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RODEO TICKETS ON SALE

Tickets for the Big Spring Cowboy Reunion and Rodeo area on sale at various locations.

Dates for this year's rodeo — the 70th edition of the popular event — are June 18-21 at the Big Spring Rodeo Bowl.

Advance tickets are \$4 for adults and \$3 for children and are available at the Big Spring Area Chamber of Commerce, H-E-B, Ward's Boot and Saddle, First Bank of West Texas in Coahoma and Big Spring, Citizens Federal Credit Union, Wells Fargo Bank and the Big Spring Banking Center.

Tickets at the gate will be \$7 for adults and \$5 for children.

Foster parents needed

Howard and surrounding counties are in critical need of foster families.

Foster parents are the caretakers of the children in the community who have been abused and neglected.

For more information on becoming a foster/adoptive family, please contact the Children's Protective Services office at 263-9669 or 1-800-233-3405.

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Thursday is final day to file dispute with appraisal district

HERALD Staff Report

Howard County property owners, you are just about down to the last day to tell the Howard County Appraisal District if you are unhappy with the appraised value of your property.

Thursday marks the end

of the 30-day period in which owners are required to notify the district if they have a dispute over the appraised values. Usually, a property owner disputing the appraisal can get the issue resolved at the appraisal office, 315 S. Main St., east of the

Howard County Courthouse.

Those who have a question or a dispute need to call either today or tomorrow, even if it doesn't appear a direct meeting can be scheduled over the next two days.

"If the appraisal district gets too busy, the proper-

ty owner won't miss the deadline as long as he or she calls," explained Keith Toomire, chief appraiser. "If we are busy, we'll return your call as soon as we possibly can. And as far as we are concerned, that qualifies as the same as coming into the office, even if

it is the following week before we can get back to someone." Toomire explained.

When disputes cannot be resolved, they go before the appraisal review board. The board, made up of Howard

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Working for the Lord

After 42 years, Frances Swann is embracing a new direction

By LYNDEL MOODY

Staff Writer

As Frances Swann walks down the hallways of Midway Baptist Church, memories of a 42-year odyssey whisper quietly to her.

Change has come for this 82-year-old Christian woman and she embraces this new journey just as she has everything else in life — putting trust in the Lord.

"I can remember just like it was last week when we trying to clean up that old first church building," Swann recalled of the purchase of the original building that houses the church.

"Every time I walk down this hall that goes through to the old fellowship, it's just like I can remember being there, scrubbing walls, cleaning floors, painting and painting."

One of the original 32



HERALD photo/Lyndel Moody
Frances Swann helps Blake Zitterkopf and Ashely Luce plant seeds during the Midway Baptist Church Vacation Bible School this week. One of the 32 original charter members, Swann is moving this week to join her son in San Angelo after more than 50 years of living in the Midway community.

charter members of Midway Baptist Church, Swann, now a widow, is

leaving her self-proclaimed home near family in San

Angelo.

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Judge bans certain class of fireworks

HERALD Staff Report

Despite recent wet weather, County Judge Ben Lockhart has again ordered a ban on certain fireworks within Howard County.

The order, similar to a ban issued last summer, forbids "skyrockets with sticks" and "missiles with fins."

The ban doesn't apply to "common fireworks, small in size, classified as Class C explosives," or to "large fireworks devices designed primarily to produce visible or audible effects by combustion, deflagration, or detonation and classified as Class B explosives."

According to the order, it is illegal to sell, detonate or "in any way uses" restricted fireworks.

The order also clarifies that it is illegal to detonate any fireworks on a county road or its right-of-way.

Violators of the order can be charged with a class C misdemeanor punishable by a fine of up to \$500. It is illegal to discharge fireworks within the city limits.



HERALD photo/Roger Cline
Big Spring Police Officers' Association Secretary Bob Moore, right, thanks Eagles Lodge member Billy Light Tuesday for a \$6,900 donation from the Eagles Lodge Bingo Hall. The donation will be used to purchase bullet-resistant vests for the police Special Operations Response Team and tasers for the police department. Also shown are BSPOA President Thad Thomas, S.O.R.T. member Det. Matt Coates, Eagles President Tommy Tilley, and S.O.R.T. members Joe Bob Morales, Gilbert Barraza and Wayne Wright.

Eagles Lodge helps make job safer for local police department

By ROGER CLINE

Staff Writer

Big Spring Police are going to be a bit more effective in the near future, thanks to a group of Eagles.

Big Spring's Eagles Lodge Bingo Hall donated \$6,900 to the Big Spring Police Department for the purchase of 10 tactical vests and four tasers.

Eagles Lodge members Billy Light and Tommy Tilley, president, presented the check to Big Spring Police Officers' Association President Thad Thomas and Secretary/Treasurer Bob Moore at a ceremony Tuesday morning.

Members of the Big Spring Special Operations Response Team were also on hand

to accept the check.

"We'd like to thank the Eagles Lodge, Billy Light and Tommy Tilley for making this donation to the police association for needed equipment," Thomas said. "The vests are going to be for the S.O.R.T. team, the tactical unit, and the tasers are going to patrol."

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There's no pox in prairie dogs here

By ROGER CLINE

Staff Writer

Local prairie dogs don't have monkeypox.

Although the potentially fatal disease has been transmitted from prairie dogs to a few humans in Wisconsin, Illinois and Indiana, the disease isn't found in Big Spring, said Animal Control Committee Chairperson Melanie Gambrell.

"If you remember, if you heard the report, it was brought in by an exotic rat," Gambrell said. "It was an exotic rat that gave it to the prairie dogs, which in turn gave it to the people. They're

tracing it back to one particular resident that sold these."

In May, prairie dogs sold by a Milwaukee, Wis., animal distributor to two pet shops in the Milwaukee area and during a pet "swap meet" were responsible for infecting 17 Wisconsin residents, one Illinois resident and one Indiana resident with monkeypox, a disease similar to smallpox with approximately a 10 percent fatality rate.

The Milwaukee distributor had obtained the prairie dogs as well as a diseased Gambian giant

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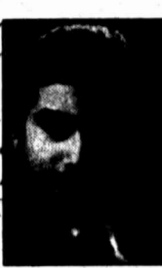
HERALD photo/Roger Cline
Although potentially fatal monkeypox — a smallpox-like disease — has spread from prairie dogs to humans in Wisconsin, Illinois and Indiana, local prairie dogs are monkeypox-free, according to Animal Control Board Member Melanie Gambrell.

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A BIG SPRING AROUND THE TOWN

Obituaries

Mario Esteban Lopez Jr.



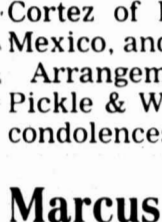
Mario Esteban Lopez Jr., 34, of El Paso, died on Friday, June 6, 2003, near Toyah from injuries received in an auto accident.

A vigil service will be held at 7 p.m. Tuesday, June 10, 2003, at the Nalley-Pickle & Welch Rosewood Chapel. Graveside funeral services will be held at 10 a.m. Wednesday, June 11, 2003, at Mt. Olive Memorial Park with the Rev. James Plagens, pastor of St. Thomas Catholic Church, officiating.

Mario was born on May 11, 1969, in El Paso and was employed by the Texas Alcohol Beverage Commission. Survivors include his mother, Maria Elena Cortez of Big Spring; his father, Mario Esteban Lopez Sr. of El Paso; one sister, Ashley Estes of Big Spring; four uncles, Alfonso Cortez of Coahoma, Gilbert Cortez of Lost Hills, Calif., Baldomar Cortez of Huron, Calif. and Pablo Cortez of Bakersfield, Calif.; two aunts, Elida Cortez of El Paso and Beatrice Cortez of Juarez, Mexico, and numerous cousins.

Arrangements are under the direction of Nalley-Pickle & Welch Funeral Home of Big Spring. Online condolences can be made at: www.npwelch.com

Marcus Evarts Wilkinson Jr.



Marcus Evarts Wilkinson Jr., 78, passed away on Friday, June 6, 2003, after a valiant battle against cancer. Memorial services were held at 2 p.m. Monday, June 9, 2003 at the Nalley-Pickle & Welch Rosewood Chapel.

He was born to Marcus Evarts and Mary Elizabeth Wilkinson in Siloam Springs, Ark., on July 29, 1924. He was a veteran of World War II, having served in the Naval Air Corps as a naval aviator and flight instructor. He was a member of the Masonic Lodge for 47 years in Louisiana, Kentucky and most recently the Coahoma Masonic Lodge # 992 A. F. & A. M. He was an avid golfer and hunter.

Survivors include his wife of 54 years, Dana Boyles Wilkinson; his daughter and son-in-law, Marcia and Ken Hamby of The Woodlands; his daughter, Dana Lea Wilkinson and son, Marcus Evarts Wilkinson III, both of Big Spring; his grandson, John Michael Wilkinson of Big Spring; his sister, Rhoda Morton of Slidell, La.; his brother-in-law and sister-in-law, Shannon and Ernestine Boyles of Coahoma; and several nieces and nephews.

He was preceded in death by his father and mother, and his brother, Tycus Hart Wilkinson.

The family suggests memorials to the Masonic Home and School for Children, P. O. Box 15040, Fort Worth, 76119.

Arrangements under the direction of Nalley-Pickle & Welch Funeral Home of Big Spring. Online condolences can be made at: www.npwelch.com

Carmen K. Wilson

Carmen K. Wilson, 92, of Denver City, died Sunday in Lubbock. Graveside services were held Tuesday, June 10, 2003, in the Denver City Memorial Park.

She was born on Jan. 19, 1911, in Lexington, Texas, and married Victor E. Wilson on Nov. 1, 1935, in Big Spring. He died on Nov. 21, 1981.

Sheriff's report

The Howard County Sheriff's Office reported the following recent activity:

- **FABIAN CHAVERA**, 24, was taken to the Howard County Jail Monday after being arrested on charges of burglary of a building.
- **MARCOS CHAVERA JR.**, 18, was taken to the Howard County Jail Monday after being arrested on a charge of aggravated assault with a deadly weapon.
- **ABEL GUZMAN**, 21, was taken to the Howard County Jail Monday after being arrested on a motion to revoke probation for possession of a controlled substance.
- **CHRISTOPHER LEE HOLLIS**, 21, was taken to the Howard County Jail Monday after being arrested on a motion to revoke probation for sexual assault.
- **BILLY JOE BURLESON**, 36, was taken to the Howard County Jail Monday after being arrested on an attorney general's warrant for contempt of court child support.
- **LEE ALLEN YOUNG**, 31, was taken to the Howard County Jail Monday after being arrested on a motion to revoke probation for driving while intoxicated.
- **JOSEPH E. TRICK AJELLO JR.**, 40, was taken to the Howard County Jail Friday after being arrested on a motion to revoke probation for possession of a controlled substance.
- **DAVID BRUNDALE BRUGETTE**, 21, was taken to the Howard County Jail Friday after being arrested on a motion to revoke probation for possession of a controlled substance.
- **WILLIS**, 41, was taken to the Howard County Jail Saturday after being arrested on a motion to revoke probation for public intoxication.
- **WILLIS**, 21, was taken to the Howard County Jail Saturday on charges of unrestrained child abuse, possession of marijuana four ounces or more, and no liability insurance, and driving without a valid license.
- **CRIMINAL MISCHIEF** was reported on Highway 176. \$1,510 damage was reported seven miles out of town.
- **CRIMINAL MISCHIEF** was reported in the 500 block of North Owens Street.
- **PHONE HARRASSMENT** was reported in the 12400 block of East Interstate 20.
- **THEFT** was reported in the 200 block of Becker.
- **DOMESTIC DISTURBANCE** was reported in the first block of Chapman Road.

Police blotter

The Big Spring Police Department reported the following activity from 8 a.m. Tuesday until 8 a.m. today:

- **ERIC RODRIGUEZ**, 22, of Lubbock was arrested this morning on a charge of public intoxication.
- **DONNY HALE JR.**, 36, of 1216 Lloyd was arrested this morning on a charge of public intoxication.
- **YOLANDA GOMEZ**, 43, of 3311 Abilene St. was arrested Tuesday on a charge of driving with a suspended license.
- **SANDRA RODRIGUEZ**, 23, of 3304 W. Highway 80 No. 6 was arrested Tuesday on a charge of possession of a controlled substance.
- **GENE RODRIGUEZ**, 26, of 3304 W. Highway 80 No. 6 was arrested Tuesday on two traffic warrants.
- **JOE VALENCIA JR.**, 20, of 2505 Ent was arrested Tuesday on a charge of minor in consumption of alcohol — enhanced.
- **ASSAULT CAUSING BODILY INJURY** was reported in the 2600 block of Dow Drive.
- **ASSAULT CLASS C/FAMILY VIOLENCE** was reported in the 2300 block of Marshall Drive.
- **DOMESTIC DISTURBANCE** was reported in the 2500 block of Ent, the 1500 block of Kentucky Way.
- **MINOR ACCIDENT** was reported in the 200 block of West FM 700.
- **DISORDERLY CONDUCT — LANGUAGE and CRIMINAL MISCHIEF** was reported in the 2500 block of Ent Drive. \$30 damage was reportedly inflicted on the structure.
- **CRIMINAL MISCHIEF** was reported:
 - At Wal-Mart. A black 1994 GMC reportedly sustained \$400 damage.
 - Twice in the 1300 block of South Gregg Street. In the first incident, \$1,510 damage was reportedly inflicted on the structure, while in the second, \$755 damage was reported.
 - In the 2300 block of Goliad Street. The structure reportedly sustained \$200 damage.
- **BURGLARY OF A VEHICLE** was reported in the 300 block of Northwest Third Street. A window was left open and two purses or wallets worth \$45, \$5 cash and other items were reported stolen.
- **BURGLARY OF A HABITATION** was reported in the 600 block of Steakley Street. Someone reportedly broke the glass in the rear door to gain access to the home and caused \$380 damage before stealing items worth \$20.
- **CRIMINAL TRESPASS — HABITATION OR SHELTER CENTER** was reported in person at the police station.
- **THEFT** was reported:
 - At Wal-Mart. Reported stolen were two purses or wallets worth \$45, \$400 cash, credit or debit cards, negotiable instruments and other items.
 - In the 1600 block of East FM 700. Home electronic entertainment equipment worth \$200 was reported stolen.
 - In the 500 block of South Birdwell Lane. Items worth \$1.50 were reported stolen.
- **FORGERY** was reported in the 300 block of South Owens Street.
- **CREDIT CARD ABUSE** was reported in the 1800 block of Mittel Avenue.
- **FRAUDULENT USE OR POSSESSION OF IDENTIFYING INFORMATION** was reported in person at the police station.

Weather

Wednesday night...Partly cloudy with a 20 percent chance of thunderstorms. Lows near 70. South winds 5 to 15 mph.

Thursday...Partly cloudy with a 20 percent chance of thunderstorms. Highs in the lower 90s. Thursday night...Partly cloudy with a 20 percent chance of thunderstorms. Lows in the lower 70s.

Friday...Partly cloudy with a 20 percent chance of thunderstorms. Highs in the lower 90s.

Saturday...Partly cloudy with a slight chance of thunderstorms. Lows near 70. Highs near 90.

Sunday...Partly cloudy with a slight chance of thunderstorms. Lows near 70. Highs in the lower 90s.

Monday...Partly cloudy with a slight chance of thunderstorms. Lows in the lower 70s. Highs in the lower 90s.

Tuesday...Partly cloudy with a slight chance of thunderstorms. Lows near 70. Highs in the mid 90s.

Lottery

Here are Tuesday's Texas Lottery game results:
Texas Two Step drawing Tuesday night: 1-9-12-26. Bonus Ball: 24.
No jackpot winner. Friday's est. jackpot: \$250,000.

Cash 5 drawing Tuesday night: 3-4-6-29-30

Pick 3 numbers drawn Tuesday night: 1-1-7.

Pick 3 numbers drawn Tuesday afternoon: 0-5-5

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Bulletin board

If you have items for the Bulletin board, contact the Herald Features Desk at 263-7331, ext. 238 or email jmoseley@crcom.net.

TODAY
Free blood pressure checks and foot assessment, 10:00 a.m. to noon, Northside Community Center, 108 NE Eighth Street. Registered nurses will determine the need for additional foot care and can also determine if the procedures can be covered by Medicare, or can provide information on other payment sources. For more information call 432-263-2673.

Downtown Lion's Club, noon, Howard County Cactus Room, 1001 Birdwell Lane.

Line Dancing, 1 p.m., Spring City Senior Citizen's Center, Industrial Park, 267-6966 or 267-1628.

Duplicate Bridge Club, 1 p.m., Big Spring Country Club.

Eagles Lodge Ladies auxiliary, 7 p.m., Eagles Lodge, 703 W. Third.

Senior Circle Stretch and Tone, 10 a.m., Scenic Mountain Medical Center, 1601 W. 11th Place.

THURSDAY
Gideon International, B.S. Camp U42060, 7 a.m., Herman's Restaurant, 1601 Gregg St.

Coffee Club, 10 a.m., Gale's Sweet Shoppe, 1712 E FM 700.

Kiwanis Club, noon, Howard College Cactus Room, 1001 Birdwell Lane, 267-6479.

Duplicate Bridge Club, 1 p.m., Big Spring Country Club, Driver Road.

American Legion Auxiliary, 6 p.m., 3203 W. Highway 80.

Arts, Craft and Quilting Club, 6 p.m., Howard County Library, 500 S. Main.

Masonic Lodge 1340, 7:30 p.m., 2101 Lancaster.

Masonic Lodge 598, 7:30 p.m., 219 Main.

Neighbors & Newcomers club. New members welcome. For more information call, 268-9335.

FRIDAY
Signal Mountain Quilting Guild, 9 a.m.-5 p.m., St. Mary's Episcopal Church, 1001 Goliad, call, 267-1307 or 267-7281. Bring a lunch.

AMBUCS, noon, Brandin Iron Inn, Highway 87 by Wal-Mart.

Greater Big Spring Rotary Club, noon, Howard College Cactus Room, 1001 Birdwell Lane.

Duplicate Bridge Club, 1 p.m., Big Spring Country Club, Driver Road.

Sacred Heart Catholic Church Spring Festival, 6 p.m. to 11 p.m., 508 Aylesford. For more information call 264-7010.

Spring City Senior Center Country and Western Dance, 7:30 p.m. to 10:30 p.m., Industrial Park. All area seniors are invited.

SATURDAY
Howard County Scottish Rite club, 7:30 a.m., Masonic Lodge, 21st and Lancaster. Breakfast is served.

Free eye glasses, 9 a.m. to noon, Bob's Custom Woodwork, 409 E. Third, Big Spring Evening Lions club.

Twenty-third annual Fun Fly, 9 a.m. to 4 p.m., Big Spring Model Aircraft Association, John Buzbee Flying Field, Old Howard County Airport. For more information or directions to the field, call Charles Buzbee at 267-7114 or Don McKinney at 399-4793.

Old Sorehead Trade Days, all day, Stanton.

Heritage Museum, 10 a.m. to 5 p.m., 510 Scurry St.

Potter House, a restored historical home, 1 p.m. to 5 p.m., 200 Gregg St. Admission is \$2 for adults and \$1 for children and senior citizens.

Hangar 25 Air Museum, 10 a.m. to 2 p.m., McMahon-Wrinkle Airpark.

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BY THE MONTH HOME DELIVERY: Evenings and Sunday, \$8.65 monthly, \$93.42 yearly (includes 10% discount for yearly)

MAIL SUBSCRIPTIONS: \$12.50 monthly Howard & Martin Counties, \$13.25 elsewhere

Coahoma Lic blood drive from 25.

The drive, held at the Town & Country Center, will be given to donors must be 18 or older, in good health, and have a valid driver's license. Donors should bring a photo ID. To register for the drive, call 427-7700. For more information, call 5539.

Registration America's annual Camp.

The camp is June 18-20, at the Center on Lake. Registration is \$10. To register, call 610 Scurry. For more information, call the camp business.

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Coahoma Lions sponsoring blood drive

Coahoma Lions Club is sponsoring a community blood drive from 4 p.m. to 7:30 p.m. Wednesday, June 25.

The drive, held by United Blood Services, will be at the Town & Country convenience store. A free T-shirt will be given to each donor.

Donors must weigh at least 110 pounds, be 17 or older, in good health and have a valid identification card. Donors should also know the names of any medications they are taking.

To register for the drive, call Russ Mullins at 394-4277. For more information, contact UBS at 432 561-5539.

Registration under way for Scout camp

Registration is under way for the Boy Scouts of America's annual three-day Survivor Scout Day Camp.

The camp is held Wednesday through Friday, June 18-20, at the Hughes Aquatic Base and Training Center on Lake Colorado City.

Registration cost is \$45 and includes a T-shirt, cap, cup and snacks.

To register, make checks payable to BSA and send to 610 Scurry, Big Spring 79720. For more information, call the BSA office at 263-3407 or Sandy Wallace, camp business manager, at 394-4310.

VALUES

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County citizens, will meet June 23 to consider mineral disputes and June 24-25 and 27 to consider real estate and personal property disputes. However, to meet with the review

board, an owner must have contacted the appraisal district first — and no later than 5 p.m. Thursday.

The district's phone number is 263-8301. Property owners who did not receive a notice, or who may have misplaced it, should also contact the appraisal district.

VESTS

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They'll be available for the tactical unit as well."

Thomas presented special Big Spring Police Department medallions to Light and Tilley in appreciation of the donation.

Light said the Eagles Bingo Hall has been providing charitable contributions to the community for about six years. The group decided to help purchase the equipment after discussions with police department officials.

"We found out that's where the need was," he said. "We came down and talked to them to find out what the need was with our police department. We've also been working closely with our sheriff's office with a few little things. We're trying to help them along too."

The Eagles Lodge supports community agencies working together for the good of all. Light added.

"Our state hospital, our VA, our American Legion — with all kinds of organizations we try to work together," he said. "Our Christian Motorcycle Association, our Cossacks, our Harley Owners Group, we all work together. The motto of the the Eagles, and they've been there for 105 years, is 'People Helping People.' And you start in your own community."

Tactical team officer Joe Bob Morales said the vests help the team members concentrate on doing their job better.

"It helps us quite a bit," he said. "The vests, they protect us, they have a certain threat level of firearms they protect us

from. As well as the fact that they are also load-bearing vests. We carry quite a lot of equipment on the vests themselves. So of course, them being brand new, it boosts up the confidence of the officers that are on the tactical team."

The tasers give officers another option in dealing with threats they face, he added.

"Those are less lethal munitions that we can use," he said. "We can implement those on the street. They're going to be a lot better for us and for the community. There are statistics out there that show that injuries go down when police departments have used the tasers in the past, both officers' injuries and civilian injuries."

Morales said the officers appreciate the donation.

"Extremely," he said. "We really appreciate what they've done for us. It's going to come in real handy."

The vests being purchased with the donation are American Body Armor RPM vests, which weigh about six pounds each and impose few movement restrictions on the officers wearing them.

The tasers are TBO-Tech Air Tasers, which fire two probes up to 15 feet, where they transmit a high-voltage electrical impulse into the target. The charge can cause a living target to lose neuromuscular control and the ability to perform coordinated actions.

Contact Staff Writer Roger Cline at 263-7331 ext. 232 or by e-mail at newsdesk@crcom.net

SWANN

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She takes with her wonderful memories. She was there at the beginning and through all of the church's transformations.

It was in her home on March 7, 1961, that several families gathered to discuss the formation of a new Southern Baptist church to serve the Midway community.

"We realized that we needed a new beginning in this area so that's why we started," Swann said. "The first night we sang a cappella, 'Leaning on the Everlasting Arms.'"

On Sunday, March 19, 1961, the fledgling congregation meet for service in the Midway Baptist School Gym.

"That Sunday morning it was so hot," she

recalled. "We prayed that we wouldn't have a sand-storm or that it rained or something and immediately we started looking for a building to buy."

The public is invited to a reception for Frances Swann at 7 p.m. Sunday, at Midway Baptist Church.

The members eventually purchased a building at 6200 South Service Road and planted the seeds that began to grow.

From that humble beginning, the church has expanded to 549 resident members strong, with more than 200 people attending Sunday service regularly. There have

been two building additions.

All through the growth and changes, Swann has been faithfully active.

"You look back and you don't realize — How did this happen?" she asks. "How did it happen, but the money just came in so it was just the Lord's will."

Those who know Swann would probably agree that "active" is the best adjective to describe her.

"I visit people maybe 1/100th of what she does but if I ever do visit a family they'll always say 'Oh yeah, Frances' church,'" said Sherry Fryrear, church member.

And then there is all the time and love she has given to the children of the church.

"She has impacted so many children who are now adults," said the Rev.

Jim Binnix, pastor. "Those adults who were once children under her teaching, they might want to come Sunday night and express their appreciation."

Sunday is Frances Swann Day at Midway Baptist and the congregation invites the community to attend at 7 p.m.

About to embrace a change, Swann is ready to move on — but with a little sadness.

"The memories are just there every time I walk into one of those old rooms," she said. "The Lord had taken care of me so I can go ahead and get active in a church when I move. Of course, it will not be like home."

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rat from a distributor in Illinois.

Gambrell said that, if captured shortly after birth, prairie dogs can make excellent pets. Older feral prairie dogs can be vicious towards humans.

"I just love my prairie dogs," she said. "I have four pet prairie dogs. They're awesome. They're absolutely wonderful."

She added, however, that only those licensed to capture and sell prairie dogs should attempt it.

"There's permits you have to have, there's rules and regulations," she said. "We discourage people from going out and doing that because most of the time they don't know what they're doing. If you buy from a reputable seller, like anything, usually that's a lot

better."

Although there have been no reported cases of monkeypox in Texas, the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention offers the following tips to avoid the disease:

- Avoid contact with any prairie dogs that appear to be ill (e.g. are missing patches of fur, have a visible rash on the skin, or have a discharge from the eyes or nose).
- Wash hands thoroughly after any contact with prairie dogs or any ill animal.
- Physicians should consider monkeypox in persons with fever, cough,

headache, myalgia, rash, or lymph node enlargement within three weeks after contact with prairie dogs. Patients should inform their doctor of the animal exposure.

• Veterinarians examining sick exotic animal species, especially prairie dogs, should consider monkeypox in their diagnoses and take safety precautions against the threat of the disease.

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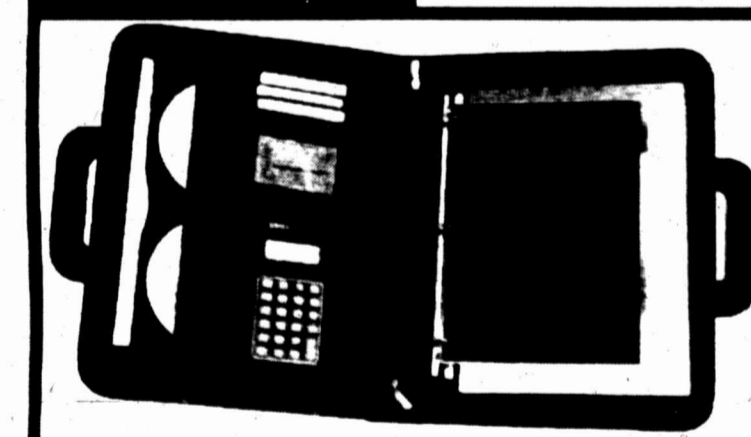
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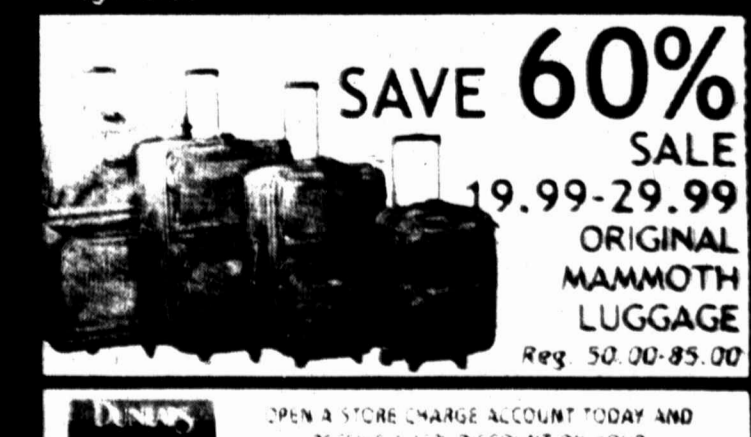
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OUR VIEWS

Trade days returns
to downtown Stanton
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Some things just keep getting better. For more than a decade, Stanton's 3,000 friendly people have been having fun poking fun at their "few old soreheads" with a downtown arts and crafts sale called the Old Sorehead Trade Days.

What started as a small event now draws crowds of 40,000 or more, depending on the weather. Upwards of 500 vendors participate in the two-day activity.

Old Sorehead Trade Days is held three weekends each year, and this weekend happens to be one of them. There is no admission charge for trade days, which covers half a dozen city blocks. Handicap parking is available, and volunteers provide golf carts as transportation for those who have to park in overflow lots on the south side of the railroad tracks.

Once downtown, trade days goes will find collectibles, art work, antiques and even just plain old junk. Relax at tables or on benches and enjoy a hamburger, turkey leg, corn on the cob, popcorn, funnel cakes or ice cream along with hand-squeezed lemonade and a variety of soft drinks.

Entertainment is provided by area musicians on the courthouse lawn and there are rides and activities for the children.

Trade days begins at 8 a.m. Saturday and runs until dark. It's a great opportunity to get that last-minute Father's Day gift for dad. Sunday's hours are noon until 5 p.m.

Come early and make a day of it.

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A SMALL PRAYER

by K. Rae Anderson

Dear Lord, help us, guide us, be with us and love us.

Amen

The California gold rush country

I wanted to find out something about the Gold Rush days in California, so I went to Placerville, thinking that was where it all started. Well, I was wrong. Placerville is a nice place with a super motel, but it is not where gold was discovered in 1848. That happened at Sutter's Mill which is in Coloma. And the man who discovered the gold was not John Sutter, but James Marshall.

I couldn't remember ever hearing of James Marshall, but my photographer friend Bill Murchison, who lives in Reno, Nevada, and was showing me around the mining areas, assured me that he had indeed heard of the man. (Back home I asked numerous Texans if they had heard of James Marshall and they all said no.)

It seems to me that such a man of prominence historically should be better remembered, even as far away as Texas.

There's a tall monument to him in the state park where Sutter's Mill is located. A statue of

Marshall shows him pointing to the place where he discovered gold.

People came to California from all over the world to try to find gold. Marshall was the man of the hour. People followed him around, thinking he had magical powers. Now that puts a certain strain on an individual and Marshall was so stressed out by all the crowds following him all the time he became a recluse and died broke.

I mentioned that great motel in Placerville. It's a Best Western. Beautiful landscaping.

I forgot my shaving kit when I packed and I asked the man at the desk when I checked in if he had a razor and comb. He gave me a razor, some shaving cream, a comb, a toothbrush, some toothpaste and a small bottle of Scope. My Buddy Bill found a map of the area and asked if it was free (even though it had a price of \$3.95 on it). The man said it was free.

The next morning when we checked out there was a sign offering 10 percent off on breakfast at the restaurant across the parking lot. I asked for a couple of coupons.

When we got to the restaurant, the coupons were good for a full

free breakfast. I told you it was a great place.

The California Gold Country is north and east of Sacramento. It stretches along Highway 49 from Nevada City south to Jamestown, passing through the historic cities of Auburn, Coloma, Placerville, Sutter Creek, Jackson, Angels Camp and Sonora.

After the gold country, we headed over Donner Pass in the Sierra Nevada where we encountered snow. This was in early May. Signs urging motorists to use tire chains or four wheel drive vehicles were everywhere.

The winter scenery was beautiful. The temperature was in the 30s and 40s all the time we were touring the area. We had hot chocolate a lot.

We went to the Nevada towns of Virginia City, Gold Hill and Silver City which haven't changed much since the gold rush days. The area reminded me of Terlingua.

At Gold Hill we met an expatriate Texan named Bill Fain. He has a Ph.D. in Physics and worked for a think tank for awhile, then went into industry. He now owns a hotel and writes melodramas which are staged in the hotel lobby.



TUMBLEWEED SMITH



Convictions and conviction

Shame on U.S. District Judge Charles Breyer for sentencing medical-marijuana maven Ed Rosenthal to one day behind bars — time already served — followed by three years' probation. In doing so, Breyer sent the dangerous signal that if you don't like a law, you don't have to obey it.

Readers of this column are aware that I believe medical marijuana should be legal. Truth be told, I think marijuana should be decriminalized. But there's something wrong when a federal judge allows a convicted criminal to basically get off because he disagrees with the federal law.

Some background: In 2002, the feds arrested Rosenthal for growing marijuana for the Harm Reduction Center in San Francisco. During the trial, Breyer stymied defense attempts to bring up Proposition 215, the voter-approved state medical marijuana initiative, as well as the fact that Oakland officials may have deputized Rosenthal to carry out the city's medical marijuana program.

When jurors learned of Rosenthal's "Deputy Ed" status after they convicted him, they

were furious. As Rosenthal told me before his "sentencing," Breyer had kept jurors from learning "the whole facts."

But Breyer was right to try to prevent "jury nullification" — that is, jurors ruling "not guilty" because they don't like the law.

Too bad the good judge then decided that, rather than sentence Rosenthal to 21 months as the court probation office recommended, he could jiggle the facts so that he could do what he wouldn't let a jury do.

Defense attorney Dennis Riordan faulted news reports for characterizing the case as a battle between federal and state authority. Au contraire, Riordan told the court, the defense was based on a "highly sophisticated argument" (if he did say so himself) that Oakland created an "immunity exception" when it deputized Rosenthal.

Breyer disagreed — but then told the courtroom that Rosenthal, "as a member of the general public," couldn't be expected to know that the deputization had no force under federal law.

Bunk. Rosenthal is not a "member of the general public." He's an informed activist. He used to write the "Ask Ed" column for "High Times" and "Cannabis Culture." He calls himself the "Guru of Ganja." He knew better.

Call me old-fashioned, but I remember when those who

engaged in civil disobedience expected to be punished and accepted it. Now they break the law, and their attorneys argue that their clients are so principled, they shouldn't have to go to jail.

And I have to agree with Assistant U.S. Attorney George Bevan, who argued that when activists win lighter sentences, it leads to "disparate sentencing." "Disparate sentencing" is the antithesis of "equal justice."

I'm happy for Rosenthal and his family. I saw the relief on his face Wednesday morning.

Still, there is a price to pay when activists feel free to break laws they don't like. Consider Eric Rudolph, the Olympic bombing suspect and abortion foe who pleaded not guilty to bombing an abortion clinic in 1998. Yes, I know, Rudolph is accused of killing two and wounding others, while Rosenthal grew pot.

But Rudolph's supporters share with Rosenthal's backers a deep hostility for federal law enforcement and a belief that their guy shouldn't have to go to jail because his convictions justify what he did.

In this country, the courts are supposed to punish people — or not punish people — for what they do, not for what they think.

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What's new at the library... with Hollis McCright

New fiction for summertime reading is in! Francine Rivers' "The Atonement Child" (F RIV D) is the story of Dynah Carey's perfect life being shattered by an act of violence and its consequence. "Miss Julia Hits the Road," (F ROS A) by Ann B. Ross, is the fourth in the Miss Julia series (the library has them all). Julia is puzzled by her beau's change in behavior — boots, writing bad poetry and sending her flowers. It really hits home when he come roaring up on a Harley and asks her to take to the road with



HOLLIS MCCRIGHT

him. This is a great book, in the style of Fanny Flagg. Another good summer read is "Revenge of the Middle-Aged Woman," (F BUC E) by Elizabeth Buchan. Rose has, for all intents and purposes, a good marriage. However, the middle age crazies strike her husband and he decamps with Rose's assistant. This is the story of a woman losing her husband and job and how she copes with the whole mess. Some darker in nature books are: "Close to Home," (F ROB P) by Peter Robinson; "Deranged," (F SIE J) by James Siegel; Peter Straub's "Ghost Story" (F STR P); "And All the Saints," (WAL M) by Michael Walsh; and "Rosemary's Baby," (F LEV I) by Ira Levin. This is the book from which the movie was made. I

believe it was one of Mia Farrow's first movies. Non-Fiction books also have been arriving. Douglas Brinkley has written an excellent book on Henry Ford and his impact upon America: "Wheels for the World: Henry Ford, His Company and a Century of Progress" (338.7629 BRI D). Did you know that bras (see p. 106) were worn in the Minoan culture? Leonard da Vinci was the first to suggest the idea of contact lenses (p. 111)? A Venetian printer was the first to provide a catalog (p. 154) to purchase items "remotely" in 1498? Check out Joel Levin's book "Really Useful: The Origins of Everyday Things" (609 LEV J); it has all these stories and may more to read and wonder at. Just think how you can live up to a boring party with these little known facts! The "Dummy" books have taken the publishing industry by storm. They are usually basic books that explain the how and why of a particular subject. New volumes that we have added are: "Parenting for

Dummies" (649.1 HAR S); "Dog Training for Dummies," (636.7088 VOL J) by Jack and Wendy Volhard; "Astronomy for Dummies," (520 MAR S) by Stanley P. Maran; "Spanish for Dummies," (468.2421 WAL S) by Susana Wald; "French for Dummies" (448.2421 SCH D); "Guitars for Dummies" (787.8719 PHI M); "Chess for Dummies," (794.12 EAD J) by James Eade; and "The Complete Idiot's Guide to Quilting" (746.46 EHR L). These can be found on the appropriate shelves. Are you working on your master's thesis or doctorate? "The MLA Handbook for Writers of Research Papers," (808.027 GIB J) by Joseph Gibaldi, is published by the Modern Language Association. Widely adopted in high schools, colleges and publishing houses, it is the definitive style bible for writers. "Some called him an evil genius. Others just said he was a genius." Who is this man? He produced one of the most radical books of the nineteenth century and has

had an immeasurable influence upon both science and people. "Charles Darwin — Voyaging," (B DAR C) by Janet Browne, has been called "the definitive Darwin biography" by Newsweek magazine. On a more frivolous note, are you ready for another book about Princess Diana? Her security officer, Ken Wharfe, has written "Diana: Closely Guarded Secret" (941.085 WHA K). He spent more than seven years as head of her security detail and obviously saw many, many intimate moments of her life with her husband and sons. It is not sensational, although there may be some new tidbits one has not heard before. I enjoyed reading it. Do you remember the

Cuban Missile Crisis? "October Fury," (973.922 HUC P) written by a former Navy officer, reveals the single most harrowing truth: the Soviet subs were armed with a nuclear-tipped torpedo and their commanders had authority to fire those weapons. Peter Huchthausen recreates the crisis as only a participant could write about. *Howard County Library is open from 9 to 6, Monday to Friday and 9 until 4 on Saturday. The Internet/Video room closes 1/2 hour before closing. The library is located at 500 Main St. Our phone number is 264-2260. Web site is www.howard-county.lib.tx.us; the online catalog is on line; our e-mail address is hmcright@hotmail.com.*

QUICK COOKING

Try these creamy Santa Fe cutlets

The Associated Press

Creamy Santa Fe cutlets are a breeze to make, understandably when the recipe comes from a cookbook titled "Dinner's On ...15 Minutes Away" (Filipacchi, 2003, \$14.95 paperback).

The pork is sauteed, and served with a sauce conured from salsa, corn, sour cream and cilantro. Perfect side dishes would be tortillas with scallion butter, and a salad of sliced cucumbers, halved cherry tomatoes and baby carrots.

The book offers "70 recipes that will save the day," according to the subtitle, compiled by the editors of Woman's Day magazine. That the recipes are quick and easy is only half the story; they are also nutritious and flavorful, and several can be made ahead, frozen and reheated.

Creamy Santa Fe Cutlets
3 tablespoons all-purpose flour
1/4 teaspoon salt
1/8 teaspoon pepper
1 pound 1/4-inch-thick pork cutlets
3 teaspoons oil
1/2 cup salsa
1/2 cup frozen corn
1/4 cup water
1/4 cup reduced-fat sour cream
1/4 cup chopped cilantro

Accompaniments: green salad with sliced cucumber, halved cherry tomatoes and baby carrots.

Combine flour, salt and pepper; dredge pork cutlets in flour mixture.

Heat 2 teaspoons oil in a nonstick skillet. Saute half the cutlets 1 1/2 minutes per side until cooked. Remove to a side plate. Repeat with remaining oil and cutlets. Cover to keep warm.

After removing cutlets from skillet, add salsa, frozen corn and water. Simmer 1 minute. Off heat, stir in reduced-fat

sour cream and chopped cilantro.
Makes 4 servings.

Tortillas With Scallion Butter
2 tablespoons softened butter
1 tablespoons chopped scallions
1/4 teaspoon ground cumin
Pinch of salt
Pinch of pepper
4 taco-size flour tortillas

Mix butter, scallions, cumin, salt and pepper. Spread mixture on 1 side of tortillas; fold each tortilla in quarters. Place on a microwave-safe plate; cover with wax paper and microwave 1 minute, until warm.

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Protecting Baghdad's daughters limits their freedom

By AZADEH MOAVENI

The Los Angeles Times
BAGHDAD, Iraq — Every school day morning five fathers stand guard outside a girls' high school in west Baghdad, making sure their daughters are not kidnapped and raped.

From the opening to the closing tinkles of the school bell, they peer suspiciously into the chaotic street when cars slow down or strangers loiter.

At noon on this day, Mohammed Abdel-Hassan pries his two daughters away from a circle of chatting girls in navy-blue uniforms and takes them home. The next day, five different fathers will have watch duty under the scorching sun, in shifts organized by a newly formed committee of men dedicated to keeping their daughters both safe and in school.

The insecurity that reigns in Iraq is the defining reality of postwar life. But the lawlessness is felt disproportionately by young women and girls who have yet to complete their education.

In one of the most secular capitals in the Arab world, where women were until recently a visible and integrated part of public life, females have all but disappeared. Men are the ones doing the shopping, turning up for what jobs remain and helping plan the future of Iraq with the U.S. reconstruction authority.

"There's so little security, and they are vulnerable as girls," said Abdel-Hassan. "We hear rumors constantly of kidnappings and rape."

In fact, the recorded numbers are small, but in a city with few police on the street and where law and order are at best tenuous, even talk of such crimes is enough to stir worry.

The fear of rape in the city is now so widespread that families are rearranging their daily activities around providing security for their daughters. Dedicated fathers such as Abdel-Hassan take personal steps to ensure their safety at school, but many who are unable or disinclined to take on an additional burden are simply opting to keep their daughters at home.

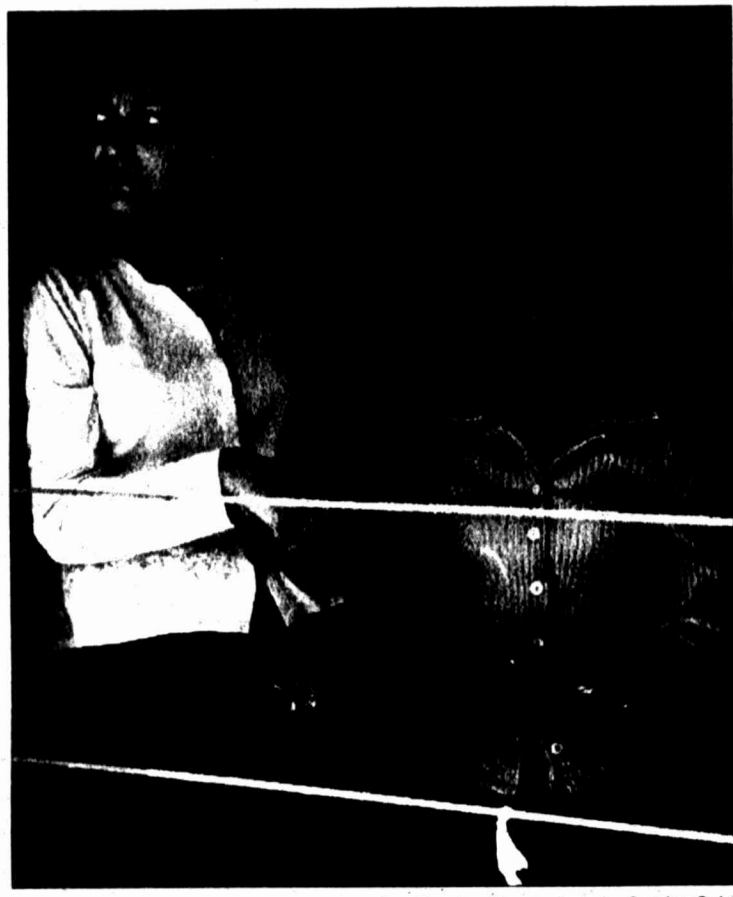
"We decided to give up on this school year entirely," said a man who hired out his services as a driver. He said his daughter's schooling is important to him but that his long hours don't allow him to drive her around himself. "Being safe is more important than being a year behind."

In Iraqi society, still shaped by tribal norms that define a family's honor by its women's reputations, there is no greater shame than rape. Rapes are only rarely reported, though, because news of a sexual assault would sully a family's name and doom the victim to either marrying her assailant or a stigmatized life of spinsterhood.

Even the word "rape" is difficult for Iraqis to utter; they generally use kidnapping as a euphemism.

With the chaotic conditions in the capital, it's impossible to know the number of rapes that have occurred since the fall of Saddam Hussein's regime in early April. One woman said she heard that there have been seven; Abdel-Hassan puts the number at 100.

With nothing to counterbalance the rumor mill, there is a void of officialdom with the U.S. will



Los Angeles Times photo by Carolyn Cole

College students Shireen Khalil, left, and her friend Mahi, both 21, wait behind a temporary barrier to be picked up by their fathers. "I'm scared of kidnappings," Khalil says. "I can't go out alone anymore, only with my father."

itary still not in full control of the city, and the Iraqi police force collapsed. Iraqis believe violent crimes are being committed with impunity. Prisons are empty, and the thousands of hardened criminals released by Saddam roam the streets.

U.S. officials here said they were concerned about the overall lack of security in Baghdad but were not taking specific measures to address its effects on women. They said women would feel safer as the overall security situation improves.

In many cities outside Baghdad, the situation is more stable and crime does not appear to be as big a problem. But in Baghdad, there seems to have been little progress in allaying the fears of women.

Iraqi political groups operating in Baghdad are receiving regular reports from their local constituents.

"We've heard very disturbing accounts of abductions of women," said Qubad Talabany, a spokesman for the Patriotic Union of Kurdistan, an Iraqi Kurdish group that controls about half of northern Iraq.

With official reports scarce, rumor is enough for most parents, who intend to keep their daughters tucked away from public life until security is fully restored to the city — a process that could take months.

"We hear gunfire all the time, and we don't know who's shooting or why. This makes people even more worried," said Faiza Mahmoud, a high school English teacher who now commutes to work with other teachers in her neighborhood.

As with most of the troubling facets of postwar life here, Iraqis suspect the hidden hand of the old regime.

"These rumors are all

being spread by the Baathists," Mahmoud said. "They want to disrupt everything. They don't want anything to be improved."

For Um Omar, like other mothers who want to keep their girls in class and cannot afford a car, that means spending each afternoon in snarled traffic, in taxis that often run out of gas, picking up each of her three daughters at their schools in disparate parts of the city.

"They say even taxis aren't safe, and I'm scared to use them. Should I be using the public buses? I don't know," she said, eyeing the traffic warily.

The compulsion to guard women's honor can be so overwhelming in traditional families that some girls are being locked up at home even when their schools are nearby.

Nour Hassan, 16, has spent every day since the war confined to a narrow apartment in stifling heat, waiting for the two-hour reprieve when the electricity comes on, so she can turn on the ceiling fan and listen to CDs.

Cut off from her friends by the collapse of the telephone network, Nour's daily life has been reduced to a numbing routine: breakfast, house chores, lunch, nap, dinner.

Most hours the television doesn't work, since there is no electricity, completing her isolation.

Female students at a college in north Baghdad who successfully battled traditional norms for a measure of social independence now fear it will be years before they can regain the prewar normalcy of their lives.

Activities such as meeting friends for dinner, swimming at the local pool and study dates are now out of the question, and the public places where young people used to meet — cultural centers or social clubs —

have either been looted or taken over by bands of Iraqis. They provided rare venues for surreptitious dating, an already tricky endeavor that is now impossible for Iraqi young people.

Zeinab, a 24-year-old computer science major who declined to give her last name, would drive her own car to college before the U.S. invasion, but now she's only permitted to leave the house for school with the man she jokingly calls her

"driver-bodyguard-chaperon."

The beauty salons she used to frequent for pedicures and conversation are closed, so Zeinab spends much of her long hours at home in front of a mirror, practicing different hairstyles for the day she regains a social life.

"Girls lost most of their freedom here a long time ago, but now we've lost it all," she said angrily. "They want to protect our honor."

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Doctor's office, pharmacy raided

DALLAS (AP) — Deaths of 11 patients have prompted raids on a doctor's office, home and bank by state and federal law officers who say their investigation relates to drug prescriptions.

Agencies began investigating Dr. Daniel Maynard after complaints by family members of patients who died of drug overdoses, Dallas County District Attorney Bill Hill said Tuesday.

"We're certainly concerned about that many deaths that were the result of drug overdoses and having been patients of one particular doctor," Hill told The Dallas Morning News in Wednesday's editions. "We want to review the patient files and see if in fact there was any causation between those deaths and the medications Dr. Maynard was prescribing."

The 11 patients ranged in age from 29 to 62, and their deaths occurred during the last three years, court records show. Causes of death listed in their autopsies included drug overdoses, toxic effects of mixed drugs and congestive heart failure.

Among Texas doctors in 2002, Maynard wrote the most prescriptions for the sedative diazepam and the second-most prescriptions for Tylenol with codeine, according to records. That year, he wrote 54,748 prescriptions, the records showed.

Demand for prairie dogs is booming

EL PASO (AP) — Demand for prairie dogs has created a cottage industry in which a handful of operators catch thousands of the small rodents each year and other companies ship them to pet stores far from the wide-open spaces of West Texas.

This corner of the exotic-pet industry has gained lots of unwanted publicity this week, as pet store prairie dogs have been blamed for an outbreak of monkeypox in three Midwestern states.

Operators said Tuesday that they are not at fault, and they hope business returns to normal soon.

"We supply a lot of prairie dogs ... and our animals are healthy," said Jasen Shaw, owner of U.S. Global Exotics. "We haven't got any animals dying here."

Investigators say 200 prairie dogs shipped from Shaw's company probably contracted monkeypox from a giant Gambian rat at a Chicago-area pet distributor. They are trying to trace anyone who bought a prairie dog at the store since mid-April.

Winds cause damage in Monahans

MONAHANS (AP) — High winds have damaged businesses and homes, also toppling a communications tower in this West Texas town, where the Red Cross is helping residents following a series of strong storms that knocked out power across the area.

Winds approaching 60 mph battered the area Monday, ripping the roofs from a couple of Monahans businesses and felling a communications tower the city installed nine months ago, said Rex Thee, municipal director of public works.

He said when the roof of the Boys and Girls Club of Monahans was ripped off, it hit the tower and "took it right over."

The tower clipped the fire department building on its way down, taking out an air conditioning unit, Thee said.

A home caught fire at 10:30 p.m., just after the storm hit, and an Odessa mother and her two children were evacuated to a hotel, said Tonya Hancock, chief operating officer for the American Red Cross of Southwest Texas.

She said the Red Cross has helped 45 Permian Basin residents since the last big storm, with winds of up to 70 mph, hit one week ago.

House unveils child credit tax cut plan

WASHINGTON (AP) — House Republican leaders, under pressure from the Senate and White House to expand the child tax credit for low-income families, upped the ante with an \$82 billion tax cut containing child credits for higher-income couples and tax breaks for the armed forces.

"What we are interested in is real, solid tax relief for those that are paying taxes," House Majority Leader Tom DeLay said.

The Texas Republican said the House would vote Thursday on the bill. Passage there would send the politically charged measure back to the Senate, where lawmakers voted overwhelmingly last week to pass much smaller legislation expanding the child credit to low-income families.

Both bills call for expanding the \$1,000 child-tax credit to more low-income families by allowing them to claim a refund worth up to 15 percent of their income over \$10,500. That would allow the 6.5 million families left out of the tax cut that President Bush signed on May 28 to join others and get an advance refund on the credit worth up to \$400 per child.

Ways and Means Committee Chairman Bill Thomas, the House's top tax writer, said the House bill gives all families better benefits by extending the \$1,000 child tax credit until 2010. Left unchanged, it will drop back to \$700 in 2006.

House wants to tighten down on gambling

WASHINGTON (AP) — The House has voted to prohibit gamblers from using credit cards to bet at illegal

offshore Internet casinos.

Some lawmakers worry that an exemption in the legislation aimed at protecting legal U.S.-based gambling could expand operations like horse racing, lotteries, dog racing to the World Wide Web.

The vote banning Americans from using credit cards, checks and electronic fund transfers to pay for online betting transactions passed 319-104 on Tuesday.

"Illegal Internet gambling is no better than an offshore mail order drug business," said House Majority Leader Tom DeLay, R-Texas. Government watchdogs say more than 1,600 illegal Internet casinos could bring in more than \$4 billion this year.

A vote on whether to add an exemption for "any lawful transaction with a business licensed or authorized by a state" was closer — it passed 237-186.

Supporters said that passing the ban without the exemption would practically kill horse racing — which relies heavily on credit card transactions — and that states always have had the right to regulate gambling within their own borders.

"It would restrict the day to day wagering activities of millions of horse racing fans," said Rep. Harold Rogers, R-Ky.

Shaky peace efforts are continuing

RAMALLAH, West Bank (AP) — Egypt's intelligence chief renewed truce efforts Wednesday in a long-shot mission aimed at persuading Hamas to halt violence despite an Israeli missile strike that wounded a leader of the Islamic militant group.

Israeli Prime Minister Ariel Sharon was unapologetic about Tuesday's botched strike against Hamas co-founder Abdel Aziz Rantisi, despite a sharp reprimand from President Bush who said the attack made it harder for Palestinian Prime Minister Mahmoud Abbas to fight terrorism.

Sharon said after Bush's rebuke that Israel will "continue to fight the heads of the extremist terrorist organizations — those who initiate, those who fund and those who send terrorists to kill Jews."

The missile strike jeopardized the so-called "road map," a U.S.-backed peace plan for Mideast peace and a Palestinian statehood by 2005. Bush has invested his presidential prestige in the initiative, formally launching it with Sharon and Abbas at a summit last week in the Jordanian resort of Aqaba.

Hamas opposes the peace plan.

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Leaving the Nest

Jans leaving Hawks for Florida post

By TOMMY WELLS
Sports Editor

Chris Jans came to Howard College two years ago with the goal of turning the Hawks into a national basketball superpower. By all standards, he accomplished that feat, guiding the Hawks as high as No. 2 in the national junior college polls and to within 20 minutes of the national JUCO tournament.

In the end, however, his success helped bring his tenure in Big Spring to an early end. As with most things, success brings notoriety — and big-time opportunities.

Jans stepped down as the Howard College men's basketball program Wednesday morning in order to accept the head coaching duties at Chipola Junior College in Marianna, Fla. At Chipola, Jans will be replacing Ryan Cross as the head men's basketball coach. Cross, who guided CJC to a 23-9 record this past season, resigned recently to accept an assistant's job with Louisiana Tech.

Jans leaves the Hawks after one of the best two-year periods in the school's history. In his two seasons, he compiled a 49-14 record, including a 29-4 run this past year in which the squad advanced to the Region V Basketball Tournament championship game. Jans met with HC president Cheryl Sparks Wednesday morning to announce his departure.

"I have a lot of mixed feelings about the move," said Jans. "I really like it here. I envisioned being here for four or five years. I was real happy with where I was, but Chipola just had too much to offer as a program and for me, personally."

Jans said the connection with Chipola came about through a friend who felt he would fit the CJC program perfectly. That friend alerted Chipola officials who contacted Jans to gauge his interest in the small Jackson County college.

"I was not in the mode of job searching," he said. "It's just something that kind of happened. Obviously, I'm excited about the position but it's hard to leave. I felt real comfortable here. The people treated us great."

"Plus, it's one of those deals here where we are on the cusp of competing for a national title," he



Howard College head coach Chris Jans scolds a referee for a call during WJCAC action earlier this year. Jans, who led the team to a 49-14 record and the No. 2 ranking in the national JUCO polls, resigned Wednesday.

said. "I still think this is a place where you can win a title and compete year-in and year-out. I'm sure I'll be hearing more about Howard."

"For me personally and for my career, the position at Chipola was too much to pass by," he added.

Jans immediately found success at Howard. A former Division I assistant, Jans took the HC job in

2001 and led the Hawks to a 20-10 record. Last season, the team improved to 29-4 and finished as the runner-up in the Western Junior College Athletic Conference.

At Chipola, Jans will face a reloading year. The team graduated six sophomores in May and brings back just five freshmen. See **JANS**, Page 9

Hays steps down as Hawks' baseball coach

By TOMMY WELLS
Sports Editor

The Howard College Hawks baseball program will be undergoing a few changes in 2004. The biggest, however, may be in who's in charge in the dugout.

Long-time HC head coach Justin Hays announced he was stepping down as the Hawks' head coach Wednesday morning after five years at the helm. Hays said his decision would enable him to pursue other opportunities. Hays, the

son of Texas Tech head baseball coach Larry Hays and the brother of Midland College's Shannon Hays, led the Hawks to berths in the regional tournament in three of his five years at the helm. Howard College Athletic Director Jim Lewis said the search for a replacement was under way.

"We appreciate his efforts and his service to Howard College for the past five years," said Lewis, who had an early practice. "We wish him well in the future."

"Lewis said Hays' efforts in the off-season left the program in good shape. He landed commitments from several top-notch prospects. See **HAYS**, Page 9



HAYS

IN BRIEF

Crossroads cheer, football sign-ups near

Registration for the 2003 Crossroads Little Football League football and cheerleading squads will get underway June 23 at the Big Spring Mall.

Registration for cheerleaders will be held from June 23 to July 14 at 5:30 p.m. to 7:30 p.m. during the week, and from noon to 4 p.m. on weekends.

A copy of each child's birth certificate and report card will be needed at the time of registration.

The cost for cheerleading is \$65 per person.

For more information contact Stacy Campbell at 268-9634.

Clarendon College to hold baseball tryouts

Clarendon College will be conducting baseball tryouts for high school seniors and players with junior college eligibility on June 5. The camp will be held at Bulldog Field and begins with registration at 9 a.m.

There is no pre-registration needed. For more information call Trent Petrie at 806-874-3571, extension 272.

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WGA to hold Two-Lady Golf Scramble

The Big Spring Country Club Women's Golf Association will be holding its Cloverleaf Two-Lady Scramble on June 19 at BSCC. The event will begin at 9 a.m. with a shotgun start.

The cost for entering is \$100 per team and includes the cost of a cart and one mulligan per person.

For more information contact Larry Bryan at 915-267-5354 or Claudia Patterson at 915-263-8723.

CGA to hold monthly gold tourney June 15

The Chicano Golf Association will be holding its monthly golf tournament at Comanche Trail Golf Course on June 15. The event will begin at 10 a.m. with a shotgun start.

Persons wishing to participate in the tournament must be registered by 9:30 a.m. the day of the event.

For more information contact Billy Pineda at 264-7116.

All-star softball game slated for Saturday

The West Texas All-Star Softball Classic will be held Saturday night in Midland. A team of Permian Basin All-stars, will face an Abilene-area squad, beginning at 7:30 p.m. at MUGS Field.

BSCC will be sponsoring Summer Junior Golf Clinic

The Big Spring Country Club will be sponsoring a Summer Junior Golf Clinic from June 12 to July 31 at the country club. Persons participating in the clinic will be eligible to compete in a junior tournament on Aug. 5-7.

The clinic is scheduled to be held from 9 a.m. to 11 a.m. every Tuesday and Thursday through the end of July.

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For more information about the clinic or the junior golf tournament please contact the Big Spring Country Club Pro Shop at 267-5354.



Herald Photo/Tommy Wells
Seven-year-old Eric Edwards shows off the 12-inch crappie he caught recently while fishing at Lake Brady with his great-grandfather Lirla Johnson. Edwards is a student at Elbow Elementary.

Expos clinch spot in LL finals

By TOMMY WELLS
Sports Editor

The Big Spring Expos are right where everyone expected them to be: In the championship game of the annual Little League city tournament.

Now they just have to wait for an opponent.

The Expos nailed down a berth in the championship round this weekend by pounding out a 10-5 victory over the Coahoma Rangers Tuesday afternoon at Pittman/Mims National League Field. The Rangers, with the loss, fall into the consolation semifinals against either the Pirates or Mets.

The Expos, now 19-1 on the year, didn't waste any time in taking control of the semifinal showdown. They turned two walks and an RBI single from Jr. Rogers into a four-run outburst in the first inning.

Expos ace Frankie Reyes kept Coahoma off stride with a solid effort on the mound. Reyes fanned two of the first three batters he faced and cruised to an easy win.

Brandon Carruth, who reached base after being hit by a pitch, scored for the Expos in the third to inflate their lead to 5-0.

The Rangers, who had just two hits in the contest, crept back to within 5-1 in the bottom of the third as Devin Barbee scored.

The Expos, who were limited to just three hits, salted the victory away with a five-run barrage in the fourth inning. Catcher Zachary Hatfield sparked the Expos' run

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New Jersey in a must-win situation as Game 4 nears

EAST RUTHERFORD, N.J. (AP) — No team has overcome a 3-1 deficit in the NBA Finals, and the New Jersey Nets don't want to try their luck at it.

"We really need Game 4. They know it, we know it," Kenyon Martin said Tuesday before the Nets' practice.

In New Jersey's second home game of the NBA Finals tonight, the Nets will find out whether they've got any realistic hope of hanging a title banner on the opposite end of their arena from those belonging to the New Jersey Devils.

About 13 hours after the Devils hoisted their third Stanley Cup, the ice at Continental Airlines Arena was covered by the Nets' home floor — and the San Antonio Spurs, who had an early practice. A victory in Game 4 would allow them to take a nearly prohibitive lead in the series.

"Any team down 3-1 is devastated," Spurs guard Stephen Jackson said. "It would definitely take the confidence out of them."

To win their first NBA title, the Nets must figure out how to score consistently against the Spurs' ever-changing defense. Run-and-gun New Jersey

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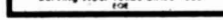
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Name: Tanner Gage Wilson Sex: Male Birth Place: Waco, McLernan County, Texas Birth Date: 10/27/97 Present Residence: Waco, Texas

The court has authority to enter a judgment and order that will be binding on you, including the termination of the parent-child relationship and the appointment of a conservator with the authority to consent to the child's adoption. #3910 June 11, 2003

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Horoscope

Mercury and Mars mix it up today, emphasizing the importance of walking your talk. This is not a day to advise others of things you can't seem to get yourself to do no matter how hard you try. In fact, it's best to be quiet and see what you can teach by example. Paying attention to your own problems will make you very influential.

ARIES (March 21-April 19). Money luck is strong today, but cash flow presents itself in the form of a steady trickle, not a windfall. Pennies and dimes add up! If you give it away tonight, just know that there's more where it came from.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20). Friends of all ages, sexes and locales will enrich your life by giving you a lot of different points of view from which to see the world. Of course, you'll think yours is right, and it probably is.

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Cause No. 1748 IN THE INTEREST OF DONAVAN KING, A CHILD IN THE DISTRICT COURT OF HOWARD COUNTY, TEXAS, THE STATE OF TEXAS, COUNTY OF HOWARD TO: TANNER HOOPER

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Table with 24 columns (KMid, KPEJ, KERA, F:AM, KOJA, WFAA, KWES, WTBS, UNI, NASH, TMC, SHOW, TLC, HBO, KMLM, A&E, DISC, TNT, DISN) and 6 rows (6-12) listing TV programs and channels.

DENNIS THE MENACE comic strip. Panel 1: Dennis points to a sign that says 'YES, I HAVE A WAIT PROBLEM! I CAN'T WAIT FOR YOU TO VACATE THE PREMISES!'.

THE FAMILY CIRCUS comic strip. Panel 1: Dennis says 'When my friends get here, try to look older.'

HAGAR comic strip. Panel 1: A sign says 'BEFORE YOU CAN BE SEATED YOU MUST MEET CERTAIN HEALTH REQUIREMENTS'. Panel 2: A sign says 'EVERY MEMBER OF YOUR PARTY MUST TAKE A BATH'.

BLONDIE comic strip. Panel 1: Blondie says 'THIS ROAD SHOULD BE OVER HERE!'. Panel 2: Blondie says 'YOU'RE WRONG! IT GOES OVER HERE!'. Panel 3: Blondie says 'SAYS WHO?!'. Panel 4: Blondie says 'SAYS ME!!!'. Panel 5: Blondie says 'NOW! ROAD RAGE EVEN BEFORE THE ROAD IS BUILT'.

NEC-TAR comic strip. Panel 1: A man looks at a dictionary labeled 'WILEY'S DICTIONARY'. Panel 2: A man looks at a dictionary labeled 'WILEY'S DICTIONARY' with the text 'WHAT THEY PUT AROUND YOUR THROAT BEFORE THEY FEATHER YOUR NECK'.

WIZARD OF ID comic strip. Panel 1: Wizard says 'MY WIFE IS A COMPULSIVE SHOPPER'. Panel 2: Wizard says 'GIVE HER ONE OF THESE PILLS'. Panel 3: Wizard says 'SHE WON'T TAKE MEDICINE'. Panel 4: Wizard says 'TELL HER THEY WERE ON SALE'.

AGNES comic strip. Panel 1: Agnes says 'AGNES, PUT THAT THING DOWN AND PUT AWAY THE DISHES'. Panel 2: Agnes says 'COOPS! GOTTA RUN, VERONICA. I'LL CALL YOU LATER, OK? KISSES!'. Panel 3: Agnes says 'YOU'RE TALKING TO AN OLD LIGHTER?'. Panel 4: Agnes says 'NO, THIS IS A CELLPHONE. VREEP! VREEP! UH-OH, I SIMPLY MUST TAKE THIS ONE SORRY!'. Panel 5: Agnes says 'PEOPLE CAN SEE YOUR LIPS MOVE WHEN YOU DO THAT "VREEP-VREEP" THING, YOU KNOW'. Panel 6: Agnes says 'OH, HI, BABS! TALK FAST, I'M IN MY MERCEDES!'.

HI AND LOIS comic strip. Panel 1: Lois says 'WHAT IS IT WITH TEENAGERS AND LONG SHOWERS'. Panel 2: Lois says 'I DON'T KNOW, IT'S A DEVELOPMENTAL MENTAL THING!'. Panel 3: Lois says 'YOU MEAN CHIP HAS A BIOLOGICAL URGE TO WASTE WATER?'.

MR. HOUSEWIFE comic strip. Panel 1: Mr. Housewife says 'WAN DEE BA REE OOGLEE YA BOO...'. Panel 2: Mr. Housewife says 'DO YOU LIKE MY SINGING?'. Panel 3: Mr. Housewife says 'IT'S VERY GOOD. IT REMINDS ME OF HEAVY METAL OR RAP'. Panel 4: Mr. Housewife says 'I CAN'T UNDERSTAND THOSE LYRICS EITHER'.

SNUFFY SMITH comic strip. Panel 1: Snuffy says 'MRS. SMITH, THESE QUILTS OF YOURS ARE PIECES OF HISTORY!!'. Panel 2: Snuffy says 'WELL, IF YOU SAY SO, BUT AS I RECALL...'. Panel 3: Snuffy says 'THAT MOSTLY PIECES OF PANTS!!'.

BEEBLE BAILEY comic strip. Panel 1: Beeble says 'THERE'S NO FOOL LIKE AN OLD FOOL'. Panel 2: Beeble says 'VISITORS' DAY'. Panel 3: Beeble says 'WHY NOT?'. Panel 4: Beeble says 'THE OLD FOOL HAS HAD MORE PRACTICE'.

People In The News

By The Associated Press
CHICAGO (AP) - Conductor James Conlon has been named music director of Ravinia Festival, beginning with the 2005 season.
Conlon will serve as music director designate for Ravinia's centennial season in 2004 before beginning his three-year contract as music director.
'I am delighted to be music director of the Ravinia Festival,' Conlon said. 'It welcomed me at the beginning of my professional life and has meant a great deal to me for the last 25 years.'

Newsday Crossword

Crossword puzzle grid with clues: ACROSS 1 Waterproof covering, briefly; 5 Make laugh; 10 Exploit; 14 Inventor; 15 Yoga posture; 16 Poor, as an excuse; 17 'It's Impossible' singer; 18 Piece of land; 19 Petri-dish material; 20 Bikers' gear; 23 Charm; 25 Gooseflesh-inducing; 26 Sunfish; 27 Former Russian rulers; 30 'Sparkling wine' town; 31 South American cowboy; 33 polloi; 36 Profitable operation; 39 Actress; 40 'The Streets of...'; 41 Of the mouth; 42 Shankar's instrument; 43 Got up; 44 Port of ancient Rome; 47 Illinois city; 49 Sign of bad weather; 53 Zingy taste; 54 Silt deposit; 55 Parroted; 59 Light sword; 60 Put on guard; 61 Berra of baseball; 62 Half of the checkers; 63 Feathered talkers; 64 'Quit it!'; DOWN 1 Muscle spasm; 2 In the past; 3 CD; 4 Assert; 5 Bachelor's last stop; 6 Telegraph inventor; 7 Four Corners state; 8 as it is; 9 Spanish compass point; 10 Calgary NHLers; 11 Psyched up; 12 Rare violin; 13 Not long-winded; 21 Mai tai ingredient; 22 Playwright; 23 Fiery felony; 24 Drop a hint; 26 Ali; 27 Potato, for one; 28 Drift lightly; 29 Chan comment; 31 Pesky bug; 32 Taj Mahal locale; 33 Marsh wader; 34 1970 World's Fair site; 35 Speck on a globe; 37 Old war story; 38 Currently; 42 Burns slightly; 43 Dhabhi; 44 Aquatic mammal; 45 Outline; 46 Ready to play, as a piano; 47 Very very; 48 Prowls around; 50 Party cheese; 51 Bank (on); 52 Big family; 56 Tea holder; 57 Self; 58 Short swim.

Answer to previous puzzle grid with words: SALES, RASH, SLAM, ASIDE, ELIA, HUGO, FAMILY, FIRM, ECRU, ENABLE, SELF, KEN, LEAF, DELAYED, UNDERGO, TOMS, MOI, EXAM, PETAL, USNA, REPEL, NICE, HYENA, SORE, FRO, TKOS, CARAFES, OCTANES, IDOL, CEE, ETAT, OUTLIE, ELSA, TRYINGHARD, ALEC, EARN, HEWED, NOTE, ENOS, SAISY.