & Welch Funeral Home. www.npwelch.com

W.E. (Lena) Hanson
Mrs. W.E. (Lena) Hanson, 96, of Colorado City, formerly of Big Spring, died on Sunday, May 13, 2001, in a Colorado City nursing home. Graveside funeral services will be at 10 a.m., Tuesday, May 15, at Mt. Olive Memorial Park with the Rev. Randy Gee, pastor

of Crestview Baptist Church, officiating. She was born on Nov. 16, 1904, in Winfield and married W.E. "Bill" Hanson on April 16, 1922, in Big Spring. He preceded her in death on Nov. 10, 1997.

Mrs. Hanson was a long-time resident of Big Spring and Howard County and was a homemaker.

She was a longtime member of Bethel Baptist Church in the Luther Community where she was a member of the Lena Hanson Sunday School Class and the substitute pianist. She was later a member of Crestview Baptist Church. She was a member of the Home Demonstration Club for 30 years.

Survivors include one daughter and son-in-law, Evelyn and Fred Van Steenburgh of Lake Colorado City; one granddaughter, Sheri Hart Quiroga of Colorado City; one grandson, Marlon Hale of Midland and one granddaughter-in-law, Becky (Robinson) Hale of Big Spring; one great-grandson, Billy Paul Herl of Arizona; and three great-granddaughters, Aletha Hale and Athena Hale, both of Big Spring, and Amanda Makowsky and husband, Daniel, of San Angelo.

She was also preceded in death by one son, Billie Marvin Hanson in 1959.

The family suggests memorials to Crestview Baptist Church, 2302 Gatesville Road, Big Spring 79720.

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

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Wanda Beeler, 63, died Friday. Graveside services were 11:00 AM, Monday at Trinity Memorial Park.

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class," she joked. "I am leaving just before the grandchildren show up."

Dudley feels a little apprehensive on leaving the psychology program.

"I want them to find someone who does it right," she said. "It needs to be taught just right. You can really mess up psychology and make it dull. It is not a crime, but is a sin. For sure, it should be a crime."

She plans to spend more time traveling with her sisters and spending time with her grandchildren.

Dudley said she will be contemplative the first day of school next year.

"I will probably stay in bed," she said. "I will look out over the paper and say bless their hearts they are working now."

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is nothing much wrong with Big Spring except not having an ocean nearby," said King, who spent much of her childhood near the Texas Gulf Coast and lived in South America in her early teens.

King said she decided on a teaching career because she thought it would be fun.

"As a teenager, I had to plan what would be fun for the next 40 years and I thought teaching would be it, "and I was right," she said.

She began that career as a junior high school teacher but learned she was teaching the wrong age group.

"The first year of teaching, I taught junior high school English and that was enough to show me where I did not want to teach," she said.

She moved on to teach junior college English and believes all teachers must love to teach or should not be in the profession.

"I think a person who doesn't love his job ought to quit," she said. "If you don't love teaching go find another skill. It is easier on you and a lot better for the future of our young people."

Several years ago, King started the first "Thistles" magazine that features art work and original literature submitted by Howard College students.

During its several years of publication, the magazine has won two first-place writing awards from the American Scholastic Press Association and one first-place award from the same organization for photography.

During her 35-year career at Howard College, King has taught a number of students that have taken leadership roles in the community and she is quick to point them out.

"I taught Terry Hanson (executive-vice president of Howard College) when he was a beardless boy," she teased, and said she has also instructed Big Spring Police Chief Lonnie Smith and several city council members along with many nurses, teachers and other West Texas residents.

"Anything one of my former students accomplishes I like to take credit for and if they mess up, I say that kid was already ruined when I got him," King joked.

"Every semester there were a different assortment of students," she said. "Every group has its own personality. Most classes

changed and Dudley remembers a time when there was discussion on whether to allow female students to wear pants to the library.

"Female students were not allowed to wear pants to class and faculty would not even dare," she said. "I remember feeling very brave the day I taught in a pants suit."

As a teacher, she taught both her daughters, Julie and Lee Ann, in class.

"I had to be very careful not to act like their mother in class," she said.

During her years of service to the college, Dudley has worn a number of hats including working in administration, but teaching psychology is where her heart has always been.

"Teaching is what I do best," she said. "Psychology has so many theories. You don't find many absolutes in psychology. It is still changing, always in flux."

Dudley said she hopes her students not only walk away from her classes knowing the academic information but also understanding themselves a little and their relationships to other people.

Now Dudley said it is time for her to do other things.

"I don't want to be a teacher when I am not excited about it," she said. "It is just time."

"I have students tell me their mother took my

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were made up of very nice people well worth teaching."

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by the Texas Department of Transportation (TxDOT). Also scheduled is a smokehouse sponsored by the Conoco Corp. The smokehouse will give children an opportunity to go through it and experience what a burning house would be like and how to escape from a fire.

There will also be a bike course for all ages that will teach bike safety rules, a coloring contest and the Howard County Sheriff's Office will be on hand to do fingerprinting of all the children.

Adults will not be left out, though, as blood pressure screenings and blood sugar clinic have been scheduled, thanks to donations from Leonard's Pharmacy, Rx Services and Wal-Mart Pharmacy.

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"If someone's ill and can't work, it just creates an extra burden for the people who are here," Moughon said. "We specialize in intensive psychiatric care and that requires an inordinate number of people. We encourage our workers to stay physically and emotionally healthy so they can give our patients the best possible care."

BSSH officials encourage participation in events such as "Walk Across Texas" and offers discounted rates at the Howard College Fitness Center.

Studies on wellness programs indicate that increased productivity is one of the most important benefits of operating a business with fit, healthy employees. Wellness programs also help recruit and retain the most effective, productive employees and improve morale, Berry said.

"These programs are inexpensive ways to show employees the organization is interested in them as total persons," Berry said.

Cardiovascular exercise machines, including a treadmill and stairclimber will be set up during the employee health fair to demonstrate proper technique.

"Many people are embarrassed to use these machines at the gym because they don't know proper form and are afraid to ask," he said. "We'll be demonstrating the proper way to exercise."

The glucose check will detect the amount of sugar in a person's blood. More people are developing adult-onset diabetes because people are leading more sedentary lives, Berry said.

Oxygen saturation tests indicate the amount of oxygen circulation in the blood. Low levels could cause people to gasp for air.

Hemoglobin screenings will detect the amount of hemoglobin, which carries

iron and oxygen. "If you get anemic, you are tired and run down all the time," Berry noted.

The employee health fair is being held in conjunction with National Employee Health and Fitness 2001 — the largest worksite health and fitness observance in the United States. It is sponsored by the National Association for Health and Fitness, a nonprofit organization whose mission is to improve the quality of life for individuals in the United States through the promotion of physical fitness, sports and healthy lifestyles.

BRIEFS

A CENTENNIAL CELEBRATION HISTORICAL book of the Big Spring Independent School district will be on sale at the BSISD administration building.

The 56-page book features the history of public schooling in Big Spring and is on sale for \$10. The book includes the history of sports programs, clubs and organizations, along with notable graduates and memorable faculty and staff.

Copies of the book can also be purchased at the Heritage Museum.

THE COAHOMA LIONS CLUB is planning its Annual City-Wide Garage Sale. If you would like to participate and have a garage sale on Saturday, May 19th in Coahoma, register by calling Irene at 394-4424 or stop by the Little Sooper Market. Deadline is Wednesday, May 16th. The fee will be the same as always - \$15.

FORSAN ISD KINDERGARTEN ROUNDUP If you have a child that will be 5 years old on or before Sept. 1, 2001, and will attend Elbow Elementary School, please preregister your child as soon as possible for the 2001-2002 school year. You may preregister Monday-Friday between the hours of 8 a.m. and 4 p.m. in the Elbow Elementary Office.

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McVeigh now said to be re-evaluating his decision to be executed

WASHINGTON (AP) — As Timothy McVeigh re-evaluates whether he wants to be executed, lawmakers are considering hearings into the FBI's failure to disclose evidence in the Oklahoma City bombing case.

When McVeigh originally decided not to pursue further appeals, he had no idea the FBI had withheld evidence, attorney Robert Nigh said Sunday.

"In light of that, it's completely reasonable for him to re-evaluate his position," Nigh told "Fox News Sunday." "The facts of the case are now certainly at issue."

McVeigh "has indicated now that he is at least willing to take a fresh look at things, hear our analysis of the facts contained within the documents and our legal analysis of his options," Nigh said on CBS' "Face the Nation."

The FBI's lapse has prompted members of Congress to urge hearings into how it happened, and one Democrat wants President Bush to appoint a blue-ribbon commission to review the FBI.

Defense attorney Nathan Chambers questioned whether the FBI has disclosed all evidence. "Are we

going to learn next week that there are yet more documents?" Chambers said on ABC's "This Week."

"There are a lot of questions that a lot of people have for the FBI, and as we move forward in these next few days, that question will be one that is answered," said Mindy Tucker, spokeswoman for Attorney General John Ashcroft.

A former prosecutor in the case said she believed the foul-up was unintentional and that the documents should not affect the outcome of the case.

"He has confessed to the crime. The evidence during

the trial was absolutely overwhelming," Beth Wilkinson said on ABC. "I believe it is very unlikely that there will be any information that would be useful to Mr. McVeigh."

McVeigh and his lawyers are considering whether to seek a delay in his execution, postponed until June 11 by Ashcroft.

Ashcroft said he will not impose any further delays.

Just days before McVeigh was to be executed, the FBI disclosed that some 3,135 investigation materials — including interview reports and physical evidence such as photographs, letters and

tapes — were withheld from McVeigh's lawyers.

McVeigh was to be executed for the April 19, 1995, bombing of the Alfred P. Murrah Federal Building in Oklahoma City that killed 168 people.

The defense team has just begun reviewing the documents and Nigh said he was not prepared to disclose what was in them. He did, however, contend that "the fact of the production itself could possibly change the legal outcome of the case."

McVeigh had indicated he "did not wish to spend the rest of his life in an 8-by-12 cell," Nigh said. But that

was after losing court appeals, and before the new evidence now available to him, the lawyer said.

Asked about trying to put off the execution beyond June 11, Nigh said: "It is his case, and he has to determine what he wants to do."

Sen. Charles Schumer, D-N.Y., said he would ask Bush for a special commission to examine the FBI from top to bottom.

Schumer cited a number of problems at the FBI, including the February arrest of agent Robert Philip Hanssen, who is charged with selling national secrets to Moscow.

Bush energy plan has no short-term fixes for problems

WASHINGTON (AP) — President Bush, preparing a plan to address the country's energy needs, sees no short-term fixes for consumers facing big electric bills and \$2-a-gallon gasoline.

Instead, Bush views long-term energy development as the answer, and he is certain to face a battle in Congress over his plan, which is to be released later this week.

The administration hoped to garner support today from labor leaders whose union members would benefit from energy development and power-plant construction. Among those meeting with Vice President Dick Cheney was Teamsters president James Hoffa.

If this summer's high fuel prices turn into soaring home heating costs next winter, Bush's focus on long-term solutions could become a political problem not only for the White House, but also for congressional Republicans facing reelection in 2002, say some political analysts.

On Sunday, California Gov. Gray Davis accused

the White House of ignoring "the greed of ... Texas energy companies" by refusing to call for temporary price caps on soaring electricity costs in California and elsewhere across the West.

Davis, a Democrat, said on ABC's "This Week" that the administration "was dropping the ball" by refusing to address the West's power crisis.

Bush says that interfering in the free market would deter investment in power plants and worsen electricity supply problems.

Environmentalists and congressional Democrats say his plan will be too heavily tilted toward production of conventional fuels and not conservation or development of renewable energy sources such as wind and solar energy.

Bush sought to blunt that criticism in his weekly radio address, promising a "comprehensive energy plan to help bring new supplies of energy to the markets." His proposals will encourage Americans "to use more wisely the energy supplies that exist today."

Districts crack down on pomp and shenanigans

AUSTIN (AP) — The month of May, which blooms annually in high school and college graduations, also has included a number of academic pranks.

But this year is different, at least in high school. Principals across Central Texas this year are cracking down on commencement ceremony shenanigans.

Some school systems require seniors to sign a behavior contract before their 10-second walk across the stage. Officials at Westlake High School west of Austin are warning that they might search students

who are suspected of smuggling banned items into the ceremony.

Educators at other schools are threatening to temporarily withhold the diplomas of those who purposefully trip across the stage or act in another way that shatters the decorum of somber commencement rites.

"If you misbehave crossing the stage, I will withhold your diploma, and you will not get it until I meet with you and your parents," Barbara Gideon, principal of Crockett High School, told the Austin American-Statesman. "I hate to even

have to make such a threat, but it's important to me that they don't act the fool."

She has also told seniors not to put on their robes until they are on the floor of the Erwin Center for graduation on May 26. She hopes that will cut down on the contraband smuggled inside beneath their robes.

At Connally High School in Austin, would-be comics face mandatory community service if they want to see their diploma.

Administrators at Johnston High School in East Austin require students to sign a contract,

promising to attend graduation rehearsal and to wear slacks or dresses. Assistant Principal Cathy Cunningham said students who do not attend rehearsal or who dress inappropriately will not be allowed to participate at graduation.

At LBJ High School in Northeast Austin, behavior contracts are also required.

Cunningham said when she was Bastrop High School administrator, she saw relatives of a student bound for Texas Tech University toss tortillas on the stage erected at the high school football stadium.

Jury selection begins in high-profile polygamy case

SALT LAKE CITY (AP) — Tom Green believes it's his outspoken nature more than his polygamist lifestyle that has led to his prosecution in Utah's first high-profile bigamy case in 50 years.

"You stick your head out of the hole, the government will shoot it off," said Green, 52, who lives with his five wives and 29 children near Trout Creek, 125 miles southwest of Salt Lake City.

Green has defended his lifestyle on "Dateline NBC" and "The Jerry Springer Show," and held news conferences despite a judge's warning not to do so.

His high profile caught the attention of Juab

County Prosecutor David Leavitt, who will try him on charges of bigamy and criminal nonsupport. Jury selection was to begin today.

Green could get 25 years in prison if convicted on all counts.

Green believes he is being singled out.

"That's been the unwritten rule for 50 years in Utah," Green said. "You'll pretend you don't exist and we'll pretend you don't exist."

In addition to the government, Green blames the Mormon church, saying a professor from church-owned Brigham Young University helped prosecutors. A church spokesman

declined to comment.

Green is also facing a charge of child rape stemming from his relationship with one of his wives when she was 13. No trial date has been set in the case.

Until the 1950s, polygamists were periodically imprisoned. Some settled along the Arizona border, which they would cross when one of the states launched a raid. The last of those raids was carried out simultaneously by Arizona and Utah authorities. The incident backfired when the public, enraged by images of families being torn apart, protested.

There are now an estimated 30,000 polygamists living

in the West, most of them in Utah, and the practice is once again being criticized, in many cases by women who fled plural marriages.

The critics of the practice say that the polygamists' patriarchal societies foster child abuse, incest and — because few practitioners can afford to support their enormous families — welfare fraud.

Polygamy arrived in Utah in the 1840s, when members of The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints settled in the state. Mormon leaders believed the practice was required by God because some Old Testament prophets took multiple wives.

Squeezed out of cities, meth labs sprouting in forests and park lands

ASHFORD, Wash. (AP) — In the Tahoma State Forest in the shadow of Mount Rainier, hikers and hunters have been displaced by men in moon suits searching for contamination from methamphetamine labs and roping off sickly brown "dead zones" where meth-making's poisonous byproducts were dumped.

It's part of what authorities say is a national trend: As police crack down on methamphetamine in cities and towns, makers of the highly addictive drug are moving to vast, lightly patrolled state and federal forests to set up their labs. The number of busted meth labs increased tenfold over the past year in Washington state alone.

"It poses a danger to anyone out there in the woods," said forester Bob Brown of the Washington Department of Natural Resources. "Somebody could get killed or injured very badly by this stuff."

The simplicity of making meth — cheap to produce, with a potent high — has fueled its popularity. When users eat, inject or snort meth it makes them feel euphoric, energized and powerful. Addicts can go days without sleep. But the drug's downsides strike quickly: irritability, paranoia, aggression and violence.

The Tahoma forest was closed last month until at least June 10 after authorities discovered a meth lab including open containers of solution with a pH of 14 — corrosive enough to burn flesh off bones. A blast of anhydrous ammonia, a meth ingredient that leach-

es moisture from whatever it touches, could "take your eyeball and shrink it down to the size of a raisin," says Ashford Fire Chief Jim Gregory.

Closing an entire forest for a meth lab cleanup was a first in Washington, and no national forest has ever been shut down because of meth, said Kim Thorsen, deputy director for law enforcement and investigation at the Forest Service.

State investigators said it was necessary because the remnants were spread over about 100 acres and they needed to make sure they had found and cleared everything.

Despite thin resources — seven investigators for 2.1 million acres of forest — Washington authorities have been finding a lot more meth.

From 1996 to 1999, foresters found about two active meth labs per year on state forest land, according to DNR environmental specialist Phil Clark. In the past year, they've found 20.

Nationally, Thorsen said, the U.S. Forest Service found 107 meth labs and dump sites in national forests in 1999. Last year they found 488, a 356 percent increase.

"There are a lot of resources focused on cities and towns. Law enforcement drives those folks into rural areas, where there are fewer cops and they're not as easily detected," Thorsen said.

At the Mark Twain forest, the biggest trouble spot, Forest Service special agent Mike Green said the agency just hired two more agents in response to the problem.

"We're trying to play catch-up," he said.

The Washington State Patrol describes the Tahoma meth lab as medium-sized, capable of producing about two pounds of meth a day, worth up to \$16,000 on the street. The costs of cleaning it up are still mounting. A much smaller operation found last year at a nearby lake cost the state \$40,000.

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OTHER VIEWS

Relay again huge success thanks to all

Once again, our community has given of itself in an impressive fashion — this time surprising even the most optimistic of individuals.

That was the case Saturday when organizers of the Howard-Glasscock Relay for Life announced that the event had raised more than \$139,000 to benefit the American Cancer Society.

The word "unbelievable" as the only term Diane Wood, who served as co-chairwoman for the event, could muster.

"Unbelievable, just unbelievable," Wood said in announcing that the Relay had again raised a record sum. "Every year I think that we must have peaked out with this community, but they just never quit giving. They show that they want to see a cure for cancer."

It came as no surprise that the "Men In Black" group of Sid Richardson Carbon Company employees again raised the most money among large groups, collecting more than \$12,000. Nor was there any shock when it was announced that the small group category was topped by "Megan's Angels" for a seventh straight year by raising more than \$7,000.

But kudos are deserved by every individual who took part in the Relay, many of whom were making their first appearance in the event.

Also deserving of praise are all of those who pledged contributions by sponsoring participants in the Relay — each of those sponsorship dollars makes a difference and no contribution is too small.

So, take a bow, Howard and Glasscock counties, you've once again stepped up and been counted.

With such dedication, there will, indeed, be a cure. And it will come sooner than later, thanks all your efforts.

OTHER VIEWS

President Bush has had some sensible things to say about drug policy emphasizing the importance of treatment and other alternatives to incarceration, questioning mandatory minimum sentences and even saying states probably have the right to decide whether to allow marijuana to be used medicinally.

But news stories suggest he plans to appoint a hard-line drug warrior who sees punishment as the only effective tool and views the war on drugs as a moral crusade.

John P. Walters was the top aide to William Bennett when he had a notably unsuccessful term as "drug czar" in the first Bush administration.

Walters is on record as favoring harsher penalties and more aggressive enforcement as the key to winning the drug war, including more military involvement, stiffer federal penalties for marijuana possession and more aggressive pursuit of suspected drug traffickers in Latin America.

Before President Bush

hands the Office of National Drug Control Policy to a person with such a philosophy, he should consider not only common sense but recent political history.

In every state where a medical marijuana initiative has been on the ballot voters have approved it by landslide margins.

California and Arizona voters have approved new policies requiring probation and treatment instead of jail for simple drug possession and other states are virtually certain to follow.

Every poll shows that a big majority of Americans believe the drug war, as conducted in the old punitive way, is a failure.

The American people are ready for a different approach. President Bush should appoint somebody perhaps with a medical background committed to reassessing federal drug policy rather than cling to increasingly unpopular policies with a record of failure.

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Big drug companies are ripping us off

We're all used to eco-porn by now; those beautiful television ads featuring some natural jewel, during which an announcer with a (deep) voice tells us how much Exxon or some other gross polluter is doing to keep our precious earth green.

We always get a get a lot of this green-washing after oil-spills or whenever Congress contemplates regulating anything. The enviros keep track of the worst eco-porn offenders and, on April Fool's Day this year, Earth Day Resources saluted oil company BP Amoco, for its nonsensical campaign about being "beyond petroleum"; Boise Cascade, for its claim that it supports "sustainable forests"; Coca-Cola, for breaking its 1990 promise that it would use 25 percent recycled materials in its plastic bottles; Royal Dutch Shell, whose "Profits and Principles" ads do not mention the company's anti-environmental positions on global warming and the destruction of rainforests; and a motley assortment of other corporate liars, eco-wannabes and



MOLLY IVINS

a few suffering from deranged imaginations.

Just as we are learning to cope with eco-porn (any ad involving both wildlife and an oil company is to be hooted and jeered immediately), suddenly they unleash a flood of pharmaporn on us. (I'm embarrassed to say I didn't know the new politically trendy way to refer to the big drug companies is "pharmas." I've been calling them big drug companies — but the advantage of being in Texas is no one ever expects you to be up on this stuff.)

As a cancer survivor, I am particularly susceptible to the wonderful ad in which a woman recovering from breast cancer tries to express her gratitude to the drug companies that saved her life.

I know she feels the same gratitude to the doctors, the nurses, the orderlies, the health-insurance company, her best friend, her mother-in-law and many more. I know the gratitude caused by surviving cancer. I just didn't expect to see it exploited by Big Pharmas to counter all the rotten publicity they've been getting for their greedy, blood-sucking, murderous behavior all over the globe.

John LeCarre, the British master of the spy novel, based his latest work on the pharmas' role in Africa and recently wrote

in The Nation: "Big Pharma in the United States has persuaded the State Department to threaten poor countries' governments with trade sanctions in order to prevent them from making their own cheap forms of the patented, life-saving drugs that could ease the agony of 35 million men, women and children in the Third World who are HIV positive.

In pharma jargon, these patent-free, copycat drugs are called generic. Big Pharma likes to trash them, insisting they are unsafe and carelessly administered. Practice shows that they are neither. They simply save the same lives that Big Pharma could save, but at a fraction of the cost."

We all know the drug companies' famous excuse that they have to make huge profits on a drug in order to finance research and development of more. There's quite a bit of pharmaporn on this very subject. LeCarre responds, "Then kindly tell me, please, how come they spend twice as much on marketing as they do on research and development?"

Because it pays, of course. Spending on drugs in this country is up by a whopping 19 percent, so far out of line with the rest of the cost increases in the

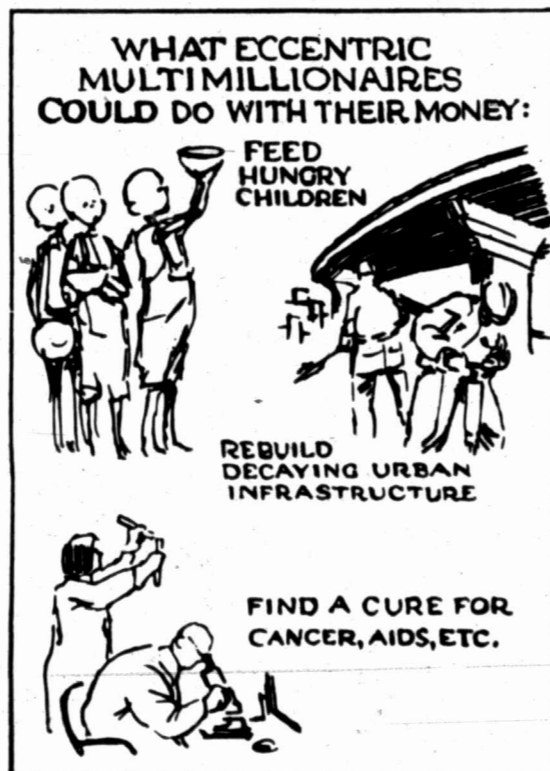
economy as to be obscene. Furthermore, a new study by the National Institute for Health Care Management Foundation says the \$20.8 billion in increased spending "was attributable, in large measure, to the rising volume of prescriptions for top-selling drugs."

In other words, people are asking for the heavily advertised patent drugs like Celebrex, Lipitor and Vioxx by name. Anyone want to make a small bet? Unless we continue to clean up campaign financing, the Pharmas will give so much to Congress for campaigns, the pharmas will no longer have to list the unpleasant side effects of the "wonder" drugs they advertise so heavily on television. Pharmaporn will achieve a whole new level without those hilarious warnings, "Can also cause bloody stool, stroke and unsightly hair loss."

Big Pharma's record on AIDS in Africa is so appalling, it's finally dropped its own lawsuit in April against South Africa to prevent the country from using generics to treat the disease. The lawsuit was a public relations disaster, necessitating more pharmaporn here lest anyone get the idea the pharmas are greedy beyond human comprehension and perfectly willing let millions of Africans die.

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For decades America's cities lay decaying as suburbs bloomed, but an urban renaissance is underway, simultaneously renewing and changing our cities. Dallas typifies what is happening and how the arts are leading the way.

The Dallas Arts District is the savior of a tough metropolis otherwise known only for hard-bitten business and sports. Now a Fortune 500 company in search of a new headquarters has chosen Dallas, in part because it is "a great place to hear classical music."

The Arts District has revitalized Dallas. If you go to the Henry Moore show currently at the Dallas Museum of Art, to the Crow Collection of Asian

Art, or to hear Mahler's Tenth at the Meyerson Symphony Center, you will understand the adage "If you care for a city long enough, the day will come when that city will care for you."

Now the moment has arrived for the next great fulfillment of the Arts District dream. It comes principally in two parts, both prophetic in their promise for the future.

One part is the Nasher Sculpture Garden, created by Renzo Piano, who also has been retained to do an expansion for the High Museum of Art in Atlanta, with landscape design by Peter Walker. It will make Dallas synonymous with 20th-century sculpture.

The other part is the Performing Arts Center, a new home long overdue for the Dallas Opera, Dallas Ballet, Dallas Theatre Center and other, smaller groups.

While the sculpture garden is privately funded, the performing arts center, following the plan of the art museum and the Meyerson,

is relying on public money from a bond election next May plus substantial philanthropy to bring itself into being. Fifty million is the figure hoped for from the voters, with the \$250 million balance coming from gifts.

But the potential pitfall lies not only in the faltering economy but also the plethora of worthy groups currently seeking funds. The symphony has just completed an endowment campaign that raised over \$55 million and is preparing to launch another. The Dallas Museum of Art is hoping to garner a substantial sum in endowment. Public television stations KERA and KDTN need \$14 million by 2003 for the digital conversion required of them by the federal government. They also hope to invest an additional \$10 million in three new studios, control rooms, editing and office space.

The Booker T. Washington High School for the Performing and Visual Arts is planning a public-private collaboration

with the Dallas Independent School District to build a badly needed new facility costing about \$40 million. Currently four nationally recognized architectural firms are vying for the job, and it's a crucial assignment because this building will go directly across the street from the Center for the Performing Arts. Together they will anchor the east end of the Arts District.

Another possibility just beginning to germinate for the Arts District or nearby is the Museum of Natural History, which is talking with Frank Gehry about a \$100 million building. Ralph Appelbaum, designer of the American Museum of Natural History in New York as well as Washington's Holocaust Museum, also is involved.

Unfortunately, not all of the current campaigns are candidates for next year's bond election. Choices must be made, but the good news is that the all the choices are cultural. As go the arts, so will go the cities.



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Palestinian policemen killed by Israeli fire; Israel hits Gaza stations

BEITUNIYA, West Bank (AP) — Five Palestinian policemen manning a roadside checkpoint in the West Bank were killed by Israeli fire today, and Israeli helicopters rocketed Palestinian security targets in the Gaza Strip, destroying 10 armored vehicles.

Thousands of Palestinians chanting "revenge" gathered outside a West Bank hospital for a memorial procession for the policemen who will eventually be

buried near their homes in the Gaza Strip.

The officers, ages 17 to 29, were killed by shots to the head and chest at a small Palestinian police outpost near the West Bank town of Beituniya, Palestinian officials said. Several bullets tore through the barrack walls.

Raanan Gissin, an adviser to Prime Minister Ariel Sharon, said shots were fired from the police station at Israeli soldiers who

returned fire. Gissin said he did not know whether the five men killed were the ones who opened fire. The Israeli army said the soldiers were engaged in an operation at the time and fired at "suspicious figures."

Lt. Ahmed Hanoun, deputy commander of the Palestinian police, said at first two officers were killed. The others ran out of the outpost when they heard the shots and three more

policemen were killed. The sixth was seriously wounded.

Hanoun said he believed the five were killed by snipers.

Across the Gaza Strip, Israeli helicopters and navy gunboats shelled 10 Palestinian security installations, including a compound of the Force 17 security service, a Palestinian police building and the offices of Palestinian leader Yasser Arafat's Fatah move-

ment. Four people were injured by shrapnel and one suffered from shock, doctors said.

Palestinian armored vehicles apparently were the main target of the raids. The Palestinians said 10 vehicles were destroyed. The Israeli army put the figure at eight.

The army said the attacks came in retaliation for "continuous Palestinian terror and violent escalation in

recent days."

The Palestinian police chief, Brig. Gen. Abdel Razeq Majáida, accused Israel of causing further escalation. "This Israeli crime is unjustified," he said.

In other developments, the Israeli army demolished a Palestinian police station and several other buildings in the West Bank village of Shuwakeh near the city of Tulkarem, in an area under Israeli security control.

U.S. official: Plan is not understood by Chinese

SINGAPORE (AP) — China does not understand Washington's intentions for a new missile defense system, a senior State Department official said Monday before departing for Beijing to discuss the plan.

"Part of the dialogue we will be having with China will be to allay the concerns they've expressed about something much grander than we have in mind," said James Kelly, assistant secretary of state for East Asian and Pacific affairs.

News reports from China "suggest that they really don't understand" the missile system plan, Kelly said after meeting with officials in the city-state of Singapore.

Kelly said he was to meet with Li Zhaoxing, China's vice foreign minister, and other Foreign Ministry officials Tuesday as part of lobbying to win Asian support for the missile defense plan. His tour also covers Japan, South Korea and Australia.

Other U.S. officials have made similar lobbying visits in Europe, where American allies have questioned the plan and Russia is firmly opposed to it. The U.S. plan would violate the 1972 Anti-Ballistic Missile Treaty between the United States and Russia, and some say it could spark a new arms race.

Beijing, which fears losing the deterrent power of its small nuclear arsenal, also has opposed the plan.

China also worries that Washington might extend protection from such a system to rival Taiwan, reducing Beijing's ability to use its growing missile forces to intimidate the island, which it regards as a renegade province. Chinese officials say they would react strongly to any move to include Taiwan in a regional missile defense.

However, Kelly echoed President Bush's contention that the ABM treaty is outdated, and said it limits the United States' ability to help its allies.

"We cannot, for example, transfer technology involving missile defense to any ally or friend" under the treaty, he said. The new U.S. missile defense program was not directed at any perceived threat from China, he added.

The missile dispute is part of a range of issues bedeviling relations between Beijing and the Bush administration, which has been more critical of China and supportive of Taiwan.

U.S.-China relations have been strained since the collision last month of an American spy plane and a Chinese fighter. The crash killed the Chinese pilot and led to the 11-day detention of the 24 Americans aboard the plane.

"It's unfortunate that the accident occurred ... and it's unfortunate that the plane is still in China," Kelly said.

The plane was not intended as the main topic of talks, but the incident would likely mean his China visit would not be "business as usual," he noted.



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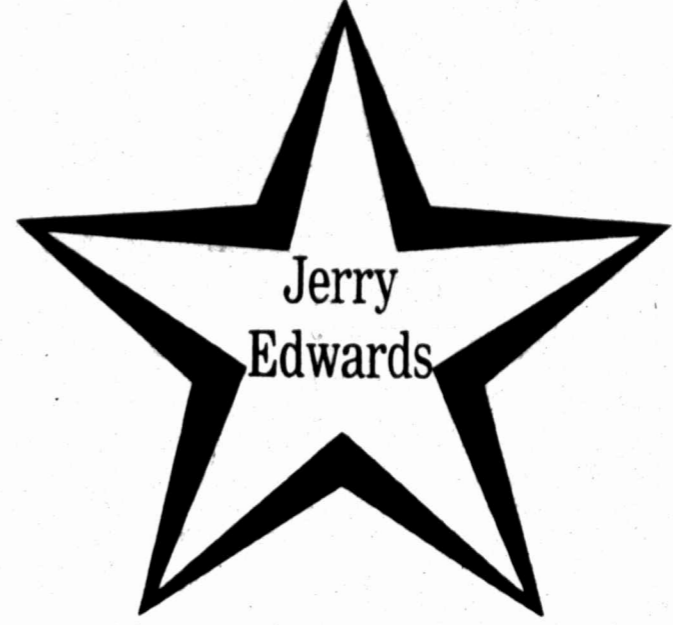
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Lady Steer booster club to honor athletes

The Lady Steer booster club will be honoring the female athletes at 6:30 p.m. today at the Big Spring Junior High Cafetorium. Tickets cost \$10 and are available at All-Star Sports, Big Spring Athletic Supply and the Athletic Training Center. For more information contact Kay Cook at 264-3662.

Big Spring merchant baseball league

There will be a meeting for all interested high school summer baseball players and parents at 7:30 p.m. Tuesday at the Athletic Training Center. This is for varsity and sub-varsity age groups. For more information call Jim Clements at 267-1069 after 6 p.m.

BSHS baseball booster meeting

There will be a booster club meeting at 6:30 p.m. Tuesday at the Athletic Training Center for parents of high school baseball players. We will be finalizing plans for the baseball banquet which is scheduled for Monday, May 21. For more information call Jim Clements at 267-4069 after 6 p.m.

Steer boys' hoops camp slated for June

The Big Spring Steers coaching staff will be hosting a boys' basketball camp beginning June 4-7. The camp will be for interested players completing grades first through eighth. The cost is \$45 and each camper will receive a free t-shirt and certificate. The camp will run from 1-4:30 p.m. daily at the Steer Gym. For more information contact Brian Ellington at 264-3648.

Benefit golf tourney at country club

There will be a two-man low-ball golf tournament at the Big Spring Country Club at 1 p.m. (shotgun start) Saturday and Sunday. The tournament will benefit the Big Spring High School golf team. There is a \$60 entry fee plus golf cart. (private carts are welcome). For more information call 267-5354.

Lady Steers hoops camp set for June

Registration is being accepted for the Lady Steers Fundamental Basketball Camp set for June 4-7 in Big Spring High School's Steer Gym. Campers will work in appropriate age groups on individual basketball skills and group drills. Sessions are from 8:30 a.m. to 11:30 a.m., but campers can arrive at 8 a.m. and stay until noon to accommodate work schedules. The camp costs \$45 and is open to current first through eighth graders. For more information call Avery at 264-0403.

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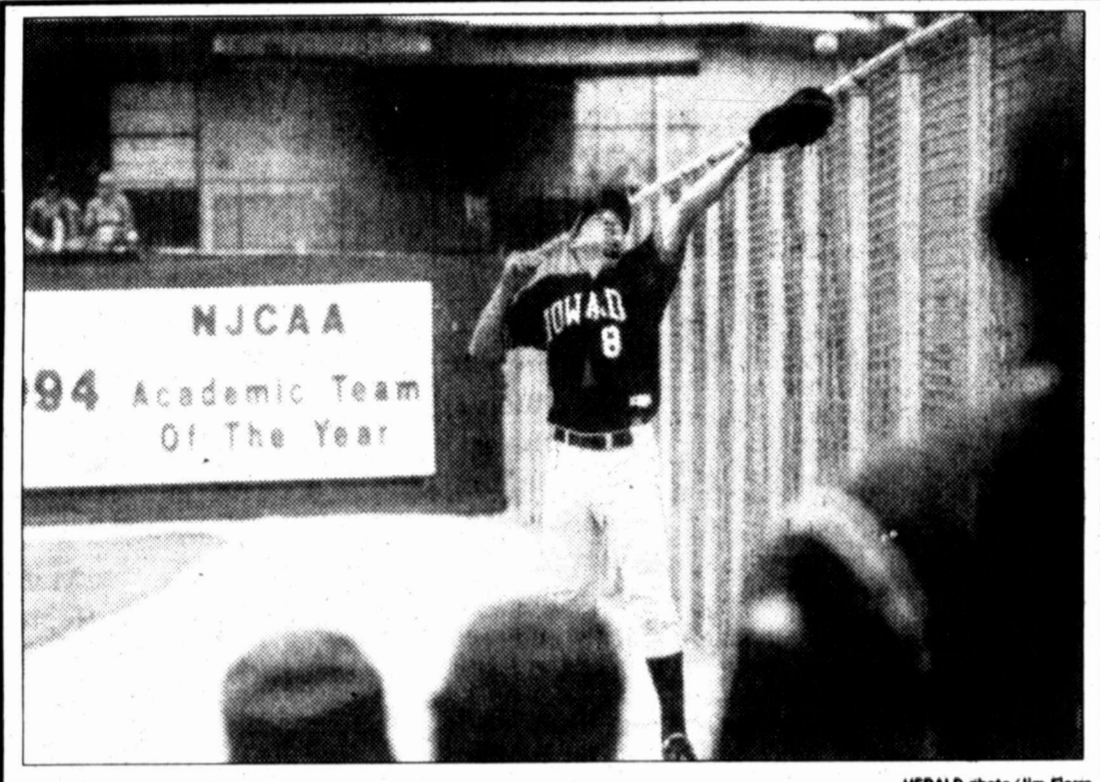
Damron gets first PGA Tour victory in a playoff

IRVING (AP) — Robert Damron finally made a putt that Scott Verplank couldn't answer, and won for the first time. Damron also got a good break and made a bold move Sunday in the final round of the Byron Nelson Classic before he finally beat Verplank with an 18-foot birdie putt on the fourth playoff hole, the par-3 17th. After Tiger Woods, Nick Price and David Duval were out of contention, and Verplank birdied three of the last four holes in regulation, Damron won his first PGA Tour event in a playoff distinctly different from those at the Nelson the previous two years. No one made a mistake on the extra holes. "I didn't have an option. Scott hit

them in front of me. So I think it made it easier," said Damron, a newly married 28-year-old who won \$810,000. "It gave me no choice. Either I step up and I hit a good shot or it's over." Verplank, trying to become the first Dallas-born player to win the Nelson, never had a birdie putt longer than 18 feet in the playoff. Three of those were just a turn away from falling. Damron and Verplank closed with 66s to finish at 263, three strokes ahead of the talented trio of champions who had been in contention for most of the day. Brian Watts and Justin Leonard, another hometown favorite, finished at 267. On the final hole, Damron took a risk, and it paid off. After hitting it close with a 6-iron

on the 17th in regulation and the first time around in the playoff, Damron decided to change to a 7-iron and take dead aim at a pin tucked behind the water. "The worst thing that was going to happen is we lose," he reasoned. "I didn't want to do it by backing down." Damron, who changed putters last week for the first time in his 132 PGA starts, curled his putt into the center of the cup. Verplank couldn't extend the play-off when his 15-foot birdie was well off the mark. The real break for Damron came on the 14th, when he found a gap in the trees just wide enough to clear the water hazard and land in the bunker, setting up a routine par save instead of chipping out of the

trees and likely making a bogey. Verplank then chipped in from 20 feet on the 15th to tie Damron at 15 under, and they tied birdies on the 16th — Verplank with a 15-footer, Damron by blasting out of a bunker to about 2 feet. After Damron hit a 6-iron to 10 feet on the 17th, Verplank answered with a 10-footer on the 72nd hole to force the playoff at the TPC at Las Colinas. Damron peeked at the leaderboard only once during the final round, on his fourth hole when he noticed that Woods was making a charge. Woods, playing for the first time since winning the Masters four weeks ago for his fourth consecutive major, birdied seven of his first 13 holes to briefly pull into a share of the lead.



Howard College's first baseman Andy Harrington (8) attempts to make a catch at the fence during the Hawks' home finale, weekend series against New Mexico Junior College. The Hawks qualified for the Region V Tournament as the fourth seed but failed to advance, falling in the opening round, 4-1 to North Central Community College and 5-3 to McLennan Community College.

Spurs aim to close out series against young Mavericks

SAN ANTONIO (AP) — It took just about all the Dallas Mavericks had, plus homecourt advantage, to pull off a win against the San Antonio Spurs. Now the young Mavericks must return to the Alamodome and once again face elimination against the playoff-tested Spurs. San Antonio leads the best-of-seven Western Conference semifinals 3-1 heading into Monday night's game. "It's like the Alamo — we've got our backs to the wall and we'll just keep on firing until we run out of cartridges," Dallas assistant coach Donnie Nelson said. Following three Spurs blowouts, the Mavs came out strong in Game 4 on Saturday.

All five starters scored in double digits. Michael Finley hit clutch shots. Dirk Nowitzki scored four of his 30 points late in the fourth quarter after being elbowed in the mouth and losing a tooth. "I don't know if we can play much better than that," coach Don Nelson said of the 112-108 victory. The Spurs climbed out of a 17-point, first-half hole and kept it close to the end. "We played great," Don Nelson said, "and we barely won." The achievement allowed the Mavs to hold onto slim hopes of becoming the first team to win a seven-game series after trailing 3-0. They are heartened — at least a little — by their first-round victory over Utah to become only the sixth team ever to win a best-of-five series after falling behind 2-0. "That's one thing about our team: We don't back down," said Calvin Booth, who came off the bench Saturday to score 16 points. "We don't give up." "If we can score 112 points against San Antonio every night," said Greg Buckner, "then we'll be OK." Not likely. That is more points than any Spurs opponent score in regulation all season, and 19 more than any Spurs opponent has had in eight playoff games. Plus, the Mavs shot terribly in the first three games. The Spurs, meanwhile, want to avoid another trip to the northern part of the state. "You never want to put yourself in a position where you let them up off the mat, where you give them confidence," David Robinson said. The Spurs are hoping that by stepping up their normally formidable defense and making more free throws while playing in front of their own fans, they will have plenty of time to rest before the conference finals begin next weekend. In Game 4, the Spurs went 29-of-41 from the foul line while the Mavs missed only one of 19 free throws. Tim Duncan, who led San Antonio with 29 points, went 11-of-19 from the line. "It seems like when we miss them, we miss them in bunches," Robinson said. "It bit us." Saturday's results left both teams talking about intensity. "We didn't come out with the same defensive intensity," said Sean Elliott, among the group who tried to stop Nowitzki. "They had a lot of shots that were uncontested. We didn't give them an inch, really, in the first three games."

Orioles come up big against Rivera

The ASSOCIATED PRESS

Scoring five runs in a game is an accomplishment for the hitting-challenged Baltimore Orioles. Doing it in one inning against Mariano Rivera — one of the game's best closers — was downright shocking. Rivera gave up a career-high earned five runs in a relief appearance, with Jeff Conine's three-run homer capping an 11th-inning burst that lifted Baltimore to a 10-5 win at Yankee Stadium on Sunday. "Countless times you see him come in and nobody ever gets the bat on the ball," Conine said. Especially the Orioles, who are 13th in the league in runs and last in homers. Baltimore blew a 5-3 lead in the ninth when Paul O'Neill hit a two-run homer. But the Orioles rallied in the 11th when shortstop Derek Jeter misplayed a potential inning-ending double-play grounder, allowing the go-ahead run to score. Mike Kinkade added an RBI single before Conine's

homer. Rivera (1-3) had never been roughed up like this in 339 previous relief appearances. He had last given up four earned runs against Atlanta on July 16, 1999. "It's not going to be the last time," said Rivera, who wasn't worried about the shaky performance. In other AL games, it was Seattle 7, Toronto 5; Boston 5, Oakland 4; Anaheim 14, Detroit 2; Minnesota 7, Kansas City 3; Tampa Bay 7, Cleveland 0; and Chicago 6, Texas 3. Baltimore built a 5-3 lead on Chris Richard's tying three-run homer in the fourth and Greg Myers' go-ahead two-run shot off Orlando Hernandez in the eighth. But Ryan Kohlmeier blew a save for the second time in nine chances when Chuck Knoblauch walked with one out in the ninth and O'Neill homered deep into the right-center field bleachers with two outs, his first home run since April 24. B.J. Ryan (2-0) entered in the 10th and struck out the

side, and finished off the Yankees in the 11th. New York had been 15-0 against teams with sub-.500 records. After the game, the Yankees were shaken when they learned Bernie Williams' father, 73-year-old Bernabe Williams Sr., had a heart attack and was in grave condition. New York's center fielder planned to return to Puerto Rico rather than accompany the team to the West Coast. "It puts a lot of things in perspective," said O'Neill, who played the final game of the World Series in 1999 just hours after his father died. **Red Sox 5, Athletics 4, 11 innings** Manny Ramirez tied the game with a two-run homer in the eighth. Jason Varitek hit the game-winning home run in the 11th off Jeff Tam (0-1) as Boston rallied at Fenway Park. Oakland loaded the bases in the 10th, but Derek Lowe (2-5) struck out Johnny Damon on a 3-2 pitch to end the inning.

Cardinals complete perfect homestand

The ASSOCIATED PRESS

Rookie Albert Pujols, J.D. Drew and the rest of the St. Louis Cardinals could do no wrong at Busch Stadium. The Cardinals completed a perfect seven-game homestand, roughing up wild Kerry Wood and the Chicago Cubs in a 13-4 romp Sunday. St. Louis won four games against Pittsburgh and three from the Cubs, outscoring its opponents by a combined 57-17. The Cardinals posted their first undefeated homestand against two or more opponents since Sept. 5-11, 1988, when they also went 7-0. "To come in here and win the whole homestand, I still find that hard to believe," manager Tony La Russa said. "You just can never figure this game." The Cardinals, who moved ahead of Chicago for first place in the NL

Central, now head to Pittsburgh to start a season-high, 12-game road trip. Pujols hit his 13th homer. The 21-year-old third baseman is batting .370 with a team-leading 42 RBIs. Drew hit his 14th homer, only four shy of his entire total last season. "I'm glad he's doing well and I'm glad I'm doing well," Pujols said. "It's no competition or anything, he's trying to do his job and I'm trying to do my job. I hope he hits one every day." Jim Edmonds and Larry Sutton also homered for St. Louis. Fernando Vina hit a bases-loaded triple off Wood, who walked seven in four innings. In other NL games, San Francisco downed New York 6-3, Los Angeles beat Atlanta 3-1, Florida rallied past San Diego 10-4, Montreal downed Colorado 14-10 and Milwaukee topped Pittsburgh 4-1.

The Cubs dropped their fourth straight game and also lost third baseman Bill Mueller for two months. Mueller broke his left kneecap when he ran into a wall trying to catch a foul popup. He was batting .317. **Diamondbacks 6, Phillies 1** Randy Johnson struck out 12 in eight innings to lead Arizona over Philadelphia. Johnson, coming off his 20-strikeout performance against Cincinnati, threw 146 pitches. The record for strikeouts in consecutive games is 33, set by Kerry Wood in 1996. Mark Grace hit a grand slam for the Diamondbacks and Reggie Sanders hit a two-run homer. Later, Sanders was hit by a pitch from Robert Person, who was ejected after the benches and bullpens emptied.

Bryant returns to lead Lakers in series sweep

SACRAMENTO, Calif. (AP) — On Saturday night, Kobe Bryant was by his ailing wife's side in Los Angeles. A few hours later, he was at Arco Arena, inspiring the Lakers with his words before leading them to yet another victory. Bryant set career playoff bests with 48 points and 16 rebounds Sunday as the Lakers advanced to their second straight Western Conference finals with a 119-113 victory over the Sacramento Kings, sweeping the best-of-seven series. Bryant's 84 points in the Lakers' two victories in Sacramento helped back words of leadership that drew praise from coach Phil Jackson — as did Bryant's ability to produce two phenomenal performances while his wife was ill. "It's been an emotional few days for him, but he was fantastic on the court," Jackson said. "He has a lot of poise for a young man his age." Bryant, who married Vanessa Laine last month

after an engagement that began during last season's playoffs, found out hours before tipoff of Friday's Game 3 that she had been taken to an emergency room with a severe pain in her left side. After being assured by doctors that his wife's life wasn't in danger, Bryant scored 36 points in the Lakers' victory and rushed home, only to find his wife sleeping off her undisclosed malady. After a relaxing day, Bryant returned to Sacramento and finished his two-game virtuoso performance. "It wasn't a distraction at all," Bryant said. "It puts things in perspective a little bit more. You understand that this is just a game. The love that I have at home with my wife means so much to me. It's important that she stays in good health. It was a scary situation." In other NBA playoff games, Philadelphia beat Toronto 84-79; and Charlotte beat Milwaukee 85-78.

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

ARIES (March 21-April 19) ***** Sort through all the "musts" so you can free up time. Gather with friends over lunch or after work. A discussion unnerves you, but in the long run, it

opens up your mental vistas. Your humility wins friends and opportunities. Tonight: Thinking about joining a new organization? Go to a meeting.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20) ***** Others sometimes need your take-charge attitude. You know it; they know it. Nevertheless, a diplomatic style wins friends and opportunities. Others go along with requests. Refuse to haggle over money. Stay above the petty. Tonight: Work as late as necessary.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20) ***** Others challenge you, no matter what. Try as you might, you do not see eye to eye with others. Convert a difficult situation into one of growth for yourself. Seek solutions. Remain optimistic. Know that you don't know everything. Tonight: Rent a movie.

CANCER (June 21-July 22) ***** Work with someone. Don't emphasize differences; instead, explore similarities. A greater understanding of others brings results that please them -- and you as well. Money matters could be touchy if

you buck procedures. Tonight: Make peace rather than triggering trouble.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22) ***** Bone up on your listening skills. You might not otherwise realize how much someone reveals about himself. You inspire others with your innate creativity. Help to drive an important goal across the finish line. Others cheer you on. Tonight: Avoid all jealousy.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) ***** Redirect your work in a way that makes a difference to others. Your intelligent questions and ability to adapt earmark your success. Responsibilities fall on your shoulders, but you can handle them. A family member might be jealous. Tonight: Rush off to the gym or take a walk.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22) ***** Not everyone sees eye to eye with you, especially someone in your day-to-day circle. Diplomacy goes a long way in avoiding a difficult situation. Make long-distance calls. Don't hesitate to seek out the information you need. Take time to laugh and relax. Tonight: Do something you love!

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21) ***** Understanding another's financial position takes a great deal of work. Take a break and browse through a metaphysical bookstore. Redefine your thinking. Your sensitivity helps others to relax and to not worry so much. Tonight: Curl up with a good book.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21) ***** Speak your mind, and you'll get results of the nature you might have only dreamed of. Use the daylight hours for success. By later in the day, you might be a bit cranky. Extremes punctuate your mood. Allow yourself to be wrong sometimes. Do something just for yourself. Tonight: Out and about.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19) ***** Expenses dominate your thoughts, as does making money. You work hard to achieve your goals. Your high energy allows you to do more than most will even attempt. A moneymaking idea intrigues many around you. Remember that anything is possible.

Tonight: Treat yourself well.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18) ***** Your smile goes a long way toward disarming others. Friends might be quirky, as they first support your ideas and then challenge them. Maintain your sense of humor and allow others to get closer. Creativity has many potential outlets -- choose yours.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20) ***** Don't assume. Ask. Someone whom you put on a pedestal could challenge you on a very important level. Understanding takes you in a new direction. A discussion that might be

difficult can be turned around. Stay secure, despite mixed feelings. Tonight: Vanish and turn on your answering machine.

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IN THE NAME AND BY THE AUTHORITY OF THE STATE OF TEXAS, NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN AS FOLLOWS: TO: MARY LOU FERRIO and any and all other unknown owners or persons, including adverse claimants, owning or having or claiming any legal or equitable interest in or lien upon the following described property delinquent to Plaintiffs herein, for taxes, to-wit: ALL OF LOTS THREE & FOUR (3 & 4), BLOCK SIX (6), BAUER ADDITION TO THE CITY OF BIG SPRING, HOWARD COUNTY, TEXAS.

Which said property is delinquent to Plaintiffs for taxes in the following amount: \$652.15, exclusive of interest, penalties, and costs, and there is included in this suit in addition to the taxes all said interest, penalties, and costs thereon, allowed by law up to and including the day of judgment herein.

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Plaintiffs and all other taxing units who may set up their tax claims herein seek recovery of delinquent ad valorem taxes on the property hereinabove described, thereon up to and including the day of judgment herein, and the establishment and foreclosure of liens, if any, securing the payment of same, as provided by law.

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You are hereby commanded to appear and defend such suit on the first Monday after the expiration of forty-two (42) days from and after the date of issuance hereof, the same being the 4th day of June, 2001 before the Honorable District Court of Howard County, Texas, to be held at the courthouse thereof, then and there to show cause why judgment shall not be rendered for such taxes, penalties, interest, and costs, and condemning said property and ordering foreclosure of the constitutional and statutory tax liens thereon for taxes due the Plaintiffs and the taxing unit parties hereto, and those who may intervene herein, together with all interests, penalties, and costs allowed by law up to and including the day of judgment herein, and all costs of this suit.

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Which said property is delinquent to Plaintiffs for taxes in the following amount: \$733.95, exclusive of interest, penalties, and costs, and there is included in this suit in addition to the taxes all said interest, penalties, and costs thereon, allowed by law up to and including the day of judgment herein.

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Older child sleeping with parent can be unhealthy

Dear Ann Landers: I am a divorced father. My 10-year-old son, "Kenny," lives with his mother in another state for most of the year. He stays with me over the summer months.

Kenny still sleeps in a double bed with his mother.

I have offered to buy another bed, but my ex-wife says, "It isn't necessary." When Kenny stays with me, he has his own room and has no problem sleeping alone. I have tried to discuss my concern with my ex-wife, but she changes the subject or hangs up the phone.

I believe Kenny is too old to be sleeping with his mother. There have been instances of sexual abuse on her side of the family, and I worry that history might repeat itself. In my opinion, this is NOT a healthy situation, but I don't know what to do about it. Please advise me. - A Concerned Father in Tennessee

Dear Concerned Father: A 10-year-old boy still sleeping in his mother's bed? I'd say you have something to be "concerned" about. That sleeping arrangement should have ended several years ago.

Inform your ex-wife that another bed is "on the way." Then send it. Every authority with whom I checked said this practice is unhealthy and that you should insist it be stopped at once.

Dear Ann Landers: I am writing in response to "Anonymous in Pennsylvania," whose husband had an affair 50 years ago. The Other Woman had threatened suicide if he didn't divorce his wife. The husband and wife managed to stay together. After all these years, the affair continued to bother the wife and she needed to put it behind her. She finally phoned the Other Woman to say she'd forgiven her, and guess what? The so-called homewrecker didn't even remember who the man was.

I, too, carry the same burden. My wife had an affair 20 years ago. She was having an affair with a doctor because she was hoping to "trade up." Doctors are considered "the cream of the crop" -- very prestigious. The doctor eventually dumped my wife. She then moved back home with me, but I have not trusted her since. If it weren't for our children, I would never have taken her back. When the kids are out of the house, I plan to get a divorce.

Believe me, Ann, the hurt NEVER goes away. It wouldn't matter if 50 years had passed, there is no way I could ever forget the pain I suffered and the anger I felt. -- Remembering in Los Angeles

Dear L.A.: Any man who is still punishing his wife for an affair she had 20 years ago should check to see how many shingles have fallen off his roof. One of the greatest of human virtues is the ability to forgive. It not only frees the sinner but enriches the life of the one who has been

sinned against. Hanging onto old hurts and licking the wounds accomplishes nothing. It merely prolongs the pain. Give it the deep-six, and let it go already.

Dear Ann Landers: I'm a little late with this, but I hope you will print it anyway. It's important.

It's a real struggle to raise decent girls who have a sense of modesty these days. I was appalled at some of the gowns worn at the Academy Awards. I thought a breast would fall out at any moment. Don't those women believe in bras? -- Mrs. D. in Halifax, Nova Scotia

Dear Mrs. D.: I agree, but I fear nothing WILL be done about this until a breast does actually fall out. Competition for attention is so severe, heaven knows what we will see next year.

Dear Ann Landers: My parents live 300 miles away, and I visit them two or three times a year and stay overnight. The problem is my mother-in-law. She wants me to take her along on my next trip.

My parents don't like my mother-in-law. She is a difficult woman, and traveling with her is no picnic. When I told my father that my mother-in-law was planning to come with me, he said, "Please don't bring her."

So far, I've been able to put off my trip, but I'm running out of excuses. Please tell me how I can prevent a disaster. -- Milwaukee Dilemma

Dear Dilemma: You cannot tell your mother-in-law that your parents don't like her. It would create a wound that would never

heal. Explain to the M.I.L. that you want to enjoy her company one-on-one, with no distractions. Then change the subject -- fast.

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