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'Singing Men' set Thursday concert

The Singing Men of West Texas, a gospel group made up mostly of Baptist music ministers, will perform Thursday at East Fourth Street Baptist Church.

There is no charge for the concert, which begins at 7 p.m. It will feature a variety of Christian inspirational music, both contemporary and classical. The group also uses featured soloists and duets, a small ensemble of instruments, and a handbell choir.

Director is Ty Morris, music minister for Crestview Baptist Church in Midland.

At the Big Spring concert, there should be 35-40 "singing men" involved, including several from Big Spring along with those from San Angelo, Midland, Odessa, Lubbock and Abilene.

WHAT'S UP...

TODAY

□ VFW Post No. 2013, VFW Hall, 7 p.m.
□ Big Spring Chapter No. 67, Orders of the Eastern Star, 7:30 p.m., Masonic Lodge, 219 Main.

WEDNESDAY

□ Optimist Club, 7 a.m., Howard College Cactus Room.
□ Senior Circle Big Spring Mall walkers meet 9:15 a.m. in front of movie theater box office.
□ Big Spring Downtown Lions Club, noon, Howard College Cactus Room.
□ Line dancing, 1 p.m., Senior Citizens Center, Industrial Park.
□ Fraternal Order of Eagles Aerie, 7 p.m., Eagles Lodge, 704 West Third.

THURSDAY

□ Gideons International, Big Spring Camp No. U42060, Hermans, 7 a.m.
□ Big Spring Senior Citizens Center Art Classes, 9:30 to 11:30 a.m. for 55 and older.
□ Kiwanis Club, noon, Howard College Cactus Room.
□ Genealogical Society of Big Spring 7:15 p.m., Howard College Library.
□ Masonic Lodge No. 1340, 7:30 p.m., 2101 Lancaster.

FRIDAY

□ The Greater Big Spring Rotary Club, noon, Howard College Cactus Room.
□ AMBUCS, noon, Brandin' Iron Restaurant.

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TIF grant will allow West Texas Centers to link via closed-circuit TV

By CARL GRAHAM
Staff Writer

The West Texas Centers for Mental Health Mental Retardation is going high-tech with a Telecommunications Infrastructure Fund (TIF) grant totaling \$430,805. The



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grant will impact both mental health and retardation services.

The grant funds will buy the equipment and services needed to link nine of its 15 rural mental health centers through videoconferencing.

Shelley Smith, chief executive officer of MHMR, says the grant will help eliminate physical distance.

"This grant will allow us to deliver on-the-spot psychiatric evaluations by eliminating the physical distance between our doctors and the consumer by linking them electronically,"

explained Smith. "It is difficult to recruit physicians who are board certified psychiatrists to the very rural parts of our service area."

"With the capability of videoconferencing, the doctor can be in Big Spring or Lubbock for example, and through closed-circuit TV, observe the person who may be 100 miles away," said Smith.

"As it is now, a lot of our doctors' time is spent traveling many miles between mental health centers."

Mental retardation services

will be enhanced at West Texas Centers Vo-Tech Resources. The regional training centers in Big Spring and Ballinger will gain internet access as well as videoconferencing with the TIF grant.

Staff and consumer training will be enhanced with the availability of distance learning, Smith said.

West Texas Centers operates seven Vo-Tech Resources locations. They are in Pecos, Monahans, Seminole, Big Spring, Snyder, Sweetwater and Ballinger.

The project is a collaborative effort with Lubbock Regional MHMR.

The two community MHMR centers made a joint application in order to expand the resources over a broader area of West Texas, said Smith.

The grant was written under the entity name of West Texas Telecommunication Collaborative.

West Texas Centers for MHMR, headquartered in Big Spring, will get \$430,805 in TIF funding with a 10 percent local match requirement.



HERALD photo/Carl Graham

Lauren Fraser, who earned the Best Actress award for her performance as Elizabeth Willow in "And They Dance Real Slow in Jackson," is shown in a lighter moment with Torny Haynes, who received honorable mention for his performance as Skeeter Robbins at the district level of competition on March 21. Friday, the crew gets a shot at the area competition when they travel to Snyder.

'Danced Real Slow' bound for area one-act play contest Friday in Snyder

By GINA GARZA
Staff Writer

The Big Spring High School theater department will compete Friday at University Interscholastic League (UIL) Area competition in Snyder.

They will perform the one-act play, "And They Dance Real Slow in Jackson," under the direction of Tim Haynes, theater teacher.



HAYNES

"We are going to be very competitive and strong," he said. "I'm not sure what time we will perform, but competition begins at 1:15 p.m. Because we are the last to compete, I think it will be about 6 or 6:30 p.m. before we get our chance."

Haynes said there will be six schools competing. They are Levelland, which will perform "The Insanity of Mary Girard," Canyon, with "The Taming of the Shrew," Caprock, with "The Boys Next Door," Dumas, with "A Funny Thing Happened on the Way to the Forum," and Snyder, with "A Midsummer Night's Dream."

The cast and crew, who will

leave Big Spring High at about 8:30 a.m., includes Lauren Fraser, Julie Adams, Priscilla Flores, Laura Davis, Haley Haynes, Sarah Smith, George Williams, Torny Haynes, Anna McLaughlin, Amanda Shedy, Chris Trevino, Andy Rodriguez, Eric Gamble, Leandro Sanchez, Lacey Knight, Jeremy Knight, Cynthia Shipman, Sabrina Lopez, Shasta Fuqua, Theresa Porras, Laura Schnake and Holli Cobb.

"I feel very good about our production," said Haynes. "They will do well."

Gregg Schwab, of Sul Ross University in Alpine, will be

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Census

Mail-backs at 50 percent for Big Spring, officials say; enumerators are still needed

By BILL MCCLELLAN
News Editor

Crossroads Area residents are encouraged to return their census forms as soon as possible — especially if they don't want to be bothered some day with enumerators knocking at their door.

"We'll be sending people out as soon as we get lists on who hasn't returned their census forms," said Gene Quigley, who is directed with hiring census takers in Howard, Martin and Borden counties.

According to the U.S. Bureau of the Census, some 50 percent of Big Spring residents have already returned their census forms. Forty-nine percent of the forms mailed out in Howard County have been returned.

If the latest census count is accurate, however, only 29 percent of Martin County residents have returned forms. No statistics are available yet for Borden County.

It's important to return the forms for a number of reasons. Census officials say that for every person missed in the count, a community could lose a projected \$150 a year.



QUIGLEY

Information generated by the census helps decide how more than \$185 billion in federal funds is shared among the nation's communities.

"We believe that an accurate count will show we have a population of more than 25,000 people," said Big Spring City Manager Gary Fuqua. "That means Big Spring would be entitled to additional funds from the federal government."

Numbers taken from the census are the means by which populations are identified in legislation and other public policies at the federal, state and local level. Census data — ethnic makeup, poverty level, housing and other — is used to determine the allocation of many grants and other funding resources.

The census is also used to determine how many seats in the U.S. House of Representatives go to each state.

All of that is why officials are putting an emphasis on getting an accurate count. With that in mind, Quigley is still hiring census takers for the next phase.

"As far as hiring goes, we're at about 75 percent of our goal in Howard County, about 60 percent in Martin County and about 50 percent in Borden County. We're still gathering up people. Still looking for more

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Preparations under way for annual Relay for Life event

By GINA GARZA
Staff Writer

It's time to dust off those tennis shoes and sign up to be a part of the 2000 Relay for Life.

"This is a 24-hour team event to help fight cancer," said Gloria



MCDONALD

McDonald, chairman of team recruitment for the event, which benefits the American Cancer Society.

The Relay for Life event will take place Friday and Saturday, May 12-13, from 4 p.m. to 4 p.m. at Blankenship Field. Anyone who is interested in forming a team for this "community campout" is encouraged to contact McDonald.

"Our big push is to get teams together because without teams, there would be no Relay," she

said.

The registration fee is \$100 for small teams — 1 to 15 members, and \$200 for large teams — 16 or more members.

"We do have sponsors that donate money for scholarships," she said. "Don't let the registration fee scare you from getting involved."

"I am just putting the plea out to get anyone who remotely thinks they would be interested in having a team, to let me know," added McDonald.

There will be a team captain's meeting on Thursday at 6:30 p.m. in the fellowship hall of College Heights Christian Church, 21st and Goliad.

"If you are kind of interested, please show up for this meeting. You do not need to make a commitment, just come and find out about Relay," she said.

The only requirement, McDonald said, was that each team must have someone walking throughout the entire event. Relay for Life also includes

scheduled events, activities for the children, games and "entertainment throughout the 24-hour period."

"We will have some kind of entertainment going on every hour during waking hours, and the kids will really have a great time," she added.

McDonald said don't worry about security because there will be plenty of it.

"I know people, especially par-

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Trash Off called a success despite damp, dreary skies

By CARL GRAHAM
Staff Writer

Rainy, dreary weather Saturday morning put a damper on the turn-out of volunteers for this year's "Don't Mess With Texas" Trash Off but according to Pat Simmons, chairperson of the event, it didn't put a damper on the spirits of the ones who did come out.

Simmons said out of the 325 who signed up to help Saturday, about 193 were accounted for.

"We are very appreciative of those that braved the cold and damp conditions to get Big Spring cleaned up," said Simmons. "Despite the ele-

ments I feel like it was another success and went quite well."

Simmons said she intends on chairing the Trash Off again next year.

"This was my third year to chair the Trash Off and I intend to continue as long as they let me," Simmons said. "This is something I believe in and it is for the betterment of our community. Of course if everyone just kept the area around their residence cleaned, we wouldn't have to have a clean-up of this magnitude."

According to Simmons, several groups that didn't get out Saturday because of the weather are planning on doing their assigned areas later this week when the weather is nicer.

"The Big Spring Womens Club, 4-H members and the Goliad Junior Classics all told

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HERALD photo/Carl Graham

Elliaz Estrada of M.W. Builders stands next to what will become the new State Veterans Home. Work is progressing along U.S. Highway 87 at the site of the facility, which is set for completion in October or November.

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OBITUARIES

George Riddle

Service for George Riddle, 65, Big Spring is pending with Nalley-Pickle & Welch Funeral Home.

He died on Monday, April 3, 2000, in a local hospital.

Ronny "Chub" Moser

Service for Ronny "Chub" Moser, 59, Big Spring, is pending with Myers & Smith Funeral Home.

He died on Tuesday, April 4, 2000, at his home.

PLAY

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the judge.
"There is only one judge and we are at his mercy. We hope he tunes into what we are doing," he added.

Only two schools at area competition will advance to regionals, which are planned for Angelo State University on April 14.

Big Spring High's production won at UIL district competition on March 28, after competing against approximately 400 students in other one-act plays.

"We have won nine UIL competitions out of the last 11 years," Haynes added.

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help," Quigley said.

"People are out working already. We have had a couple of groups trained and they are passing out questionnaires. And we have people helping people fill out questionnaires at Howard College and Big Spring Area Chamber of Commerce."

The census questionnaire center at Howard College is located at the Student Center, 1001 Birdwell Lane, and is open each Tuesday and Thursday from 9 a.m. to noon. The chamber census center, 215 West Third, is open Tuesdays and Thursdays from 1 until 4 p.m.

Workers at those locations will help anyone fill out a questionnaire. Questionnaires are also available at those locations for people who might not have received one.

"I've run across some where people were supposed to get questionnaires and haven't," said Quigley. "There are some bugs in the system, but overall it's working well."

Census jobs pay \$9.75 an hour, can be full-time or part-time, and will last about six to eight weeks, Quigley said.

"We're still looking for further help and more followup. All of the people I'm looking for will be for followup," he said. "I think there is a deadline of April 19 when all the forms are supposed to be turned in. If they are not in by that date, census starts making up their lists. They get the list to us, and we go knocking on doors."

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Ronny "Chub" Moser, 59, died Tuesday. Services are pending.

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George Riddle, 65, died Monday. Services are pending with Nalley-Pickle & Welch Funeral Home.

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Quigley can be reached at 263-7013. He is at the Texas Workforce Center in Big Spring each weekday morning beginning at 9 a.m. and is at the Veteran's Administration Hospital at 5 p.m. on Tuesdays. He can also be reached in Stanton every other Monday at 6 p.m. at the Community Center and every other Wednesday at 2 p.m. at the Department of Human Services. He is in Gail every other Wednesday at 5 p.m. at the Borden County Community Center.

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ents, get kind of nervous about their safety in crowds. We require that every walker wear a arm band and the gates will be closed at 11 p.m. on Friday and guarded by the sheriff's department," she said.

"If you don't have a band or can't identify your team or captain, you don't get in; it's just that simple."

If you would like to be involved, call McDonald at 263-1234.

TRASH OFF

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me they plan on completing their assigned projects as the weather warms up, and we appreciate them," said Simmons.

Simmons said groups like Fina, TXU, Big Spring Junior High Student Council, Assembly of God youth and Big Spring Area Chamber of Commerce really made a difference in the collection of some 365 bags of trash.

Scenic Mountain Medical Center had set up to feed the volunteers who were out cleaning up Saturday but Simmons said they didn't have a large turn-out for the free hot dogs and hamburgers.

"I heard that they only fed approximately 40 people for lunch but I can understand considering the weather the reason," said Simmons. "Never the less, we do owe a lot of gratitude to the ones who prepared the meals for those who did show up to eat."

Death row inmate's son charged with capital murder

HOUSTON (AP) — Gary Hawkins, the 21-year-old son of infamous Texas death row inmate Gary Graham, is jailed on a capital murder charge stemming from a shooting death in Houston last week, authorities said Monday.

If prosecutors choose to seek the death penalty in Hawkins' case, conviction could result in Graham and Hawkins becoming the only father-son duo among the more than 450 condemned murders in Texas.

"Before we had the arrest warrant we believed he was Gary Graham's son," Brian Harris, a Houston police homicide investigator, said Monday. "Obviously Gary Graham's been gone for a whole lot of time and hasn't had an influence."

"But Gary Hawkins is an adult and had an adult choice and I don't believe his lifestyle has anything to do with who his father is. He just happens to have a father who is on death row. It's very ironic but I'd sure hate to see him use that as

an excuse."

Hawkins was hiding in a motel along Interstate 10 in east Houston when he arrested without incident Sunday for the fatal shooting of Melvin Ray Pope, 32, whose body was found on the side of a road March 29. Pope was shot in the back of the head.

A second man, Stanley White, 19, was arrested Friday and charged with aggravated robbery in the Pope case.

Police believe Hawkins was the triggerman.

"Everyone says, even his own family says, he's the son of Gary Graham, who's on the Texas death row," Harris said. "I do know he's on the (Graham) visitation list and he's listed as his son. People on the street know him (Hawkins) as Gary Graham."

Harris said Pope, White and Hawkins were acquaintances and that White and Hawkins knew Pope was carrying a large sum of money because he was going to pay his back rent.

"While they were driving around, the other two decided they were going to rob him," Harris said. "We believe Gary shot Melvin Pope in the back of the head."

After hearing the repeated references to Hawkins being known as Graham, investigators called Texas prison officials and located some Graham relatives.

"We found some family members and we were able to piece it together," Harris said.

Graham, 38, who now prefers to be known as Shaka Sankofa to reflect his African heritage, has been on death row since November 1981 when he was condemned for the shooting death six months earlier of Bobby Lambert, 53, of Tucson, Ariz., during a robbery outside a Houston supermarket.

His case has been one of the most highly publicized in Texas, serving as a lightning rod for both death penalty opponents and proponents. It has been reviewed more than 35 times by the courts and remains in the federal appeals courts.

Graham was 17 at the time of the fatal shooting, with four trips to juvenile court and a stint in a state boys home already behind him. While Graham acknowledges other robberies and assaults during a 22-incident rampage that week in 1981, he insists he was not involved in the Lambert killing.

SUPPORT GROUPS

TUESDAY
•Support for MS and Related Diseases, 6:30 p.m. second Tuesday of each month, Canterbury South. Public invited. Call Leslie, 267-1069.

•Al-Anon, 8 p.m., 615 Settles.
•Seniors' diabetic support group, 2 p.m., Canterbury South. Call 263-1265.

•Compassionate Friends support group for parents who have experienced death of a child, 7:30 p.m. first Tuesday in February, April, June, August, October and December in the Family Life Center Building, First Baptist Church, 705 West Marcy. Enter by southeast door. Call 267-2769.

•"Most Excellent Way," an addiction support group, 3610 Dixon, call 264-9900.

•Alcoholics Anonymous, 615 Settles, noon open meeting and 8 p.m. closed meeting.

•Samaritan Counseling Center of West Texas will have Dr. Ronald Meyer, D.Min.,

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Wedding, engagement, anniversary and birth announcement forms are available in the editorial department.

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•Narcotics Anonymous, 6 p.m., St. Mary's Episcopal Church. Call 268-4189 (pager no.).

•Big Spring Christian Home Educators meet on the second and fourth Tuesdays of each month at 1:30 p.m. at the Family Life Center at First Baptist Church. Recreation is available for the kids and networking for the parents. For more information, contact Suzanne Haney at 263-7147.

•Innovators in glyconutritionals are an independent group focusing on sickness prevention and management utilizing non-toxic simple saccharides to help our body heal itself. Training sessions are the second and fourth Tuesdays at 7:30 p.m. at 1909 S. Gregg. For more information call 267-3013 or 267-2424.

WEDNESDAY

•Gamblers Anonymous, 7 p.m., St. Stephen's Catholic Church, room 1, 4601 Neeley, Midland. Call 263-8920.

•Narcotic Anonymous, 8 p.m., St. Mary's Episcopal Church. Call 268-4189 (pager no.) Step study.

•Nurse Hospice and Canterbury are sponsoring a new grief support group. It will meet the second Wednesday of each month at 3 p.m. in the community room at Canterbury South, 1700 Lancaster.

IF YOU HAVE A SUPPORT GROUP LISTING, PLEASE SUBMIT IT IN WRITING.

BRIEFS

THE DISABLED AMERICAN VETERAN members of chapter 47 purchased a chapter home for their meetings as of March 1. The address is 610 Abrams.

Meetings are the third Monday of each month at 6:30 p.m.

For more information, please call (915) 264-4825 or (915) 263-7361 ext. 4088.

55 ALIVE/DEFENSIVE DRIVING class, taught by state certified instructors, is a two-day course of four hours each session.

The cost is \$10 per person. It will be held at the Senior Citizen Center, Industrial Park, May 8 and 9 from 8 a.m. until noon.

You must attend both days to receive a certificate which will be accepted by most insurance companies for a reduction in the premiums for three years. Call 267-1628 to preregister for the class.

PLANS ARE IN THE works for the annual dog show sponsored by the Big Spring Kennel Club. The event is set for April 29-30 at Dorothy Garrett Coliseum. Judging will begin Saturday morning, and spectators are always welcome to attend. There is no admission fee.

There will also be opportunity to talk with dog breeders and owners, exhibitors and vendors.

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MARKETS

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courtesy: Delta Corporation.
Noon quotes provided by Edward Jones & Co.

ATT	57 1/4
Atlantic Richfield	84 3/4 + 1/8
Atmos Energy	15 1/2 + 1/8
BP Amoco	52 1/2 + 1/8
Chevron	93 1/2 + 1/8
Compaq Computer	27 1/2 + 1/8
Cornell Correc.	10 1/2 + 1/8
Dell	54 1/2 + 1/8
DuPont	60 1/2 + 2/8
Exxon	81 1/2 + 1/8
Halliburton	41 1/2 + 1/8
IBM	125 1/2 + 3/8
Intel Corp	130 1/2 + 1/8
Mid Amer Energy	35 nc
NUV	8 1/2 + 1/8
Palex Inc.	8 1/2 nc
Patterson Ener	31 1/2 + 1/8
Pepsi Cola	36 1/2 + 1/8
Phillips Petroleum	46 1/2 + 1/8
SBC Com.	46 1/2 + 1/8
Sears	31 1/2 + 1/8
Texasco	54 1/2 + 1/8
Texas Instruments	142 1/2 + 1/8
Total Fina SA	30 1/2 + 1/8
Unocal Corp	30 1/2 + 1/8
Wal-Mart	62 1/2 + 1/8
Wal-Mart De Mexico	23 1/2 + 1/8
Amcap	20.03-21.25
Europacific	44.07-46.76
Prime Rate	9 %
Gold	275.60-277.40
Silver	4.95-5.02

Man charged with injury to an elderly person

A man was arrested Friday on charges of injury to an elderly person.

At about 5:45 a.m. Friday, the Big Spring Police Department was advised of an assault that happened in the 2100 block of Grace.

An investigation revealed that Joe Ratliff, 86, had been injured in an assault. Ratliff reported that a subject known to him had struck him. No major injuries were reported.

Arrested at the scene was Dee Ratliff, 59. He was charged with injury to an elderly person.

POLICE

The Big Spring Police Department reported the following activities between 8 a.m. Monday through 8 a.m. today:

• **JESSIE ROBLEDO**, 18, of 404 Lancaster, was arrested on a charge of public intoxication.

• **JAMES McNALLY**, 21, no address available, was arrested on a charge of driving while license suspended.

• **CATHERINE SCAGGS**, 29, no address available, was arrested on a charge of failure to identify.

• **RICHARD RAMIREZ**, 34, no address available, was

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SHERIFF

arrested on a charge of public intoxication.

• **CRIMINAL MISCHIEF** was reported in the 800 block of Creighton and in the 2900 block of West Highway 80.

• **THEFT** was reported in the 1600 block of Johnson, in the 400 block of East 4, in the 1700 block of East Marcy, and in the 100 block of Lamesa Highway.

• **OSCAR GERALD PIPPINS**, 60, of 4111 Parkway, was arrested on a charge of aggravated sexual assault with a child. (District)

• **ROBERT LATON FRIEND**, 50, of 2607 Barksdale, was arrested on a charge of violation of a protective order. (BSPD)

• **JAMES McNALLY**, 21, of 505 Boatler, was arrested on a charge of driving while license suspended. (BSPD)

• **ADOLPHO SEGOVIA LOPEZ**, 50, of 1101 Mesa, was arrested on a charge of violation of protective order. (BSPD)

FIRE/EMS

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

MONDAY
1:34 a.m. — 1300 block Mesquite, trauma call, patient transported to Scenic Mountain Medical Center.
4:00 p.m. — SMMC, patient transferred to Lubbock.
6:32 p.m. — 500 block San Antonio, medical call, patient transported to SMMC.

RECORDS

Monday's high 56
Monday's low 37
Average high 77
Average low 45
Record high 96 in 1950
Record low 22 in 1920
Precip. Monday 0.00
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principal's office.

Visas a

WASHINGTON (AP) — State Department way Monday for J. Gonzalez to travel to States so he can quest to be reunited son Elian, as negotiated between U.S. and the boy's Miami.

The department senior Gonzalez's along with those infant son and E. cousin, kindergarten and pediatrician. The six could be issued today.

The Cubans' request other visas — to E. mates as well as Assembly President.

Test may

SAN FRANCISCO (AP) — Many women with breast cancer might chemotherapy if doctors reveal whether the spread.

Testing for these already becoming Europe, but U.S. they need more evidence the approach actually.

About 175,000 women diagnosed with breast the United States. Most will have surgery that have not yet spread lymph nodes. About of these women can alone.

Gun merc

BOSTON (AP) — cheered and others state's commitment tough new handgun Edward L. Veducchio about his bottom.

"Do you know how companies won't asked Veducchio, the & J Guns in Newton, boycotting the state hurting business."

Massachusetts Monday that it would requirements that

Visas are approved for Elian's immediate family

WASHINGTON (AP) — The State Department cleared the way Monday for Juan Miguel Gonzalez to travel to the United States so he can pursue his quest to be reunited with his son Elian, as negotiations continued between immigration and the boy's Miami relatives.

The department granted the senior Gonzalez's visa request along with those of his wife, infant son and Elian's male cousin, kindergarten teacher and pediatrician. The visas for the six could be issued as early as today.

The Cubans' request for 22 other visas — to Elian's classmates as well as National Assembly President Ricardo

Alarcon, a top aide to Cuban President Fidel Castro, was still being reviewed. State Department spokesman James P. Rubin said U.S. diplomats in Havana will submit lists of questions to the Cuban government concerning these requests to determine the merits.

Negotiations over the custody issues recessed Monday night without any word on whether any progress had been made.

Manny Diaz, attorney for Elian Gonzalez's Miami relatives, said, "We continue to be first and foremost concerned about the mental, psychological well-being of this young 6-year-old. To that extent we have spent a lot of time talking about

numerous issues and we will be back tomorrow to continue our conversations."

Outside the family's Miami house, Elian and two cousins played on a slide. They hid behind a blue tarp hung in front of the slide and teased photographers by pretending to shoot at them with toy guns.

About 150 protesters gathered in front of the home, some waving signs like "Miss Reno are you ready for another Waco? We are." and "Clinton Coward, Reno Witch, Fidel Loco." Reno was a reference to Attorney General Janet Reno.

The Immigration and Naturalization Service had said earlier it would end the Miami

relatives' custody of Elian on Tuesday morning if they did not agree to give him up if they lose an appeal of a federal court decision they lost last month.

But the negotiations shifted Monday to how to reunite Elian with his father when he arrives in this country. "Tuesday's deadline has been superseded by this change of issues," a Justice Department official said.

"Our goal is to reunite Elian and his father," said Maria Cardona, a spokeswoman for the Immigration and Naturalization Service. "The issue is not whether we will transfer Elian to his father, but when and how."

O'Hair suspect to enter plea

AUSTIN (AP) — A suspect in the disappearance of missing atheist Madalyn Murray O'Hair is scheduled to appear today in court, where his attorney says he will plead innocent to kidnapping, robbery and extortion charges.

Gary Karr, 51, was indicted in December on charges of conspiring with others to carry out a kidnapping and extortion plot leading to the deaths of O'Hair; her son, Jon Garth Murray; and adopted daughter Robin Murray O'Hair.

The three have been missing since 1995. Authorities have said they were killed but their bodies have not been found. The indictment named no other suspects and no murder charges have been filed.

"He is going to plead not guilty," said Karr's attorney, Tom Mills of Dallas.

Karr, a convicted felon who served 20 years in prison, faces up to life in prison if convicted. Mills said prosecutors have

offered a plea bargain for a lighter sentence.

"They have offered something in kind of a vague way," Mills said. "I don't think I'm going to respond to them by (Tuesday). He's never indicated to me any interest in doing anything but going to trial."

O'Hair is best known for a case that led to a 1963 Supreme Court decision that struck down organized prayer in public schools as unconstitutional.

She and her two adult children vanished from San Antonio along with \$500,000 in gold coins. Authorities questioned whether they were victims of foul play or merely ran off with the money from their organization, United Secularists of America.

Karr was arrested in March 1999 after authorities found two guns in his apartment.

The FBI has said Karr admitted involvement in Texas homicides that closely match the O'Hair case.

Test may help rule out chemotherapy in early breast cancer

SAN FRANCISCO (AP) — Many women with early-stage breast cancer might be spared chemotherapy if doctors check tumors for proteins that help reveal whether the disease will spread.

Testing for these proteins is already becoming routine in Europe, but U.S. doctors say they need more evidence that the approach actually works.

About 175,000 women will be diagnosed with breast cancer in the United States this year. Most will have small tumors that have not yet spread to the lymph nodes. About 70 percent of these women can be cured with surgery and radiation alone.

However, cancer will come back in the other 30 percent. Giving chemotherapy to these women can reduce this risk by about one-third.

The problem for doctors is trying to identify this minority who need chemotherapy.

In general, doctors recommend treatment with tamoxifen for those whose tumors are fueled by estrogen, and they urge chemotherapy for those whose tumors are larger than two centimeters, or about an inch.

On Monday, at a meeting in San Francisco of the American Association for Cancer Research, Dr. Anita Prechtel of Technical University in Munich described the use of two pro-

teins in tumors that might help reveal their likelihood of coming back.

The proteins are uPA — short for urokinase-type plasminogen activator — and its natural inhibitor, known as PAI-1. About 45 percent of breast cancer patients have high levels of these proteins. They have a higher risk of cancer spread, even though their lymph nodes seem free of cancer.

Prechtel's study involved 684 women whose breast tumors ranged up to five centimeters in size but had not spread to their lymph nodes. Those with low levels of uPA and PAI-1 were given no further treatment. Those with high levels were

randomly assigned to get no more treatment or to receive a combination of three chemotherapy drugs.

After nearly three years of follow-up, cancer had come back in 7 percent of women with low levels of the protein. Among those with high levels, it had returned in 12 percent receiving chemotherapy and in 18 percent in the untreated comparison group.

By testing for the two proteins, "more than half of all node-negative breast cancer patients can be considered as a low-risk patient group with less than 10 percent probability of disease recurrence," Prechtel said.

Gun merchants are wary of Massachusetts' new handgun rules

BOSTON (AP) — While some cheered and others booed the state's commitment to enforce tough new handgun rules, Edward L. Vedeccio was worrying about his bottom line.

"Do you know how many gun companies won't sell here?" asked Vedeccio, the owner of E & J Guns in Newton. "They're boycotting the state, and that's hurting business."

Massachusetts announced Monday that it would enforce requirements that guns come

with safety warnings, tamper-resistant serial numbers and indicators on semiautomatic handguns that show whether a bullet is in the chamber.

The nation's strictest gun regulations also use consumer-protection rules to ban cheap guns known as "Saturday Night Specials" and require child-proof locks on any gun sold in the state.

Thirty-four other states have passed legislation that would allow them to regulate hand-

guns as they would any other consumer products. Massachusetts is the first to actually impose such regulations.

Also Monday, the Maryland House approved a bill that will make the state the first state to require all new handguns sold to be equipped with built-in locks, allowing no one but an authorized user to fire them.

The locks will be required by 2003. Until then, all guns sold will have to be equipped with trigger locks, beginning in

October. The bill goes to the desk of Gov. Parris Glendening, who is eager to sign it.

Gun sellers fear the Massachusetts and Maryland laws could have a chilling effect on their businesses. Enforcement, they said, would make guns more expensive and cut into their profits.

Vedeccio said he knows of a few Massachusetts gun store owners who have already moved their shops to New Hampshire.

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IN BRIEF

Bulldogs remain perfect in District 3-2A action

Coahoma's Bulldogs improved to 6-0 in District 3-2A baseball action Monday afternoon with a 4-1 win over Morton's Indians.

The win was anything like the 31-0 and 10-0 victories the Dogs posted over Morton in district play a year ago and left Coahoma head coach Scott Lewis disappointed with his team's showing.

"We didn't play well at all," Lewis said. "I don't want to take anything away from Morton, because they've really improved, but we didn't go out there and take care of business."

The Bulldogs travel to Plains for a 5 p.m. district game Friday.

Lady Steers JV rolls to win over Permian

Big Spring's Lady Steers junior varsity needed just five innings to demolish Odessa Permian's young Lady Panthers Monday afternoon, cruising to a 16-2 softball win.

Vanessa Ochoa worked four innings for the win, giving way to Nicole Chesworth for the fifth and final frame.

Melissa Ray and Lindsey Shaffer keyed Big Spring's offense with 3-for-3 showings at the plate.

In fact, the Lady Steers conducted a virtual hitting clinic, as every player on the Big Spring roster collected at least one hit.

Bulldogettes take win at Stanton track meet

Coahoma's Bulldogettes piled up 146 points in winning Saturday's track meet in Stanton.

The Bulldogettes piled up 60 of those points win wins in all three relays and then got three individual wins from Crystal Atkinson in the 300-meter hurdles, Amanda Baves in the shot put and Rachel Williams in the 200 meters.

Atkinson added a second in the 100-meter hurdles, while Baves was third in the discus.

Lauren Nichols was second in the discus, while Michelle Walker and Brandi Hart added second-place finishes in the 400 meters and 100 meters, respectively.

Lauren Green added a third in the 1,600 meters, while Cassie Thompson was third in the shot put and sixth in the 800 meters.

Roxanne Gomez was fifth in the discus and shot put.

Teen baseball league sets coaches meeting tonight

A meeting for anyone interested in coaching Teenage League baseball during the upcoming season has been scheduled for 7:30 tonight at the LaContesa Beauty Salon.

For more information, call Sheri Nichols at 263-2917 or 263-2552.

AREA GAMES

TODAY

HIGH SCHOOL BASEBALL

7:30 p.m.

• Big Spring Steers at Snyder Tigers.

HIGH SCHOOL SOFTBALL

4:30 p.m.

• Coahoma Bulldogettes at Jim Ned Lady Indians.

5 p.m.

• Big Spring Lady Steers at Fort Stockton Prowlers.

ON THE AIR

Radio

HIGH SCHOOL BASEBALL

7:15 p.m. — Big Spring Steers at Snyder Tigers, KBST-AM 1490.

HIGH SCHOOL SOFTBALL

4:45 p.m. — Big Spring Lady Steers at Fort Stockton Prowlers, KBST-AM 1490.

Television

MAJOR LEAGUE BASEBALL

7 p.m. — Boston Red Sox at Seattle Mariners, ESPN, Ch. 30.
7 p.m. — Chicago White Sox at Texas Rangers, Cox Cable Ch. 97.

NBA

7 p.m. — Detroit Pistons at Toronto Raptors, TNT, Ch. 28.
9:30 p.m. — Los Angeles Lakers at Phoenix Suns, TNT, Ch. 29.

Star's injury can't keep Spartans from claiming crown

INDIANAPOLIS (AP) — With every basket, every glare, every pump of his fist, Mateen Cleaves carried Michigan State.

So, when it came time to carry away the championship trophy, Cleaves wasn't about to give it up — even with a crutch under each arm.

"He has the heart of a lion," said his coach, Tom Izzo.

Cleaves scored 18 points in the NCAA championship against Florida before tumbling to the court with a grotesquely sprained ankle. After a quick tape job, he returned to play 11 more minutes in his college finale, the Spartans' leader right to the end — even though he was barely able to make it up and down the court.

"It was a lot of pain," Cleaves said. "I had to suck it up and play on it."

Later, he had the perfect painkiller.

Tears were rolling down his cheeks as he hobbled on crutches and his Michigan State teammates cut down the nets after their 89-76 victory Monday night.

They put one of the nets around his neck, and Cleaves then helped carry off the trophy.

The championship came 21 years after Magic Johnson led the Spartans to their first national title. And Magic was on hand to see this one, too.

"I knew that foot wouldn't keep him down," said Johnson, adorned in a green sweatshirt of his alma mater but merely a fan these days.

The victory over Florida certainly wasn't a one-man show.

Morris Peterson finished with 21 points and A.J. Granger had 19. Cleaves was 7-for-11 from the field — including 3-of-4 from outside the 3-point arc — even

though he didn't take a shot after his injury.

Many thought Cleaves would be playing in the NBA this year, following Michigan State's loss to Duke in the Final Four last season.

Instead, he returned for his senior season, delaying the inevitable millions for the chance to win a championship for his school. Even when he missed the first 13 games with a broken right foot, he never second-guessed his decision.

"This is a wonderful message for all the kids out there," said Frances Cleaves, his mother. "Stay in school, stick to your goals, work hard. That will make you a winner."

Cleaves was impressive in the first half, breaking Florida's press with his passing and ballhandling as Michigan State built a 43-32 lead. The margin had been cut to 50-44 when he rolled his right

ankle on a drive to the basket with 16:18 to play.

A lot of teams might have folded after losing their leader. Not the Spartans, with a team full of seniors and juniors.

Mike Chappell, taking Cleaves' spot on the floor, immediately hit a 3-pointer, prompting Izzo to take such a vigorous punch at the air that he nearly lost his jacket. Michigan State was up 58-50 by the time the point guard returned 4:29 later.

Even though Cleaves didn't score another point, he helped the Spartans push the lead even higher against the younger, less experienced Gators.

His long pass to Peterson for a layup made it 60-50. Cleaves was leveled while setting a screen a few minutes later, but it was enough to spring Granger for a 3-pointer that started a 16-6 run and put the game away.



Big Spring catcher Bowe Butler (10) is forced to make a flying catch on the relayed throw from right field, as San Angelo Lake View's Julio Guerra streaks to the plate for the Chiefs' first run in the fourth inning of Monday's game at Steer Park. The Chiefs took a 10-1 win over the Steers to remain tied for the District 5-4A lead with Andrews and Snyder.

Late Chiefs rally dooms Steers

JOHN A. MOSELEY

Managing Editor

San Angelo Lake View's Chiefs made sure they'd stay tied atop the District 5-4A baseball standings Monday afternoon, exploding for seven runs in the top of the seventh inning to take a 10-1 win over Big Spring's Steers.

Although Lake View pitching ace Oscar Solis didn't seem to need the big inning, the Chiefs' seven-run seventh marked still another late-innings collapse by the Steers.

As a result, Big Spring saw its record drop to 8-11-1 on the season and 0-2 in district play going into tonight's resumption of the regular schedule when the Steers travel to Snyder to face the Tigers at 7:30.

Lake View improved to 9-9 overall, but more importantly ran its record to 2-0 in district play, sharing the 5-4A lead with Andrews' Mustangs and Snyder.

Originally scheduled for Saturday afternoon, the game was postponed by rains that drenched much of West Texas over the weekend.

The delay, some hoped, would mean the Steers could change their fortunes after having suffered a 6-5 loss to Andrews in last Tuesday's district opener — none of the Mustangs' runs having been earned.

Instead, the Chiefs scored all the runs they'd need in the fourth and sixth innings with three unearned runs.

From the outset there was little indication the Chiefs would manage a nine-run margin of victory. Instead, Solis and Steers starter Daniel Beauchamp hooked up in a classic pitchers' duel.

Solis, a Big Spring product whose family moved to San Angelo when he was a fresh-

Boosters meet Wednesday

Members of the Steers Baseball Booster Club have scheduled a meeting for 6:30 p.m. Wednesday at the Big Spring High School Athletic Training Center.

Parents of all Steers players are encouraged to attend.

For more information, call Barbara Morrison at 264-3328.

man, wound up with the most impressive stats — striking out 13 and scattering six Steers hits in going the distance for the win.

Beauchamp also cruised for much of the game and even benefited from an impressive double play his teammates provided in the third inning.

But disaster struck for Big Spring in the top of the fourth when Solis ripped a two-out single to right.

Courtesy runner Julio Guerra drew a pick off throw from Steers catcher Bowe Butler. The errant throw sailed past Big Spring first baseman Mike Smith and rolled all the way to the right field fence.

By the time Steers outfielder Jose Carnero could run down the ball and relay it back to the infield, Guerra had circled the bases, ignoring his coach's signal to stop at third, and the Chiefs owned a 1-0 lead.

That edge improved to 3-0 in the top of the sixth when Chiefs third baseman hit a one-out triple and scored moments later when shortstop Chris Martinez reached base on an error charged to Steers center fielder Jason Choate.

The two-base error put Martinez in scoring position and Solis took advantage with

a two-out single

That chase Beauchamp and outfielder Ricky Solis was called on to provide relief.

Big Spring answered in its half of the inning Carnero reached base on an error charged to Chiefs second baseman Alex Valez, and with a little extra hustle, turned the play into a two-base miscue.

Big Spring's Solis got to his first cousin with a one-out double to left that plated Carnero.

But that would be all the Chiefs' star would allow, as he struck out Beauchamp and got Butler to ground out, ending the threat.

The dam burst in the seventh when Valez led off with a blooper to right that appeared to fall foul, but was ruled fair by the home plate umpire and allowed Valez to reach second.

That controversial call seemed to shake the Steers and after Solis fanned Chiefs first baseman Warren Day, Lake View literally went wild.

Left fielder Matt Owen singled to drive in Valez and moved to second on the throw to the plate.

Lake View quickly loaded the bases when Jenaro Rodriguez and Morrison drew walks. Martinez drew another free ride to force across a run and catcher Michael Gonzales delivered a three-run double that sent Solis back to left field and brought on sophomore Justin Belcher.

Belcher managed to retire Oscar Solis on a pop to first but walked the ninth Lake View batter of the game and surrendered a two-run double to Valez before striking out Day to end the bleeding.

Lake View and Andrews are scheduled to play this afternoon in San Angelo.

Galarraga, Griffey get kick out of season's start

The ASSOCIATED PRESS

Andres Galarraga made a triumphant return to Turner Field and Ken Griffey Jr. enjoyed a hero's welcome at Cinergy Field.

For Tony Gwynn, though, opening day was a big pain.

Gwynn might have broken a bone when he was hit by a pitch in the right elbow Monday in San Diego's 2-1 loss to the New York Mets.

"When I got hit, I just thought I would be sore a little bit," Gwynn said. "They think it is a chip fracture. We'll see."

Mark McGwire, meanwhile, missed the St. Louis Cardinals' 7-1 victory over the Chicago Cubs because of back spasms. He left Busch Stadium in the third inning and went to a hospital for an MRI, which showed no disc problems.

"We'll treat it and see how he is on Wednesday," manager

Tony La Russa said.

Out all of last season because of cancerous tumor in his back, Galarraga celebrated his comeback by hitting a tiebreaking home run in the seventh inning that lifted the Atlanta Braves over Colorado 2-0.

"I'm really excited. It's like a movie," he said. "It's something really special. There are no words to say how happy I am."

Griffey, who spent his childhood romping around the former Riverfront Stadium, got a 20-second ovation when he made his debut for the Cincinnati Reds.

Junior went 0-for-2 in a game against Milwaukee that was tied at 3 when it was called in the sixth inning because of rain. It was the first time in the majors that teams opened with a tie since April 12, 1965, when the St. Louis-Chicago game at Wrigley Field was stopped because of darkness after 11

innings with the score 10-all.

"It was awesome," Griffey said of the greeting. "It was something I wasn't expecting. It was fun."

Elsewhere in the National League, Los Angeles beat Montreal 10-4 and Florida defeated San Francisco 6-4. The Houston at Pittsburgh game was rained out.

In American League games, New York beat Anaheim 3-2, Cleveland beat Baltimore 4-1, Toronto beat Kansas City 5-4, Tampa Bay beat Minnesota 7-0 and Detroit beat Oakland 7-4.

Braves 2, Rockies 0

Greg Maddux improved to 6-0 on opening day as Atlanta dampened Buddy Bell's debut as Colorado's manager.

The crowd of 42,255 saw the Braves receive their NL championship rings. Reliever John Rucker was cheered when he received his prize, then had to

leave the field to start his 14-day suspension.

Galarraga broke a scoreless tie in the seventh with his home run off Pedro Astacio. Andruw Jones followed with another homer.

Maddux allowed five hits in 7 2-3 innings.

Mets 2, Padres 1

Derek Bell, in his first game at Shea Stadium for the Mets, hit a go-ahead home run in the eighth inning.

Bell was acquired with Mike Hampton in an offseason trade with Houston. The solo shot off Donne Wall broke a 1-1 tie.

Cardinals 7, Cubs 1

Craig Paquette, taking Big Mac's place in the lineup, hit a three-run homer in the first inning to lead St. Louis.

Newcomers Darryl Kile and Fernando Vina had nice debuts for the Cardinals.

Rangers hammer ChiSox

ARLINGTON (AP) — No matter what jersey he's wearing, Kenny Rogers keeps winning at home.

Rogers made his return to Texas on Monday and won his 19th straight home game. He allowed just one run over eight innings as the Rangers beat the Chicago White Sox 10-4 in the season opener.

Rogers' streak is the third-longest in major league history. He has accomplished it while playing for four teams since September 1997 — the New York Yankees, Oakland Athletics, New York Mets and the Rangers, his original team he had been away from four years.

"I know it's there, but I don't focus on it at all," Rogers said. "It's nice that it keeps going, but it's going to end someday. Hopefully, it won't end for a while."

It won't if Rogers keeps getting the offensive support and the double-play grounders he did Monday.

Gabe Kapler, who came to Texas in the offseason trade that sent two-time AL MVP Juan Gonzalez to Detroit, hit home runs in his first two at-bats for the Rangers. Ivan Rodriguez, last year's MVP, added two homers and five RBIs.

"This is everything we need as a team," Rogers said. "The offense was explosive. We got up by four or five runs, but the guys kept coming out and swinging the bats. It makes it easy when you've got that big of a lead to just go out and throw."

Rogers didn't have any strikeouts, but kept the ball down to coax most of his outs on ground balls. The Rangers turned four double plays, and the White Sox scored their only run against Rogers on the first one.

"We lost to a veteran big league starter who really changed speeds well and worked in and out and kept hitters off balance," said Chicago's Frank Thomas, a two-time MVP. "It was the seventh inning before we knew it."

Rodriguez's first homer was a three-run shot that broke a 1-1 tie in the third, and Kapler's second solo homer came an inning later. The Rangers added four runs in the fifth, including a solo homer by Rodriguez and an RBI single by Kapler.

"I think we're going to be a fun team to watch. That's not just one-win talk. I've been saying that all spring," Texas manager Johnny Oates said.

Chicago didn't score again until getting three runs off three relief pitchers in the ninth inning.

White Sox starter Mike Sirota walked the leadoff hitter and went downhill from there, allowing seven runs — six earned — in 4 1-3 innings. The four homers were two more than he had ever given up.

"When I made bad pitches, they didn't miss them," Sirota said.

For Rogers, it was a nice start. The lefty's final appearance for the Mets saw him walk home the winning run against Atlanta in the clinching Game 6 of the NLCS last fall.

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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)
*** Listen to your sixth sense when dealing with others. Though you might not be able to implement all the changes you want, you will turn the corner with one problem. Balance your checkbook; keep financial limits in mind. You gain through your fiscal intelligence. Tonight: Treat yourself well.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20)
*** Mull over ideas. Think through a decision carefully. Your sense of direction could change because of an important conversation. Do research; take your time. Actions taken in the late afternoon prove unusually successful. An older relative is confused. Tonight: Beam in what you want.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20)
*** Get together with friends. Ask for what you want. Meetings prove to be unusually significant, even though the results might not be immediate. You begin to get through to another. Take time with a friend in the later day. Your input is important. Tonight: Your good mood

Time off.
CANCER (June 21-July 22)
*** Your perspective could change because of information from a higher-up. Right now, you can talk yourself blue without any results. Later in the afternoon, you get the results you want. Attend a must-meeting. Tonight: Where your friends are.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22)
*** Take an overview. Make calls. Recognize that you don't have to make a decision just yet. Others might not see eye to eye with you. Actions speak louder than words. Move forward with ideas and suggestions. All eyes turn to you. Tonight: Burn the midnight oil.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22)
*** Your effectiveness is enhanced by one-on-one communication. Refuse to get stuck on nonessentials. Know your limits. Reach out to others. Make calls. Drop by a travel agent and get some brochures. Think about a summer escape. Tonight: Start planning that vacation!

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22)
*** Others are clearly in command, but it might be difficult to get anything launched, even if you defer. Explore alternatives. See what others think. Get together with an important associate or partner in the later day. Tonight: Togetherness counts.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21)
*** You can't make a difference at work today. Take a walk or do something for you. Clean your desk, concentrating on one task at a time. Mull over a decision, but postpone action for now. Schedule a meeting later in the day when your effectiveness rises. Tonight: Be easygoing.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21)
*** Do something frivolous this morning. Your good mood

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is contagious, and a round of silliness or fun energizes everyone around you. Work calls later, and it can't be postponed. Be creative. You're more than a paper pusher! Tonight: Easy does it.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19)
*** Listen to your sixth sense with family and those at a distance. You are more grounded than you realize. Let creativity have more play in your decisions. You have great ideas; tune them up by brainstorming with a friend. Tonight: Playtime.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18)
*** Think about how you convey your message. Your communication skills might need some boning up. Listen carefully to others. Read between the lines if necessary. Make security and domestic matters high priorities. Tonight: Your home is your castle.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20)
*** Expenses could easily career out of control. Review a situation carefully, deferring decisions until all the facts are in. Asking questions starts the ball rolling. Return calls in the afternoon. Tonight: Dinner at a favorite spot.

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Story behind step-mom's burial plot may be gravely incomplete

DEAR ABBY: In a recent column you printed a letter from "Outraged in the South," whose stepmother, upon her death, will have herself buried between "Outraged's" father and his first wife in the family burial plot.

You advised her that it would most likely be useless to try to talk this incredibly insensitive stepmother out of it. However, there is something that "Outraged" and her siblings can do. After the stepmother dies — or, perhaps even better, before she dies — the "children" can go together and have another inscription engraved on the stone underneath the first wife's name.



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It could read: "She did it over our dead bodies — Signed, The Children." — DEE IN WASHINGTON

DEAR DEE: Your suggestion is a hoot. Not everyone viewed the second wife's intentions as we did. Read on:

DEAR ABBY: When I read the letter from "Outraged in the South," my stomach turned. Perhaps the stepmother should not have moved Dad over — it is pretty gross. However, maybe the dad and stepmother discussed where they would like to be buried, and he chose to be next to her instead of in the middle because he had been married to her for at least 27 years. Over the course of those 27 years, I assume she loved him, cared for him and, most likely, nursed him through his last illness.

The youngest daughter was approximately 17 years old when her father married a much younger woman. He lived to be at least 90 years old. She should be grateful that they had such a long life together and were there for each other. Give this woman a break. Unless she was a selfish witch, those adult children could use their time more productively. They should console their stepmother, as I am sure she is mourning. She is now approximately 65 years old, and I would expect she could use some "family" around her.

If you print this, please don't use my name. All the relatives live here. — A CALIFORNIAN
DEAR CALIFORNIAN: You're right; there are usually two sides to every story. However, if the matter had been discussed between the father and his second wife, it would have been wise to have shared the burial plans with the adult children well in advance.

DEAR ABBY: My daughter is planning a wedding in July. She would like to use silver and burgundy as her colors. Her soon-to-be mother-in-law said silver is used for second marriages. Is this true? — NEEDS YOUR HELP IN UTAH
DEAR NEEDS: I've heard of it. The first time I've heard of it. Second-time brides often wear pastel colors — or white with color in the trim of the garment or their accessories. If your daughter wants to use silver and burgundy for her wedding, the combination sounds fine to me.

CONFIDENTIAL TO "SEARCHING FOR HAPPINESS IN SAN FRANCISCO":

Armchair philosopher Robert Cory said it best in his book, "Bottom Lines to Life": "Don't look for what makes you happy in life — deal with what prevents you from it."

DEAR ABBY: I am writing with a message of warning to newlywed wives.

When I first married "Jim," I used to spend hours after dinner every night on the phone with my mother talking about family news — what was happening with my father, my sister, my sister's husband, etc. When Jim complained, my mother and I both felt he was being selfish and ignored him.

Soon Jim took up jogging, and as soon as I picked up the phone in the evening, he would leave the house to run his miles. Then Jim started traveling to races on the weekends, and eventually met "Peggy," a pretty schoolteacher from a neighboring town who also liked to jog.

My inability to "let go" and build my primary family ties with my new husband cost me a great guy. How do I know he's so great? Because he still waves to my mother and me when we see him in the park jogging with Peggy and their two beautiful daughters. — OUT OF THE RACE IN N.J.

DEAR OUT: I'm printing your cautionary tale for all to see. How sad that your preoccupation with your family caused you to shut out the person with whom you vowed to build a life.

I find it interesting that when your ex-husband sees you in the park, you're still with your mother. Unless that's the way you want it to be for the rest of your life, I recommend some counseling.

DEAR ABBY: Tied to every ending is a new beginning. I couldn't boil water without burning it when my wife died. I had to learn how to cook in order to survive. Eating alone was no fun, so I invited a couple for dinner and was the brunt of good-natured jokes and kidding about the mess I made in the kitchen. However, they helped me clean the mess and gave me an "E" for effort.

I continued to extend invitations, and this resulted in dinner invitations at the rate of about two for one. I'm still clumsy in the kitchen, but I get the job done. At age 73 (and still single) I am still having dinner parties and being invited out a couple of nights a week. — NEWPORT BEACH BOB

DEAR BOB: You're right; it's important to reach out instead of waiting to be taken care of. Other suggestions sent by readers for "Hurting in Lake Forest" included: joining a grief support group; checking with the Veterans of Foreign Wars and attending military reunions — or anything that gets you out of the house and puts you in contact with other people; joining AARP's Widowed Person's Service; joining a little theater group; taking classes at a community college; volunteering in schools, libraries, hospitals, shelters and charities. The choices are endless.

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	KMD (2)	KPEJ (3)	KERA (5)	FAM (6)	KOSA (7)	WFAA (8)	KWES (9)	WTBS (11)	UNI (13)	DISN (14)	NASH (15)	TMC (16)	SHOW (20)	HBO (22)	KMLM (23)	A&E (25)	DISC (26)	TNT (28)	USA (30)	SCIFI (35)	LIFE (40)	TLC (41)
6:PM	News (CC)	Home Imp. Judge Judy	Creature Zoolomoo	Who's Boss? Who's Boss?	News Ent. Tonight	News (CC)	News (CC)	Fresh Prince (35) Major League Baseball: Co-	Sonadoras	Movie: Noah (CC)	Merle Haggard: For the Record (CC)	(5:55) Movie: Parenthood (CC)	Business	Movie: Cleopatra (CC)	News John Hagee	Law & Order (CC)	Wild Discovery	ER (CC)	JAG (CC)	Xena: Warrior Princess	Intimate Portrait (CC)	Mike Tyson Story
7:PM	Be a Millionaire	70s Show Family Guy	Hidden Worlds (CC)	Movie: Neil	Falcone (CC)	Be a Millionaire	3rd Rock-Sun God, Devil	League Baseball: Co-	Nunca Te Olvidare	The Computer	Movie: The Record (CC)	Movie: Screen 2 (CC)	Movie: Twenty Eight	Movie: Cleopatra (CC)	Light of the Southwest	Investigative Reports (CC)	On the Inside	NBA Basketball Detroit	Walker, Texas Ranger (CC)	Hercules: Jynx	Unsolved Mysteries	Movie: On the Ropes
8:PM	Dharma-Greg Sports Night	Party of Five (CC)	Nova (CC)	Frontline (CC)	Falcone (CC)	Dharma-Greg Sports Night	Will & Grace Just Shoot Me	Braves (CC)	Primer Impacto No.	(15) Movie: Noah (CC)	Movie: The Record (CC)	Movie: Screen 2 (CC)	Movie: Twenty Eight	Movie: Cleopatra (CC)	Light of the Southwest	Investigative Reports (CC)	On the Inside	NBA Basketball Detroit	Walker, Texas Ranger (CC)	Hercules: Jynx	Unsolved Mysteries	Movie: On the Ropes
9:PM	NYPD Blue (CC)	Mad Abt. You Nanny (CC)	Frontline (CC)	News-Lehrer	Falcone (CC)	NYPD Blue (CC)	DateLine (CC)	Braves (CC)	Primer Impacto No.	(15) Movie: Noah (CC)	Movie: The Record (CC)	Movie: Screen 2 (CC)	Movie: Twenty Eight	Movie: Cleopatra (CC)	Light of the Southwest	Investigative Reports (CC)	On the Inside	NBA Basketball Detroit	Walker, Texas Ranger (CC)	Hercules: Jynx	Unsolved Mysteries	Movie: On the Ropes
10:PM	News (CC) Nightline	Jerry Springer (CC)	News-Lehrer	700 Club (CC)	News (35) Late	News (CC) Nightline	News (35) Tonight	The Final Countdown	P. Inspector: Noticiero Univ.	(15) Movie: Noah (CC)	Movie: The Record (CC)	Movie: Screen 2 (CC)	Movie: Twenty Eight	Movie: Cleopatra (CC)	Light of the Southwest	Investigative Reports (CC)	On the Inside	NBA Basketball Detroit	Walker, Texas Ranger (CC)	Hercules: Jynx	Unsolved Mysteries	Movie: On the Ropes
11:PM	Politically Inc. (36) Maury	Newsradio Unhappy	Anne Frank Remembered	Who's Boss? Partridge	Show (CC) (37) Late Late	Ent. Tonight Politically Inc. (37) Late Late	Show (CC) (37) Late	(40) Movie: Viviana a la Medianoche	Zorro (CC) Mickey Mouse	Outdoor World Outdoor Mag.	Turkey Call Fishin'	(11:50) Movie: The	Movie: A Midwinter's	Movie: Cleopatra (CC)	Light of the Southwest	Investigative Reports (CC)	On the Inside	NBA Basketball Detroit	Walker, Texas Ranger (CC)	Hercules: Jynx	Unsolved Mysteries	Movie: On the Ropes
12:AM	(CC) Hollywood	Cops (CC)	Hollywood	Paid Program	Show (CC) Grace Under	(12:06) Oprah Winfrey (CC) Frasier	Night (CC) Frasier	Platoon Leader	Return of the Big Cat (CC)	Turkey Call Fishin'	(11:50) Movie: The	Movie: A Midwinter's	Movie: Cleopatra (CC)	Light of the Southwest	Investigative Reports (CC)	On the Inside	NBA Basketball Detroit	Walker, Texas Ranger (CC)	Hercules: Jynx	Unsolved Mysteries	Movie: On the Ropes	

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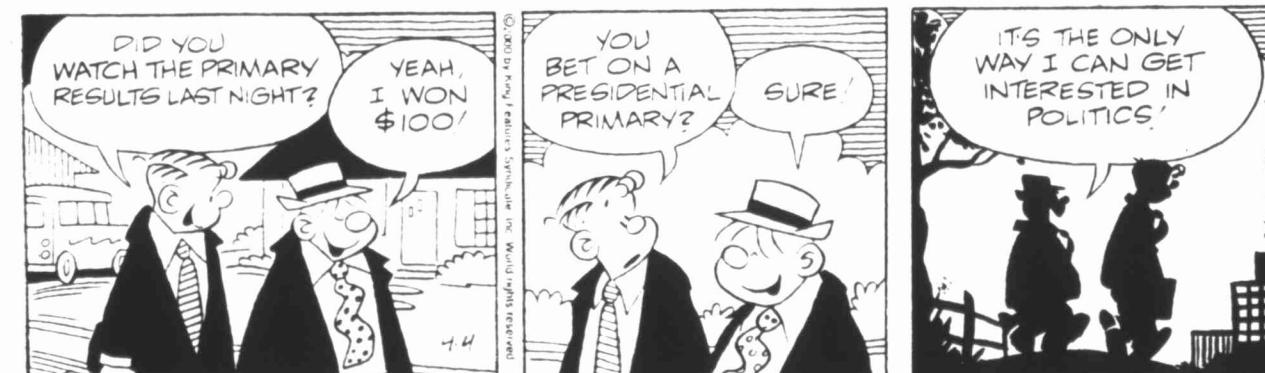
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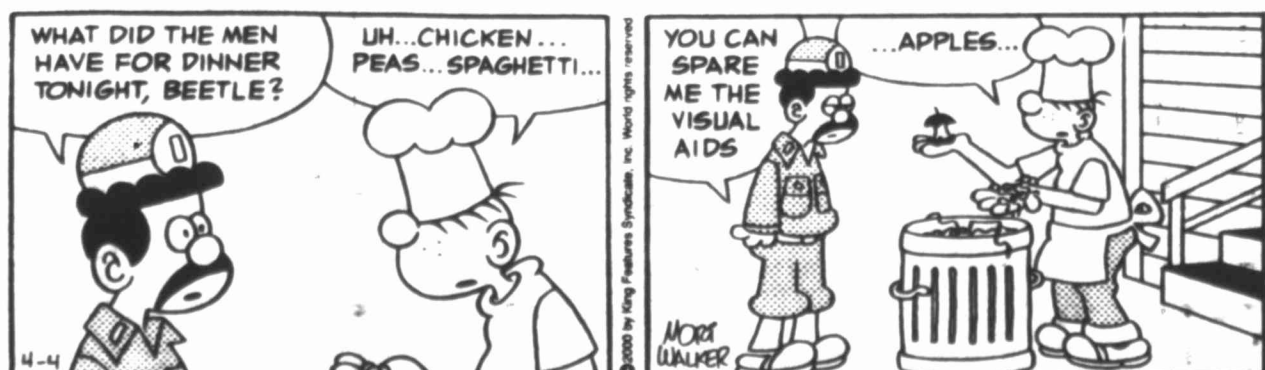
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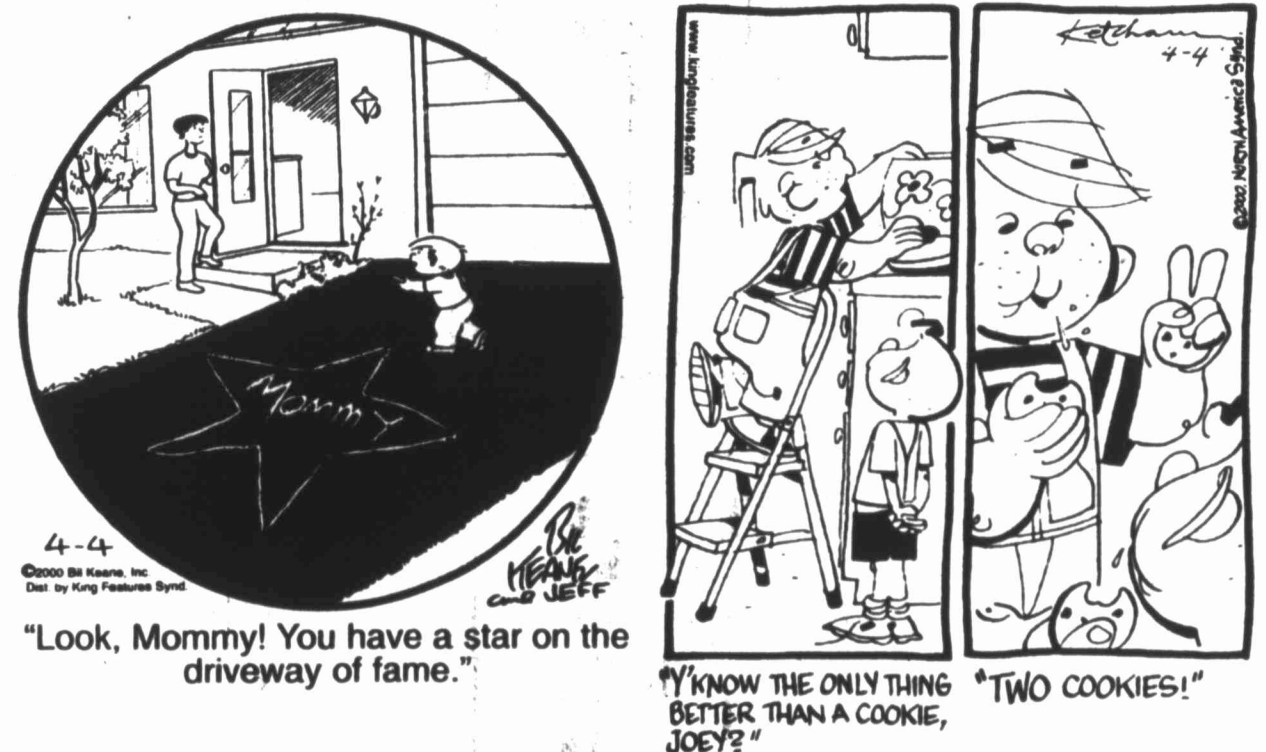
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THIS DATE
IN HISTORY

The ASSOCIATED PRESS

Today is Tuesday, April 4, the 95th day of 2000. There are 271 days left in the year.

Today's Highlight in History: On April 4, 1968, civil rights leader Martin Luther King Jr., 39, was shot to death in Memphis, Tenn.

On this date: In 1818, Congress decided the flag of the United States would consist of 13 red and white

stripes and 20 stars, with a new star to be added for every new state of the Union.

In 1841, President William Henry Harrison succumbed to pneumonia one month after his inauguration, the first U.S. chief executive to die in office.

In 1850, the city of Los Angeles was incorporated.

In 1902, British financier Cecil Rhodes left \$10 million dollars in his will to provide scholarships for Americans at Oxford University.

In 1945, during World War II, U.S. forces liberated the Nazi death camp Ohrdruf in Germany.

In 1945, U.S. troops on Okinawa encountered the first significant resistance from Japanese forces.

In 1949, 12 nations, including the United States, signed the North Atlantic Treaty, foundation of NATO.

In 1974, Hank Aaron of the Atlanta Braves tied Babe Ruth's home-run record by hitting his 714th round-tripper in Cincinnati.

In 1979, Zulfikar Ali Bhutto, the deposed prime minister of Pakistan, was hanged after he was convicted of conspiring to murder a political opponent. (His daughter, Benazir, became prime minister in 1988.)

In 1983, the space shuttle Challenger roared into orbit on its maiden voyage.

Ten years ago: Secretary of State James Baker met in Washington with his Soviet counterpart, Eduard Shevardnadze, for three days of talks on the Lithuanian crisis and arms control.

Five years ago: Francisco Martin Duran, who had raked the White House with semiautomatic rifle fire in October 1994, was convicted in Washington of trying to assassinate President Clinton (Duran was later sentenced to 40 years in prison). Sen. Alfonse D'Amato, R-N.Y., used a mock Japanese accent to ridicule O.J. Simpson trial judge Lance Ito on a nationally syndicated radio program. (He apologized two days later on the Senate floor.)

One year ago: NATO warplanes and missiles attacked an army headquarters, oil refineries and other targets in and around Belgrade. The Colorado Rockies beat the San Diego Padres 8-2 in baseball's first season opener held in Mexico.

Today's Birthdays: Composer Elmer Bernstein is 78. Actress Elizabeth Wilson is 75. Author-poet Maya Angelou is 72. Senator Richard Lugar (R-Ind.) is 68. Recording executive Clive Davis is 68. Actor Michael Parks is 62. Bandleader Hugh Masekela is 61. Author Kitty Kelley is 58.

THE Daily Crossword Edited by Wayne Robert Williams

ACROSS

- 1 Belly problem
- 5 Sages
- 9 Ring-shaped bread
- 14 Screwdriver, e.g.
- 15 Consumer
- 16 Wear away
- 17 Known only to the two of us
- 20 "Doubtful"
- 21 San _ Obispo, CA
- 22 University of Georgia's city
- 23 Astral
- 25 If not, then
- 26 Black gold
- 27 Pay attachment?
- 28 Hockey setting
- 32 Asimov or Newton
- 35 Does the crawl
- 37 Fish eggs
- 38 Privacy
- 41 Dine
- 42 Conical dwelling
- 43 Diamond corners?
- 44 Drove too fast
- 46 Beginning of town?
- 47 Noah's craft
- 48 East of the Urals
- 50 Shriveled away
- 54 Heads off
- 57 Hired thug
- 58 Loneliest number
- 59 Known only to the two of us
- 62 Diane Keaton film, "Hell"
- 63 Shirtsleeves
- 64 Bacterial culture base
- 65 Remain in force
- 66 Model
- 67 Vereen and Gazzara

DOWN

- 1 Particles
- 2 Romance
- 3 Mustang, e.g.
- 4 Cornering pipe
- 5 Reciprocal
- 6 Up and about
- 7 Styling products
- 8 Wrath
- 9 Root vegetables
- 10 Bowman
- 11 2000 candidate
- 12 Genesis location
- 13 Allows to
- 18 Unlawful
- 19 Genoese specialty
- 24 Lounge about
- 25 The "in" crowd
- 27 Possessed
- 29 Garden bloom
- 30 Musical symbol
- 31 Florida islands
- 32 Chills
- 33 Cleansing agent
- 34 Pot entrance fee
- 35 Brown tint
- 36 Hepburn film
- 39 Termination of existence
- 40 Seneca or Huron
- 45 Natural selection theorist
- 47 Provoke
- 49 Mighty mount
- 50 Condemns
- 51 Sidestep
- 52 Emaculate
- 53 People of equal status
- 54 Down with!
- 55 Blowhole
- 56 Sicilian volcano
- 57 Greek lunch
- 60 Forty winks
- 61 Apprehend

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