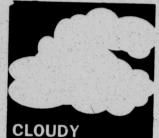
MONDAY

April 5, 2004

WEATHER





TONIGHT TOMORROW 52°-53° 65°-68°

BRIEFLY

Work on water lines scheduled today

The city of Big Spring Water Utilities Department will be repairing a main in the water system today.

Work began around 10 a.m. and will continue until the project is completed.

Customeers in the following areas will have low or no water pressure:

Douglas from Eighth Street to 18th Street. Eighth Street from

Abrams to Douglas. Ninth Street from

Douglas to Bell. For more information, call 264-2392.

Razzmatazz deadline extended

The entry deadline for the Relay Rascal Razzmatazz, a children's pageant hosted by Big Spring State Hospital's Relay for Life team, "Mind, Body and Soul," has been extended to April 9.

Money raised during the April 17 pageant will go towards the American Cancer Society's Relay for Life fund-raising drive.

The age groups are 0-12 months, 13-23 months, 2-3 years, 4-5 years, 6-8 years and 9-12 years of age. Entry forms are due Friday, with an entry fee of \$10 per child. Forms are available from the Big Spring Area Chamber of Commerce, 215 W. Third Street.

According to project coordinators, Children who particiapte in the Relay Rascal Razzmatazz will also have time to attend and participate in the Health Fair.

For more information, call (432) 268-7399 or (432) 268-7833.

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Health fair to stress mental conditioning

Experts: Exercise is important tool for both the mind and body

By VALERIE AVERY

Special to the HERALD

Exercise not only improves muscle tone and the circulatory system, but gives mental health a



ders reap the greatest rewards from exercise, but people with: out mental illness also benefit from aerobic activity or strength training, said Gail VALVERDE Zilai, LMSW, Director

People with depres-

sion or anxiety disor-

of Activity Therapies Department at Big Spring State Hospital.

"A lot of studies have said that medication and exercise together are the best things for anxiety disorders and depression," Zilai said. "If you exercise, it helps to reduce the amount of stress you

feel at any given time."

The importance of mental health will be the theme of this year's Big Spring Chamber of Commerce Health Fair. The

What: Big Spring Area Chamber of Commerce Health Fair.

Where: Dorothy Garrett Coliseum.

When: 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. Saturday, April 17.

Health Fair will be held April 17 from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. in the Howard College Dorothy Garrett Coliseum.

More than 2,000 people are expected to visit 63 booths performing free screenings, handing

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Big Spring State Hospital Director of Activity Therapies Gail Zilai, LMSW, shows fellow employee Connie Ramirez how to operate the bicycle machine in the hospital's fitness room for patients and employees. Regular exercise improves mental health, professionals say. Mental health will be the them of the April 17 Big Spring Area Chamber of Commerce Health Fair.

Inez Salazar, a Big Spring High School special education aide, helps Alex Moreno water tomato plants in the campus greenhouse. The plants are now on sale to the general public. Interested buyers may contact Jennifer Lance at 264-3641, ext. 114, during school hours for more information.

GROWING TALL

Special ed students ready to reap harvest

By LYNDEL MOODY

Staff Writer

After expending time, labor and much love, Big Spring High School special education students are ready to bring their harvest to market. A number of greenhouse-

raised tomato and pepperplants are currently on sale to the general public.

"We have Celebrity brand tomato plants. They are \$2," said special education teacher Jennifer Lance. "We also have pepper plants. They're \$1. The money we raise from this goes

"They love coming out here. None of them ever complain."



Special education teacher

back into the special education program and to purchase supplies for the greenhouse." Interested buyers may contact Lance at 264-3641, ext. 114 during school hours for more information about purchasing plants.

According to Lance, the students' performance of daily tasks in the high school greenhouse helps to reinforce skills taught in the classroom.

"We used the greenhouse as a tool to teach them living skills, social skills, career skills," she said. "They learn how to work together."

During this past growing sea-

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Learn how to call for assistance

By THOMAS JENKINS

Staff Writer

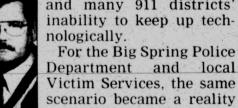
Imagine if you dialed 911 on your cell phone while your life was in danger, but couldn't tell the dispatcher on the other end of the

Always give your location first.

line where or who you are.

Imagine help never coming. It's not a pretty picture, but it's a

reality due to shortfalls that have come from the growing popularity of cell phones and many 911 districts' inability to keep up tech-



scenario became a reality recently. "We received a call on our 911 phone line that was rolled over to a secondary number," explained Big Spring Police Department Chief Lonnie Smith. "The call came from a cell phone, and all

the woman on the other end was able to relay to us was that she was being assaulted by her fiancé. They could hear some of the things going on, and then the line went dead. "We had no location or name to go

on, just that she was being beaten up by her fiancé. The dispatchers listened to the recording several times trying to get some other details out of it, but in the end there just wasn't anything else there."

After the call came in, police officials contacted local Victim Services director Shan Thomas, who began a search of her organization's records

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Big Spring area spared much of rough weather

From staff and wire reports

Dark, cloudy skies continued to threaten the Big Spring area Monday morning, as residents breathed a sigh of relief that they'd been spared the flooding and violent weather that struck other parts of West Texas over the weekend.

According to the United States Weather Service, Big Spring received a little less than a third of an inch of rain Saturday night

and Sunday. Elsewhere, however, heavy rains turned dry West Texas arroyos into churning rivers, puncturing an earthen dam and sending dozens of people fleeing into the night in the small town

of Toyah. Rains also were suspected in the collapse of an Interstate 20 bridge near Pecos.

Today, a flash flood remains in effect for Howard County and the surrounding area through tonight. The forecast called for showers and thunderstorms to be likely throughout the day with locally heavy rain possible in the afternoon. There is a 70 percent chance of rain during the day. increasing to 90 percent tonight.

Throughout West and South Texas on Sunday, residents battled high waters and hail storms. A portion of a grocery store roof collapsed in Crystal City after hail pelted the region.

Late Sunday night, authorities in Brooks County reported peo-

ple were trapped in their houses. a foot-and-a-half deep still ran return a telephone call from The Associated Press for details early today.

There were no immediate reports of injuries from the round of storms.

Mayor Pro Tem Diana Tollett found herself stranded in Toyah with about 20 residents who wouldn't leave early Sunday when a wall of water 3 feet high rushed through the town of 100 in Reeves County.

"We had like eight inches of rain fall all at once," she said Sunday night. The arroyos and ravines that carve up the land filled all at once and came together to break the dam. Water

Sheriff Balde Lozano did not through the town's streets late Sunday. - Toyah's emergency crews were

among the more than 40 who evacuated, leaving Tollett to handle any minor emergencies.

Not far from Toyah, law officers enforcement advance warning that the eastbound I-20 bridge was about to crumble into Salt Draw and were able to close off the road to traf-

Mike Cox, a spokesman for the Department Transportation in Austin, said rain appears the likely suspect in the collapse.

Obituaries

Felipe Juarez



Felipe Juarez, 75, of Big Spring, died Sunday morning, April 4, 2004, at Scenic Mountain Medical Center following a long illness.

Vigil services will be at 7 p.m. Monday at Myers & Smith Chapel. Funeral Mass will be at 2 p.m. Tuesday at Sacred Heart Catholic Church with the Rev. James Plagens and Deacon Johnny Arguello, officiating. Burial will be at Mount Olive Memorial Park.

He was born July 29, 1928, in Big Spring and was a lifetime resident of Big Spring. He had worked at the Bennett House, the Big Spring State Hospital and later for the city of Big Spring in the water department and at the cemetery. He was a member of the Sacred Heart Catholic Church.

He is survived by one son, Joe Juarez Sr. and his wife, Elida of Big Spring; one daughter, Mary Moreles of Kansas; one brother, Juan Juarez of Big Spring; five grandchildren; nine great grandchildren; and several cousins including Juana Mendoza and her husband, Santos of Big Spring.

He was preceded in death by his parents, Nasario Juarez Sr. and Josefa Juarez; one son, Ernest Juarez; and one brother, Nasario Juarez Jr.

Pallbearers will be Joe Juarez Jr., David Juarez, Johnny Juarez, Donny Juarez, Michael Juarez and Phillip Mendoza Jr.

The family will be at 901 North Gregg Street.

Arrangements are by Myers & Smith Funeral Home. Pay your respects online at www.myersandsmith.com

Oliver Henry "O. H." Thomas

Oliver Henry "O. H." Thomas, 91, of Seminole, formerly of Big Spring, died on Saturday, April 3, 2004, in a Seminole nursing home.

Funeral services will be held at 2 p.m. Tuesday, April 6, 2004, at the Nalley-Pickle and Welch Rosewood Chapel with the Rev. Dudley Mullins, pastor First Baptist Church of Kermit, officiating. Interment will follow at Trinity Memorial Park.

He was born on Oct. 18, 1912, in Burnett County and married Mary Helen DeVaney on December 23, 1932. He was a member of East Fourth Street Baptist Church.

Survivors include one son and daughter-in-law, Jeff and Kathy Thomas of Bastrop; two daughters and a son-in-law, Lavada and Emmett Mills of Denver City and Kathy Mayfield of College Station; seven grandsons, Clay Mayfield of Corona, Calif., Coy Mayfield of Abilene, Kirk Mayfield of Tikrit, Iraq, Steve Mills of Minnetonka, Minn., Joshua Thomas of Bastrop, Jason Thomas of Houston and Scotty Thomas of Alabama; two granddaughters, Suzanne McMahan of Midland and Chelsey Thomas of Bastop; eight great grandchildren and numerous nieces and rephews.

He was preceded in death by his parents, Oliver Henry and Ida Thomas; five brotners, four sisters and one great grandson.

The family suggests memorials to the American Heart Association, 3205 W. Cuthbert, Ste. A-8, Midland

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

Wallace "Wally" Richardson

Wallace "Wally" Richardson, 81, of Big Spring, died Sunday morning, April 4, 2004, at the Laman-Lusk-Sanchez Veterans Home in Big Spring. Services are pending at Myers & Smith Funeral Home.

Harvey Thompson, 32, of Big Spring, died Saturday, April 3, 2004, at his residence. His services are pending with Nalley-Pickle & Welch Funeral Home & Crematory of Big Spring.

Weather

Today - Mostly cloudy. Chance of showers and thunderstorms then showers and thunderstorms likely in the afternoon. Locally heavy rainfall possible in the afternoon. Highs in the mid 60s. East winds around 10 mph. Chance of precipitation 70 percent. Tonight — A 90 percent chance of showers and thun-

derstorms. Lows in the mid 50s. Southeast winds 10 to 15 mph.

Tuesday - Mostly cloudy. Chance of showers and thunderstorms. Highs in the upper 60s. South winds around 10 mph early in the morning becoming light. Chance of precipitation 50 percent.

Tuesday night - Partly cloudy with a 40 percent chance of showers and thunderstorms. Lows in the lower 50s. West winds around 10 mph early in the evening becoming northeast around 10 mph after midnight.

Wednesday — Mostly cloudy. Highs in the lower 70s. Light winds becoming northwest around 10 mph in the afternoon.

Wednesday night and thursday - Mostly cloudy. Lows around 50. Highs in the lower 70s.

Thursday night — Partly cloudy. Lows in the upper

Friday and Friday night — Mostly cloudy with a 20 percent chance of showers and thunderstorms. Highs

in the lower 70s. Lows around 50.

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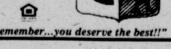
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Police blotter

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

· ALBERT MARTINEZ, 26, of 1708 Main was arrested Sunday on charges of assault, cause bodily injury, injury to a child and unlawful restraint.

• PATRICK TERRALL KESLER, 25, of 1600 Lancaster was arrested Sunday on warrants for traffic

· ANTHONY EUGENE TREVINO, 17, of 1600 Bluebird was arrested Sunday on a warrant for theft.

 MARCUS ARMENDAREZ, 40, of 1008 Gregg was arrested on charges of public intoxication; possession of a controlled substance, more than one gram but less than four grams; and on a warrant for traffic.

• STEVEN TIMOTHY SANFORD, 41, of 1806 Owens was arrested Saturday on a charge of driving while intoxicated.

 ARTURO SOCCORO YANEZ, 51, of 502 State was arrested Saturday on a charge of driving while intoxicated with open container.

 GONZALO HERNANDEZ, 46, of 1002 S. Nolan was arrested Saturday on a charge of public intoxication. • CECILY ANN LOYA, 17, of 614 Lark was arrested Sunday on a charge of minor in consumption.

• KENNETH EUGENE COLEY, 20, of 11 Coachman Circle was arrested Sunday on a charge of minor in consumption.

 ASSAULT, FAMILY VIOLENCE was reported in the 400 block of Lancaster, the 3200 block of Parkway and the 2900 block of Highway 80.

· ASSAULT was reported at an unlisted address on Sycamore.

 THEFT was reported in the 1100 block of Lamesa, the 400 block of Eighth Street, the 400 block of Birdwell, the 300 block of Gregg and the 1200 block of 11th Street.

 BURGLARY OF A HABITATION WITH INTENT OF ANOTHER FELONY was reported in the 4000 block of Parkway.

• BURGLARY OF A HABITATION was reported in the 300 block of 21st Street.

· BURGLARY OF A VEHICLE was reported in the 1200 block of Gregg.

 ASSAULT CAUSE BODILY INJURY, INJURY TO A CHILD AND UNLAWFUL RESTRAIN was reported in the 1700 block of South Main.

 UNAUTHORIZED USE OF A MOTOR VEHICLE was reported in the 500 block of Birdwell.

Sheriff's report

The Howard County Sheriff's Department reported the following activity:

· TAMMY KAY COKER, 28, was taken to the county jail Friday after being arrested by Big Spring police officers on charges of driving while license suspended and giving false information.

· LIONSO LEE JIMENZ III, 25, was taken to the county jail Friday after being arrested by Big Spring police officers on a charge of criminal trespass, habitation/shelter center.

 JOE ALBERT DEANDA JR., 43, was arrested Friday on a Attorney General warrant for order of enforcing child support obligation.

· MELODY LYNN GAY, 42, was arrested Friday on a charge of public intoxication.

· KEITH DAVID MCDONALD, 34, was taken to the county jail Saturday after being arrested by Texas Department of Public Safety troopers on charges of public intoxication and possession of a controlled substance, less than one gram.

· MARY LOUIS MENDEZ, 42, was taken to the county jail Saturday after being arrested by DPS troopers on a charge of driving while intoxicated and possession of a controlled substance, less than one

· KATHY MARIE HARO, 19, was taken to the county jail Saturday after being arrested by Big Spring police officers on a charge of consumption of alcohol by a minor, third offense.

· JEFFREY TYLER DENTON, 24, was taken to the county jail Saturday after being arrested by Big Spring police officers on a charge of driving while intoxicated.

· CHRISTOPHER MARTIN, 19, was taken to the county jail Saturday after being arrested by Big Spring police officers on a charge of resisting arrest, search or transport.

 RAYMOND MARTINEZ MONTEZ, 25, was taken to the county jail Saturday after being arrested by Big Spring police on a Midland County warrant for driving while intoxicated; a Martin County warrant; and on charges of failure to identify as a fugitive and intent to give false information.

· JERRY WAYNE SPENCER, 45, was taken to the county jail Saturday after being arrested by Big Spring police officers on a charge of driving while license suspended.

· ARTURO SOCORRO YANEZ, 51, was taken to the county jail Sunday after being arrested by Big Spring police officers on a charge of driving while intoxicated with open alcohol container.

 STEVE TIMOTHY SANFORD, 41, was taken to the county jail Sunday after being arrested by Big Spring police officers on a charge of driving while intoxicated.

HARASSMENT was reported in the 5100 block of

· DAMAGED MAILBOXES was reported in the Midway Road area.

· LOOSE GOATS was reported in the area of North Birdwell and Hilltop Road.

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Bulletin board

If you have items for the Bulletin board, contact the Herald news room at 263-7331 or email editor@bigspringherald.com

TODAY

 District Committee Lone Star of Big Spring meets at noon at 610 Scurry.

• Senior Circle meets at 4 p.m. at Scenic Mountain Medical Center for Sit and Be Fit Chair Aerobics. Those 50 years and older are invited to attend.

· Evening Lions Club meets at 6:30 p.m. in La Posada Restaurant. • Take Pounds Off Sensibly (TOPS) No. 21 meets at

5 p.m. in the Dora Roberts Rehabilitation Center, 306 W. Third, for weigh-in, and the meeting begins at 5:30 p.m. Call 1-800-32-8677 or locally at 263-0391 or 263-1758. • Take Pounds Off Sensible (TOPS) No. TX 1756

meets Monday night at 5:30 p.m. in the Eleventh and Birdwell Lane Church of Christ. A different program is offered every week, and anyone 7 years old or older is welcome to attend. Please enter through the northwest door. Call 263-2786 for more information. • Howard County ARC meets at 806 E. Third in the Bingo Hall. Call 264-0674 for more information.

· Big Spring Chapter and Council RAM meets at 7:30 p.m. in the Masonic building at 221 1/2 Main St.

• Hangar 25 Air Museum is open Monday through Friday from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m., on Saturday from 10 a.m.-2 p.m. and on Sunday from 1:30-4 p.m.

TUESDAY

 VFW Post 2013 meets at 7 p.m. in the VFW Hall, 500 Driver Rd.

· Coahoma Senior Citizen luncheon is set for 11 a.m. in the Coahoma Community Center.

· Big Spring Chapter 67, Order of the Eastern Star meets at 7:30 p.m. in the Masonic Lodge, 219 Main St. Sheriff's Posse meets at 7 p.m. in the clubhouse on the Andrews Highway.

· American Red Cross meets at 7 p.m. in Canterbury South, 1600 Lancaster.

 Alzheimer's Association, the Greater West Texas Chapter meets at 2 p.m. in the Howard County Library, 500 S. Main. Conference Room at 500 Main

· Gospel Singing at the Kentwood Activity Center meets at 7 p.m. with special guest singers from Midland and Colorado City. Everyone is welcome. Intermediate Line Dance classes begin at 9 a.m.

in the Senior Citizens Center. 267-1628. · Big Spring Rotary Club meets at noon in the

Howard College Cactus Room, 1001 Birdwell Lane. · A Stitchin' Time Club meets at 3:30 p.m. at Primitive Baptist Church, 201 E. 24th St. Everyone is invited to learn and share sewing skills, and portable sewing machines are welcome. Call Kay Sikes at 394-4835 for more information.

 Concerned Citizens for Big Spring meets at 7 p.m. in the Howard County Library, 500 S. Main. meeting

WEDNESDAY

• Fraternal Order of Eagles Aerie meets at 7 p.m. in the Eagles Lodge at 703 W. Third.

· Line dancing begins at 1 p.m. in the Senior Citizen Center at the Industrial Park. · Duplicate Bridge Club meets at 1 p.m. in the Big

Spring Country Club. · Optimist Club meets at 7 a.m. in the Howard College Cactus Room, 1001 Birdwell Lane..

· Downtown Lions Club meets at noon at the Howard College Cactus Room, 1001 Birdwell Lane..

Correction

An article about local results from the University of Texas at the Permian Basin Regional Science Fair that appeared in the Big Spring Herald's Sunday edition erroneously listed Kimberly Artounian as a fifth grader at Goliad Intermediate School. She is a fourth-grader at Kentwood Elementary School.

Lottery

Results of the Lotto Texas drawing Saturday night: Winning numbers drawn: 11-17-19-21-42. Bonus Ball:

Number matching five of five, plus Bonus Ball: 0. Estimated jackpot for Wednesday night drawing: \$21 million.

The winning Cash Five numbers drawn Saturday by the Texas Lottery: 1-6-11-15-35

The winning Pick 3 numbers drawn Saturday night:

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TEXAS NEWS BRIEFS

More Christians joining Jews in Passover

NORTH RICHLAND HILLS (AP) - Embracing the Jewish tradition of Passover, about 400 Christians will partake in a seder meal at a North Texas church this week.

They'll dine on roast lamb, bitter herbs and unleavened bread known as matzoh. They'll sip grape juice, not wine, as they thank God for deliverance and redemption.

At the Richland Hills Church of Christ north of Fort Worth, and many other churches nationwide, Christians increasingly look to Passover as a time to learn more about the Jewish roots of their own faith, religious observers say.

"The demand in Christian churches to experience the Passover the way the Jewish people have been doing for centuries just continues to grow," said Richard Weintraub, organizer of the Richland Hills seder.

Passover, which begins at sundown today, is an eight-day holiday when Jews remember the ancient Israelites' freedom from bondage in Egypt.

No easy solutions to school finance

Yet those children frolicking on the lawn have become the focus of what could become a rough-andtumble political fight, as lawmakers look to overhaul

The Legislature is anticipating a springtime special session on the issue. But Republican Gov. Rick Perry has said he won't call one until lawmakers reach a consensus on how to replace the so-called Robin Hood system, which takes money from

AUSTIN (AP) - Each spring, Texas school children traipse in and out of the state Capitol, gleefully unaware of the goings-on behind the granite walls and heavy oak doors.

the state's feeble school finance system

wealthy school districts and redistributes it.

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out information and free gifts. Admission is free.

"This is one of the most popular events in which the Big Spring Area Chamber of Commerce hosts," said Debbye Val Verde, chamber executive director. "It's a good opportunity for health care professionals to get the word out concerning what services they provide, and for people to get some good, useful information in which they

may need." Positive mental health into all transcends aspects of life, said Paula Hunt, West Texas Centers for MHMR Case Manager. While serving as wellness director for a rehabilitation center, Hunt saw first-hand how exercise improves a person's demeanor.

"I could see a difference in their self-esteem and

how they enjoyed making a positive change for themselves," she said. "Physical health plays a huge role in your mental well-being. Your physical health is better; it promotes better mental health. They go hand-inhand. If you have physical health problems, then your mental health symp-

toms will flare up.' Psychiatric illnesses most commonly are treated with medications, Hunt said. Because the doctors prescribe the medicine, people don't feel as if they have an active role in managing tine. their disease.

Exercise is something that people can actually do," Hunt said. "When you think about mental illness and think about medications, you don't feel like you have an active role in your treatment. Exercise is something they can do and have an active role. They can see a change and see

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to try to identify the caller.

"I immediately got up here to the office, where a police officer met me and helped me go through the paperwork," explained Thomas. "We have cell phones that we issue to people in the program that need them. They're deactivated cell phones, so they can't receive calls or make them, but you can still reach 911 with them.

"We began trying to track down the phones that were out and figured out if it might be one of these women," she added.
"We checked information that was given to us and tried to find someone that had been assaulted by their fiancé, too. In the end, we came up empty."

Quite possibly the most frightening aspect of the emergency call comes now, weeks after it was received by a 911 dispatcher.

"As of right now, I can't tell you with 100 percent certainty who made that

call," said Smith. a difference, and they can feel better. They believe

that things will get bet-

ter.' West Texas Centers for MHMR treats people with mental illness on an outpatient basis. As the mental health authority, the Center authorizes admissions to Big Spring State Hospital for intensive psychiatric treatment, when needed, Zilai said.

When appropriate, exercise is prescribed by the attending physician for the patient's overall well being and more impor- of our patients who are tantly to establish a rou- have mobility problems.

"For our patients who while sitting down. It's feelings about yourself don't have jobs, the importance of exercise is following a schedule," Zilai said. "If they begin to follow a schedule for exercise, it helps them establish a routine for their day. They are more likely to take their medications on time, they'll eat on time and go to bed at a regular time. This is

idea of making a 911 call from a cell phone, Smith said there are other circumstances that can make the information a caller gives even more important. "If it had come in over a

land line to one of the four 911 lines, we would have had their name and address," he "Unfortunately, because it rolled over, we would have still needed that information from the caller, regardless what type of phone they used. We can't get that information from the roll over lines.'

Thomas said her office is working on a new form and system to try to help in situations like such as this, when the victim is calling on an issued

we've made up to be able to fax to dispatch with the name of the victim, the perpetrator and the address and that sort of information," said Thomas.

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Therapies Department

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Smith said until cell phone service providers and 911 communications districts catch up with one another, it's going to be up to callers to get their location to the dispatchers as quickly, as possible.

"As soon as the emerdispatcher gency answers, they need to give their address or location," said Smith. "Then if things get worse, such as a medical condition where they can't say any more, lay the phone down and try to communicate any way possible. Even if you have to talk to yourself, try to keep communicating.

"All of those telephone lines are recorded, and if we can't distinctly hear We have a form that something they have the ability to turn volumes up and things like that. But the most important thing to remember is to give your address or location first."

Smith said there are When we issue a other, more indirect, phone, the user will be methods of getting infor-

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"They can do it during mental health and exer-

The exercises are done and you will have better

mation to the dispatcher if the lines of communication aren't immediately severed.

"Yell that person's name and tell them to quit," he said. "Program 911 into your phone, and if you get into a bad situation, just hit dial. As long as the dispatcher can hear what's going on, there's a chance they will hear something that will tell us who or where it is.

"I recently talked with Tommy Sullivan, the director of the 911 district, to see if there is something we can do through the 911 system. He told me statewide the 911 districts have been petitioning the legislature to get certain laws changed, making the cell phone and other telephone providers provide this type of information."

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"Ninety percent of the time it is dry as salt, but apparently not today," Cox said.

Cox said the department's maintenance staff believes the westbound bridge is unstable because of the large volume of water in the draw. Engineers were to check out the bridge today.

Authorities also shut down a nearby Union Pacific Railroad bridge over the Salt Draw. Trains on either side of the crossing were stoppe. In Crystal City, hail

slightly smaller than golf had," he said." balls pummeled the city.

"I've never seen something like that," Police Chief Luis Contreras said. "I guess it's real heavy. Buildings and carports were just caving in." At least 25 homes had

broken windows, but Contreras said a lot more homes would be inspected. The hail also filled storm drains causing some streets to be flooded and two families to be evacuated because of the high waters, Contreras

"We're just kind of glad the hail wasn't any bigger or we would have been more damage than we

About 30 people were evacuated in Fort Stockton as high waters flooded their homes near the West Texas city's park. Thomas said water was bumper deep on cars in the driveway.

"We had a lot of rain and lots of hail," Fire Chief Melvin Thomas said. Thomas said the hail was about a foot deep, leaving a snow-like landscape.

Water rushed down a big draw that runs down from the mountains, draining a large area. One big worry was a levee along the draw above the park. Thomas said water was "coming around both

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OTHER VIEWS

Use care when you discard plastic bags

aper or plastic? That seems to be a question not just used at the supermarket checkout counter, anymore. Instead, it seems to be the question community leaders ask when wondering what their litter clean up costs are.

In fact, during a recent Big Spring City Council meeting, Mayor Russ McEwen said he was ready to "declare war" on plastic bags — the kind all of us these days use to cart our groceries home from the store.

While these plastic bags are apparently a boon for retailers, they are an absolute nightmare for anyone interested in beautification efforts.

That is especially true here in West Texas where the ever-present winds sweep the bags into the nearest mesquite tree where they seem to hang forever as an unsightly ornament.

And while there is nothing we can do about West Texas' winds, there is a great deal that each of us can do to lessen the eyesore these wind-blown bags create in our community.

It's simply a matter of making sure the bags are placed in trash bins or barrels in a matter that makes it unlikely they'll be whisked away by the next gust of wind.

Please, make sure to place them in a closed container — preferably a larger garbage sack that can be tied or "sealed" in some other

There's no better time to become more vig-

ilant on this front, now that volunteers spent much of Saturday taking part in the Texas Trash-Off.

Let's make those volunteers' efforts be more lasting by doing our part by keeping a handle on our trash.

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The right thing for wrong reason

oing the right thing for the wrong reason gets you points in this town, because so rarely is the right thing done at all.

So everybody is now praising the Bush administration for allowing National Security Adviser Condoleezza Rice to testify under

oath and in public before the Sept. 11 Commission.

For months, the White House has refused to allow this, citing a sacred and inviolable Constitutional principle: the separation of powers.

SIMON Rice could not testify, the White House insisted, because unlike Cabinet members whom Congress approves, she is a White House staff member and has no responsibilities to the

legislative branch. For that branch to demand her appearance in public and under oath (she had already testified in private and not under oath before the commission) would violate the separation of the executive and legislative branches.

So even though Rice blanketed the airwaves giving her version of events, which conflicted with the version presented by former counter-terrorism chief Richard Clarke, she would not do so in front of the commission.

But what happened this week? Why did the White House change its mind? Well, one unnamed White House source told a

reporter that "Bush advisers concluded that Rice can effectively counter Clarke in a high-profile public forum. The official also said polls showing Bush leading Sen. John Kerry, the likely Democratic presidential nominee, made this an opportune time to yield to the commission's demands."

Constitutional principle? Oh, yeah, that. Well, we can forget about that.

The Sept. 11 Commission was very happy with this, but it still had one more demand: that George Bush and Dick Cheney face questioning by the entire commission. (The White House had wanted only the chair and vice chair to do the questioning.) The session would be closed, the two men would not be under oath and no transcript would be made, which was a pretty sweet deal for the White House, when you think about it.

The White House finally agreed to questioning by the entire commission, but only after extracting a very interesting but little commented-upon concession: The White House insisted that Bush and Cheney be questioned together and not separately, like all other witnesses.

Commissioner Slade Gorton, a former Republican senator from Washington, said of that agreement on Wednesday, "It's curious."

It's very curious. Does Cheney have to be in the room with Bush to make sure Bush does not screw up again like when he told Bob Woodward in Woodward's 2002

book "Bush at War" that Al Qaeda was not his focus before Sept. 11? "I was not on point," Bush told The Washington Post reporter. "I didn't feel a sense of urgency." And if Bush starts going down

that road with the commission, is Cheney supposed to kick him under the table?

At a press conference announcing the deal with the White House, Commission Chairman Tom Kean had the following exchange with a reporter:

QUESTION: "Can you say why you would agree to have the vice president and the president testify at the same time? To someone else, it might be to allow, you know, Mr. Cheney to help Mr. Bush with the answers. And I'm just confused why you would allow them to go together. It seems like it compromises your investigation to have them answer questions at the same time."

KEAN: "Well, we recognize that Mr. Bush may help Mr. Cheney with some of the answers. (LAUGHTER) But it was the suggestion of the White House.'

No kidding it was at the suggestion of the White House. The White House's first rule is that you never want the president facing questions alone. He could say anything. Like the truth.

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Bush's attach machine in gear

emocratic political operatives are worried about the Bush-Cheney re-election campaign's ability

to quickly transform gaffes by presidential candidate John Kerry into effective television ads.

Sen. Kerry committed his first serious ing the nomination on a Tuesday. His words were part of a Republican ad in the hands of cable net-

mistake since clinch-

works and other television stations by Thursday morn-

At a town hall meeting March 16 in Huntington, W.Va., Kerry said: "I actually did vote for the \$87 billion (to finance the war in Iraq) before I voted against it." At Bush-Cheney headquarters in suburban northern Virginia, this was immediately spotted by Bush ad-maker Mark McKinnon as he monitored the senator's speech. "Put it in the loop!" McKinnon shouted, ordering Kerry's taped comments for a quick TV ad.

Chicago Democratic enemies of the Rev. Jesse Jackson and his son the congressman are claiming that the landslide nomination for the U.S. Senate of State Sen. Barack Obama means the Jacksons are washed up in Illinois

politics. Rep. Jesse Jackson Jr. vigorously denies that, contending he and Obama support each other. Nevertheless, anti-Jackson Democrats are delighted that Jesse Jr. has been supplanted by Obama as the top African American among Illinois Democrats.

The word has been spread in Chicago Democratic circles that the Jacksons plan to relocate in California, but the congressman told this column that there is absolutely no truth to that report.

Just as national Democratic operatives had grown optimistic about retaining the U.S. Senate seat in South Carolina left vacant by the retirement of Sen. Ernest F. Hollings, they were stunned when Democratic candidate Inez Tenenbaum endorsed a proposed amendment to the federal constitution banning gay marriage.

Tenenbaum's advisers contend that endorsement was necessary for her to win in socially conservative South Carolina. However, important party strategists in Washington and New York believe she has committed a serious blunder by alienating the homosexual community and its supporters.

Prior to her endorsement of the anti-gay marriage amendment, polls showed State Education Superintendent Tenenbaum leading in the Republican-dominated state against each of the three Republicans competing for the Senate nomination. Former Gov. David Beasley leads in the Republican polls, mainly because of higher name identification, but GOP insiders consider him the weakest general election candi-

Rep. James Walsh of New York, a powerful Republican appropriator, has introduced a House measure similar to the McCain-Lieberman climate control bill opposing Bush administration policy by limiting carbon dioxide emissions.

As one of the "Cardinals" who head House Appropriations subcommittees, Walsh represents a major defection from President Bush's position on global warming. Walsh, chairman of the VA-HUD appropriations subcommittee, was once a major target of Democrats, but his redistricted Syracuse constituency is now considered safe for him.

Republican co-sponsors of the global warming bill include longtime environmental activists: Reps. Sherwood Boehlert and Amo Houghton of New York, Nancy Johnson and Christopher Shays of Connecticut and Wayne Gilchrest of Maryland. In contrast to them, Walsh's voting record is generally conservative.

The conservative Club for Growth has raised \$700,000 in hard money and \$950,000 in soft money for Rep. Pat Toomey in his Pennsylvania Republican primary challenge against four-term Sen. Arlen Specter.

That is four times more money than the Club for Growth has ever spent on a single candidate. The organization's supporters are distributing a March 16 poll showing Specter's lead down to 10 points. Toomey's backers claim the race would be even closer if Specter were not being strongly supported by Pennsylvania's other senator: Rick Santorum, the conservative chairman of the Senate Republican Conference.

A footnote: Democratic strategists had written off Specter's seat as safely Republican but now say it may be competitive thanks to Toomey's challenge. Rep. Joe Hoeffel, whose voting record is far more liberal than Specter's, is unopposed for the Democratic nomination.

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By EDWARD M. EVELD

Sitting in a dim hospital room next to her father's bed, Mary Ball pulled out her knitting needles and 'she couldn't control, then started casting on. A scarf for her mother, Ball decided.

But in the coming months, Ball was the one who needed the scarf, or rather, the knitting. Her father, sick with heart disease and diabetes, time and again edged close to death only to experience surprising upswings. Ball felt helpless and ineffectual. Over nine months the scarf grew too wide and too long.

"I couldn't cure my father," Ball said. "But I could do this. It was progressing even though time was standing still. I could focus on the stitch and the stitch and the stitch."

After her father died, Ball finally finished the scarf and gave it to her mother, half thinking it was a poor gift because of what it represented. As it turned out, the scarf meant something more to both of them.

"It was a time of horror in a lot of ways," Ball said, "but there were also lots of miraculous things, last-minute reprieves that gave us more time with Dad."

This is not a story about knitting but about stress: big stress during times of major life changes, like the death of a parent, and little stress, the everyday aggravations that pick at us to sometimes devastating effect.

Research is pouring in that shows stress is con- ness and stomach probfounding our minds and lems. Then they take making us physically sick: back and shoulder pain, heart palpitations, high blood pressure, digestive disorders, to name a few.

One review concluded that three-quarters of the visits to primary care physicians are really about unchecked stress. Another revealed that. everyday stress triggered symptoms in half of ful feelings. Write what It diverted her mind from foods and caffeine, a biopatients with irritable bowel syndrome. A recent University of London study showed that chronic stress is several times more likely than smoking or high cholesterol to contribute to heart disease.

In fact, studies in the last two years have been particularly dire. A study published in 2002 in Circulation: Journal of American Heart Association concluded that mental stress causes the inner layer of blood vessels to constrict, increasing the risk of sudden cardiac death.

People with health conditions must be particularly wary of stress. Another 2002 study in Circulation reported that mental stress interrupts blood flow to the heart and may increase the risk of an earlier death in people with coronary artery disease.

People with multiple sclerosis can see a doubling of symptoms after stressful events, according to a study published last fall in the British Medical Journal.

Ball's experience with brain responsible for

as an important lesson in events. At the same time, stress control, experts said. First she acknowledged a stressful situation she found a remedy that helped soften that stress.

The acknowledgment part is sometimes difficult, more so when the sources of stress are sub-

That's why Mark Gorkin, author of the recently

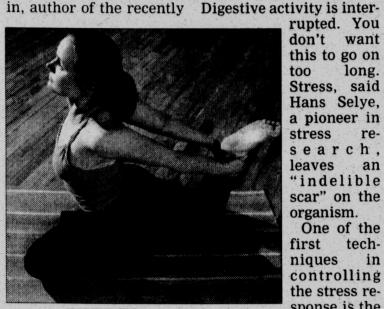


Photo by Jill Toyoshiba/Kansas City Star Jennifer Kieltyka says yoga and meditation helped ease her stress. Before, "It got hard for me to breathe. My digestion wasn't right." She demonstrates the the modified pigeon pose at Chiro Studio, in Kansas City, Mo., where she teaches yoga.

published paperback By talking and eventually 'Practice Safe Stress: Healing and Laughing in the Face of Stress, Burnout and Depression," recommends throwing a stress party with several friends.

It's a get-together where everyone agrees to toss around ideas about their stress symptoms and behaviors. People tell about their headaches. racing thoughts, grouchistabs at the possible sources.

"For most people, it's a question of taking the time to say, This is taking more of a toll than I wanted to really acknowledge," "Gorkin said.

A good exercise, said David O. Hill, a Prairie Village, Kan., psychologist, is to keep a diary of events that lead to stresshappened and note the people involved, your physical and emotional reactions and your response, Hill said.

"People tell me, 'The mere fact that I stepped back from the situation and noted it, that helped me get a perspective on " Hill said.

Short-term stress generally is not a problem in terms of health, experts believe. A sudden danger or threat creates a "stresshormone response," which is followed by the "relaxation response" once the threat passes. The problem comes with chronic stress, from ongoing work pressures and relationship problems to everyday stresses such as traffic and packed schedules.

In response to stress, the brain releases stress hormones, including cortisol. Cortisol affects a host of the body's systems, including the heart, lungs and skin.

The brain also releases neurotransmitters called catecholamines. They trigger the part of the

her father's illness serves emotional responses to mostly petting the cats and walking the dogs. the transmitters suppress

Ball, 33, of Kansas City, Mo., works at Sprint where she develops training courses, a process that involves coordinaamong several groups, plus negotiating and even peacemaking. She thinks she's good at what she does, but, like most people, she feels the pressure of deadlines, competing interests and occasional self-doubt. That's when she heads to the animal shelter.

"No matter how stressed out I am, the minute I walk in, none of that matters," she said. "My heart rate plummets. My breathing changes."

Recently Ball was talking to a shelter visitor who wanted to adopt a cat. The woman described the personality of the cat she was hoping for, and Ball immediately said, "I know your cat.'

The cat Ball had in mind was older, not attractive but very loving. Ball was thrilled when the woman took the cat home. Actually almost cried.

"I was the connection," she said. "Sometimes the best way to take care of yourself is to care about something else."

Gorkin, the author and therapist stress Washington, D.C., who operates a Web site at www.stressdoc.com, recommended a simple device to help people get a handle on everyday stress, something he calls "Natural S.P.E.E.D."

In Gorkin's formula, the S stands for sleep. The P The thought "what else stands for priorities. At can go wrong?" becomes work and at home, he said, N&N is as important as R&R. The N&N means "say no and negotiate."

The first E is for empathy, lending someone else Many of the other a hand as a way to deemphasize your own stress-reducing methods problems. The second E is for exercise.

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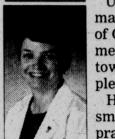
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Small-town physician enjoys his life, practice

rowing up in a small town near the Texas-Oklahoma border, Craig Horton, M.D., I dreamed of being a doctor. That dream led him to Lubbock Christian University and eventually medical school at Texas Tech University Health Sciences Center. He completed his residency in the Department of Family and Community Medicine where he eventually became chief resident.



Upon achieving his dream, he soon made his way back to his hometown of Childress, joining a seven-member medical clinic staff that serves the town's 6,500 residents and 35,000 people in the surrounding areas.

Horton believes physicians from small towns should consider a rural practice because doctors from urban areas are much less likely to be will-

DR. PATTI J. ing to work in rural areas. PATTERSON There is a shortage of health care providers in rural areas and without those professionals willing to live and

work in these areas, people will be left without access to a doctor and would be forced to travel many miles in order to receive medical care. In the health sciences center's service area, 27 counties have one or no physician, nine have no primary care physician, no nurse practitioner and no physician assistant. An additional 37 of these counties have no hospital, 19 have no pharmacist and 54 are designated as primary care shortage areas.

As a family physician, Horton is "all things to all people" in his community - pediatrician, obstetrician and occasional surgeon. This multi-dimensional aspect of the work is one of the most enjoyable aspects of a rural practice and allows Horton to see and do much more than he would as a family practitioner in the city.

Above all, Horton enjoys the bond he shares with his patients in Childress. He may care for three generations of a family at one time. After he delivers a baby, he often continues to take care of the whole family.

Horton enjoys the long-term relationships he is able to develop with his patients in his hometown.

"If you delivered and continue to treat the child, you know the child's history already. The visit doesn't start with what the parents tell you in the clinic, which is more often the case in urban practices," he said.

Although rural practices are not for everyone, Horton is one physician who wouldn't trade his practice for anyplace else in the world."

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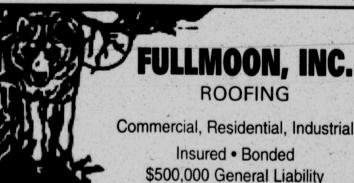
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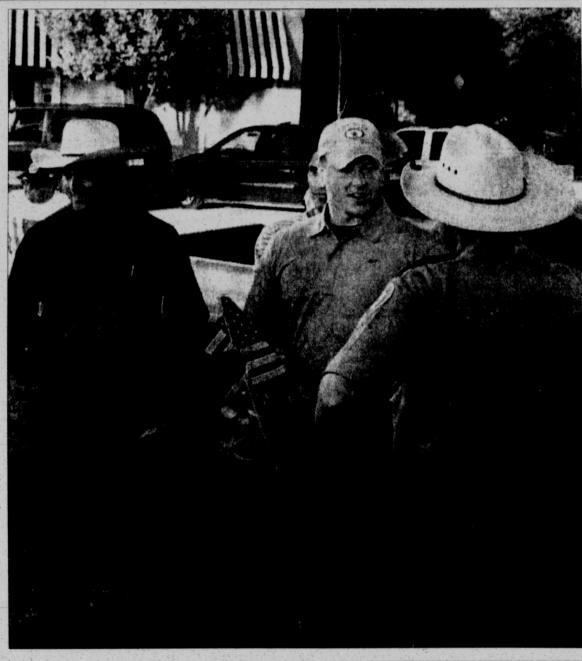


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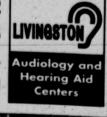
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Lady Hawks post sweep over WTC

Howard College's Lady Hawks posted a come-from-behind win in the first game of a Western Junior College Athletic Conference softball doubleheader Saturday and went on to post a sweep of Western Texas College's Dusters in Snyder.

The Lady Hawks won the first game 5-3 in 12 innings and then took a 3-1 victory in the night-

The wins improved the Lady Hawks' record to 22-13-2 on the season and 13-11 in WJCAC play.

Hawks split twinbill at Western Texas

Howard College's Hawks rebounded from a first-game loss to split Western Junior College Athletic Conference baseball doubleheader with Western Texas College in Snyder on Saturday.

The Hawks suffered a 10-8 loss in the opener, but bounced back to take a 9-5 win in the nightcap.

Now 27-14 on the season and 17-11 in conference play, the Hawks will play host to league-El Paso leading Community College's Tejanos in a doubleheader on Friday at Jack Barber Field.

HC's McDowell rides well at WTC rodeo

Howard College's Danny McDowell turned in a 83-point ride in the short round of the Western Texas College Rodeo Snyder on Saturday, splitting second and third place in the short go-round.

The Hawks rodeo team will travel to Borger for the Frank Phillips College Rodeo this weekend before returning home to host the HC Rodeo on April 15-17 at the Big Spring Rodeo Bowl.

Coahoma UGSA still offering last chance

The Coahoma United Girls Softball Association will be holding last chance sign-ups for Division I, II and III players with no late fees starting at 10 am. Saturday at the Softball Coahoma Complex.

Anyone needing additional information should contact association president Patric Robinson at 393-5622.

Umpires needed for Little League season

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Teen League slates registration

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The league is open to all ages 13-16.

For more information, contact Stan Parker at 264-2570.

Another runner-up for Kahne, behind Sadler at Texas

By STEPHEN HAWKINS

AP Sports Writer

FORT WORTH - Kasev Kahne ran high in the corners, using every bit of the track. Coming out of the final turn, the rookie finally pushed his car's nose to the outside of Elliott Sadler.

And came up just short again.

Kahne's furious comeback, after a caution that cost him his lead right after he pitted, came

Sunday the Samsung/RadioShack 500.

"I gave it all I got," Kahne said. "I knew it wasn't ours, but it was close."

second Sadler's career NASCAR Nextel Cup win was the eighth-closest in series history, but not even the closest for Kahne this season.

Ray Evernham by just one-hun- Texas moment for Jeff Gordon.

up two-hundredths of a second dredth of a second in a side-by- Sadler won for the first time in Kahne followed Kenseth to the line again by a much larger mar-

> "I don't know if I'm tired of running second, but I'm tired of it being second by .01 or whatever it ends up being," Kahne said.

Sadler took advantage of the Kahne, in Bill Elliott's old No. 9 series of cautions that hampered Dodge, lost his second race for Kahne, and another hard-luck

side finish with Matt Kenseth in 43 races for Robert Yates, with Rockingham. A week later, his other win coming three years ago in Bristol for the Wood Brothers.

"I've heard from some other guys who were picking on me that, 'Hey, you've only won one race," Sadler said. "They were teasing me week-in and week-

Not anymore.

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Spurs down Lakers

By JOHN NADEL

AP Sports Writer

LOS ANGELES Maybe the Lakers and their four superstars aren't a lock to win the NBA championship, after

The Lakers have been playing like the team to beat since the All-Star break, but in a much more understated fashion, the San Antonio Spurs have been perform ing very well, too.

Sunday was a perfect example.

"They are the defending champions until somebody beats them," Kobe Bryant said after the Spurs beat the Lakers 95-89 to snap their 11-game winning streak and knock them out of first place in the Western Conference.

They play really smart ball," Shaquille O'Neal said.

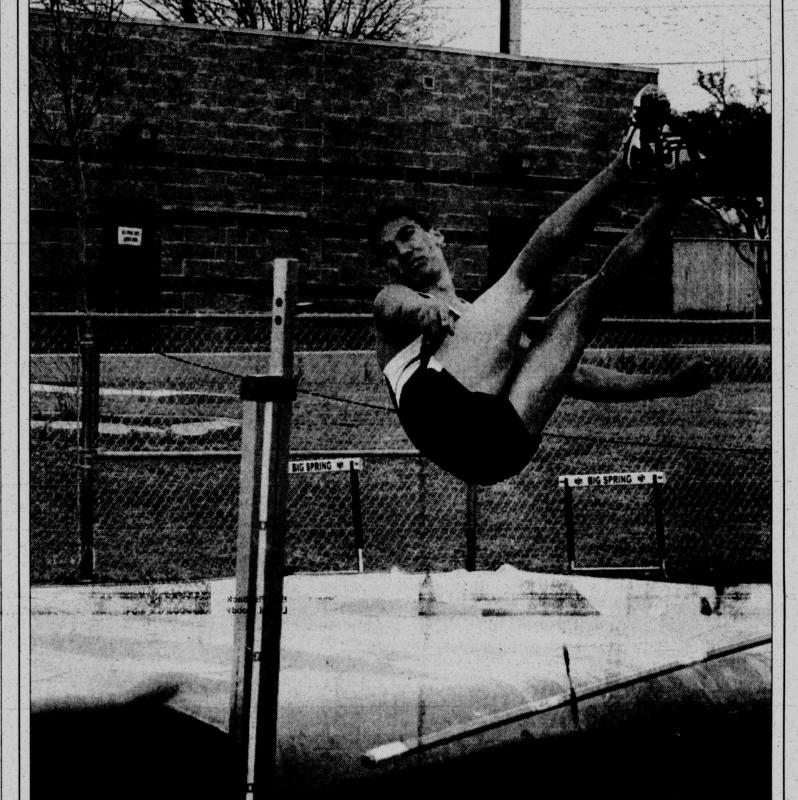
Tony Parker had 29 points and nine assists, and Tim Duncan had 18 points, 13 rebounds and six assists. The Spurs won their sixth straight to move within one game of the Lakers and 1 1/2 games of conference coleaders Sacramento and Minnesota.

"It's good for our confidence - a great win against a very good team," Parker said.

Bruce Bowen and Manu Ginobili scored 12 points each for the Spurs (52-25), who have won eight of nine games to move into contention for the Midwest Division title and No. 1 seed in the West.

Bryant led the Lakers (53-24) with 28 points and six rebounds, but he shot just 9-of-26 while being closely guarded by Bowen.

Gary Payton had 21 and eight points rebounds; O'Neal added 17 points, nine rebounds and three blocked shots; and Karl Malone had 12 points and nine rebounds for the Lakers.



Big Spring High School junior Curtis Osburn misses the high jump by only Inches Friday during the Big Spring High School AMBUCS Relays at Blankenship Field.

UConn's Okafor has traveled interesting road By EDDIE PELLS

AP Sports Writer

SAN ANTONIO Connecticut center Emeka Okafor is on the brink of winning a national championship, and almost as close to graduation.

"I can't say I'm more proud of one than the other," he said.

That's the way things are for a player who sees the clear distinction between life and basketball, a result of being the son of a man who grew up in war-ravaged Nigeria and saw things from a very different perspec-

"My dad's high school education was interrupted by a civil war and they weren't sure they were going to eat the next day," Okafor said. "And here I am in the United States wondering what I'm going to get for Christmas."

against Georgia Tech in 17 national Monday, hoping to push the Huskies to one half of a possible sweep of the men's and women's championships.

Connecticut women defeated Minnesota 67-58 on Sunday night to also

Tennessee.

A win for the guys would mark the crowning calling it more a matter of achievement on the bas- circumstance than anyketball court for Okafor, although it would be only part of the picture in his summer working on baswell-rounded life:

The 6-foot-10 All-Okafor will lead UConn American, who averages points and 11 final rebounds, will earn his degree in finance in May with a 3.8 grade-point average. After that, he'll probably be a top-five pick in the NBA draft in June.

years to earn his degree, advance to the champi- an impressive accom- See NCAA, Page 2B

onship game against plishment that doesn't surprise those who know him. Okafor shrugs it off, thing great he did.

"I was at school in the ketball, so I decided to take some classes while I was there," he said.

Okafor got his chance thanks to the decision his father, Pius, made in 1974 to move to America. where he went to college and worked odd jobs to help pay the bills. A few years later, Pius was on a It took Okafor just three trip back to Africa when

'Hey, Dad, will they know you out on the street?'

n the day he went after his second national championship in five years, the Hall of

Fame said "no" to Jim Calhoun. "I was honored

to be nominated," the Connecticut coach said. "I would hope someday to be worthy enough to be inducted with the people that I have incredible admi-

JIM LITKE

ration for." It's too late for a re-count and. anybody who follows the college

game can take comfort knowing Calhoun will be inducted one day. It just won't be Monday, when his Huskies take on Georgia Tech in the 64th and final game of the NCAA tournament.

A day earlier, before the official announcement of the 2004 class, Calhoun took a break from preparations for an extended interview session with reporters.

A source with knowledge of the vote, who insisted on anonymity, said Calhoun finished one vote short. Instead of bitterness, what Calhoun dwelled on were his memories of watching the Springfield. Mass.-based Hall being built not far from the campus of

American International, where he went to school and played college ball.

"Every couple of weeks, I'd go down there and get an appreciation for some of the great, great players. ... After I finished playing, I'd go to see the coaches, the guys that I saw at the Final Four from a distance. And my sons used to do this funny thing," he said.

"They used to say when Coach Knight would walk by me, or whomever it might be who is a legendary coach, they'd say, 'Hey, Dad, will they know you out on the street?"

The answer to that question today depends entirely on where the street is located. Back in Connecticut, a state without

major pro sports, Calhoun is a rock star, revered as the blunt, fast-talking Irishman who moved down from Boston to restore New England's rightful place near the top of the sport that was invented there.

That was always Calhoun's ambition, to build a program that would be mentioned in the same breath with Duke, Carolina and Kentucky. "That's what I want to roll off

their lips," he has been telling anyone who would listen since he arrived at UConn 18 years ago. Connecticut athletic director John Toner no doubt believed it when he announced his selection committee had set-

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tled on the hot, young coach at Northeastern. But neither man really knew what they were getting.

UConn wasn't a destination job back then, but the Big East was already the toughest coaching conference in the country. John Thompson was at Georgetown, Jim Boeheim at Syracuse, Lou Carnesecca at St. John's and the rest of the league's programs weren't exactly being run

On the eve of his breakthrough national championship win in 1999, Calhoun recalled how, in his first few years on the job, he was not above

NCAA

by slouches.

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he met his wife, Celestina, a registered nurse.

Emeka — his given name is Chukwuemeka Ndubisi Okafor — was born in 1982. He and his sister moved between Oklahoma and Texas while his dad pursued his education and better jobs. By watching his parents succeed, Emeka learned about the value of a hard day's work and about the abundant opportunities available in the United States.

He worked hard in school and got good grades, all the while working on his basketball game. He never gave up when he was told, as a high school sophomore in Houston, that he wasn't good enough to start the season on the varsity team.

"His freshman year he because he enjoyed playing," said his high school coach, Dave Hudek. "I didn't start him out on the varsity because I didn't think he was ready."

As high school went on, Okafor started taking his game more seriously. UConn coach Jim Calhoun was one of a handful of recruiters who came calling. Okafor didn't think much of UConn at first, and when he met Calhoun, the coach's heavy New England accent threw him off.

"There were a lot of Whats?" when we met," Okafor said. "But he came in, talked about the situation. I decided to roll the dice and go to UConn."

NASCAR

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Kahne had just led his 148th lap when he pitted on the 262nd of 334 laps. Right after he got back on the 1 1/2-mile track, and before Sadler and Gordon made green-flag stops, Ward Burton's backstretch spin brought out a caution.

Kahne got a break,

Kahne got a break, staying on the lead lap with a free pass under yellow, and restarted eighth with Gordon and Sadler running 1-2. The front stayed unchanged, but Kahne made up just one spot over the next 28 laps, 19 of them under three caution flags.

"It 100 percent benefited me ... the more caution laps we could run, the less time the 9 (Kahne) had to get up through the field," Sadler said. "We knew nobody could run with him."

Six laps after the last restart, Gordon suddenly lost speed because of an electrical problem. By time he switched to his back a battery, he had slipped behind Sadler, Dale Earnhardt Jr. and the hard-charging Kahne.

pitching recruits on the chance they'd get their heads handed to them by the best players in the best arenas in the best conference in the coun-

try.
"We would tell kids,
'Would you like to play
against Reggie Williams
and Alonzo Mourning?
Would you like to play in
the Carrier Dome — just
not for Syracuse?'

"And if a kid said, 'I love Georgetown an awful lot,' I'd ask, 'Have you talked to Coach Thompson? No? Good.'
And we went from there."
Calhoun can still be

charming on the recruiting trail — "I think Coach could talk himself out of being hijacked or robbed," guard Rashad Anderson said — but everything else about the UConn program has changed in the last five years. And that includes Calhoun.

"I told my wife the typical coach's lie, that this would all get easier once we started winning. And

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she just said to me, 'I haven't seen you in five weeks.' I thought at the time I was being halfway truthful because I love her so much.

"But," he added with a sheepish grin, "it was a blatant lie." What winning did was

make Calhoun more obsessed, not less. He's come to love the attention, to welcome the expectations that come with the No. 1 preseason ranking, even though it makes the losses that

much tougher to take.
As if Calhoun needed reminding, it came on the floor of the Alamodome on Saturday night, a second after he shook hands with defeat-

night, a second after he shook hands with defeated Duke coach Mike Krzyzewski, a close friend. "When I walked by him, he was as devastated as

"When I walked by him, he was as devastated as I've ever seen him. ... Mike is as hungry now to win another championship as he was when he won his first back-to-back championships" in

1991-92, Calhoun said.
The kids who play for Calhoun see that same desire every day, which may be why it came as no surprise to hear UConn All-America center Emeka Okafor describe the coach in so few words.

"Motivator, champion," Okafor said. "Basically, that's it."

But sometime soon, any description of Calhoun will have to include at least one more qualifier: Hall of Famer.



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striving to conquer. win and carve out a strong . personal identity may have us a bit too self-



centered, which we can see now under Libra's full moon. partners aren't behaving as expected, it may be the very reason the partnership works.

ARIES (March 21-April 19). You make sure that business gets done according to plan, but all that control may be for nothing in the end when it's the personality that counts. Your charm in delivering a message is more important than the message itself.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20). Anything that is stopping you from achieving your dream of getting a college degree, losing weight or amping up your love life will no longer have an effect on you now. You go by than feeling more practical sense.

GEMINI (May 21-June 21). Stories, gossip, drama and attention-

getting scenarios are featured. You are filled with exceptional dreamsinto-action energy. Spend time writing down what you want - no matter outrageous impossible it seems to be.

CANCER (June 22-July 22). It's true that most people don't have a plan. They react to their world instead of designing it. There are hours of crystalline clarity this afternoon. A loved one has a problem but won't come to you for help. Offer it.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22). Though you'd rather stay in and do whatever moves you from moment to moment, it won't be enough to make this day a fulfilling one. Include others, and get involved. Favored love signs are Capricorn and Aquarius.

TODAY'S BIRTHDAY (April 5). interconnectedness of all areas of your life make this year fascinating. If you don't know where you should focus your energy, any creative endeavor will have a positive effect on your love life in the next seven weeks. Improving your physical fitness also has a life-changing effect. The better shape your body is in, the more money you make. Your lucky numbers are: 8, 50,

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22). You'll be mixing and mingling with the creme de la creme. Fashion choices could affect your attitude. Think ahead make sure that you are dressed in a way that makes you comfortable among the well-heeled.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23). Adventure is a seriously underrated value as far as you're concerned. You're in a James Bond mood and will attract the sophisticated but pricey accoutrements that go along with it. An Aries or Gemini leads you to money.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 21). It seems the same problems occur over and over again. You're not alone in that feeling, but don't get too deep or heavy. It's not wrong to want to know why, but it's not the best use of your time to figure it out.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21). The basic difference between you and a partner will be spotlighted, which is a glorious thing. Now, you can see exactly how you complement one another. One picks up where the other leaves off.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19). You know that there's a method to your madness, but you'll have communicative loved ones or expect to be met by eyes filled with question marks. You can't be sure how the road to romance will twist and turn.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18). Signals get crossed, but the result might actually be better than if you had been perfectly understood. Procrastinating is too dangerous to your career. Once you figure out what you want, put it out there. New information saves time.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20). Your sign mate Drew Barrymore recently lost 20 pounds and found the mate of her dreams. You're going through a winning cycle as well, and this is no time to doubt your personal power. The act of wishing has magnetism.

ASTROLOGICAL QUESTIONS: "I am a Scorpio woman born Nov. 7, 1975. I have been dating a Capricorn man born Dec. 30, 1969, for the last four months. He is divorced, within the last couple of years, and although he is very interested in me, he reluctant become 'exclusive.' I've been basically stepping back and letting him set the pace, although I do initiate from time to time, things such as

dates or conversations, to let him know of my interest. Is this reticence a Capricorn trait? What can I do to bring things to a slow boil rather than a standstill?"

You are an extremely desirable young woman. Know this, and be very confident about it. Do the personal work required to grow this confidence. You may think that you're letting your Capricorn set the pace, but by initiating even some of the time, you are causing this man to emotionally distance himself from you. What can I say — Capricorn men are about the conquest, and you can't very well win something that's given to you. The more elusive you are, the more his desire for you will grow. Consider why you are so driven to the one man you know won't give you his full attention.

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Annie's Mailbox e: Advice for those in need

Dear Annie: I have never written to any advice columnist before, but when I read the letter from "Mom Looking for Herself," I wanted to put in my two cents. The writer said she had been a stay-at-home mom for but now her children were grown and she had no college degree and no work experience.

This woman has all the skills and patience needed for a very satisfying job at her local public school. Schools are always looking for classroom assistants, cafeteria and playground supervisors, and afteractivity school coordinators. She can also contact the Board of Education about being a substitute teacher. I can't think of a more enriching, satisfying career than helping our children. — One Mom to Another

Dear Mom: We heard from hundreds of readers who wanted to offer advice to "Mom Looking for Herself." Bless each and every one of you. Read on:

From Boston: I'm a pediatrician, and this woman has no idea how marketable her skills are. Assuming reasonably capable, I'd hire her in a second as my receptionist to handle phones, check in patients

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schedule and appointments. With experience, she could then become an office manager.

East Coast: Having human worked in resources for many vears. I'd like to suggest that "Mom" sign up with several good temporary agencies. employment some of which will provide computer training and can help her with interview skills and

resume writing. San Francisco: If she finds a place where she would like to work, she should offer to volunteer. It's easier to get a regular job once you become a known quantity and a valued team member.

West Coast: Is "Mom" active in her church? Maybe they could use a youth coordinator.

Massachusetts: former stay-at-home moms have a lot to offer: We are used to working without lunch or coffee breaks; we are very good at calming people down; we can make inings run better without spending additional funds; and we want to set a good example for our children, so we demonstrate a

responsible work ethic. Hartford, Conn.: Is there a mall near her? A grocery store? Those places are always hiring. Is she into crafts or sewing? Places that sell supplies need people who are knowledgeable to sell products. Connecticut, we have a State Job Service (free) that will help people like

match her talents. New York: As the owner of a small retail

this lady find jobs that

business, "Mom" has the skills I look for in parttime help. I need an employee who nurturing, thinks on her feet, takes responsibility, can multi-task and is punctual.

called Jewish Vocational provides Services evaluation, support and training programs' here in Massachusetts, and probably in other states as well. I am psychotherapist who works with people who conflicts that impede their careers. If "Mom" were seeing me, I would recommend her husband stop asking her "Did-you-find-a-jobyet" question.

Dear Annie: Tell her to contact her local YMCA. Many YMCA employees started out volunteering their time. She can also try the Salvation Army or local community center. -Steve Smith, CEO, YMCA Stanislaus County,

Dear Annie: The federal government funds One-Stop Career Centers throughout the nation where people like "Mom' can go for assistance with job search activities at no cost. To find local log sites, on www.doleta.gov and click on "job seeker," or go to www.careeronestop.org

Sandy Kantor. Assistant Program Manager, Workforce Development Centers of Riverside County, Calif.

Dear Annie: I would like to get your opinion about something that is happening at my child's school. At the beginning of the school year, all children in grades three and up are assigned a number. The teachers then call the children by their numbers instead of their names. ("No. 15, you need to turn in your homework.")

I find this offensive. Some of the children have started to refer to themselves and each other by their numbers, even when outside of school. I've complained to the principal, but nothing happens. Is this damaging? - Michigan Mom

Dear Michigan: Why is the school doing this? Colleges, for example, often use numbers to preserve anonymity and, hence, impartiality. However, it is uncommon in grade school, and it Boston: An agency certainly doesn't sound anonymous children are calling out, "Hey, No. 22, stop spitting on me!" How damaging this is

depends upon how it is presented. The parents should discuss it with their children and ask how they feel about it. If the kids don't care, and you don't notice any negative effect on their schoolwork friendships, leave it alone. If it's causing problems, however, the parents should approach the principal as a group, in person. Then, if nothing happens, go to

Dear Annie: I am having trouble dealing with one of my husband's co-workers. This woman asks "Charles" to fix the plumbing, change lightbulbs, drive her to the store — the requests are endless.

the school board.

When Charles first told me about this woman, I agreed that she has a tough time of it, but I think this is too much. I don't believe anything sexual is going on, but it still bothers me. He tells me when she asks for these favors, she says, "Will you get in trouble at home?" She knows it has created problems for

Charles says if I tell him to stop, he will, but I don't want to force him. I want the decision to be his. I guess I feel a little sorry for her, too. tells Charles everything about her, so he's not keeping secrets. How do I overcome this jealousy? — Washington, D.C. Dear Washington: If

this is bothering you. Charles should stop. No person should be allowdamage marriage. If the woman truly needs assistance. perhaps you could help her now and then, or arrange for some other neighbors or co-workers to take turns giving her a

hand. Put her in touch with the local community center and churches. Charles should not allow her to become responsibility alone. Dear Annie: I am a 35-

year-old divorcee and dating been "Patrick," also age-85, for two years. It's a longdistance relationship. He drives four hours every weekend to see me. Patrick is a sweet and loving man who showers me with gifts, attention and trips.

The problem is that Patrick still lives with his widowed mother, in their family home, which now belongs to him. He says he wants to marry me, but not until I find a job in his area. He wants us to have our own place, while his mother stays in the family home. He cannot afford to pay a mortgage on residences.

Am I a fool for believing him? In the past two years, I have turned down several career opportunities to concentrate relocating. How long do I wait before telling him it's over? — Impatient Girlfriend

Dear Girlfriend: Why are you waiting? He's not going to toss Mom out on the street, he cannot afford to pay for a second place by himself, and he doesn't want a longdistance marriage. If you believe he is sincere, start looking for jobs in his city and give it your best shot.

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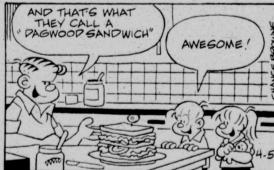
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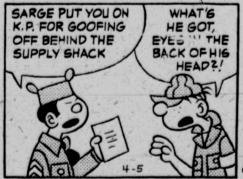


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This Date In History

By The Associated Press

Today is Monday, April 5, the 96th day of 2004. There are 270 days left in the year. Jewish holiday Passover begins at sunset. Today's Highlight in

History: On April 5, 1964, Army Gen. Douglas MacArthur died in Washington at age

84. On this date:

In 1614, American Indian princess Pocahontas married English colonist John Rolfe in Virginia.

In 1621, the Mayflower sailed from Plymouth, Mass., on a return trip to England.

1792, George Washington cast the first presidential veto, rejecting a congressional measure for apportioning representa-tives among the states.

In 1887, British historian Lord Acton wrote, "Power tends to corrupt and absolute power corrupts absolutely.

In 1895, playwright Oscar Wilde lost his criminal libel case against the Marquess of Queensberry, who had accused the writer of homosexual practices. In 1951, Julius and Ethel

Rosenberg were sentenced to death following their conviction in New York on charges of conspiring to commit espionage for the Soviet Union; co-defendant Morton Sobell was sentenced to 30 years in prison (he was released in 1969).

In 1975, nationalist Chinese leader Chiang Kaishek died at age 87.

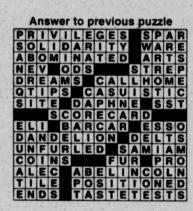
In 1976, reclusive billionaire Howard Hughes died in

Houston at age 72. In 1992, Wal-Mart founder Sam Walton died in Little Rock, Ark., at age 74.

In 1997, Allen Ginsberg, the counterculture guru who'd shattered conventions as poet laureate of the Beat Generation, died in New York City at age 70.

Today's Birthdays: Novelist Arthur Hailey is

84. Actress Gale Storm is 82. Movie producer Roger Corman is 78. Country music producer Cowboy Jack Clement is 73. Impressionist-actor Frank Gorshin is 71. Secretary of State Colin Powell is 67. Country singer Tommy Cash is 64. Actor Michael Moriarty is 63. Writer-director Peter Greenaway is 62. Actor Max Gail is 61. Actress Jane Asher is 58. Singer Agnetha Faltskog (ABBA) is 54. Rock musician Mike McCready (Pearl Jam) is 39. Country singer Troy Gentry is 37. Singer Paula Cole is 36. Country singer Pat Green is 32.



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