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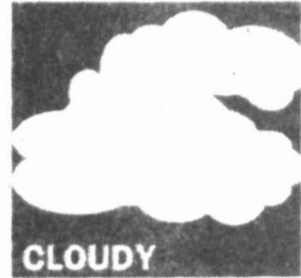
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WEATHER

Tonight:



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City council has full agenda this Tuesday

Bids, presentations and ordinances are on tap for Big Spring City Council, which meets at 5:30 p.m. Tuesday at City Hall.

Bids for a pre-fabricated metal building, pickups, a utility truck, roof replacement and repair and lease of a backhoe are on the agenda.

Council members will also hear a proposal for a tennis pro shop and a presentation on the Big Spring Area Community Foundation. New business items include a water conservation plan, a drought contingency plan, an agreement with Howard County to regulate subdivision plats and a contract with a caretaker for Moss Creek Lake.

WHAT'S UP...

TUESDAY

Intermediate Line Dance classes, 9 a.m., Senior Citizens Center. Call 267-1628.

Big Spring Evening Lion's Club meets at noon every Tuesday at the Senior Center in the Whipkey Room.

Big Spring Rotary meets at noon at the Howard College Cactus Room.

WEDNESDAY

Optimist Club meets at 7 a.m. at the Howard College Cactus Room.

Senior Circle Sit and Be Fit Chair Aerobics meets at the SMMC cafeteria at 10 a.m.

Duplicate Bridge Club meets every Wednesday, Thursday and Friday at 1 p.m. at the Big Spring Country Club.

Line dancing, 1 p.m., Senior Citizens Center. Call 398-5522 or 267-1628.

Fraternal order of Eagles Aerie Ladies Auxiliary meets at 7 p.m. at the Eagles Lodge, 703 W. Third.

THURSDAY

Gideons International, Big Spring Camp U42060 meets at Herman's Restaurant at 7 a.m.

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Planning for annual 'Pops in the Park' event under way

By JOHN A. MOSELEY

Managing Editor

While it's clearly some time before most Big Spring residents start making plans for the Fourth of July holiday, that is not the case for one group of local citizens. Members of the Big



BLACKSHEAR

Spring Fourth of July Foundation held their first full planning session Thursday, setting about making the first steps toward what has become one of West Texas' best Independence Day celebrations — the "Pops in the Park" concert and fireworks display and featuring the Big Spring Symphony and Chorale at Comanche Trail Park.

Heading into its fifth year, Pops in the Park has

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become nothing short of a tradition — an extravaganza the entire community anticipates.

Crowds of more than 8,000 have packed the Comanche Trail Park Amphitheatre each year for the show, and when one factors others setting up picnics in the park and those lining U.S. Highway 87, the number of those attending the concert is annually estimated between 10,000 and 12,000.

Members of the Big Spring Fourth of July Foundation spend much of the year making plans for the show which requires

more than \$20,000 to stage each summer.

Donations making the concert and fireworks show possible come from local businesses and individuals, as well as corporate sponsorships. What's more, they make it possible for the organizing committee to open the gates for all comers free of charge.

"It is the entire community's celebration," noted for-

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Ansteorra names a new heir to the throne

SCA kingdom holds tourney in Big Spring

By ROGER CLINE

Staff Writer

A master of business administration with a second master's degree in 15th Century English history. A four-time monarch of a kingdom whose land mass rivals that of the largest European nations. And now, for the fifth time, the heir-apparant of that kingdom.

These all describe Prince Patrick Michael Gordon, also known as Michael Riner.

Riner, who portrays Prince Patrick Michael in the medieval re-enactment group the Society for Creative Anachronism, was named heir to the throne of Ansteorra, the SCA kingdom comprising Texas and Oklahoma, after winning the kingdom's Crown Tourney this weekend in Big Spring.

Riner hails from Tyler, known as Rosenfeld in SCA terms.

About 150 SCAers gathered in Comanche Trail



HERALD photo/Roger Cline
Centurion Gustav, also known as Randy Gustavson of Lubbock, and Lord Alaric the Procrastinator, David Weingren of Lubbock, face each other in a test of arms Saturday after the Society for Creative Anachronism's Crown Tourney Saturday in Comanche Trail Park. Lord John Peregrine, John Woodard of Killeen, looks on.

Park for the two-night event which focused around Saturday's tournament, court and feast at and near

the Dora Roberts Community Center.

"We have, every six months, a crown tourney,"

Riner said. "The tournament is actually a test of arms, the strength of your sword arm. The idea is to

beat all comers. At the end of the tournament the last man standing is basically the winner."

Combats involve wooden practice-type swords and realistic, handmade armor and shields. Riner was undefeated over five bouts in the round-robin tournament to claim the crown.

Riner said he and his wife Julia, known in SCA circles as Princess Julia de Montoya, will be crowned king and queen of Ansteorra in about three months at an elaborate coronation ceremony.

"It's the second most important event that we have," he said. "At Crown (Tourney), you pick your heirs. At Coronation, the reigning king steps down and the new crown steps up. And we have a coronation that's as close as we can make it to medieval times where they crowned a new king."

The coronation's location has not been finalized yet, he added.

"We have a lot to say in it, and we haven't picked it yet," he said. "It will probably be either in Stargate, which is Houston, or maybe even in Rosenfeld. We'll try

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Croupler Roman Hines counts chips at the roulette table Saturday evening during the Vietnam Memorial Committee's fund-raiser at the LaVerdera Club. The event included a chill supper, a dance and "Casino Night" in which people could purchase \$500 worth of chips for \$20. After gambling for three hours, they spent their winnings at a charity auction. Proceeds benefited the Vietnam Memorial.

HERALD photo/Roger Cline

State hospital to honor medical staff on Tuesday

HERALD Staff Report

Big Spring State Hospital physicians will be honored Tuesday — National Doctor's Day — with a reception from 3 p.m. to 4 p.m. in the hospital's Professional Building Conference Room.

The hospital's 26-man medical staff are an integral part of the team which cares for the nearly 200 patients at the hospital and are responsible for all aspects of their treatment, including medication,

therapy and rehabilitation. "We wanted to set aside one day to say 'thank you' to all of our physicians," said Ed Moughon, state hospital CEO. "They are such a phenomenal group and do such a spectacular job."

The yearly recognition day was chosen to mark the first use of anesthesia for surgery by Dr. Clifford W. Long in Jefferson, Ga. on March 30, 1842. In 1958, Doctors' Day became a recognized national observance when Congress passed a resolution establishing the day.

Refreshments will be served during the come-and-go reception. The physicians also will be presented with a gift.



MOUGHON

For the Ortegas and Fords, being foster parents is a 'calling'

By VALERIE AVERY

Special to the Herald

A former Abilene State School service coordinator, Lori Ortega seemed a natural to become a foster care provider.

The problem was, she never thought about becoming one.

"They had a meeting about it, and I thought, 'We can do that. We have a big home — an eight-bedroom house.' And I love these folks," Ortega said of West Texas Centers for MHMR's initial meeting of the newly developed Home and Community Based Services (HCS) Foster Care program. On the way home, she ran over possible arguments to convince her husband, Roy, and her three teen-aged daughters it was a good plan.

"All Roy said was 'I think it will be a good idea,'" Ortega remembers of that conversation more than two years ago. Her youngest daughter wasn't too sure at first because "she's spoiled rotten," Ortega said laughingly. "She thought it might take away from her attention."

"Now, I don't think she could stand for them to be away. They are part of our family."

Three consumers — Norma, Jackie and Aireba — spent years living in state schools or community-based group homes operated by West Texas Centers for MHMR. Now, they are part of the frenetic pace of the Ortega household, which is deeply involved in the kids' extracurricular

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Courtesy photo
West Texas Centers for MHMR consumers Leticia Angulano, Cecil Mitchell and Loretta Mireles play a board game with their foster care parent Bertie Ford, second from left. Ford takes after their daily needs as part of West Texas Centers for MHMR's Home and Community Based Services Foster Care Program.

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OBITUARIES

Thornton A. Scott

Graveside funeral service for Thornton A. Scott, 74, of Stanton will be 3 p.m. Tuesday, March 26, 2002, at the Garden of Memories Cemetery in Sweetwater with Dr. Bill Welsh, minister of Bellevue Church of Christ, officiating.



Mr. Scott died Friday, March 22, in a Midland hospital following a brief illness.

He was born on Dec. 14, 1927, in Sweetwater and married Betty J. Taylor on Nov. 2, 1955, in Merkel. He was a veteran of the U.S. Army and retired from the Texas Highway Department and South Texas Construction. He was a member of Belvue Church of Christ.

Survivors include his wife, Betty J. Scott of Stanton; two sons, Mike Scott of Stanton and Tony Scott of Hobbs, N.M.; two brothers, Bill Scott of Sweetwater and Wendel Scott of Verhalen; one sister, Glen Swann of Gail; and two granddaughters.

The family suggests memorials to the Belvue Church of Christ, c/o George Costlow, P.O. Box 957, Stanton 79782 or the American Cancer Society, 2304 West Wadley, Midland 79705.

The family will receive friends at the funeral home from 6 p.m. to 7 p.m. today.

Arrangements are under the direction of Gilbreath Funeral Home.

Jim Stewart

Jim Stewart, 58, of Big Spring died Monday, March 18, 2002, in a Lubbock hospital.



Funeral services will be at 2 p.m. Tuesday, March 26, 2002, at the Nalley-Pickle & Welch Rosewood Chapel with Dr. Claude Craven, retired Baptist minister, officiating. Interment will follow at Trinity Memorial Park.

He was born on Sept. 10, 1943, in Gatesville and married Pam McInnes on Dec. 16, 1967, in Odessa.

Jim came to Big Spring in 1955 and graduated from Big Spring High School in 1963. He owned and operated Crossroad Auto Sales for 20 years. Jim was actively involved in the community. He was a high school sports booster and had coached and sponsored American Little League and football for 16 years.

He was a member of Trinity Baptist Church, a member of the Car Dealers Association and had served on the board of Hall-Bennett Memorial Clinic. He had served in the National Guard from 1965 to 1971.

Survivors include his wife, Pam Stewart of Big Spring; two sons and one daughter-in-law, Heath and Melissa Stewart and Andy Stewart, all of Lubbock; one granddaughter, Brylee Stewart; his mother, Lois Stewart of Big Spring; one sister, Nelda Green of Victoria; and several nieces and nephews.

Pallbearers will be Randall Reid, Matt Caperton, Bill Horton, Bob Hecker, Clay Harris, Barney Edens, Skipper Lewis and Randy Rister. Honorary pallbearers will be King McInnes, Laran McInnes, James Weaver, Eric Thompson, Bruce Cox, Patrick Gonzales, Jonathan Downey, John Kennedy, Adrian Calvio and Danny Pernicario.

The family suggests memorials to Pulmonary Fibrosis Foundation, 1075 Santa Fe Drive, Denver, Colo. 80204.

The family will receive friends from 6 to 8 p.m. Monday at the funeral home.

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

Harry V. Rawlings

Funeral service for Harry V. Rawlings, 75, of Midland, is pending with Nalley-Pickle & Welch Funeral Home. Mr. Rawlings died Saturday, March 23, 2002, at a local hospital.

SCA

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to get our group to put it on, but it's a big deal, and they're a small group."

The current monarchs of the realm are King Aaron and Queen Britta MacGregor, Michael and Tiffany Geisendorff of Midland.

"We had very good friends win, so this is joyous occasion," Michael said. "It is also a signal that we are halfway through our reign. It's fun being king and queen. It's a job. It's a 24-7 job, but it's fun. It's almost like another 40-hour a week job."

Tiffany explained that they had nothing to do with the proximity of the crown tourney to their home.

"The crown tourneys are set up on rotation," she said. "Each region takes a turn hosting it and they rotate it every six months so a different one has it. It was just coincidence that we were king and queen in a rotation when a place close to home had it."

Michael and Tiffany have both competed in crown tourneys in the past, so they know the amount of effort and training it takes to win. "It's very grueling," Michael said. "You start actually preparing for this months ahead of time, just like any other sporting event."

Tiffany agreed, but said that the real training starts far before the actual physical training.

"You actually start preparing years ahead of time,"

she said. "The skills to get to the point where you even start to consider yourself a viable candidate for it. The effort to be able to actually rule a kingdom and thousands of people and be able to know what the goings-on are, to make decisions for the group. It affects other people's lives."

The group often participates in Renaissance fairs around the kingdom, said Riner.

"We do a lot of demos for schools," he said. "Everything we do, we try to do as close to medieval as we can. Of course we don't do any of the Black Plague or anything like that. If we die, we get up and on Monday we go back to work. We have everybody from carpenters to mechanics to lawyers, to people who own their own companies, PhD's."

The local SCA group, the Shire of Crossrode Keep, holds a business meeting the first Monday of each month at the Howard County Library.

FAMILY

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activities in Sweetwater. "They move pretty fast too," Ortega said. "They race out the door for the front seat. If the car's leaving the driveway, they're going in it. They are really active. They just love to go."

Living in a foster care home has made a major difference in their lives, Ortega said.

"Everywhere I go, people tell me they can't believe how they've grown and how their skills have improved. It gives them consistency knowing that we're always going to be there. It makes them feel like they're a part of a family, because they are."

West Texas Centers for MHMR coordinates foster care for 21 consumers and 17 families through their Home and Community Based Services program in the 23-county region in which it serves.

Foster care families are always needed to provide care for consumers with mental retardation of all ages, said Rodney Jones, West Texas Centers for MHMR director of mental retardation services.

Families are interviewed, homes are surveyed and several background checks are conducted before a person is accepted as a provider, he said. West Texas Centers for MHMR has provided foster care for nearly two years to give consumers a higher level of independence, a family-like environment and more consistency in their lives.

Foster care families are reimbursed for their services, but many do it because of their love for the consumers, he said.

"Some have been apprehensive up front, but two months later they tell us that they just love it because the consumer has become part of their family," Jones said. "They live in their homes and participate in the family by attending family outings, gatherings and vacations."

Bertie Ford of Big Spring also has been a foster care provider for two years. She cares for three consumers in her Big Spring home. Raising four children of

A BIG SPRING AROUND THE TOWN

her own and taking on the three newest members of her extended family keeps her hopping.

But she said it's all worth it. "It keeps me pretty busy, but I still have plenty of time to do what I need to do for myself. It's worked out 100 percent for me."

After 17 years in a variety of positions with West Texas Centers for MHMR, including residential manager for four of the center's group homes, Ford yearned to provide more direct one-on-one interaction.

"This is something I've always wanted to do, and this was my opportunity to fulfill a dream I've always had. It gives me a lot of one-on-one with the consumers. It's like having a new family."

Ford is responsible for their daily care and training, including grooming, assisting with cooking, personal needs and transportation.

At Ortega's Sweetwater home, her husband Roy arranges his painting contracting hours around Jacki Norma and Aireba's schedules to get them to and from their jobs. Lori works as a special education resource teacher at Sweetwater Middle School and is her church choir director.

Foster care families may seek outside employment if it doesn't interfere with their foster care responsibilities, Jones said.

The Ortega's on-the-go lifestyle has been a perfect fit for the three consumers, Ortega said.

"Being a foster care family may not be for everybody, but it is for us," Ortega said. "It's kind of our calling. I think Jackie, Norma and Aireba are very happy here. I know we enjoy doing it."

West Texas Centers for MHMR provides mental health and mental retardation services to more than 3,800 people each year in 23 rural counties in West Texas. For more information on foster care or to request an application to be a foster parent or foster family, call Minnie Gonzalez at (915) 263-9769.

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mer Big Spring mayor Tim Blackshear, who is again serving as the Fourth of July Foundation's chairman for the event this year. "It's an evening to gather with friends and family at the park and join your neighbors in celebrating the fact that we live in the best nation on earth."

While Blackshear noted that committee members are just now beginning the process of formalizing this year's show, scheduled for July 3, he said he expects the 2002 event to follow very much the same program the celebration took a year ago.

"There will be a few changes, but you really don't want to do much tampering with something that's been a success," Blackshear noted. "And there's no question in our minds that everyone in the community sees this as a

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worthwhile event. "We've had overflow crowds at the amphitheatre every year," he added. "But that's part of the beauty of an event like this. Even for those who decided to spread blankets on the grounds outside the amphitheatre, the show was just as thrilling as for those sitting inside."

The 2001 celebration, which featured a performance by the Big Spring Symphony and Chorale and the traditional patriotic fireworks display, began with a performance by country music star Janie Fricke.

This year, however, the committee has opted for a country music review featuring local talent, rather than trying to book another "big name."

Sponsors of the event are the Big Spring Herald, Big Spring Area Chamber of Commerce, Big Spring Symphony, the city of Big Spring and KBST, which broadcasts the concert for those who are unable to get into the amphitheatre.

Yet the real key to the concert's success has always been the response from the businesses and individuals who donate funds for the project.

FIRE/EMS

The following is a summary of EMS and Fire Department activity

12:52 a.m. — 1300 block of Utah, medical call, one patient transported to Scenic Mountain Medical Center.

7:49 a.m. — 1700 block of Scurry, medical call, one patient transported to SMMC.

1:49 p.m. — 3200 block of Parkway, trauma call, one patient transported to SMMC.

6:55 p.m. — 400 block of East Fourth, medical call, one patient transported to SMMC.

9:12 p.m. — 1100 block of Johnson, medical call, one patient transported to SMMC.

POLICE

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

• JOHNNY CANTU, 29, of 1307 Goliad was arrested on a charge of evading arrest or detention by a vehicle.

• JOSE ALFREDO

GOMEZ, 19, of 1612 Settles was arrested for local and Department of Safety warrants.

• CONCHA GARZA HOLGUIN, 53, of 538 Westover was arrested on a charge of driving while license suspended.

• TOMMY CAMPBELL, 46, of 2006 Rannels was arrested on charges of running a stop sign and failure to use signal turn.

• LUIS RIOS JR., 36, of 711 Crieghton was arrested on a charge of driving while license invalid.

• RAUL RODRIGUEZ, 35, of 805 S. 18th was arrested on a charge of public intoxication.

• RUDY NARRO, 39, of 1002 S. Main was arrested on a charge of public intoxication.

• FRANCISCO MORENO, 68, was arrested on a charge of public intoxication.

• FIDEL MARTINEZ, 45, of 1009 NE 10th was arrested on charges of driving while intoxicated and for local warrants.

• THOMAS FAY, 61, address unknown, was arrested on a charge of public intoxication.

• ROBERT LOVELADY, 19, of 2911 W. Highway 80 was arrested for local warrants.

• BURGLARY OF A BUILDING was reported in the 1100 block of N. Lamesa.

• BURGLARY OF A HABITATION was reported in the 800 block of Rosemont.

• UNAUTHORIZED USE OF A MOTOR VEHICLE was reported in the 1600 block of south Main St.

• DOMESTIC DISTURBANCE was reported in the 1000 block of Main, in the 2600 block of Hunter Dr., in the 600 block of northwest Seventh.

• CRIMINAL TRESPASS OF A HABITATION was reported in the 1100 block of Lamar.

• BURGLARY OF A VEHICLE was reported in the 600 block of Tulane, in the 2700 block of Ann, in the 1500 block of Mulbery.

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Truce talks proceed with little sign of progress

WASHINGTON (AP) — U.S.-supervised truce talks between Israel and the Palestinians are going ahead despite few signs of progress and much criticism of Yasser Arafat by the Bush administration.

Violence raged Sunday even with the cease-fire effort. Israeli commandos backed by helicopters tracked and killed four militants who slipped across the normally quiet border with Jordan, and seven other people were killed in incidents elsewhere.

The administration clings to the hope that the bloodshed can be stopped and that Arafat can and should control militant groups who have made it clear they have no intention of halting their killing of Israeli civilians until, at least, Israel yields the West Bank and

Gaza. The truce terms U.S. mediator Anthony Zinni is working on do not require Israel to give up the land the Arabs lost in the 1967 war. President Bush and Secretary of State Colin Powell, however, regularly hold out to the Palestinians the vision of eventually getting a state for themselves on that land.

Vice President Dick Cheney, who was prepared to fly to Egypt to see Arafat if he agreed to a truce, said Sunday the Palestinian leader had not earned such a meeting.

The two sides met Sunday under U.S. auspices and evidently made little, if any, headway toward building a truce that would start Israel and the Palestinians into preliminary peacemaking.

Israeli and Palestinian

officials said another meeting was scheduled for Monday. Talks cannot be held from sunset Wednesday until nightfall Thursday because of observance by Israelis of the Jewish holiday of Passover.

"It is slow going," a U.S. official told The Associated Press on condition of anonymity. "Progress has been very slow. It's fair to point a finger of blame at the Palestinians."

Cheney said Arafat had not met a series of conditions for a meeting, including renouncing terrorism and sharing intelligence with the Israelis.

"We're going to do everything we can to try to bring the bloodshed to an end and get on a political track, but we're not there yet," Cheney said Sunday on CBS' "Face the Nation."

Powell, traveling with Bush in Latin America, said the vice president "could go at a later time. It doesn't have to be right away. The important point is that Chairman Arafat knows we want to engage with him as we move forward."

Cheney framed a possible meeting as "just one more piece, if you will, of the whole proposition" toward peacemaking. "I wouldn't overdo it, in the sense that somehow everybody's focused in on this is the ball and end-all of the process. It's not. It's a part of the process," he told CNN's "Late Edition."

Bush, meanwhile, has shunned Arafat, withholding an invitation to the White House. Israeli Prime Minister Ariel Sharon has been there four times in the past year.

Federal employees, retirees owe more than \$2.5 billion

WASHINGTON (AP) — Federal employees and retirees owe more than \$2.5 billion in back taxes but actually are more conscientious taxpayers than Americans overall, the Internal Revenue Service says.

As of October 2001, just over 2.8 percent of federal employees and retirees, or about 244,000, had balances due on past income taxes but had not agreed to an installment plan with the IRS.

For the population as a whole, that percentage was 5.2 percent. Still, IRS Commissioner Charles Rossotti says tax delinquency at any level by federal workers is cause for concern.

"If the public perceives that federal employees do not maintain the highest level of tax compliance, public confidence in gov-

ernment will suffer," Rossotti said in a letter to each federal agency head detailing that department's noncompliance rate.

The data, compiled by the IRS annually since 1993 and to be released next week, includes Congress, the White House, the Cabinet departments, courts and independent agencies.

In all, 381,500 federal employees or retirees out of almost 8.7 million were behind on their taxes. About 11.5 million of an estimated 177.5 million taxpayers nationwide owed \$28.2 billion.

Those totals included about 2.3 million taxpayers who were paying off \$8.6 billion in unpaid taxes through monthly installment agreements. About 137,000 federal employees were paying off \$608.6 million that way.

Grandmother helps identify girl found in ditch

HOUSTON (AP) — The grandmother of a 6-year-old girl whose bruised and malnourished body was found in a ditch last September helped identify her granddaughter after spotting a police artist's rendering of the child on television, police said.

The grandmother, whose name is not being released, called police after catching a glimpse of her granddaughter, Raysate Knight, while flipping through the channels.

"When she saw the sketch, she knew immediately that it was Raysate," Houston Police Sgt. C.B. Douglas told the Houston Chronicle for its Sunday editions.

The call led to Thursday's arrest of the girl's mother, Connie Knight, in Lafayette, La. She was charged with injury to a child and will be returned to Houston.

Detectives learned Raysate, known as "Angel Doe" during the initial six-month investigation, spent her last days living with her

parents at a house less than two miles from where her body was later dumped.

Knight, 40, admitted causing the child's death, police said. They said the mother said she acted alone.

Her husband, Raymond Jefferson Jr. — also the girl's father — has denied any knowledge of the incident, detectives said.

"According to him, he was told the child was with the grandmother or an aunt," Douglas said. "He knew the child had been with the aunt in Georgia and also that the grandmother had legal custody of the child. He didn't push it any further."

Children Protective Services had transferred custody of the child from Connie Knight to the maternal grandmother in November 1996 after Knight declined to attend drug treatment.

The grandmother eventually became the girl's legal guardian. She soon went to live with another relative in Georgia, however, when the

grandmother became seriously ill, police said.

Connie Knight then called family members in Georgia, telling them she wanted her daughter back.

"The mother went to Georgia and brought the child back on her own, on the understanding that she was going to place her with the grandmother," Douglas said.

Although the grandmother said she made several visits to the family's southeast Houston home, the final time she saw Raysate was in late March 2000.

"There was always a reason for Raysate not to be

there," Douglas said. "She was either with her aunt on her father's side or with her father. She (the grandmother) never got an opportunity to see her."

The family moved to Lafayette in early November — a couple of months after Raysate's body was discovered in the rubble-filled ditch. Detectives finally located Connie Knight in Louisiana last week.

Knight's other children, girls ages 16, 13, and 8, and a 4-year-old boy, were taken into custody by Louisiana child welfare authorities after their mother's arrest.

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OUR VIEWS

Help make
this the best
Fourth ever

Members of the Big Spring Fourth of July Foundation are already hard at work making plans for this year's Pops in the Park concert and fireworks display at Comanche Trail Park.

While it might seem too early for most of us to be thinking about July the Fourth, we all need to remember that such programs aren't put together in a couple of weeks.

Especially not when they carry a price tag of \$20,000 or more — money that comes from donations and sponsorships provided by local businesses and individuals.

Heading into its fifth year, Pops in the Park has become nothing short of a tradition — one the entire community looks forward to, as do those living in other cities.

Foundation members have begun the process of contacting previous donors, as well as soliciting contributions from new sources.

Those donations make it possible for the organizing committee to open the gates for all comers free of charge.

"It is the entire community's celebration," noted Tim Blackshear, who is again serving as the foundation's chairman for the event. "It's an evening to gather with friends and family at the park and join your neighbors in celebrating the fact that we live in the best nation on earth."

The *Big Spring Herald* will again be one of the sponsors for the show, along with the Big Spring Area Chamber of Commerce, Big Spring Symphony, the city of Big Spring and KBST, which broadcasts the concert for those who are unable to get into the amphitheatre.

We are proud to be a part of such a spectacular event and want to encourage others in the community to do the same. Help us make sure Big Spring can keep celebrating our nation's birthday in impressive fashion.

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Your decisions will affect your family

Since the beginning of recorded history, the family unit has always been one of the essential building blocks in the success of an empire or a nation. The late William Thayer expressed it this way: "If well ordered, they are the springs from which go forth the streams of national greatness and prosperity, of civil order and public happiness." As leaders in the homes of America, our decisions will often affect our family for years to come.

According to the Bible I've been reading for the past several years, not one of us is perfect. For example, in Romans 3:23 it says, "For all have sinned and come short of the glory of God," and I know this is true. While I'm not perfect and certainly not a preach-

er, it's my heart's desire to share something with you that will help you become a happier, richer and more successful person. To do this, sometimes all we need is to be reminded of those things most important to us.

Some time ago I heard a true story that I believe can have a tremendous bearing on the traditional family in the years to come. In the 17th century there were two families in America by the names of Edwards and Jukes. As the head of the Edwards family, Mr. Edwards was a Godly man and he did his best to provide spiritual leadership and also be a productive and law abiding member of society. Mr. Jukes, on the other hand, was more or less a common criminal, spending much of his time in jail, and was anything but a good example for others to follow.

Several years ago, someone did a study on the history of these two families, and here is what they found: the Edwards family produced the famous minister, Jonathan Edwards,

who entered Yale University at the age of 13 and later became a great theologian, as well as an author of several books. Further research revealed the Edwards' family tree contained a long list of ministers, college presidents and other prominent members of society.

Research on the Jukes family revealed the virtues of the original Mr. Jukes were also passed on to his offspring. The Jukes' family consisted of many criminals and others of unsavory character.

The point here should be clear: if you are the leader of your home, the kind of person you are and the decisions you make will affect your family. If you are living the kind of life, however, of which you are not proud and have personal vices and habits that would keep you from being a good role model, it doesn't necessarily mean that your children will turn out the same way. People with this kind of background have risen above their circumstances to become outstanding successes. In no

way do I want you to take what I'm saying too personally, because we all have problems, burdens and challenges, but there is a principle we should all consider. "What's true in the root will be seen in the fruit." There is a lot of truth in the saying, "Like father, like son."

The one thing our children want from us more than anything else is our approval and they will often go to great lengths to get it. This is a free country where we have the opportunities to make our own choices and decisions that affect our lives. Keep in mind, however, your decisions will affect your family and they will often have consequences for many years to come.

A good example is the two young men who killed 13 people at Columbine High School in Littleton, Colorado. I'm sure if their parents had the chance they would like to do it all over again. This is something that will haunt them for the rest of their days. Hopefully we can all learn from this tragedy.

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Protecting the environment

Boy, we are marching backwards on the environment at a truly impressive pace. Between the Senate and the Bush administration, we are advancing to the rear, double time. The Clean Air Act, the Clean Water Act, fuel efficiency standards, toxic waste — this is literally sickening stuff.

Last week, the Senate voted 62 to 38 to postpone, yet again, increasing the fuel efficiency standards for cars and trucks. According to the Sierra Club, the average fuel economy of cars sold last year was 20.4 miles per gallon, the lowest since 1980. The failed fuel efficiency proposal could have saved the country up to 1 million barrels of oil by 2016 — as much as the United States currently imports from Iraq and Kuwait.

You will doubtless be less than amazed to learn that the auto industry spent heavily to defeat any improvement in fuel efficiency. According to Public Campaign — a campaign finance reform group — on average, the 62 senators who voted with the industry received \$18,000 from auto companies. The 38 senators who wanted stronger standards got a

measly \$5,900. Since 1989, the auto companies have given \$9.9 million to federal candidates and parties. I know, it's not new, but it does matter.

The EPA under Christi Todd Whitman is just not enforcing the law. She has put into effect new regulations that put off air controls for at least two more years. According to EPA's own figures, 80,000 major polluters — each with the capacity to put 10 tons of toxic gas and particles into the air each year — are doing little or nothing to reduce their emissions. This is not about tree-huggers and spotted owls, air pollution kills people.

Bush's choice to head EPA's clean air program is Jeffrey Holmstead, formerly a lawyer for the Chemical Manufacturers Association, among others. According to EarthJustice, Holmstead was also an adjunct scholar at Citizens for the Environment (what a name), an offspring of Citizens for a Sound Economy, which is funded by the usual right-wing suspects — the Scaife family, and Koch, Olin and Bradley Foundations.

According to the Pittsburgh Post-Gazette, CFE "labeled most environmental problems — including acid rain, natural resource depletion and shrinking landfill space — as myths." He also represented agribusiness in a case challenging the law to assess the health effects of pesticide exposure on children and to limit unreason-

able health risks. Aren't you happy he's in charge of clean air?

Michael Dombeck, former chief of the U.S. Forest Service, points out that forests are not only critical to the atmosphere but are also the key source of clean water. The undersecretary of agriculture for natural resources and environment, with responsibility for 156 national forests, is Mark Rey, who worked for 20 years for big timber trade associations. He vociferously opposes the National Forest Roadless Conservation policy, which would protect one-third of our forests from logging, mining and other destructive activities.

And here's a lovely item: Rey has defended clear-cutting as "compatible with rain forest ecology." He probably thinks a roadless area is one in need of roads.

Administrations come and administrations go, and little of what they do is permanent. Policies can be reversed, wars come to an end and new undersecretaries bloom in Washington. But if you screw up the air, the land and the water, you can't undo it. Bush is now planning some major restructuring in the executive branch. Maybe he should consider putting the EPA under Tom Ridge at Homeland Security. That would make the country safer than leaving the environment to the Environmental "Protection Agency."



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IN BRIEF

Lady Steers romp to 12-5 victory

A would-be comeback by Levelland's Loboettes proved just that Friday, as Big Spring's Lady Steers shrugged off giving up a 5-run rallying in the bottom of the fifth inning to take a 12-5 win in District 4-4A softball play.

Nicole Chesworth chalked up the win, doing every bit as much damage with her bat as she did from the mound. After seeing the Loboettes turn a commanding 6-0 Big Spring lead into a 1-run edge in the top of the fifth, Chesworth delivered a crushing 2-run homer in the bottom of the inning, as the Lady Steers responded with five runs of their own and close the door.

All told, the Lady Steers pounded out 13 hits. Chesworth allowed just five Levelland hits while striking out nine.

The Lady Steers will play Plainview's Lady Bulldogs at 4 p.m. Tuesday at the Big Spring ISD Softball Complex.

Bulldogettes post two weekend wins

Coahoma's Bulldogettes improved to 10-6 on the season over the weekend with a 5-1 win over Midland Christian Lady Mustangs and a 3-2 win over Abilene Cooper's Lady Cougars.

Erin Stovall picked up the win over Midland Christian, allowing seven hits, while striking out four. Tara Dickenson recorded the win over Cooper, allowing seven hits and striking out three.

The Bulldogettes will play Breckenridge in a doubleheader starting at 5 p.m. today in Abilene. They will return home and host San Angelo Central and Midland Greenwood in games set for 5 p.m. and 7 p.m. Thursday.

Williams is standout at ACU track meet

Coahoma's Rachel Williams turned in an impressive performance at the Abilene Christian University track meet over the weekend.

Going against Class 4A and Class 5A competition, the Bulldogette senior won the 100 meters with a 12.37-second clocking and set a new school record in the 200 meters with a second-place finish of 25.25 seconds. She was also second in the 400 meters and the high jump.

Teammate Cortney Dawson finished sixth in the small school division shot put competition.

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8:30 p.m. — NCAA Tournament, West Regional championship, Colorado vs. Oklahoma, ESPN2.

11 p.m. — Tennis Masters Series, Nasdaq 100 Open, early round men's and women's coverage (same-day tape), ESPN.

Big Spring netters get tough luck in tournament draw

By CONNIE EDGEMON

Special to the Herald
LUBBOCK — A large tournament field and the luck of the draw made things extremely difficult for Big Spring tennis players at the Lubbock Invitational Tennis Tournament over the weekend.

The tournament's field of 16 teams ranging from Lubbock's and Amarillo's Class 5A schools to state-ranked Vernon in Class 3A. Other teams participating were Big Spring; Dumas; Pampa; Frenship; Canyon; Plainview; Levelland; Altus, Okla.; and Hobbs, N.M.

"Tournaments of this size are often determined by the luck of the draw and unless a team finishes undefeated, the round in which a loss occurs determines where

the doubles team or individual or the team overall finishes," Big Spring coach Sarah Corse noted. "Unfortunately for us, matches against top-ranked players in the first or second round determined our outcome."

Lubbock Coronado and Amarillo Tascosa, both previous state tennis champions, finished first and second, respectively. Big Spring finished 11th.

The boys' doubles duo Derek DeHoyos and Alex Edgemon finished fifth with wins over teams from Vernon, Hobbs, Frenship and Pampa. A loss in the third round to Tascosa knocked them out of the running for one of the top four slots.

In boys' singles, Jay

Shroff defeated players from Frenship, Hobbs, Dumas and Pampa, his only loss coming to a Lubbock Coronado player in the second round. He finished ninth.

Michael Roffers and Brian Wingert ended the tournament in 11th place in boys' doubles after defeating teams from Lubbock High, Vernon, and Amarillo High. Their only losses came at the hands of Pampa and Tascosa in the second and fourth rounds.

Jake Smiley defeated singles opponents from Canyon, Amarillo High and Plainview. He suffered a first-round loss to a Tascosa player and a Levelland opponent in the third.

"Smiley improved his possibility of getting out of dis-

trict by defeating the kid from Plainview, the only loss he suffered during district play in the fall," Corse noted.

Lauren Chesworth and Heather Parnell paired for the first time and performed well, finishing 12th in girls' doubles. They won both their matches against district opponents from Levelland and Plainview. Their losses came at the hands of teams from Pampa, Coronado and Hobbs.

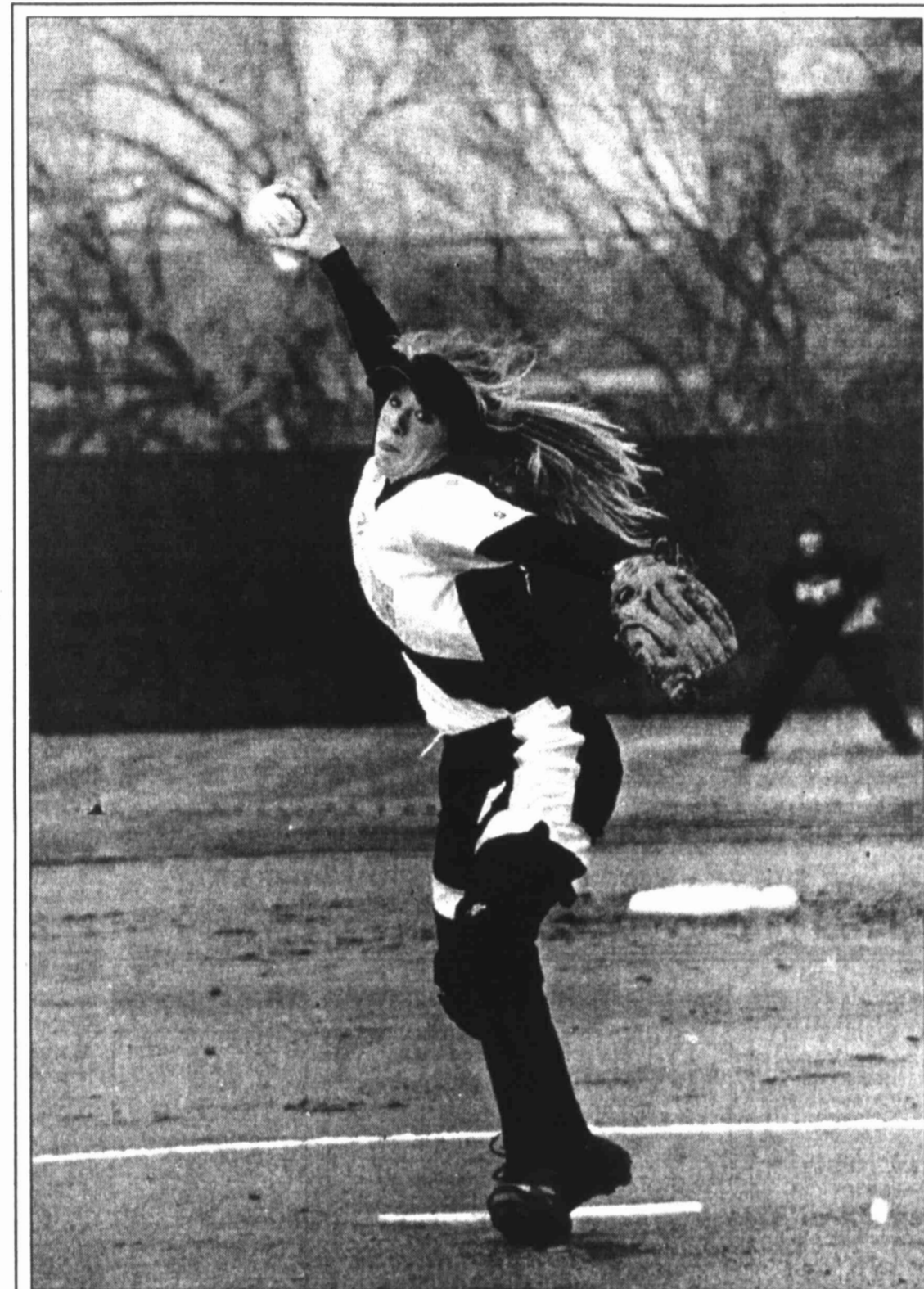
Mindy Partee and Megan Roffers defeated both Frenship doubles teams but lost to Hobbs, Pampa and Plainview tandems.

Jessica Rodriguez and Heather Knappe played varsity tournament singles for the first time, earning valuable experience.

"This tournament was a good one for us to see how we would stack up against our district and some in our region," Corse noted. "Our boys' doubles teams beat all their opponents from our district, and Alex and Derek defeated a solid contender from our region."

"I needed to know where we stand against teams in our district and the region and now I know," she added. "This tournament was significant in district seedings and possibly in regional seedings."

The team travels to San Antonio to the McFarland Invitational Tournament this weekend, the Rebel Classic in Midland the next weekend before the District 4-4A tournament in Levelland on April 12-13.



Big Spring freshman Alex Watkins delivers a pitch during the Lady Steers' 5-1 win over San Angelo Lake View last week. Watkins is expected to start Tuesday when the Lady Steers play host to Plainview's Lady Bulldogs in a 4 p.m. game at the BSISD Softball Complex.

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Final Four offers plenty of story lines

The ASSOCIATED PRESS

One thing is certain: There will be a No. 1 seed in the national championship game.

It could be an all-Big 12 matchup for the title. Maryland and Oklahoma will be looking for their first title, while Indiana and Kansas are trying to add to what's in their trophy cases.

This weekend's Final Four in Atlanta will be like the previous 63, the culmination to the NCAA tournament and another college basketball season. And like all the others, it will be three games that capture the attention of the country.

Saturday's semifinals will have Indiana (24-11) facing Oklahoma (31-4) and, in a matchup of top-seeded teams, Maryland (30-4) against Kansas (33-3).

Indiana, a No. 5 seed that beat top-seeded Duke in the South Regional semifinals in the tournament's biggest upset, is looking for its sixth national championship, the last three won with Bob Knight as coach.

It's Mike Davis' team now, and the former assistant to Knight, who was let go by Indiana after 27 years in September 2000 after not adhering to a zero-tolerance policy, was the man the players fought for.

"There was a tradition here that was kind of exiled when coach Knight was fired," sophomore forward Jared Jeffries said. "Now coach Davis is building something new."

The Hoosiers' chances at winning will depend a lot on Tom Coverdale, who was selected Most Outstanding Player in the regional. He turned his ankle in the 81-69 victory over Kent State that sent the Hoosiers to their first Final Four since 1992.

"The swelling has gone down a lot. It feels better, but I cannot push off on it yet," Coverdale said Sunday through the sports information department. "If it improves each day like it did from yesterday to today,

I think with some treatment, rehab and maybe a shot (for the pain), I may be able to play. But it is too early to tell right now."

Oklahoma hasn't been to the Final Four since 1988, when the Sooners lost to fellow Big Eight member Kansas in the title game. The Sooners had to beat a fellow conference member in the regional final, downing 12th-seeded Missouri 81-75 in the West Regional final to extend the nation's longest winning streak to 12 games.

"Winning ugly? That's beautiful to us," coach Kelvin Sampson said. "Maybe it was meant to be for our team to win that way. It's just one way we can win a game. We have tough kids. We're battle-tested. We never panic. There's never a sense of misdirection or unorganization."

Maryland is in the Final Four a second year in a row. The Terrapins beat second-seeded Connecticut 90-82 to win the East Regional. With a senior-laden team and the Final Four experience, many think Maryland will be considered the favorites in Atlanta.

"I think we have a very good chance to win a national championship," Maryland guard Drew Nicholas said. "I wouldn't consider us favorites, but we are content. We are one of four teams left and we have as good a shot as anybody."

Kansas also beat a No. 2 seed to advance, knocking off Oregon 104-85 to win the Midwest Regional. The Jayhawks were last in the Final Four in 1993, and are looking for their third national championship with Roy Williams, the man with the unenviable title of best coach to never win it all.

"Just stop giving him heat about reaching the Final Four or winning championships," Jayhawks All-American forward Drew Gooden said.

Perks grinds out fabulous TPC finish

PONTE VEDRA BEACH, Fla. (AP) — Craig Perks became a golf star the hard way.

He stared down one of the harshest courses on the PGA Tour.

He overcame the toughest field in the sport.

He made three unforgettable shots under unbelievable pressure and became the most unlikely winner ever of The Players Championship, one of the most grueling tests in golf.

Ranked No. 203 before this week, Perks shot an anything-but-ordinary closing

round of even-par 72 on Sunday to defeat Stephen Ames by two strokes.

Rocco Mediate finished third, followed by no fewer than a dozen players, including Tiger Woods, who had a chance to win on a day when shaky nerves played as much havoc with scores as the super-slick greens.

Perks tackled the finish unlike any player in the 20 years this tournament has been played on a diabolical TPC at Sawgrass course.

"I never dreamed I'd finish the way I did, and it

obviously worked out," the New Zealand native said.

Lying two, and with his ball positioned on a slim piece of thick rough aside the 16th green, Perks chipped in for eagle to take the lead.

Next, he teed off to the center of the devilish No. 17 island hole, then snaked home a 28-foot putt for birdie.

He followed an awful drive into the trees on No. 18 with a chip into the fairway and an approach into the deep grass just off the green.

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3200 meters: 1. Garcia, Eldorado, 11:21.53; 2. Rhoton, Forsan, 11:45.06; 3. Soto, Grape Creek, 12:40.78; 4. Torres, Grape Creek, 14:08.67.

400 meter relay: 1. Forsan (Lefever, Longorio, Lee, Bedwell), 44.85; 2. Grape Creek, 45.46; 3. Garden City, 46.32.

800 meters: 1. Soto, Grape Creek, 2:30.90; 2. Torres, Grape Creek, 2:45.29.

110 hurdles: 1. Coleman, Grape Creek, 18.14; 2. Timms, Grape Creek, 19.74; 3. Priddy, Grape Creek, 19.82.

300 meters: 1. Longorio, Forsan, 11.57; 2. Rose, Forsan, 11.99; 3. Allen, Forsan, 12.09; 4. Plagens, Garden City, 12.95; 5. Woods, Grape Creek, 13.00.

400 meters: 1. Poehls, Grape Creek, 54.48; 2. Lee, Forsan, 55.89; 3. Hoelscher, Garden City, 56.33; 4. Cavanaugh, Grape Creek, 57.04; 5. Solis, Grape Creek, 1:10.87.

300 hurdles: 1. Rose, Forsan, 44.42; 2. Coleman, Grape Creek, 44.86; 3. Timms, Grape Creek, 47.79; 4. Priddy, Grape Creek, 49.83.

200 meters: 1. Hillger, Garden City, 23.17; 2. Schkade, Grape Creek, 23.43;

3. Bedwell, Forsan, 23.82; 4. Lefever, Forsan, 25.46; 5. Allen, Forsan, 25.75; 6. Schmitz, Garden City, 25.78.

1600 meters: 1. Garcia, Eldorado, 5:10.73; 2. Rhoton, Forsan, 5:24.27; 3. Torres, Grape Creek, 6:35.42.

1000 meter relay: 1. Forsan (Lefever, Longorio, Bedwell, Rose), 3:41.21; 2. Garden City, 3:43.24; 3. Grape Creek, 3:52.69.

Triple jump: 1. Goodwin, Garden City, 41-81/2; 2. Crowley, Garden City, 37-8; 3. Priddy, Grape Creek, 34-91/4; 4. Woods, Grape Creek, 25-6.

Shot put: 1. Jones, Grape Creek, 42-51/2; 2. Jinter, Eldorado, 41-2; 3. Pelzel, Garden City, 39-91/2; 4. Solis, Grape Creek, 37-51/2; 5. Plagens, Garden City, 37-41/4; 6. Kinsey, Forsan, 36-91/2.

Long jump: 1. Goodwin, Garden City, 21-6; 2. Poehls, Grape Creek, 19-9; 3. Longorio, Forsan, 18-5; 4. Hoelscher, Garden City, 17-91/4; 5. Cavanaugh, Grape Creek, 17-51/2; 6. Lefever, Forsan, 17-11/2.

High jump: 1. Schkade, Grape Creek, 6-2; 2. Goodwin, Garden City, 5-10; 3. Priddy, Grape Creek, 5-10; 4. Coleman,

Grape Creek, 5-6.

Discus: 1. Kinsey, Forsan, 138-0; 2. Pelzel, Garden City, 127-5; 3. Allen, Forsan, 122-6; 4. Plagens, Garden City, 112-8; 5. Jones, Grape Creek, 112-4; 6. Schmitz, Garden City, 109-3.

Pole vault: 1. Poehls, Grape Creek, 11-6; 2. Hillger, Garden City, 8-6.

TEAM TOTALS:
1. Grape Creek, 196; 2. Forsan, 142; 3. Garden City, 110; 4. Eldorado, 28.

GIRLS

3200 meters: 1. Jansa, Garden City, 13:01.96; 2. Zubiate, Forsan, 14:09.04; 3. Fuentes, Grape Creek, 14:48.67; 4. H. Hise, Forsan, 15:31.00.

400 meter relay: 1. Forsan (K. Gamble, Allen, J. Hise, C. Gamble), 52.98; 2. Stanton, 54.15; 3. Grape Creek, 57.57.

800 meters: 1. Ramos, Grape Creek, 2:44.10; 2. Guerrero, Garden City, 2:57.82; 3. Kendall, Grape Creek, 3:05.10.

21.08; 5. Hall, Grape Creek, 26.66.

100 meters: 1. Allen, Forsan, 14.07; 2. Jones, Grape Creek, 14.47; 3. Duke, Grape Creek, 14.67; 4. Medrano, Garden City, 14.98; 5. Alvarado, Garden City, 15.32; 6. Tracy, Stanton, 15.32.

800 meter relay: 1. Grape Creek (Springer, Duke, Rosser, Ramos), 1:58.6; 2. Stanton, 1:59.32; 3. Forsan, 2:00.32; 4. Stanton, 2:10.45.

400 meters: 1. J. Hise, Forsan, 1:05.12; 2. Gutierrez, Stanton, 1:05.26; 3. Niehuus, Garden City, 1:05.83; 4. Becerra, Forsan, 1:11.00; 5. Hoelscher, Garden City, 1:13.65; 6. Teveni, Stanton, 1:13.70.

300 hurdles: 1. Jones, Grape Creek, 56.62; 2. Saunders, Stanton, 57.63; 3. Kidd, Stanton, 59.35; 4. Koonce, Stanton, 1:00.42.

200 meters: 1. C. Gamble, Forsan, 27.69; 2. Rosser, Grape Creek, 28.72; 3. K. Gamble, Forsan, 29.32; 4. Niehuus, Garden City, 29.41; 5. Harp, Stanton, 30.02; 6. Springer, Grape Creek, 30.30.

1600 meters: 1. Jansa, Garden City, 6:02.79; 2. Zubiate, Forsan, 6:27.36; 3. Mauldin, Stanton, 6:36.70; 4. Fuentes, Grape Creek, 6:44.14; 5. Guerrero,

Garden City, 6:55.20; 6. H. Hise, Forsan, 6:56.34.

1600 meter relay: 1. Grape Creek (Springer, Jones, Ramos, Cochran), 4:37.94; 2. Forsan, 4:38.14; 3. Stanton, 4:41.94.

Triple jump: 1. Gutierrez, Stanton, 31-5; 2. Bridges, Stanton, 29-1; 3. Ramos, Grape Creek, 28-8.

Shot put: 1. Newell, Stanton, 30-10; 2. Saenz, Stanton, 27-101/2; 3. Washington, Stanton, 27-111/2; 4. Snowden, Forsan, 22-10; 5. Jones, Grape Creek, 21-111/2.

Long jump: 1. Gutierrez, Stanton, 14-11/4; 2. Tracy, Stanton, 13-101/2; 3. Duke, Grape Creek, 13-61/2; 4. Jones, Grape Creek, 13-61/4; 5. Smith, Stanton, 12-5; 6. Shropshire, Grape Creek, 11-101/2.

High jump: 1. Scott, Stanton, 4-10; 2. Teveni, Stanton, 4-8; 3. Bridges, Stanton, 4-6.

Discus: 1. Erives, Stanton, 90-9; 2. Saenz, Stanton, 38-3; 3. Dugan, Stanton, 81-2; 4. Snowden, Forsan, 68-5.

TEAM TOTALS:
1. Stanton, 214; 2. Grape Creek, 132; 3. Forsan, 125; 4. Garden City, 56.

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Apply in person at the following locations: Manager position available: Star Stop #4 2501 S. Gregg Star Stop #6 800E I-20 Star Stop #12 400 S. Gregg Star Stop #14 4806 W. Hwy 80 We are a Drug Free Work force! No phone calls please

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HOUSE PARENT COUPLES

The Cal Farley childcare organization has 3 campuses - Cal Farley's Boys Ranch (36 miles from Amarillo, TX), Cal Farley's Family Program (near Borger, TX) and Cal Farley's Girlstown, U.S.A. (near Whiteface, TX). We provide nurturing homes, education and other opportunities to disadvantaged youth. We are a Christ-centered organization seeking dedicated, mature married couples for our childcare team!

* High energy level a must!

* A stable marriage of several years

* No more than 2 dependents (no young children, please)

* High School diploma/GED required; college preferred

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Job Placement Specialist? Part-Time: Promote, develop and place disadvantaged applicants to secure employment. May instruct applicants in resume writing, job search, interviewing techniques and perform on-the-job training. Access to a computer and the internet a must. Commission and Hourly (\$10.00). Fax resume to (806) 741-1701 or call (806) 762-5723. All work conducted in Big Spring and surrounding area.

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1809 N. HWY 87 Big Spring, Texas 79720 (915)268-8387 (915)268-1987 Fax is currently seeking RN's and CN's Excellent Salary and Benefits

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Need mature lady to work PT in laundromat. Work 7 days on 7 days off. Pick up application @ 208 W. 11th Place or 1208 Gregg.

Needed: Metal stud framers, dry wall installers, acoustic installers, E.I.F.S. installers call 1-800-638-1670

Now hiring experienced servers and cashiers. Must be available for all shifts. Excellent benefits. Please apply in person at Country Fare Restaurant, Rip Griffins N. Hwy 87 & I-20

Part time evening bus persons needed. Must be 16. Apply in person, Red Mesa Grill 2401 Gregg.

Part-time help needed. High school diploma required. Apply Sat. or Sun. 2-8PM, CINEMA 4. No phone calls. Ideal for semi-retired person or to supplement income.

Seeking motivated individuals to work part-time nights & weekends. Apply in person at Parks Convenient Store, 311 Gregg.

The City of Big Spring will be testing for the position of Certified Police Officer at 8:30 a.m. Thursday April 18, 2002, at the Police Training Center on 307 E. 4th. Applications are being accepted through Wednesday April 17, 2002. For further information and detailed qualifications contact City Hall Personnel at 310 Nolan, Big Spring, TX 79720 or Call 915-264-2346. The City of Big Spring is an Equal Opportunity Employer.

Waitresses needed. Split shift. Must be 18. Apply in person at Red Mesa Grill 2401 Gregg.

FARM EQUIPMENT

For Sale Case Magnum 7120 Tractor, MCD, 1050 hp, Hubs, and Dulls with good rubber. Call 915-425-5734

John Deere 430 tractor on propane, two row equipment. Planter, cultivator, lister, breaking plow, disk, and blade. \$3,000. 915-267-7614. maxjan@com.net

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Lost: Male Lab Gold. No collar. Named "Duffus" Coahoma. Reward. 394-4285/270-1664

Lost: Small white male Poodle. Last seen in Kentwood area. Call 263-6277

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For Sale: John Deere LX176 Lawn Tractor. 38 inch mower deck. Call 393-5928

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House for lease: Kentwood, 2513 Carol. 3Bdr/2 bath \$675/mo. \$400/dep. 263-3436

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1503 Johnston, 2 Bdrm, 1 bath. Call 267-3841 or 270-7309.

2 bdr, 2 bth, fireplace, fenced, carport, ldr rm, 1504 Runnels. 263-2471 (No Pets)

2 Bedroom central heat and air, no pets. Call 263-5818

2 BR, 1300 Blackmon \$300 mo. 1 yr. lease required.

3 BR on Ent. \$425/mo. 1 yr lease required 267-7380

2523 Dow 3Bdr, 1bath \$375/mo \$150/dep CH/A Fenced yard 264-6006 or 263-1792

2BR, 1 bath, 1205 Lloyd Fenced yard. \$350/mo. \$250/dep. 267-4090

3 Bdrm, 2 bath, CH/A, fenced backyard. Available 4/1/02. \$490/mo plus dep. 110 Circle Dr. 264-7331 after 7PM weekdays and all day Sat. & Sun. NO HUD

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HOROSCOPE

HAPPY BIRTHDAY for Tuesday, March 26, 2002:

Others often seek you out, wanting to be closer or, perhaps, wanting to ask for help. Your professional competence makes a big difference. Know when to say "enough," and take care of yourself first. You could easily have a case of the shoemaker's children having holes in their shoes. Paying more attention to family and loved ones enriches your personal life. A new home or remodeling your house could add to your comfort. Some of you will consider a home office. If you are single, romance will tweak your life after July. You could find this person to be very special and nearly everything you want. If you are attached, your bond will grow because of your steady, positive ways. VIRGO might be great to work with!

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

MONDAY

MAR. 25

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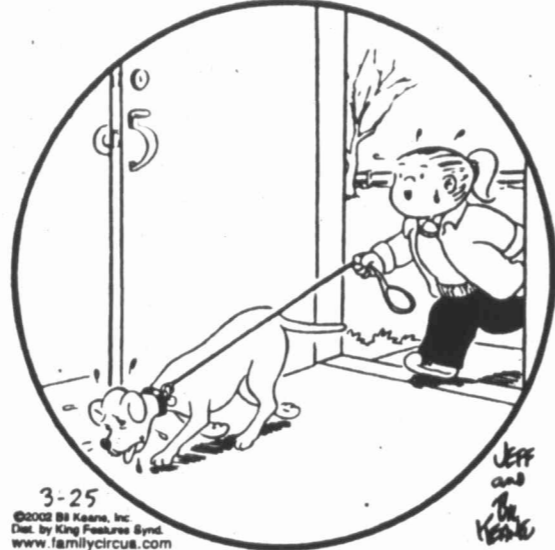


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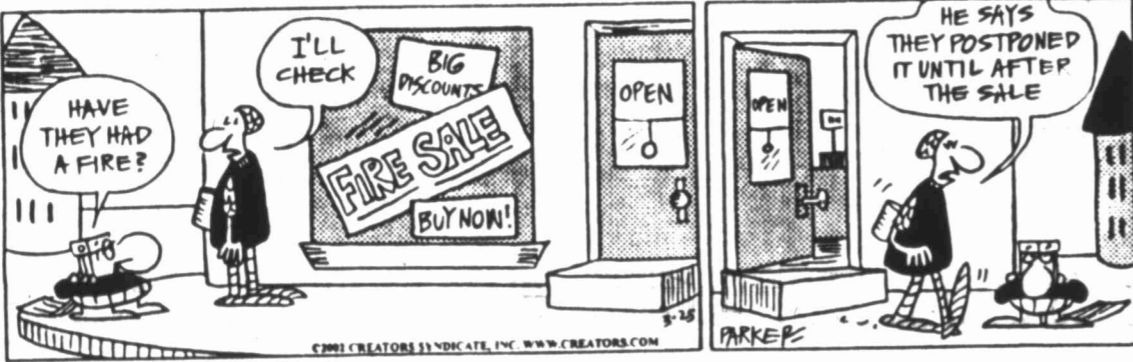
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THIS DATE IN HISTORY

The ASSOCIATED PRESS Today is Monday, March 25, the 84th day of 2002. There are 281 days left in the year. Today's Highlight in History: On March 25, 1911, in a tragedy that galvanized America's labor movement, 146 immigrant workers were killed when fire broke out at the Triangle Shirtwaist Company in New York. In 1634, Maryland was founded by English colonists sent by the second Lord Baltimore. In 1894, Jacob S. Coxey began leading an "army" of unemployed from Massillon, Ohio, to Washington D.C., to demand help from the federal government. In 1913, the home of vaudeville, the Palace Theatre, opened in New York City. In 1947, a coal mine explosion in Centralia, Ill., claimed 111 lives. In 1957, the Treaty of Rome established the European Economic Community. In 1965, the Rev. Martin Luther King Jr. led 25,000 marchers to the state capitol in Montgomery, Ala., to protest the denial of voting rights to blacks. In 1975, King Faisal of Saudi Arabia was shot to death by a nephew with a history of mental illness. (The nephew was beheaded the following June.) In 1990, 87 people, most of them Honduran and Dominican immigrants, were killed when fire raced through an illegal social club in New York City. In 1996, the redesigned \$100 bill went into circulation. Ten years ago: Libyan leader Colonel Moammar Gadhafi backed away from an offer to turn over two suspects in the bombing of Pan Am Flight 103 to the Arab League. Soviet cosmonaut Sergei Krikalev, who'd spent 10 months aboard the orbiting Mir space station, thereby missing the upheaval in his homeland, finally returned to Earth.

Today's Birthdays: Modeling agency founder Eileen Ford is 80. Former astronaut James Lovell is 74. Movie reviewer Gene Shalit is 70. Feminist author Gloria Steinem is 68. Singer Anita Bryant is 62. Singer Aretha Franklin is 60. Actor Paul Michael Glaser is 59. Singer Elton John is 55. Actress Bonnie Bedelia is 54. Singer Nick Lowe is 53. Actress-comedian Mary Gross is 49. Actor James McDaniel is 44. Actor-writer-director John Stockwell is 41. Actress Lisa Gay Hamilton is 38.

Answer to previous puzzle grid with words like SAMPRAS, MEASLES, TABRIST, PVCPIPE, etc.

Newsday Crossword

LANGUAGE CLASS by Lee Weaver Edited by Stanley Newman

Crossword puzzle grid with clues for Across and Down words.