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WEATHER

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Recount confirms sheriff's vote in Martin County

Martin County will have a new sheriff, a recount has determined.

Voting officials held a recount Thursday after Tuesday's runoff in the Democratic Primary for sheriff left just four votes separating the candidates.

Thursday's recount confirmed that reserve deputy sheriff and former state trooper Miles Tollison had edged incumbent Mike Welling, 574 votes to 570.

Tollison will face Republican nominee Randy Cozart — Welling's chief deputy — in November.

Religious signing workshop slated here Saturday

In conjunction with SWCIDfest 2000 at SouthWest Collegiate Institute for the Deaf, a free religious signing workshop is planned Saturday in the Student Union Building. It will begin at 3 p.m. and last until about 4:30 p.m.

On Sunday, deaf worship services are planned in the Student Union with activities beginning at 9 a.m. A pancake breakfast, drama, mime and signed music are planned. The worship is sponsored by several local and area churches. Call SWCID, 264-3700, for more information.

WEEKEND TICKET

TODAY

College Park Church of God, 5 p.m. until 8, chicken-fried steak dinner, meal includes mashed potatoes with cream gravy, vegetable, dessert and roll, adults \$5, children 12 and under \$3.

Spring City Senior Citizens country/western dance, 7:30 to 10:30 p.m.

SATURDAY

Big Spring Shriners, meeting, 6:30 p.m. for meal and meeting to follow.

Big Spring Eagles Lodge No. 3188 will host a barbecue to benefit the Harbour family on Saturday.

Barbecue dinners, served from noon to 4 p.m., will consist of brisket, sausage, coleslaw, potato salad, beans and bread. Dine in and carry-out will be available, \$5.

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Health Fair 2000, related activities, offer something for everyone

By BILL McCLELLAN
News Editor

Everything is in place for Health Fair 2000, the annual Big Spring Area Chamber of Commerce sponsored event planned Saturday at Dorothy Garrett Coliseum.



RICH

"We have 44 different organizations represented and 51 booths," said Amber Rich, director of business development and human resources for Scenic Mountain Medical Center. "In conjunction, there will be the Bicycle Rodeo, Master the Mountain walk and run — and Walk Across Texas will have their first mile — so it is going to be a busy day."

The Health Fair runs from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. and admission is free.

"There will be all types of tests and screenings for those

who want to participate in them," said Rich.

The include a prostate cancer screening for men over age 50, blood pressure tests, glaucoma screening, a paraffin dip for skin and joint problems, aroma therapy, massage therapy and more.

Covenant Health Care will offer a skin cancer screening from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. and Leonard's Pharmacy will present a video and have demonstrations of a tool used for self-breast exams.

"It's something people have

HEALTH FAIR 200 AND RELATED EVENTS

Master the Mountain fun run and walk, 9 a.m., early registration 8 a.m., Big Spring State Park

Health Fair 2000, 10 a.m. to 4 p.m., Dorothy Garrett Coliseum

Bicycle Rodeo, 11 a.m. to 2 p.m., Dorothy Garrett Coliseum parking lot

Walk Across Texas, 1 p.m., around Dorothy Garrett Coliseum

seen in the news and it's really amazing," said Rich. "It's finally on the market. People can see how it really works."

United Blood Services will have its bloodmobile at the east

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HERALD photo/Gina Garza
Howard College presented Hunter Mason Tyre, held by his mother Tammy Helms, with a full two-year scholarship to Howard College. Also pictured are Cameron, left, Brittany and Michael. The scholarship is given to the first baby born in April as part of Community College Month.

Not guilty

Testimony showed Schubert acted in self-defense when he killed two Big Spring men

By GINA GARZA
Staff Writer

A 118th District Court jury took just 1 1/2 hours Thursday to acquit Michael Eugene Schubert of murder.

Schubert was on trial in the shooting deaths of Francisco Navarro and Antonio Armijo, which took place in the early morning hours of June 18, 1999.

"We knew this was a close question of fact and that there were strong difficulties with the case," said District Attorney Hardy Wilkerson. "Nonetheless, there were two dead men and we felt that the facts needed to be placed before the jury in this case and let the jury decide what happened. I understand the verdict and certainly don't begrudge the jury of their view of the facts."

"The defense has a right to put a reasonable doubt in the

jury's mind," said Robert Miller, defense attorney. "I personally believe they (the jury) felt it was self defense. His story is possible. It's hard for a lawyer to hold a 20-year-old man's life in your hands."

Schubert took the stand a 9:10 a.m. and was asked about the events of the night of June 17 and morning of June 18.

"I was devastated and this was something that shouldn't have happened," he said.

He confessed to drinking "one or two beers" but he said he didn't smoke any marijuana. Schubert then preceded to tell about the events leading up to the shootings.

"I remember seeing the car drive by once and then they came back. That's when Cecilia (Mendez) yelled at them and they stopped and got out. You could tell they were wasted because Cuba (Navarro) was staggering," Schubert testified. "They seemed all right at the time, in fact, Cuba was going around shaking everyone's hands."

"Suddenly, Cuba began to act

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BSISD trustees approve track resurfacing bid, retirements

By BILL McCLELLAN
News Editor

Big Spring ISD board on Thursday approved a bid for resurfacing the track at Blankenship Field, accepted retirements and resignations and waived an election for one trustee seat.

Trustees also met in executive session with represen-

tatives from the forensic engineering firm Rimkus and the district's lawyers, Walsh & Anderson of Austin, to discuss a possible settlement and legal issues relative to the junior high foundation failure last year. The board took no action, but Superintendent William McQueary said another meeting has been planned for July 13.

"We're planning to take action by the board at that time. Depending on the results of what we find, it is possible we may seek litigation. That's one of the possibilities," said McQueary.

Some \$225,000 has been spent on compaction grouting and repairs for the facility, which is now considered stable.

Trustees approved a bid of \$44,520 from Vibra-Whirl of Panhandle to resurface the high school track. Ron Logback, assistant business manager, outlined the options for the board, and recommended a black-surface track and the bid from Vibra-Whirl with a three-year warranty.

"Our target date is after the Relay For Life (May 12-13) through July 4," said McQueary.

Resignations were accepted from Tammi Jones, March Elementary School first grade teacher, and Pat Williams, Big Spring State Hospital regular education. Retirements were accepted from Betty Birdwell, Anderson Kindergarten Center teacher; Edward Loveless, Big Spring High School English department chair; and Brenda Allen, Big Spring Junior High seventh grade reading instructor.

"We are looking forward to honoring these people who are retiring from the district at our employee appreciation banquet

on May 1," said Murray Murphy, assistant superintendent. "We will miss them. They will be very hard to replace."

Trustees canceled a May 6 election for District 4, currently held by Frank Long and declared him elected to office. Long had been unopposed in seeking re-election. The district will have to hold an election for District 2, where Tommy Churchwell and Terry Wegman are candidates to replace Larry Hollar, who has decided not to seek re-election.

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Crossroads students set for regional contests

By BILL McCLELLAN
News Editor

Crossroads Area high schools will be sending a number of students to regional academic competition Saturday.

Coahoma High School will send its literary criticism team of Amanda Morales, Bobbi-Leigh Spiller and Ginger Sullivan. Morales has also advanced in literary criticism. Joining them will be classmates Lorin Wolf in persuasive speaking and Amber Dunlap in prose.

Those students will be competing in the Region I, Class 2A

Academic Contest at Abilene Christian University on Saturday.

Seven Forsan students will compete at Abilene Christian University on Saturday.

They are Jennifer Lopez, computer applications; Lori Ellis, news writing and editorial writing; Taylor Bristow and Haley Burks, informative speaking; Josh Gibson and Ross Rhoton, Lincoln-Douglas Debate; and Michael Rowden, number sense.

Stanton High School has one student competing in regional academic competition. Brandy

Allred will represent the school in ready writing at Abilene Christian on Saturday.

Brianne Fryar will represent Sands High School in the Class 1A regional contest at Hardin Simmons on Saturday. She will compete in headline writing.

Grady High School will send five students to the Class 1A Region 2 Academic Contest at Hardin Simmons University on Saturday.

Included in that group are Josh Tunnell, Sheree Rivas and Scott Swift, who make up the

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Humane Society plans pet dip Saturday

By GINA GARZA
Staff Writer

Because of the mild winter weather, the tick problem is extremely bad.

"The ticks are terrible," said Fran Turrentine of the Big Spring Humane Society. "Tick fever is really showing up in dogs."

Turrentine said that tick fever signs usually don't show up until the animals are too far gone.

"We've been seeing a lot of

dogs dying because it's causing them to hemorrhage," she said. "They either spit up blood, sneeze blood or have signs of blood in their stool."

While most of the dogs with tick fever have been treated with antibiotics, a lot of them are not being cured because the ticks are becoming immune to it.

"It only takes one bad tick to infect the dog with tick fever," she added.

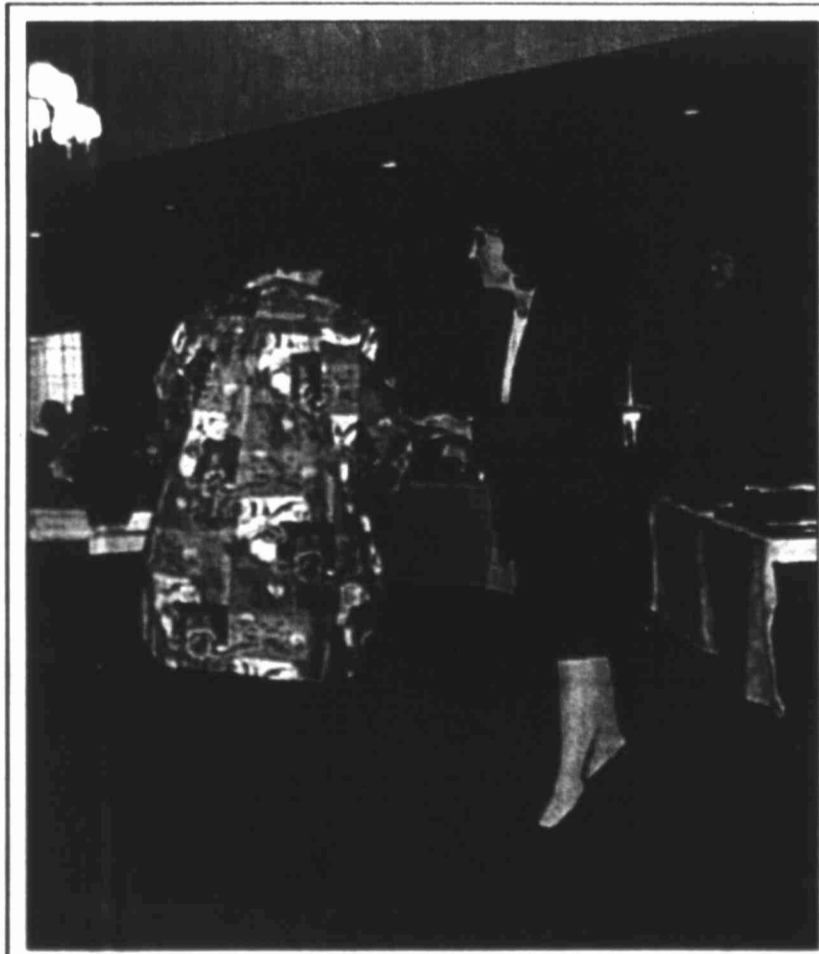
Turrentine also said not only do pet owners need to treat the

dog, but also the yard.

"If you don't treat the yard with the tick killer, it won't do any good to dip the dog. They'll just jump right back on," she said. "It's been taking at least two to four applications to kill them."

The Humane Society will be conducting a tick dip on Saturday from 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. in the Coronado Plaza parking lot, 2600 Gregg. The cost is \$5 per animal.

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HERALD photo/Lynndi Moody
Rita Harless, a Runnels Mental Health employee, received a recognition plaque for 20 years of service from Shelley Smith, chief executive officer of West Texas MHMR. West Texas Centers for MHMR held their Annual Employee Recognition Ceremony today.

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OBITUARIES

Evelyn Nadine Harmon Lockard

Service for Evelyn Nadine Harmon Lockard, 65, Snyder, formerly of Big Spring, will be 11 a.m. Saturday, April 15, 2000, at Bell-Cypert-Seale Chapel with Bud Englund, minister of 30th Street Church of Christ, officiating. Burial will be in Pylon Cemetery. Mrs. Lockard died Tuesday, April 11, 2000, at Covenant Medical Center in Lubbock after a lengthy illness. She was born Aug. 23, 1934, in Snyder, and married Cecil Lockard on Oct. 9, 1981, in Nonahans. She is survived by: her husband, Cecil Lockard of Snyder; one son, Clifton Curtis Calvert of Coahoma; three sisters, Betty Ott of Odessa, Dorothy Bonner and Ada Lavada Fawver, both of Lubbock. Arrangements are under the direction of Bell-Cypert-Seale Funeral Home, Snyder.

Paid obituary

Noreen Villarreal

Memorial service for Noreen Villarreal, 53, Big Spring, will be 10 a.m. Monday, April 17, 2000, at Myers & Smith Chapel with Dr. Walter Lee, Pastor of First Presbyterian Church in Coahoma, officiating. Mrs. Villarreal died on Thursday, April 13, following a long illness. She was born on Jan. 10, 1947, in Devil's Lake, N.D., and grew up in Munich, N.D. In 1970, she moved to San Jose, Calif. She received a bachelor of science degree from San Jose State University. She was vice-president of finance for North American Van Lines. In 1996, she moved to Big Spring from San Jose, Calif. She is survived by: one son, Miguel Villarreal of San Jose, Calif.; two brothers, Robert Beall of Pollock Pines, Calif., and Nolan Beall of Big Spring; one sister, Thelma Brown of New Port, Ore.; and two grandchildren. The family suggests memorials be made to North Texas Chapter Lupus Foundation of America, P.O. Box 810310, Dallas 75381-0310. The family will be at 1731 Dale in Big Spring. Arrangements are under the direction of Myers & Smith Funeral Home.



Rodolfo Reyna

Service for Rodolfo "Mickey" Reyna, 62, Big Spring, is pending with Myers & Smith Funeral Home. He died on Thursday, April 13, 2000, at Scenic Mountain Medical Center.

MYERS & SMITH FUNERAL HOME & CHAPEL

24th & Johnson 267-8248
Noreen Villarreal, 53, died Thursday. Memorial services will be 10:00 AM, Monday at Myers & Smith Chapel.
Rodolfo "Mickey" Reyna, 62, died Thursday. Services are pending.

NALLEY-PICKLE & WELCH Funeral Home

Trinity Memorial Park and Crematory
906 Gregg St. (915) 267-6331
Nancy Alexander, 60, died Wednesday. Services were at 2:00 PM today at Nalley-Pickle & Welch Rosewood Chapel. Interment followed at Trinity Memorial Park.

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Dominga Ramirez Rodriguez

Funeral service is pending with Gilbreath Funeral Home, Stanton, for Dominga Ramirez Rodriguez, 86, of Plano. She died Thursday, April 13, 2000.

Local man, 42, killed Thursday in head-on crash

A Big Spring man was killed in a head-on collision about 8.4 miles south of Ira near the Scurry/Mitchell County line Thursday morning. Eddie Glenn Rollins, 42, of Big Spring, was pronounced dead at the scene by Mitchell County Justice of the Peace Kay Richmond. His pickup had been struck by one driven by a Snyder man, reports said. Cory Trujillo, 20, of Snyder, was listed in stable condition after the accident. He was apparently trying to pass in a no-passing zone on Highway 350, reports said. The Department of Public Safety out of Midland reported that visibility was poor at the time of the accident due to fog. The accident is still under investigation, according to the DPS.

BSISD

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The board also approved trip expenses in the amount of \$5,240 for the high school Academic Challenge Team to participate in the 18th Annual National Academic Championship in New Orleans on June 1-4. The team won every match against other high schools in Region 18, qualifying for state and national contests. Participation by Big Spring in the state contest was waived because it interfered with the regional University Interscholastic League area academic contest, which is this weekend.

McQueary updated the board on enrollment numbers, noting that while Big Spring ISD had 83 fewer students on April 7 than it did at the same time a year ago, the news was somewhat encouraging. "In the Sept. 10 count, we had 235 fewer students than a year ago, which means we are picking up some students, and that is good," he said. In other business, trustees sent a resolution to state lawmakers in support of state-funded health care coverage for all public school employees. A similar resolution from the Texas State Teachers Association is promoting state-funded health coverage for teachers. However, McQueary stressed the importance of all ISD employees, and submitted for the board's approval a resolution asking for such.

Noting that it would cost some \$2.5 billion to cover all public school employees over the biennium, trustees said it was a worthwhile request, but indicated their doubt that it would see passage by the legislature. Trustees also granted permission for the transportation department to sell two school buses in the 2000 School Bus Auction to be held May 6 in Abilene. The buses, both 71-passenger Internationals, are a 1981 model with 154,364 miles and a 1986 model with 147,764 miles.

TICKS

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According to the Highland Animal Clinic, pet owners can help treat ticks by putting preventative collars on the dog, placing drops on them or spraying. They also suggest to use a good pesticide in the yard to kill the ticks.

Here are some ways of preventing yourself from getting

ticks on you if you are out and about in tick-infested areas such as open fields, woods and even people's yards:

- If you are in an area with ticks, check your body carefully for them every few hours. Ticks are small and easy to miss. They attack to any part of the body, head to toe.
- Stay on trails outdoors; avoid areas of overgrown brush and tall grasses.
- Wear light-colored clothes to easily spot ticks. Protect skin from tick bites; wear a hat, long-sleeved shirt and long pants tucked into boots or socks.
- Use insect repellent containing DEET or permethrin (follow package directions).
- If you do find a tick on your skin, remove it right away. To remove an attached tick, use tweezers to grasp the tick at the skin surface. If tweezers are not available, use a tissue to protect fingers from possible exposure to the tick's body.
- For more information, contact a veterinarian or the humane society. The Humane Society is open six days a week, Tuesday through Friday from 8 a.m. to 6 p.m. and Saturday and Sunday from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m.

REGION

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science team. Swift will also be competing in science as an individual, and in number sense. Also, Rivas will compete in headline writing and editorial writing. Others are Samantha Yates in feature writing and editorial writing and Casey Ramirez in literary criticism. Garden City High School will send its science team of Jason Wilde, Jared Eggemeyer and M'Lynn Niehues to regional competition in Levelland. Wilde will also compete in computer applications, science and mathematics.

Big Spring High will have five students competing in six academic events at Angelo State University. April Ward will compete in news writing and feature writing, Torny Haynes in prose interpretation, Sarah Smith in poetry interpretation, Devin Collier in prose interpretation and Nathan Smith in spelling and vocabulary.

Today, Big Spring High School's drama department was to present "And The Dance Real Slow In Jackson" at the regional one-act play contest at Angelo State.

The cast and crew are Lauren Fraser, Julie Adams, Priscilla Flores, Laura Davis, Haley Haynes, Sarah Smith, George Williams, Torny Haynes, Anna McLaughlin, Amanda Sheedy, Chris Trevino, Andy Rodriguez, Eric Gamble, Leandro Sanchez, Lacey Knight, Jeremy Knight, Cynthia Shipman, Sabrina Lopez, Shasta Fuqua, Theresa Porras, Laura Schnake and Hollie Cobb.

HEALTH

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ramp entrance to the coliseum from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. for those wishing to give blood.

Booths will include information on most local and area health organizations, as well as the fire department, humane society, kennel club, retirement homes, medical equipment businesses, dental, chiropractic, Alzheimer's, nursing homes and others.

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blow my brains out. I was scared and got up and told him to please leave and Antonio pointed the gun around again and said he was going to kill everyone," he said.

According to Schubert, Armijo and Navarro left. He said everyone was hysterical and yelling that there was going to be a drive by. "I went back outside and went to the south end of the house and saw their car was parked up the street. I thought they were going to run in through the back and kill everyone," Schubert testified. "I ran up to Scott Bland (another witness) and told him 'You brought this to my house and give me something to protect my family.'"

According to Schubert, Bland handed him a gun. "I ran back outside and then realized I didn't know how to cock the gun and take the safety off so I ran back to Scott so he could get it ready for me," Schubert said. "By the time I ran outside again, they were gone and I thanked God for it. As I started back in, I saw them drive up and kill their lights. I ducked down behind my car and they stopped. Cuba got out of the car real fast and started yelling for Tim. He had a gun in his right hand and I kept telling him to leave over and over again.

"I knew he had kids and a wife and I tried to reason with him. Cuba was walking around like he was confused. I thought he was going to leave because he went to the back of the car to talk to Antonio. I heard Antonio say cuss words and tell Cuba to take care his business. That's when Cuba came straight towards me with a gun," said Schubert. "I was squatting down behind my car and then I heard a boom. I was pulling the trigger. It looked like he jumped behind the car and so I shot at him. I stood up and I just didn't want to see. I looked up and saw Antonio by his car. I looked down again at Cuba and looked up again and Antonio was right by me and I just shot at him. It all happened so fast," said Schubert.

He said he threw the gun in a five-gallon bucket and Scott Bland was running, so he followed him and went to Bland's mothers house. They told her what had happened and asked her to call the police and Schubert waited for them to come. Miller had Schubert demonstrate how he hid behind the car and how the shooting took place. In cross examination, Wilkerson contended the physical evidence didn't go with Schubert's story, and kept insisting the evidence showed Schubert killed Navarro execution-style.

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After the verdict was read, Miller said his client was also a victim of this situation. "I think Michael is also a victim as well. They (deceased) were the aggressors and you should be able to protect your home in self defense," said Miller.

POLICE

The Big Spring Police Department reported the following incidents between 8 a.m. Thursday and 8 a.m. today:

- **HARASSMENT** was reported in the 100 block of Airbase Road.
- **ASSAULT** was reported in the 100 block of Airbase Road.
- **DOMESTIC DISTURBANCE** was reported in the 1800 block of Donley, 1200 block of Gregg, 700 block of East 17th, 500 block of Northwest Seventh.
- **ACCIDENT/MINOR** was reported at Fourth and Gregg, East Marcy and Golind.
- **LOUD PARTY/NOISE** was reported in the 1600 block of Harding, 800 block of West 16th and 2600 block of Hunter.
- **THEFT** was reported in the 800 block of Scott, 1600 block of Sycamore, 1200 block of 11th Place and 2200 block of 11th Place.
- **JUVENILE PROBLEM** was reported in the 600 block of East Sixth.
- **POSSESSION OF STOLEN PROPERTY** was reported in the 1300 block of Madison.
- **CRIMINAL MISCHIEF OF A VEHICLE** was reported in the 1300 block of East Third.
- **BURGLARY OF A VEHICLE** was reported in the 800 block of West 11th, 500 block of Hillside.
- **ATTEMPTED ARSON** was reported in the 1800 block of Donley.
- **BURGLARY OF A BUILDING** was reported in the 700 block of North Lancaster.
- **THEFT OF A FIREARM** was reported in the 500 block of Hillside.

FIRE/EMS

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

- THURSDAY**
2:22 a.m. — 1000 block North Main, medical call, patient transported to Scenic Mountain Medical Center.
5:20 a.m. — 1000 block North Main, medical call, patient transported to SMMC.
7:32 a.m. — SMMC, patient transferred to flight line.
9:51 a.m. — 3200 block Parkway, medical call, patient transported to SMMC.

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Next Friday (R)
Daily: 7:00 & 9:30 Sat. & Sun. 2:00 & 4:20

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College Park Shopping Ctr.
*28 DAYS (PG-13)
Daily: 7:15 & 9:45 Sat. & Sun. 2:15 & 4:45
*RULES OF ENGAGEMENT (R)
Daily: 7:00 & 9:30 Sat. & Sun. 2:00 & 4:30

CINEMA 4
ERIN BROCKOVICH (R)
Daily: 4:20 & 7:50 Fri. & Sat. 9:40 Sat. & Sun. 1:40
*READY TO RUMBLE (PG-13)
Daily: 7:10 Sat. & Sun. 1:50
*WHERE THE MONEY IS (PG-13)
Daily: 4:50 & 7:20 Sat. & Sun. 2:00 Fri. & Sat. 9:50
RETURN TO ME (PG)
Daily: 4:40 Fri. & Sat. 9:20
ROMEO MUST DIE (R)
Daily: 7:20 Fri. & Sat. 9:30
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HOUSTON (AP) — ing drifter accused notorious serial killer step closer to his after a jury was sworn capital murder trial. Opening statements case are expected 2 and last about according to Chronicle. Maturino Resendez with the death of Benton, 39, who her Houston home 1998. She is one of whom Maturino Mexican national, of slaying in Tennessee with two in Illinois Kentucky — dur

Survey

AUSTIN (AP) — ers favor proposed Lotto Texas bigger harder to win, the association said Tuesday. "I think the reason because they want to rejuvenate lotto down for so long," said the Texas Lottery Association and the Texas Lottery Association. "The again." Johnson told lot meeting Thursday surveyed about 4,000 and nonmembers. The association's proposed increase the number of games by four to 10.

Votes c

ALPINE (AP) — County attorney says he is investigating three newspaper editors who voted illegally in Democratic primary elections for district U.S. Senate. The three votes on the Senate count may have changed the district at which was won by Alan Talley, manager of the Alpine Avalanche Thursday's paper.

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Jury selection ends in alleged serial killer's trial

HOUSTON (AP) — A rail-riding drifter accused of being a notorious serial killer was one step closer to his day in court after a jury was seated for his capital murder trial.

Opening statements in Angel Maturino Resendiz's first Texas case are expected to begin May 2 and last about three weeks, according to the Houston Chronicle. Maturino Resendiz is charged with the death of Dr. Claudia Benton, 39, who was slain in her Houston home in December 1998.

She is one of five people whom Maturino Resendiz, a Mexican national, is suspected of slaying in Texas — along with two in Illinois and one in Kentucky — during a killing

spree that spanned 1997-99. He became known to authorities as the alleged "railroad killer" because of the proximity of train tracks to the scenes of slayings.

Maturino Resendiz, 40, is Hispanic. But no Hispanics were selected to the six-man, seven-woman jury, which includes one alternate. Two of the jurors are black and the others are white.

The jury, which took 14 days to empanel, includes a veteran astronaut, a retired airline pilot, a high school science teacher, two people in retail sales, a business owner, an installer of industrial equipment, a paralegal working as an office manager and an executive in a family food business.

State District Judge William Harmon earlier denied the defendant's requests regarding jury selection.

His court-appointed lawyer, Allen Tanner, said Maturino Resendiz preferred that the first 12 people be selected from the jury pool. His client disliked the requirement that potential jurors must indicate a willingness to vote for the death penalty in his case.

But chief prosecutor Lyn McClellan had few disagreements with Tanner during the process before state District Judge William T. Harmon.

Harmon told jurors they can watch television and read newspapers, but to avoid any trial coverage. They also were warned not to discuss the case

with anyone, including friends or relatives.

"You have convinced four lawyers that you are the kind of person that should be on this jury," Harmon said.

Tanner noted that Maturino Resendiz has been quiet and well-behaved during jury selection.

He said his client is receiving anti-psychotic medication, which appears to help his behavior.

But Maturino Resendiz asked to speak Thursday to Harmon. He told the judge that instead of pills, he had received two shots Wednesday night and he was unhappy with them. He also complained of a dispute with a jail guard and of roaches in his food.

Body of missing 6-year-old found in Dallas home where couple was discovered slain

DALLAS (AP) — A boy's body in a closet was overlooked at the scene of two other deaths because of sloppy police work, the 6-year-old's mother says.

A renter at the home of murder victims Manuel "Dusty" Gillens, 77, and 73-year-old Nellie Faye Gillens was held today for questioning in the stabbing deaths.

The body of Corinthian Ransom, one of the couple's two great-grandsons, was found Thursday wrapped tightly in a shirt on the floor of a closet of the Dallas home where police were investigating their stabbing deaths the previous day.

"Somebody was lazy," Indira Silas, Corinthian's mother, told The Dallas Morning News in today's editions. "He could have been living then."

Neighbors who knew the family were also angry that Corinthian's body wasn't found at first.

"I believe they didn't do a thorough job," the Rev. Dwayne Bradford, who lives next door to the Gillens' home, told the Fort Worth Star-Telegram.

Deputy Police Chief Zack Belton, who went to the frame home after Silas discovered her grandparents' bodies, said investigators had opened the

closet but missed seeing the body.

They were searching elsewhere for the boy and his 3-year-old brother.

"We just overlooked it," Belton said. "I was totally shocked."

Police said Corinthian's body showed no signs of injury. It was unknown how he died.

Frederick Ransom, Corinthian's brother, was found uninjured inside the great-grandparents' pickup truck that was being driven by the renter, Deloris Gene Powell.

Officers arrested Powell on drug and kidnapping charges Tuesday in Rockwall County, Dallas police Lt. Ron Waldrop said Thursday.

Powell, 52, was taken into custody by a sheriff's deputy who found a substance believed to be crack cocaine and drug paraphernalia.

Powell, who rented a room in the couple's home but gave a false name for herself, also surrendered more than \$3,000 in cash that had been stuffed into the woman's sock.

The deputy found 3-year-old Frederick Ransom covering on the truck cab's floorboard.

Police said his great-grandparents, who reportedly kept a large sum of money in their house, had been robbed.

Survey shows Texas retailers favor lottery changes

AUSTIN (AP) — Most Texas lottery retailers favor proposed changes that would give Lotto Texas bigger jackpots but make it harder to win, the president of a retailers association said Thursday.

"I think the reason they're in favor of it is because they want to do anything they can to rejuvenate lottery sales. Sales have been down for so long," said Rick Johnson, president of the Texas Lottery Retailers Association and Texas Food Industry Association. "They want to get it going again."

Johnson told lottery commissioners at a meeting Thursday that his organization surveyed about 4,000 retailers — members and nonmembers — about the commission's proposed changes that would increase the numbers in the twice-weekly game by four to 1 to 54.

Of the 3,973 surveys returned, Johnson said 88 percent were in favor of the proposed changes. Only 12 percent were opposed.

Records sales racked up when the game was new in 1992 have steadily dropped off over the years, hitting all-time lows in recent months.

Lotto Texas sales of \$11.4 million for the first 26 weeks of the fiscal year are down 28.5 percent over the same period a year ago, when sales were \$15.4 million.

Any change that could increase sales is welcomed by most retailers, Johnson said.

"Now it (Lotto Texas) has just lost its excitement," Johnson said.

The survey results contradict a Wednesday report released by a Dallas watchdog organization that said some retailers were so against the proposed

changes they were threatening to stop selling tickets altogether if the changes are approved.

"The Texas Lottery has left me no choice but to find a way to stop them from adding those four balls which ultimately makes it tougher for players to win the game," said Dawn Nettles, publisher of The Lotto Report, an independent publication that bills itself the lotto player's advocate.

The proposed changes, which would decrease a player's chance to win the jackpot from 1 in 15.8 million to 1 in 25.8 million, "is only a way to rob the people and the people are having a cow," Nettles told the San Antonio Express-News.

Johnson disagreed, saying most retailers think bigger jackpots will ultimately attract more players regardless of the increased odds.

Votes cast in runoff election by three Alpine Avalanche newspaper staffers probed

ALPINE (AP) — The Brewster County attorney said Thursday he is investigating reports that three newspaper employees voted illegally in Tuesday's Democratic primary runoff elections for district attorney and U.S. Senate.

The three votes had no effect on the Senate contest, but they may have changed the outcome of the district attorney's race, which was won by a single vote.

Ian Talley, managing editor of the Alpine Avalanche, wrote in Thursday's paper that two staffers were testing voting pro-

cedures when they cast their ballots only minutes after registering to vote. State law requires voters to register 30 days before an election.

Talley, who said he also registered the same day, wrote that he "cast his vote out of ignorance of the law."

In Tuesday's election, Marfa attorney Steve Spurgin beat Alpine lawyer Frank Brown, 2,448 votes to 2,447, for the Democratic nomination for 83rd district attorney. The office handles parts of six West Texas counties.

If Brown seeks a recount as expected, a state district judge would rule on whether to adjust the results to include only legally registered voters, hold a new election or let the outcome stand.

In the Democratic runoff for Senate nominee, Gene Kelly got 439 votes in Brewster County while Charles Gandy had 267. Statewide, Kelly won with 143,970 votes to Gandy's 102,215.

Brewster County Attorney Steve Houston told the Pecos Enterprise Thursday his office is investigating the newspaper

staffers' votes. Jane Dees, spokeswoman for Texas Secretary of State Elton Bomer, said that office will help only if asked to interpret election laws.

It is a third-degree felony to vote illegally. It is a misdemeanor for an election judge to allow an ineligible person to vote, and it is a misdemeanor to register with intent to commit fraud.

Talley declined to comment beyond what he wrote in the paper. He said the other two staffers — copy editor Bill Adler,

and reporter Kerry Laird — were unavailable and that publisher Mindy Nelson-Combs was out of the office.

He referred calls to the newspaper's attorney, Mike Barclay, who did not return a call from The Associated Press Thursday.

Talley wrote in his story that the paper's test of voting procedures "has apparently caused some violations of election rules."

Talley said he had just filled out his registration form when he approached election judge Gerald Raun and asked if he

could vote. Raun said yes. According to Talley's article, Adler said he and Laird then decided to "test the integrity of the election procedures" in Brewster County.

The two also presented handwritten registration forms and allowed to vote.

Raun told the AP on Thursday that he was "snowed under," when Talley approached him. "I thought at that point in time 30 days residence was all that was required," he said.

"And I let him vote, which was a mistake."



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Senate Democrats block marriage penalty tax cut; House scraps tax code

WASHINGTON (AP) — After a symbolic week of tax votes, senators are leaving town for a 10-day break without passing a tax cut for married couples.

The House, meanwhile, approved a bill scrapping the entire tax code by the end of 2004.

The Republican-led Congress kept the focus on taxes during the final week before the annual income tax filing deadline, which is midnight Monday this year for most people because the traditional April 15 date falls on a Saturday.

Lawmakers then left for a spring recess.

"We are again demonstrating to the American people: 'We are on your side,'" said House Majority Leader Dick Armey, R-Texas.

By a 229-187 vote Thursday, the House passed a bill that

would scrap the federal tax code on Dec. 31, 2004, and set up a commission that would set about finding an unspecified replacement tax system by July 4, 2004. The measure goes to the Senate, where it faces an uncertain future at best.

But it gave House Republicans a chance to rail against the complexity and unfairness of tax laws and against the Internal Revenue Service, a favorite target especially during the income tax filing finale.

"Sometimes it takes something radical to make changes," said the prime sponsor, Rep. Steve Largent, R-Okla. "It's time. We need to just do it."

While they didn't defend the current tax code, Democrats claimed that Republicans want to replace the income tax with a national sales tax that would hit poorer people the hardest and

unwisely impose a tax on goods and services sold over the Internet, prescription drugs, clothes and other necessities.

"If you're going to pull something out by its roots, you have to plant thoughtful seeds to take its place," said Rep. Anna Eshoo, D-Calif.

In the Senate, Republicans came up seven votes short of the 60 needed to cut off debate and proceed to the so-called "marriage penalty" bill. The 53-45 vote forced GOP leaders to shelve the measure for now, but Democrats support the concept and agreed it would likely be brought up for debate later this year.

"It's not dead," said Sen. Max Baucus, D-Mont. "All they wanted was a political issue."

But Republicans said Democrats brought on the delay by insisting on political points

of their own by trying to offer amendments on issues not directly related to the tax bill, such as a Medicare prescription drug benefit and tax credits for college tuition.

"The Democrats are obstructing this legislation like in-laws involved in your honeymoon," said Sen. Charles Grassley, R-Iowa.

Ending the marriage penalty has broad support across the political spectrum, but Democrats and Republicans disagree on how to do it and how much of the projected budget surplus it should consume.

The Senate GOP bill would gradually reduce taxes by \$248 billion over 10 years for married couples at all income levels, removing the penalty now paid by 25 million two-earner households compared with single people.

The bill would also cut taxes for couples who receive a bonus because one spouse earns more than the other and would also permanently ensure that all couples who claim personal credits, such as the \$500 per-child tax credit, don't lose them

to the alternative minimum tax. The House earlier this year passed a 10-year, \$182 billion version and President Clinton has proposed fixing the marriage penalty for couples who take the standard tax deduction at a cost of \$45 billion.

Elian drama back in court after injunction upheld

MIAMI (AP) — A day after during the government to take him by force, Elian Gonzalez's Miami relatives vowed today to keep waiting until federal agents come to them — something that won't happen until an 11th-hour injunction is resolved in appellate court.

An attorney for Lazaro Gonzalez, Elian's great-uncle, said this morning that the Miami relatives refuse to "be the deportation officers" for the Immigration and Naturalization Service.

"If the INS wants to deport him, they will have to do it themselves," attorney Spencer Eig said on NBC's "Today." "They are free to come to the house. He will unlock his doors

and he will not resist and he will stand by tearfully."

A remarkable flurry of events Thursday ended with Elian's relatives winning a temporary court reprieve that keeps the 6-year-old boy in the United States for at least a few more days. The government, though, reiterated its plans to act — when it's legally free to do so.

"We'll take action in a way that's appropriate to the situation when we're ready," INS Commissioner Doris Meissner said on "Today." "The family is not in compliance with the law."

The relatives defied the government's order to make Elian available Thursday for a flight to Washington and a reunion

with his father. In a last-minute plea for their cause, they distributed a home video that shows Elian telling his father he does not want to return to Cuba.

The moves were — and still are — expected to provoke a showdown. But a federal appeals court temporarily blocked anyone from taking Elian out of the country until it decides whether to hear the relatives' claims. A government response to the order was due today.

More important, the Justice Department informally agreed not to transfer custody of Elian to his father for three or four days.

"Our miracle happened!"

shouted Mercedes Franco, 59, one of the thousands of protesters in Little Havana. "That boy is a miracle. I feel like screaming everything."

The protesters had crowded the narrow streets around Elian's great-uncle's house expecting to block federal agents from taking the boy. Their joy spilled into the rest of the neighborhood, with drivers clogging traffic, blasting salsa music and waving Cuban flags into the night.

Some, though, pledged not to let their guards down.

"At every turn there's been a betrayal. We can't let our guard down," Carlos Rivero, 34, a car salesman, said this morning outside the house.

House objects to FCC ruling to expand low-power stations

WASHINGTON (AP) — Warning of a babble of interfering voices, the House has moved to put restrictions on a Federal Communications Commission ruling that would have opened the nation's radio airwaves to hundreds of tiny low-power stations.

"The FCC wanted to add everything but the kitchen sink into the nation's FM radio spectrum, creating significant interference with existing radio stations and services," said Rep.

Michael Oxley, R-Ohio, the chief sponsor of the bill that passed 274-110 Thursday.

But both the White House and the FCC objected strongly to the legislation. The White House said the FCC could resolve interference issues and the new ruling, by encouraging local microradios, "would provide a voice for the voiceless, thereby contributing to improved community ties and information."

The bill, which has yet to be taken up by the Senate,

responds to an FCC ruling last January making room for hundreds of new local stations.

The bill would keep current interference standards in place, thus reducing but not eliminating the number of new entrants in the market, while allowing demonstration programs in nine locales to see what happens when those standards are relaxed to levels sought by the FCC.

The ruling has put the FCC, a federal regulatory agency, at

odds with the commercial broadcasting industry. "I don't know what's fuzzier, the static from low power FM or the FCC's thinking on the issue," National Association of Broadcasters head Edward Fritts said this week at an industry convention.

Postal executives get nearly \$250,000 for local moves

WASHINGTON (AP) — The Postal Service paid more than \$142,000 to move one of its vice presidents 10 miles and about \$106,000 to move another 30 miles, while both continued to report to work at the agency's Washington headquarters, a postal spokeswoman said.

The two executives are M. Richard Porras, the chief financial officer and executive vice president, and John H. Ward, controller and vice president for finance. Both are advisers to Postmaster General William J. Henderson and manage the budget of more than \$63 billion.

Postal executives moving to new duty assignments usually have to relocate at least 50 miles to be eligible for a "relocation benefit," but these two received exceptions after being promoted in 1998, spokeswoman Judy de Torok said.

"We feel that it's essential to be able to reward top level executives," she said in an interview. "We need executives focused on the priorities and responsibilities of their new jobs and not concerned with the


details of a move."

The two executives independently negotiated their benefit packages as a condition of accepting their new positions, de Torok said. She added that in recent months, several postal officials and executives had left for better paying jobs in private industry.

The Postal Service, a semi-

independent part of the government, does not use taxpayer money to fund its operations.

The executives' benefit packages included \$25,000 for each as a "miscellaneous allowance" that covers moving fees like new carpets, curtains or a plumber's bill for hooking up clothes washers and driers, de Torok said.



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Presbyterians to host Holy Week luncheon series starting Monday

By DEBBIE L. JENSEN
Features Editor

Next week, Christians across the world will celebrate Holy Week, the days leading up to Easter Sunday.

Here in Big Spring, a week-long luncheon series is planned at First Presbyterian Church. Guest speakers will be ministers from local Baptist, Methodist, Episcopal, Disciples of Christ and Lutheran churches. That makes the event truly ecumenical, or crossing denominational boundaries in favor of cooperation.

"I think ecumenical events during religious seasons are

meaningful," explained the Rev. Dianne Brown, pastor at First Presbyterian Church who organized the series. "If anything draws denominations together, it is the birth, death and resurrection of Jesus Christ."

Those events in the life of Christ, Brown said, are the element that Christian denominations most have in common.

"Cooperation among denominations is always significant," she said. "But particularly during the holy times



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LUNCHEON SERIES

At First Presbyterian Church, 8th and Runnels, 12:05 p.m. each day. Lunch will follow. Guest speakers and topics are:
Monday: the Rev. James Liggett of St. Mary's Episcopal Church, "We

Wish to See Jesus."
Tuesday: the Rev. Eddie Tubbs of First Baptist Church, "He Refused to Go In."
Wednesday: the Rev. Jimmy Watson of First Christian Church, "The

Betrayal."
Thursday: the Rev. Ed Williamson of First United Methodist Church, "The Real King."
Friday: the Rev. Steve Stutz, "The Usual Suspects."

of the year." Each day, the series will begin at 12:05 p.m. in the

Presbyterian sanctuary, Eighth and Runnels streets. It will conclude about 12:30 and a light

sandwich lunch will be served in the church fellowship hall. There is no charge to anyone, and the series should conclude each day about 1 p.m.

Speakers will each address some aspect of the events in the life of Jesus Christ leading up to his crucifixion and resurrection. Monday, the Rev. James Liggett of St. Mary's Episcopal Church will speak on the topic, "We Wish to See Jesus."

Tuesday, the Rev. Eddie Tubbs, pastor of First Baptist Church, is using the title, "He Refused to Go In." Wednesday, the Rev. Jimmy Watson of First Christian Church will speak on, "The Betrayal."

Thursday, the Rev. Ed Williamson of First United Methodist Church will address, "The Real King." Friday, the series will conclude with the Rev. Steve Stutz, who will speak on, "The Usual Suspects."

Brown said the idea is to

bring local Christians together for worship and fellowship.

"We hope to see a lot of people from different denominations who don't normally get a chance to worship together," she said. "And the lunch will allow them time to visit also."

Those who don't have to go back to work or other commitments are welcome to stay and visit in the fellowship hall, she said.

"We want to stress that everyone in the community is invited and there is no reservation needed," Brown said. "Just come over and join us, for one day or every day of the series."

While such a combined worship is unusual, Brown said the idea was welcomed by all of the participants. "Each one of our guest speakers was delighted to be part of this," she said. "There is a great deal of excitement for something like this, especially during this season."

God wants us to communicate, relate to Him on a personal level

Lately I have been stirred up by a creeping realization that something I have long taken for granted may not be as easy or as carefree as I had thought.

I, like many others have claimed a 'personal' relationship with Jesus Christ, meaning that I have personally accepted Him as My Lord and Savior. The troubling thing, however, is that I am realizing in a greater way the fact that God expects my 'personal' relationship to be more personal.

In other words, He wants not only to have us make a 'personal' (individual) decision to follow Him, but to communicate and relate to Him on a 'personal' family or friend level. In fact, the Bible describes the relationship that He desires with us using what should be the closest and most intimate relationships on earth.

God repeatedly describes Himself as Father and refers to us in several places as his 'bride.' These are not static relationships, but the ones that God designed to be two of the closest and most important human relationships on earth. Jesus further explained in John chapter 15 that we are to receive our very life by staying connected with him.

Jn. 15:5, I am the vine; you are

the branches. If a man remains in me and I in him, he will bear much fruit, apart from me you can do nothing. 6. If anyone does not remain in me, he is like a branch that is thrown away and withers; such branches are picked up, thrown into the fire and burned. 7. If you remain in me and my words remain in you, ask whatever you wish, and it will be given you. 8. This is to my Father's glory, that you bear much fruit, showing yourselves to be my disciples.

I am sure that most of us have, at one time or another, met someone who falsely claimed a close personal friendship with a famous or influential person. He may have talked in great detail about the personality, likes and dislikes, and personal characteristics of that person. But when it came time to call on that relationship in time of need, there was no fruit, no depth of relationship

that could produce any action for the name-dropper's good. The relationship either never existed, or had grown old and meaningless from neglect.

Such an experience only served to strengthen our belief that ordinary people could not really have or benefit from such a relationship.

I am sure by now that you are beginning to see why I have been concerned with deepening my relationship with Jesus. Certainly, the benefits of a closer relationship have been wonderful, but I see so many people who don't believe that ordinary people can really have a meaningful and beneficial relationship with the creator of the universe.

I am beginning to understand that the depth of my relationship can affect the people I know. If there is not "fruit," they are further convinced that a relationship with Christ is either not beneficial or cannot be had. On the other hand, if my relationship with Christ is deep enough to trust in time of need and even such that I can ask for a 'favor' for a friend, they will have the opportunity to see that it is real.

Jn 15:7 If you remain in me

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CHURCH NEWS

College Park Church of God

College Park Church of God is sponsoring a community-wide free Easter Egg Hunt on Saturday, April 22 from 1 to 4 p.m. at the Old Settlers Pavilion in Comanche Trail Park.

The Easter egg hunters will be divided into two age groups, 3 to 5-year-olds and 6 to 12-year-olds. The event will also include games, clowns, mimes, free drawings and lots of fun for the whole family.

Everyone is invited to attend.

East Side Baptist Church

Forever His is a full-time gospel music, evangelistic team, home based out of Bethel Baptist Church in Irving. Formed in 1985, they now travel and live in their diesel bus, ministering and singing original songs God has given them. Over the years, their ministry has expanded into over 30 different states. They do between 200-250 concerts each year.

Phillip Crow and his wife, Diann, are the owners and founders of Forever His Ministries. He has written over 151 songs and also preaches as the Lord allows.

St. Paul Lutheran

Seven small group Bible studies are now meeting once a week. All sessions are well attended.

On April 15 from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m., members of the Board of Christian Life will participate in the Health Fair at the Dorothy Garrett Coliseum.

Many activities are scheduled during the Holy Week. These include: Maundy Thursday, April 20, Seder Passover Meal at 6 p.m., Worship Service begins at 7:30 with communion.

April 21, Good Friday at 7:30 p.m., Tenebrae service will be held in the sanctuary.

On Saturday, April 22, at 10 a.m. an Easter egg hunt is scheduled for preschool through fourth grade children at the church.

First Baptist Church

This Sunday morning, Pastor Eddie Tubbs' sermon title is "I Tell You the Truth" and he will use Luke 23:32-43 as his text.

Our service begins at 10:45 a.m. If you are unable to attend church, join us on channel 6 as we worship the Lord.

Bruce Ammons is returning to First Baptist Church on May 1-2 from 6 p.m. to 8:30 p.m. His topic of study this time will concern investments and retirement.

Join us on our web sight at www.fcbigspring.org for additional information concerning our church and its activities.

First United Methodist Church

"The Real King," (Luke 19:28-40) is the title Dr. Ed Williamson's message this Sunday at the First United Methodist Church, 400 Scurry. The message is about how believers in Jesus Christ understand Palm Sunday as a time when we reaffirm Jesus coming into our hearts. Worship is at 8:30 and 10:50 a.m. Our home page is <http://www.xroadstx.com/dove>.

Plan to join us for lunch and worship during your lunch hour next week in honor of "Holy Week." For more information contact the church office.

Youth meet on Sunday afternoon with Mid-High youth meeting at 5 p.m. Youth Choir is meeting at 6 p.m. and Senior Highs meeting at 7 p.m. There is also a Bible study for senior highs on Wednesday night at 4:30 Edwards. Children also have a great time in our Sunday School at 9:40 a.m. every Sunday morning. We also have children's vocal and handbell choirs led by John and Denise Ross.

Single Adults have a class all their own, taught by Jackie Henry, on Sunday mornings at 9:40. We also have a class for adults with special needs and talents, The Kingdom Class, taught by Shelley Smith.

There is a Wednesday noon Bible study class each week in Garrett Hall and everyone is invited to attend.

For more information call the church office at 267-6394.

First Church of God

"Blessed is the one who comes in the Name of the Lord," Psalm 118:26. First Church of God will celebrate Palm Sunday with Sunday School at 9:00 a.m. and Worship service at 10:45 a.m.

Maundy Service will begin at 7 p.m. on Wednesday with a footwashing service and a communion service.

Resurrection Day service will begin with a 7:30 a.m. sunrise service followed by Sunday School at 9:30 and Worship service at 10:45.

First Church of God is located at 2009 Main St.

First Christian

First Christian Church will host an Easter egg hunt this Saturday from 2 p.m. to 3:30.

On Sunday we will observe Palm Sunday. The children will carry palm branches into the sanctuary and sing a special with leader Pam Moss. Dr. Jimmy Watson will preach the sermon, "That's Absurd!" He will discuss the absurdity of Jesus' triumphant entry into Jerusalem and his message of peace. The Palm Sunday service will conclude with a fellowship meal. A representative from Samaritan Counseling services will provide the program.

On Maundy Thursday we will conduct a communion service at 7 p.m. A 24-hour prayer vigil will immediately follow the Maundy Thursday service. If you would like to be a part of this prayer vigil, please call the church office at 267-7851.

Baptist Temple

"Nothing Is Impossible with God." You will hear that statement repeated throughout the next week as we share in a time of intense worship, introspection and praise of Jesus Christ Our Savior.

Beginning Sunday through Friday, we will be in Revival. David Burk of the Total Surrender Evangelistic Association will be our Revival Minister and Mike and Karen Anderson will be providing the Music ministry. The entire community is urged to join us Sunday at 10:45 a.m. and 6 p.m. and each week night at 7 p.m. here at 400 East 11 Place.

Our Parent's Day Out Program is now registering children for our Summer of Sun. Fees are \$8 per child each day attended and there is a one time registration and supply fee of \$10. We are open on Mondays 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Please call for drop-in availability. We want to invite every parent and child in the area to participate in the fun!

Berea Baptist

Berea Baptist Church is hosting a Grief Recovery Seminar Sunday from 6-8 p.m. at 4204 Wasson Road, 267-8438. The emphasis of the seminar is

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CLUB NEWS

Green Thumb Garden Club

Green Thumb Garden Club met Tuesday, April 4, at the Big Spring Country Club. Ten members were present. Hostesses were Margarita Durand-Hollis and Jean Sledge.

Members voted to sponsor a team for the upcoming "Relay for Life" American Cancer Society fund raiser.

Susan Lewis presented beautiful slides of the Butchart Gardens in Victoria, British Columbia.

Next meeting will be a luncheon May 2.

Retired Teachers

The Big Spring-Howard County Retired Teachers

Association will meet Monday in the Cactus Room at Howard College. Lunch will be served at 11:30.

Dr. John Marshall of Eye Associates will speak on the subject of healthy eyes.

Reports of the TRTA State Convention in San Antonio will be given by delegates Loma Jean Wynn, Bettie Cox and Valcee Cox. Billye and Tolbert Grisham also attended the convention.

All retired school personnel are invited to attend the meeting.

Tall Talkers Toastmasters

Tall Talkers Toastmasters Club of Big Spring had its meeting on April 12, at 6:30 a.m. at 606 Johnson Street.

Toastmasters had a short meeting and members discussed topics led by topic master Bailey Anderson.

If you want to improve your communication skills, please join us at our next meeting.

Tall Talkers Toastmasters meet weekly on Wednesdays, August to June at 6:30 a.m.

Daughters of the American Revolution

The Capt. Elisha Mack Chapter, NSDAR, met at noon on April 8, at the Big Spring Country Club with Regent Lora Mae Pollard presiding. Hostesses Sue Ann Damron and Lola Kelley used a patriotic theme for the table decorations.

A report on the State Conference last month in San Antonio.

The highlight for the local chapter was the National Defense Banquet at which member Martha Cummings was announced as the State and South Central Division winner

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COMMUNITY NEWS

A bus trip is organizing locally to go to the June 16 Bill Gaither Homecoming concert at United Spirit Arena in Lubbock. The concert is sold out, but there are 33 tickets and seats on a charter bus available through First Church of the Nazarene.

The \$28 price will include the ticket and bus ride, and the bus will leave from the church parking lot about 3 p.m. on the day of the concert. The luxury bus has air conditioning, reclining seats, and a TV/VCR. The group plans to stop for dinner in Lubbock before the concert. To reserve a spot, call 267-7015.

The concert will feature the Gaither Vocal Band, the Happy Goodmans, Mark Lowry, Jake Hess, the Easters, the Hoppers and others.



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FOR YOUR INFORMATION

BEREA BAPTIST CHURCH is hosting a Grief Recovery Seminar Sunday from 6-8 p.m. at 4204 Wasson Road. The emphasis of the seminar is dealing with loss through death and finding healing and a future. No registration is necessary. The focus is on persons who have lost a loved one and are trying to make sense of the death and find a place to begin again.

Dwayne and Bonnie Wheat will lead the seminar. Their interest and work in this area has grown out of having to cope with and survive the assault and murder of their younger daughter in 1991.

If you have any questions about the seminar, please call 399-4306 or e-mail Dwayne or Bonnie at pdwheat@ccrcm.net.

THE LAST WORD

Art is a human activity having for its purpose the transmission to others of the highest and best feelings to which men have risen.
Leo Tolstol

Not many sounds in life, and I include all urban and all rural sounds, exceed in interest a knock at the door.
Charles Lamb

NEW YORK (AP) — State University Patricia Cunningham is going to not on Passover Seders this year. She's preparing with the scholar s reading Exodus and commentaries, and to a couple of rabbi holiday's meaning.

No matter the Jewish. She wants more about the story of liberation from Egypt and to talk own African-American.

Throughout the centuries and communities inviting Christians, Muslims, blacks and Seders, whether in homes or gatherings to reenact the story. For non-Jews, it's a chance to learn about experience and to Jews, it's a chance others draw meaning from.

Passover is unique but also universal. Brody-Sharone, a film maker who has spent hours of Seders ranging from Lubliner workers to a Midwestern imam. This year, 36 Jews, Christians, Muslims on a journey to Israel to Exodus.

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St. Mary's Episcopal

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Passover meal unites faiths

NEW YORK (AP) — Ohio State University student Patricia Cunningham II is going to not one, but two Passover Seders this year, and she's preparing with the fervor of the scholar she is. She's reading Exodus and feminist commentaries, and she's talked to a couple of rabbis about the holiday's meaning.

No matter that she's not Jewish. She wants to learn more about the story of Jews' liberation from slavery in Egypt and to talk about her own African-American heritage.

Throughout the country, families and communities are inviting Christians and Muslims, blacks and Latinos to Seders, whether intimate dinners or gatherings for hundreds to reenact the story of freedom. For non-Jews, it's an opportunity to learn about the Jewish experience and tradition; for Jews, it's a chance to see how others draw meaning from that tradition.

Passover is uniquely Jewish but also universal, says Ruth Brody-Sharone, a documentary filmmaker who has shot 95 hours of Seders with guests ranging from Latino garment workers to a Middle Eastern imam. This year, she is taking 36 Jews, Christians, and Muslims on a journey from Egypt to Israel to retrace the Exodus.

"People from different backgrounds who cannot agree what to call God come to this ritual meal," she says, "and it's everyone's story."

Such Seders were unheard of in the late 1960s when writer

Passover begins at sundown on Wednesday.

Arthur Waskow decided to open his family Passover meal to "what was going on in the street."

It was April 1968 in Washington, days after the assassination of the Rev. Martin Luther King Jr., and rioting that followed in many cities. Soldiers in an armored car were stationed on his corner.

"Walking home, I thought I'm going to do Pesach (Passover), and this is Pharaoh's Army," says Waskow, director of the Philadelphia-based Shalom Center, which promotes peace. In the past, his family had never talked about current events during the Seder. "That night we began to talk about what the Seder meant in America."

He soon was compiling a new Haggada, the Passover liturgy, incorporating writings by King and poet Allen Ginsberg into the traditional text. The Rev. Channing Phillips, a civil rights leader, offered his church basement for a public Seder, bringing together blacks and Jews. It drew a crowd of 800.

"It was an amazing, amazing moment," says Waskow, now a rabbi. "To know that our own memory and experience speaks to the experience of other people always strengthens us."

Rabbi Arthur Schneier, who has hosted Christian and

Muslim diplomats at Seders, agrees. "The Seder is not only a reaffirmation of one's faith and one's people, it's also an opportunity to learn the lessons of oppression and liberation that are applicable in every part of the world," says Schneier, president of the interfaith Appeal of Conscience Foundation.

While inviting non-Jews to a Seder is easy, "involving them is the challenge," says Adam Shyevitch of The Community Builders, a Boston group that develops affordable housing. In 1990, he helped organize a Haitian-Jewish Seder. In addition to the Jewish matzah, the participants ate kasav, a bread Haitians make when they can't afford flour. They recited Haitian poetry, told Haitian stories of oppression and freedom, and said blessings in English and Creole.

"Both of us know what it is like to be strangers in a strange land," the Haggada said.

When the Dalai Lama, Tibet's Buddhist leader in exile, donned a yarmulke at a Washington Seder three years ago, he thanked his hosts for incorporating into the ritual his own people's efforts for cultural survival.

Cardinal William H. Keeler of Baltimore says he'll never forget a Seder he attended as a priest in the mid-1970s at the home of Aaron Feinerman, the board chairman of a local Catholic hospital. "I had a sense of the Scripture coming alive," he says.

"(It) helped illumine my own preaching during the season, and (it) sealed my relationship with the family."

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of the DAR Member Veterans Administration-Volunteer Service Award, and chapter nominee Buck Turner won the VA Veteran-Patient State Award. Member Anne Witherspoon, a Millennium Page at the conference, was elected Chaplain of the State Pages Club.

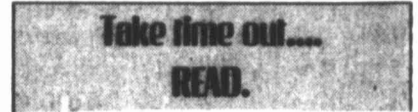
The Chapter received a blue ribbon for its yearbook and 14

Certificates of Merit for various programs and activities in which they participated. The local chapter was one of only 12 out of 193 in the state that presented an Indian Minute at each meeting this year.

Vice-Regent Charlene Ragan presented Carol Scott who, dressed in period costume, represented a first-person account of Miriam Amanda "Ma"

Ferguson, the first woman governor of Texas.

The next meeting will be at noon on May 13, at the Big Spring Country Club. The new slate of officers will be inducted and June Reid will speak on "The Spirited Women of '76."



FELTY

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and my words remain in you, ask whatever you wish, and it will be given you.

Jesus goes on to encourage us.

As the Father has loved me, so have I loved you. Now remain in my love. 10. If you obey my commands, you will remain in my love, just as I have obeyed my Father's commands and remain in his love. John 15:9

Henceforth, I call you not servants; for the servant knoweth not what his lord doeth: but I have called you friends; for all things that I have heard of my Father, I have made known unto you. John 15:15

I want to encourage you today to begin to put the 'personal' back into your personal relationship with Jesus Christ. The world has seen enough name droppers. It needs more people who have really formed a friendship with Him.

Craig Felty is pastor at Cornerstone Church.

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RELIGION BRIEFS

WEST LAFAYETTE, Ind. (AP) — Challenging the old saying that "actions speak louder than words," a Purdue University study indicates actions and words are equally important in children's religious upbringing.

Lynn Okagaki, an associate professor of child development, said actions like regular church attendance and service projects shaped children, but "it was regular, specific conversations about religious beliefs that gave students a more accurate perception of what their parents actually believe."

"It's not enough for parents to just model beliefs for their

kids," Okagaki concluded. The study, published in the Journal of Applied Psychology, was based on interviews with 58 girls and 36 boys about their parents' beliefs.

VIRGINIA BEACH, Va. (AP) — Religious broadcaster and politician Pat Robertson, who quit the Southern Baptist ministry when he ran for president in 1988, has restored his clergy status.

An ad hoc interdenominational council gathered to hear Robertson reaffirm clergy vows at his headquarters on Monday. Normally, Protestant ministers are ordained by a religious

denomination or a local congregation.

There was disagreement over the ceremony. The Rev. Donald Dunlap, who was pastor of Freemason Street Baptist Church in Norfolk when Robertson asked to have his clergy credentials there terminated, contends the action has no standing. "You cannot reaffirm what no longer exists," he said.

In a prepared statement, Robertson said he wanted reordination to affirm to "God and man that the focus of what is left of my life will be to worldwide Christian service."

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St. Mary's Episcopal Church
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will have a full schedule of Holy Week services, said the Rev. James Liggett, rector of St. Mary's. Palm Sunday is this Sunday, and the service will begin at 10:30 a.m. in the Parish Hall and will include the service of the Palms, a procession into the Church, and the reading of Passion from St. Mark's Gospel. On Easter morning, April 23, the festive service will also begin at 10:30 a.m.

Special musical guest and additional instrumental and choir music will be a part of both Palm Sunday and Easter Sunday service. There will be no 8 a.m. service on Palm Sunday or Easter Sunday.

Throughout Holy Week, morning prayer will be said at 7:30 a.m. in the Chapel. The Maundy Thursday Communion will be at 6 p.m.; the ancient Good Friday service will be at both 12 p.m. and 6, and the Great Vigil of Easter will begin

at 9 p.m. on Saturday, April 22. The public is warmly invited to all Holy Week and Easter Services.

The Brotherhood of St. Andrew will have their monthly meeting and breakfast on Saturday starting at 8 a.m. in the Parish Hall.

A Parish Gardening Work Day, sponsored by St. Therese's Guild, is scheduled for Saturday beginning at 8:30 a.m. This year's Lenten Program topic is the "The Seven Cardinal Virtues." On Wednesday, the Rev. Andy Parker, associate rector of St. Andrew's Church, Amarillo, will present a program on "Faith" at 6:30 p.m. An All-Parish neatless Post Luck Supper begins at 6 p.m. We will end the evening with a brief service of Compline. The public is invited.

The Vestry will meet Monday 5:30 p.m. in the Parish Hall.

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

ARIES (March 21-April 19)

**** Carefully check out an investment. You might not like the news you get or what you hear. Study different options, even though they could involve some additional footwork. Once you make a decision, you will be firm and secure. Tonight: Make sure it is relaxing.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20)

**** You can be stubborn, and right now you are determined to have your way. Creativity surrounds a loved one, who will bend to your request. Make sure his actions are coming from the heart; otherwise, there could be problems later. Tonight: Lighten up the mood.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20)

**** You act instinctively today. Though others might find you a bit severe, you succeed. No one but you can make choices for you. Remain sure of yourself, knowing what you expect and want. Don't let anyone shake your stability. Tonight: Close to home.

CANCER (June 21-July 22)

**** Establish what you need to do in order to make headway with another. Creativity and ingenuity mix. Your understanding of what is workable changes when you have a discussion with a friend. Join friends; make calls; allow more lightness into a project. Tonight: Where the gang is.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22)

**** Expenses go out of whack. Keep your goals in mind, even if you are sorely tempted to spend. Learning to say no might be very important. Make time for an older relative who you enjoy a lot. Take a long-term action. Tonight: A must show.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22)

**** You are personality plus, and even though others might not be easy, they are highly responsive. Reach out for another at a distance. Discuss a potential trip and changes. Your attitude lets another know you are not kidding! Tonight: Off to a movie.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22)

** Examine long-term interests. As you reach out, you might lock horns with someone you rarely concur with financially and who tends to withhold or be testy. Sometimes you can't win! Go off and do your own thing. Tonight: Take time for you.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21)

**** Zoom right in and go for what you want. Your sense of humor comes into play with a touchy, contrary partner. Greet rigidity and anger with openness. Clear the air, eyeing what

you want from this person in the future. Tonight: Where the party is.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21)

*** Pressure builds. Even if you don't want to be concerned with work, demands are made. Share a project with a loved one. Do what you must do. Another doesn't mean to be antagonistic, but he certainly shares his point of view! Tonight: Display your executive abilities.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19)

**** Reach out for another. By not standing on ceremony, you open doors. Allow caring to emanate. Let your creativity come forth. Ideas flow. Create better understanding with a child or loved one. Act when the timing feels right. Tonight: Could be dreamy.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18)

**** A partner shows his true colors. A family member could be a bit stubborn or testy. You can't change him, but you can change your response. Decide

what is best for you. Make a personal decision and stick to it. Tonight: Work as a team.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20)

**** Another could test your patience. Knowing when to put a halt to a pattern is important. Avoid losing your temper. State your terms and needs calmly. Others will respond when they understand your limits. Tonight: Out and about.

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Actress Amy Wright (1950), newspaper columnist Heloise (1951), Olympic athlete Evelyn

Ashford (1957)

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CHURCH AND CLUB NEWS DEADLINES

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For more information call 263-7331, ext. 235.

Pictures of one person who may be speaking at a club or church can also be submitted.

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IN BRIEF

Cotton interim principal at Stanton High School

Stanton High School head football coach and athletic director Mark Cotton has been named interim principal in the wake of Joe Bible's early departure from that office.

Expected to leave at the end of the current school year, Bible was prompted by his new employer to leave Stanton early.

As a result, Cotton was tabbed to fill the post by superintendent Jim White, until a replacement can be hired.

Forsan's Subia qualifies for regional track meet

Forsan High School's Furrillo Subia turned in second-place finishes in the long jump and 110-meter hurdles during Thursday's District 2-2A track meet in Eldorado.

He finished the long jump with a leap of 19 feet, 10 inches and posted a time of 15.75 in the high hurdles.

Those second-place finishes made Subia the school's only athlete to qualify for the Region I, Class 2A championships.

Teammate Adam Dunlap fell just short of joining Subia, as he finished third in the 3,200 meters with an 11:53.78 time.

Big Spring ISD schedules physical exams Saturday

The Big Spring Independent School District's athletic department is offering an opportunity to get physicals for athletes in the sixth through 11th grades on Saturday morning.

Current sixth graders will have exams at 10 a.m., eighth graders and all others will receive physicals at 10:30 a.m.

The physicals are required for students entering the seventh and ninth grades involved in athletics.

4-H shooting sports practice begins Saturday

Howard County 4-H shooting sports will have its first trap and skeet practice at 9 a.m. Saturday in Knott.

For more information, call Van Gaskins at 353-4598 or Larry Romine at 353-4893.

Today final day to sign up for Teen League baseball

Registration for Teenage League baseball will be held from 5 to 7:30 tonight at the American Little League field.

Fees are \$50 per player. For more information, call Sheri Nichols at 263-2917 or 263-2552, or Craig Caudill at 263-0170.

AREA GAMES

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4:30 p.m.
• Andrews Lady Mustangs at Big Spring Lady Steers.
- JUCO BASEBALL**
2 p.m.
• El Paso Community College Tejanos at Howard College Hawks.
- JUCO SOFTBALL**
2 p.m.
• Howard College Lady Hawks at West Central Oklahoma (DH).

ON THE AIR

- Radio**
HIGH SCHOOL SOFTBALL
4:15 p.m. — Andrews Lady Mustangs at Big Spring Lady Steers, KBST-AM 1490.
- Television**
MAJOR LEAGUE BASEBALL
6 p.m. — Atlanta Braves at Milwaukee Brewers, TBS, Ch. 11.
- NBA**
7 p.m. — Indiana Pacers at Miami Heat, TNT, Ch. 28.
7:30 p.m. — Seattle SuperSonics at Dallas Mavericks, FXS, Ch. 29.
9:30 p.m. — Sacramento Kings at Los Angeles Lakers, TNT, Ch. 28.
- NHL PLAYOFFS**
6:30 p.m. — Conference quarterfinals, Game 2, Buffalo Sabres at Philadelphia Flyers, ESPN, Ch. 30.

El Duque cruises through Ranger lineup in Yankees' 5-1 win

NEW YORK (AP) — Orlando Hernandez stayed cool, like he was pitching in the October chill. El Duque escaped his only jam with just a nick, and once again led the New York Yankees over the Texas Rangers 5-1 Thursday night.

"I'm over being surprised at what he does," Yankees manager Joe Torre said. Hernandez limited the Rangers to three singles in eight innings, and Jorge Posada broke it open with a bases-loaded triple.

The Yankees, who have won nine straight playoff games against Texas on their way to three World Series titles since 1996, completed a two-game sweep and moved alone into first place in the AL East.

It was 44 degrees at the start, and Hernandez spent much of the evening blowing on his right hand to keep warm.

"The cold bothered me a lot," Hernandez said through an interpreter. "I think it was colder than the World Series."

Then again, that's the time of year when Hernandez excels. He's 5-0 with a 1.02 ERA in six postseason starts, including an 8-0 win over the Rangers in Game 1 of the AL division series last year.

"This was not an easy night to pitch, to stay loose and get a feel for the ball," Torre said. "Normally, you'd think the hot-weather pitchers, and players, from Cuba wouldn't do well in the cold weather. He's remarkable, he really is."

Hernandez (2-0) struck out four, walked two and lowered his ERA to 1.23 after three starts this season.

His biggest problem came in the second inning when the Rangers loaded the bases with one out on a single and two walks.

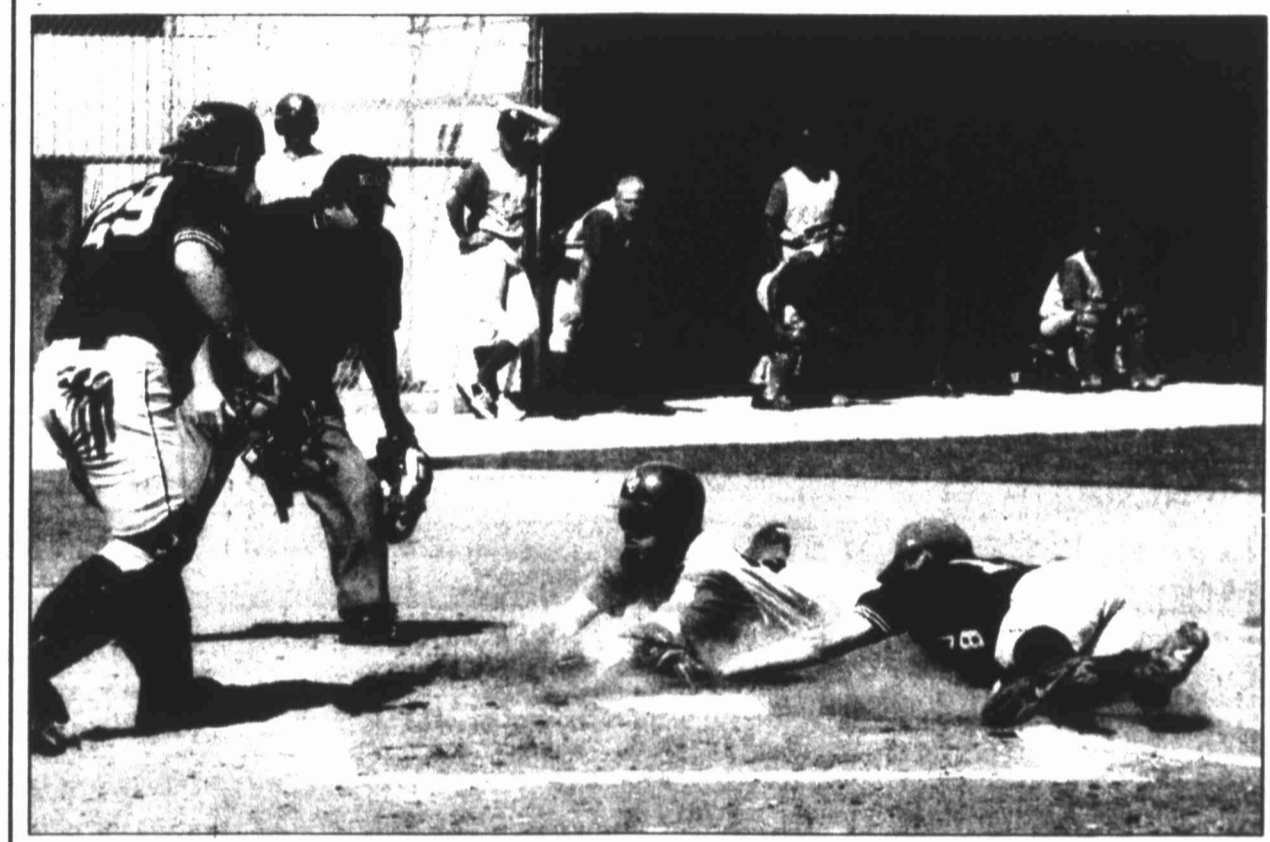
Up stepped No. 9 hitter Tom Evans, who had never faced Hernandez, and he got ahead in the count 3-1. Evans struck out swinging at a 3-2 pitch.

That brought up Royce Clayton, who hit a hard grounder that skipped off the glove of rookie third baseman Alfonso Soriano for an error that tied it at 1.

Rather than get rattled, Hernandez told Soriano to hang tough.

"We all know he is a young guy," Hernandez said. "I was encouraging him."

And when Chad Curtis hit a comebacker to Hernandez that ended the inning, Soriano ran to the dugout and gave his pitcher a pat on the way.



Howard College pitcher Danny McMurtry makes a diving tag at the plate to deny Odessa College runner Eric Neatherlin during the fourth inning of their game on March 24. The Hawks opened a crucial Western Conference Junior College Athletic Conference series with El Paso Community College's Tejanos today at 2 p.m. The series continues with a noon doubleheader on Saturday.

Wizards' red-hot Hamilton yields 109-103 win over Brand's Bulls

The ASSOCIATED PRESS

Elton Brand was unstoppable against the Washington Wizards. Fortunately for the Wizards, they had a strong-shooting rookie of their own.

Richard Hamilton scored a career-high 26 points, including 11 of Washington's last 13 points, and the Wizards held off the Chicago Bulls 109-103 Thursday night.

"I just knew that he could score, I just needed to put the ball in his hands," Washington coach Darrell Walker said. "He answered every call I gave him. He either took the shot and made it, or made the right pass to the open man."

And with Brand hitting from anywhere and everywhere, the Wizards needed every point Hamilton — and everyone else — could get them.

Brand scored a career-high 44 points and grabbed 12 rebounds in becoming the first Bull to score 40 in a regular-season game since Michael Jordan had 44 on April 18, 1998.

Jordan, who became a Wizards part-owner and president of basketball operations in January, wasn't at the game — he was scouting a pre-draft tournament in Arizona. But he's made no secret of wanting to beat his old team, saying before the Wizards played host to Chicago last month that "I may send in my resignation" if Washington lost.

"I'm sure he knows about the game," Wizards coach Darrell Walker said. "He'll just be happy we won."

Brand made 14 consecutive shots to set a team record, breaking Clem Haskins' mark of 11 in a row on Feb. 15, 1970. Brand also went 12-of-15 from the line.

"It's still a loss. You really can't enjoy it," Brand said. "Hopefully I'll have such an output in a winning game, when it counts and is important."

His previous career high was 38 on Feb. 24 at Indiana. His best at Duke was 33 points against Virginia on Jan. 10,

1999, and he said he once scored "48 or something" in high school.

"Every time, at the free throw line, a jump shot, in the post — whatever, I wanted the ball in my hands," he said. "If they (double-teamed), I was going to get it out. But if I shot it, I felt like it was going to drop."

In other NBA games Thursday night, Portland handled San Antonio 93-77. Houston beat Dallas 111-102, and Sacramento topped Golden State 130-107.

Hamilton, who made 11 of 16 shots, led five Wizards in double figures, and two players added nine each. Mitch Richmond, who was 4-of-5 from 3-point range, added 16 points and Chris Whitney scored nine of his 17 on 3s. The Wizards also went 21-of-26 from the line.

The victory snapped a two-game losing streak for the Wizards, who have won six of their last 10 games.

Washington got off to a quick start, making its first four shots and taking a 10-2 lead.

Lady Steers retake 5-4A track crown

HERALD Staff Report

SAN ANGELO — Big Spring's Lady Steers reclaimed the District 5-4A girls' track championship Thursday, piling up 196 points for a 50-point margin over San Angelo Lake View in the team standings.

The Lady Steers, who'd seen a four-year string of district championships snapped on their home track last spring, jumped out to an early lead during Thursday morning's field events and 3,200-meter runs and never looked back.

Lake View's Chiefs, however, retained their 5-4A title, but only by a 13-point margin over Snyder's Tigers. The Chiefs managed 155 points to take the boys' crown by dominating the sprints and both relays.

Big Spring's Steers, on the other hand, managed just 42 points to finish fifth in the six-team field. Rolando Ladesma was Big Spring's only boys' participant to qualify for the Region I, Class 2A meet in two weeks, finishing second in the 1,600 meters with a 4:32.08 clocking.

The Lady Steers, on the other hand, were absolutely dominant, winning both the 400- and 800-meter relays and finishing second behind Lake View in the 1,600-meter relay.

All told, Big Spring's girls won eight events, as well as several other placing finishes.

Ashley Larson got the Lady Steers off to a good start with a win in the 3,200 meters, finishing with a time of 12:49.75, while teammate April Aguilar was third with a 12:52.75.

Larson would add another win in the 1,600 meters that evening with a time of 5:57.68.

By the time the field events were concluded, there was little chance the rest of the field was going to catch the Lady Steers.

April McGee won the long jump with a 16-81/4 leap and

Rachelle Guinn took the triple jump crown with a 34-3 leap. Latrisha Rollins added third place in the triple jump with a 33-83/4 effort.

Leandra Williams claimed the shot put title with a 36-51/2 toss and teammate Ashley Smith was third in the event with a 33-81/4.

Amber Mays made sure she would join her teammates at the regional meet week after next when she finished second in the discus with a 117-63/4 throw and Dena Cook added third-place points with a 105-01/2 effort.

Alexis Casillas also earned a regional berth in the high jump, clearing 5 feet, 2 inches in the high jump to finish second behind Andrews' Judy Delhierro.

When the running events got under way, the Lady Steers posted a 49.45 clocking in the 400-meter relay, while Lake View was second with a time of 50.40.

Angelica Hinojos added a win in the 100 meters with a 12.25 clocking. McGee chipped in a second-place finish in the 200 meters with a 26.96 time, then she and Hinojos helped lead the 800-meter relay team to a 1:45.22 time and first place ahead of the Maidens.

In the boys' field, two Steers saw their bids for regional meet berths come up just short.

Braden Wegner finished third in the pole vault, clearing the bar at 12 feet even.

Snyder's Jared Thornhill, who Wegner had beaten last weekend at the Big Spring AMBUCS Relays, won the event with a 14-6 leap, while teammate Jesse Haines was second with a 12-6 effort.

And in the shot put, Big Spring's Jeremiah Baeza came up short with a 48-10 heave that left him in third place behind Snyder's Mark Medley (55-101/4) and Lake View's Ben Lyons (52-11/2).

Royals continue new trend, again winning in final at-bat

The ASSOCIATED PRESS

The Kansas City Royals didn't need another game-ending home run to win. Carlos Beltran's ninth-inning single was good enough.

The Royals, who won their last three games on "walk-off" homers, kept up their string of last at-bat wins when Beltran's single gave them a 6-5 victory over the Baltimore Orioles on Thursday.

"It's all about attitude," manager Tony Muser said of the Royals' start, which included a 6-1 opening homestand.

"These guys grew up a lot last year," Muser said. "They were relaxed and methodical in spring training and focused on areas that needed work. Now they are playing together as a team."

The Royals, who blew a 5-0 lead before rallying in the bottom of the ninth, got game-ending homers the past three days from Johnny Damon, Mark Johnson and Rey Sanchez.

"I know it's early, but the feeling we have in this clubhouse is very special," said Mike Sweeney, who hit his league-leading sixth home run in the first inning. "The crowd sticks around, even when we get down. It's an exciting time

for us."

In other American League games, it was New York 5, Texas 1; Tampa Bay 6, the White Sox 5 in 12 innings; Boston 4, Minnesota 3; and Detroit 2, Seattle 0.

In National League action, Los Angeles defeated San Francisco 6-5 in the completion of a game suspended on Wednesday and capped a series sweep with an 11-7 win; Chicago edged Atlanta 3-2; Arizona beat San Diego 5-4; New York defeated Philadelphia 2-1; Pittsburgh edged Montreal 4-3; Milwaukee blanked Florida 4-0; and Colorado topped St. Louis 12-6.

Sanchez, whose three-run, ninth-inning homer gave Kansas City a 7-6 win Wednesday over Baltimore, led off the ninth with a single off B.J. Ryan (1-1).

Damon followed with a sacrifice bunt and Carlos Febles walked. Beltran followed with a single that dropped just in front of left fielder B.J. Surhoff, whose throw to the plate wasn't in time to catch Sanchez.

"We played some good baseball, and we played some bad baseball," Orioles manager Mike Hargrove said. "Realistically, we probably should have won two out of three. But Kansas City is a good ballclub, and hot right now."

Cal Ripken went 0-for-4, striking out twice — including a called third strike that ended Baltimore's four-run eighth inning — and remained four hits short of 3,000.

Baltimore tied it on Mike Bordick's single off closer Ricky Bottalico (2-0) in the ninth, after Jeff Suppan matched a career high with eight strikeouts over seven-plus innings for Kansas City.

Devil Rays 6, White Sox 5

Greg Vaughn's RBI single with two outs in the bottom of the 12th helped Tampa Bay snap a five-game losing streak.

Vaughn's line drive to left field off Tanyon Sturtze (0-1) drove in Kevin Stocker from second base. The bullpen held the White Sox scoreless over the last seven innings. Jim Mecir (2-0) got the win.

Red Sox 4, Twins 3

Wilton Veras drew a bases-loaded walk to break an eighth-inning tie and Boston rallied to win at home.

Bob Wells (0-1) loaded the bases in the eighth, but was helped when Denny Hocking threw out Nomar Garciaparra at the plate on a fly ball to left field.

Eddie Guardado came in and walked Jason Varitek and Veras to score the game-winner.

Tim Wakefield (1-0) got the win and Derek Lowe pitched the ninth for his second save.

Tigers 2, Mariners 0

Juan Gonzalez, making his first home start for Detroit, hit an RBI double to break up a scoreless tie in the eighth inning. Gonzalez, who hadn't started since the opener last week in Oakland because of a right hamstring strain, went 2-for-4.

Shane Halter drew a leadoff walk off Arthur Rhodes (0-1) in the eighth before Gonzalez scored him easily with a drive up the right-field gap.

Doug Brocail (1-1) pitched one scoreless inning and Todd Jones got the save.

Cubs 3, Braves 2

Pinch-hitter Jose Nieves slapped a game-winning single to right with two outs in the bottom of the ninth and Chicago capped a sweep of Atlanta.

Shane Andrews was hit by a pitch from Mike Remlinger (0-1) to start the bottom of the ninth and moved to second on Jeff Reed's sacrifice.

SPORTS EXTRA

TRANSACTIONS

BASEBALL
NEW YORK YANKEES—Placed LHP Andy Pettitte on the 15-day disabled list, retroactive to April 8. Recalled RHP Darrin Epperson from Columbus of the International League.
SEATTLE MARINERS—Activated C Tom Lampkin from the 15-day disabled list. Placed INF Carlos Guillen on the 15-day disabled list.
TAMPA BAY DEVIL RAYS—Acquired RHP Dwight Gooden from the Houston Astros for cash. Optioned RHP Dan Wheeler to Durham of the International League. Recalled RHP Cory Lidle from Durham.
FLORIDA MARLINS—Designated C Sandy Martinez for assignment.
HOUSTON ASTROS—Activated OF Matt Mieske from the 15-day disabled list.
SAN DIEGO PADRES—Sent LHP Dan Serafini outright to Las Vegas of the PCL. Recalled LHP Kevin Walker from Mobile of the Southern League.
FOOTBALL
National Football League
NEW YORK JETS—Traded the 16th and 48th picks in this weekend's NFL Draft to the San Francisco 49ers for the 12th pick.
OAKLAND RAIDERS—Signed DL Shawn Lee.
WASHINGTON REDSKINS—Signed LB Reggie Givens to a one-year contract.
HOCKEY
National Hockey League
TAMPA BAY LIGHTNING—Signed D Michael Jones.
COLLEGE
FELICIAN—Named Darryl Jacobs men's basketball coach.
LOUISIANA TECH—Announced women's basketball coach Leon Barriere, who retired one month ago, rejoined the team as coach.

NBA STANDINGS

Table with columns for Eastern Conference, Western Conference, and NBA Schedule. Includes team names, wins, losses, and percentages.

AMERICAN LEAGUE

Thursday's Games
T. Bay 6, Ch. White Sox 5, 12 innings
Kansas City 6, Baltimore 5
Boston 4, Minnesota 3
Detroit 2, Seattle 0
N.Y. Yankees 5, Texas 1
Only games scheduled
Today's Games
Texas (Heiling 1-0) at Cleveland (Barba 1-0), 12:05 p.m.
Oakland (Appier 1-1) at Boston (Rose 0-1), 5:05 p.m.
Anaheim (Hill 1-1) at Chicago White Sox (Siroka 1-1), 6:05 p.m.
Tampa Bay (Rupe 0-1) at Detroit (Nikowski 0-2), 6:05 p.m.
Seattle (Moyer 1-1) at Toronto (Wells 1-0), 6:05 p.m.
Kansas City (Witasick 0-2) at N.Y. Yankees (Clemens 0-1), 6:05 p.m.
Baltimore (Maduro 0-0) at Minnesota (Milton 1-0), 7:05 p.m.
Saturday's Games
Kansas City (Rosado 1-0) at N.Y. Yankees (Mendoza 1-0), 12:05 p.m.
Oakland (Hudson 1-0) at Boston (P. Martinez 2-0), 12:05 p.m.
Texas (Clark 1-0) at Cleveland (Colon 2-0), 12:05 p.m.
Anaheim (Bottorff 0-1) at Chicago White Sox (Wells 0-1), 1:05 p.m.
Seattle (Halama 1-0) at Toronto (Halladay 1-1), 3:05 p.m.
Tampa Bay (Gooden 0-0) at Detroit (Weaver 0-0), 4:05 p.m.
Baltimore (Mercedes 1-0) at Minnesota (Bergman 0-0), 6:05 p.m.

NATIONAL LEAGUE

Suppan, Kansas City, 17; Noma, Detroit, 17; Colon, Cleveland, 15; Mussina, Baltimore, 15; Trachsel, Tampa Bay, 14.
Thursday's Games
Chicago Cubs 3, Atlanta 2
Arizona 5, San Diego 4
N.Y. Mets 2, Philadelphia 1
Pittsburgh 4, Montreal 3
Milwaukee 4, Florida 0
Colorado 12, St. Louis 6
Los Angeles 6, San Francisco 5, comp. of susp. game
Los Angeles 11, San Francisco 7
Only games scheduled
Today's Games
Florida (A. Fernandez 1-1) at Chicago Cubs (Lorraine 1-0), 2:20 p.m.
Cincinnati (Bell 0-0) at Los Angeles (Hershiser 0-0), 3:10 p.m.
Atlanta (Olivero 1-0) at Milwaukee (Woodard 0-1), 6:05 p.m.
Montreal (Hermanson 0-1) at Philadelphia (Brock 0-1), 6:05 p.m.
N.Y. Mets (Lester 1-0) at Pittsburgh (Schmidt 0-1), 6:05 p.m.
St. Louis (Ankeil 1-0) at Colorado (Astacio 0-2), 8:05 p.m.
Houston (Reynolds 1-0) at San Diego (Boehringer 0-1), 9:05 p.m.
Arizona (Johnson 2-0) at San Francisco (L. Hernandez 0-2), 9:35 p.m.
Saturday's Games
N.Y. Mets (Rusch 0-0) at Pittsburgh (Anderson 0-0), 12:35 p.m.
Atlanta (Milwood 0-0) at Milwaukee (Haynes 2-0), 1:05 p.m.
Florida (Dempster 1-1) at Chicago Cubs (Downs 0-0), 1:20 p.m.
St. Louis (Jenkins 2-0) at Colorado (Arroyo 1-0), 2:05 p.m.
Arizona (Stottemyre 2-0) at San Francisco (Ortiz 1-1), 3:05 p.m.
Montreal (Iraha 1-1) at Philadelphia (Ashby 0-1), 6:05 p.m.
Cincinnati (Neagle 0-0) at Los Angeles (Lundquist), 7:10 p.m.

NBA SCHEDULE

Thursday's Games
Washington 109, Chicago 103
Portland 93, San Antonio 77
Houston 111, Dallas 102
Sacramento 130, Golden State 107
Today's Games
Chicago at Boston, 6 p.m.
Orlando at New Jersey, 6:30 p.m.
Philadelphia at Atlanta, 6:30 p.m.
Indiana vs. Miami, 7 p.m.
New York at Toronto, 7 p.m.
Charlotte at Milwaukee, 7 p.m.
Seattle at Dallas, 7:30 p.m.
Golden State at Denver, 8 p.m.
Minnesota at Vancouver, 9 p.m.
L.A. Clippers at Phoenix, 9 p.m.
Sacramento at L.A. Lakers, 9 p.m.
Saturday's Games
Milwaukee at Washington, 6 p.m.
New York at Cleveland, 6:30 p.m.
Detroit at Philadelphia, 7:30 p.m.
Utah at San Antonio, 7:30 p.m.
Denver at L.A. Clippers, 10 p.m.

NHL PLAYOFFS

FIRST ROUND
Thursday, April 13
Philadelphia leads series 1-0
Pittsburgh 7, Washington 0, Pittsburgh leads series 1-0
New Jersey 4, Florida 3, New Jersey leads series 1-0
Detroit 2, Los Angeles 0, Detroit leads series 1-0
Dallas 3, Edmonton 0, Dallas leads series 2-0
Colorado 6, Phoenix 3, Colorado leads series 1-0

Contenders battle miserable conditions at Harbour Town

HILTON HEAD ISLAND, S.C. (AP) — Dan Forsman faced his toughest critics at home. So Harbour Town was no problem. The 41-year-old, who hasn't won since the 1992 Buick Open, had to listen to his 10-year-old son, Thomas, ask him, "Dad, are you ever going to win again?" Then, as he prepared to leave his home in Provo, Utah, for the MCI Classic, Forsman said his wife, Trudy, sensed her husband was torn about the trip. "My wife kept saying, 'Gee, why are you going? You sound like you're kind of indecisive about going,'" Forsman said Thursday. "And I said I really feel like I need to go." Good decision. Forsman had a 5-under-par 66 to hold a one-shot lead over Edward Fryatt and Sean Murphy after the first round. Forsman said he remembered how much he enjoyed the seaside setting, narrow fairways and true greens of Harbour Town Golf Links. "It's the confidence, the 'C' word and I'm talking confidence," Forsman said. "That's really the essence of what happened out there for me today." Masters champion Vijay Singh and everyone who chased him through Augusta National's azaleas last week couldn't keep up with Forsman in the cold, windy conditions. Ernie Els, second last week, had an eagle and birdie through his first five holes, but couldn't gain any more shots for a 68. Davis Love III, a Harbour master with four MCI victories, was tied with Forsman on the 18th hole. However, he sailed his approach into the marsh bordering the green and took a double-bogey 6 for a 68. Things were just as unkind to others who fought for the green jacket a week ago. Tom Lehman took double bogey on his final hole for a 70.

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Stars battle Edmonton for 2-0

DALLAS (AP) — once earned most veteran honors with the Stars to a 3-0 victory over Edmonton Oilers on Thursday night. He appears determined to make up for it in the playoffs. Hull had a goal and an assist in the Dallas' fourth line to play this season. "We know a strength is depth," he said. "Hopefully that's going to help us." Ed Belfour netted his playoff shutout.

Although it soured backhandedly, Hitchcock really was Hull for finally saying he's often called from hell. The future Hall scored 24 goals, the season total of his was a team-worst 11. But he still occasionally with first-line center Modano. Hitchcock double-shifts his most productive player to score goals from the NHL scoring team. Modano, Hull Muller perfectly on-3 rush in the with Muller drilling past Tommy Salo. Late in the second, Hull charged to the Salo blocked shot and Aaron Gavey rebound trickled Hull and he banged the lip of the crease was similar to his playoff goal — the title-clincher against triple overtime of last year's finals. "When he gets to the puck seems to be around," Modano knows where to That's always strength. "Edmonton hasn't been taking the Stars' punishment limited the Oilers Game 2 after holding in the first game. "They're doing a covering the lanes coach Kevin "You've got to give credit." Dallas takes a Edmonton for Game night. The Oilers' to break a nine-game losing streak again and a 0-9-1 slump in overall meetings. "We've got to re-forward Georges I know we can beat We need to get the the crowd on our the momentum."

Stars blank Edmonton for 2-0 lead

DALLAS (AP) — Just as he once earned most valuable player honors with terrific play, Brett Hull earned a spot on Dallas' fourth line with horrific play this season.

He appears determined to make up for it in the playoffs. Hull had a goal and an assist Thursday night, helping the Stars to a 3-0 victory over the Edmonton Oilers and continuing a trend of bottom-line scoring that's put the defending Stanley Cup champions halfway to a sweep.

"Right now, Hull's a worker, a productive player," Dallas coach Ken Hitchcock said. "He's joining in with the rest of us."

Although it sounds like a backhanded compliment, Hitchcock really was praising Hull for finally salvaging what he's often called his "season from hell."

The future Hall of Famer scored 24 goals, the lowest full-season total of his career, and was a team-worst minus-21.

But he still occasionally plays with first-line center Mike Modano. Hitchcock sometimes double-shifts his most productive player to squeeze more goals from the NHL's lowest-scoring team.

Modano, Hull and Kirk Muller perfectly executed a 3-on-3 rush in the first period, with Muller drilling the puck past Tommy Salo for a 1-0 lead.

Late in the second period, Hull charged to the net while Salo blocked shots by Muller and Aaron Gavey. The second rebound trickled directly to Hull and he banged it in from the lip of the crease. The play was similar to his previous playoff goal — the controversial title-clincher against Buffalo in triple overtime of Game 6 of last year's finals.

"When he gets things going, the puck seems to follow him around," Modano said. "He knows where to score goals. That's always been his strength."

Edmonton hasn't been scoring many goals because it hasn't been taking many shots. The Stars' punishing defense limited the Oilers to 17 shots in Game 2 after holding them to 14 in the first game.

"They're doing a good job of covering the lanes," Edmonton coach Kevin Lowe said. "You've got to give them a lot of credit."

Dallas takes a 2-0 lead to Edmonton for Game 3 Sunday night. The Oilers will be trying to break a nine-game playoff losing streak against the Stars and a 0-9-1 slump in their last 10 overall meetings.

"We've got to regroup," said forward Georges Laraque. "We know we can beat that team. We need to get the first goal, get the crowd on our side and get the momentum."

Doug Weight, who led the Oilers in scoring this season but has zero points in his last five games against Dallas, said he's tired of playing from behind.

"When they get a lead, they're tough to beat," he said. "They're playing great, but we've got to keep trying."

The Stars ended the regular season 0-3-2, prompting some critics to say they were ripe to be upset in the playoffs. Dallas players insisted they were mentally burned out and waiting to get fired up by the postseason.

Consider them fully ignited. "I don't think anyone in the locker room doubted that we could turn things up a notch when the playoffs began," center Guy Carbonneau said. "I think everyone will be disappointed if we don't go to the end, but there's a long road ahead."

Hull is the only one of Dallas' top-five scorers from the regular season with a goal in the playoffs. Three of the five playoff goals have come from guys who weren't even with the team during last year's championship run.

Muller was signed off the NHL's scrap heap in December. Five weeks later, the Stars acquired Scott Thornton from Montreal. He scored their final goal in the third period Thursday night.

"We know a strength of our team is depth," Muller said. "Hopefully that gets everybody going."

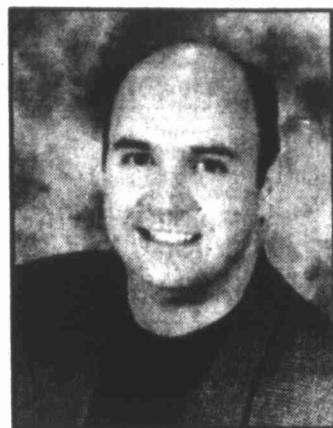
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BIG CLEAN OUT SALE: Bldg. materials, cabinet doors, rope, hardware, nails, roofing, electrical, formica, misc. 2810 FM 700. Tues & Wed. 7-7pm.

2 Family Carport Sale. 1809 Morrison Dr. Sat. only 7:30-11:30. Stroller playpen, shelves, metal closet, lots of boys clothes, shoes, misc.

208 Washington Blvd. Fr. 9-3. Sat. 9-1. Baby & household items, toddler & adult clothing, misc.

2407 Alabama. Fr & Sat Multi-family Furniture, tools, toys baby items, kids mens womens clothes, books, lots of stuff, cheap

2804 Navajo Fr & Sat 8-7 Housewares, clothes Baby clothes, walkers, bouncer, tub TV. Exr equip. fun

Church wide garage sale. Midway Baptist Church. 6200 S. Service Rd. Sat. 8-7 to benefit our building fund. Lots of new items.

GARAGE SALES

Final Moving Sale. 1801 Alabama. Sat. 8-1pm. Furniture, glassware, clothes, toys, misc.

Garage Sale, 3 Family. Sat. 7AM - Noon. 106 E. 17th.

Garage Sale 3601 Dixon, Sat 8-6, Sun 8-4. Lots of great bargains.

Garage Sale Sat & Sun. Everything must go! Small md stock tank, 2-4x4 alum gates, kitchen table, exercise bike, glassware, lots of misc. 124 hooser Rd. Sand Springs. 383-5312.

Moving Sale: King waterbed, pictures, decorations, after 5 dresses, misc. Sat. 7:30-12, 416 Edwards.

Moving Sale: Sat. 8-5pm. 411 Ramsey. (Coahoma) Furn. treadmill, porch swing, lots of misc.

PJ's Resale Shop: Fri. & Sat. 2210 Main. Recliner, couch, microwave, wood dining table, misc. boxes 50 each.

This one Gigantic. 3 family Garage sale Sat. 8-6, Sun. 1:30-6:30. 7208 S. Service Rd. off Terry Rd.

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263-7331

PUBLIC NOTICE

ADVERTISMENT FOR BIDS The Big Spring Independent School District shall receive sealed bids until 2:00 p.m., May 2, 2000, for the following athletic areas: Boys Basketball Supplies Girls Basketball Supplies Swimming Supplies

Specifications and bid documents may be secured from the school district's Business Office, 708 Eleventh Place, Big Spring, Texas 79720-4810, phone number (915) 264-3640. Bids will be publicly open and read immediately following the deadline for receiving the bids in the Business Office of the Big Spring Independent School District. Bidders are invited to be present at the bid opening. Bids received after the opening date and time will be returned unopened. Bids will be presented for consideration to the Board of Trustees on May 11, 2000, at 5:15 p.m. at their regularly scheduled board meeting. The Big Spring Independent School District reserves the right to accept or reject any or all bids. 2717 April 14 & 20, 2000

PUBLIC NOTICE

TO THE REGISTERED VOTERS OF THE City of Big Spring, Texas: Notice is hereby given that the polling places listed below will be open from 7:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m. on Saturday, May 6, 2000, for a general election for the election of a City Council member, District (Ward) Six (6) for a full term.

Location of Polling Places: City District (Ward) Six (6) - County Election Precincts 1116, 2026, 4016 and 4036 at the Big Spring High School Cafeteria - 707 11th Place

Early voting by personal appearance will be conducted each weekday, Monday through Friday, at City Hall Building, in said City between the hours of 8:00 a.m. and 5:00 p.m. beginning on April 19, 2000 and ending on May 2, 2000. Application for ballot by mail shall be mailed to: Thomas D. Ferguson, 310 Nolan St. Big Spring, Texas 79720-2657

Applications for early voting ballots to be voted by mail must be received no later than 5:00 p.m. on April 28, 2000. Issued this 11th day of April, 2000. RUSSELL MCEWEN, Mayor

AVISO DE ELECCION GENERAL

A los Votantes Registrados de la Ciudad de Primavera Grande, Texas. Se da aviso por el presente

Wife wants to cut off chapters from husband's endless tales

DEAR ABBY: A friend of mine complains that her husband, who's in his 80s, talks far too much in social settings. She says his ramblings and storytelling threaten to ruin their social life, which consists of small, private dinners and the occasional cocktail reception. She says if she doesn't shut him up, their friends will shun them because they've heard all his stories before. However, he has either forgotten this — or relishes so much in the telling that he repeats them anyway. To fix this, she's preparing a written list of subjects — family, job, etc. — that he's absolutely forbidden to discuss when they're socializing.



ABIGAIL VAN BUREN

Some who know about this think it's a good idea and the only way for her to avoid more embarrassment and discomfort. Others feel it's an insult to her husband, and the real risk is not the couple's social standing, but her own marriage. Who's right? — CURIOUS IN KENTUCKY

DEAR CURIOUS: I wish you had given me more information in your letter. Was the husband always this way? Could it be that he's become forgetful, or has had some small stroke? Or is he just a chatterbox who loves the sound of his own voice? At the very least, he needs a complete physical and mental status examination.

It's unrealistic to believe this man will carry his wife's list with him at all times and consult it before opening his mouth. Besides, true friends will reflect upon his positive traits and the friendship he has bestowed upon them in the past if his stories are repetitive or boring. And there is no law that says topics that have been discussed before can't be discussed again.

Whether the marriage will withstand her criticism depends upon the extent of his tolerance for her criticism. But he's a little old to trade her in.

DEAR ABBY: I am writing in response to the letter from the woman in Grand Prairie, Texas, who was a victim of "drug rape."

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1997 Ford LTD 4door, V-8, loaded, propane or gas, 66K. \$10,200 O.B.O. 267-2107 after 5pm.

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Delivery Help Needed Must have a neat appearance, clean driving record and lifting involved. Apply in person to Credit World, 1611 S Gregg

Truckdrivers needed for oil field work. Prefer ex-Dowell, ex-BJ, ex-Halliburton hands. Must be able to travel. No need to relocate. Class A CDL, clear driving record, 2 years truck driving experience a must. Call 1-800-588-2669 Mon-Fri 8am-5pm. No calls after 5pm.

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HELP WANTED

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Waitress needed for split shift Monday - Saturday. Must be 18. Apply @ Red Mesa Grill 2401 Gregg.

Call 263-7331 for the Big Spring Herald Classified Dept.

HELP WANTED

Under New Management Team

Looking for robust and friendly wait staff and cook to come join our team. Full and part time positions available. Medical insurance, advancement opportunities, paid vacation and flexible schedule. Apply in person M-F 8-5. EOE Denny's Restaurant 1710 E. 3rd. Big Spring, Texas

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HELP WANTED

Physician Office Receptionist

Minimum qualifications include typing speed of 40 words per minute, 10 key by touch and friendly personality. Previous medical office experience helpful, but not required.

Medical Transcriptionist ideal Candidate will have previous medical transcription experience, be able to pass a typing test with 60 words per minute, and pass a medical terminology spell test.

Office Nurse ideal candidate will be a LVN with 3 to 5 years clinical experience. Previous family practice experience helpful, but not required.

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Salary is commensurate to experience and a full benefit package is available. Only qualified applicants need apply to the Personnel Office of Covenant Malone and Hogan Clinic, 1501 West 11th Place, Big Spring, Texas 79720, or fax resume to 915-264-7019.

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DEAR ABBY: A friend of mine complains that her husband, who's in his 80s, talks far too much in social settings. She says his ramblings and storytelling threaten to ruin their social life, which consists of small, private dinners and the occasional cocktail reception. She says if she doesn't shut him up, their friends will shut them because they've heard all his stories before. However, he has either forgotten this — or relishes so much in the telling that he repeats them anyway. To fix this, she's preparing a written list of subjects — family, job, etc. — that he's absolutely forbidden to discuss when they're socializing.



ABIGAIL VAN BUREN

Some who know about this think it's a good idea and the only way for her to avoid embarrassment and discomfort. Others feel it's an insult to her husband, and the real risk is not the couple's social standing, but her own marriage.

Who's right? — **CURIOS IN KENTUCKY**
DEAR CURIOS: I wish you had given me more information in your letter. Was the husband always this way? Could it be that he's become forgetful, or has had some small stroke? Or is he just a chatterbox who loves the sound of his own voice? At the very least, he needs a complete physical and mental status examination.

It's unrealistic to believe this man will carry his wife's list with him at all times and consult it before opening his mouth. Besides, true friends will reflect upon his positive traits and the friendship he has bestowed upon them in the past if his stories are repetitive or boring. And there is no law that says topics that have been discussed before can't be discussed again.

Whether the marriage will withstand her criticism depends upon the extent of his tolerance for her criticism. But he's a little old to trade her in.

DEAR ABBY: I am writing in response to the letter from the woman in Grand Prairie, Texas, who was a victim of "drug rape."

I am a deputy district attorney in San Diego, and her history is all too familiar. We see a number of cases just like hers, and she is right — they are very difficult to prosecute. That is why the San Diego district attorney's office is launching a rape awareness campaign designed to educate young women about the dangers of drug- and alcohol-facilitated rape. The campaign consists of television and radio ads, posters, billboards and literature. Our hopes are that young women will become more aware of these dangerous predators out there who appear harmless. They are, simply put, RAPISTS.

Whether a victim was raped because she was surreptitiously

slipped a drug or she took the drugs voluntarily, rape is rape. So, if you and your friends go out for the evening, watch out for each other. If a friend looks like she's had too much to drink, or looks like she can't take care of herself, take care of her — before someone else does.

And if, despite your best precautions, you become a victim — please go to your local police and report this crime. — **LISA WEINREB, DEPUTY D.A., SAN DIEGO**

DEAR LISA: I applaud you for your rape awareness campaign, and hope other communities will follow suit. While I agree that a rape victim should report her assault to the police, I would also advise her to head straight for the nearest emergency room so she can be treated and evidence can be collected.

DEAR ABBY: "Bent Out of Shape" may be dealing with a difference in parenting styles. My mother also complained about my brother's request that she baby-proof the house before the visit of her first grandchild.

Mother believed that corrrecting a toddler when it reached for a low-lying table was the way to introduce limits and teach respect for other people's things. While she accepted the need to remove dangerous items, she wanted to keep her "nice" things in place. She felt it was the parents' responsibility to watch the child and was annoyed when their attention wandered and her grandchild got into something.

Happily it didn't take long for her to have a change of heart. Mom got tired of worrying about her prized breakables and eventually moved the most precious out of reach. She also got tired of trying to converse with adults who were constantly on the alert.

Child-proofing my house made my job easier and far more pleasant. As my children grew, I gradually returned the breakables to their places, teaching them not to touch. By the time my youngest was 3, everything was back in place and we hadn't lost a thing.

"Bent" may want to have a talk with her mother about this. — **ALL INTACT IN ATLANTA**

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Specifications and bid documents may be secured from the school district's Business Office, 708 Eleventh Place, Big Spring, Texas 79720-4610, phone number (915) 264-3640. Bids will be publicly open and read immediately following the deadline for receiving the bids in the Business Office of the Big Spring Independent School District. Bidders

FRIDAY

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Table with 24 columns representing different TV channels and their programming for Friday, April 14, 2000. Columns include KMYD, KPEJ, KERA, FAM, KOSA, WFAA, KWES, WTBS, UNH, DISH, NASH, TMC, SHOW, HBO, KMLM, A&E, DISC, TNT, USA, SCFI, LIFE, and TLC.

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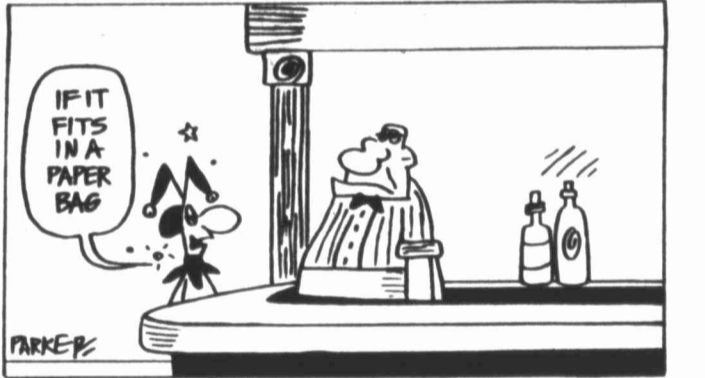
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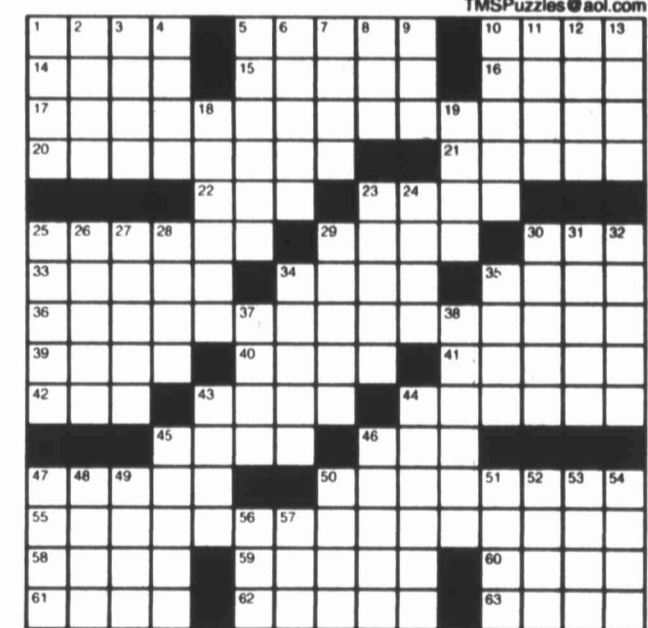
The ASSOCIATED PRESS Today is Friday, April 14, the 105th day of 2000. There are 261 days left in the year.

Today's Highlight in History: On April 14, 1865, President Lincoln was shot and mortally wounded by John Wilkes Booth while attending the comedy "Our American Cousin" at Ford's Theater in Washington. (Lincoln died the following morning.)

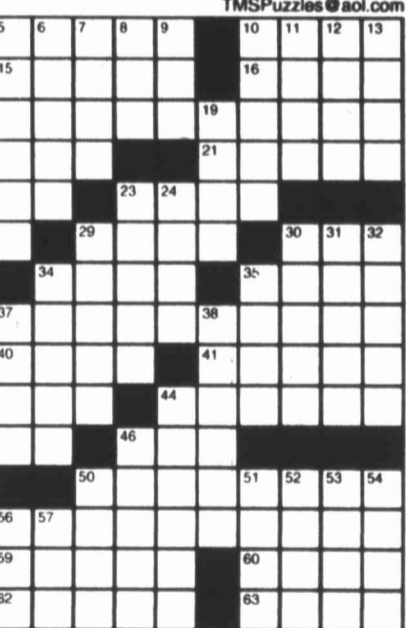
On this date: In 1759, composer George Frideric Handel died in London. In 1828, the first edition of Noah Webster's "American Dictionary of the English Language" was published. In 1902, J.C. Penney opened his first store, in Kemmerer, Wyo. In 1912, the British liner "Titanic" collided with an iceberg in the North Atlantic and began sinking. In 1931, King Alfonso XIII of Spain went into exile, and the Spanish Republic was proclaimed. In 1939, the John Steinbeck novel "The Grapes of Wrath" was published. In 1956, Ampex Corporation demonstrated its first commercial videotape recorder. In 1981, "Columbia," America's first operational space shuttle, landed at Edwards Air Force Base in California, after its first test flight. In 1986, Americans got first word of a U.S. air raid on Libya. (It was early morning April 15 in Libya.) In 1994, the chiefs of the nation's seven largest tobacco companies were grilled for more than six hours by the House Energy and Commerce health subcommittee about the effects of smoking. Ten years ago: Lithuanian officials, facing a Kremlin deadline to back away from their declaration of independence, acknowledged that an economic blockade threatened by Soviet leader Mikhail Gorbachev could result in huge layoffs. Five years ago: The UN Security Council gave permission to Iraq, still under sanctions for its invasion of Kuwait, to sell \$2 billion dollars' worth of oil to buy food, medicine and other supplies (Iraq rejected the offer). Actor-singer Burl Ives died in Anacortes, Wash., at age 85. One year ago: Independent Counsel Kenneth Starr told Congress the Watergate-era law that gave him the power to probe actions of executive branch officials was flawed and should be abolished. NATO mistakenly bombed a convoy of ethnic Albanian refugees; Yugoslav officials said 75 people were killed. British entertainer Anthony Newley died in Jensen Beach, Fla., at age 67. Today's Birthdays: Actor Sir John Gielgud is 96. Actor Rod Steiger is 75. Actor Bradford Dillman is 70. Actor Jay Robinson is 70. Country singer Loretta Lynn is 65. Actress Julie Christie is 60. Baseball's all-time hit leader, Pete Rose, is 59. Actor John Shea is 51. Actor Brad Garrett is 40.

THE Daily Crossword Edited by Wayne Robert Williams

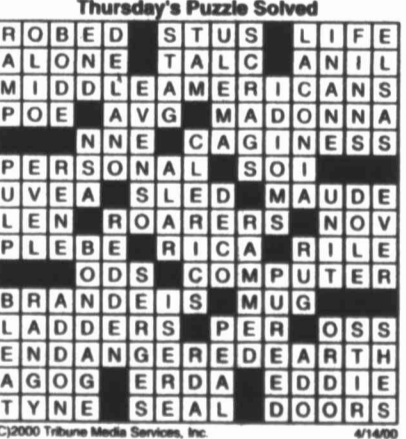
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By Roger Jurgovan Potomac, MD 4/14/00



Thursday's Puzzle Solved



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