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Lack of candidates may torpedo area school board elections

By KATHY GILBERT
Staff Writer

Many of the local school board election races may be decided Wednesday night.

By law, elections can be canceled if there are no contested races. Most of the area districts, so far, have no contested races.

Terry Shanks and Bill Pardue, of District 5 in the Stanton Independent School District, are the only candidates facing off in the Crossroads area.

Prospective trustees have until the close of business (between 3 and 5 p.m. depending on the district) to sign up, administrators said.

All public school terms are three years while Howard College trustee terms are six-years.

The following candidates have announced their intention to run as of 5 p.m. Monday:

Howard College

• Place 1: Michael Flores, incumbent

• Place 2: Adrian Randle, incumbent

• At-large/unexpired term: Sue Partee

Big Spring Independent School District

• At-large: Al Valdes, incumbent

• At-large: Steve Fraser, incumbent

• At-large: Mike Dawson

Coahoma School District

• At-large: Hubert Rowden, incumbent

• At-large: Leroy Walker

Forsan Independent School District

• At-large: Debbie Burt, incumbent

• At-large: Cynthia Breyman, incumbent

• At-large: Domingo Rios, Jr., incumbent

Glasscock County Independent School District

• At-large: Jimmy Eggemeyer, incumbent

• At-large: Tibby Niehues

• At-large: Susan Lankford

Grady Independent School District

• District 1: no candidates to date

• District 2: Bryan Cox

• District 7: no candidates to date

Sands Consolidated Independent School District

• At-large: David Zant, incumbent

• At-large: Stan Blagrave, incumbent

Stanton Independent School District

• District 1: Jon Gonzales, incumbent

• District 5: Terry Shanks, incumbent

• District 5: Bill Pardue

Applicants for the Howard College board positions may apply in the Howard College President's Office. Candidates are required to be at least 18 years old, U.S. citizens, and reside in the state for 12 months and in Howard County for six months.

The unexpired 4-year at-large term, previously held for 50 years by the late Dr. P.W. Malone, is open to challengers.

Michael Flores, founder and owner of Flores Cement Contractors, had been appointed to replace Charlie Gonzales, who died, in March 1995. He announced his intention to run in mid-February.

Incumbent Adrian Randle, a retired TU Electric employee who was elected to his first term six years ago in a dramatic write-in campaign, also applied for a second term. "I hope we've made some progress and I'd like to continue," he said.

Three at-large trustees are slated for election to three-year terms this spring, BSISD Superintendent Will McQueary said.

The first day for write-in candidates to declare candidacy is Mar. 3, and the application filing deadline is 5 p.m. Mar. 18.

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'Hummingbird' is the word for state survey

By KATHY GILBERT
Staff Writer

Spring has arrived and it's time to count hummingbirds.

The Texas Hummingbird Roundup Backyard Survey still needs participants in West Texas, Texas Parks and Wildlife Department officials announced this week.

The five-year survey, which has been extended in the Trans-Pecos area for the next two years, will be completed in 1998.

Howard and surrounding counties have not yet counted any of the miniscule birds, so gathering information this year is urgent, said Christina McCain, Hummingbird Roundup Coordinator.

Texas has documented more species of hummingbirds than any other area in the United States, McCain said.

More than 1,000 Texans spend about two hours a week watching their hummingbird feeders, McCain added. The information is vital to determine range, distribution, favored sites and feeding habits of hummingbirds.

The information supports ongoing research on the natural history of Texas. It is also an enjoyable way to get to know the wildlife in your area, McCain said.

You don't need to be an expert, McCain said, "there are many helpful guides available. The Roundup can help with your identification questions and if it's a rare bird, we'll send someone out to document it."

Of the 18 species identified in Texas so far, several may live in the crossroads area, according to TPWD literature. Ten species occur commonly in Texas. Eight others are migrants.

Common species in the area include the black-chinned hummingbird, a purple-banded bird that is often seen in West Texas in spring and summer.

A popular migrant to the area is the Rufous, with a rusty, reddish-brown back, seen in spring and fall.

"Hummingbirds are some of our most territorial, charismatic, and entertaining of all Texas birds," TPWD literature says. "Taking a little time out each day to watch your feeders can be very relaxing and enjoyable."

The speedy fliers feed on a wide variety of plants, favoring brightly-colored and funnel-shaped flowers. Orange and red are favorite colors.

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HERALD photo/Linda Choate

Isaac Castellano Jr. gets a push on the swings at Kid's Zone from his grandfather, Marcellino Nieto. Isaac is the son of Isaac and Christina Castellano.

City elections

Wednesday deadline to file for mayor, city council races

By CARLTON JOHNSON
Staff Writer

Big Spring residents wanting to run for the office of mayor or city council representative for District 5 during the May 2 city election have until 5 p.m. Wednesday to file the necessary paperwork.

So far there have been two filings for mayor and one for the city council position being vacated by Jimmy Campbell.

Mayor Tim Blackshear has filed for re-election and is seeking his third term in office.

His only challenge to this point is Big Spring resident Wendell D. McDonald, who is running because he says the city is in major decay and the city needs to do more for people with AIDS as well as make more areas wheelchair accessible.

Incumbent Councilman Jimmy Campbell will not seek reelection to his seat due to a job-related relocation to Arizona.

Campbell, assistant Human Resource Manager at Big Spring's Federal Correctional Institute (FCI) for the Federal Bureau of Prisons has been named Human Resource Manager for the FCI in Safford, Ariz.

The only filer for the District 5 council position so far has been Jeff Gunselman, making his second run at a council seat.

Gunselman challenged incumbent Chuck Cawthon and Greg Biddison in 1996 for the District 3 council seat, which Cawthon eventually won re-election to after defeating Biddison in a runoff.

"My decision to run for the council seat has been made over a period of time," Gunselman said. "The last few elections have shown that the people of Big Spring are becoming more interested in positive change and in the betterment of the city for everyone."

For the position of mayor, citizens of the city of Big Spring who are eligible registered voters at the time of the election may cast ballots for that position, but only residents residing in city District 5 may cast ballots in the race for a city council representative for District 5.

Residents not familiar with which district the live in may contact city hall, but for information regarding city district and county precincts residents should review their new blue and white voter registration cards.

City Secretary and Finance Director Tom Ferguson said residents planning to vote in city election this year must be registered to do so no later than 30 days before the election.

"This means voters must be registered for the city elections by April 2," Ferguson said.

Also, early voting for the city election will begin two days later than it normally does, according to Ferguson.

"Early voting will begin on Wednesday, April 15 and run through Tuesday, April 28," Ferguson said. "Early voting will be held in city hall each day during the period and will begin at 8 a.m. and continue through 5 p.m.

Eventhough early voting for the city election will be at city hall, voters wanting to participate in city elections must register at the County Tax Assessor-Collectors office.

New voting laws require that voters have their voter registration card to vote or a picture ID.

"It used to be that we could look up a person name on our list and have them sign a affidavit which allowed them to vote, but not anymore," Howard County Clerk Margaret Ray said.

BSHA director: Subsidized housing candidates must pass three criteria

By CARLTON JOHNSON
Staff Writer

In subsidized housing, local Housing Director Mark Gentry says there should be only three differences in deciding a tenant qualified for housing assistance and one who is not receiving a subsidy.

"The first difference is that the Big Spring Housing Authority (BSHA) pays a portion of the rent to the landlord because the family is low-income," Gentry said, "In fact, the landlord is guaranteed to get the BSHA's portion and the housing program requires the tenant to pay the landlord their portion."

If a tenant's portion isn't paid to the landlord, eviction is possible. The BSHA is then obligated to terminate assistance to the family for three years or until the amount has been repaid, Gentry said.

"The process is really quite simple," Gentry said. "In the open market a landlord selects a tenant and the tenant pays the rent. In our market, the landlord selects the tenant and we pay a portion of the rent, depending on the amount of income the family has coming in, as a direct payment to the landlord."

The second difference is that the rental property must pass a Housing Quality Standards (HQS) inspection establishing that the unit meets the minimal standards of decency, safety, sanitation and meets city code.

The third difference is the amount of rent.

"The Fair Market Rent (FMR) as established by the Office of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) may be somewhat less than the competitive market rent," Gentry said. "The Big Spring Housing Authority has two types of Section 8 which are Certificates and Vouchers, combined total of 364, and differ slightly in administration."

According to bedroom size, the FMR for Howard County is:

•No bedroom, $289.
•One bedroom, $314.
•Two bedrooms, $378.
•Three bedrooms, $571.
•Four bedrooms, $579.

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WEATHER

Tonight: Wed: Thurs: Fri:

Tonight, fair. Lows 40-45. Wednesday, partly cloudy. Highs 75-80. Wednesday night, a chance of showers. Lows 40-45. Extended forecast, Thursday, partly cloudy with a slight chance of showers. Highs in the 60s. Friday, partly cloudy. Lows in the 30s.

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Chamber officials hope large crowds attend Ag Expo

By CARLTON JOHNSON
Staff Writer

This year's 27th Annual West Texas Agriculture Exposition is just two days away and the Big Spring Area Chamber of Commerce is still hopeful of beating last year's attendance, which is estimated at close to 600 people and 50 exhibits and booths.

The 1998 expo is being held in conjunction with the first Permian Basin Cotton Producing Meeting.

Tickets are still available for Thursday's Ag Expo and may be picked up at the chamber office.

For the second straight year, the Ag Expo is a little different than in past years because instead of the traditional appreciation dinner, area agriculture producers will be treated to a noon appreciation luncheon in the East Room of Dorothy Garrett Coliseum at Howard College.

The expo will begin at 9 a.m. at Garrett Coliseum and will continue through 5 p.m., and will include several workshops sponsored by the Howard County Extension Service office.

Education programs for the ag expo will include an introduction and welcome by Howard County Extension Agent David Kight. Producer Eddy Herm will moderate the expo.

At 9:05, OSAMA EL-Lissy will present a program on boll weevil eradication entitled "Does it work?"

The expo continues at 9:40 with the facts of the cotton boll weevil on the Southern High Plains including Insect Densities and Adaptation for Control, presented by Dr. Jim Leser and Recommendations for Control, presented by Warren Multer.

Following the morning break, Lynn Simmons will moderate beginning with the Cotton Marketing Update and Risk Management program presented by Dr. Jackie Smith at 10:30 a.m.

At 11 a.m., a program entitled "Cotton Production" will be presented by Dr. Bryan Unruh, extension agronomist from Fort

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OBITUARIES

James L. Davies

A celebration of life for James (Jim) L. Davies, Cedar Park, was 11 a.m. Monday, March 9, 1998, at the New Hope Baptist Church in Cedar Park. He wanted his body donated to science.

Mr. Davis died Thursday, March 5.

He was born on April 12, 1937, in Syracuse, N.Y. He married Evadna Mae Ives on July 18, 1956, while he was serving in the U.S. Air Force in Illinois. Jim gained training on the cutting edge of radar, and while stationed in Alaska, tracked the first manned spaceship from Russia, then a top secret assignment. After working with General Electric to install radar at missile sites across the United States, Mr. Davies pursued a career in the field service of computer technology, ending his career with Hewlett Packard in California in 1995.

He is survived by: his wife, Evadna and their five children and families, Phyllis George, Lorrie Copeland, Ed Davies, all of Cedar Park, Sherry Rushing of Big Spring, and Jim Davies of Gordonsville, Va.; 14 grandchildren; and five brothers and one sister, Fred in Florida, Bill, George, Larry and Tari in New York, and Rick in Kansas.

Donations may be made on his behalf to The Myositis Association of America; 1420 Huron Court; Harrisonburg, Va.; 22801.

Mae Palmer

Mae Palmer, 76, Garden City, died on Monday, March 16, 1998, at her home in Garden City. Service will be 10 a.m. Wednesday, March 18, 1998, at Nalley-Pickle & Welch Rosewood Chapel with Trey Johnson of the Cowboy Ministry of Lubbock, and Berry Johnson, of Andrews, officiating. Interment will follow at Garden City Cemetery.

She was born on Jan. 28, 1922, in Stonewall County, and married Curtis Palmer on Aug. 15, 1960, in Midland.

She had lived in Garden City since 1961, coming from Midland. She had been a homemaker most of her life. She had spent her life caring for people at a time of need.

She was a Baptist.

Survivors include: her husband, Curtis Palmer of Garden City; two granddaughters, Buffy Jo Croy and Chandra Croy, both of Happy; numerous nieces, nephews and other relatives and friends.

MYERS & SMITH
FUNERAL HOME & CHAPEL
24th & Johnson 267-8288

James (Jim) Justice, 62, died Friday. Services are 4:00 PM, today at Myers & Smith Chapel, with military honors at Coahoma Cemetery.

Pauline Liendo, 73, died Monday. Services are pending.

NALLEY-PICKLE & WELCH
Funeral Home
Trinity Memorial Park and Crematory
906 Gregg St.
(915) 267-6331

Mae Palmer, 76, died Monday. Services will be 10:00 AM Wednesday at Nalley-Pickle & Welch Rosewood Chapel. Interment will follow at Garden City Cemetery.

Leonard Balderas, 58, died Monday. A prayer service will be at 7:00 PM Tuesday at Nalley-Pickle & Welch Rosewood Chapel. Funeral service will be at 2:00 PM Wednesday at Nalley-Pickle & Welch Rosewood Chapel. Interment will follow at Mt. Olive Memorial Park.

She was preceded in death by one son, Billy Don, her parents, Mr. and Mrs. K.D. Myers, four brothers, Porter Myers, Jack Myers, Bill Myers and Slim Myers.

Pallbearers will be Rooster Swartz, Jaymie Swartz, Stephen Myers, John Beatly, Jeff Thigpen and Billy Tom Cheyne.

The family suggests memorials to the American Heart Association, Howard County Division; P.O. Box 1223; Big Spring, or The Alzheimer's Association of the Permian Basin; P.O. Box 3389; Midland, Texas; 79702.

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

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Leonard Balderas

Leonard Balderas, 58, Big Spring, went to be with his Lord on Monday, March 16, 1998, in a Midland hospital. A prayer service will be 7 p.m. Tuesday at Nalley-Pickle & Welch Rosewood Chapel. Funeral service will be 2 p.m. Wednesday, March 18, 1998, at Nalley-Pickle & Welch Rosewood Chapel with Rev. Socorro Rios, pastor of Templo Belen, officiating. Interment will follow at Mt. Olive Memorial Park.

He was born on May 15, 1939, in Crystal City.

He had worked as a salesman for R&T Music Store and had also worked for the State Hospital for many years.

He was a Christian.

Survivors include: his mother, Martina T. Balderas of Big Spring; one brother, Rodolfo "Role" Balderas of Big Spring; one sister, Blanch Balderas of Big Spring; a niece, Yolanda Torres of Big Spring; a nephew, Ponciano Torres of Odessa; and several other nieces and nephews.

He was preceded in death by his father, Rodolfo Balderas and two sisters, Dora B. Armendariz and Carolina B. Guadriola.

Pallbearers will be Manuel Cervantes III, Donny Cervantes, Rosendo "Chendo" Robles, Jeffrey Robles, Ponciano Torres III and Jesse Armendariz. Honorary pallbearers will be Angel Levario, Manuel Armendariz and other surviving nephews.

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

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Stockton.

Laws and Regulations on Texas Department of Agriculture (TDA) Restricted Use Pesticides Licenses will be presented by Mindy Shugart, TDA representative from Lamesa, at 11:25 a.m.

Programs scheduled for the afternoon session include "Early Season Evaluation and Control for Cotton" at 2 p.m. presented by Dr. Mark Muegge and more on laws and regulations (proper use of pesticides) at 2:30 p.m. with Mindy Shugart.

At 3 p.m., a program will be presented on Sprayer Calibration and Reviews of Spray Equipment.

Producers who attend the entire program will earn four continuing education units.

Howard County Family and Consumer Sciences Agent Dana Tarter said one of the afternoon programs that may be of interest to women is the home furnishing and cooking demonstration.

One of the features of every West Texas Ag Expo is the presentation of the award for "Ag Producer of the Year."

At 12:30 p.m. the announcement of the 1997 Ag Producer of the Year will be made during the luncheon in the East Room. Mike Moates of Luther won the award in 1997 and Derwood Blagrave was the 1996 recipient.

HOUSING

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"There are 314 certificates," Gentry said. "With a certificates a utility allowance is subtracted from the FMR and the landlord may ask only the balance unless the land lord pays some or all of the utilities and the landlord receives the difference from the utility allowance."

This is dependent on a unit being "rent-reasonable" or comparable to other like units in the community in which it is located. The utility allowance is given to the tenant to assist in payment of utilities.

"There are only 50 vouchers," Gentry said. "A voucher is more flexible in that the income qualified family mush have sufficient earnings to pay the differential between what the federal FMR will allow and what the landlord requests for rent."

In this situation the family's rent burden is increased and allows a landlord to request more in rent, according to Gentry.

Scenic Mountain Medical Center
Caring People Caring for People
1601 w. 11th Place
263-1211

BIRD

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Feeders should be placed high enough that cats cannot reach it, and should not be in direct sunlight during the day. Feeders should be placed away from reflective patio doors or picture windows.

If placed too close, reflections confuse the birds, causing them to crash into the windows.

Contrary to popular notions, feeders do not halt birds' natural migration patterns — in fact the tiny travelers appreciate a chance to refuel along the way.

Morning and evening are the best times to watch, McCain explained, as birds are most actively feeding during these hours.

Roundup participants receive a feeder, survey form, native seeds, a distribution map, and information about hummingbird behavior and needs.

Participation in the survey costs $6.00 per year.

EDS NOTE: For more information, contact Christina McCain of the Texas Parks and Wildlife Department, Nongame & Urban Program, Wildlife Division at 1-800-792-1112, ext. 4470.

SCHOOL

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Applications can be filed in English or Spanish at the Big Spring School Business Office at 708 11th Place between 8 a.m. and 4:30 p.m. Monday through Friday.

The board introduced new election rules this year that members said may be confusing. "With cumulative voting, the election will be a real challenge," board member Glynna Mouton said.

Cumulative voting rules mean that each voter may vote one, two, or three times for any candidate. In the past only one vote per candidate was allowed.

Early voting runs from April 13 through April 28, in the County Clerk's office at the Howard County Courthouse. The election will be held May 2.

"I'm excited about the challenge of maintaining our schools in a questionable time," incumbent Steve Fraser said.

Fraser, the vice-president of Palex – a wooden palette company, was appointed to the board in 1996 after Dan Wise resigned mid-term. He was elected to a one-year term last May.

"A school board member's got to love punishment," Al Valdes, board president said. "The main reason I decided to run for the school board again is that I love the boys and girls and I'm very, very concerned about their educational achievement."

Valdes,a professional baseball player, came to the United States in 1949 and has lived in Big Spring since that time.

BRIEFS

THERE WILL BE A spring dance at Canterbury, 1700 Lancaster, from 7:30 to 10:30 p.m. on Thursday. C.W. & Co. will be playing. The cost is $3 per senior citizen. For more information call Pat Johnston at 263-1265.

LADY STEER BOOSTER CLUB meets Thursday at 6 p.m. in the Big Spring High School Athletic Training Center. This meeting will be to plan for the athletic banquet. For information, call Shirley Johnson, 267-1541 or Kelly McBee, 393-5672.

THE AMERICAN LEGION POST 506 will have a fish fry Saturday from noon to 3 p.m. at 3203 W. Hwy 80. The cost is $5 per plate and carry out available. Call 263-2084 for more information.

Everyone is welcome.

KENNEL CLUB DOG SHOW in Big Spring will be April 25 and 26 in the Dorothy Garrett Coliseum in Big Spring.

The shows usually feature 100 or more American Kennel Club breeds, and admission is free. Entries close April 8. Contact Carole Owen, show chairman, at 915-263-3404 for more information.

FORSAN ELEMENTARY (ELBOW) WILL have kindergarten pre-registration Thursday from 8:30 a.m. -2: 30 p.m. at Elbow. Kindergarten students must be 5 years old on or before Sept. 1, 1998, to be eligible. Bring child's birth certificate, immunization record and Social Security card.

HOWARD COLLEGE STATE BAND will perform Thursday at Big Spring State Hospital in the ATD atrium at 1:30 p.m.

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A BLOOD DRIVE WILL be conducted Thursday at Big Spring State Hospital from 8:30 a.m.-11:30 a.m. The portable blood unit will be parked at the Community Relations Office.

Call 268-7535 for more information.

THE BIG SPRING STATE Hospital is needing volunteers for various jobs. They include: clerical assistants on a daily basis, and weekly basis; greeter for activity therapies; canteen assistants and physician and attorneys to serve on the Ethics Committee and the Death Review Committee.

There will be a two-hour orientation on Monday, March 23 from 1:30 to 3:30 p.m. for interested volunteers. Call 268-7535 for more information or to RSVP for the orientation.

SPRINGBOARD

IF YOU HAVE ANY CHANGES IN A SPRINGBOARD ITEM OR FOR MORE INFORMATION, CONTACT GINA GARZA, 263-7331 ext. 238, BETWEEN 8:30 A.M. AND 2 P.M. All Springboard items must be submitted in writing. Mail to: Springboard, Big Spring Herald, P.O. Box 1431, Big Spring, Texas 79720; bring it by the office at 710 Scurry; or fax it to 264-7205.

TODAY

•Most Excellent Way, a chemical dependency support group, 7 p.m., Living Water Church, 1008 Birdwell Lane. Call 267-1424 after 5 p.m. or 263-3168 between 8 a.m. and 5 p.m.

•Al-Anon, 8 to 9 p.m., 615 Settles.

•Narcotics Anonymous, 6 to 7:30 p.m., St. Mary's Episcopal Church.

•Beginning line dance class will be taught at 9 a.m. at the Senior Citizens Center. Call 267-1628 for more information. All ages welcome.

•Alcoholics Anonymous, 615 Settles, noon to 1 p.m. open meeting and 8 to 9 p.m. closed meeting at the VA Medical Center on fourth floor.

•Big Spring Art Association, 7 p.m., West Texas Center for the Arts, Howard College Campus.

•Big Spring Band Boosters, 7 p.m., high school band hall. All parents of band students in Big Spring are urged to attend. For more information call Rocky Harris at 264-3641.

•Senior citizens dance, Colorado Civic Center from 7 to 10 p.m. The Country Five will provide the music. Everyone is welcome.

WEDNESDAY

•Downtown Lions Club, noon, Howard College Cactus Room. Call Archie Kountz, 267-3821.

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May cotton 70.40 cents, down 14 points; April crude 13.05, down 23 points; Cash hogs steady at 50 cents lower at 34.50; cash steers steady at 63; April lean hog futures 48.50, up 47 points; April live cattle futures 64.72, down 22 points.

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Palex Inc.	12¾ -⅛
Pepsi Cola	42 9/16 -⅛
Parallel Petroleum	5⅝ -1/16
Rural/Metro	33⅛ -1/16
Sears	59⅝ +⅞
Southwestern Bell	80 7/16 -11/16
Sun	42⅛ -⅜
Texaco	56 - 1 5/16
Texas Instruments	53 3/16 -7/16
Texas Utils. Co	40⅜ -⅛
Unocal Corp	37 9/16 -1/16
Wal-Mart	51⅝ +⅛
Amcap	17.44-18.50
Euro Pacific	29.23-31.01
I.C.A.	30.53-32.39
New Perspective	21.86-23.19
Prime Rate	8.50%
Gold	293.80- 294.30
Silver	5.95- 5.99

POLICE

The Big Spring Police reported the following incidents between 8 a.m. Monday and 8 a.m. Tuesday:

• **ERIC HERNANDEZ**, 19, was arrested for possession of marijuana.

• **TIMOTHY MAJOR**, 24, was arrested for driving while license invalid.

• **SHAWN MOSER WALKER**, 34, was arrested for bondsman/off bond, criminal nonsupport of child.

• **FOUND PROPERTY** was reported in the 1300 block of Settle.

• **THEFT** reported in the 500 block of W. 4th; the 200 block of NE 10th; the 400 block of W. 5th; the 1700 block of E. Marcy and the 300 block of Gregg.

• **CRIMINAL MISCHIEF** reported in the 300 block of NE 2nd; the 2600 block of Fairchild and the 1100 block of E. 16th.

• **ATTEMPTED CRIMINAL TRESPASS** reported in the 1700 block of Johnson.

SHERIFF

The Howard County Sheriff's Department reported the following incidents between 8 a.m. Monday and 8 a.m. Tuesday:

• **JUDY LEE CHAPA**, 23, was arrested for revocation of probation/possession of marijuana.

• **ERNESTO RODRIGUEZ**, 22, was arrested for public intoxication.

• **MARIO CARNERO MARTINEZ**, 35, was arrested for driving while intoxicated, third offense.

• **KELLY ELLIOTT**, 20, was arrested for theft under $20.

FIRE/EMS

Following is a summary of Big Spring Fire Department/EMS reports:

Monday

5:23 a.m. — 2900 block W. 80, structure fire, extinguished by responding units.

7:43 a.m. — 500 block State, medical call, service refused.

8:26 a.m. — 2900 block W. 80, structure fire, extinguished by responding units.

9:13 a.m. — 2600 block Fairchild, medical call, patient transported to Scenic Mountain Medical Center.

9:56 a.m. — 1400 block Virginia, medical call, patient transported to SMMC.

10:25 a.m. — 3200 block Parkway, trauma call, patient transported to SMMC.

11:01 a.m. — 2600 block Langley, trauma call, patient transported to SMMC.

12:11 p.m. — 900 block Goliad, medical call, patient transported to SMMC.

2:50 p.m. — 3200 block Parkway, medical call, patient transported to SMMC.

5:28 p.m. — 3200 block Parkway, medical call, patient transported to SMMC.

RECORDS

Monday's high 49
Monday's low 37
Average high 69
Average low 39
Record high 88 in 1966
Record low 22 in 1928
Precip. Monday 0.04
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Month's normal 0.40
Year to date 2.64
Normal for the year 1.70

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Sweepstakes publisher decides to cash in promotion campaign

NEWARK, N.J. (AP) — If you have a mailbox, maybe you've seen them — the envelopes featuring Dick Clark and Ed McMahon trumpeting millions of dollars just waiting to be claimed by the lucky addressee.

But it's the smaller print on the American Family Publishers sweepstakes material that says it all: You can claim the cash if you have the winning number. Note the if.

Faced with lawsuits and authorities across the country who say the sweepstakes company is breaking the law, AFP will stop promoting its sweepstakes with the slogan, 'You're our newest winner."

The Jersey City-based company agreed with 32 states and the District of Columbia to stop telling consumers they are "winners" or have already "won" a prize unless that actually happens. AFP must say no purchase is needed to enter the sweepstakes.

The company will also pay a total of $1.25 million to 25 states, including Texas.

Prosecutors on Monday said the public is the big winner.

AFP has "finally been stopped in the misleading scam they have been running all these years," said Michigan Attorney General Frank Kelley, part of the multistate task force examining AFP's practices.

The agreement signed March 10 does not include several states that have already sued AFP, including Connecticut, Florida and Indiana. Also not included are South Carolina, which is planning a lawsuit, and Maryland, where an $8 billion class-action lawsuit filed in January charges that the sweepstakes is a fraudulent scheme.

"It's really enraging to listen to the callers and realize they are bilking elderly and poor people to the tune of hundreds of millions of dollars a year," said Gary Peller, one of the Georgetown University law professors who filed the lawsuit.

In January, an 88-year-old man from California flew to Tampa, Fla., for the second time in the mistaken belief that he could collect his sweepstakes winnings there. The second time he was confused by an AFP promotion that said: "You're our newest $11 million winner."

AFP, founded in 1977, claims to have distributed over $70 million in prizes.

The next grand prize, to be awarded in January, is $11 million.

The company, which is owned by Time Inc. Home Entertainment, a subsidiary of Time-Warner Inc., and private investors, said it mails promotions to 200 million people each year.

The company admitted no wrongdoing, and the settlement allows states to sue if they believe the deal is breached. AFP also agreed to:

— Refrain from telling consumers they are members of a select group with a better chance of winning unless the statement is true.

— Clearly explain how to enter without placing an order, and how to write the company for a sweepstakes entry.

— Avoid the implication that an entry with an order has a better chance of winning.

The company last week announced its own "consumer awareness program," which AFP spokeswoman Margot DeWitt said goes "above and beyond the agreement."

Among other things, it promises to prominently display "no purchase necessary" and a money-back guarantee and also publicize how consumers can get off its mailing lists.

These states participating in the agreement will get $50,000 from AFP: Arkansas, Arizona, California, Hawaii, Idaho, Illinois, Kansas, Kentucky, Massachusetts, Michigan, Minnesota, Mississippi, Nebraska, New Mexico, New Jersey, Nevada, North Carolina, Oregon, Pennsylvania, Rhode Island, Tennessee, Texas, Vermont, Washington and Wisconsin.

Seven other states and the District of Columbia were part of the agreement but will receive no money because they were not part of the original court action.

Can't catch a break

Weather, crime crackdown blamed for bleak spring break

PORT ARANSAS (AP) — Spring break has been a disappointment so far this year in this Gulf Coast community.

Weather was one factor for the absence of spring breakers last week; only 74 minutes of sunshine was reported from last Wednesday through Sunday. Some also blamed plans to crack down on crime and rowdiness.

"There is no question the weather has hurt us," Carol Ann Anderson, president of the Port Aransas Mustang Island Chamber of Commerce Tourist Bureau, said Monday. "We are going outside doing a little sun dance."

Businesses in Port Aransas depend on spring break revenues for about one-eighth of their annual income, Ms. Anderson said.

Lorrie LeCompte, sales manager for Port Royal Resort Condominiums, said her spring break business has been off 40 percent this year.

But she was hoping that bright sunshine on Monday could help her recover some of the losses.

"We are hoping that this week, which is our biggest week, we can do better," she said. "But the problem is, you can't make up for what you have lost.

"We're booked for this week, but we can't sell the rooms we didn't sell last week," Ms. LeCompte said.

Even if this week turns out to be better, she will have lost about 20 percent of her expected revenues by the end of March, she said.

Richard Brumley, manager of Seafood and Spaghetti Works, said Monday, he hopes the rest of spring break season will be better.

"So far it has been a complete and utter flop," Brumley told The Corpus Christi Caller-Times. "Our numbers have been way off. But this week is supposed to be the big week. I hope it is."

Elizabeth Shaw, manager of the Islander souvenir shop, also has high hopes for this week.

"Things haven't been that busy because of the weather," she said.

Ms. Anderson said the area's main competition is Mexico, not South Padre Island.

"When kids can get these $250 packages to Cancun, that's our competition," Anderson said.

Donnie Nesloney, owner of Effective Advertising, blamed city officials' plans to cut back on spring break activities for the lack of business.

"If you want to find college kids, go to South Padre Island," he said. "The city set a course 15 years ago to do away with spring break. Now, we're suffering the consequences."

Local law enforcement isn't friendly to college students, and students know it and go to places where the rules are more lax, Ms. LeCompte said.

"They bust them for driving on the beach without seat belts," Ms. LeCompte said. "I just think they could be a little more user-friendly."

There's nothing wrong with the city's strategy to attract families instead of college students, city manager Tom Brooks said.

"I don't know of anybody getting arrested who hasn't broken the law," Brooks said. "Hopefully, we will prevent someone from getting killed."

Terri Jensen, manager of Sharkey's nightclub, blames the city manager as well as the weather for the poor turnout.

"Business is bad, and it's because the city manager is telling the papers he doesn't want spring breakers," she said.

Warrant decision has watchdog group at arms

HOUSTON (AP) — A judicial watchdog group doesn't care much for a proposed rule that would allow search and arrest warrants — long considered public information in Texas — to be kept private.

The recommendation came from the Judicial Council's committee on open records, a committee that is drafting open records guidelines for state courts in Texas.

Walt Borges, director of Texas Citizen Action's Court watch, said Monday that the draft proposal would also allow individual judges to block disclosure of public records if a judge believes the request was made to harass or interfere with court operations.

"This is the first step in the process of establishing a judicial rule governing open records, and it's a terrible start," Borges said.

Chief Justice Thomas Phillips of the Texas Supreme Court said the court's intent is not make records more restrictive.

He said the guidelines are subject to several revisions in coming months.

"The Supreme Court will not pass any rule if it makes something more restrictive than it already is," Phillips told the Houston Chronicle.

The Judicial Council was directed last fall to draft court policies on open records. The order came after a Senate panel scolded Phillips for over-ruling Attorney General Dan Morales, who had declared that the phone records of state judges are public information.

Houston probate court Judge Mike Wood heads the six-member committee that was appointed in October.

Wood did not return a telephone call from the Houston newspaper Monday.

Phillips said copies of the proposed guidelines have been circulated around the state to judges and media groups for feedback.

He said the committee is continuing to conduct public hearings on the proposals. It will be "several months" before the Judicial Council makes a final report on open records to the Supreme Court, Phillips said.

Starr Co. sheriff resigns

RIO GRANDE CITY (AP) — Almost two weeks after pleading guilty in a bond kickback scheme, a South Texas sheriff has offered his resignation to county commissioners.

The only problem, commissioners say, is that Starr County Sheriff Eugenio "Gene" Falcon wasn't on the agenda.

"I was taken completely by surprise," said County Commissioner Abel Gonzalez. "I didn't have any idea he was going to show up. It's not a pleasant situation and we felt he did a good job as sheriff, but the department must move forward."

Escorted by his wife, Falcon interrupted Monday's Commissioners Court meeting to give a brief statement thanking the sheriff's department and the county, then tendered his resignation to County Judge J.M. Martinez Jr.

But it wasn't accepted, said Gonzalez.

"We couldn't; he was not on the agenda," said Gonzalez.

He said the Commissioners Court will hold a special meeting in about two to three days to deal with Falcon's resignation.

A county jailer was convicted Thursday of two bribery counts for his part in the bail bond scheme.

More than a week ago, four other jailers and a justice of the peace pleaded guilty along with Falcon to conspiracy counts.

Falcon, 44, told a McAllen grand jury he operated a bail bond kickback scheme out of the Starr County Jail, accepting more than $11,000 in bribes between March and November 1997.

Federal prosecutors, as part of a plea arrangement, agreed to recommend that 14 additional bribery charges be dropped at the sentencing.

The sheriff and others who pleaded guilty face up to five years in prison.

Jailer Victor Gonzalez, 30, faces sentencing June 10 by U.S. District Judge Filemon Vela.

Former top NCO announces retirement from Army

FORT BELVOIR, Va. (AP) — Sgt. Maj. Gene McKinney, once the Army's top enlisted man, plans to retire and move on after he was reprimanded and demoted one rank by a jury that convicted him of obstruction of justice in a sexual misconduct case.

"We did OK," McKinney said Monday, standing by his wife, Wilhemina, after the jury sentenced him on one conviction. He was found innocent Friday of 18 counts involving sexual harassment.

"Wilhemina and I are going to move on with our lives," he said. "There's a lot of things to accomplish in this world, and we got a lot of things we want to do." He plans to appeal.

McKinney, 47, is also suing his most public accuser for $1.5 million, accusing retired Sgt. Maj. Brenda Hoster of lying about him in interviews with newspapers and on television shows.

"The truth is my defense," Ms. Hoster said this morning on NBC's "Today." "I've always told the truth and so have the other women, so we'll prevail in the end."

McKinney faced a possible five years in prison and a reduction of rank to private on the obstruction of justice conviction for coaching one of his six accusers about what to tell Army investigators: "Just tell them that we talked ... no inappropriateness at all, just that we talked," he said in a taped telephone conversation played during the six-week court-martial.

The 29-year veteran was the first black man to become sergeant major of the Army, and was forced out of the position after being charged last year. If convicted on all counts, he could have faced up to 55 years in prison and a dishonorable discharge.

Now, with a lower rank of master sergeant and a reprimand, McKinney will lose some retirement pay and his reputation as a good soldier, said Lt. Col. V. Montgomery Forrester, one of his attorneys.

"His career is over," Forrester said. "He will leave the Army now without much glory, without much honor. He will leave under a cloud."

McKinney's annual base pay drops from $41,742 to $37,278. He would collect about 75 percent of that, or roughly $28,000, during retirement.

The jury of eight, including four officers — two of them women — and four enlisted men, could have opted not to punish McKinney at all, an option his lawyers requested. The government, which did not seek a dishonorable discharge, asked the jury to demote him to private and sentence him to at least six months in jail.

McKinney's sentence is subject to review and approval by Army leaders. He plans to appeal at any rate, his attorneys said.

McKinney's libel suit against Ms. Hoster — who says McKinney is lying — was served on her Monday, but filed in early February in the District of Columbia.

USA Today reported today that four of the women who joined Ms. Hoster in accusing McKinney say they plan to help raise money for Ms. Hoster's legal costs in defending the suit. McKinney cannot sue his other five accusers because of a federal law banning lawsuits between current members of the military.

Unlike Ms. Hoster, they were on active duty when they made their assertions against McKinney.

A former speechwriter for McKinney, Ms. Hoster claimed he groped her after calling her to his hotel room after midnight during a business trip to Hawaii in 1996.

McKinney's other accusers alleged similar incidents of sexual harassment at military conferences and on the job.

In the most serious charge, Sgt. Christine Roy accused McKinney of forcing her to have sex when she was nearly eight months pregnant. Now, she says, she wants to get on with her life as well.

Pentagon leaders said everybody suffered in the case, including the Army's reputation by spotlighting sexual harassment in the military.

"It's been a difficult case for Sergeant Major McKinney, it's been a difficult case for the five soldiers and one sailor involved, and it's been a difficult case for the Army as an institution," Army Chief of Staff Dennis Reimer said Monday after the sentencing.

Retired Brig. Gen. Pat Foote, vice chairwoman of an Army panel that studied sexual harassment in the military last year, said findings indicated the chain of command system isn't working. The panel suggested the Army review the complaint system "from the ground up," she said.

"It's totally ineffective," Foote said in an interview. "The system does not work. The troops will not use it because they fear reprisals to them."

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OTHER VIEWS

The U.S. Supreme Court's unanimous decision that a federal law against sexual harassment at work applies to cases involving people of the same sex is a victory for common sense and fairness.

The ruling came in the case of a Louisiana man who said that he was subjected to sexual humiliation, assault and rape threats by his male boss and co-workers on an offshore oil rig. The man, alleging that complaints to the company brought no relief, filed a sexual harassment suit. But a federal appeals court threw it out on grounds that the relevant law, Title VII of the 1964 Civil Rights Act, applies only to behavior between men and women.

The high court's ruling means that the suit can now go forward. This closely watched case also will smooth the way for similar lawsuits involving same-sex harassment charges.

The decision is eminently sensible. Since sexual relations do occur between people of the same sex, sexual harassment on the job often is not so much about sex as about the abuse of power, and power can be abused between men and men or women and women. Anyone who is humiliated, threatened or coerced at work in a way related to his or her sexuality ought to have recourse under the law without regard to the sex of the offender. ...

Winston-Salem (N.C.) Journal

The arbitrator's decision in the Latrell Sprewell case would appear to be an assault on common sense.

The Golden State Warriors player physically attacks his coach but gets off with a seven-month suspension. The Warriors, in turn, get stuck with the final two seasons of Sprewell's contract, worth $17.3 million.

But we shouldn't be surprised. Basketball has been indifferent to violence in the past; it paid the price in the Sprewell case.

Professional sports have demonstrated repeatedly their inability to deal appropriately with behavior that would, in any other setting, be considered criminal. ...

The Record, Stockton, Calif.

The Senate is trying to revive the discredited congressional practice of blackmailing the states into adopting traffic safety laws fashioned in Washington. ...

The Senate approved an amendment to the federal highway bill establishing a strict nationwide definition of drunken driving — a blood-alcohol level of 0.08.

Congress doesn't have the constitutional authority to impose traffic safety laws on the states, so the bipartisan Senate coalition supporting the bill opted to use the threat of withdrawal of federal highway funds to coerce states into accepting the 0.08 standard for driving under the influence. ...

Obviously, the 0.08 limit will have no impact on the heavy drinkers who cause a large percentage of the fatal accidents in the United States.

That's a key reason why South Carolina and 32 other states have resisted calls to set a 0.08 blood-alcohol level for driving under the influence.

Tough DUI laws have played a role in reducing highway deaths, but state lawmakers understand there is a point at which stricter measures don't enhance safety and actually undermine public respect for the law.

The Greenville (S.C.) News

"What separates the men from the boys in politics is that the boys seek office to be something and the men seek office to do something."

We might do well to update that statement to include the role of women in the political arena, but the underlying idea in that oft-repeated maxim of the late President Richard Nixon contains an important thought for today's world of politics.

We seem to be suffering from a certain ineptitude in the current generation of political leadership.

The loss of political momentum that may result from President Clinton's ongoing imbroglio with Kenneth Starr, and his administration's lack of surefootedness in foreign affairs, in both the Middle East and central Europe, may cause long-term liabilities for this country at home and abroad. ...

It is a new generation that has taken the reins of governance — a generation that was born after the one forged by the Great Depression and World War II. This is a generation that was handed that hard-won better world sought by their parents. It is a generation that has been filled with bright ideas of things it wanted to accomplish.

It seems it is a group wanting to be something in order to accomplish big things, but lacking the character-forming experience needed to achieve those goals.

The Daily Times, Farmington, N.M.

'Ellen' disserves the lesbian cause

WASHINGTON — I have felt for weeks that Ellen DeGeneres has been wearing her lesbianism like a bad case of the measles, turning her ABC television show into a bore.

I felt that instead of making us regard homosexuals as just some other of God's children, she was shouting incessantly, "Look, I'm different!" — taunting the certified bigots of America.

Carl Rowan
Syndicated Columnist

Just when I began to worry that someone had dropped a prejudice pill into my tea, along came lesbian activist Chastity Bono with the comment that "Ellen" has become too gay because "every episode deals with specific gay issues."

ABC is in a bind on whether to cancel or continue "Ellen." If it continues, Ms. DeGeneres would do well to take to heart the criticisms of Ms. Bono, who is the entertainment media director of the Gay and Lesbian Alliance Against Defamation.

Sexual orientation and lovemaking practices, even for heterosexuals, ought to be a very private matter.

I think the Clinton administration-Pentagon policy of "don't ask, don't tell" is wrong in that it punishes anyone in the military who reveals his or her homosexuality. The government ought not force anyone to live a lie. But I just know that it is also wrong for homosexuals to constantly hammer the rest of us with the declaration "I am gay, and don't you dare be mean to me."

I get a little nauseated (and suspicious) when a "straight" couple keeps telling me how much in love they are and what "great sex" they are having. I learned as a teenager that people who talk publicly about their sex life are usually lying. Furthermore, I don't really care what consenting adults do in their privacy. So I get a little pukish when Ellen DeGeneres and Ann Heche keep putting on these public displays — in front of the president and anyone else who gives them a photo opportunity — of just how much they "love" each other.

It may have served the cause of public acceptance of homosexuals as worthy human beings who deserve our respect when Ellen came "out of the closet" on her show. But when she and her producers cannot get away from the subject, they tell viewers that they, too, ought to dwell on the idea that gays and lesbians should always be thought of as "different."

I have written many times that I would never again mention my blackness if this society would stop reminding me every day that I am a black man. I — and most Americans of African descent — want to be judged on my character and my contributions to this society. Most of us black Americans cannot hide our blackness, and we do not wish to flaunt it.

But "Ellen" has reached the point of flaunting homosexuality just as brazenly as two men who choose to walk arm-in-arm down Fifth Avenue, kissing every chance they get.

Sexual orientation and lovemaking practices, even for heterosexuals, ought to be a very private matter. When we forget that, we get mired in tragedies like the current "dig" into the ruins of Bill Clinton's sex life.

Chastity Bono has taken ABC off a big hook by suggesting that Ellen DeGeneres has betrayed the network. She says that DeGeneres promised ABC that the show would not lapse into a stupor where every episode deals with gay issues.

Well, it has. And I'm not surprised that ABC executives are unhappy. If they cancel "Ellen," the blame must go to DeGeneres and her program advisers who don't seem to know when they're wearing too much on their sleeves.

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Best thing about March: April's next

ON THE LITTLE TALLAPOOSA RIVER, Ga. -- March rain has brought the river right up to my back door where it laps and rolls like a stray kitten.

If I sit still and watch, sooner or later a disoriented beaver will happen by, hunting a stick for a snack. The neighbor's cows have had their pasture kingdom drastically reduced by water and look a little miffed. But then cows always look a little miffed.

Rheta Johnson
Syndicated Columnist

The ground is so wet I fret that the least wind could cause the trees on the bank to topple. Trees are like children. One part enjoyment, two parts worry.

March is a trial, a test. It even sounds like a drill sergeant's order: March! To get to the sweet reward of April, you must endure wind, rain and a possible blizzard or two. You must walk on by the tempting rainbow of bedding plants at the discount store, knowing the time's not right. March is to wait -- and to wade through.

This time next month we'll be plugging geraniums into clean pots, sporting white shoes and pink shirts, hiding hard-boiled eggs. This time next month we'll be riding the dogwood and azalea trails, planning trips to the beach, packing picnics.

But first, there is March.

Back in the fall, I picked up a calendar at a garden center. Each month features a photograph of impossibly beautiful flowers, then a list of things you should be doing to prepare for that perfect summer garden.

To everything there is a season. A time to prune and a time to mulch.

A time to pay a team of professional gardeners.

I have my own garden-prep ideas for March, rather humble housekeeping chores for the yard. Whether or not I actually execute them is another story. But here are my resolutions:

I will fill the holes around the backyard fence, the series of caves dug by my energetic dog, Maxie. If you put them end to end, you'd have the Chunnel. As it is, you have a red clay mess.

All day long Maxie digs her way to freedom. Then I find her sitting on the front porch, looking exhausted and forlorn, as if the change of venue hasn't lived up to expectations.

I lead her through the house to the back, throw a cinder block into the breach and the whole exercise begins again.

As soon as I properly plug the Maxie holes, I will dismantle my greenhouse, the rather unsightly one made of four hay bales with a piece of glass on top. A radio gardening show gave me the idea.

You might say it worked. There's a geranium blooming and a petunia or two. But the weeds are really thriving, growing over and around pots, hiding the legitimate plants. I'm the only gardener I know who'll have to weed her potted plants.

I also must mow back the monkey grass, the most prolific thing in the yard. I'll whup back the strangling ivy from the trees, clean out my beds and maybe burn a few leaves.

Then comes the most important chore of all. I'll hang the hammock, the pretty red and blue one my friend Heloisa brought back all the way from Brazil.

I'll string it between two trees down by the river when the river rolls back. I may even give the hammock a test drive.

With the hammock hung, I'll be officially ready for spring, for lying horizontal to the ground, for listening to frogs and watching the birds and dreaming of low-maintenance seeds and bulbs.

The helpful calendar instructs all gardeners to "prepare your beds," and I, for one, intend to follow orders.

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Lady Steers open 4-4A softball campaign tonight hosting Lake View

By JOHN A. MOSELEY
Sports Editor

Now it's for real.

Big Spring's Lady Steers, having improved their record to 16-4 with six wins and just one loss at the Canyon Reef Classic in Snyder, open District 4-4A softball play this evening, playing host to San Angelo Lake View's Maidens.

In the Maidens, the Lady Steers face an opponent coach Wes Overton predicts could be a contender for the district title.

"Lake View has some really good athletes and people are going to have to be ready to play their best against them," Overton said as he prepared for tonight's 6:30 game at the Roy Anderson Complex. "That's going to be the case with just about every district game. Virtually every team in this district has talented players and they're going to be up for us."

The Lady Steers, who shared the 4-4A title with Andrews' Lady Mustangs and advanced to the regional finals before being eliminated in the playoffs, again figure to contend for the 4-4A championship, as does Andrews.

Big Spring's lone loss in the Snyder tournament last week, a 6-2 tie-breaking affair, came at Andrews' hands.

The Lady Steers opened the tournament's round of pool play with a 16-3 demolition of Clyde and followed that with a 5-2 win over El Paso Ysleta Lady Indians. They closed out the round with a 5-1 win over Hawley's Lady Bearcats to enter bracket play as the top-seeded team from their pool.

Anson was Big Spring's first draw in bracket play, and Jessica Canales threw a one-hitter at the Lady Tigers en route to an 8-0 Lady Steers victory.

Canales improved her record to 3-1, striking out one and walking three in going the distance.

Monica Rubio and Sunni Smith provided most of the offensive heroics — Smith going 2-for-3 at the plate and driving in two runs, while Rubio was 2-for-4 with one RBI.

Although the Lady Steers' next game was the tie-breaker loss to Andrews, there were several highlights for Big Spring. Not the least of them was Jessica Cobos' home run in a 1-for-3 day and Smith's 1-for-3 showing that included an RBI double.

The Lady Steers' bats would really explode in the final two games of the tournament, however.

In a 10-0 dismantling of El Paso Eastwood's Lady Rangers, Jessica Sisneros allowed just three Eastwood hits and struck out six, while Big Spring was pounding out 15 hits.

Third baseman Melissa Martinez and Rubio led the way. Martinez was 3-for-4 including a home run. She finished the game with five RBIs. Rubio was 3-for-5 at the plate.

But Martinez saved her best hitting for the finale — the Lady Steers' second meeting of the tournament with Ysleta that turned into an 18-2 rout.

Sisneros chalked up her second win of the day in improving her record to 10-1 on the season, while the Lady Steers rattled the bats for 17 hits.

Martinez was again 3-for-4, but this time clubbed two home runs, including a grand slam that left her with eight RBIs.

Honey Belew, Cobos and Smith also matched Martinez's 3-for-4 ratio, but not the power quotient. Belew drove in two runs, while Cobos had one RBI.

Trinity Valley eyes three-peat

Corkery reminds Lady Hawks nation's best 16 teams remain

By JOHN H. WALKER
Managing Editor

SALINA, Kan. — They're calling it the "Trinity Valley Invitational" here as the National Junior College Athletic Association opens its annual women's championship tournament at the Bicentennial Center.

Trinity Valley (31-0) has won two straight national championships and three of the last four, finishing second in 1995, and the Lady Cardinals are prohibitive favorites to make it a three-peat.

Easily the biggest team in the tournament, the Lady Cardinals average 95.6 points per game offensively while allowing just 51.9 points.

"We don't trade buckets," Trinity Valley Coach Kurt Budke, who returns to his hometown for the national tourney. "We're going to push it, but push it under control. We feel like we can win with a game in the 90 (point range) or win a game in the 60s."

Trinity Valley starts the tallest player in the tournament, 6-foot-7 Rhonda Smith (9.8 points, 6.7 and 6 blocks per game), but the school's size doesn't stop with Smith.

Budke also starts a 6-4 player, Polish sophomore forward Alicia Gasiorowska (7.6 ppg) and has a 6-4 reserve in Shantia Owens (10.1 ppg, 7.8 rpg).

Trinity was tested early in the tournament by Westark's (Ark.) Lady Lions (27-3) in the 10 a.m. opener. Louisburg (N.C.) faced Wallace (Ala.) at noon, followed by the Howard-Walters State match-up at 2 p.m. Coffeyville (Kan.) and Olney (Ill.) meet at 4 p.m.

Winners in the first two games meet at 6 p.m. Wednesday while winners of the second pair of games will meet in the 8 p.m. finale Wednesday.

Howard's Lady Hawks (31-2) worked out at 5 p.m. Sunday in a chilly Salina Central High School gymnasium, then worked out at the YMCA Monday morning before getting 30 minutes on the Bicentennial Center floor Monday afternoon.

The Lady Hawks, who have not played a game since their Region V championship win over Midland College on March 5, appear ready to face off with someone other than themselves.

At the end of Sunday's workout, Head Coach Matt Corkery cautioned the team to stay focused.

"This is where we said we were going to be when we started working back on Labor Day," he told the group. "Let's not forget why we're here and that's to play Walters State at 2 Tuesday.

"There will be a lot of distractions, but you don't need to worry about them. We're here to play basketball and finish what we started Labor Day."

The second-year coach reminded the team that the competition will be tough.

"This will be the toughest competition we've seen all year," he said. "There are 16 teams left and they're the best in the country. We'll have to be at our very best."

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NATIONAL TOURNAMENT NOTES ... Salina Chamber of Commerce officials are concerned about possible attendance problems, since only 140 five-day passes had been sold by the end of last week ... they are also hopeful that the tournament will be received as well as the Big 8 women's tournament was when it was held in the 6,553-seat Bicentennial Center ... in its last year, the Big 8 tourney drew more than 16,000 fans ... less than an hour to the south is Hutchinson, where the NJCAA men's tournament is also under way this week and road trips are being planned by basketball junkies while their respective team is off the floor ... Howard freshman Karlita Washington's mother stepped off a bus onto a slippery patch of pavement Monday, fell and broke her leg. She underwent surgery at a local hospital, but will be in the stands during today's opening-round game.

FIRST ROUND

Today's first-round games in the NJCAA Women's Basketball Championship Tournament:

10 a.m. — Trinity Valley, Texas, Lady Cardinals (31-) vs. Westark, Ark., Lady Lions (27-3)

12 p.m. — Louisburg, N.C. (26-2) Hurricanes vs. Wallace State, Ala., Senators, 26-3)

2 p.m. — Howard, Texas, Lady Hawks (31-2) vs. Walters State, Tenn., Lady Senators (27-4)

4 p.m. — Gulf Coast, Fla., Commodores (29-2) vs. Crowder, Mo., Riders (21-12)

6 p.m. — Opening ceremonies

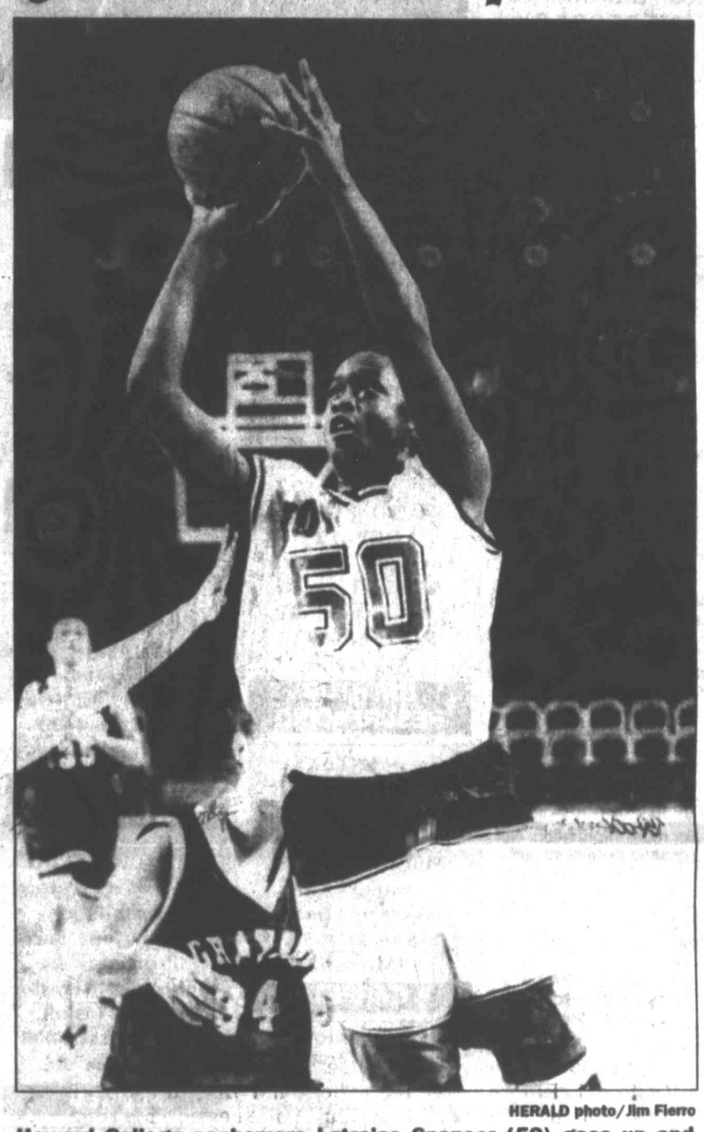
7 p.m. — Western Nebraska Cougars (29-4) vs. Cincinnati, Ohio, Surge (30-2)

8:45 p.m. — Coffeyville, Kan., Red Ravens (29-5) vs. Olney, Ill., Central Knights (32-1)

Wednesday's first-round games:

12 p.m. — Central, Ariz. Vaquevas (29-1) vs. Northwest Mississippi Rangers (21-8)

2 p.m. — Ricks, Idaho, Vikings (30-2) vs. Iowa Western Reivers (25-6)



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Howard College sophomore Latraica Spencer (50) goes up and scores in the Lady Hawks' win over Grayson during the Region V women's tournament in Midland. Spencer and her teammates opened NJCAA national tournament play today facing Walters State Community College of Morristown, Tenn.

Central Arizona, Louisberg make 18th, 15th appearances

HERALD Staff Report

Central Arizona is making its 18th trip to the NJCAA Women's Tournament, while Louisburg, N.C. is back for the 15th time.

No other school has been to the nationals as many as 10 times, although Crowder (Mo.) has made nine trips.

Three schools — Coffeyville (Kan.), Northwest Mississippi and tournament favorite Trinity Valley (Texas) are all here for the sixth time.

Howard is back for the fourth time — all in the 1990s — while Ricks, Westark and Western Nebraska are back for the third time.

Wallace and Walters State are both making their second trip to the national tournament.

While most of the schools in this week's tournament at the Bicentennial Center have national tournament experience, it's something new for four schools.

Cincinnati (Ohio) State, Gulf Coast (Fla.), Iowa Western and Olney (Ill.) are all making their first foray into the national tournament.

Some familiar faces found in 'Sweet 16' at women's tourney

The ASSOCIATED PRESS

The round of 16 in the NCAA women's basketball tournament will feature several of those old, familiar faces — and then some you aren't used to seeing at this time of year.

There's Tennessee, Louisiana Tech, Connecticut and North Carolina, of course, but also Duke, Rutgers and Arizona. No 16th-seeded Harvard, though. Arkansas took care of that.

Rutgers reached the regional semifinals for the first time since 1988 by edging Iowa State 62-61 in Ames, Iowa, with a team that has no seniors, two juniors and nine freshmen and sophomores.

The fifth-seeded Scarlet Knights (22-9) earned a dubious reward because their opponent in the Mideast Regional at Nashville, Tenn., next Saturday is No. 1-ranked Tennessee.

But the Rutgers players were eager for that matchup long before it officially came about. They left the floor at Iowa State chanting "Tennessee, Tennessee" — fully 2 hours before the Lady Vols (35-0) advanced with an 82-62 victory over Western Kentucky.

"They are so young, but their belief is to the nth degree," said Rutgers coach Vivian Stringer, who has the program on track now after losing seasons her first two years. "They have no fear."

Duke was 0-4 in second-round NCAA games before beating Louisville 69-53 on Monday. The Blue Devils (23-7) will play Florida (23-8) in the West semifinals in Oakland, Calif.

"This just feels great," Duke coach Gail Goestenkors said. "We had that monkey about the Sweet 16 on our backs for so long it felt like a gorilla."

Florida advanced with an 89-57 victory over Virginia Tech.

Harvard became the first 16th seed to win an NCAA game when it beat injury-riddled Stanford on Saturday, but Arkansas proved too much for the Crimson and won 82-64 Monday night to move on in the West. Arkansas (20-10) plays Kansas (23-8) in the other game at Oakland.

In other games Monday night, Purdue beat Colorado State 77-63 and Louisiana Tech downed Clemson 74-52 in the Midwest, and Illinois beat Cal Santa Barbara 69-65 in the Mideast.

Illinois (20-9) will play North Carolina (26-6) in the other game at Nashville, while Purdue (22-9) meets Notre Dame (22-9) and Louisiana Tech (28-3) faces Alabama (24-9) in the Midwest semifinals at Lubbock, Texas.

The East regional in Dayton, Ohio, was set Sunday night. Old Dominion (29-2) plays North Carolina State (23-6) and Connecticut (33-2) meets seed Arizona (23-6), which made the round of 16 for the first time.

Tennessee, seeking an unprecedented third straight national championship, has made the regional semifinals in all 17 NCAA women's tournaments. Louisiana Tech has made it 15 times, Connecticut has done it for the fifth straight time and North Carolina for the fifth time in six years.

The controversy over Alabama's last second shot in a 75-74 victory over UCLA on Sunday carried over to Monday when the three officials in that game were barred from working the rest of the tournament.

The NCAA said officials Jack Riordan, Robert Strong and Lolly Saenz made several mistakes, including allowing Latoya Caudle's game-winning shot to stand. Caudle scored after Alabama inbounded with just eigth-tenths of a second left.

Rutgers 62, Iowa St. 61

Freshman Natasha Pointer sank two free throws with 9.3 seconds left and Iowa State freshman Megan Taylor, who scored 28 points, missed a last-second 3-point attempt. Jayme Olson scored 14 points for Iowa State (25-8) to become the school's career leader with 1,799.

Tennessee 82, W. Kentucky 62

Chamique Holdsclaw had 34 points and 11 rebounds and answered each time Western Kentucky threatened in the second half. She scored four straight points after Western Kentucky got within six, then responded with six straight when Western pulled to 52-46.

Illinois 69, Santa Barbara 65

Ashley Berggren scored 17 points, and Illinois held off Cal Santa Barbara to reach the round of 16 for the second straight year.

Cal Santa Barbara drew to 65-62 with 44 seconds left. But the Illini's Tauja Catchings hit a jump shot, then rebounded a miss at the other end to deny the Gauchos an upset.

Kristi Rohr's 18 points led Santa Barbara (27-6).

Stanton's Herm, Washington headline 6-2A all-district boys' team

By JOHN A. MOSELEY
Sports Editor

After romping through their District 6-2A schedule in undefeated fashion, it was not surprising that Stanton's Buffaloes dominated the individual honors afforded when the league's coaches met to select the all-district boys' basketball team.

Junior point guard, Kyle Herm, who guided the Buffs to the regional semifinals before their playoff run ended, was named the district's most valuable player.

Teammate Marcus Washington, a 6-foot-8 senior post, was named the offensive player of the year, while Doug Gordon was picked by his peers to share coach of the year honors with Iraan's Steve Harris.

Iraan, which finished second to the Buffs, grabbed it's share of honors as well, with senior Warren Stricklin being named the league's defensive player of the year.

Van Horn's Josh Alvarado, a 6-foot-1 sophomore, and McCamey's Greg Long, a 5-foot-10 sophomore, were selected as co-newcomers of the year.

Iraan and Stanton both placed one player each on the eight-man first team. The Braves' Jorge Rivero, a 5-foot-9 junior, was a unanimous selection, while 6-foot-3 junior post Chad Smith was the Buffs' first-teamer.

Stanton had two players picked to the second team — 6-foot-1 senior guard Tyron Davis and 6-foot-4 junior forward Justin Cobb. The Buffs' 6-foot-3 senior post Chester Cobb was an honorable mention selection.

Rounding out the first-team selections were Van Horn's Efrain Venegas, a 5-foot-6 junior, and David McBirnie, a 6-foot-3 senior; Anthony's Erick Fresquez, a 5-foot-11 senior, and Ricky Moreno, a 5-foot-8 junior; McCamey's Aiden Gomez, a 5-foot-8 senior; and Tornillo's Israel Garcia, a 5-foot-8 senior.

Those joining Cobb and Davis on the second-team were Antony's Carlos Carrasco, a 6-foot senior; McCamey's Michael Schuman, a 6-foot-3 senior; Tornillo's Rudy Silva, a 6-foot-1 senior; and Iraan's Cody Emery, a 6-foot senior.

Others honorable mentions were Iraan's Jody Rivas and Dustin Grigsby, Anthony's Adrian Delgado, McCamey's Tim Brooksr, Tornillo's Ricardo Villarreal and Van Horn's Luis Salais.

DISTRICT 6-2A
BOYS' ALL-DISTRICT TEAM

First Team				Second Team			
Player	Ht.	Class	School	Player	Ht.	Class	School
Jorge Rivero	5-9	Jr.	Iraan	Justin Cobb	6-4	Jr.	Stanton
Efrain Venegas	5-6	Jr.	Van Horn	Carlos Carrasco	6-0	Sr.	Anthony
Erick Fresquez	5-11	Sr.	Anthony	Michael Schuman	6-3	Sr.	McCamey
Chad Smith	6-3	Jr.	Stanton	Tyron Davis	6-1	Sr.	Stanton
Israel Garcia	5-8	Sr.	Tornillo	Rudy Silva	6-1	Sr.	Tornillo
Aiden Gomez	5-8	Sr.	McCamey	Cody Emery	6-0	Sr.	Iraan
Ricky Moreno	5-8	Jr.	Anthony				
David McBirnie	6-3	Sr.	Van Horn				

Most Valuable Player: Kyle Herm, Jr., Stanton.
Offensive Player of Year: Marcus Washington, Sr., Stanton.
Defensive Player of Year: Warren Stricklin, Sr., Iraan
Co-Newcomers of Year: Josh Alvarado, Soph., Van Horn, and Greg Long, Soph., McCamey.
Co-Coaches of Year: Doug Gordon, Stanton, and Steve Harris, Iraan.

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Scenic Mountain Medical Center, A 153 bed JCAHO accredited facility has immediate opening for a personnel assistant. Requirements include 2 years minimum experience, knowledge of Lotus and Windows Programs. Must be able to assist Director in employee benefits administration, workers' compensation management, and policy administration. Submit Resume in confidence or apply in person at 1601 West 11th. place, Big Spring, Texas 79720. Fax#(915) 263-6454 or (915) 263-0151. Attention HR/P Manager. No phone calls. No recruiters, please. Equal Opportunity Employer. Applications may be picked up and returned to the switchboard from 7am to 9pm.

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FAX RESUME TO: (915) 263-6454.
Applications may be picked up at the switchboard 7am to 9pm
Scenic Mountain Medical Center
1601 W. 11th Place
Big Spring, Texas 79720
EOE
NO PHONE CALLS PLEASE!!

WEST TEXAS CENTERS FOR MHMR
Job opening for **ANASAZI REPORT SPECIALIST** in Big Spring, Tx. Will be responsible for timely production and distribution of all scheduled and ad hoc reports from the Client Data System. Will also perform other clerical duties for the Information Services department. Requirements: High school graduation for GED plus one year experience in clerical or secretarial work. Typing skills at 40 WPM. Prefer: Demonstrated skills with Windows word processing and/or Microsoft Word 6.0 or 97. Familiarity with DOS and Windows naming conventions and various text file formats. Demonstrated ability to navigate complex subdirectory structures using Microsoft Explorer or equivalent. Personal vehicle is necessary, as some travel is required with in Big Spring. Hours: M-F, 8-5 Salary: $582.00 Bi-Weekly.
Apply: West Texas Centers for MHMR
409 Runnels
Big Spring, Tx. 79720
915-264-2650

Maintenance Supervisor needed for apartment complex. Must be AC Certified. Responsible for preventive maintenance & make readys. Salary depends on experience. Apply in person @ Barcelona Apartments, 538 Westover Rd. No phone calls please.

Gill's Fried Chicken in now hiring for part-time only. Counter help & poultry cutter needed. Apply in person only, 1101 Gregg.

Girling Health Care Inc. Home Care Attendants needed in Big Springs and surrounding areas to help with housekeeping and personal care. For more information call 800-665-4471 or 915-643-5604.

RN - Weekend Relief 8am-5pm, Saturdays & Sundays. Competitive wages. Apply in person at Mountain View Lodge.

WANTED: Truck driver w/CDL License who can operate Backhoe & Bulldozer. Please call David w/Sharp Image Energy at 270-1017.

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Stanton 756-3850

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FOUND / LOST PETS

MISSING:: Area of County Rd. 51 & F. M. 821, East of Coahoma. **Male Golden Retriever & female Blue Heeler.** Both tattooed & microchiped. Call 270-0043, 394-4251 or 267-7387.

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800 W. 18th: 3 bd., 2 bath. Fireplace, sunken den, large kitchen, dream large spacious master bath. All new! $66,000. Call 263-1792 or 264-6006.

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The Carriage Inn, Big Spring, has an opening for a motivated, sales oriented, Marketing Director. The job would also include activity work. Come join our team of professionals. Salary plus commission. Excellent working conditions and company benefits after sixty days. For an appointment, contact Art Sinclair at 915-267-1353. Equal Opportunity Employer.

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PUBLIC NOTICE

On March 12, 1998, applications were filed with the FCC in Washington, D.C. for assignment of the licenses of Stations KBST, 1490 kHz, KBST-FM, 95.9 MHz and KBTS, 94.3 MHz, Big Spring, Texas, from KBST, Inc. and David W. Wrinkle to Equicom, Inc. David W. Wrinkle is the sole principal of KBST, Inc. The officers, directors and 10% or greater stockholders of Equicom, Inc. are Dain Schult, Randall Hale, Sherry Schult, Kelly Byrd, Harry Hedges, Donald Robertson, Bennet Springer, Robert Ringle, Nolan Lehmann and Equus II Incorporated. A copy of the application, amendments and related materials are on file for public inspection at 608 Johnson, Big Spring.
1780 March 17 & 18, 24 & 25. 1998

PUBLIC NOTICE

The following described abandoned vehicle will be sold to the high bidder April 8, 1998 at 10 a.m. The sale will be at 1204 Ridgeroad, Big Spring Howard County, Texas. Bill of sale will be issued. Vehicles sold, as is no warranty with respect to condition of the vehicle. The actual mileage is unknown. Owner/Lienholder of said vehicles have the right to claim the item not later than the 20th day after the date of notice on payment on towing, preservation, and storage claims & fees.
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HAPPY BIRTHDAY FOR WEDNESDAY, MARCH 18:
You detach and see the big picture this year. You are willing to grow and expand your boundaries. A foreigner could play a significant role. Unexpected insights are likely. Sometimes, you find it hard to keep a secret. This could be a problem! Career takes a predominant role, especially in the second half of the year. If you are single, romance is likely to be unique and could take the form of a stranger. If attached, you reach a new level of loving spirituality in the relationship. SAGITTARIUS can challenge you.

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

ARIES (March 21-April 19)
The unexpected occurs. Flow with a situation. Brainstorm with a friend; together, you devise workable ideas. Attend a meeting, network and gather friends together. Dig up news, and find someone in the know who can act as a sounding board. Tonight: See a movie.*****

TAURUS (April 20-May 20)
A discussion enhances close relating. You cannot, and must not, predict what a boss has planned. Know that you are dealing with a wild card. Touch base with a trusted associate; brilliant ideas will emerge. You work especially well as a duo now. Tonight: Go for togetherness.*****

GEMINI (May 21-June 20)
Unexpected news forces you to restructure time. Excitement surrounds you as you plunge into work. Focus, clear your desk and make some free time this afternoon. Networking, discussions and brainstorming are highlighted in the evening. Tonight: Join your pals.*****

CANCER (June 21-July 22)
Surprises provoke your imagination and allow you to gain a new perspective. You are full of ideas; use this ingenuity to enhance your personal and professional life. Study the financial implications of a decision. There are many ways down the path. Tonight: Get physical.****

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22)
Take care of personal matters first. A family member reverses course. Partnerships are exciting, though not always easy. Look at the positives. The feedback you receive is valuable. Allow imagination to run wild; you give birth to new ideas, more pleasure and greater fulfillment. Tonight: Need I spell it out?****

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22)
Talks are important, especially concerning work and day-to-day life. Don't take anything for granted. A purchase could help you. Add to your work space or consider a home office if you don't have one. Check out an investment. Tonight: Put your feet up.*****

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22)
A child or loved one surprises you. Your vision of what could be might be off. Do not assume that you have another figured out. Remain even, secure and aware of your boundaries. Money is a key issue; do not take any risks for now. Stay levelheaded. Tonight: Visit a close friend.***

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21)
Use the morning hours for whimsy. You not only add to your own life, but also another's. Let people into your life, and be open to new ideas. An offer feels too good to be true. Be realistic about your limits. Take time to balance your checkbook. Tonight: Pay bills.*****

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21)
Clear up paperwork and handle personal matters early in the day. You will feel much better by afternoon, and will be ready for a more aggressive push. Listen more carefully to what another shares. Your personality melts barriers. Tonight: Go for what you want.****

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19)
Listen to a friend who has your best interests in mind. Carefully analyze someone's jolting money news. How the situation appears isn't necessarily the way it is. Be more forthright about your choices. Remain upbeat, and don't settle. Tonight: Get to bed early.****

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18)
Accept responsibilities. It is time to take action on things that are important to you. It isn't wise to do anything halfway. Make time for a meeting. Your ability to network, get what you want and make an impression is highlighted. Tonight: Make it memorable.****

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20)
Make a long-distance call, and touch base with another. You might be unable to keep a secret any longer. Be realistic about your limitations. Doors seem to open; don't hesitate to walk through. Others seek you out for feedback. You are intuitive. Tonight: Work late.****

Law allows women to make their abusers pay in court

DEAR ABBY: You have recently been printing items with regard to domestic violence. Although it is not widely known, a new federal law dealing with this issue became effective in late 1996. It is known as the "Violence Against Women Act."

It allows a lawsuit for money damages to be brought against an abuser as a civil rights action, if the abuse was a gender-motivated crime and the crime was felonious in nature. This is important because usually in actions for damages, the individual collecting the damages must pay her own attorney's fee. In civil rights litigation, the opposing party must pay your fees. -- A (MALE) DIVORCE LAWYER IN FLORIDA

Abigail Van Buren

DEAR COUNSELOR: Bless you for taking the time to alert my readers to the existence of the federal Violence Against Women Act. I was not aware of it -- and I'm sure it will be news to many people.

Steps are being taken on so many fronts to battle this scourge. Read on:

DEAR ABBY: Greetings from the great state of New Mexico. As you stated in your column, domestic violence can occur in any family at any level of our society. And it must be dealt with by an equally broad spectrum of the population.

You asked the pertinent question, "Why is he using violence?" As was pointed out in a previous letter, violence begets violence. It is a continuing message our society sends to all of its children through television shows and movies that use violence, often murder, as the solution to problems.

Until we can change the vision of violence presented as entertainment to our children, there are shorter-term steps we can take as a community to end domestic violence. In New Mexico (in which 46 percent of all female homicides are the result of domestic violence), our Legislature has taken steps to protect the victims. It passed a bill that makes stalking a crime. The Legislature has also passed laws that prohibit insurance companies from discriminating against women who have been treated for domestic abuse, and that allow women to file for protective orders in the court without paying a fee.

These new laws exist because of the dedicated lobbying efforts of the Violence Against Women Task Force, a group of concerned professionals that I formed to address domestic violence and sexual assault in New Mexico. More important, the laws would not have been possible without the participants who shared their own stories -- many painful to relive -- to make us aware of the shortcomings and gaps in the system.

I hope our experience in New Mexico encourages other communities to unite against a common enemy and take action against domestic violence. -- TOM UDALL, NEW MEXICO ATTORNEY GENERAL

DEAR ATTORNEY GENERAL UDALL: You and the legislators of the great state of New Mexico are to be commended for putting those timely laws in place. Perhaps your letter will inspire lawmakers in other states to consider similar legislation, if they haven't already done so. It might save some lives.

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"The dog across the street is called Buddy. Is that where President Clinton got the name?"

DENNIS THE MENACE

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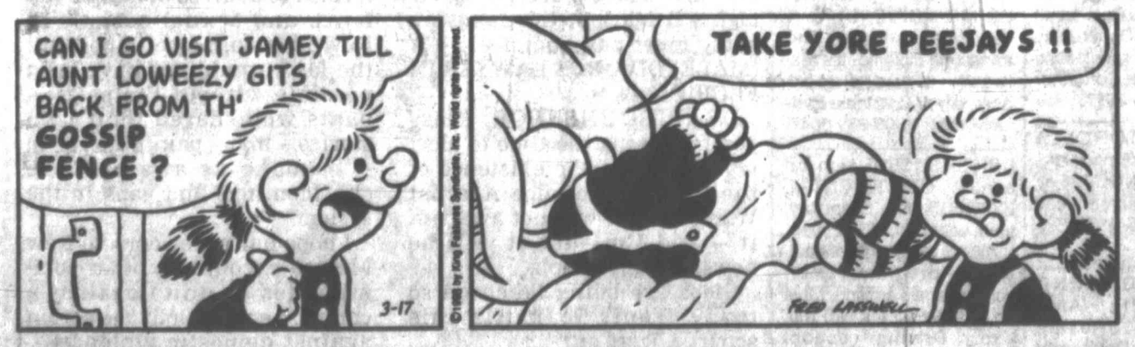

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THIS DATE IN HISTORY

Today is Tuesday, March 17, the 76th day of 1998. There are 289 days left in the year. This is St. Patrick's Day.

Today's Highlight in History:

On March 17, A.D. 461, according to tradition, St. Patrick, the patron saint of Ireland, died in Saul.

On this date:

In 1776, British forces evacuated Boston during the Revolutionary War.

In 1870, the Massachusetts legislature authorized the incorporation of Wellesley Female Seminary, which later became Wellesley College.

In 1905, Eleanor Roosevelt married Franklin D. Roosevelt in New York.

In 1906, President Theodore Roosevelt used the term "muckrake" in a speech to the Gridiron Club in Washington, D.C.

In 1910, the Camp Fire Girls organization was formed, though not formally presented to the public until exactly two years later.

In 1941, the National Gallery of Art opened in Washington, D.C.

In 1942, Gen. Douglas MacArthur arrived in Australia to become supreme commander of Allied forces in the southwest Pacific theater during World War II.

In 1950, scientists at the University of California at Berkeley announced they had created a new radioactive element, which they named "californium."

In 1966, a U.S. midget submarine located a missing hydrogen bomb that had fallen from an American bomber into the Mediterranean off Spain.

In 1969, Golda Meir became prime minister of Israel.

Ten years ago: Three people were killed when a man armed with guns and grenades attacked an IRA graveside service in Belfast, Northern Ireland. Planeloads of U.S. soldiers arrived at Palmerola Air Base in Honduras in a show of strength ordered by President Reagan.

Five years ago: Helen Hayes, the "First Lady of the American Theater," died in Nyack, N.Y., at age 92.

One year ago: Anthony Lake asked President Clinton to withdraw his nomination to be CIA director, saying the partisan confirmation process had "gone haywire." Leftists in El Salvador won control of the capital in a mayoral election.

Today's Birthdays: Actress Mercedes McCambridge is 80. The former chairwoman of the NAACP, Myrlie Evers-Williams, is 65. Rock musician Paul Kantner is 57. Singer-songwriter Jim Weatherly is 55. Singer-songwriter John Sebastian (The Lovin' Spoonful) is 54. Rock musician Harold Brown (War) is 52. Actor Patrick Duffy is 49. Actor Kurt Russell is 47. Country singer Susie Allanson is 46. Actress Lesley-Anne Down is 44. Actor Gary Sinise is 43. Actor Rob Lowe is 34.

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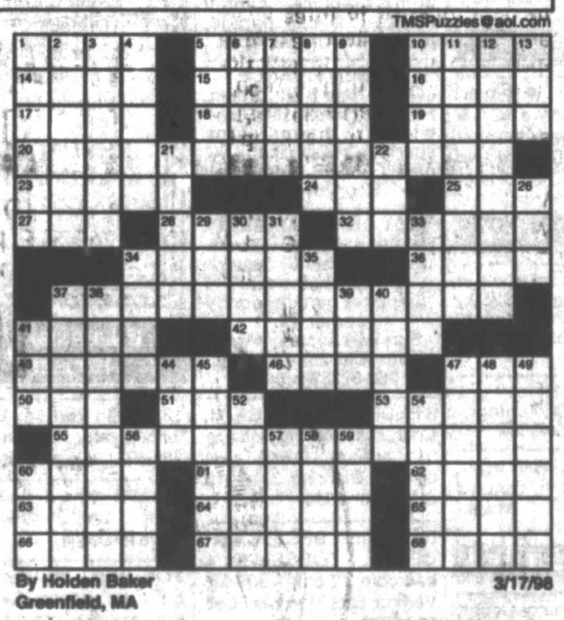

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