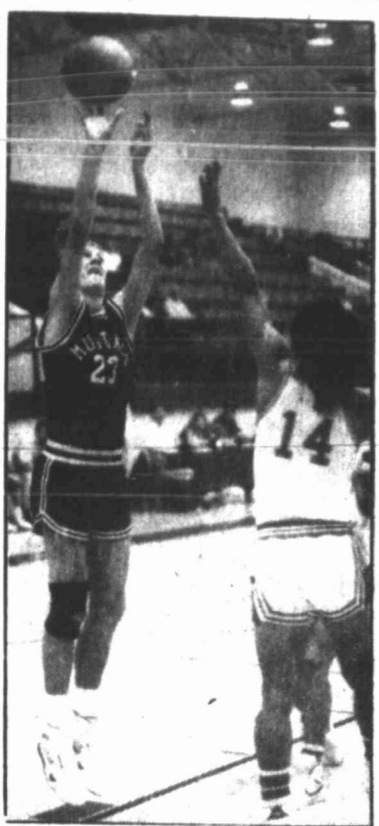
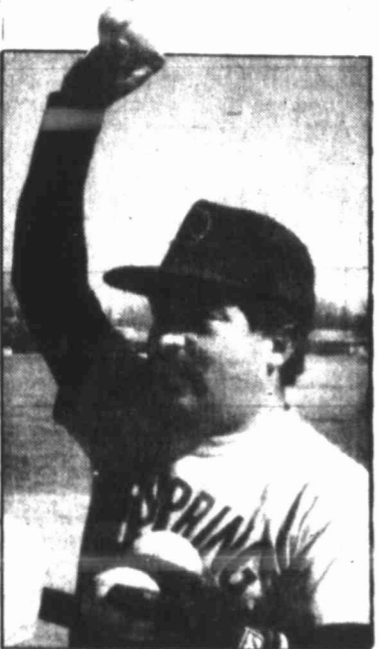


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Forecast for the Big Spring area: Mostly clear through Monday. Highs today in the 70s with some tonight in the mid 30s.



Board: Schools need \$110 million more

By JOEL WILLIAMS Associated Press Writer

CORPUS CHRISTI — Even without court-mandated school-finance reform, Texas' public schools need \$110 million more than the state has appropriated to stay within budget through next year, the State Board of Education said Saturday.

The board voted to recommend to legislators that they vote for emergency funding during a special session that begins Tuesday. Gov. Bill Clements called the session to meet a court's order to reform Texas' public school finance system.

Public schools will suffer the

Without extra state funding, which is based in part on the number of students enrolled, some districts may have to reduce staffs, impose hiring freezes, cut programs back or dip into reserve funds, said Will Davis, of Austin, chairman of the board's school finance committee.

shortfall because property values have dropped and because there will be about 30,000 more students enrolled during the 1990-91 school year than the Legislature projected during its 1989 regular session, board members said.

About 11,500 more students will be registered by the end of this school year than the 1989 Legislature expected, according to

the board.

The Texas Education Agency estimates that districts will suffer a statewide average loss of \$14.67 per student.

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funds, said Will Davis, of Austin, chairman of the board's school finance committee.

He added large school districts, such as Houston, Dallas and Austin, will be hurt the most.

"You can't take that much money away from a big school district without affecting personnel and programs," Davis said. Funding shortfalls, according to

the board, will be \$44 million this year and about \$65 million for the 1990-91 school year.

Texas Education Commissioner W. N. Kirby said the Board of Education warned the Legislature last year that it was not appropriating enough for the public schools.

But Kirby said the emergency funding should not interfere with the Legislature's mandate to overhaul the way schools are funded.

A unanimous Texas Supreme Court last October ruled that the \$11 billion school finance system unconstitutionally discriminates against property-poor school districts.

Murder suspect freed on bond

By BRAD WORRELL Staff Writer

BIG SPRING — A local man charged with murder is free on \$100,000 bond after being arrested Friday in connection with the shooting death of one man and the injuring of another.

Jessie Paul Silva, 26, of Big Spring, was transferred to the Howard County Jail and released on bond just hours after being arrested by police officers at 9:45 a.m. Friday. Silva was arraigned by Municipal Court Judge Gwen Fair, who set the \$100,000 bond.

Police officers responding to a call at 3:17 a.m. Friday in reference to shots fired in the 600 block of State Avenue arrived in the area to hear the cries of an unnamed woman asking for help, according to a police department news release.

When police entered a home at 606 State Ave. they found Tonnie

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Supplying asphalt

BIG SPRING — Tom Evans, an employee at the Fina Refinery, stands atop a tanker truck as he watches asphalt being poured into the truck from the loading docks. The plant, which provides

asphalt to much of Texas and for several other states, is one story highlighted in the 1990 Outlook, a special section being published today.

Herald photo by Tim Appel

Big Spring woman tells horror of being raped

By RUTH COCHRAN City Editor

BIG SPRING — It was mid-afternoon on a recent Friday, and Shirley was tiptoeing around her home to keep from awakening the two small children she was babysitting.

Busy with chores, Shirley came around the corner to find a strange man standing in her living room. Caught by complete surprise, she asked what he was doing. The stranger's only reply was to show her a knife.

The horror began. The young Big Spring woman was sexually assaulted and stabbed by the man who entered her house. The assault was a

nightmare, but the events that followed weren't as difficult because Shirley found people who cared.

Because of the help she received at the Rape Crisis/Victim's Services Center, Shirley felt compelled to tell her story.

"I want people to understand that whenever you're raped it's not your fault," she said. "That was my biggest fear — that people

would think it was my fault."

After she was assaulted, Shirley said she was overwhelmed by guilt because she didn't scream and try to fight off her attacker.

"I didn't want to report it. I didn't want people to think that it was my fault," Shirley said. "I had this feeling that people would look at me and know I was raped and blame me for it. But they didn't."

Shirley said she was even afraid

that her husband would be angry or feel she was too blame.

"My husband has been very supportive," she said. "I found out that if a man really loves you, he'll stand beside you. My husband has been with me through this 100 percent."

It was only the strong urging of a friend that convinced her to call the Big Spring Police and report the crime, something Shirley is now

grateful she was pushed to do.

"If I wouldn't have reported it to the police, I wouldn't have gone to Rape Crisis," Shirley said. And just as importantly, her attacker, who has since been arrested and remains in jail without bond, would have gone free.

"There would have been another victim," Shirley said, "and I would have felt more guilty because I didn't report it. And it does take guts to report a rape."

And it has taken guts for Shirley to make it through the crisis, both immediately after the attack and since then. Shirley said her counselor from the Rape Crisis Center was with her during the

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Doctor teaches residents how to defend themselves

By JOHN McMILLAN Staff Writer

BIG SPRING — Repulsing an assailant, even when he threatens your life, need not involve injury to him.

Dr. Jordan Yee, chief of psychiatry at the VA Medical Center, suggests one possibility: you can attempt to disarm an attacker with words.

"Verbal disengagement consists of destroying the fantasy of the attacker," Yee said, noting that rape is an act of violence in which a man attempts to subjugate a woman.

Yee suggests that a woman say she's menstruating or has AIDS, or that she ask the man not to hurt her.

Such comments may cause the attacker to underestimate the woman, which works to her advantage, Yee said. "The only guarantee for success is the element of surprise," he said. "Don't advertise that you're trained in self-defense. That's the worst thing you can do, because it takes away

the element of surprise and the range of execution."

When verbal disengagement fails, Yee said, physical force to protect oneself can be effective. A woman can use her knee to pop an attacker's eardrums, or she can knock the elbow against the carotid artery near the jaw, Yee said.

Yee, a Hong Kong native who has lived in Big Spring since last August, teaches the principles of self-defense in a course at the YM-CA entitled "Spiritual Self-Defense." The course combines Modern Arnis, taught by Remy Presas, and Kung-Fu, the fighting style taught by the martial artist Bruce Lee. The principle of self-defense is to neutralize, rather than hurt, an assailant, Yee said.

"Training in this is reflex training," Yee said. "Reflex fighting means (if) you touch me, my hand will execute." Such training permits an instant non-emotional response to an assailant, he said, noting that mental toughness is

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BIG SPRING — Dr. Jordan Yee practices self-defense skills in martial arts with Zachary Zilai, 9.

The "Spiritual Self-Defense" course began last fall at the Big Spring YMCA.

Herald photo by John McMillan

# Spring board

## How's that?

**Q.** What is the address for the Environmental Protection Agency?  
**A.** The address is: 401 M St. SW, Washington, D.C. 20460.

## Calendar Meeting

- MONDAY**
- The water will be turned off on Marijo and South Monticello streets from 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. in order to install a new valve.
- THURSDAY**
- The Texas Public Employees Association will meet at noon at La Posada.
  - Big Spring Community Theater will present "Death by Chocolate" at 7:30 p.m. at the Municipal Auditorium. Tickets, which are \$5 for adults, and \$3 for students and senior citizens, can be purchased at the door, or by calling 263-3873.
- FRIDAY**
- The Big Spring Model Aircraft Association will meet at 7:30 p.m. in the Chamber of Commerce Meeting Room, 215 West Third St. For additional information, please call 263-2038.
- SATURDAY**
- The Big Spring Junior Woman's Club is sponsoring a blood drive in the Big Spring Mall from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m.

## Tops on TV Movie

- Challenger ABC Sunday Night Movie. Karen Allen, Barry Bostwick. Despite technical and mechanical difficulties emerging as launch date nears, the seven Challenger astronauts looked to their journey with excitement. — 7 p.m. Channel 2.
- America's Funniest Home Videos — 6 p.m. Channel 2.
- Super Bloopers And New Practical Jokes — 9 p.m. Channel 4.

## Police beat

The Big Spring Police Department reported the following incidents:

- Yolanda Gonzales, 20, Rt. 2 Box 148, was arrested on charges of having no insurance or drivers license and failing to maintain a single lane.
- Kenneth Evans McGruder, 44, 4111 Parkway Drive, was arrested on a charge of having no insurance and failing to maintain a single lane.
- Pollard Chevrolet, 1501 E. Fourth St., reported criminal mischief that caused \$1,750 in damage to the windows and door of the dealership and to a new car.
- Bob Brock Ford, 500 W. Fourth St., reported criminal mischief that caused \$1,460 in damage to windows of the dealership.
- Elmore Crysler, 502 E. FM 700, reported criminal mischief that caused \$2,715 in damages.
- The police department recovered a stolen car at the North Service Road of Interstate 20.

## Sheriff's log

The Howard County Sheriff's Office reported the following incidents:

- Jesse Paul Silva, 26, Big Spring Mobile Park, was released on \$100,000 bond after being arrested on a charge of murder.
- Stanford Scott Shults, no age or address given, was released on \$1,500 bond after being arrested on a charge of indecent exposure.
- Theodore E. Rios, 19, 3206 W. Eighth St., was released on \$8,900 bond after being arrested on a charge of resisting arrest, possession of a controlled substance, and outstanding warrants for assault and having no insurance.

# Shuttle launch scrubbed

CAPE CANAVERAL, Fla. (AP) — Already delayed three days by weather and the mission commander's health, the launch of the shuttle Atlantis on a secret military mission was scrubbed with 31 seconds left in the countdown early Sunday.

"We have scrubbed for today," said Lisa Malone, the launch control center commensator.

The countdown had reached the 4-minute mark when the range safety monitor team detected a problem with one of its computers. The clock was counted down to 31 seconds, a point where the spacecraft computer takes control, and was held there while experts investigated the problem.

The range safety monitor is responsible for sending a radio signal to destroy the shuttle if it strays too far off course and threatens populated areas.

Malone reported that while the count was being held temperatures on the main engines went "out of limits," forcing launch director Bob Sieck to call off the effort for the day. No new launch date was set immediately.

Sieck and his launch team briefly considered trying to attempt the launch later in the morning, but after assessing all the options they decided they did not have enough time.

The five astronauts, who had been lying on their backs in the spacecraft for nearly three hours,

prepared to return to the crew quarters 7 miles away to await a new launch date.

Prior to the last-minute scrub, the clock had been stopped since Wednesday. But with the sky clear and Navy Capt. John O. Creighton over his cold, shuttle managers gave the go-ahead to pick up the count at midmorning for a Sunday morning launch.

Technicians pumped half a million gallons of volatile fuel consisting of liquid hydrogen and liquid oxygen into Atlantis' tanks at mid-afternoon.

A van carrying the five astronauts drove past the press viewing area, accompanied by security vehicles and a helicopter, about 10 p.m. An hour later the launch control center reported the astronauts were aboard the spaceship.

Earlier, a "red team" of four technicians moved onto the mobile launch platform to check out a problem with a fuel valve. They found a leak, fixed it and the countdown continued uninterrupted.

Because the mission is classified, the countdown and precise launch time are secret until the final nine minutes, but NASA said liftoff would be between midnight and 4 a.m.

Forecasters said hours before the planned launch that there was an 80 percent chance the weather would be favorable at launch time. This was up from a 70 percent prediction made earlier in the day.

The shuttle was expected to fly northeastward, a few hundred miles off the East Coast. If the weather was clear, the launch could be visible for hundreds of miles, as far north as New Jersey.

Weather officers said the temperature at launch time would be in the mid-40s, the coldest since Challenger was launched in 36 degrees on Jan. 28, 1986, and exploded 73 seconds later after flames escaped through a joint in one of the two solid fuel booster rockets.

A presidential commission said the cold weather was a contributing factor because it prevented a rubber O-ring in the joint from sealing properly. The joints have been redesigned and a heater has been added to each one.

NASA has said it would not now launch a shuttle in a temperature below 47 degrees if the wind were less than 6 mph. The forecast was for winds of about 16 mph, gusting to about 25 mph. A higher wind is an advantage when temperatures dip because it keeps frost from forming.

Atlantis' launch path would put it in an orbit that reportedly would cover a greater area of the globe than any other shuttle so that the reconnaissance satellite, once released by the five-member crew, can gather intelligence over northern areas of the Soviet Union where there are numerous military bases and missile sites.

## Suspect

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 Lynn Johnson, 32, reportedly of Colorado City, lying on the living room floor fatally wounded, the news release said.

Police also discovered in the living room Ray Kroener, 38, victim

of a gunshot wound, the news release said. Kroener, who listed the residence as his address, was taken to Scenic Mountain Medical Center.

A hospital spokeswoman said Kroener is in stable condition after

undergoing surgery on Friday.

Police Sgt. Jon Luebner said Friday that Silva was probably acquainted with the two men, and that the shooting may have been the result of an argument over a woman.



**BIG SPRING** — A one-car accident Saturday morning at about 1 a.m. left a 1985 Chevrolet Cavalier driven by Yolanda Gonzales, 20, of Big Spring on its roof in the front yard of a home owned by Betty Pearson in the 1100 block of W. Third Street. According to police reports, the car was traveling at a high rate of speed when Gonzales lost control of it. The car left 172 feet of skid marks before hitting a curb, becoming airborne,

striking the top of a tree, rolling over on its right side, striking a house and finally coming to rest on its own roof, said the police. Gonzales and her passenger, Rachel Gutierrez, 18, of Big Spring suffered non-incapacitating injuries in the accident but Gonzales was arrested on charges of having no drivers license or insurance and failing to maintain a single lane.

## Rape

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physical exam after her assault. Her counselor helped her understand that the attack wasn't her fault in any way.

"(The counselors) helped me realize that I did the best thing for me because I'm alive. I've survived this," Shirley said.

Survival is a day-to-day struggle for Shirley. Often, she says, guilt and fear overwhelm her. Her counselors have talked her through the worst episodes, she said.

"I've called. I've called a lot," she said. "They don't make you feel like you're taking up their time. They make you feel like you're wanted."

"They never tell you how you're supposed to feel — they listen and give suggestions and that helps."

Lisa Brooks, director of the Rape Crisis Center, said Shirley's reactions are very typical of a sexual assault victim.

"It's human nature to rationalize why bad things happen," Brooks said. "You get punished because you sinned."

And because it is such a tragedy for family members, it can be difficult for victims to find someone to talk to — loved ones are dealing with guilt feelings of their own, Brooks said.

"This is a very painful subject for a family member or someone who loves Shirley," Brooks said.

Shirley said her husband especially had difficulty coping with the rage he felt toward the attacker. Rape Crisis was able to help him too.

"He was going to pieces until (the counselor) got there and had a

chance to talk with him," Shirley said. Brooks said communities as a whole find rape a painful subject and so easy to ignore.

"People don't want to acknowledge that this kind of ugliness happens in our society," Brooks said. "I think one of the goals of the rape crisis movement is that victims of sexual crimes are not treated differently."

Shirley said her situation was made easier by the police, who were "understanding and kind."

"I want to thank the Rape Crisis Center and the Police Department for all their help — especially the Police Department for working on this case and not setting it aside," she said. Shirley said Patrolman Javier Beccera and Detective Mike Stahl, who worked on the case, were especially kind.

Stahl said the police department realizes that sexual assault victims need sympathy and sensitivity.

"The department does train you on how to deal with these (victims)," Stahl said. "You've got to be nice. It is real hard for a woman to go through something like that."

Stahl said rapes are a high-priority crime with the Big Spring PD.

"It's not an everyday occurrence but it does happen occasionally," Stahl said. "It is something we pay particular attention to. They are a definite threat to the public so we try to get it solved as quick as possible."

While Shirley was treated kindly throughout her ordeal, not all assault victims are as fortunate.

"I would have been treated a lot different if I hadn't been stabbed,"

Shirley said. "If I hadn't been stabbed, people wouldn't have believed it."

Brooks agrees that it can be difficult for law enforcement agencies to build a case if the victim isn't physically injured or if the attacker does not ejaculate.

"The attitudes are getting a lot better in law enforcement," she said, "but that's a valid concern. The emotional wounds don't show. It's easier to build a criminal case if there is good physical evidence."

Still, Brooks said that attitudes about rape have changed. People no longer believe the stupid myth that a woman "asks for it."

"I know in my neighborhood that people have been real good," Shirley said. "There's been a lot of support in my neighborhood — they watch my house."

Shirley said she is glad of that support. It helps her turn her feelings of guilt and fear to anger toward her attacker.

"I can't sleep at night and I can't go in the house alone," she said. "It makes me mad. I'm very angry that he did this to me. I didn't do anything wrong."

When she stumbles in her resolve, Shirley said Rape Crisis is there to help her.

"You can't deal with it on your own," she said. "You have to have someone to tell you. You need someone to tell you that it's all right, that you didn't do anything wrong."

"I want to encourage women to speak out about rape because it's a very bad crime. You need to tell when something bad happened to you because you've done nothing wrong."

## Crimestoppers

On Feb. 20, 1990 at approximately 11:45 a.m., an employee of Bluebonnet Savings Bank discovered a burglary at 906 W. 4th St. The house had been unoccupied since December of 1989 and was being remodeled. The exact date and time of the burglary has not been established, however, it definitely occurred within the past two months. The offenders gained entry by prying

open the front door of the house. The following items were removed from the house: a cream-colored electric oven, a cream-covered refrigerator, a garbage disposal and 24 square yards of brown carpet. Anyone with knowledge of this offense, whereabouts of the stolen property, or identity of any suspects involved is encouraged to call Crimestoppers at 263-TIPS. Crimestoppers will pay up to \$1,000 reward for information leading to the arrest and conviction or grand jury indictment of the person or persons involved in this offense.

## Defense

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central to self-defense. The course, which began in September, currently has nine regular students: one woman, four men and four children. People can enroll in the course at any time, Yee said. The fee for the course is \$10 per month for YMCA members and \$20 per month for non-members.

Yee emphasized that self-defense involves more than just technical skills. It also demands common sense, he said. After he immigrated to the United States in 1969, Yee said, he was attacked on about 10 different occasions in Los Angeles when he walked home from a night-shift job. "Prevention is always better than a cure," he said, saying that it's best to avoid walking the streets late at night.

One of the students, Zachary Zilai, 9, of Big Spring, said the course is teaching him "to defend my life, not my lunch money."

Zilai said he has not yet had his

life threatened, but that he's preparing for that possibility.

"They might want to kill me just to get some money to buy some drugs," Zilai said.

Zilai, who is the son of Emil and Gail Zilai, said he finds the course exciting.

Jose F. Martinez, 47, a maintenance worker at VA Medical Center, said he is learning from the course how to protect his family at home.

A third student, Aubrey Weaver Jr., 26, said he is developing more coordination from the course. When he was recently in the fruit section of the grocery store, Weaver said, an apple fell and he grabbed it before it reached the floor.

The techniques of self-defense don't just apply to repulsing rapists and criminals, Yee said. "Anybody can step on a rock and fall," he said, and the course teaches a person how to fall without injuring himself.

# Malcolm Forbes dies

NEW YORK (AP) — Malcolm Forbes, colorful publisher of the business magazine that bears his name and an unabashed proponent of capitalism, died of a heart attack in his sleep Saturday at his home, a spokesman for the magazine said. He was 70.

Forbes was pronounced dead at 4:30 p.m. at Timberfield, his home in Far Hills, N.J., said the spokesman, William Donald Garson, director of corporate communications for Forbes Inc.

Forbes, known for his motorcycles, mega-buck parties and balloon flights, had returned Saturday morning from a trip to London, Garson said.

Often seen in the company of longtime friend Elizabeth Taylor, Forbes appeared in newspaper celebrity columns as often as on the business pages.

"Forbes was the Babe Ruth of business publishing," said George Steinbrenner, principal owner of the New York Yankees, through a spokesman. "He made his mark through integrity, a toughness and wonderful sense of humor. We'll miss him."

Billionaire developer Donald Trump expressed shock at the death of his friend.

"Malcolm was an extraordinarily positive force in America's business and social

life. His loss takes excitement, creativity and genuine business leadership from every American businessman," Trump said through a spokesman, Howard Rubenstein.

Forbes spent a reported \$2 million on his 70th birthday party last year.

He was proclaimed an honorary citizen of Tangier as that bash — which included feast, seaside fireworks and nightlong dancing — drew to a close on Aug. 21.

The nearly 1,000 guests featured some of the top names in business, industry, entertainment and the arts: billionaire Donald Trump, Fiat Chairman Giovanni Agnelli, opera singer Beverly Sills, television personalities Walter Cronkite and Barbara Walters, Spanish singer Julio Iglesias, publishers Katharine Graham, Rupert Murdoch and Robert Maxwell, former Secretary of State Henry Kissinger, former Kings Constantine of Greece and Simeon of Bulgaria.

They were feasted in Moroccan-style tents in pigeon pie, lamb mechoui and chicken tajdine.

Forbes' worth was estimated by various sources at \$400 million up to \$1 billion.

He rode his Harley-Davidson motorcycles in numerous charity events, and set six ballooning records.

Miss Taylor had been his frequent companion since his 39-year marriage ended in divorce in 1985.

## Deaths

### W.M. Casey

BIG SPRING — W.M. (Bill) Casey, 79, Big Spring, died Saturday, Feb. 24, 1990, at a local hospital.

Graveside services will be at 2 p.m. Monday, at Trinity Memorial Park, under the direction of Myers & Smith Funeral Home.

He was born June 13, 1910 in Stanton. He had been a resident of Big Spring since 1936. He married Billie Mae Sparks July 29, 1937 in Stanton. She preceded him in death Oct. 17, 1988.

He owned Casey's Body Shop from 1946 to 1977, and had been employed by Lone Star Chevrolet. He was a Jehovah's Witness, and was active in the Big Spring Senior Citizen's Center.

Survivors include one son, Monroe Casey, Big Spring; one stepson, Dan Sparks, Big Spring; two brothers: B.F. Casey, Fort Worth; and Earl Casey, Lakeside, Ariz.; five grandchildren, and seven great-grandchildren.

**MYERS & SMITH**  
 Funeral Home and Chapel  
 267-8288  
 301 E. 24th St., Big Spring

He was preceded in death by one daughter and two sisters. The family will be at 1602 Wason Road.

### Eva Crawley

Eva Terry Crawley, 92, died Tuesday, Feb. 13, 1990.

Services were conducted at Ellis Funeral Home in Midland.

She was born March 12, 1897 in Birmingham, Ala., moving to West Texas in the early 1900s.

Survivors include two daughters: Johnnye Gaspie, and Jackie Richman, both of Midland; one sister, Mrs. Porter Motley, Knott; many grandchildren, great-grandchildren, nieces and nephews.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Perry Crawley, a son and one daughter.

### Robert Kirby

Robert Kirby, 89, died Saturday, Feb. 24, 1990, at a local hospital. Services are pending at Myers & Smith Funeral Home.

### Ellen Pearson

Ellen June Pearson, 56, Big Spring, died Saturday, Feb. 24, 1990 at a local hospital. Services are pending at Myers & Smith Funeral Home.

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**Inside Texas**

**Expensive lawyers**

AUSTIN (AP) — Each lawyer in the United States costs the economy an average of \$1 million per year, according to a finance professor who believes the country's economy weakens as the number of attorneys increases.

Steven Magee, a University of Texas-Austin professor who was an economist in the Nixon administration, said Friday the country's 500,000 lawyers are dampening the gross national product by \$500 billion, or about 10 percent.

Magee theorizes that the effect is caused by wealthy corporations and individuals who hire lawyers to "get their hands into each others pockets."

These findings are part of a book Magee co-authored titled "Black Hole Tariffs and Endogenous Policy Theory."

**Maladjusted gorillas**

DALLAS (AP) — You can lead a gorilla to grass, but can you make him sit?

That is the question Dallas Zoo officials are trying to resolve.

The zoo's gorillas are scheduled to be moved to a new, outdoor enclosure in April. Zoo director Warren Liff says that may not set well with a few of the large beasts who are now living behind bars in an indoor facility.

"Gorillas are conservative," Liff said. "They will need time to adapt to the change."

Liff said a large male named Om Bom is particularly leery of any changes.

"He may not even be willing to walk on the grass," Liff said.

Zoo staff members are trying to help the gorillas get used to sitting on grass so they will be ready and willing to make the move when the new Wilds of Africa primate habitat is completed.

Zoo officials earlier checked out the habitat to ensure it will be escape proof by bring in several mountain climbers to detect design problems.

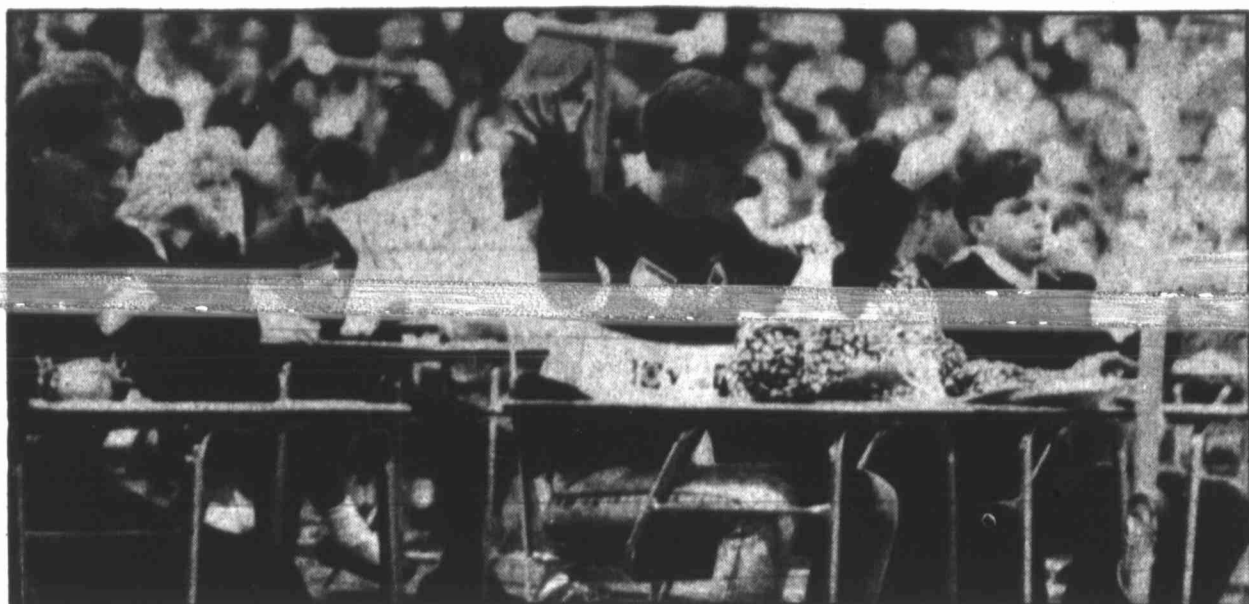
**Fake goods**

AUSTIN (AP) — The U.S. Customs Service has confiscated up to \$85,000 of counterfeit designer watches, purses and other goods in the largest seizure of its kind in Austin, law officers said.

The seizures came after a six-month investigation into look-alike items being sold on Travis County streets and in flea markets and residences, officials said Friday.

The items are manufactured in Asia and sent to the United States. Counterfeit designer logos then are attached and items are sold for a fraction of what the authentic goods cost.

Among the counterfeit designer items were ersatz Rolex and Gucci watches, and fake Louis Vuitton and Gucci accessories such as handbags and belts.



SUGARLAND — Charley Collins of North Garland High School reacts to a missed question in the Super Quiz segment of the Texas Academic Decathlon held in Sugarland. High schools from

across the state compete in the event with the winner going on to represent Texas at the United States academic decathlon held in Des Moines, Iowa, later this year.

**Students compete in brainpower**

SUGARLAND (AP) — Hundreds of Texas high school students gathered at a Fort Bend school Saturday to show their brainpower at the seventh annual Texas Academic Decathlon.

The competition, which pits teams of A-, B- and C-students against peers from 40 Texas schools, is the forerunner to the national contest, which this year will be conducted in Des Moines, Iowa.

"For four of the past six years we've participated, Texas has had a national winner," said Laura Gaston Guice, spokeswoman for Fort Bend Independent School District, which acts as host to the 1989-90 state championship. In the other two years, Texas schools have finished second in the national contest.

The program, begun in 1968 in Orange County, Calif., is designed to give students the excitement of athletic competitions in academic pursuits. Students compete locally and regionally in six-member

teams composed of two A-average students (Varsity class), two B-average students (Scholastic class) and two C-average students (Honor class). There are three alternates on each team, as well.

The students take a series of six tests of academic strengths, give three demonstrations of communication abilities and compete in the Super Quiz, a team event before a large audience.

"Yesterday, they did the speech and interviews to test their skills communication skills," Ms. Guice said Saturday. "This morning they did the essay and this afternoon they are in the testing areas: mathematics, science, social science, economics, language and literature, and fine arts."

Students are required to be interviewed for seven minutes, give two speeches — a four-minute prepared speech and a two-minute impromptu speech — and write an essay in an hour. The other six contests consist of 30-minute exams.

The Super Quiz is based on a single topic that changes each year and pits students in rapid-fire questioning competition.

"There are team winners and individual winners," Ms. Guice said.

Winners receive gold, silver and bronze medals and scholarships. Members of the top-scoring team and the top individual scorer in each grade division will receive \$4,000 college scholarships, with the top team advancing to the national contest in April.

Second-place team and individual state winners receive \$2,000 scholarships and third-place winners receive \$1,000 scholarships.

The program began in Texas in 1984 with 20 schools participating. This year, hundreds of schools competed in 12 regions to advance to the state contest.

The program has spread to at least 40 states with more than 60,000 students expected to participate at some level.

**Poll: Richards, White deadlocked**

AUSTIN (AP) — Mark White and Ann Richards are deadlocked in the Democratic race for governor, and Clayton Williams is the runaway favorite for the Republican nomination, a new poll shows.

As they head into the final two weeks before the March 13 primary, White, the former governor, has moved slightly ahead of Ms. Richards, the state treasurer who had been the Democratic front-runner, according to the poll for The Dallas Morning News and the Houston Chronicle.

"We're moving ahead in leaps and bounds, that much is for sure," White said in a prepared statement Saturday. "Meanwhile, Richards' support is slipping. It appears that her failure to adequately answer some of the questions that many Texans feel are important is haunting her."

Ms. Richards has been embroiled in controversy since Thursday

over an alleged reference to undocumented workers as "wetbacks" in a 1976 campaign speech.

Ms. Richards has accused Democratic hopeful Jim Mattox of planting a newspaper story containing the alleged slur.

"That has not slowed Ann down at all," said Glenn Smith, Ms. Richards' campaign manager. "I think the people recognize it for what it is — a desperate attempt by a desperate candidate."

The latest survey indicates Mattox has made progress in the Democratic contest but still runs a distant third.

Among Republicans, Williams, the Midland rancher and oilman who is making his first bid for statewide office, continues to bolster his lead — racking up support from 45 percent of likely GOP voters.

"He's dominating the race," said pollster Richard Murray. "Everybody else is fighting to keep

him under 50 percent."

The pollster said Williams possibly could win the GOP nomination outright, avoiding an April 10 runoff with the second-place candidate.

Railroad Commissioner Kent Hance was the choice of 23 percent surveyed. Former Secretary of State Jack Rains had eight percent and Dallas lawyer Tom Luce had seven percent, according to the poll.

Among likely Democratic voters, White had 34 percent, Ms. Richards had 31 percent and Mattox had 17 percent.

White has narrowed the gap, mostly because voters are more familiar with him, Murray said. He also said the poll indicates that White and Ms. Richards will almost certainly meet in an April runoff.

The survey was conducted Feb. 18-20 for The Dallas Morning News and the Houston Chronicle.

**State workers liable in big-money suits**

AUSTIN (AP) — A jury awarded against four state employees has fueled fears that any state employee could face personal liability and huge fines when judgments are returned against the state.

Virtually everyone who works in law enforcement, supervises others, or serves on a board or commission is vulnerable to lawsuit damages because a 1950s era law offers them limited protection, the Austin American-Statesman reported Saturday.

Worries began last week, when four Texas Parks and Wildlife Department employees were named as defendants in a civil rights case. Former state park superintendent David Ferry, who had argued he was wrongfully fired for theft in 1985, won the lawsuit and was awarded \$1.1 million.

If the judgment were upheld, Parks and Wildlife executive director Charles Travis and three of his employees would face personal liability of \$800,000, because state protection runs out at \$300,000.

State of Texas employees are insured in the course of their work by the Official Indemnity Act, which provides protection of \$100,000 per employee, with a \$300,000 maximum per case.

John West, chief of legal services for the Department of Public Safety, said the law is outdated.

"When that statute was passed,

that was a lot of coins," he said. "It's not now. Multimillion dollar verdicts are very, very common."

The potential for liability has worried employees in other departments, such as the Department of Human Services and the DPS, which attracts a large number of lawsuits.

"It (vulnerability) runs from our commissioners all the way down to the lowest paid employee in the department," West said. "Everybody is subject to having a judgment returned against them in excess of indemnity."

J.B. McReynolds, general counsel of the DHS, said the agency has looked into various kinds of insurance coverage, but found none suitable.

The solution, West said, could be to raise or remove the indemnity cap. California offers unlimited protection for employees hit with judgments as a result of carrying out their job duties, said Alan Ashby of the California Attorney General's office.

And one Texas office, the Texas prison board, has been awarded unlimited protection by the state Legislature.

Department of Criminal Justice attorney Leonard Peck said the move was necessary because of federal court-ordered reforms of the prison system and the potential for contempt judgments if the state does not comply.

**Singer voices support for Hightower**

AUSTIN (AP) — Country singer Willie Nelson, who helped raise money for needed farmers with his Farm Aid concerts, now is raising money for Texas Agriculture Commissioner Jim Hightower.

Hightower, a two-term Democrat seeking re-election, has sent out a four-page fund-raising letter from Nelson which says the commissioner needs money to combat efforts by the Texas Farm Bureau and the chemical lobby to oust him.

"They are trying to get rid of him . . . for actually doing what he was elected to do. Namely, help our farmers and ranchers and rural communities," the letter says.

"The Farm Bureau and the chemical lobby are determined to knock him off and replace him with someone who is indebted to them," said Nelson, who last year testified on Hightower's behalf when the Legislature considered turning the commissioner's elected job into an appointed post.

The letter was sent to nearly 20,000 Texans. "The response to it is great," said Jeff Sugerman, Hightower's campaign press secretary.

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# Opinion

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### Two tax issues: Caution, please

The Big Spring City Council has important issues facing its members Tuesday evening. That alone is nothing new. Important issues are faced regularly. And, as usual, these important issues could have long-ranging impact on the city's future.

Among the council's agenda will be the question of a switch in the tax burden from property owners to consumers through a sales tax boost of one-half of one percent — about \$700,000 — and a reduction in the ad valorem tax bill by that amount. This would produce the same number of tax dollars, but theoretically spread the burden over a broader group of taxpayers — visitors, out-of-town shoppers and non-owner residents who live within the city.

Also under consideration is a clearly distinct, separate tax issue that would be the basis for a tax-funded, publicly-manned economic development force. This issue would also be funded by a one-half percent sales tax, another \$700,000 annually, and be used for the pursuit and creation of jobs.

Although one paragraph on each summarizes major points, there is a great deal of discussion and consideration that needs to be given these subjects to ensure wise judgments are made when voted upon.

The city council is considering, on second and final reading, setting the date for votes on these two issues for May 5, at the time of the regular city election.

Nothing besides the timing of the proposed vote and the coincidence of one-half percent of the sales tax ties these two issues together. Unfortunately, in the maze of election responsibility, a lack of clear understanding of the different issues could threaten their outcome — not necessarily for good reason, but perhaps for lack of good reason.

Any decision with such promised long-term impact as economic development needs to be reached on the basis of education and clear understanding of the issues. That is not a process that is going to happen overnight, especially on these issues.

Perhaps a suggestion of a very deliberate, thorough approach should be given; the possibility of delaying the vote on the economic development issue deserves serious attention by our council.

There is no question that May 5, the date of the regular city, school board and college board elections, will be a most convenient time for these issues to be placed before voters. Experience tells us, however, the most convenient isn't always the best.

A great deal of work needs to be done between now and election day for these tax questions — regardless of the date. It's possible to fully inform voters of one; it may even be possible to educate them on both. But it surely is not going to be possible without a considerable amount of work by those who must take responsibility for delivering this education.

Neither proposition can take effect before Jan. 1, and the simple fact of the matter is that Big Spring's political atmosphere between now and then promises to be highly charged as a result of a potential recall election, among other issues.

The economic development aspect could play a particularly crucial role in assisting Big Spring in efforts to grow and make available to its citizens a standard of living and jobs they have a right to seek. However, its success in at least one city in this region was only by a very narrow margin and the implications of this cannot be ignored.

Perhaps the only issue that faces a more difficult path to success by public vote than a misunderstood proposition is a proposition that's already failed once — for whatever reason.

Reality of our situation dictates also that the economic development question must be balanced with the "No Tax Max" argument to which we've been exposed. It will be a misrepresentation to consider this anything but a new tax, no matter how beneficial.

The city council that votes to place this on the ballot must accept the responsibility of seeing that the public is fully informed and educated on the subject. It would be a sad commentary if either issue was to succeed or fail for any reason other than its individual merits.

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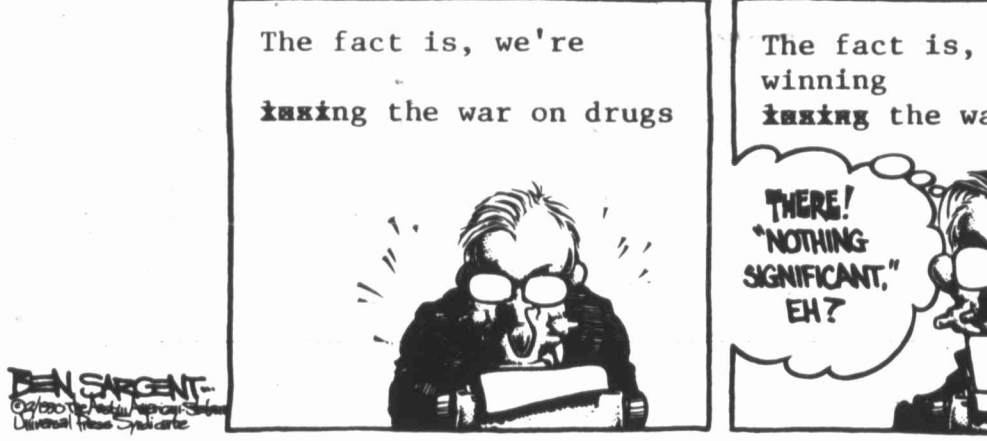
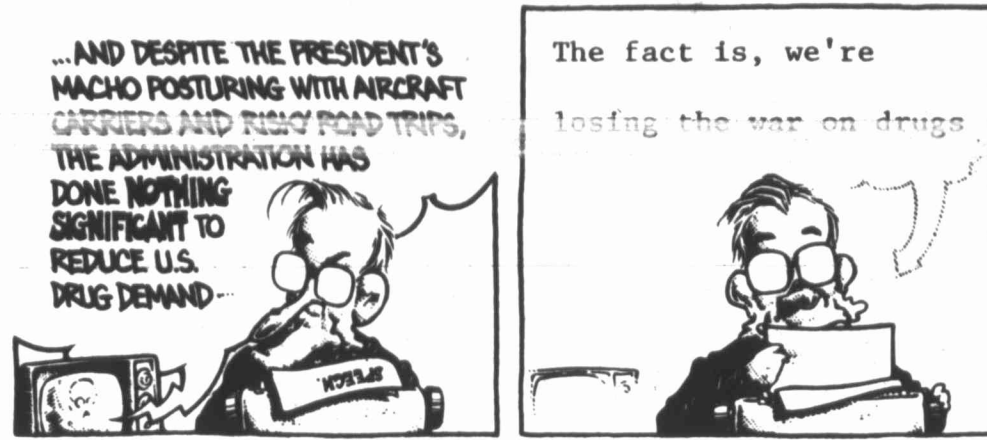
"I've given a lot of thought to how the system could be beat. I haven't yet been able to come up with a good scheme." — Elliott Richardson, former U.S. attorney general, who is heading a U.N. observer mission to ensure fair results in Sunday's Nicaraguan elections.

"I feel like I threw 30 years of

my life away." — Arnold Kephart, 53, who deserted the U.S. Army and fled to East Germany in 1959 fearing punishment after wrecking an Army truck.

"Sixteen years does not take the place of the friends I lost." — Tammy Darnell, a survivor of the nation's worst drunken-driving accident, after Larry Mahoney was sentenced to 16 years for the 1988 crash in which he slammed into a school bus on a church outing, killing 24 teen-agers and three adults.

"I may not agree with what you say, but I will defend to the death your right to say it." — Voltaire



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### GOP seeks to gain Senate strength

By WALTER R. MEARS  
AP Special Correspondent

WASHINGTON — Off-year elections usually are lean years for the party that holds the White House, but Republicans think they can break the pattern in 1990 and gain enough Senate strength to bid for renewed control in 1992.

To do it, they'll have to add at least one or two to their current 45-seat minority, reversing the odds that confront a president's party with the likelihood of losses in the congressional elections between presidential campaigns.

That and House redistricting make the Nov. 6 elections crucial in shaping congressional politics for the rest of the century. The 36 governors and the legislatures being chosen this year will control the redrawing of congressional districts based on the 1990 census. "The political jackpot is going to be who gets to draw the lines come 1991," Vice President Dan Quayle says.

It all comes together in 1992 when President Bush presumably will be seeking a second term, the new House districts will be in effect for the first time and Senate control could be within the reach of Republican challengers.

The House is too Democratic, and incumbents too strong, for there to be any near-term prospect of a change in the control the Democrats have held for 34 years. They now have 85 seats more than the Republicans, and the president's party has not gained House seats in a midterm election since 1934.

"If 1992 is a good year for Republicans and we do well in 1990, then we stand to gain immeasurably in political terms," Quayle said in a recent interview. "So this is a year to really establish the foundation."

That won't be done easily. Republicans have 18 Senate seats at risk this year, Democrats 16. Only three incumbents have announced they are retiring, and all



are Republicans. But the GOP is almost certain to hold one of those seats, in New Hampshire, and is in good position to recapture the others, in Idaho and Colorado.

Overall, Quayle says the Republicans "have a better crop of challengers this time, on a comparative basis, than we've ever had." That includes a half-dozen House members risking those seats to run against Democratic senators. The Democrats, on the other hand, have seen some of their most promising challengers step aside for 1990.

In two states where Republican senators would have been heavy favorites anyhow, they may not have a thing to worry about.

Virginia Democrats have not found a candidate to oppose Sen. John W. Warner, who says he would "accept that decision with humility" and campaign anyhow. Nor is there significant opposition so far to Republican Sen. Strom Thurmond of South Carolina, 87 and seeking a seventh term in the Senate he entered as a Democrat. He switched parties in 1964.

Democratic Sen. David Pryor of Arkansas has no announced opponents, either, in his bid for a virtually certain third term.

Campaigns like those are typical, with incumbents strong and challengers facing long odds. Some will tighten toward upsets; most will run to form.

The 1990 Senate battlegrounds will include Iowa, Illinois, Michigan and Rhode Island, with Democratic incumbents, and Kentucky and South Dakota, where

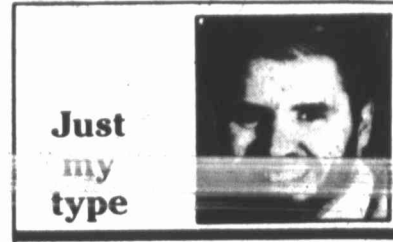
Republican senators seek new terms. Sen. Dan Coats of Indiana, appointed to succeed Quayle, is running in his first statewide election, challenged by a Democratic state representative. That's a long shot for the Democrats, but it will be a target. They would delight in capturing the vice president's old Senate seat as they won the seat he and Coats once held in the House.

The battle for the Senate itself likely will wait at least two years. With the Democrats up 55 to 45, it would take Republicans an improbable five-seat off-year gain to get to the tie the vice president's vote would make into a GOP majority. But the erosion of Republican Senate strength over the past three elections is, ironically, one basis for GOP optimism this time. Off-year swings against the White House party usually occur because of the vulnerability of first-term members elected on the coattails of the winning presidential candidate. The major impact is in the House, with two-year terms, rather than the Senate, with six.

But Democrats have not sustained a net loss of Senate seats in any election since 1980, when the Republicans gained a dozen and captured the control they held for the next six years.

Twenty seats now held by Democratic senators will be up for election in 1992, while Republicans will have to defend 14. Bush's name atop the ticket should help GOP Senate candidates, although he showed no coattail strength in the 1988 elections.

Then again, the voters may prefer the lineup of power the way it stands now. An NBC News-Wall Street Journal poll conducted last month found 63 percent of those surveyed think it is better to have different parties controlling Congress and the White House, and only 24 percent want both branches in the same political hands.



### Stories from one busy week

By ROBERT WERNSMAN  
Publisher

As I write this I have to believe the next seven days can in no way resemble the past seven days.

Oh please, lord. I jest somewhat. It's been hectic, but not quite the same as when we once had three reporters gone from the office for 10 days and Steve Reagan, a relative newcomer to the staff, manned the oars.

Preparation for today's annual Herald Outlook edition consumed nearly everyone's attention when crunch time arrived this week.

Outlook number one from here? If you've read this, we've survived to produce an edition that we hope informs you about plans and expectations for the coming year. But we would not have done it without the 100 percent effort of all the staff members who put their thumb prints on it. That, of course, is an encouraging note for us as we consider our 1990 outlook.

Anybody who wasn't dealing with an Outlook '90 edition this week in our office was spending time ironing out details for our expansion into Stanton. More details about that project appear elsewhere in today's paper.

Also weaved into the past week was the first town hall meeting sponsored by Leadership Big Spring, which consumed a few extra hours. Its results made all the energy expended well worth the effort.

I would have preferred a more definitive statement — "You will have very clean, salt-free water by June 1" — but wouldn't everyone? However, I balance that with the realities of living where we live, the amount we're willing to spend and, perhaps most importantly, the price we would pay ecologically in terms of water wasted to produce an equal amount of tap water that would offend no one.

Interestingly, an exchange by a panel member and a member of the audience left very specific — although wrong — impressions on some people in attendance. Three people have now told me that the panelist was wrong to tell someone to get out of town if he didn't like the water.

Funny thing, that's not quite what was said. The reason I remember so specifically is that I've said the same thing in the same situation. The actual exchange, without benefit of tape, was closer to: "How long have you lived in Big Spring?" Answer: "Too long." Response: "Then you ought to leave."

I understand exasperation and I've felt it more than a time or two — before living in Big Spring and certainly since. But on two occasions I've been confronted by people who express the sentiment that they had lived in Big Spring "too long."

Although I know I have an irritating tendency to see things in black or white and not enough in gray, to them I must say: There are roads that lead away from here. I know, having arrived on one — by choice.

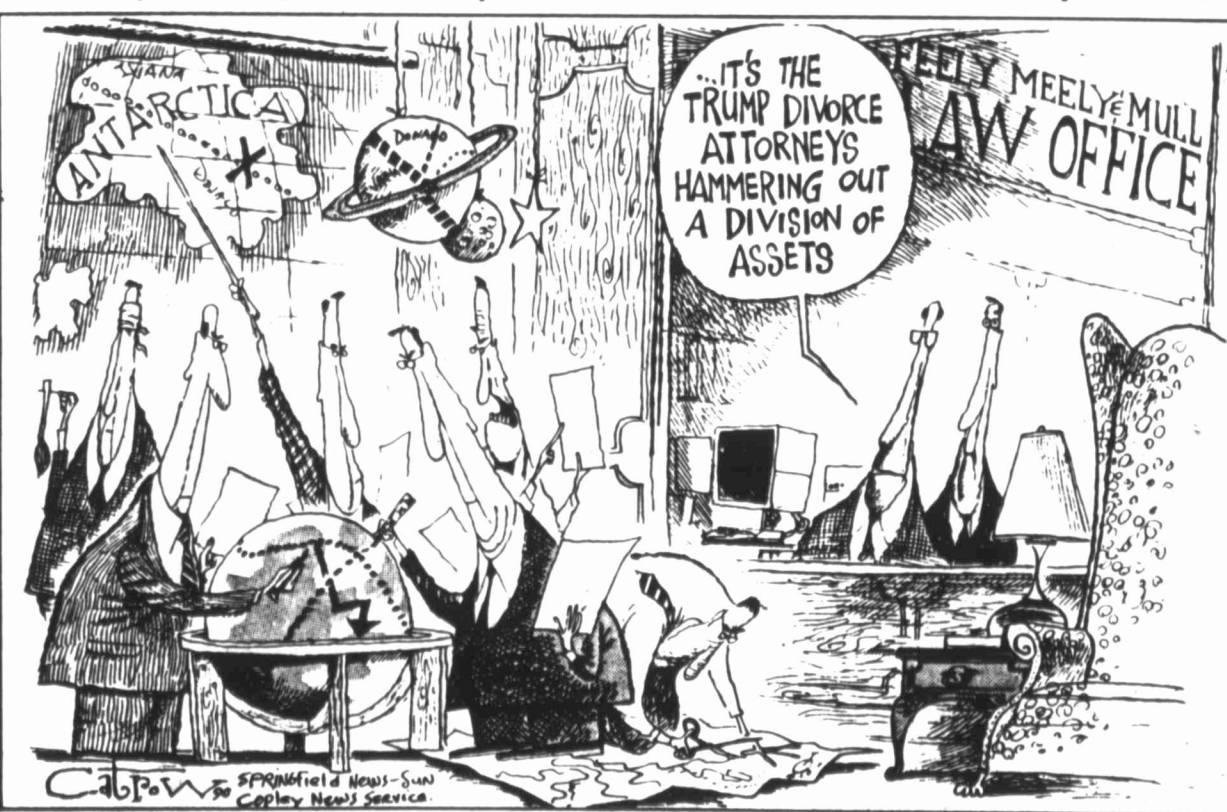
Finally, I enjoyed a wonderful laugh from a friend and reader this week — and share this story that's brightened my last several days, several times. She writes:

*Speaking of embarrassing moments:*  
Last night I awoke at 1:30 a.m. to the sound of the cat again digging in the kitchen garbage can right next to my bedroom door. Sick to death of her nocturnal feasts, I lay there a moment or two deciding on the best course of action. The only thing that ever works with cats is to spray them with water or scare the hell out of them. I quickly settled on the latter, sprang from my bed stark naked, ripped open the bedroom door and charged into the kitchen, yelling, "AAAAAARGHHH!!!"

I don't know who was more shocked and terrified — me or my teen-age son who was in there making a sandwich.

The cat was nowhere in sight. Of course, I didn't really stick around long enough to look for her.

Oh well, such is life, I guess. We're both carefully avoiding each other today.



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# Nation

## No evidence in child abuse case

FORT LAUDERDALE, Fla. (AP) — Police say they found no evidence to support a child-abuse case against a day-care center owner who kept nude pictures of some of the children placed in his care.

In the four weeks since John Shaver's arrest on child pornography charges, counselors and investigators interviewed former employees and 20 children from his Rainbow Learning Center, police said Friday.

"What we have is not even close to substantiating a criminal charge," said police Capt. Bruce

Smith. "All we have are comments from some children that might be interpreted as inappropriate touching by Mr. Shaver."

He did not elaborate on what children told the counselors.

On Thursday, prosecutors backed away from a report that three of the children had gonorrhea of the throat. The state attorney's office said the three originally tested positive for gonorrhea but had come up negative on a second test. Tests of Shaver found no trace of the disease.

## Quake spurs child custody fight

OAKLAND, Calif. (AP) — As an 8-month-old boy cuts his teeth and makes new gurgling sounds, a judge is deciding whom the baby will call "Mommy" and "Daddy" in place of parents who died on an earthquake-smashed freeway.

The baby's parents dropped Jimmy Brown off at his great-grandmother's home on Oct. 17 as they headed to a Berkeley pier to go fishing with friends. They never saw the baby again.

Michelle Richard, 18, and 21-year-old James Brown III, a high school student and her

unemployed lover, died when the 7.1-magnitude quake twisted an elevated portion of freeway on which they traveled into a mangled mess of collapsed concrete and steel. A total of 67 people lost their lives in the temblor, most of them on the freeway.

The quake left their baby at the center of an intense emotional and legal tug-of-war. Several bereaved relatives stepped forward seeking custody of Jimmy, who stands to collect at least \$100,000 from a state-controlled account compensating relatives of the freeway victims.

## NRC to license nuclear plant

CONCORD, N.H. (AP) — The Seabrook nuclear power plant is on the verge of obtaining an operating license after years of demonstrations, regulatory delays and financial problems that forced its lead owner into bankruptcy.

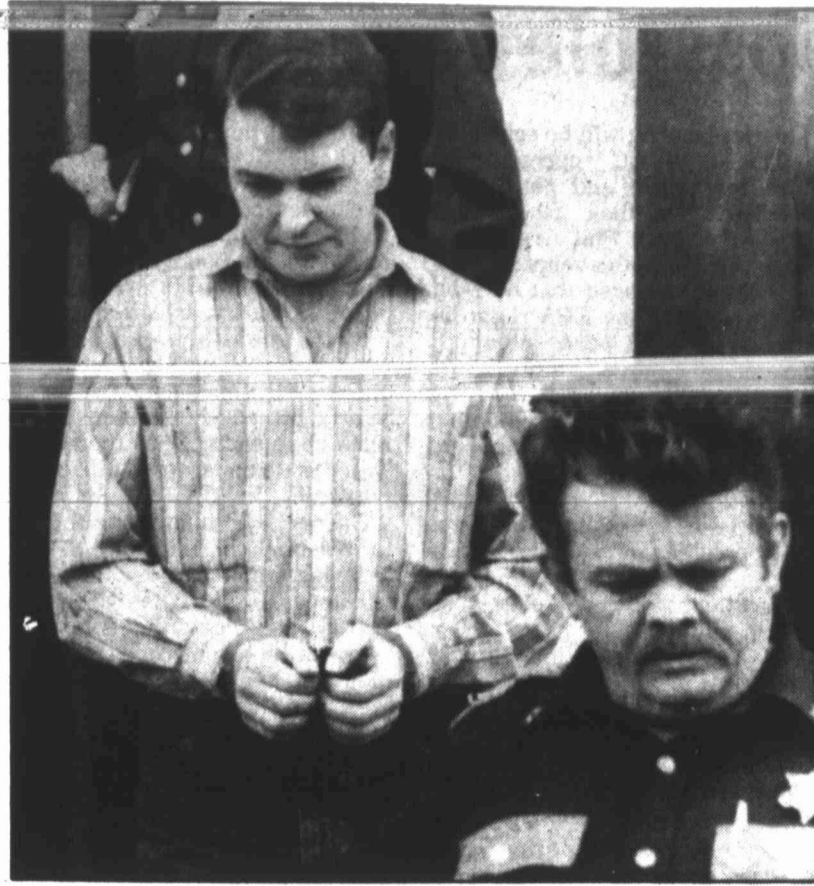
The Nuclear Regulatory Commission said last week that it would rule Thursday on a license for the \$6.4 billion plant, which became a symbol for opponents of nuclear power in the 1970s.

Protests began before groundbreaking in August 1976, when 18 people were arrested at the site. Subsequent protests have resulted in about 3,200 arrests, including 1,400 in a May 1977 demonstration. The last major demonstration was in October, when 475 people were arrested.

If the NRC gives its approval, as expected, spokesman John Kopeck said there would be about a week of paperwork before the commission issued the actual license.



NUCLEAR PLANT



CARROLLTON, Ky. — Larry Mahoney, left, is led from the Carroll County courthouse by Sheriff George Cayton after being sentenced to 16 years in prison for causing the bus crash that killed 27 people.

## Mahoney to serve 16 years in prison

CARROLLTON, Ky. (AP) — A man convicted of killing 27 people in the nation's worst drunken-driving accident was sentenced to 16 years in prison, but one crash survivor said he should have been sent to jail for life.

"Sixteen years does not take the place of the friends I lost," said Tammy Darnell, breaking down in tears after Larry Mahoney was sentenced on Friday.

Mahoney was quiet during the sentencing, but many of his relatives burst into tears. His 7-year-old daughter, Shawna, a victim of spina bifida, began wailing after the sentence was read.

Mahoney, 36, can be eligible for parole in eight years.

Carroll Circuit Judge Charles Satterwhite denied a defense motion to place Mahoney on probation and handed down the sentence recommended by the jury, which convicted him more than two months ago.

Telling the packed courtroom that while few may remember

what is said at the hearing, "I doubt that anyone will ever forget what brought us here."

The defense plans to appeal.

On May 14, 1988, Mahoney slammed into the front of a school bus packed with teen-agers on a church outing while driving in the wrong direction on Interstate 71. Twenty-four teens and three adults died.

He was convicted of 27 counts each of second-degree manslaughter and first-degree wanton endangerment, 12 counts of first-degree assault, 14 of second-degree wanton endangerment and one of drunken driving.

Defense lawyer William Summers urged Satterwhite to grant probation to bring something positive from the tragedy. The defense recommended a probation plan under which Mahoney would have lectured schoolchildren about the dangers of drunken driving, served volunteer time in hospital emergency wards and spent one year in a work release program.

# World

## Bonn renounces claims to Poland

WEST BERLIN (AP) — The West German government has assured the Bush administration that a reunified Germany will renounce any claim to Polish land, a newspaper said Saturday.

The report came as West German Chancellor Helmut Kohl met with President Bush at Camp David, Md., for weekend talks, mainly involving unification.

Poland wants a clear renunciation from the Bonn government that a reunified Germany would

not seek to take control of German territory that was given to Poland at the end of World War II.

The West German newspaper Bild am Sonntag said Saturday that Interior Minister Wolfgang Schäuble has told U.S. Secretary of State James A. Baker III a reunified Germany would respect the current border with Poland. The assurances were reportedly given during a visit to Washington earlier in the week.

## Salvadorans mourn Duarte

SAN SALVADOR (AP) — Hundreds of mourners Saturday thronged a church to pay respects to former President Jose Napoleon Duarte, who tried and failed to ease the searing class divisions that sparked a crippling, decade-old civil war.

Duarte died at his home Friday after a long battle with cancer. He was 64.

Two of Duarte's six children, Alejandro and Napoleon, accompanied by leaders of the Christian Democratic Party he helped found, carried his flag-draped

coffin to the Don Rua Roman Catholic church in the blue-collar neighborhood of San Miguelito.

Military school cadets escorted the procession.

About 500 mourners, many carrying flowers, awaited them at the church, where Duarte's body was to lie in state until the funeral today.

Mourners, many of them poor, continued to arrive early Saturday while hundreds of others blocked streets outside the church. Police cordoned off the area.

## Warship attacks passenger ferry

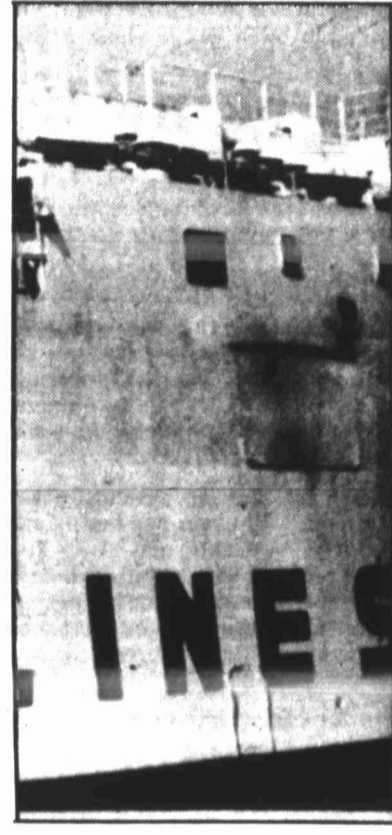
LARNACA, Cyprus (AP) — A Syrian gunboat apparently looking for arms shipments to Lebanon shelled a passenger ferry traveling from Cyprus to Lebanon on Saturday, killing one civilian and injuring 18, crew members and military officials said.

The dead man was identified as a 26-year-old Lebanese who had just obtained an emigration visa to Canada and was headed home to pick up his pregnant wife.

Crew members said the attackers menaced the Baroness M before pumping 20 shells into it as it headed for the Lebanese port of Jounieh.

The ship was flying a Syrian flag and was apparently on guard against weapons shipments to Lebanon, where the Christian army leader opposes the Syrian-backed government and the presence of 40,000 Syrian soldiers deployed to quell civil war fighting.

Military sources on Cyprus, speaking on condition of anonymity, said they also believed the boat that attacked was Syrian.



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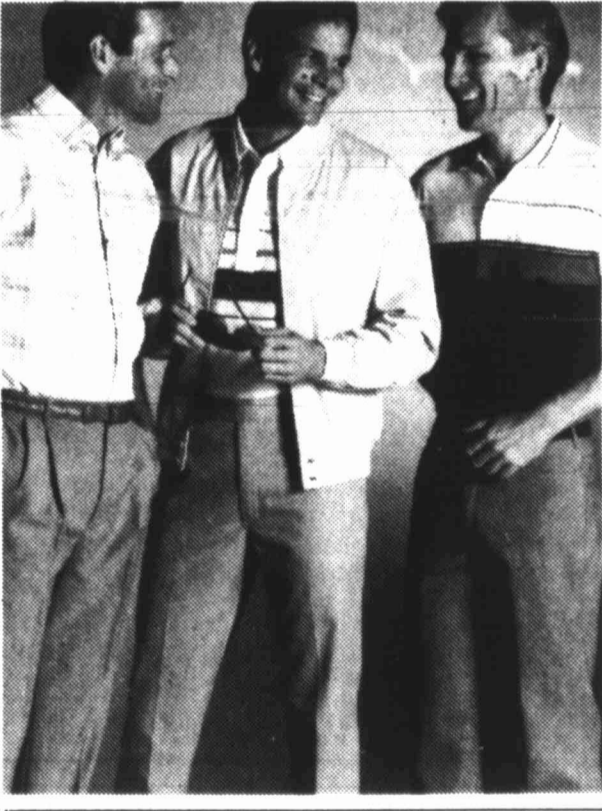
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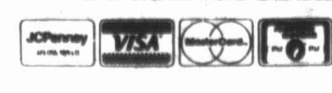
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# SPEC: Exemptions possible for landfills

By PATRICK DRISCOLL  
Staff Writer

WASHINGTON — A group of city and county officials from West Texas are optimistic, following meetings with federal officials, that states may be given the power to grant exceptions on proposed federal landfill regulations that are going into effect this spring.

Forty-one representatives of Sparsely Populated Entities Coalition spent all day Thursday meeting with Environmental Protection Agency officials and Texas senators and congressmen. On Friday, a delegation from Martin County met with federal officials of the Office of Management and Budget.

SPEC members, which so far consists of 51 counties and 42 cities, say that some of the across-the-board EPA regulations — such as underground water monitoring even when there is no groundwater — are not needed in every situation but are costly.

SPEC spokesman and Martin County Judge Bob Deavenport said that they spent more than an hour presenting their case to EPA Director Bruce Weddel of the Municipal Solid Waste Program.

Weddel stated that the states will implement strong solid waste landfill regulations that are approved by the federal EPA and will probably have within their power

to issue site-specific variances," Deavenport said.

"Because of the unique West Texas climate conditions, low population density and geological conditions, they (SPEC members) felt that they should be eligible for some variances."

Deavenport and 13 other SPEC members also met with their state congressman, Charles Stenholm, D-Stamford, who is co-sponsoring House Resolution 3735, a bill which would authorize flexibility to the states in meeting the EPA regulations requirements. Other SPEC members met with their respective congressmen, also.

Stenholm had testified in support of states being allowed to grant local variances on the EPA rules during a Jan. 25 hearing by the House Subcommittee on Transportation and Hazardous Materials. The chairman of that subcommittee, Rep. Thomas Luken of Ohio, sponsored the bill.

It is called the Waste Materials Management Act of 1989. If passed it will amend the Solid Waste Disposal Act of 1965 as well as serve other purposes, it states.

A markup on the bill will begin next week, said John Haugen, a legislative assistant in Stenholm's Washington office. After it is reported out of the subcommittee, it will go to the House Energy and Commerce Committee where

another hearing will be scheduled. Deavenport said.

The 41 SPEC representatives also met with, and got positive feedback for their cause from, Texas senators Phil Gramm and Lloyd Benson, Deavenport said.

Gramm "advised that he would again write to the EPA regarding the unique West Texas situation," Deavenport said. "Gramm further stated that he could readily relate to the impact that the regulations could have on the local taxpayer."

Benson "advised the group that he had over 100 contacts with Texas cities and counties in sparsely populated areas," Deavenport said. "He stated that he was understandably concerned about the situation."

In a Friday meeting between Martin County officials and federal officials of the Office of Management and Budget to discuss the financial impact of the regulations, Deavenport said they got a good response from them, too.

"They're hoping for some moderation in these regulations for small landfills," he said.

It would cost about \$900,000 to construct a new landfill in Martin County and another \$155,200 a year to operate it under the new EPA rules, according to a cost estimate by the engineering firm of Parkhill, Smith & Cooper Inc., of Midland.

Upton County Judge Peggy

Garner, who began organizing SPEC in November, said that it would cost around \$20,000 to install two underground water monitoring wells for a small landfill like the one in Martin County. Annual tests on those wells would be \$6,000-\$8,000 a year, she said.

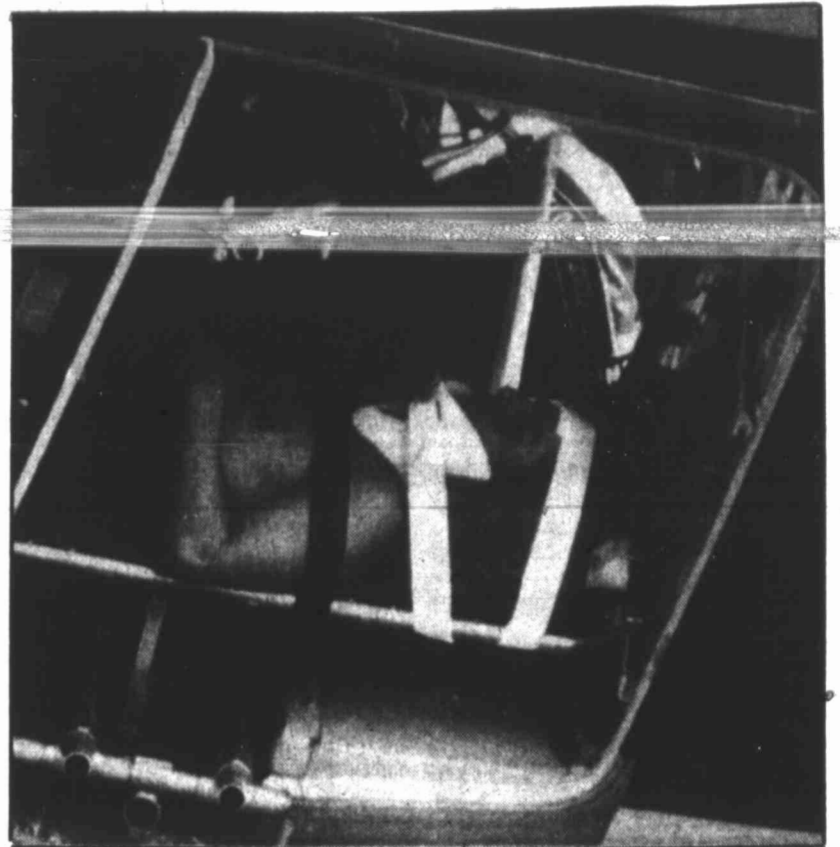
Such monitoring would be needless for landfills such as the one in Martin County, which is jointly owned by Stanton, where tests have shown that there is no water table underneath it, Deavenport said.

Garner, who also made the trip to Washington, felt that SPEC's lobbying efforts may help get variances to such rules. "I thought that it was successful," she said.

It was the second time that SPEC members had met with Weddel and federal officials. During the first meeting on January 9, Weddel agreed with some of their concerns and said that they would have to look at rural populations differently, Garner said.

Also going on the trip from Martin County were three commissioners, Stanton Mayor Danny Fryar, two city councilmen and the city administrator. The county judge in neighboring Glasscock County, Wilburn Bednar, also went.

Other SPEC members in this area which did not send representatives include Borden and Mitchell counties and Colorado City.



Associated Press photo

## Actor Cruise during filming

DAYTONA BEACH, Fla. — Actor Tom Cruise is shown being evacuated from the Daytona International Speedway track by helicopter recently during filming of his upcoming auto racing movie, "Days of Thunder." Filming scenes of the movie will include the racing atmosphere surrounding the upcoming Daytona 500.

# Smoking ban goes into effect on domestic flights

WASHINGTON (AP) — This weekend the airplane becomes one more no-smoking zone.

Beginning Sunday, smokers must contend with a ban effective on all domestic flights and trips to Alaska and Hawaii lasting six hours or less. The "no smoking" signs will be turned on permanently on 99.8 percent of daily domestic flights.

Already, one Connecticut smoker fears she will never see her grandchildren in California. And New York stockbroker Art Lehne says the expanded airline smoking ban will turn him into a grouchy passenger willing to break the law for his nicotine.

"I would probably go into the bathroom and smoke a cigarette," said a frustrated Lehne, who has smoked since 1958.

Tampering with an automatic smoke detector is a federal offense punishable with a \$2,000 fine.

The 55-year-old Wallingford, Conn., resident already has been arrested and fined \$40 for defiantly lighting up on non-smoking commuter trains to New York.

The tables have turned for the American minority that includes Lehne. Where non-smokers trying to avoid secondhand smoke once were forced to move, smokers now must contend with a shrinking group of permissible spaces in which to continue their habit.

Airport terminals and Amtrak trains may not be far behind, according to the authors of the ban, Sen. Frank Lautenberg, D-N.J., and Rep. Richard Durbin, D-Ill.

Anti-smoking initiatives are taking on new life in President Bush's Cabinet. Health and Human Services Secretary Louis Sullivan on Friday asked athletic associations to reject sponsorships by tobacco companies. Sullivan also has attacked cigarette makers for targeting advertising on minorities, women and the young.

The airline smoking law, an extension of the two-hour ban the senator and congressman won at the end of 1987, exempts flights abroad and those longer than six

hours headed to Alaska and Hawaii.

"The result we think will be happier, healthier airline customers and a safer, healthier workplace for airline employees," Lautenberg said.

But Dan Lauria, a spokesman for the Tobacco Institute, said he could barely keep up with telephone calls from irate smokers accusing the tobacco lobbying group of abandoning them.

"They're miserable," Lauria said of the smoking public. "We are telling the people the law is the law. We're telling people not to smoke in the (airliner's) bathroom. It's dangerous on the plane."

## Elegant whiskers earn prize

TOKYO (AP) — A cat with a luxurious mustache and another with the reputed ability to warn of potential molesters won their owners cash prizes Thursday in a Cat Day Festival.

The judges considered the distinctive characteristics of 120 cats in selecting the winner of the fourth annual festival for finding Japan's top cat.

The top prize of 100,000 yen (about \$694) went to Tsurutaro, a 6-year-old mixed breed Japanese cat, for the high number of split hairs in its mustache and its "lovely" relationship with its owner, Chizuru Yamamoto, 25.

Bank clerk Mika Toyokawa, 23, took home the 30,000-yen (about \$208) runner-up prize for a mixed breed Japanese cat named Marina, who "always informs me with a 'fu-fu' sound when a molester of women approaches the window."

About 350 spectators attended the contest, which is held on Feb. 22 because the Japanese pronunciation of 2-22 — "ni-ni-ni" — sounds like the word the Japanese use to represent a cat's meow, "nyan-nyan-nyan."

An estimated 4 percent to 5 percent of Japanese households own cats, whose numbers total about 2.7 million.

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# Incumbents to run again for HC Board of Trustees positions

By ERIN BLAIR  
Staff Writer

BIG SPRING — Three trustees are up for reelection at Howard College this spring. Dr. P.W. Malone, Dr. Charles O. Warren and James "Buddy" Barr.

The election will be held May 5, along with school board elections. The filing period is Feb. 19 through March 21. Applications may be filed at the president's office at the college. Three at-large positions will be filled by the elections and the three incumbents have already announced their intentions to run again.

Howard College has seven trustees on the board, four by place and three at-large. They serve six-year terms, which begin May 7 when the board convenes to canvass the results of the election. Dr. P.W. Malone has been a

trustee since 1945 and was influential in founding the college.

"During the war, we had such a shortage of pilots that they started a civilian pilot training program and I was appointed a local coordinator," Malone said. "We had 10 students in 1943 and the national coordinator told me 'if you had a junior or senior college, we could give you 50 students. After the war you need to get yourself a junior college.'"

"So I went to Superintendent of Schools Soup Blankenship and J.H. Green, the manager of the chamber of commerce, and told

them the story and said, 'Let's get organized and get a college.' We bought the old bombardier hospital for the college the first year of students was 1946 and I've been on the board continuously," said Malone.

"I'm the oldest trustee on any junior college board in the state of Texas," he added. Malone was instrumental in obtaining the approval of the Texas Education Agency for the Licensed Vocational Nursing Program for Howard College in 1958 and the Associate Degree Nursing Program in 1975.

He began medical practice in Big Spring in 1930, after graduating from the University of Tennessee School of Medicine. He established the Malone-Hogan Hospital in 1938. He continues to practice medicine at the Veterans Administration

Medical Center.

He has been a member of the chamber of commerce since 1932. He was the founding president of the Heritage Museum and has been a member of the Downtown Lions Club for 50 years. He is also a member of numerous medical associations.

Dr. Charles O. Warren has served on Howard College's board for 26 years, since he was appointed to fill the unexpired term of Dr. Deats in 1963.

A Howard County native, Warren established his practice of dental surgery in Big Spring in 1961.

He serves on the YMCA's board of directors and has been involved in Little League Baseball. He is a Kiwanian, Gideon, a member of the Texas and American Dental Association and past president of the Permian Basin District Dental Association. He served in the Army during the Korean conflict, as well as two mission tours to Brazil and Madagascar.

Warren said he was committed to higher education and believed the trustees of the college should continue to take economical care of the taxpayer's property. The college has an operating budget of approximately \$11 million, he said.

James "Buddy" Barr was first appointed to the board of trustees in 1975 to fill the unexpired term of Dorothy Garrett and was elected to

his first term in 1978.

A lifelong resident of Howard County, Barr lives on a farm in Vincent and has been a farmer and rancher for many years.

He served as a member of the board of directors of Coahoma State Bank for 21 years. He is also a member of the Lamesa Federal Land Bank Association, where he was chairman for 15 years. He served in the Army during WWII.

Barr supports efficient and effective management of Howard College and the Southwest Collegiate Institute for the Deaf.



P.W. MALONE



CHARLES WARREN



JAMES BARR



Dr. Elizabeth Morgan, shown in this 1986 file photo, spent two years in jail rather than let her daughter Hilary, right, visit her father, who allegedly sexually abused the girl. Hilary has been found safe in the custody of her grandparents in New Zealand.

## Custody case moves to international courts

WASHINGTON (AP) — Elizabeth Morgan will seek an open court hearing in New Zealand, where she sent her daughter into hiding, on allegations that her husband abused 7-year-old Hilary Foretech, her family says.

"The truth will have a lot of chance of coming out," Elizabeth Morgan's older brother was quoted as saying in today's editions of *The Washington Post*.

Morgan, who spent 25 months in jail rather than let her former husband visit the girl, told the *Post* she is hoping for a new hearing on her allegations that Eric Foretech sexually abused the girl during court-ordered visits in the Washington area. Foretech has strongly denied the charges and contends his former wife is mentally ill.

Detective Chief Inspector Roger Carson of Christchurch, New Zealand, said the girl is in the custody of her grandparents there and that there will be a hearing on the issue next week in the city's family court.

"I've not felt the legal system in Washington, D.C., had listened to the evidence," Morgan told the

newspaper. "I didn't think I ever said that I trusted no legal system."

Her lawyer, Stephen Sachs, said he will ask District of Columbia Superior Court Judge Herbert Dixon on Monday to return Morgan's passport so she can go to New Zealand.

Dixon is the judge who ordered Morgan, 42, to jail in August 1987 for civil contempt when she refused to a court order to produce the child for supervised visits with Foretech. She was released from jail in Washington in September after President Bush signed a law limiting civil contempt in District of Columbia child abuse cases to 12 months.

Foretech could not be reached for comment Friday night and was believed heading to New Zealand.

"Elizabeth is going to do whatever she possibly can do to protect her daughter," Sachs told the *Post*. "Elizabeth is confident that the courts of New Zealand will protect Hilary."

Elizabeth Morgan, in the *Post* interview, declined to predict how the new court proceedings will go.

## Union asks for flag holiday

WASHINGTON (AP) — The National Federation of Federal Employees says President Bush should "stand behind his words and embrace the flag" by making Flag Day a federal holiday.

In a statement Tuesday, the union said it has written the president, who has often expressed his devotion to the American flag, urging him to give government employees the day off.

Flag Day is June 14. Although it is printed in the calendar, "it comes and goes every year with little or no recognition," said James M. Peirce, president of the union.

Bush used the flag heavily in his presidential campaign and wound up his acceptance speech at the 1988 Republican National Convention by leading delegates in the Pledge of Allegiance.

He later criticized his Democratic opponent, Massachusetts Gov. Michael Dukakis, for vetoing a bill that would have penalized schoolteachers who failed to lead

their students in the pledge.

He has also advocated a constitutional amendment to bar desecration of the flag in response to a Supreme Court ruling that burning a flag was a protected form of free speech under the First Amendment.

"NFFE strongly agrees with the president that Americans should salute the flag, rather than desecrate it," the employees' union said. "Now it is time for President Bush to stand behind his words and embrace the flag by giving federal workers a day to honor and celebrate this great American institution."

There was no immediate comment from the White House, where press officers were in a meeting.

Jane Polansky, spokesperson for the federation, said the union made no endorsement in the presidential campaign.

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### Swimmers qualify

**MONAHANS** — The Big Spring High School swimmers qualified almost everybody on the team for the regional swim meet with a fine showing at the District 4-4A meet here Friday and Saturday.

"We did pretty decent," BSHS coach Harlan Smith said. "We didn't do as well as I would've liked... but both teams gave it everything they had. We had some good times."

The BSHS girls' freestyle relay team of Ericka Clarkson, Sally Lopez, Debra McMillan and Christy Webb won their event in a time of 4:26.16.

Individual Big Spring winners included: Johnny Webb in the 500 and 200 freestyle; and Chase Fraser in the 100 butterfly and 50 freestyle.

In addition, team members Jill Fortner, Russ Roten, Abel Diaz, Janette Arney, Christy Hull, Shane Hicks, Ricky Grimsley, Jeff Johnson, David Doll and Robert Woolverton qualified for regionals in their respective events.

Next for the Steer tankers is the Class 4A regional meet, to be held March 9-10 in Lubbock.

### Sports slate

**BASKETBALL**  
Monday, Feb. 26 — Howard College Lady Hawks vs. Western Texas, 6 p.m., Snyder.  
Howard College Hawks vs. Western Texas, 8 p.m., Snyder.

**BASEBALL**  
Sunday, Feb. 25 — Hawks vs. Angelina College, Jack Barber Field, 1 p.m.  
Monday, Feb. 26 — Steers vs. Abilene Wylie (season opener), 4 p.m., Steer Park.

### Track team tops

**FORT STOCKTON** — The Big Spring High School track team won top honors for the second year running at the Comanche Relays here Saturday.

The Steers scored 96 points to edge Lake View, which finished 10 points back in second.

The Steers were led by a trio of runners. Chris Minter won the 800-meter run in a time of 1:38.1, while freshman Waylon McGee added a gold in the 200-meter dash in a time of 23.28.

The big individual winner for Big Spring, though, was Rye Bavin, who captured first place in both the 300 IM hurdles and the 110 high hurdles. He won the intermediate event in a division-record 39.42, while he ran the shorter race in 14.97.

The BSHS 1600 relay team of Bavin, Kevin Rogers, Nick Robertson and Minter also finished first in their event, crossing the tape in 3:28.8.

In the field events, McGee captured a third place in the long jump with a leap of 20 feet, 4½ inches. Kenny Everett added a fourth place in the high jump, while Pete Buske brought home a pair of fifth-place finishes in the shot put and discus.

### Golfers win classic

**FORT STOCKTON** — For the second year in a row, the Big Spring High School boys' golf team came away with top team and individual honors in the Blue Ribbon Classic, held here Friday and Saturday.

The BSHS boys fired a two-day total of 609 to capture the tournament for the second consecutive year, easily outdistancing second-place Lake View by 43 strokes. In addition, senior Chad Freeman won medalist honors with a two-day total of 141, edging Steve Ward of Monahans by four strokes.

The BSHS girls also had a commendable showing at the tournament, finishing third in the 18-team field. Junior Kim Locke shot a two-day total of 169 to pace the Lady Steers. The girls' combined score of 734 is a school record.

The boys return to action next weekend when they participate in a tournament in Andrews. The girls will be in Snyder next weekend. Complete scores can be found on page 5-B.

# Sands Mustangs win bi-district playoff

## Cowboys crushed 59-39

By STEVE BELVIN  
Sports Editor

**GREENWOOD** — The Sands Mustangs survived a cold third quarter, and went on to crush the Grandfalls Cowboys 59-39 in Class A bi-district action here Saturday night.

The win puts Sands into the area round of the state playoffs against Sierra Blanca, a 67-66 overtime winner over Sanderson.

The Mustangs played great the first half, taking a 34-21 halftime lead. But in the third quarter it appeared there was a cover on the basket as the Mustangs scored only five points, still they led 39-30 going into the final quarter.

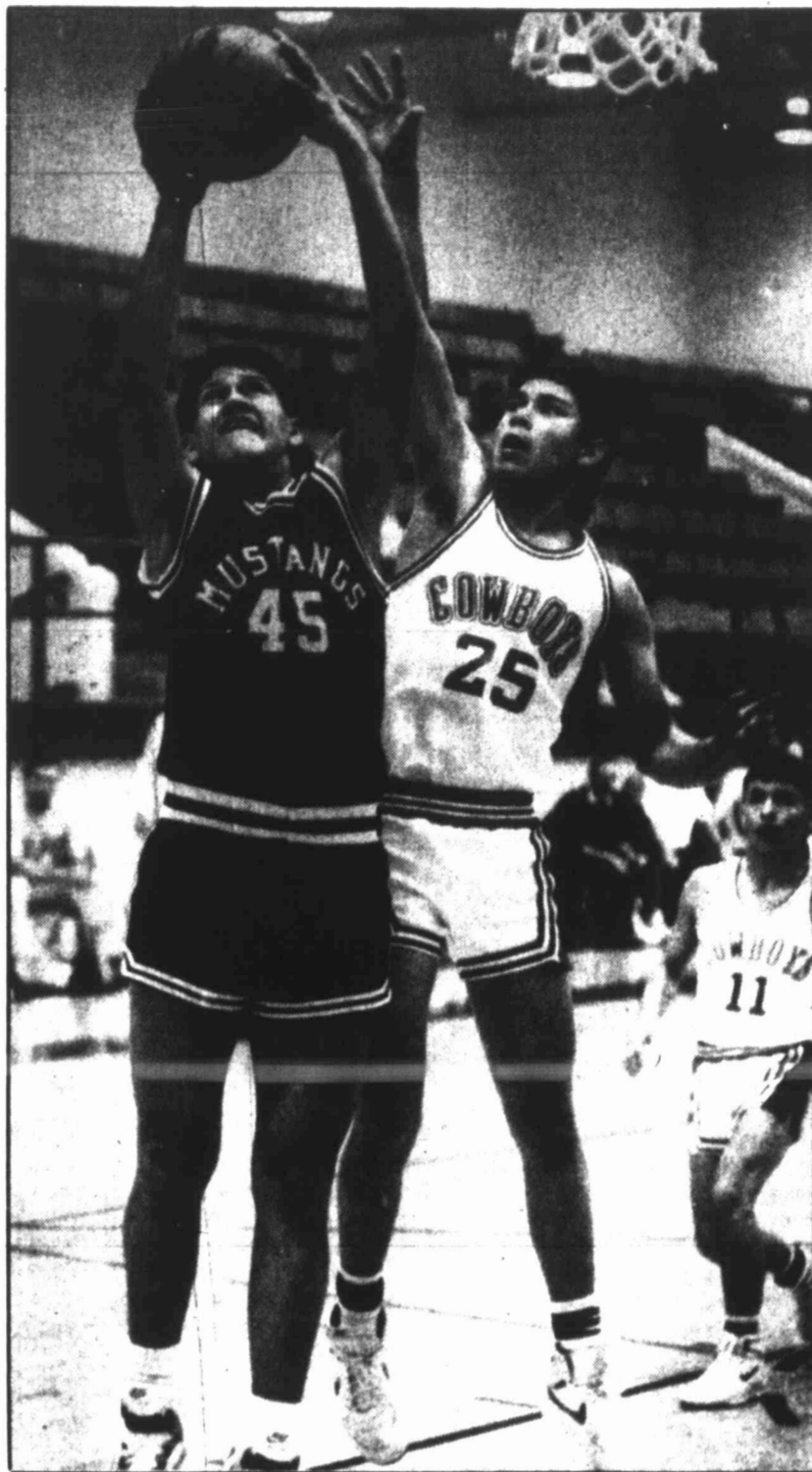
In the final quarter, the Mustangs regained their shooting touch, and had put the game away with four minutes left. From that point, coach Jerry Gooch emptied his bench.

Gooch said his team had somewhat of a mental letdown in the period. "We thought we had it won," said Gooch of the third quarter struggle. "We lost our intensity; we didn't shoot the ball well either. It happens every once in a while, maybe not for a whole quarter."

The game was close early. The score was tied 7-7 after three minutes of play. Then the sticky Sands man-to-man defense went to work. Eric Herm made a basket, and followed it up by dishing off an assist to Jay Johnston. Next Bill Grigg got a steal and made a layup.

That was followed by an Albert Franco three-pointer, and a Herm steal, which resulted in a Franco free throw. Sands led 17-9 after one quarter of play.

With Johnston and Felix Rodriguez dominating the board, SANDS page 2-B



Herald photo by Perry Hall

**GREENWOOD** — Sands Mustangs Felix Rodriguez (45) pulls a rebound away from Grandfalls Cowboys Fred Olivias (25) during first half playoff action Saturday night.

## Borden, Grady ladies face doom at the dome

By STEVE REAGAN  
Staff Writer

**LEVELLAND** — It was Doom at the Texan Dome for the Borden County Lady Coyotes and the Grady Lady Wildcats, as both District 16-A team were eliminated in first round games at the Region I-1A basketball tournament here Friday.

The Lady Coyotes saw their fourth-quarter rally fall short en route to dropping a 48-44 decision to Lorenzo, while Grady was easily handled by the Sudan Hornets, 63-43.

Borden finished its season with a 26-4 record, while the Lady Wildcats ended with a 24-7 mark.

**LORENZO 48, BORDEN CO. 44**  
Lisha Sternadel won her scoring battle with Becky Hinojos, but the Lady Coyotes lost their war with the Lady Hornets.

Sternadel, Borden's 5'7" senior forward, was all but unstoppable while she was in the game, leading all scorers with 25 points. Unfortunately for the Lady Coyotes, foul trouble forced Sternadel to the bench for most of the second and third quarter, and Hinojos and Lorenzo took full advantage of her absence.

Hinojos and Jenny Swetnam led the 27-5 Lady Hornets with 23 and 11 points, respectively. Amy Lewis complemented Sternadel's efforts by chipping in 10 points for Borden County.

Sternadel and the Lady Coyotes appeared as if they would make a rout of things early. Sternadel scored Borden's first eight points as the Lady Coyotes raced to an early 8-2 lead.

But Sternadel picked up three quick fouls in the first and, with the senior on the bench, Lorenzo began rallying back into contention. The Lady Hornets closed to within 12-8 by the end of the quarter and took the lead midway through the second on a jumper from Swetnam.



LEVELLAND — Becky Hinojosa shoots for two as she leads Lorenzo to a four point victory over Borden County.

"We knowed there'd be times we'd have to play without (Sternadel), because she's so aggressive on defense," Borden coach Bill May said after the game. "I don't think we played that bad, it's just that Lorenzo picked up the pace."

The Lady Coyotes remained close to Lorenzo until consecutive three-pointers by Hinojos and Mary Reyna gave the Lady Hornets a 28-21 advantage at DOOM page 2-B

## Leahy leads Hawks sweep

By STEVE BELVIN  
Sports Editor

**BIG SPRING** — The Howard College Hawks put together 10 hits and got a fine pitching performance from Tom Leahy to drum the Angelina College Roadrunners 10-1 in the opening game of a doubleheader.

The win was Howard's third over Angelina in as many tries. Friday Howard swept a doubleheader, beating the Roadrunners 4-1 and 6-3 as Curt Schmidt and Mike Copple got the wins.

**HOWARD 10, ANGELINA 1**  
Leahy, who has already pitched a no-hitter this season, was in total command of this game from the start. His fast ball and sneak curve was just too much for Angelina to handle. The sophomore from Boulder, Colo. went the distance, scattering four hits, striking out five and walking

HAWKS page 2-B



Herald photo by Tim Appel

**BIG SPRING** — Angelina Roadrunners' Scott Ollison (10) gets pegged out trying to steal second base by Howard College Hawks catcher Sean Teague. Applying the tag on Ollison is Howard se-

cond baseman Steve Ramos. Backing up Ramos is shortstop Jose Gomez. The action happened in the third inning of the first game of a doubleheader.

# Stop the greedy squabbling. It's time to play ball.

By STEVE REAGAN  
Staff Writer

With basketball season winding down — at least in this area — it's time for area sports fan to relax, take a breath and get ready for baseball season.

Ah, baseball — the pastoral game of summer, when boys of young and old take to the green fields to play America's Pastime.

Every year, baseball offers us all a respite from the hectic rat race and offers us instead two or three hours of bunts, hits, strikeouts and salary arbitrations.

**Salary arbitrations?**  
That's right, sports fans. Along with the many great things the game of baseball offers us, it also has a down side; which is, every two or three years a bunch of people who are making too much money for their own good threaten to shut the game down for a few months.

If it's not the players going on strike, it's the owners locking the players out of the field.

In the past 10 years, baseball fans have had to suffer through three strikes (of the labor variety, that is) and two lockouts. Space in the sports pages that should be devoted to won-loss records and hitting streaks instead is filled with photos of owner representatives pointing at union leaders.

I don't know about you, but I'm sick of the whole mess. As far as

I'm concerned, an absolutely beautiful sport is on the verge of being ruined by a bunch of overpaid and/or pampered people.

And it's not just the players I'm talking about. The owners — peo-

**I'm feeling a little bit like saying phooey to the whole mess.**

ple who have the money to purchase ballclubs but seemingly don't have enough knowledge about the sport to fill a thimble — also are to blame for baseball's current miseries.

The latest sad episode, as all baseball fans can attest to, is the owners' shutdown of spring training over the issues of salary arbitration and payroll caps, two

terms that have absolutely no good reason to be appearing on a sports page.

As of this writing, spring training has been shut down for 10 days. Although progress has been made toward a settlement, Lord only knows when we will actually see major leaguers play an actual game this season.

I'm feeling a little bit like saying phooey to the whole mess. Somehow, things got a bit skewed along the way out here in Sportsland.

Sportsland used to be a lovely place, where we did nothing but play games all day long. Things were a lot simpler back then.

Then, ugly things crept into Sportsland. Things like drugs, agents, multi-million dollar salaries and George Steinbrenner. Suddenly, the big news out of Sport-

sland was not who won or lost the game, but who checked into the Betty Ford Clinic or who Steinbrenner was going to fire next.

With all this ugliness, we folks of Sportsland were ready and eager for baseball season to come, so we could forget the bad feelings for a while and remember why we liked it so much here in the first place.

But nooooo. The owners and players are at it again, arguing and squabbling about — you guessed it — money. Now, there's no telling when we'll get to go back to our precious games.

I wish the owners and players would listen to me. I'd somehow resist the urge to tell them to take a long walk off a short pier and utter instead those two words that have worked magic for so long here in Sportsland:

Play ball.



# Coach: We've got the best baseball talent in four years

By STEVE BELVIN  
Sports Editor

**BIG SPRING** — Calling it the most talent he's seen during his four years as head baseball coach, Big Spring's John Velasquez is looking for big things from this year's Steers.

The Steers start playing for keeps when they begin their season Monday hosting Abilene Wylie at 4 p.m. at Steer Field.

Velasquez returns seven starters from last year's team that finished fourth in district. The Steers lost a number of close games and finished the season with an 8-6 league record. Snyder, Fort Stockton and Andrews tied for first with 10-4 marks.

"This team has experience," said Velasquez. "We do a lot of things fundamentally well, I want us to improve our mental part of the game. I want them to learn not to let up when they're ahead... the little things, like what to do in a rundown or on pickoff plays."

The Steers return senior starters Mike Hilario, Eric Torrez and Robert Perez. Perez, who will play first base this year, was a second team all-district left fielder and Hilario was an all-district honorable mention center fielder. Torrez will catch this season. Also returning are Abel Hilario, Marvin Rubio, Freddy Rodriguez and Neal Mayfield, all juniors except for sophomore Abel Hilario.

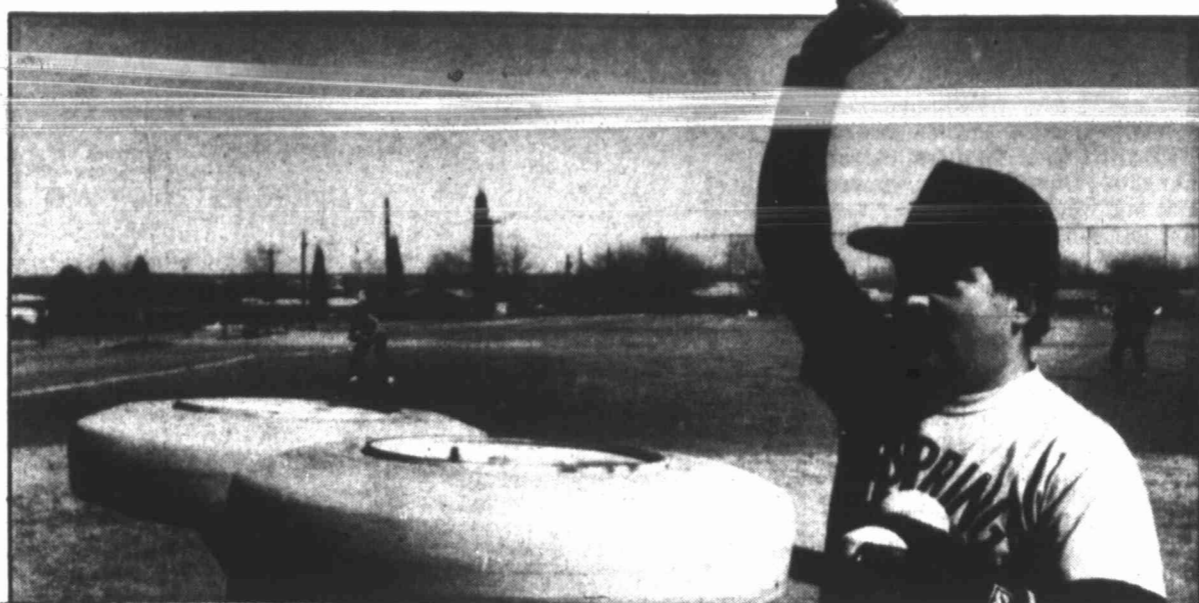
Mayfield, who's coming off knee surgery, was a first-team all-district pitcher last year. Rubio also made the first team squad, and Rodriguez and Abel Hilario were honorable mention selections.

**"This team has experience. We do a lot of things fundamentally well, I want us to improve our mental part of the game. I want them to learn not to let up when they're ahead... the little things, like what to do in a rundown or on pickoff plays."**

— Coach John Velasquez

"Like I said, they've got experience," Velasquez echoed. "Freddy (Rodriguez), Marvin (Rubio) and Mike (Hilario) have been playing for two years, and we've got a couple of sophomores who played as freshmen."

The Steers should also have a strong, balanced pitching staff, something they haven't had in the past. Velasquez said this year he should have four adequate pitchers in Mayfield, Shane Myrick, Artie Valdez



**BIG SPRING** — Baseball coach John Velasquez works a baseball pitching machine during practice recently. Velasquez says he is expecting a good season for the Steers.

and Dimas Morales. He said Valdez and Morales are in the best of shape because they've been in offseason baseball the entire season. He also added that Rodriguez can pitch if needed.

As far as hitting goes, Velasquez said second baseman Rubio is the "most disciplined" hitter he's got. "Marvin's a good cleanup hitter. He has a good arm and good glove. He batted .387 last year," said the coach.

Another disciplined hitter is left fielder Abel Hilario. "Abel

is making the transition from left field to first base fairly well. "At first he was struggling, but now he's playing first a lot better," said Velasquez. "Robert had a great season at the plate last year, and that's the best and worst thing that could have happened to him. He hit .425, and now he's pressing. He's trying to hit a home run or rocket every time, instead of just hitting the ball."

Center fielder Michael Hilario is a good defensive player said Velasquez. "He's a real good defensive player. He works hard at the plate, he just

needs to be more disciplined. He's a .300 hitter," said Velasquez.

Another player that will probably start is sophomore third baseman or right fielder Pat Chavarria. "Pat Chavarria is probably the best athlete on the field, if he uses it correctly," said Velasquez. "He can be as good as anybody in the area, if he keeps his head to the grindstone."

Velasquez said that sophomore Jon Downey will also help at catcher. The coach said he doesn't have as good of arm as Torrez, but added that Downey is a "great competitor."

Pitching wise, Velasquez says that Valdez, a senior, is looking good. "Artie and Dimas (Morales) worked real hard in the offseason and it's showing up right now," said Velasquez. "Shane (Myrick) is getting into shape, once he gets into shape he'll be real good."

Neal (Mayfield) will get released by the doctor March 1. He and Shane are both hard throwers. If they learn to throw the off speed stuff, they'll be tough."

Rounding out the squad are infielders Aaron Salazar and Brian Oliphant, pitcher Shannon Coots, and outfielder Robert Lara.

Besides Big Spring, Velasquez thinks that Andrews, Snyder and Pecos will be the teams to beat in the district.

## Inside Sports



### First points

**SAN ANTONIO** — San Antonio Spurs Rod Strickland, right, goes up for his first points in his debut as a Spur against the Minnesota Timberwolves' Tod Murphy (4) during action Friday night in San Antonio. Strickland, traded from the New York Knicks earlier this week, ended up with 8 points as the Spurs beat the Timberwolves 105-95.

### 'Super 5A' game OK'd

**CORPUS CHRISTI (AP)** — A "big school championship" among football teams of the state's largest high schools won approval Saturday from the State Board of Education.

The plan formulated by the University Interscholastic League, which oversees school athletics, will create a "super 5A" category this fall.

Class 5A is the competition category for the state's largest schools.

"We feel like it's something that our schools want to try, and if it doesn't work, they will either alter it or eliminate it," UIL Director Bailey Marshall said Saturday after the education board approved the plan.

It calls for sending the three top finishers in each of the state's 32 5A districts into the playoffs. The two schools with the largest enrollment would go into a 64-team large-school bracket, regardless of where they finished among the top three.

Thirty-two other teams would enter the regular 5A playoffs.

The proposal was endorsed 160-57 by Class 5A school superintendents in a November referendum.

Marshall said the plan separates the 5A schools with as few as 1,400 students from those with 4,000 to 5,000 or more.

The plan is an alternative to a Class 6A for the largest schools, which Marshall said could present travel problems.

It passed the State Board of Education by a vote of 9-5 Saturday, with one board member abstaining.

Carolyn Honea Crawford of Beaumont abstained, she said, because she would prefer to design it differently to give the smaller 5A schools a chance to compete in the "super" playoffs on the merits of their record.

## Cooper, Jennings win indoor track finale

**NEW YORK (AP)** — For sprinter Brian Cooper, the 1990 indoor track and field season, had an inauspicious beginning and a happy ending. The same was true of the Mobil Grand Prix circuit.

Cooper missed the first six weeks of competition because of an injury to his right foot, then won the only two races he ran, including the 55-meter dash Friday night in the Mobil Indoor Championships, the finale of the 11-meet Grand Prix season.

The broken foot, sustained in 1989 and requiring surgery, was the

least of his problems though.

On Sept. 12, 1989, his girlfriend, Kristen Tenube, was murdered by a mentally deranged man in Huntington Beach, Calif.

"He killed her with a shotgun, fired it into her back, then turned the gun on himself in a suicide," Cooper said.

That wasn't all. More than a month ago, Cooper's mother had a heart attack.

"She's all right now," he said. "But for a while, it was tough. 'It makes you grow,' he said. 'It teaches you who you can trust.'"

Cooper, the national indoor long jump champion in 1987, has not been healthy since that season. In 1988, he tore a hamstring. Last year, he pulled a groin muscle, then had the foot surgery in July. He aggravated the injury in January and was forced to miss a month of practice.

But he has come back strong. In winning Friday in 6.07 seconds, he foiled the bid of Tony Dees, his Florida Clippers Track Club teammate, from completing an unprecedented double in the meet's 84-year history — a sweep

of the 55-meter high hurdles and the 55-meter dash.

Ten minutes earlier, Dees won the hurdles in 7.03, beating a star-studded field that included 1988 Olympians Roger Kingdom, Tonic Campbell and Arthur Blake.

The female winner was Lynn Jennings, who led a 1-2-3 American finish in the 3,000 meters, with all three going under the old American record of 8:44.68. Jennings was timed in 8:40.45, followed by Patti Sue Plumer in 8:41.45 and Vicki Huber in 8:42.13.



**NEW YORK** — Lynn Jennings reacts after winning women's 3000 meter run.

## End of era 183-game winning streak broken

**AUSTIN (AP)** — When Texas defeated Arkansas for the 20th straight time at Fayetteville, Ark., earlier this season, the Lady Longhorns felt obliged to bring home a sign that the Razorbacks had wishfully posted for themselves that read "SWC Champs-1990."

After all, the Lady Longhorns had not lost to a Southwest Conference team since early 1978 and had won seven straight conference titles, so the statement on the sign was a given.

However, after Friday night's game, the Razorbacks rightfully collected the sign in the upper deck of the Erwin Center for a return trip to Fayetteville.

The 25th-ranked Razorbacks did what no other team has been able to do in over 12 years, knocking off the perennial champs 82-77 in front of a stunned crowd of 11,616.

The victory snapped a winning that was second to none in the history of college basketball.

The sixth-ranked Lady Longhorns had beaten SWC opponents 183 straight times. Since the SWC began sanctioning women's basketball in 1982, Texas had won 132 in a row against conference opponents and 117 in a row in regular-season play.

Texas' last previous loss was 59-52 against Texas A&M on Jan. 23, 1978.

As they were running off the court after the win, the Arkansas players pointed at the sign.

"We were wanting it back, because it belongs in Arkansas



**AUSTIN** — Arkansas guard Juliet Jackson (21) gets a big hug from her teammate Angie Gore (20) following their team's 82-77 upset of SWC powerhouse Texas.

now," junior center Delmonica DeHornay said.

The Razorbacks moved a half-game ahead of the Lady Longhorns in the SWC with a 14-1 record to Texas' 13-1. Arkansas is 21-3 overall, Texas 20-4.

"It's great to win," said Arkansas Coach John Sutherland, who was an undergraduate at Kent State the last time Texas lost a league game.

"I can't tell you how well we played. We never lost our focus. Our kids had more confidence in themselves than any team I've coached."

"It hurts," said Texas Coach Jody Conradt, the winningest women's coach in college basketball.

## The Best of Big Spring!



In recognition of his outstanding service, friendly attitude and concern for customers, Dee Biddle was recently recognized as the first recipient of "The Best of Big Spring" award.

The business committee of the Big Spring Area Chamber of Commerce began this award to recognize excellent customer relations in the retail community. There will be one person recognized each month during 1990.

Dee, an employee of Ernie Morgan's Fina, 2005 Gregg, received gift certificates from Highland Mall, Blum's Jewelers, Dunlaps and J.C. Penney; along with a traveling plaque that will be displayed at each winner's place of employment.

Dee has lived in Big Spring nine years with his wife, Sharon, who grew up here. Dee enjoys hunting, fishing and skiing. Dee and Sharon attend St. Paul's Lutheran Church.

## Congratulations Dee!

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Show of hands

DENVER — Denver guard Eddie Hughes, front, strips the ball away from Los Angeles guard Tom Garrick as he flies through the air during an NBA game here Friday night.

Cowboys — one year later

IRVING (AP) — One year ago, the NFL witnessed an apocalypse of the Dallas Cowboys.

After the "Saturday night massacre" on Feb. 25, 1989, the only thing that didn't change was the name of the team.

Tom Landry, the only coach in the team's 29 years of existence, was fired. Club President Tex Schramm, rendered powerless and dispirited by the change of ownership, eventually left.

Personnel director Gil Brandt, the last of the Cowboys' "Big Three" who accounted for 19 consecutive winning seasons and five Super Bowls, was sacked.

Front office staffers, secretaries, and assistant coaches were released.

Veteran players such as Randy and Danny White were encouraged to retire. Others were cut. Running back Herschel Walker, the only offensive star left on the team, was traded.

Owner Jerry Jones brashly predicted his good buddy and new head coach Jimmy Johnson would win more games in the first third of the season than Landry had (three) in 1988.

But Jerry and Jimmy found it wasn't that easy in the cannibalistic NFL.

One-victory football is all they managed and all they have in the trophy case one year after the upheaval of what once was "America's Team."

Now the team is the butt of jokes after a 15-loss season. The most popular wisecrack: "Landry wanted to get as far away from pro football as he could, so he decided to visit Texas Stadium."

Landry is more popular than ever. He has done a smash televi-

sion commercial (sings in it, no less) and recently was chosen on first ballot as an inductee into the Professional Football Hall of Fame.

He will be playing golf this weekend just like he was last Feb. 25 when the axe fell.

"I've been so busy I haven't given it (the anniversary) much thought," Landry said. "Things could certainly have been handled better at the time, but I've had a very enjoyable year. I miss football, but probably not as much as I thought I would."

Schramm is biding his time and biting his tongue about the upheaval at Valley Ranch as he awaits the start of the World League of American Football in the spring of 1991. Jones and most of the NFL teams are partners in the undertaking.

"It (the weekend) was one of the most difficult in my life," Schramm said.

Brandt has been keeping a low profile as he plots his next professional move. He appears at basketball games and is critical of the way the new regime has done business.

Former public relations director Doug Todd is involved in numerous freelance projects as he starts a new career.

Valley Ranch is expected to be sold within the year, although several prospective buyers have pulled back in recent months.

Summer camp has been moved from traditional Thousand Oaks, Calif., to Austin. California Lutheran College has dunned the Cowboys for \$250,000 to settle the contract.

The purge of the old regime continues. Strength coach Bob Ward

was the latest to be dismissed. Jarrett Ball, editor of the Cowboys Weekly, was told to clean out his desk.

Jones has tried to make peace with the fans and his critics.

He readily admits he made mistakes, from the way he handled the Landry firing to his fiasco quote about the Cowboys cheerleaders being the "pick of the litter" to expecting too much too soon on the scoreboard.

"I handled the Landry situation poorly," he said. "But there wasn't an easy way to handle it. Jimmy was going to be my coach."

Jones also slaps his own hand for being too bold.

"I would have never thought we would win just one game," he said. "I felt our enthusiasm could create an advantage, but I underestimated the effect that a lot of the changes we made in the early part of the season might have had on the continuity of the team."

"I was excited about being a part of the Cowboys. That excitement came out and certainly if I look back on it, I might have hedged more."

Johnson, accustomed to the heady success of national championship teams at the University of Miami, was stunned the Cowboys didn't perform better.

"The players we have now love football and have a winning attitude," he said. "Replacing the veteran players hurt us more than we thought. We thought we'd win more games."

As the one-year anniversary of the Cowboys' apocalypse passes, Johnson has already run some 40 Plan B players through camp trying to find some free agents that will help the team.

SCOREBOARD table showing Home and Guest scores for various sports including Football, Basketball, and Hockey.

BHSB golf

Table listing scores for BHSB Golf, including Boys' Team Totals (Big Spring 609, Monahans 631, etc.) and Girls' Team Totals (Andrews 629, Snyder 726, etc.).

College scores

Table listing college scores from various conferences including East, Midwest, South, and Western, with schools like Adelphi, Baylor, and Brigham Young listed.

Table listing scores for AP Top 25 teams, including Murray St. 74, Kentucky 69, N. Kentucky 93, Indianapolis 83, etc.

Table listing scores for AP Top 25 teams, including Denver 121, Los Angeles Clippers 112, Seattle 97, Sacramento 85, etc.

AP top 25

How the Associated Press' Top 25 teams fared Saturday: 1. Missouri (25-2) did not play. Next: at No. 10 Oklahoma, Sunday.

CLEVELAND CAVALIERS—Waived Reggie Williams, guard. Activated Paul Mokecki, center, from the injured list. SACRAMENTO KINGS—Activated Peris Ellisson, center-forward, from the injured list. Placed Michael Jackson, guard, on the injured list.

NHL standings

Table showing NHL standings by division: All Times EST, Adams Division, Campbell Conference, and Smythe Division.

NBA standings

Table showing NBA standings by conference: Eastern Conference, Atlantic Division, Central Division, and Western Conference.

Transactions

BALTIMORE ORIOLOS—Agreed to terms with Mark Williamson, Bob Milacki and Eric Bell, pitchers, and Mike Brumley, infielder, on one-year contracts.

Table showing various college scores and individual player statistics, including scores for teams like Houston, Michigan State, and individual players like Michelle McGann and Rosie Jones.

College golf

LUFKIN, TEXAS (AP) — Results Saturday after the first round of the 36-hole Stephen F. Austin-Crown Colony College Invitational, played at the 6,632-yard Crown Colony Country Club.

ON THE SIDE: Baseball talks

NEW YORK (AP) — Baseball negotiators again made no progress Saturday on the stumbling block of salary arbitration eligibility and talks recessed until Monday.

On the 10th day of the spring-training lockout, representatives of owners and players met for five hours in Commissioner Fay Vincent's office. They devoted only the last hour to salary arbitration.

"I can't predict what's going to happen from here," union head Donald Fehr said.

Fehr said he told management negotiators that he would be available on Sunday.

HS baseball poll

HOUSTON (AP) — Here is the pre-season Texas high school baseball poll, compiled by the Houston Post:

Table listing HS baseball poll results for Class 5A-1, Class 3A-1, Class 4A-1, and Class 2A-1, including teams like Lubbock, Duncanville, and Dallas.

Hawaii wins by one

EL PASO (AP) — Terry Houston scored 21 points for Hawaii as the Rainbows beat Texas-El Paso 60-59 Saturday in a Western Athletic Conference game.

Hawaii raised its overall record to 20-7 while UTEP dropped to 17-9. The victory was Hawaii's first in El Paso since a 56-55 cliffhanger in 1983, and only its second ever.

The Miners had two shots in the last three seconds which could have won the game. But Prince Stewart missed while driving through the lane, and Greg Foster's tip-in attempt rolled off the rim.

The outcome left Hawaii, UTEP and idle Colorado St. tied for second place in the WAC at 9-5. Brigham Young, which beat Air Force 67-42 Saturday in 11-4 and assured of no worse than a tie for the regular season WAC title.

Chris Gaines scored ten points for the Rainbows. Troy Bowe got the decisive basket on a breakaway layup with 1:46 remaining.

For UTEP, Antonio Davis scored 15 points, with Foster adding 13. Henry Hall and Marlon Maxey had 10 a piece.

UTEP had a 41-23 rebounding advantage, but only hit 35.5 percent (22-62) of its shots from the field. Hawaii hit 48 percent (24-50).

Rudd eyes race

RICHMOND, Va. (AP) — Ricky Rudd will be battling two wars when he starts on the pole Sunday in the Pontiac 400 stock car race.

One will be on Richmond International Raceway's .75-mile, D-shaped layout, where conditions are likely to change considerably from Friday's first round of time trials.

Rudd won the pole when temperatures in the 60s were accompanied by high humidity levels.

But the National Weather Service is calling for dry air and a high of only 32 degrees for Sunday's 1:15 p.m. EST race.

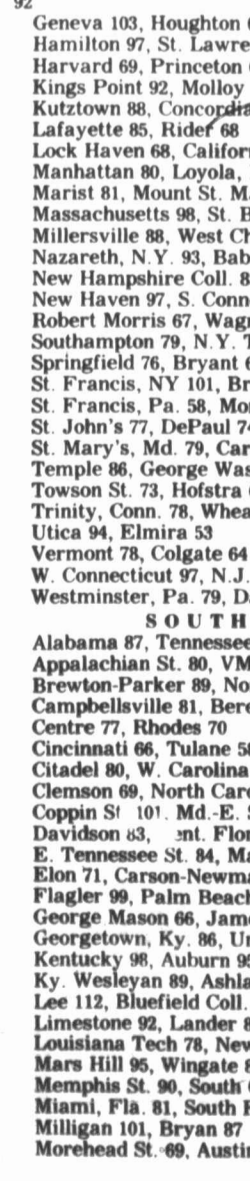
"I don't know," Rudd said, shrugging his shoulders. "It should help give us better traction, but we'll have to wait and see."

The other war Rudd will be waging will be with a piece of information stored in his mind. If he wins Sunday, Rudd will collect the largest single-race payout in NASCAR Winston Cup history.

The winner of the 400-lap race will get about \$55,000 from the event's \$458,117 purse.

Rudd also would collect \$220,400 for winning the Unocal Challenge bonus. The \$7,600-race bonus, offered to anyone who can win a Winston Cup race from the pole, has gone uncollected since the second race of the 1989 season and has been growing at each event.

Rudd said thoughts of collecting such a large payout could prove distracting during a race and prevent him from driving the way he knows he should.



# Sample ballot Mar. 13 Primary

Democratic Party	
<b>DEMOCRATIC PARTY PRIMARY ELECTION</b> (Elección Primaria del Partido Democrático) (Condado de) HOWARD COUNTY, TEXAS MARCH 13, 1990 (13 de marzo de 1990)	
INSTRUCTION NOTE: Vote for the candidate of your choice in each race by making a punch hole in the space provided adjacent to the name of that candidate. (NOTA DE INSTRUCCION: Vote por el candidato de su preferencia en cada carrera haciendo un agujero en el espacio provisto adyacente al nombre de ese candidato.)	
"I am a Democrat and understand that I am ineligible to vote or participate in another political party's primary election or convention during this voting year." ("Yo soy Demócrata y comprendo que no estoy elegible para votar o participar en la elección primaria o la convención de algún otro partido político durante este año electoral.")	
UNITED STATES SENATOR (Senador de los Estados Unidos)	8 →
Hugh Parmer	8 →
Harley Schlanger	9 →
UNITED STATES REPRESENTATIVE, DISTRICT 17 (Representante de los Estados Unidos, Distrito Num. 17)	11 →
Charles W. Stenholm	11 →
GOVERNOR (Gobernador)	13 →
Ann W. Richards	13 →
Mark White	14 →
Jim Mattox	15 →
Earl Holmes	16 →
Theresa Hearn-Haynes	17 →
Ray Rachal	18 →
Stanley Adams	19 →
LIEUTENANT GOVERNOR (Gobernador Teniente)	20 →
Bob Bullock	20 →
ATTORNEY GENERAL (Procurador General)	22 →
Dan Morales	22 →
John Odam	23 →
COMPTROLLER OF PUBLIC ACCOUNTS (Contralor de Cuentas Publicas)	25 →
John Sharp	25 →
STATE TREASURER (Tesorero Estatal)	27 →
Nikki Van Hightower	27 →
Karen Friend	28 →
Armando Gutierrez	29 →
Tom Bowden	30 →
COMMISSIONER OF THE GENERAL LAND OFFICE (Comisionado de la Oficina General de Terrenos)	32 →
Garry Mauro	32 →
COMMISSIONER OF AGRICULTURE (Comisionado de Ferrocarriles)	40 →
Dan A. Krenak	40 →
Paul McDaniel	41 →
John Earl Smith	42 →
Jim Hightower	43 →
Dan Pustejovsky	44 →
Clyde W. Chandler	45 →
Neal Burnett	46 →
RAILROAD COMMISSIONER (Comisionado de Ferrocarriles)	48 →
Robert (Bob) Krueger	48 →
Clint Hackney	49 →
CHIEF JUSTICE, SUPREME COURT (Juez Presidente, Corte Suprema)	51 →
Oscar H. Mauzy	51 →
JUSTICE, SUPREME COURT, PLACE 1 (Juez, Corte Suprema, Lugar Num. 1)	53 →
Gene Kelly	53 →
Fred Biery	54 →
JUSTICE, SUPREME COURT, PLACE 2 (Juez, Corte Suprema, Lugar Num. 2)	59 →
Scrappy Holmes	59 →
Rose Sears	60 →
Bob Gammage	61 →
JUDGE, COURT OF CRIMINAL APPEALS, PLACE 1 (Juez, Corte de Apelaciones Criminales, Lugar Num. 1)	63 →
Jeff Van Horn	63 →
Morris L. Overstreet	64 →
Frank Maloney	65 →

JUDGE, COURT OF CRIMINAL APPEALS, PLACE 2 (Juez, Corte de Apelaciones Criminales, Lugar Num. 2)	67 →
Sam Houston Clinton	67 →
JUDGE, COURT OF CRIMINAL APPEALS, PLACE 3 (Juez, Corte de Apelaciones Criminales, Lugar Num. 3)	69 →
Pat Barber	69 →
Bill White	70 →
JUDGE, COURT OF CRIMINAL APPEALS, PLACE 4, Unexpired Term (Juez, Corte de Apelaciones Criminales, Lugar 4, Termino no Completado)	72 →
Charles F. (Charlie) Baird	72 →
Herb Hancock	73 →
JUSTICE, ELEVENTH COURT OF APPEALS DISTRICT (Juez, Corte de Apelaciones, Dist. 11)	75 →
Bud Arnot	75 →
COUNTY JUDGE (Juez del Condado)	77 →
A. C. (Cotton) Mize	77 →
Ben Lockhart	78 →
DISTRICT CLERK (Secretario del Distrito)	80 →
Glenda Brasel	80 →
COUNTY CLERK (Secretario del Condado)	82 →
Margaret Ray	82 →
COUNTY TAX ASSESSOR-COLLECTOR, Unexpired Term (Asesor-Collector de Impuestos, Termino no Completado)	84 →
Kathy A. Sayles	84 →
COUNTY TREASURER (Tesorero del Condado)	86 →
Bonnie Franklin	86 →
COUNTY COMMISSIONER, PRECINCT NO. 2 (Comisionado del Condado, Precinto Num. 2)	96 →
James Banks	96 →
John R. Stanley	97 →
Paul H. Allen	98 →
COUNTY COMMISSIONER, PRECINCT NO. 4 (Comisionado del Condado, Precinto Num. 4)	100 →
David Barr	100 →
Jimmie L. Parrish	101 →
Bobby C. Cathey	102 →
JUSTICE OF THE PEACE, PRECINCT 1, PLACE 2 (Juez de Paz, Precinto Num. 1, Lugar Num. 2)	104 →
William H. "Bill" Shankles	104 →
JUSTICE OF THE PEACE, PRECINCT NO. 2 (Juez de Paz, Precinto Num. 2)	106 →
Willie Grant	106 →
Grady Dorsey	107 →
COUNTY CHAIRMAN (Presidente del Condado)	109 →
Frank Hardesty	109 →
PRECINCT CHAIRMAN (Presidente del Precinto)	
INSTRUCTION NOTE: To vote "For" or "Against" a proposition on the ballot in the election, make a punch hole in the space provided beside the statement indicating the way you wish to vote. (NOTA DE INSTRUCCION: Para votar o "A favor" o "En contra" de una proposición que aparece en la boleta para la elección, haga una agujero en el espacio provisto adyacente a la frase que indica la manera en que quiere votar.)	
1. "The legislature and the supreme court should not limit the right of citizens to demand a trial by jury of their peers in either civil or criminal cases." (La legislatura y la corte suprema no deberan limitar el derecho de cualquier ciudadano a exigir un juicio por jurado, sea en caso civil o criminal.)	157 →
FOR (A Favor de)	157 →
AGAINST (En Contra de)	158 →
2. "The elected legislature, not an appointed federal judge, should act to maintain Texans' right to nominate and elect judges instead of creating an appointed judiciary. The legislative plan should include the nomination and election of urban district judges from districts with smaller populations (similar to the population of existing judicial districts in rural areas)." (La legislatura elegida, y no un juez federal nombrado, debera mantener el derecho de todos los Texanos de designar y elegir jueces, en vez de crear una judicatura nombrada. El plan legislativo debera incluir el nombramiento y elección de jueces de distritos urbanos que tienen poblaciones pequeñas (parecidas a las poblaciones de existentes distritos judiciales rurales).)	164 →
FOR (A Favor de)	164 →
AGAINST (En Contra de)	165 →
3. "The legislature should adopt comprehensive insurance reform legislation to eliminate price fixing, cause an immediate rollback of insurance rates, and require insurance companies to engage in good faith and fair dealing with policyholders." (La legislatura debera aceptar un comprensivo programa legislativo de re-formación de seguros a proposito de eliminar la fijación de precios, devolver a un límite previo los precios que se pagan por un seguro, y requerir que las empresas de seguros actuen de buena fe y que sean imparciales cuando traten con sus clientes.)	170 →
FOR (A Favor de)	170 →
AGAINST (En Contra de)	171 →

Republican Party	
<b>REPUBLICAN PARTY PRIMARY ELECTION</b> (Elección Primaria del Partido Republicano) (Condado de) HOWARD COUNTY, TEXAS MARCH 13, 1990 (13 de marzo de 1990)	
"I am a Republican and understand that I am ineligible to vote or participate in another political party's primary election or convention during this voting year." ("Yo soy Republicano y comprendo que no estoy elegible para votar o participar en la elección primaria o la convención de algún otro partido político durante este año electoral.")	
UNITED STATES SENATOR (Senador de los Estados Unidos)	8 →
Phil Gramm	8 →
GOVERNOR (Gobernador)	10 →
Royce X. Owens	10 →
Ed Cude	11 →
Jack Rains	12 →
Tom Luce	13 →
Kent Hance	14 →
W. N. Otwell	15 →
Clayton Williams	16 →
LIEUTENANT GOVERNOR (Gobernador Teniente)	18 →
Rob Mosbacher	18 →
ATTORNEY GENERAL (Procurador General)	20 →
H. Tex Lezar	20 →
J. E. "Buster" Brown	21 →
Pat Hill	22 →
Bobby Steelhammer	23 →
COMPTROLLER OF PUBLIC ACCOUNTS (Contralor de Cuentas Publicas)	25 →
Jon Hall	25 →
Irby Max Ford	26 →
Warren G. Harding, Jr.	27 →
STATE TREASURER (Tesorero Estatal)	29 →
Kay Bailey Hutchison	29 →
Charlotte Boylan Self	30 →
COMMISSIONER OF THE GENERAL LAND OFFICE (Comisionado de la Oficina General de Terrenos)	32 →
Grady Yarbrough	32 →
Wes Gilbreath	33 →
William James John	34 →
COMMISSIONER OF AGRICULTURE (Comisionado de Ferrocarriles)	36 →
Rick Perry	36 →
Gene L. Duke	37 →
Richard McIver	38 →
RAILROAD COMMISSIONER (Comisionado de Ferrocarriles)	40 →
Ted Lawson	40 →
Beau Boulter	41 →
CHIEF JUSTICE, SUPREME COURT (Juez Presidente, Corte Suprema)	43 →
Daniel R. Rutherford	43 →
Tom Phillips	44 →
JUSTICE, SUPREME COURT, PLACE 1 (Juez, Corte Suprema, Lugar Num. 1)	46 →
George Barbary	46 →
John Cornyn	47 →
JUSTICE, SUPREME COURT, PLACE 2 (Juez, Corte Suprema, Lugar Num. 2)	49 →
Lamar McCorkle	49 →
Charles Ben Howell	50 →
JUDGE, COURT OF CRIMINAL APPEALS, PLACE 1 (Juez, Corte de Apelaciones Criminales, Lugar Num. 1)	52 →
Allen C. Isbell	52 →
Joseph A. (Joe) Devany	53 →
JUDGE, COURT OF CRIMINAL APPEALS, PLACE 2 (Juez, Corte de Apelaciones Criminales, Lugar Num. 2)	55 →
Oliver S. Kitzman	55 →
JUDGE, COURT OF CRIMINAL APPEALS, PLACE 4, Unexpired Term (Juez, Corte de Apelaciones Criminales, Lugar 4, Termino no Completado)	57 →
David Berchermann	57 →
STATE REPRESENTATIVE, DISTRICT 69 (Representante Estatal, Distrito Num. 69)	59 →
Troy Fraser	59 →
DISTRICT JUDGE, 118TH JUDICIAL DISTRICT (Juez del Distrito, Distrito Judicial Num. 118)	61 →
Robert H. Moore, III	61 →
COUNTY JUDGE (Juez del Condado)	63 →
John Coffee	63 →
DISTRICT CLERK (Secretario del Distrito)	65 →
Judi Atkins	65 →
COUNTY COMMISSIONER, PRECINCT NO. 2 (Comisionado del Condado, Precinto Num. 2)	67 →
Jerry Kilgore	67 →
COUNTY COMMISSIONER, PRECINCT NO. 4 (Comisionado del Condado, Precinto Num. 4)	69 →
Robert Crenshaw	69 →
COUNTY CHAIRMAN (Presidente del Condado)	71 →
Spencer Wolfe	71 →
PRECINCT CHAIRMAN (Presidente del Precinto)	

## Voting locations

Precinct	Location	Precinct	Location
101	North Side Fire Sta.	404	Jonesboro Rd. Fire Sta.
102	Airport School Bldg.	405	L.A. Hiltbrunner home
103	Wesley Yater home	406	Luther Gin office
104	Prairie View Baptist Ch.	407	Salem Baptist Church
105	Knott Comm. Center	408	Vincent Baptist Church
201	Rumrills Junior High	Absentee	Howard County Courthouse
202	Hut Bldg. behind Wesley Methodist Ch.		
203	Goliad Middle School	101, 102, 103, 104, 105, 201, 202, 203, 204, 305, 306, 307	Goliad Middle School
204	Washington Pl. School	301, 302, 303	Coahoma Fire Station
205	Kentwood Older Adults Ctr.	304	Forsan School
206	Sand Springs Lions Club	401, 402, 403, 404, 405, 406, 407, 408	Forsan School
207	Coahoma Comm. Center	Absentee	Marcy School
208	Forsan School		Howard College
301 & 302	18th & Main Fire Sta.		Howard County Courthouse
303	Wasson Rd. Fire Sta.		
304	Elbow School		
401 & 402	B.S.H.S. library		
403	11th & Birdwell Fire Station		

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Go To The Polls

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# Stanton pharmacist happy with small-town lifestyle

By JOHN McMILLAN  
Staff Writer

STANTON — Kyle Kendall has no doubts that he saves lives.

As owner and pharmacist at Stanton Drug, Kendall dispenses medications that extend the longevity of area residents by a matter of years.

Many of the drugs were created in the past 10 years, he said. "It wasn't that many years ago that if you had some of these serious conditions, you just died of it at an early age," Kendall said.

One of the recent drugs, Nolvadex, has saved the lives of cancer patients, according to Kendall. Cholesterol-lowering drugs have also brought dramatic improvements, he said.

The Stanton pharmacist admits that drugs aren't a panacea, however. "You can't heal everything with a pill," he said. "It's not possible. Some people, every little thing that goes wrong with them, they want a pill to fix it, and it's just not going to work that way."

Kendall, 42, has been owner of Stanton Drug since June 1983. He worked four years before that as a pharmacist under the previous owner, Glenn Brown.

About 75 percent of Stanton Drug's business comes from its pharmacy, Kendall said. It also offers a dining counter and items such as candies, cards and toiletries.

Improved medications aren't the only major change in pharmacies that Kendall has noticed in the past 10 years. Like most other pharmacists around the country, Kendall has overseen the computerization of pharmacy records. A

computer for the pharmacy was installed by September 1983, he said.

Computerization of pharmacy records has made it possible to refill a prescription when a customer does not have the order number for it, he said. Computerization has also made it possible to determine whether a drug being prescribed would have a negative interaction with a drug already being used by the customer, Kendall said.

"There's many drugs that should not be taken together, and if they fail to tell the doctor that they're taking the drugs, they're asking for trouble," Kendall said.

Kendall noted that the drug flagyl, which is used to treat yeast infections or amoebic dysentery, would make a person "very sick" if it is combined with alcohol.

Although the pharmacist is responsible for monitoring drug interactions, Kendall said, it is impossible to predict all of them. The only studies done on drug interactions concerned the effect of one drug upon another, he said. No study has been done to evaluate the interactions of three or more drugs, Kendall said.

As a small-town pharmacist, Kendall believes he can be more responsive to his customers than if he worked in a big city.

"It just helps you to know their general situation in life," said Kendall, who estimates that he knows 98 percent of his customers. "You know where they're employed and what stresses they may be under... and all that enters into their health picture."

If a customer enters the



Herald photo by John McMILLAN

STANTON — Pharmacist Kyle Kendall, the small town where he knows his customers and owner of Stanton Drug, says he enjoys living in a their families.

drugstore with a flushed face and his parents have a history of diabetes or high blood pressure, Kendall said, he might advise that the customer see a doctor.

Kendall also offers customers emergency service after the store is closed. If they call him at his home, he said, he will open the drugstore to sell them the drugs that are needed.

During a flu epidemic in early January, Kendall said, he opened the store eight times in response to emergency calls to his home.

Among big-city phar-

macists, Kendall said, "most of them don't do it (emergency service) because of crime-related problems. Many times they don't know who they're dealing with."

Kendall worked for a drug prescription shop in Odessa for 9½ years before joining Stanton Drug store in 1979, he said.

"Odessa was the largest town I ever lived in, and I found out it was too large," said the Hereford native. "I was never completely happy there." Kendall said he was robbed twice while working as a pharmacist in Odessa.

In Odessa, population 90,000, he knew most of his customers by name, but did not know their families. "You're not involved with them," Kendall said.

A resident of Stanton since 1979, Kendall said he prefers the small-town life there.

"It's ideal for me," he said. "I love the size of the school system and the quality of education that the students get here." Kendall and his wife, Brenda, have two children, Kenneth, 13, and Bonnie, 2.

With seating for 25 and hours from 8 a.m. to 6 p.m., Monday through Saturday,

Stanton Drug claims a central role in Stanton life. It bustles with customers in the early morning, during coffee break about 10 a.m., during the afternoon coffee break at 3:15 p.m., and at 5 p.m., Kendall said. Most of the store's customers are farmers and downtown business people, although its dining counter draws people from Midland and Big Spring as well, he said.

"It's nice to have a place where everybody congregates," Kendall said. "During election times you talk politics. During football season you talk football, and it's just fun to be here. It really is, to see various people and their personalities."

One of Kendall's regular customers, a retired man named Simmie Foster, said "I'd have to say he's all right, because my wife works here with him." "It seems like everybody likes him," Foster said. "The only thing they don't like is prices on stuff, but it's high everywhere else."

Kendall noted that drug prices are largely determined by the drug manufacturers. Most of the drug manufacturers raise their prices on non-generic drugs by 7 to 10 percent twice a year, he said.

Brown, who continues to work as a pharmacist at the drugstore that he opened in 1951, also had a flattering opinion of Kendall. "Everybody likes him real well," Brown said. "It sure hasn't fallen off since he took over, I promise you."

Kendall said he tries to chat with customers, "but I stay real busy right there behind the counter, and I really don't get to do that as much as I used to."



## Faster than blink of an eye

NEW YORK — IBM's new 16-megabit memory chip, shown resting on a postage stamp, can read all of its 16,777,216 bits of information in one-twenty-fifth of a second, according to IBM. The company also says the chip can store the equivalent of about 1,600 pages of double-spaced typewritten text.

## Pipeline companies offer excavation safety seminar

By ERIN BLAIR  
Staff Writer

BIG SPRING — American Petrofina Pipeline Company and eight other pipeline companies sponsored a program to promote excavation safety awareness Thursday night at the Dorothy Garrett Coliseum.

Jimmy Munn of American Petrofina said this program was the third in a series of presentations in the West Texas-New Mexico region to alert contractors to the dangers of unwittingly digging up pipeline. Every year there are fatalities involving backhoes that strike buried lines and cause explosions.

Chevron Pipeline Company, Enron Gas Pipeline Operating Company, Koch-Chaparral Pipeline Company, Meridian Oil, Mid-America Pipeline Company, Mobil Pipeline Company, Shell Pipeline Corporation and the Texas-New Mexico Pipeline Company sponsored the program and contractors, utilities, emergency workers and public officials from 12 nearby counties participated in it. Approximately 200 people attended the presentation.

The program featured a video

tape entitled "Remember the Rattle," which reinforced safety precautions.

Munn reiterated the steps to take before digging:

"You should make a careful observation that no underground pipelines or utilities are in the area of excavation. You should look for pipeline warning markers and signs of utility right-of-ways. Then you should contact the pipeline or utility company that might have buried lines in the area," Munn said.

"The pipelines are required to have markers at every road and railroad crossing. So look for the nearest road crossing for a marker. On the marker is the name of the company and its telephone number. The pipeline companies are happy to send someone out to stake the line and be on hand when the excavator is digging as a service to the public," he said.

"We like them to call us because it prevents damage to our pipes and excavator's property. It might even save lives," said Munn.

"Many contractors I've talked to indicate that they've hit pipelines because they weren't diligent enough to look around. And there are deaths every year."

# Some Simple Safety Tips From Your Friends at Energas

Natural gas is one of the safest, cleanest, most efficient and economical forms of energy known to man. For any heating job in your home, you know that nothing beats natural gas for convenience, reliability, and cost efficiency.

Here are a few reminders from your friends at Energas on the safe and responsible use of natural gas in your home year-round.

### Your furnace needs an annual check-up.

Every year before cold weather hits, your furnace should be thoroughly inspected by a qualified professional heating contractor. Your natural gas furnace is so reliable that once it's been checked over, it should require very little attention the rest of the winter.

### A closet isn't always a closet.

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**Harris earns doctorate**

The Department of Veterans Affairs Medical Center is proud to announce that Ressa Harris, RN, assistant chief, nursing service, has received a doctorate degree from East Texas State University. Harris majored in adult and continuing education. Her dissertation was entitled, "The Influence of Gender and Mentorship in Integration of Female Executive Levels of Management." Graduation ceremonies were held Dec. 22 in Commerce, as East Texas State University celebrated its centennial. Harris received a BSN from Northeast Louisiana State University and an MSN from the University of Texas at Arlington. Harris has held her current position with the Big Spring VA Medical Center since 1987.

**Back on the air**  
BIG SPRING — KBYG is coming back. After a four-month hiatus, the AM radio station plans to be back on the air March 15, said Joe Reed, the station's general manager.

**Top 10 restaurant**  
Ralph Johnson, Golden Corral

"I say tentatively March 15 because we won't know for sure until the FCC approves us," Reed said. "We've had to go through the bureaucracy but we appreciate our audience's patience."

The station will keep its country and western format and will broadcast with 1000 watts of power out of its remodeled office in Comanche Trail Park. It will have 5 full-time and 5 part-time disk jockeys and a complete line of national, state and local news, Reed said.

Drew Ballard bought KBYG after it went bankrupt in November under the ownership of Dick Fields and Giraffe Communications. Before its demise, the station had operated continuously in Big Spring for 40 years.

Ballard was not previously associated with KBYG, but Reed had a program at the station for two weeks before it closed, Reed said.

**Job fair**  
Howard College will host a job fair Wednesday from 1 p.m. to 5 p.m. in the Dorothy Garrett Coliseum for businesses and industries to recruit employees.

The job fair is open to area high school and college students and interested area residents.

**Business beat**

Family Steakhouse, 503 E. FM 700, recently returned from Golden Corral's home offices in Raleigh, N.C., where he was presented with an award for being among the top 10 percent of more than 500 company stores in overall restaurant operation. Along with a plaque for the restaurant, Johnson received a ring and a letter of appreciation from the regional operating vice president, John Lannom.

"We hope to be back in the top 10 percent, next year," Johnson said. "That's one of our goals. This award is really due to all our good customers in Big Spring and the fine staff we have working here."

**Bailout go-ahead**  
WASHINGTON (AP) — The Bush administration got the go-ahead to finance its savings and

loan bailout by borrowing through the Treasury, a method that could balloon the budget deficit this year by tens of billions of dollars and temporarily push up short-term interest rates.

The Justice Department ruled Thursday that the Resolution Trust Corp., the agency created to dispose of failed thrifts, may legally borrow from the Federal Financing Bank.

S&L bailout legislation enacted in August provided \$50 billion through next year to cover the losses in failed thrift institutions. But the RTC needs to borrow as much as an additional \$100 billion.

**New computer line**  
NEW YORK (AP) — IBM unveiled a line of computer workstations that the company says outperform and underprice the competition and should help it snare a major stake in a fast-growing market where it never had success.

The machines, called the RISC System-6000, also mark the first time that the world's largest computer maker has wholeheartedly embraced the Unix computer operating system that is fast becoming the industry standard.

**Pulling Perrier**  
PARIS (AP) — Store owners in Israel, Australia and Switzerland pulled bottles of Perrier sparkling water from the shelves as a general worldwide recall got under way.

But beverage industry analysts remained divided Thursday about whether the tony brand in the distinctive green bottle will ever recover its prestige.

The recall affects 160 million bottles of the water in 120 countries and could cost the company as much as 200 million French francs, or \$35 million, officials said.

**Fertilizer prices**  
WASHINGTON (AP) — The Agriculture Department said fertilizer prices are going up as spring planting approaches, but probably won't be as high as a year ago.

According to a preliminary report released Thursday by the department's Economic Research Service, fertilizer prices may be up 4 percent from last fall.

But despite the increase, spring prices may be down about 4 percent from year-earlier levels.



Associated Press photo

**Simple pleasures**

NEW YORK — Robert Shapiro, left, chief executive officer of NutraSweet Co., and David L. Morley, general manager of the Simplex Group, sample "Simple Pleasures," their product made from an all natural fat substitute in New York. The Food and Drug Administration announced the approval of the product Thursday.

**Study: Corvette has highest rate of deaths**

LANSING, Mich. (AP) — The Chevrolet Corvette has the highest death rate in crashes, while a four-door Volvo has the lowest, according to a study released today.

The study shows that 5.2 drivers and passengers die in car wrecks for every 10,000 1985-87 Corvettes registered in the United States. It also found the Volvo 740-760 four-door had the lowest rate, 0.6 deaths per 10,000 vehicles.

The figures from the Insurance Institute for Highway Safety were released by the Michigan Association of Professional Insurance Agents.

"Without question the consumer has a better chance of survival when driving a larger vehicle," said James Alexander, president of the Michigan association.

Of the 10 vehicles with the lowest death rates, three were large, six were midsize and only one was a small car — the Volkswagen Jetta with 1.1 deaths per 10,000 vehicles.

Twelve of the 15 cars with the highest death rates are small, and the other three are midsize. Several, including the Corvette at the top of the list, are high-performance cars.

Gary Mitchell, a spokesman for the association, said while the auto industry was making more small, fuel-efficient cars, they weren't as safe as the larger models.

"What we've seen in recent years is that the industry has placed such a great emphasis on fuel economy that safety has been compromised," he said. "They're lighter so they're more fuel efficient and that's commendable, but I don't think fuel efficiency should

take a front seat over safety." High-performance cars tend to have higher death rates because of the type of drivers they attract, Mitchell said.

"The study shows there's a direct correlation between high performance sports models and a higher accident death rate," he said. "The Corvette, Camaro, Mustang, Firebird, and Dodge Daytona were all in the top 10 in terms of highest overall death rate."

"The average driver in those cars is a man under 30 years old," he said. "Industry figures show these cars with a higher percentage of female drivers tend to have lower death rates. There's a direct correlation."

Debra Barclay, a spokeswoman for the Washington, D.C.-based Center for Auto Safety, agreed the study's finding that smaller cars were less safe, but said that doesn't have to be the case.

"We have continued to say that you can make fuel efficient cars that are safe. The technology is available. It's not being used to the extent that it can be," she said.

"With airbags, consumers have to pay a few extra hundred dollars, but they get an opportunity to save their life. People are thrilled to have that choice," she said.

Barclay added that at least 14 insurance companies were offering discounts to customers who buy cars equipped with airbags.

Mitchell and Barclay also said Congress should toughen safety standards for smaller cars.

The National Highway Traffic Safety Administration declined to comment on the study.

**BUSINESS REVIEW**

To get your money's worth, call Nichols

When you want to get your money's worth, you can usually rely on family-owned and operated businesses. And if you're putting your money into heating and cooling systems, Nichols Air Conditioning & Heating Service Co. is the one to call.

The company is owned and operated by Willie and Joyce Nichols and their son, Allen. Willie and Joyce established their business in 1979 at a location on Dealy Road, south of Big Spring. Allen joined them eight years ago.

Nichols Air Conditioning & Heating Service Co. offers sales, service and installation of cooling and heating equipment for commercial and residential use. The firm is an authorized Trane dealer, backed by Fields & Co., Lubbock distributor.

Among local commercial service contracts handled by the Nichols family are State National Bank, Dora Roberts Rehab Center, Permian Distributing, Forsan Independent School District and Texas Employment Commission.

"On large jobs, a Trane factory consultant is available to us," says Willie. "We have access to all types of equipment, and in most cases can arrange overnight delivery. And we service all makes and models of equipment."

The company provides fast, efficient service calls with two radio-equipped trucks, and they maintain an inventory of parts.

The elder Nichols is a 1963 graduate of the Commercial Trades Institute, Chicago. He was employed as a Carrier mechanic in Dallas, later joining civil service as an air conditioning and heating



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Around the rim



## 'Bitte' just about say it all

By JOHN McMILLAN  
Staff Writer

I have never been a spitter. For one thing, there aren't any spittoons around that might invite me to spit. This is not the 1920s. Spittoons are rare, and cigar-smoking is less prevalent than in that era.

For another thing, spitting strikes me as vulgar.

A lot of men, especially boys, seem to believe that spitting proves they're tough. To me, though, it only proves that they lack manners.

I still feel that way about spitting. It's unsightly and deplorable.

But lately, I confess, I too have joined the ranks of spitters. I have done that by taking up German, a language that's often described as guttural.

A guttural language, contrary to popular belief, need not be a language of the gutter. If there's spitting in German, and there is, it's spitting of a highly refined nature.

It is virtually impossible to say a word of German (whether "ich," "wasser," or "bitte") without expectorating. There's a precision to the language — one might call it a military precision, but 20th century German history has a way of discouraging the term — that feels like goosestepping to words.

I'm not saying that I keep a spittoon in front of me as I practice my German from a Berlitz tape. But I am conscious of puckering my lips as if to kiss, and the puckering produces saliva. This appears to be the German equivalent to French kissing.

I'm not complaining about the language, though. Learning German is a bitte-sweet experience.

"Bitte," incidentally, is an all-purpose word that has nothing but pleasant-sounding definitions. Among them are "please," "you are welcome," "go right ahead," and "you first."

If you ever visit Germany and can't remember the right word to say, there is no need to panic. You merely need to utter the word "bitte."

"Bitte," you can tell the innkeeper, when he asks whether you need a double- or single-bed.

"Bitte," you can tell the waiter, when he asks which entree you prefer.

"Bitte," you can say to the taxi driver, when he inquires where you wish to go.

Since each "bitte" is a bit like spitting, there's no need to worry about sounding vague. In my four-week study of the language, I have found that getting into the spirit of spitting is more important than knowing the words themselves. Regardless of what one says, the Germans will respect a person if he pronounces words with an air of authority.

To contribute to that impression, it is best if you abstain from smiling. That's easily accomplished, since the facial muscles pulled by German words make it virtually impossible to smile. I've also noticed that many German words are uttered with teeth nearly clenched, as if from controlled rage.

Which reminds me. On first blush, the German language might appear to be less romantic than French. To hear the German for "I love you" is to wonder whether one has committed a crime of some sort, and what the punishment will be.

My ear may be a bit prejudiced, though, by American World War II movies that lent a sinister connotation to the German tongue. German hospitality in those days meant an invitation to chat with the Gestapo.

But today, I firmly believe that German can also be regarded as romantic. German white wines speak their own language of love. And for women, the virility and aggressiveness of German might win their heart.

No matter what a German man tells a woman, it sounds as if he's barking commands. If the commands are agreeable to the woman, and if her commands in return are agreeable to him, it could mean love.

Mostly I'm fond of German, though, because I met a European recently who convinced me that I should take pride in being one-fourth German in heritage.

Steve Ray has been on vacation. His Ray of Light column will return in this spot next week.

## Mrs. Texas hopeful promotes family values



By LYNN HAYES  
Staff Writer

BIG SPRING — In this day and age it's not easy to hold on to strong family values. However, a local woman who says she strongly believes in marriage, family tradition, and participation in her community is attempting to do something about it.

Cynthia Breyman has found a way to speak for women who aren't heard from very often — the American wife and mother.

She has entered the Mrs. Texas International pageant, which is unique in its focus and approach because it showcases the achievements of married women whose lives reflect traditional values, according to a news release.

The pageant, which will be conducted March 9-11 at Park Plaza Hotel, Dallas, emphasizes the value of marital commitment and the importance of the family unit in our society.

Unlike other pageants, Mrs. Texas International places significant emphasis on the interview, contributing 50 percent to the selection process. The pageant has also eliminated the swimwear competition.

Cynthia said the pageant caught her interest because of the values it's promoting.

"I entered the pageant to promote marriage, strong family tradition, and participation in one's community, not for self-gain," she said. "I love human beings and the quality it gives my life to be in the public. I don't expect to win, but if I do, the one thing I would most like to accomplish is being able to speak for the women who aren't heard from very often, the average American wife and mother. When we strengthen the home, the world will take care of itself," she said.

The pageant also stresses the need for women and their families to become actively involved in building a stronger community. This emphasis is reinforced by the commitment to donate a percentage of the ticket proceeds to benefit a non-profit organization, the release stated.



Herald photos by Lynn Hayes  
In the top photo, from left, Amanda, Cynthia and Daniel spend time together baking chocolate chip cookies. Chuck, Amanda, Cynthia and Ben feed the chickens they raise at their country home, in the left photo. In the photo at right, Cynthia watches as Amanda practices playing the piano. The Breymans pose in front of the fireplace in the bottom photo.



The 33-year-old mother of three also volunteers at Forsan Elementary School in the library program; and serves on the junior high school's Academic Advisory Committee. She contributes time and/or money to her two favorite charities: Orin Dyslexic Society, and the Cystic Fibrosis Foundation.

She chose these charities because both have touched her life. "My son, Daniel is dyslexic, so I read everything I can about it," she explained. "When I was growing up I had a friend who died from cystic fibrosis. She was a dear person and was always smiling. You see, you learn from everyone you meet," she said as tears welled in her eyes.

Cynthia, a petite blond, was born in Odessa and grew up in Andrews, where she graduated from

high school in 1975. She was a cheerleader and a member of the student council.

Although Cynthia was crowned Miss West Texas Teen, she says she didn't believe the pageant would help her in the long run, so she gave up the opportunity to compete at the next level. "The pageant and a student council activity were to be held on the same day . . . I chose the student council meeting because I didn't think the pageant would help me achieve my life's goals," she said.

Cynthia says her husband and family and her belief in God are what keeps her going. "My strength lies in my husband, my family and my spirituality."

She says it's important to teach children family values and spends a lot of time with her

children. "I read to them all the time and they've learned to love to read, too."

To help her with the interview portion of the pageant, Cynthia went to the library and borrowed the book "Public Speaking for Private People," by Art Linkletter, as well as a book on pageants. She said she didn't care for the pageant book because all it was concerned with was self. "I don't like that," she said.

Cynthia described herself as sincere, optimistic and happy. "Sincerity is very important to me. You can tell when a person isn't sincere," she said. "I don't do or say anything without a true conviction."

She's also optimistic about life. "When I'm down for some reason, I'll just pull myself up. I'm sure it has something to do with my spiritual beliefs — my belief in God and Christ."

Cynthia says she is happy most of the time because she lives every day to the fullest. "I look for the good things in life. If you look for the good things, you'll find them . . . I live every day as if it were my last."

The Breymans who raise chickens and guineas, also grow their own vegetables at their country home. "Mom doesn't work in the garden," Daniel confessed. "But she picks 'em."

The children have their own thoughts about Mom entering the contest. "I think she'll win 'cause she's pretty," Amanda said. "I really think she wants to talk to people and tell moms and dads not to get divorced."

"I think she's pretty brave to get up there in front of all those people," Daniel added. "If she does win I'm proud of her. If she doesn't win I'm still proud of her."

Her husband and children will be present when the pageant winner is named.

And, if she wins, Chuck will proudly place the crown on his wife's head.

"If I don't win, at least I'll have expressed my views on marriage, family and community," Cynthia concluded.

## Stork Club

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- Born to Marcellino and Norma Chavez, a daughter, Linsey Raie Chavez, on Feb. 21, 1990 at 12:54 p.m., weighing 8 pounds 7 1/2 ounces, delivered by Drs. Porter and Cox. Grandparents are Mr. and Mrs. David Marquez, 507 N. Lancaster St.; Mr. and Mrs. Ysabel Luna, 1612 Cardinal; and the late Juan Chavez. Linsey is the baby sister of Trey Ransen, 23 months.
- Born to Jerrie Lee and Jessie Fierro Jr., a son, Jessie Fierro III, on Feb. 17, 1990 at 7:17 p.m., weighing 5 pounds, delivered by Dr. Farquhar. Grandparents are Mr. and Mrs. Villanueva, Snyder; and Mr. and Mrs. Jessie Fierro Sr., Big Spring.
- Born to Gerabeth Yvonne Lopez and Ernest Garcia Jr., a daughter, Mercedes Jade Garcia, on Feb. 16, 1990 at 12:56 a.m., weighing 6 pounds 9 1/2 ounces, delivered by Dr. Jean Louis. Grandparents are Geraldine Lopez, Mr. and Mrs. Ernest Garcia Sr., and the late Marcy Lopez. Mercedes is the baby sister of Marcy, 2.
- Born to Johnny Trevino and Stella Yanez, 2101 Main St., a son, Johnny Trevino Jr., on Feb. 16, 1990 at 8:40 a.m., weighing 6 pounds 5 ounces, delivered by Dr. Porter. Grandparents are Jimmy Trevino and Angie Montoya. Johnny Jr. is the baby brother of David, 5, Roxanne and Princess, 20 months.
- Born to Norman Linda Mendez, 1109 W. Sixth St., a son, John Nicholas Mendez, on Feb. 16, 1990 at 9:48 a.m., weighing 9 pounds 5 1/2 ounces, delivered by Dr. Porter.
- Born to Barbara Martinez and Julian Buricaga, a daughter, Julie Ann Martinez, on Feb. 15, 1990 at 6:24 p.m., weighing 8 pounds 13 1/2 ounces, delivered by Dr. Porter. Grandparents are Trina and Victor Martinez, and Dora and Julian Buricaga Sr. Julie is the baby sister of Ted, 2, and Phillip, 1.
- Born to Pat and Judi Newton, 3704 Boulder Dr., a son, Chance Patrick Newton, on Feb. 14, 1990 at 10:20 a.m., weighing 5 pounds 12 1/2 ounces, delivered by Dr. Porter. Grandparents are Ted and Marilyn Covington, Big Spring; and Mack and Polly Newton, Temple.
- Born to Raymon and Lori Ontiveros, 703 Creighton, a son, Brandon Manuel Ontiveros, on Feb. 20, 1990 at 2:34 p.m., weighing 8 pounds 8 1/2 ounces, delivered by Drs. Herrington and Porter. Grandparents are Lupe and Rosa Ontiveros, 116 N.E. 41th St.; and Manuel and Nicolasara Jara, Midland.
- Born to Elizabeth Aldridge and Ruben Hernandez, a daughter, Amanda Michelle Hernandez, on Feb. 20, 1990 at 6:31 p.m., weighing 6 pounds 8 3/4 ounces.

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- Born to Jose G. and Alice Badillo, 614 Steakley St., a daughter, Christina Marie, at Midland Memorial Hospital, on Jan. 30, 1990 at 6:30 p.m., weighing 9 pounds 5 ounces. Grandparents are Nanda Valencia, and Gabriel Badillo. Christina is the baby sister of Joseph, 4.
- Born to Bart and Laurie Shryack, Leander, a son, Layton Thomas, at Roundrock Community Hospital, on Feb. 4, 1990, weighing 9 pounds 7 ounces. Grandparents are Melvin and Marie Daniels, and Richard and Quita Shryack, all of Big Spring.

## Military

Marine Sgt. Alexander J. Childress, son of Elizabeth K. Childress, 502 Hillside, recently received the Navy Achievement Award.

He received the decoration for his superior performance of duty while serving with 4th Marine Division, Marine Corps Reserve, Dallas.

Childress is currently stationed at Henderson Hall, Arlington, Va.

A 1979 graduate of Big Spring High School, he joined the Marine Corps in February 1983.

Army National Guard Private Gilbert Flores, son of Raymond and Esther Flores, Colorado City, has completed a combat engineer course at the U.S. Army Training Center at Fort Leonard Wood, Mo.

During the course, students were trained in the techniques of road and bridge building, camouflage and demolition. They also received instruction in combat squad tactics.

The private is a 1989 graduate of Colorado High School.

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## Wedding

### Williams-Britton

Tracey Williams and James Britton were united in marriage Feb. 24, 1990 at St. Stephen Presbyterian Church, Ft. Worth, with the Rev. Robert Martin officiating.

The bride is the daughter of Ron and Linda Lauder, Ft. Worth, formerly of Big Spring; and the late Ray Don Williams.

Bridegroom's parents are Ellis and Janelle Britton, Big Spring.

The bride wore an ivory silk taffeta gown designed by Demetrios for Illisa. Intricate beading of pearls and iridescents covered the fitted bodice, which featured a deep "V" neckline. Long, tapered sleeves ended with a "V" cover over the wrists. The waist dipped to a low "V" over the flaring taffeta skirt. Heavily beaded lace appliques enhanced the lower part of the skirt and the semi-cathedral train. The hemline and the attached train were edged in scalloped appliques accented by pearls and iridescents.

Maid of honor was Melodi Merrill, San Angelo.

Bridesmaids were Juli Britton, bridegroom's sister, Austin; Tara Williams, bride's sister-in-law, Arlington; Shelly Pruitt, bride's cousin, Burleson; and Suzanne Tomerlin, Big Spring.

Flower girl was Whitney Apel, bride's cousin, Irving.

Best man was Dudley Lance, Los Angeles, Calif.

Groomsmen were Mike Harris, San Diego, Calif.; Kelly Williams, bride's brother, Arlington; Kenneth Myers, Dallas; and Jonathan Irvin, Dallas.

Ushers were Scott Moyer, Dallas; Mark Ball, Grapevine; and Randy Dews, Mesquite.

Ringbearer Graham Trainor,



MRS. TRACEY BRITTON

bride's cousin, Ft. Worth.

After the wedding, a reception was hosted at the Ridgela Country Club. An ivory wedding cake, topped with fresh flowers, was served from a table centered with a candelabra arrangement of pink and white lilies. A black forest cake was served from the bridegroom's table, which was decorated with an arrangement of greenery and candles.

The bride, a graduate of Texas Tech University, is a flight attendant for American Airlines.

The bridegroom, a graduate of Southwest Texas State University, is a regional sales manager for Intelliserve, Irving.

After a wedding trip to Jackson Hole, Wyo., the couple will make their home in Coppell.

## Public records

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Daniel Ryan Freshour, 19, 538 Westover, and Stacey Lynn Walling, 19, 538 Westover

Rory Bradford Heaton, 29, 710 E. 17th St., and Ojuanna Jeanette Wright, 17, HC 76 Box 136 A 2

## NARVRE members meet for dinner

National Association of Retired and Veteran Railway Employees Inc. met for supper Feb. 15 at the Kentwood Older Adults Activity Center.

Claudia McCreary, president, called the business meeting to order. A moment of silence was held for Ethel McCannless who died Feb. 10; G.W. Hill who passed away Nov. 29; Walter C. Moore, Jesse Armistead and Edna Sikes.

Those present who had birthdays since the last meeting were Mrs. J.J. Richardson, Mrs. C.F. Whittington, Mrs. Charley Clay and S.A. Wilson.

The following officers were elected for a two-year term: Mrs. Claudia McCreary, president; W.C. Cole, first vice president; S.A. Wilson, second vice president; Mrs. Margaret Barnett, secretary and treasurer.

Appointive officers: Mrs. O.O. Bornw, chaplain; W.C. Cole, legislative representative to replace vacancies Mrs. C.C. Nichols and Mrs. J.W. Weidel appointed on the telephone committee.

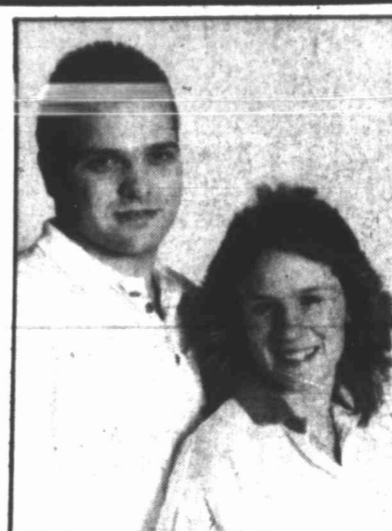
The next meeting will be March 15 at 5:30 p.m.

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## Engagements



**DATE SET** — Mr. and Mrs. Roger C. Wadsworth and J.D. Gammon Jr., Houston, announce the engagement and approaching marriage of their daughter, Jackie Burke, to Jerry Meyer, Yardley, Pa., son of Joan Meyer, 1506 E. 17th St. The couple will wed Oct. 20 at St. John the Evangelist Church, Yardley.



**DATE SET** — Mr. and Mrs. George Burke, Yardley, Pa., announce the engagement and approaching marriage of their daughter, Laura Anne Peterson, Dallas, to Jeffrey Todd Robnett, son of Mr. and Mrs. William E. Robnett, Stanton. The couple will wed March 3 at a 5:30 p.m. ceremony at First United Methodist Church, Dallas.



**COUPLE TO WED** — Mr. and Mrs. Bob Peterson, De Soto, announce the engagement and approaching marriage of their daughter, Laura Anne Peterson, Dallas, to Jeffrey Todd Robnett, son of Mr. and Mrs. William E. Robnett, Stanton. The couple will wed March 3 at a 5:30 p.m. ceremony at First United Methodist Church, Dallas.

## Newcomers

Joy Fortenberry and the Newcomer Greeting Service welcomed several new residents to Big Spring.

**HAROLD and GLORIA SCARBROUGH** from Alpine. Harold is director of missions for the Big Spring and Lamesa Baptist area. Hobbies include camping, fishing and hunting.

**KARRI HARRIS** from San Angelo is a teacher at Bauer Magnet School. Hobbies include sports.

**GARLAND and NEVA McCARROLL** from Odessa. Garland is a supervisor at Earth Construction. Hobbies include television, reading and playing cards.

**RICHARD and DONNA LEITGEB** from Grand Prairie. Richard is employed by Western Container. They are joined by their son, Richard Carl, 4 months. Hobbies include sports, golf and sewing.

**TERESA MEYERS** from Bossier, La., is employed by the Sunset Tavern. Hobbies include reading, swimming and fishing.

**STACY GABBARD** from Midland is employed by Martha's Hide Away. She is joined by her daughter, Alexya, 6. Hobbies include skating, swimming and reading.

**MARVIN and VIRGINIA CLEGG** from Hemphill. Marvin is retired. Virginia is administrator of Golden Plains Care Center. Hobbies include piece quilts, cooking and traveling.

**MARK and SUSAN DUNN** from Odessa. Mark is a pharmacist at Revco. They are joined by their children, Christina, 5, and Michael, 21 months. Hobbies include ceramics, golf and fishing.

**D.R. and BARBARA SPURGIN** from Big Lake. D.R. is a truck driver for Pepprolite. They are joined by their children, Tim, 5, Lee, 12, and Camie, 9. Hobbies include crochet and baseball.

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# Anniversary

## The Holly Howells



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Holly and Inez Howell, Colorado City, will celebrate their 50th wedding anniversary March 4, from 2 to 4 p.m., at Oak Street Baptist Church, Colorado City.

Hosting the event will be Mr. and Mrs. Joe (Kay) Clark, Gwen Clark, and Mr. and Mrs. Fabian (Kim) Rubio.

Howell was born Feb. 2, 1914 in Brookston.

Mrs. Howell, the former Inez Howell, was born Oct. 27, 1918 in Sipe Spring.

The couple met in 1936 at a harvest luncheon in Colorado City. They married Feb. 27, 1940 at the church parsonage, with the Rev. A.D. Leach officiating.

The Howells have one daughter, Kay Clark, 1016 Baylor; two granddaughters, Gwen Clark, 1016 Baylor; and Kim Rubio, Palmdale, Calif.; and two great-grandchildren, Jonathan Chaz

Rubio and Jarred Allen Rubio, both of Palmdale, Calif.

During their marriage, the couple has lived in Colorado City.

Mrs. Howell is a licensed vocational nurse and has been employed by Mitchell County Hospital for more than 46 years. Howell retired after 53½ years with Paris Yarbrough Service Station.

The Howells are members of Oak Street Baptist Church. He is a member of Woodmen of the World; she is a member of Tumbleweed Lioness Club.

When asked to comment about their marriage, they said "Through thick and thin we have survived 50 years."

Hobbies and interests include travel, music, crochet, gardening and church.

The couple requests no gifts.

## A dog named Smokey

By TUMBLEWEED SMITH

Smokey was a good dog. He became quite well known in East Texas where he appeared on television feature shows. When he passed away last year, his owners received sympathy cards. The local newspaper carried a half page obituary, listing Smokey's offspring and who owned them.

"To slip something by Smokey would be just about like tryin' to slip daylight by a rooster," says Virgie Corbitt, who owned Smokey. "I couldn't slip off from him regardless of how hard I tried. I'd tell him to stay and he would stay. But for me to get off without telling him to stay was impossible."

Virgie's wife Ann says Smokey was not allowed to ride in the car. "Sometimes we would be pulling away in the car and Smokey would give us such a lonesome look that we would drive the car back into the garage and take the pickup so Smokey would ride with us."

Smokey was a black Labrador retriever. Ann and the Corbitt children gave him to Virgie 11 years ago as a Father's Day present. "I never had been a dog person before," says Virgie, "but Smokey... well, there'll never be another Smokey."

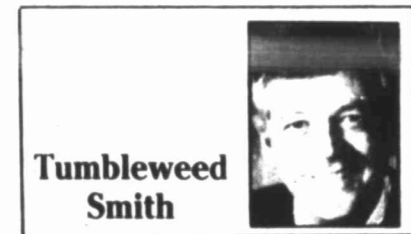
The Corbitts don't own a dog now, but Timber, one of Smokey's sons, lives just down the road apiece and visits Ann and Virgie often.

The Corbitts live in the country just outside Winsboro. Their tidy comfortable home is near some woods. It was here that Virgie played hide and seek and other games with Smokey, who could really catch a ball.

"He was tremendous," says Virgie. "You had to throw it way over his head for him to miss it. If you threw it out to the side, he was quick as lightning."

Smokey didn't take to the frisbee, though. Once a visitor brought one and tried to get Smokey to play with it. Smokey chewed it to pieces.

Smokey was known as the Cannonball Express because he



Tumbleweed Smith

delivered food, messages and other items between the Corbitts and their neighbors, the McMurtries, who live a few hundred yards away. Ann would put something in a paper bag, put the bag in Smokey's mouth and he would be off to deliver the package. He never got sidetracked. One time Smokey delivered a bouquet of dogwood blossoms from Virgie to Ann. They have a photograph of that.

Virgie taught Smokey to get the keys from the pickup. "I walked over to the pickup, put the keys in the ignition and told Smokey to get 'em. He did. I did that a couple of times then I put the keys back in and walked to the porch and told Smokey to get the keys. He did. Then I drove the pickup down to the barn which is a good hundred yards away and he went and got 'em."

Smokey visited youth groups and nursing homes and played ball with people. Once in a nursing home the ball rolled into the room of a man who hadn't spoken to anyone or been out of his room in a long while. In just a few minutes he walked out playing ball with Smokey. Doctors say that was the beginning of the man's recovery from severe depression. The activity director of the nursing home said nobody else had been able to make the man come out. The man's family admitted Smokey made him want to "join the world again."

Virgie and Ann took Smokey traveling with them all over the country. "And everywhere we went," says Virgie, "people would have something really good to say about him. He really touched a lot of people."

## Solve your spring gardening problems

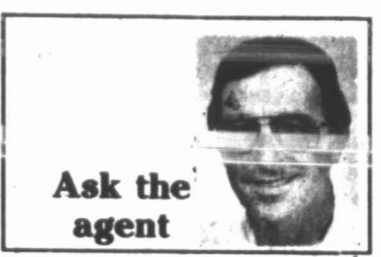
By DON RICHARDSON  
County Extension Agent

About this time of year we get a lot of calls to our office relating to spring gardens... all the way from green beans to peach trees!

This week's article will hopefully help you with some of your problems. Petunias are a perennial favorite of Howard County gardeners and our hot West Texas summers seems to do a lot of the more popular varieties in by mid-June. Polo Salmon and Polo Burgundy Star are two new petunia varieties to look for this year. They are 1990 All-American Selection winners and thrive in full sun. These new varieties are compact, bush-type and do not require removal of spent flowers to prolong flowering. They are also drought resistant. Plant them about 8-12 inches apart on fertile, well-drained soil.

Some other new all-American drought resistant flowers that will be on the market this year include Scarlet Splendor Zinnia and Castle Pink Celosia.

When considering new landscape plants for your yard, consider the



Ask the agent

Evergreen Sumac (Rhus virens). It grows up to about 6-10 feet and attracts birds with its small fuzzy fruit appearing in late fall. It needs full sun or light shade for best results and is drought tolerant.

If you did not fertilize your pear trees in February, do so in March. Apply one pound of a complete fertilizer to ground around each tree, then water it in thoroughly. Mature trees require one pound of complete fertilizer per inch of trunk diameter, applied in a similar manner.

Hold off fertilizing pecan trees until about April and then apply one pound of nitrogen to two-year-old trees and two pounds of a similar fertilizer to three-year-old trees. If, by April, we have any development of leaf growth, spray

your pecan trees with a foliar zinc spray. This is especially important for leaf and shoot growth. Just be sure not to allow the zinc spray to drift onto other fruit trees. Most of them will be damaged by the zinc-laden mist; peach trees can be killed by it.

Within the next few weeks broadleaf weeds may begin to appear in local lawns. Plan now to control them. Consider using separate weed control and fertilizer products. Although "weed and feed" combinations are a good theory, your lawn usually won't need both at exactly the same time. Apply fertilizer and weed control products separately — you'll get better results. Weeds usually appear in lawns that have been weakened by insects, diseases or a general lack of care. Improve the overall health of your lawn and you'll choke out offending weeds.

In the meantime, consider digging your weeds by hand. Remember weed control chemicals do not know the difference between a prized live oak tree's root system from that of a care-less weed!

## Military

Marine Cpl. Antonio G. Espinosa, son of Isabel and Josephine G. Espinosa, Lamesa, has been promoted to his present rank while serving with 7th Marine Expeditionary Brigade, Marine Corps Air Ground Combat Center, Twentynine Palm, Calif.

A 1987 graduate of Lamesa High School, he joined the Marine Corps in June 1987.

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## Imitation seafood product tastes like the real thing

By NAOMI HUNT

You probably know them by names like "seaflakes," "king krab," "sea stix," or simply "imitation" seafoods. But these are actually names for varying products made from a processed fish material called surimi. Technically, they are "seafood-analogue products," and are quite different from the real thing.



Focus on family

The most popular surimi product in this country is imitation crabmeat in chunks, flakes and leg-shaped pieces. You can also buy simulated lobster, scallops and shrimp made from surimi. Surimi products are available frozen, unfrozen and breaded. Today, seafood salads that you buy in most supermarket delicatessen sections and in many restaurants are made with surimi products.

Surimi is not the finished food that you eat. Rather, it is the paste used to make surimi products. The paste is typically made from Alaskan pollock, and less frequently, from fish such as croaker. The process of making surimi is often carried out right on board ship where the pollock is deboned by machine, then subjected to several rinsing processes. Then the fish is strained and mixed with other ingredients such as sugar, sorbitol and phosphate-containing additives that improve freezer storage and keep the fish protein from toughening. At this point, you have tasteless, uncooked surimi paste which is usually frozen in

blocks that will later be structured into the substitute seafoods you can eat.

The making of the final products entails thawing the surimi paste, chopping it and blending it with other substances to give it shellfish-like taste and texture. The added ingredients might include a bit of real shellfish meat (the amount added is quite variable), shellfish flavor extract or artificial flavoring, salt, water, starch, egg white, and monosodium glutamate. The biggest nutrition drawback is the high sodium level, often well over 600 milligrams for a small serving. Another shortcoming is that substantial amounts of water-soluble nutrients, including niacin and potassium, are lost in processing. The good news is that when stacked up against many other products foods, surimi products tend to be very low in calories, fat and cholesterol.

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# End of Dad's depression is start of daughter's worries

DEAR ABBY: My mother passed away seven months ago after a long illness. She was 74. She and Dad were inseparable, and the first few months he was terribly depressed and didn't want to go on.



Dear Abby

Well, "Marge," who had been one of Mom's closest friends (a widow for four years), did a lot to bring Dad out of his depression, and they started seeing each other. These past few months Dad and Marge have been together every day, and who knows about the nights.  
Dad has a lovely bungalow and Marge owns a very nice condo. Now Dad is talking about either selling his bungalow or Marge selling her condo and moving in together. We are happy that they are keeping company, but we don't think it's a very good idea for them

to live together. How can we prevent this from happening without being "meddling" children? — **DAD'S DAUGHTERS**  
DEAR DAUGHTERS: If you don't want to be meddling children — don't meddle. Encourage Dad to do whatever makes him happy, and thank the good Lord that your father is healthy and has something to live for. Or would you rather be schlepping noodle soup to him every night in a nursing home?  
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DEAR ABBY: I have been married for four years to a man whose ex-wife can't seem to let go.

He had been divorced for two years when we met. He had told me he could not tolerate his ex-wife's rudeness, infidelity and total disregard for his feelings. Now, four years later, he goes to her house for "family" dinners — using the excuse that his aging mother wants to see the kids. (The "kids" are 24 and 29.)

His "ex" collects a large spousal support payment and feels free to telephone him at our home at any hour of the day or night.

Am I wrong to complain? Is he wrong? What's the matter with this relationship, and how can I let him know I am very hurt and more than a little disgusted? — **NO. 2 IN HOLLYWOOD**

DEAR NO. 2: You are not "wrong" to complain; your husband

is wrong for permitting his ex-wife to manipulate him to the point of upsetting you. It appears that he, too, is having trouble letting go.

Here we go again: If you want a healthy, lasting marriage, tie the tie to a counselor — both of you. If he won't go, go without him. There are a host of wrinkles in your marriage that need ironing out.

DEAR ABBY: We must take exception to the nurse's comments that dogs are trained and nurses are educated.

As technical training specialists, we often ask a question that clearly distinguishes between training and education: Would you rather have your child attend sex-education classes or sex-training classes?

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# Tortilla-making is a family tradition

By CARLA MCKEOWN  
Lubbock Avalanche-Journal  
LUBBOCK — Preserving the traditions of the Mexican kitchen, Delores Ramos makes tortillas for her four children several times a week.

"It just comes natural; I was brought up to do it," she said. "I learned to make them when I was 12 years old. My mother would make the dough, she would make it into patties and I would roll them out. When I was 14 I started doing it all on my own."

Although she works and attends Texas Tech University, Ms. Ramos said she makes a point to make the typical Mexican bread on Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays and at least once on the weekend. "If I don't make them in two or three days, the dough will ask, 'How come you haven't made them in a long time?'" she said.

Ms. Ramos said she is passing on the tradition to her children, teaching her sons — Aaron, 15; Miguel, 11; and Javier, 10 — as well as her daughter — Elva, 14 — to make tortillas.

"The younger ones know how to roll the dough. They don't know how to do all the rest," she said with a smile.

The tradition of the homemade flour tortilla — breakfast or for a big lunch — is to make them — if there are no leftovers — we save them and heat them up for the next meal," Ms. Ramos said. "I have to make them twice a day for supper."

Ms. Ramos said it is not a time-consuming task for her. Ms. Ramos said she just part of cooking for her family. "Tortillas are easy to make. Once you get the routine down, it doesn't take long."

Ms. Ramos said it usually takes her from 20 to 45 minutes to make a batch of about two dozen tortillas. "It goes quicker when I can cook on two griddles," she said.

The process might be more time-consuming for someone who does not make tortillas regularly. Ms. Ramos detailed the steps she follows to make tortillas. She does not use a recipe, but relies on the process learned from her mother, Lupe Ramos.

Step 1: Start with about 4 cups of flour and add a big spoonful of shortening. "Just roll it in the flour with your hands. Sort of play with it," she said, judging the consistency of the dough. Add hot water a little at a time, making a dough. Continue adding water a little at a time to include all the flour.

Step 2: Take the dough out of the bowl and knead. Add a little flour if the dough is too sticky. Let it set for a few minutes.

Step 3: Pinch off golf ball sized chunks of dough and shape them into small patties. "The size of the patty depends on how big you want the tortillas to be," she said, her hands swiftly shaping the balls of dough into patties.

Step 4: Roll out the patties into an even flat circle of about 8 inches in diameter.

Step 5: Place the flattened dough on a hot griddle. Let cook until bubbles form on the surface and then flip over and cook on the other side until bubbles on bottom are golden brown.

The tips below may aid in making tortillas.



LUBBOCK — Delores Ramos displays a plate of baked flour tortillas. Although she works, attends Texas Tech University and has four children, she manages to make tortillas several times a week.

- Let the dough rest a few minutes after it has been kneaded and before the patties are formed.
- Roll the dough almost paper thin.
- If the tortillas stick to the griddle, reduce the heat.
- Each tortilla should cook for about 30 seconds on each side.
- Eat the leftover tortillas at room temperature or reheat them in a microwave oven.

Lupe Ramos, Delores' mother, also works outside her home, and still makes homemade tortillas. However, because she is cooking just for her husband and herself, she only makes about six tortillas a day, storing the remaining dough in the refrigerator.

"The dough keeps for about two days in the refrigerator. I put the dough in the microwave for about one minute to make it soft," she said. The softened dough is then ready to roll out.

Ms. Ramos said she is disappointed that the new generation is not learning to make tortillas. "They go and buy them from the store," she said. "Mostly women today are working or going to school, like my daughter. Making tortillas takes more time than buying them. Of course, store-bought tortillas are not as good."

Tortillas taste better when they are made at home and when the cook has the time to work with the dough. "It takes time and it takes practice. They don't taste as good if you don't keep in practice and do it often," Delores Ramos said.

The tradition of making homemade tortillas is spiced with a bit of Mexican folklore. "There is an old Mexican saying, 'Never eat the first tortilla,'" said Ms. Ramos. "If you eat the first one, you will never have enough, so I never let them eat the first one."

Ms. Ramos does not follow a

recipe, but here is one from "The Official Fajita Cookbook," by Richard L. Miller:

### BURCIAGA'S TORTILLAS

- 1 pound white flour
  - 1 cup lard
  - 2 teaspoons salt
  - 1 cup warm water
- Place the flour in a bowl and cut in the lard as if you were making pie crust. Dissolve the salt in the water, add that mixture to the flour and the lard to make a pliable dough, and knead it until it is soft and elastic. Grease your hands and form dough balls 1 1/2 inches in diameter or slightly bigger. On a floured board, use a rolling pin to roll out each dough ball to at least eight inches in diameter.

Cook the tortillas on an iron griddle over medium heat. When finished, the tortillas should be placed in a wicker tortilla basket and covered with a cloth or placed between the folds of a kitchen towel. Makes about two dozen tortillas.

Here are a couple of recipes for tortilla fillings:

### BURRITOS

- 1 pound lean boneless pork butt or should, trimmed
- 1 1/2 cups of water
- 4 large dried California or New Mexico chiles or 3 tablespoons ground chile powder
- 1 clove garlic, minced or pressed
- 3/4 teaspoons
- 1/2 teaspoon dry oregano leaves
- 1 tablespoon red wine vinegar
- 4 to 6 flour tortillas

Place meat in a 2- to 3-quart saucepan over medium-high heat and add water. Bring to a boil; reduce heat, cover and simmer until meat is tender (about one hour.) Skim off excess fat. Remove stems and seeds from chiles, break into pieces and whirl in blender until

finely ground. Add to pork along with garlic, salt, oregano and vinegar. Simmer, uncovered, stirring occasionally, until sauce thickens, about 35 minutes.

Meanwhile wrap tortillas in foil and heat in a 350-degree oven until hot, about 15 minutes, or wrap in plastic wrap and microwave on high for 30 to 45 seconds.

To serve, spoon pork filling down center of each tortilla and add garnishes as desired. Lap ends of tortillas over filling and fold sides to center or simply roll up. Makes 4 to 6 servings.

Suggested garnishes include sour cream, guacamole, shredded Monterey Jack cheese, shredded lettuce, chopped green onions, chopped tomatoes and salsa.

### BURRITOS DE POLLO

- 1 medium onion, chopped
- 1 clove garlic, minced
- 1 teaspoon vegetable oil
- 1 4-ounce can chopped chiles
- 1 10-ounce can tomatoes
- 2 to 3 pound fryer, cooked and deboned
- Salt and pepper to taste
- 1 dozen flour tortillas
- 1 lb. Monterey Jack cheese, shredded

In saucepan, saute onions and garlic in oil until glazed. Add green chiles and tomatoes and bring to a boil. Lower heat and simmer for one hour. Add chicken and mix until meat is shredded. Season with salt and pepper.

Place 1/2 to 2 tablespoons of the mixture on each tortilla with a generous amount of cheese. Roll tortilla. Place in a greased 12-by-9-by-2-inch baking pan and cover with foil. Heat for about 30 minutes at 300 degrees. Makes 12 servings.

# DAR meets

The Daughter of the American Revolution met Feb. 18 at the H.D. Cowden home to celebrate George Washington's birthday.

Mrs. Stanley Reid presented a slide program of the DAR building in Washington, D.C. The administration building was the first to be built around 1990, followed by the Continental Hall, which in Sept. 16, 1985 was designated as a National Historic Landmark by the secretary of the interior, United States Department of the Interior.

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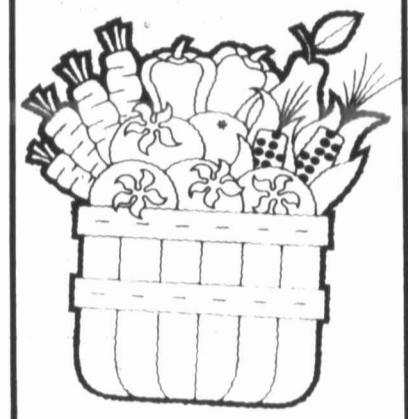
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6524 Feb 25 & March 4 & 11, 1990

**PUBLIC NOTICE**

RAILROAD COMMISSION OF TEXAS OIL AND GAS DIVISION  
DISTRICT  
CASE NO. 106,784  
DATE OF ISSUANCE: February 13, 1990  
NOTICE OF APPLICATION  
NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Applicant, Marathon Oil Company, P.O. Box 552, Midland, TX 79702, has made application for a spacing exception permit under the provisions of 16 Texas Administrative Code §3.37 (Railroad Commission Statewide Rule 37). Applicant seeks exception to the distance between wells requirement to drill Well No. 33, Klob Lease, 280 Acres, Section 5, Block 32, T-2-S, T&P RR Co. Survey, Howard-Glasscock Field, Howard County, being 4 miles in a west direction from Forsan, Texas. The location of this well is as follows: 2200' from north line and 1000' from east line of lease; 2200' from north line and 1640' from west line of survey. Field Rules for the Howard-Glasscock Field are 330/660, 10 Acres.

PURSUANT to the terms of Railroad Commission Statewide Rule 37(b) (2) (A), this permit may be granted administratively if no protest to the application is received. An offset mineral interest-owner and lessee is entitled to request a hearing on this application. They must be prepared to appear at the hearing either in person or by qualified representative and protest this application through cross-examination or presentation of a direct case subject to all applicable rules of evidence. If a hearing is called, the burden of proof of the need for an exception is placed on the applicant. A protestant should be prepared, however, to establish your standing to protest as an affected person, if challenged. If you have questions regarding why the applicant is seeking this exception, contact the Applicant's representative S.L. Atinip/Drilling Supt., at (915) 682-1628. If you have any questions regarding standing or other matters, please contact the Commission at (512) 463-6718.

IF YOU WISH TO REQUEST A HEARING ON THIS APPLICATION, YOU MUST FILL OUT, SIGN AND MAIL OR DELIVER TO THE AUSTIN OFFICE OF THE RAILROAD COMMISSION OF TEXAS NOTICE OF INTENT TO APPEAR IN PROTEST. A COPY OF THE INTENT TO APPEAR IN PROTEST MUST ALSO BE MAILED OR DELIVERED ON THE SAME DATE TO APPLICANT AT THE ADDRESS SHOWN ABOVE. THIS INTENT TO APPEAR IN PROTEST MUST BE RECEIVED IN THE RAILROAD COMMISSION'S AUSTIN OFFICE BY March 26, 1990. IF NO PROTEST IS RECEIVED BY SAID DATE, THE REQUESTED PERMIT WILL BE GRANTED ADMINISTRATIVELY. TO BE EFFECTIVE THE FOLLOWING DAY.

6523 Feb. 25, March 4, 11 and 18, 1990

**PUBLIC NOTICE**

REQUEST FOR BIDS ON TEXAS HIGHWAY CONSTRUCTION  
Sealed proposals for 2,142 miles of hot mix overlay, concrete pavement and safety improvements on US 87 from 1st Street in Big Spring to IH 20 and from near Hearn Street in Big Spring to FM 700, covered by CPM 68-9-38 & FR 67(146) in Howard County, will be received at the State Department of Highways and Public Transportation, Austin, until 1:00 P.M., March 6, 1990, and then publicly opened and read. This contract is subject to all appropriate Federal laws, including Title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964. Plans and specifications including minimum wage rates as provided by Law are available for



LUFKIN — Slack Elementary School students, from left, Deborah Long, Britney Williams and Michael Sheperd, read letters they received from sailors aboard the USS Thach.

**Students write to U.S. sailors**

By KATHI WHITE  
Lufkin Daily News

LUFKIN — Students at Slack Elementary found it was blessed to give during the Christmas holidays. Now they are finding out what it's like to receive.

The 570 students at the school sent handmade Christmas cards to the sailors on the USS Thach and are now receiving letters from crewman on the guided missile frigate.

Principal James Martinec said the idea to cheer up the sailors came from Marsha Eppley, a parent.

"From the response we've received, they were very touched and glad to get the cards," he said. "We've gotten about 30 responses so far. The captain of the ship did send thanks on behalf of the entire ship and told us how much it was appreciated. He said it was a great gift for the crew."

Mrs. Eppley said she got the idea while watching the "The Home Show." "They were talking about having the American public send Christmas greetings to the Army overseas, and I just happened to think, 'Why can't we send greetings to a Navy ship instead?'" she said. "I called the principal and asked him about it. He was super excited, and went to the teachers with the idea. They loved it because at that time of year all the classes were learning how to write letters."

Mrs. Eppley said she chose the USS Thach from a list of about 10 ships the local recruiting office told her would be at sea during the holiday. She said the cards would be a way to let the sailors know they were remembered back home.

Mrs. Eppley, whose husband was in the Navy, also sent a video

cassette of dancers with the Thompson School of Dance and several different Christmas specials. "I think they were just as shocked as anybody else that a bunch of kids would write them at Christmas time," she said. "Their letters were wonderful."

"The kids loved it because it was different and they got to send their personal greetings to the sailors. They sent letters, pictures, and designed their own cards. They went all out."

The sailors were obviously

**"The kids loved it because it was different and they got to send their personal greetings to the sailors. They sent letters, pictures, and designed their own cards. They went all out."**

cheered up. Letters are pouring in, many with offers to become pen pals. Even the commanding chief replied — twice — first to say, yes, send the cards, and secondly to thank the school for thinking of his ship.

Seaman John Paul Galbraith, a yeoman who was temporarily stationed on the Thach from the USS Merrill, a destroyer, responded with a three-page typed letter. Galbraith's letter included replies to questions from 24 students. "I had a chance to read all the wonderful Christmas cards and letters that you sent me and my shipmates," Galbraith wrote. "Wherever I looked, someone was reading a card that

brought a big smile to their sad faces. Some men here have children your ages, which they had to leave behind. I know that Christmas is a special time for everyone, but more special to these guys. Your thoughts and wishes brought happiness throughout the ship."

One of the students Galbraith wrote was Britney Williams, 8, a second grader. "My card had a Santa Claus on the front with a reindeer and a sleigh," she said. "I wanted to know what kind of job the sailor had and how it was to be away from home. I asked what his favorite color was, and what does his ship look like."

Galbraith, 22, of Dallas, told Britney his favorite color was pink and "to me it's very sad to be away from home."

"I feel the world is coming down on me," he said. "I've been in the Navy two years and still get homesick. On this deployment I am out for six months and it is hard."

Michael Shepherd, 9, received a letter also. "I asked, 'Was the Navy fun?'" he said. "The sailor told me he had three children and a wife. He told me when they were leaving and when they're coming back. He asked me, 'Did I go to church?'"

Deborah Long, 11, a sixth grader, said she has already answered a letter from Alexander Gallegos, 20, of Seattle. Gallegos typed Miss Long a three-page letter explaining his duties and telling about himself. "He said that he enjoyed the Christmas card," she said. "He told me he just had a birthday and talked about the places he's been on his ship. He said that he was a boatswain's mate, and he steers the ship and looks out for ships and airplanes."

**Meat bites back**

(AP) — It's no surprise that meat takes a big bite out of a family's grocery bills.

In 1987, Midwest Grocer Today reports, Americans ate about 169 pounds of red meat and poultry. Translating that into dollars and cents, Americans spent almost \$52 billion that year on meat and poultry, up 61.4 percent from 1977. And that doesn't even include meats sold through delis or in such prepared forms as frozen dinners and entrees.

With dollar signs like that in the shopper's mind, meat generally is not purchased on impulse. Many cooks almost always have a definite plan for the cut of beef, pork, lamb, chicken or turkey before they pop it into their grocery cart.

But that may be changing. Meat packagers have figured out that if they spoon-feed shoppers directions for cooking the meat just right, they'll be more likely to try their product.

The methods Americans are using most often to fix all that meat are pan frying (36 percent) and baking (33 percent). But we also microwave (16 percent), barbecue or grill (13 percent), cook on top of the stove (8 percent) and broil (4 percent).

Whether it's a quick-fix supper or a fancy, sit-down dinner, beef, poultry, pork, lamb and veal are all especially popular among



**Navy suit**  
PARIS — A model presents a navy gabardine suit from the Givenchy's 1990 Spring/Summer haute couture collection and topped with a white fan-pleated fantasy disk hat.

# Cafeteria menus

## BIG SPRING SR. CITIZENS

MONDAY — Chicken fried steak; gravy; buttered carrots; tossed salad; orange or banana

TUESDAY — Beef or steak; turnip greens; fruit gelatin; cheese Danish; cornbread

WEDNESDAY — Oven fried chicken; broccoli w/cheese sauce; whipped potatoes; brownies with nuts

THURSDAY — Baked liver w/onions; escalloped potatoes; spinach; pineapple upside down cake

FRIDAY — Turkey divan; tossed salad; baked sweet potato; pear w/prunes

## BIG SPRING

ELEMENTARY BREAKFAST

MONDAY — Cereal; milk; banana; donut

TUESDAY — Blueberry muffin; peanut butter and honey; chilled pear half; milk

WEDNESDAY — Honey bun; apple juice; cereal; milk

THURSDAY — Pancake; syrup; butter; mixed fruit juice; cereal; milk

FRIDAY — Apple pop tart; peanut butter; orange wedge; milk

## ELEMENTARY LUNCH

MONDAY — Corn dog; mustard; creamed new potatoes; English peas; hot rolls; banana pudding; milk

TUESDAY — Chicken fried steak; gravy; whipped potatoes; broccoli; hot rolls; gelatin w/pineapple; milk

WEDNESDAY — Corn chip pie; buttered steamed rice; cut green beans; hot rolls; peach cobbler; milk

THURSDAY — Pizza; escalloped potatoes; blackeyed peas; hot rolls; pink applesauce; milk

FRIDAY — Fish fillet; french fries; ketchup; pinto beans; corn bread; brownie; milk

## BIG SPRING

### SECONDARY BREAKFAST

MONDAY — Cereal; milk; donut; banana

TUESDAY — Blueberry muffin; peanut butter; honey; chilled pear half; milk

WEDNESDAY — Honey bun; cereal; apple juice; milk

THURSDAY — Pancakes; syrup; butter; cereal; mixed fruit juice; milk

FRIDAY — Apple pop tart; peanut butter; orange wedge; milk

### SECONDARY LUNCH

MONDAY — Corn dog; mustard; hamburger steak; gravy; creamed new potatoes; English peas; carrot sticks; hot rolls; banana pudding; milk

TUESDAY — Chicken fried steak; gravy; stuffed pepper; whipped potatoes; broccoli; hot rolls; gelatin with pineapple; milk

WEDNESDAY — Corn chip pie or meat

balls and gravy; buttered steamed rice; cut green beans; celery sticks; hot rolls; peach cobbler; milk

THURSDAY — Pizza or roast beef; gravy; escalloped potatoes; blackeyed peas; hot rolls; gelatin w/pineapple; milk

FRIDAY — Fish fillet or green enchiladas; french fries; ketchup; pinto beans; cole slaw; corn bread; brownie; milk

## ELBOW BREAKFAST

MONDAY — Biscuits; tater tots; jelly; juice; milk

TUESDAY — Oatmeal; milk; cinnamon toast; juice

WEDNESDAY — Donuts; juice; milk

THURSDAY — Pancakes; syrup; sausage; juice; milk

FRIDAY — Cereal; nuts; juice; milk

## ELBOW LUNCH

MONDAY — Steak; gravy; english peas; mashed potatoes; fruit; hot rolls; milk

TUESDAY — Ham; sweet potatoes; pineapple; potato salad; hot rolls; milk

WEDNESDAY — Soup; sandwiches; carrot coins; celery sticks; potato chips; chocolate cake; milk

THURSDAY — Stew; corn; salad; cheese wedge; corn bread; cookies; milk

FRIDAY — Oven fried chicken; green beans; mashed potatoes; hot rolls; jello; milk

## FORSAN BREAKFAST

MONDAY — Sausage; biscuits; butter; jelly; juice; milk

TUESDAY — Doughnuts; juice; milk

WEDNESDAY — Eggs; hash browns; biscuits; juice; milk

THURSDAY — Texas toast; jelly; peanut butter; juice; milk

FRIDAY — Cereal; milk; toast; juice

## FORSAN LUNCH

MONDAY — Pizza; buttered potatoes; salad; cake; fruit; milk

TUESDAY — Meat loaf; whipped potatoes; green beans; sliced bread; jello salad; milk

WEDNESDAY — Hamburger; french fries; salad; pickles; onions; coconut

cake; fruit; milk

THURSDAY — Steak sandwich; tater tots; salad; banana pudding; milk

FRIDAY — Baked chicken; whipped potatoes; broccoli; hot rolls; butter; honey; fruit; milk

## STANTON BREAKFAST

MONDAY — Cereal; milk; fruit; juice; milk

TUESDAY — Buttered rice; toast; milk

WEDNESDAY — Cinnamon roll; juice; milk

THURSDAY — Texas toast; jelly; juice; milk

FRIDAY — Pancakes; syrup; juice; milk

## STANTON LUNCH

MONDAY — Hamburger steak; gravy; creamed potatoes; green beans; chocolate brownies; hot roll; milk

TUESDAY — Beef and bean burrito; buttered spinach; oven fried potatoes; orange jello; milk

WEDNESDAY — Chili mac; carrot and pineapple salad; fruit; corn bread; muf-

fin; milk

THURSDAY — Beef and vegetable stew; cheese wedges; homemade cinnamon roll; milk

FRIDAY — Barbecue on bun; french fries; ranch style beans; banana pudding; milk

## SANDS BREAKFAST

MONDAY — Cinnamon rolls; milk; juice

TUESDAY — Hot cakes; sausage; syrup; juice; milk

WEDNESDAY — Muffins; fruit; milk

THURSDAY and FRIDAY — holiday

## SANDS LUNCH

MONDAY — Chicken filet sandwich; french fries; lettuce; tomato; cake; milk or tea

TUESDAY — Steak fingers; mashed potatoes; gravy; green beans; hot rolls; jello; milk

WEDNESDAY — Burritos; buttered corn; scalloped potatoes; peaches w/topping; milk or tea

## COAHOMA BREAKFAST

MONDAY — Cinnamon roll; peanuts; juice; milk

TUESDAY — Cheese toast; french fries; milk

WEDNESDAY — Sausage and egg burrito; fruit; milk

THURSDAY — Fried pie; ham; juice; milk

FRIDAY — Biscuit w/peanut butter; jelly; juice; milk

## COAHOMA LUNCH

MONDAY — Steak fingers; mashed potatoes; gravy; green beans; honey; pull apart bread; milk

TUESDAY — Bean and beef chalupas; nachos and cheese; salad; butter cookie; milk

WEDNESDAY — Canoe dog w/chili; potato rounds; corn; fruit slush; milk

THURSDAY — Meat loaf; creamed potatoes; mixed vegetables; donut; corn bread; milk

FRIDAY — Fish; tartar sauce; french fries; ranch style beans; hush puppies; cake; milk



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## Power of stress

From BETTER HOMES AND GARDENS For AP Newsfeatures

The Chinese word for crisis combines the symbols for danger and opportunity.

According to Better Homes and Gardens magazine, stress is just that; danger and opportunity. Harnessed, it can add zest to living and spur accomplishment.

Most people view stress as harmful and much research backs up that notion. Dr. Hans Selye, one of the first stress researchers, defines stress as "essentially the rate of all wear and tear caused by life." Studies show stress to be a factor in high blood pressure, heart disease, ulcers, mental disorders, infections and many other ailments.

On the other hand, too little stress can be just as damaging. For instance, bedridden patients quickly lose muscle tone and strength. Total lack of stress also produces profound boredom and can lead to serious mental illness.

Simply avoiding stress is not necessarily healthier than seeking it out. "Stress equals energy," says Dr. Roger A. Ritvo, dean of the University of New Hampshire's School of Health and Human Services. "Everyone says stress is bad, but if you think of stress as energy, it's all in how you manage it."

Ritvo says stress can be the driving force that helps people reach their goals. Without a touch of stress in their daily lives, people wouldn't get anything done.

"The trick," he says, "is finding that optimum where there is just enough stress to avoid complacency, but not so much that it causes burnout."

Unbridled stress causes myriad physical symptoms, ranging from fatigue and indigestion to serious illnesses. Controlling stress is more reasonable than trying to eliminate it completely. Some suggestions:

- Don't be afraid to make commitments, but do make commitments as specific as possible.
- Set deadlines for finishing jobs. Nothing sparks productive action like a firm completion date.
- Prepare contingency plans. Whenever possible, think through alternative ways to accomplish goals.
- Exercise. Physical stress is tiring, but it also bleeds off excess pressure. Even walking can help a person unwind.
- Practice "what if?" thinking. Remember the penalties for failing are usually trivial compared to the benefits of success.
- Know the signs of excess stress. Common symptoms include headaches, stomach upset, personality changes and chronic tiredness.

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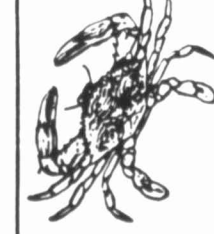
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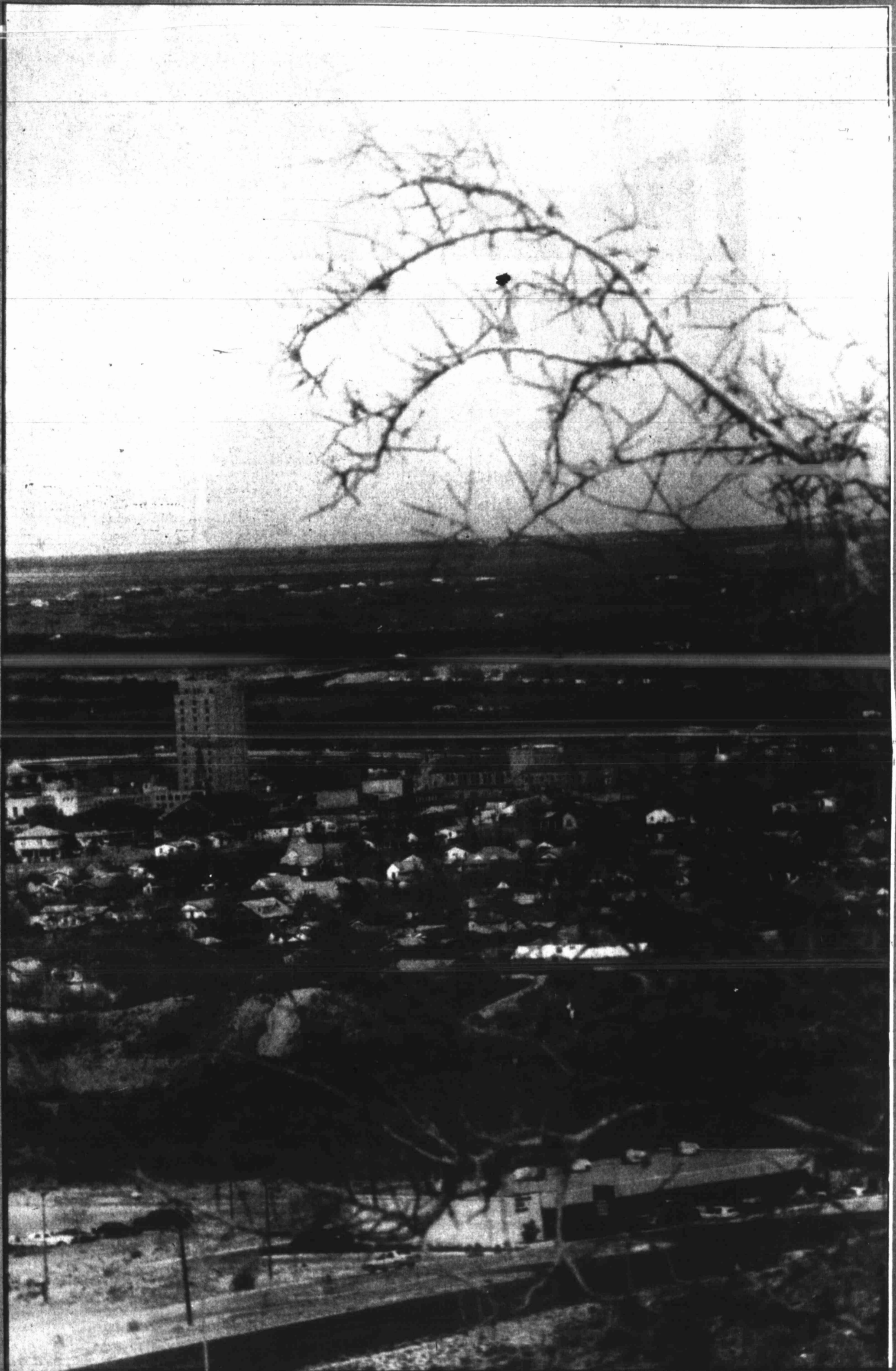


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## Crossroads Country: Outlook for 1990

What is the Crossroads Country outlook for 1990? It is a combination of your ideas concerning what is best for Howard County and the entire Crossroads Country.

It is a prediction of what you expect to happen in and for our area in 1990.

The outlook for the Crossroads Country is both good and bad, hopeful and pessimistic.

But most of all it is an outlook for the Crossroads Country set by the people who live in it. People op-

timistic about the future who want the best for the communities in which they live.

It concerns businesses, schools, cities, counties and civic and service organizations. Inside this section you will find only a partial story.

It is not the complete story, because that cannot be told until the end of the year. But inside this section you can get a sampling — an outlook if you will — of what many of your neighbors hope will be accomplished in the Crossroads Country in 1990.

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# Revival of Gregg Street underway as Big Spring enters 1990

**HERALD STAFF REPORT**

**BIG SPRING** — The revival of the 1900 block of S. Gregg Street looks promising.

Crown Decorating opened there a month ago and La Mirage has been in business there a few weeks.

Neal and Kay Roberts, owners of Neal's Pharmacy, said they planned to be open for business in their new building at 1901 S. Gregg on Monday.

"We're moving right now," Neal Roberts said. He said the pharmacy had been cramped for space and parking at its 600 Gregg location, where Neal's has been since 1976.

**"I've been doing screen printing for several years out of the store," — Neal Roberts**

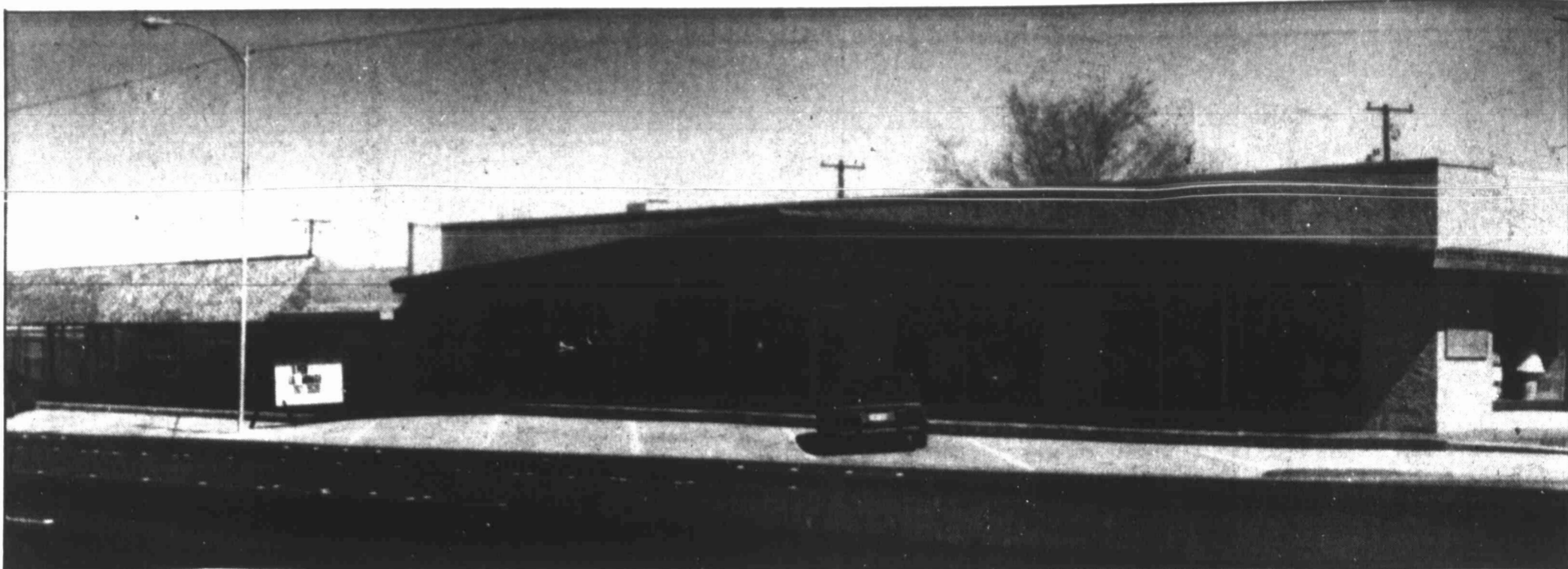
"Now we'll have ample parking in front on Gregg and in the rear with an entrance there. There'll be three times as much space inside," Roberts said.

Roberts bought the new building in August, gutted it and hired a contractor to redo it. He said the pharmacy, Crown Decorating and La Mirage decided to do the same thing independently.

In the new store Roberts said he would add some product lines, including ostomy and home health care supplies.

Roberts will open a sporting goods store in the building next door in March. It will feature sports equipment for football, baseball, basketball and soccer, as well as uniforms, screen printing services and sports medicine supplies.

"I've been doing screen printing for several years out of the store, but now it will run as a separate business. We'll be working with teams and schools and I think it will expand," Roberts said.



Several new businesses have moved into a building at the 1900 block of south Gregg Street, including Crown Decorating, Neal's Pharmacy and La Mirage beauty salon.



**BIG SPRING** — Kwik Kar Lube and Tune on the road for opening in the near future. It is one of the 1600 block of south Gregg Street was recently constructed in January and February and is scheduled for opening since the street was widened in 1989.

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## Cotton still king

**BIG SPRING** — Paymaster Gin north of Big Spring is one of several cotton gins in the Crossroads Country. Cotton is the area's largest cash crop and is expected to remain in the same position during 1990.

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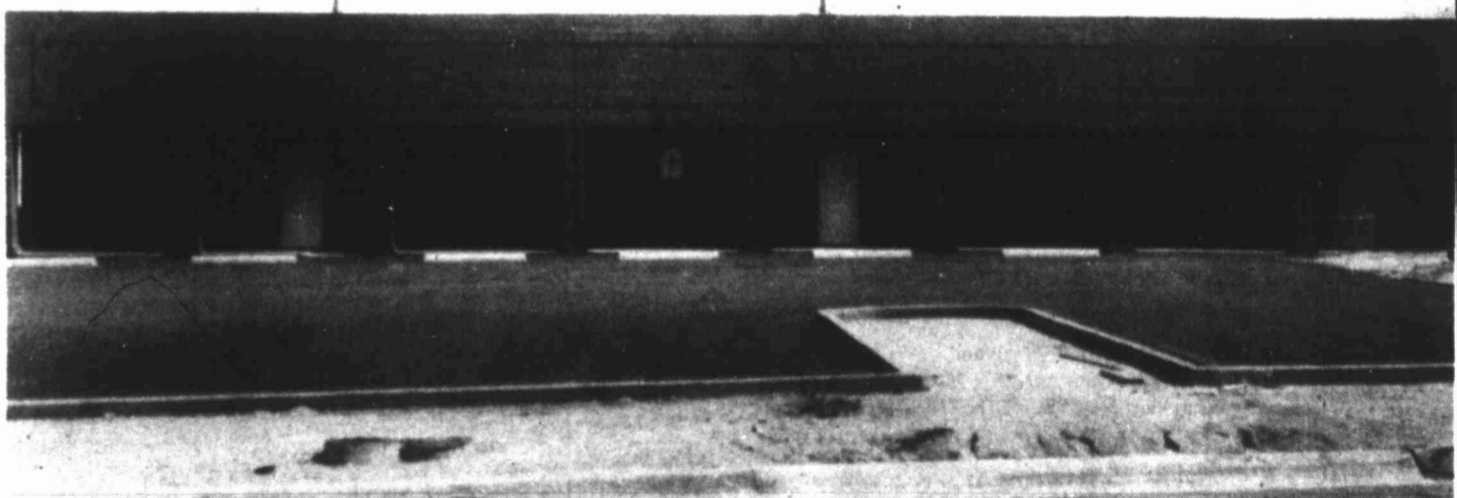
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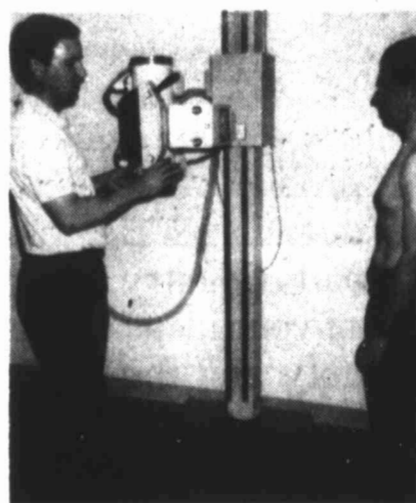
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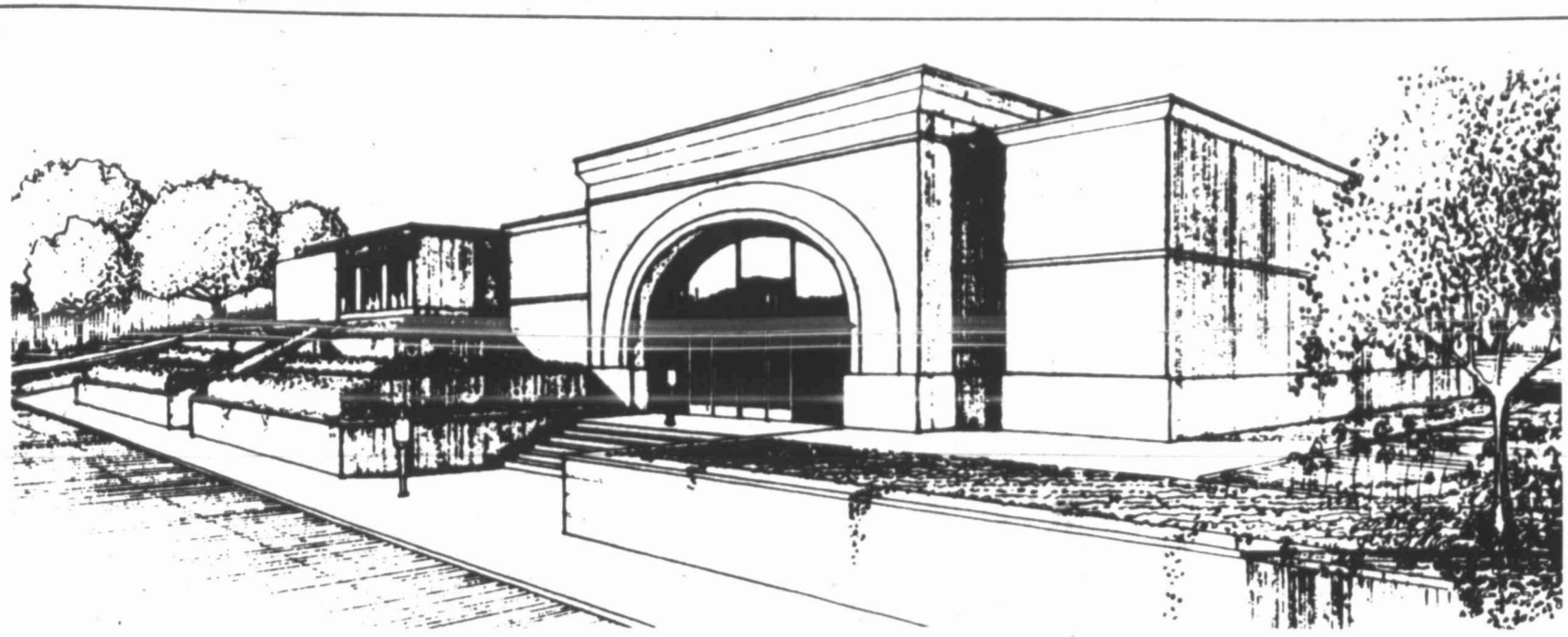
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BIG SPRING — An artist's concept of the Heritage Museum after the new addition is added.

## Outlook on fundraising Heritage Museum cashes in on bricks to build

### HERALD STAFF REPORT

BIG SPRING — The Heritage Museum hopes 1990 will be the year its addition comes to life.

The museum is in the middle of a six-month fundraising campaign to finance the interior of the two-story addition. It already has the money to start construction on the addition, scheduled to begin March 1, said Angie Way, curator of the museum.

The public is invited to buy a brick for \$45 in this latest fundraising phase. The bricks will be engraved with any name or message the brick buyer cares to choose and they will be used in the building's brickwork. Approximately 5,555 bricks need to be sold to finance the furnishings.

"This will be something very visible for all the people who visit the museum in the future," said Way. "Literally, they're helping us build the museum brick by brick."

Way anticipates the external construction to be completed by the end of the year.

The addition will triple the size of the museum to about 12,000 square feet and will cost \$301,350. The development will

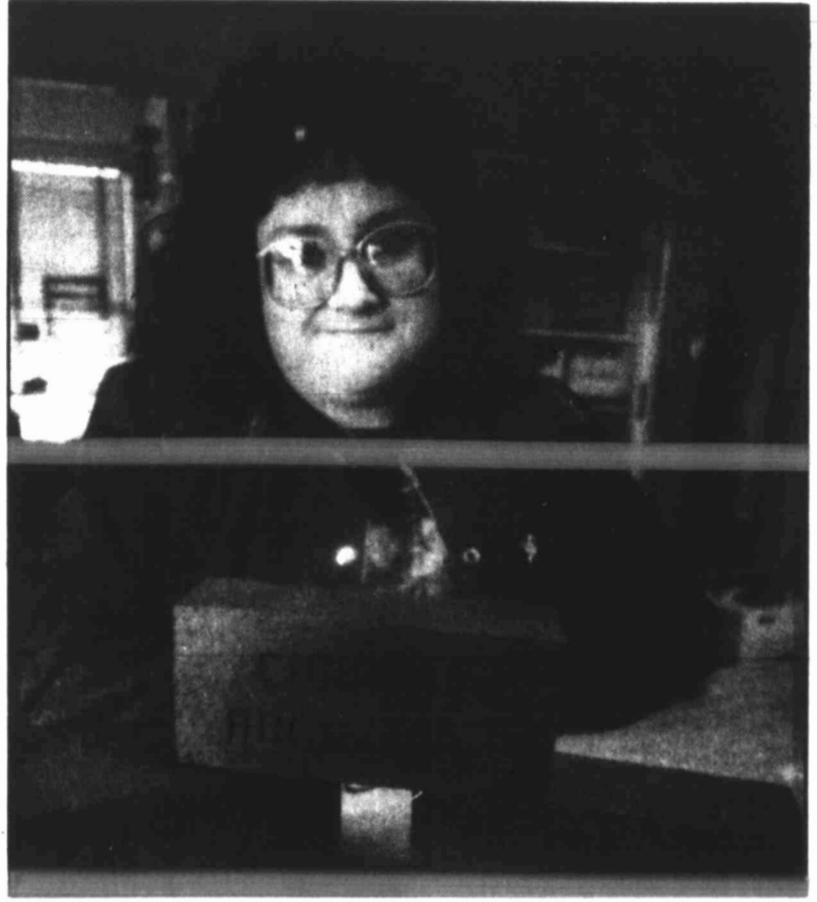
include a meeting area, approximately 3,000 square feet of additional exhibit space, two new storage rooms, an expanded gift shop, two stairways, a curatorial work area, a visitor greeting space, an elevator, handicapped access and handicapped parking.

Architect Phil Furquerson designed the plans for the building, which will front

**The addition will triple the size of the museum to about 12,000 square feet and will cost \$301,350.**

Scurry Street on the lot north of the present museum. The lot was donated a decade ago by Olive Ruth Cowden.

The Dora Roberts Foundation, the J.E. and L.E. Mabee Foundation of Tulsa, the American Petrofina Foundation and various businesses and individuals funded the addition, which will house new exhibits including clothing, antique furniture and videos of old-time Big Spring. A wooden Eclipse windmill donated by Lois O'Dell will stand on the grounds of the museum.



BIG SPRING — Museum curator Angie Way displays bricks that are currently being sold as part of the Heritage Museum's fundraising effort.

## Across the nation Outlook 1990 good and bad

While the Crossroads Country takes a look at its own outlook. Here's an overview of business highlights around the nation.

### Profits plunge

DETROIT (AP) — Profits plunged by 50 percent at General Motors Corp. and by 72.9 percent at Ford Motor Co. in the fourth quarter, as the nation's biggest automakers showed the impact of slow sales and costly buyer incentives.

The quarterly results reported Thursday completed a sharp drop in annual earnings for the nation's Big Three automakers, which have been struggling with an industry-wide slump that has prompted plant closings and thousands of layoffs.

Autoworkers will get more bad news this spring: the decline in profits at GM, Ford and Chrysler Corp. will mean little or no annual profit-sharing payments this year.

### Thousands face layoff

NEW YORK (AP) — Drexel Burnham Lambert Inc. said it would lay off thousands of employees as it pushed to give away major business in a fire sale induced by the largest securities industry bankruptcy ever.

The investment firm said Thursday it was completing severance packages for "several thousand" of its 5,300 workers who would be fired Friday.

Drexel employees have been scrambling to find jobs since the firm's parent filed for bankruptcy court protection on Tuesday. They are looking for work during a recession on Wall Street.

### Stock doldrums end

The stock market came out of the doldrums Thursday to close higher in brisk trading. The Dow Jones average of 30 industrials rose 25.23 points to close at 2,649.55.

The dollar advanced against all major currencies except the Canadian dollar. Gold prices were generally lower.

News of a dramatic rebound in housing construction knocked bond prices lower.

Gold and platinum futures prices weakened; copper futures rose; oil futures gained; coffee futures slumped; grains and soybeans were mixed; pork bellies surged and livestock futures were mixed.

### Housing starts up

WASHINGTON (AP) — Housing starts jumped a record 29.6 percent last month as builders took advantage of the warmest January ever, the government reported, but analysts said the industry could not sustain the pace.

"Levels like the ones we're seeing here would indicate a housing boom and there is just simply no fundamental reason to believe that is going on," Thomas Holloway, senior economist for the Mortgage Bankers Association, said Thursday.

Housing starts tumbled to 1.37 million last year, the lowest level since the 1982 recession, and many analysts do not expect much improvement in 1990 because of a weak economy and high interest rates.

### Luring suppliers

CINCINNATI (AP) — Federated Department Stores Inc. and Allied Stores Corp. are making progress luring merchandise suppliers back during the chains' bankruptcy reorganizations, but sales have declined, their president said.

"We're going to have a very poor fourth quarter," James M. Zimmerman, president and chief operating officer of Federated and Allied, said Thursday, referring to the fiscal quarter that ended Feb. 3.

The two retailers, both divisions of Toronto-based Campeau Corp., filed Jan. 15 for bankruptcy protection from creditors, listing \$7.7 billion in debts.

### School advertising

NEW YORK (AP) — Whittle Communications has signed up 2,510 schools and has sold \$200 million in advertising for its commercially sponsored Channel One news program for the classroom, debuting March 5, the company said.

Chairman Christopher Whittle said Thursday the schools have signed three-year contracts to show the daily 12-minute news program, which is tailored to teens and includes two minutes a day of commercials.

He said the ad contracts also cover three years, including about \$65 million in the first year.

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- Quails Western Wheels & Fina Station
- Bob & Pam Nichols
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- Ernie's Fina Station
- Pat Gray Body Works
- Classic Laundry
- Neal Tindol DVM
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- Lusk Paint & Frame
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- Wheat Furniture
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# The cruel truth: Tax laws no less mystifying this year

By JIM LUTHER  
AP Tax Writer

WASHINGTON — February has been a cruel month for people who like their taxes simple.

It was during this month that most people began giving serious consideration to their tax returns; they opened up the instruction booklet and found the system generally is just as complicated as a year ago.

So complicated, in fact, that Internal Revenue Service Commissioner Fred T. Goldberg Jr. complained to the House Ways and Means Committee that the laws and regulations "are imposing an unacceptable burden on taxpayers and our system of tax administration."

If people can't understand the law, Goldberg said, they "will engage in shortcuts and not fully comply. It's that simple: a 1 percent drop in compliance costs the treasury more than \$5 billion."

In the same Capitol Hill hearing

room two weeks later, there was another message — from dozens of special interests, ranging from big-time charities to low-income soldiers to tuxedo rental shops — pleading for the kind of special tax breaks that add complexity to the law.

And finally, the payoff: Money magazine announced that 50 tax professionals who had been commissioned to prepare the return of a hypothetical family came up with 50 different tax liabilities that ranged from \$9,806 to \$21,115.

The magazine's \$130,000-a-year, make-believe family had some tax problems that the typical family would never encounter, but some of the experts made mistakes on some basic issues, such as moving expenses, that even a low-paid American might have to confront.

All this is happening 3½ years after Congress and then-President Reagan agreed on a major tax overhaul whose main selling points were fairness and simplicity.

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The new law made taxpaying simpler for as many as 6 million low-income people by removing them from the tax rolls. Another 10 million found things simpler because they lost some valuable deductions and no longer had reason to itemize.

However, there was a consensus among witnesses testifying before Congress that the new law resulted in little simplification for most Americans. As a result, Rep. Dan Rostenkowski, D-Ill., chairman of the Ways and Means Committee, has launched a new simplification initiative and asked the public for suggestions.

Rostenkowski won't find many in Congress who disagree that the system is overly complex. As in the past, however, he is likely to hear warnings that in many cases, complexity is the price paid for fairness.

For example, repealing the deduction for charitable contributions would free more than 25 million people from a lot of record-keeping and paperwork, but it also would cost them a big deduction and could mean a loss of revenue for churches, schools and organizations that help the poor.

The tax system is probably as simple as it is going to be for people

whose incomes are almost entirely from wages, interest and dividends. Whatever simplification comes about in the near future probably will be for the benefit of those whose returns reflect a lot of stock transactions, partnership income and more exotic investments.

Most of that simplification would have to come from the IRS, which writes thousands of pages of regulations each year spelling out exactly what the tax law means. Goldberg already has his own simplification initiative under way, aiming, for example, to produce basic regulations that are as broad as possible and that do not attempt to cover every conceivable exception.

Such an approach might mean there might never be another 222-page regulation such as the one last year whose sole purpose was to define the term "passive activity."

The Bush administration also is pushing simplification, using the complexity argument to oppose

several targeted tax breaks that were proposed to the Ways and Means Committee last week. However, the administration is recommending a package of targeted tax increases and tax cuts that would add their own complexity.

The capital-gains tax cut that President Bush wants would have three different levels of taxation, depending on how long an asset was held. The president also wants to create four tax incentives for the oil industry and recommends a new deduction for parents who adopt children with special needs.

Rostenkowski and other Democratic leaders recall that repeal of a capital-gains provision was a key factor that led to passage of the 1986 overhaul. They fear restoration of the benefit would be the first step toward repealing the overhaul and wiping out whatever simplification the law produced.

## Outlook for taxes? Charge it

SAN DIEGO (AP) — New England residents who find they haven't saved enough money to pay their federal taxes this year have a penalty-free way out of that dilemma — charge it.

A Southern California company is launching a test program in New England next week that will allow taxpayers to use a Visa, MasterCard or Discover Card to pay their taxes.

The new service, called InstaPay, is being offered by a two-year-old company called InstaTax, one of several companies the Internal Revenue Service has allowed to participate in the new program.

It's part of a new IRS electronic payment program called Automatic Deposit of Electronic Payments for Taxes, which will be available to taxpayers in Connecticut, Rhode Island, Massachusetts, Vermont, New Hampshire and Maine.

"This is a convenient way for people who are surprised by their tax return and don't have the money on savings to pay their taxes," InstaTax president Donald D. Cook said Friday.

"If they charge it on their credit card, they can begin making payments and avoid penalties from the IRS."

Taxpayers filing forms 1040EZ, 1040A or 1040 are eligible for the program if they have sufficient credit available on their Visa, MasterCard or Discover Card credit cards to cover their taxes owed and processing fees. Their 1989 tax return also must show a balance due and each person listed on the return must have been living on Jan. 1.

The service is available at Mail Boxes Etc. retail outlets or the office of a participating paid tax preparer.

The customer fills out an InstaTax Order Form, signs a copy of the terms and conditions receipt and must complete an IRS form. The person then gives the documents, along with their 1989 tax return and W-2 forms, to a clerk who checks the information for accuracy.

After payment is received for filing the return electronically, the clerk sends the documents to San Diego-based InstaTax. The firm's minimum fee for filing the return is \$29.95.



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## Fina to spend millions to upgrade refinery

HERALD STAFF REPORT

BIG SPRING — Fina Oil and Chemical Company will spend about \$100 million over the next three years to upgrade its refinery and convert it to more computerized control, said Jeff Morris, the refinery manager.

Morris does not anticipate any layoffs resulting from the upgrade. He said Fina's current 280 employees was the smallest consolidation the company needed to efficiently run the plant.

"These jobs are secure. Although there are improvements we still have to make, the refinery is very viable," Morris said.

Fina processes 60,000 gallons of West Texas crude oil a day and has a valuable advantage over most inland refineries because it has a recently converted two-way pipeline connection to the Gulf coast, Morris said. West Texas crude can travel down to the coast

for shipment and imported crude can be piped up for refining.

The refinery sells most of its products to local businesses. Most of the oil and diesel used in Big Spring, Midland, Odessa, Abilene and Wichita Falls comes from Fina. There is also a strong market here

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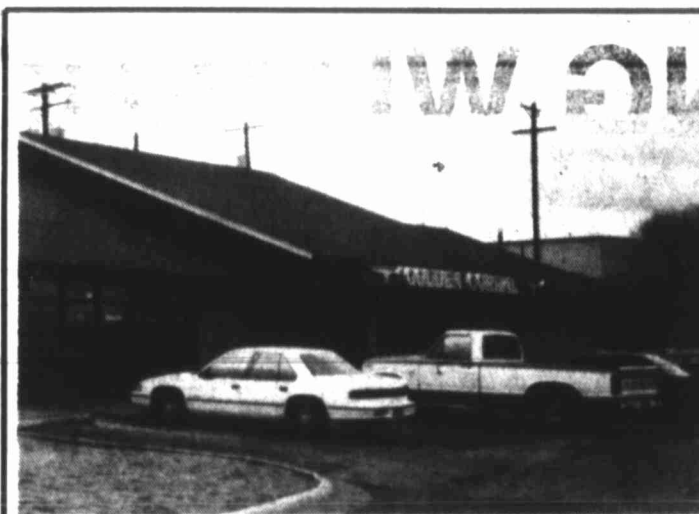
for Fina's asphalt.

The refinery's payroll accounts for \$13 million of Big Spring's economy and 1,100 Fina and Cosden retirees live in the area, Morris said.

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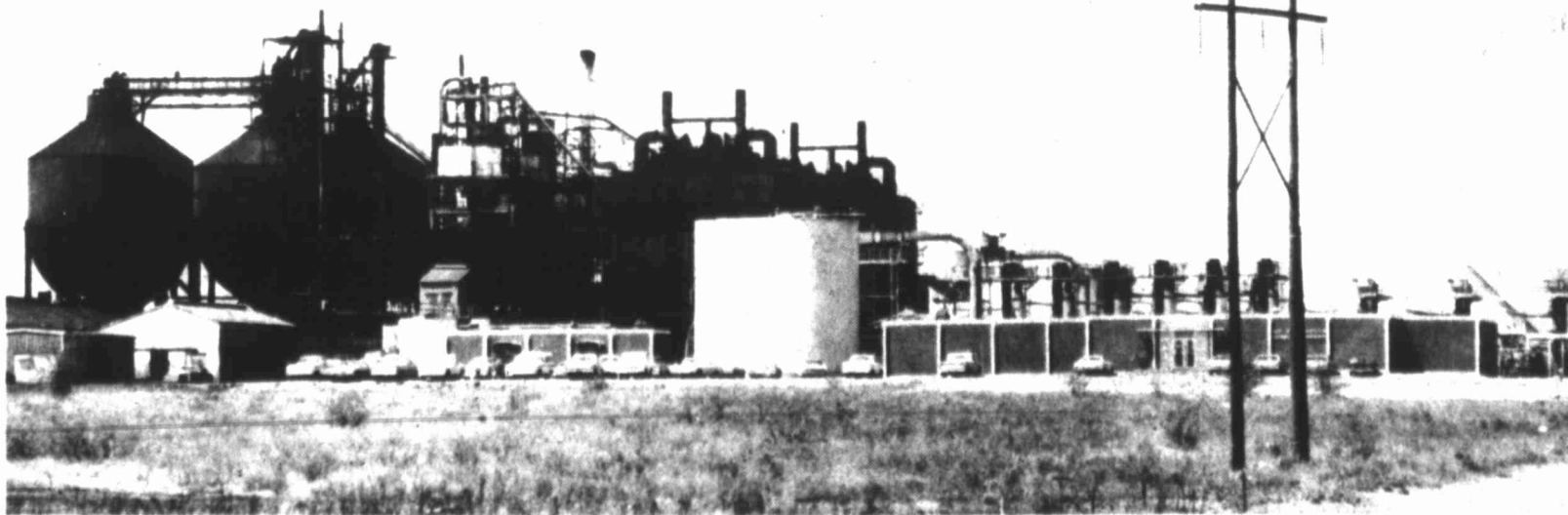
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Big Spring Independent School District	531	600
Veterans Administration Hospital	413	394
Fina Oil & Chemical	280	285
City of Big Spring	280	293
Scenic Mountain Medical Center	265	298
Howard College	200	217
Western Container	150	120
Coahoma Independent School District	132	135
Wal-Mart	175	165
U.S. Justice Department	165	171
Golden Plains Care Center	130	140
Malone & Hogan Clinic	126	130
TU Electric Service Co.	76	73
Fiberflex Products Inc.	94	71
Forsan Independent School District	80	74
Rip Griffin Truck Service Center	67	110
Walls Industries	125	98
Richardson Carbon & Gasoline Co.	68	67
Price Construction	109	147
Winn-Dixie	65	75
Colorado River Municipal Water District	65	75
Big Spring Herald	65	65
Pool Well Services	65	69
U.S. Post Office	67	56
Newsom's	85	130
Fraser Industries Inc.	300	250



### New building

**BIG SPRING** — A new building was recently constructed to house Warren Chiropractic on the 1700 block of Lancaster Street next to the old office building. Area businessmen say construction in the Crossroads Country should have a better outlook in 1990 than in 1989.

## Recycling outlook bright in Big Spring — Dunwoody

**BIG SPRING** — Big Spring is an ideal location for a trash recovery system because of the amount of refuse handled at its landfill facility and its distance from coal-producing areas, said Ken Dunwoody, a former plant manager for Western Container who now plans to start a company that will separate trash into reusable commodities.

Dunwoody's company, Refuse Commodities Recovery, Incorporated, would design and operate a demonstration unit that could recycle glass, metals, plastics, newspapers and other discards too valuable to take up space in the local dump.

The glass and metals can be separated mechanically and sent to plants to become new bottles and

cans, but the interesting part of Dunwoody's idea is what he plans to do with the rest of the trash.

Approximately 45 percent of the landfill's garbage can be processed into fuel cubes, he said. The fuel cubes have a BTU of 7,795 per pound, making them competitive with coal, which burns at a range of 6,500 to 11,000 BTU.

Fuel cubes are worth about 2 cents per pound and could compete with coal shipped in from Wyoming, when transportation costs are added in, Dunwoody said.

The company could process 200 tons of trash a day, 120 tons more than the Big Spring landfill currently takes in, permitting experiments on processing already buried refuse.

Dunwoody has worked with the University of Texas at the Permian Basin's Economic and Energy Diversification program on the idea and anticipates that funding could come from a number of sources including private investors, local, state and federal grants and guaranteed loans.

Because some areas of the nation charge three times as much in tipping fees than Howard County does, Dunwoody said the first project would likely be located outside of this area to take advantage of the higher fees to fund the project.

"It's essential that the first facility is successful," he said.

"But Big Spring will probably have a facility within two or three years," Dunwoody added. He said the city and investors have been very supportive of the idea.

## Highland Mall outlook seems good

**BIG SPRING** — Highland Mall looks like it's doing better and better, said mall merchants.

Cliff Attaway, manager of Dunlaps Department Store, which has been at the mall for approximately ten years, said mall manager Sherry Rose has done a good job of bringing in new people and upgrading the property.

"She's planning to do some painting and updating the light fixtures by the shops," Attaway said. "And there's been three or four new shops move in in the last few months that seem to be doing well."

Attaway said Dunlaps has updated its look as well. "We've expanded our ladies, childrens and shoes departments." He said the store showed a 6.4 percent increase in sales over last year and said he

was optimistic about the future.

Jace Elliott, an employee at Highland Lanes, said he thought mall business had picked up recently.

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908 W. 3rd 263-2322

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Bob Grimes-Owner

1414 E. 3rd N. Hwy. 87

Established 1935

**Century 21/McDonald Realty**

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611 Runnels 263-7615

Established 1936

**ERA-Reeder Realtors**

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506 E. 4th 267-8266

Established 1944

**Leonard's Pharmacy**

308 Scurry 263-7344

Established 1947

**Eason Brother's  
Garage & Auto Parts**

507 W. 3rd 267-7801

Established 1947

**LaPosada**

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206 N.W. 4th 267-9112

Established 1947

**Neal's Pharmacy  
Inc.**

1901 S. Gregg 263-7651

Established 1947

**Westex Auto**

Eddie Cole-Owner

Snyder Hwy. 263-5000

Established 1947

**Tate Company**

Aaron Combs-Owner

1000 W. 3rd 267-6401

Established 1948

**Carter's Furniture**

Terry &amp; Dorothy

Carter-Owners

202 Scurry 267-6278

Established 1950

**Carlos Restaurant**

David Gomez-Owner

308 N.W. 3rd 267-9141

Established 1954

**A. J. Pirkle  
Insurance Agency**

A.J. Pirkle Jr.-Owner

117 Runnels 267-5053

Established 1956

**Squeaky Thompson  
Carpet**

Squeaky Thompson-Owner

401 E. 2nd 267-5931

Established 1956

**T. Marquez Jr.  
& Sons Radio & TV**

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1010 Lamesa Dr. 263-3033

Established 1960

**Price Construction**

Hwy. 350 267-1691

Established 1961

**Blums Jewelers Inc.**

#14 Highland Mall 267-6335

Established 1962

**City Finance Loans  
& Rentals**

Debbie Walling-Mgr.

206½ Main 263-4962

Established 1963

**K C Steak &  
Seafood House**

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IS-20 West 263-1651

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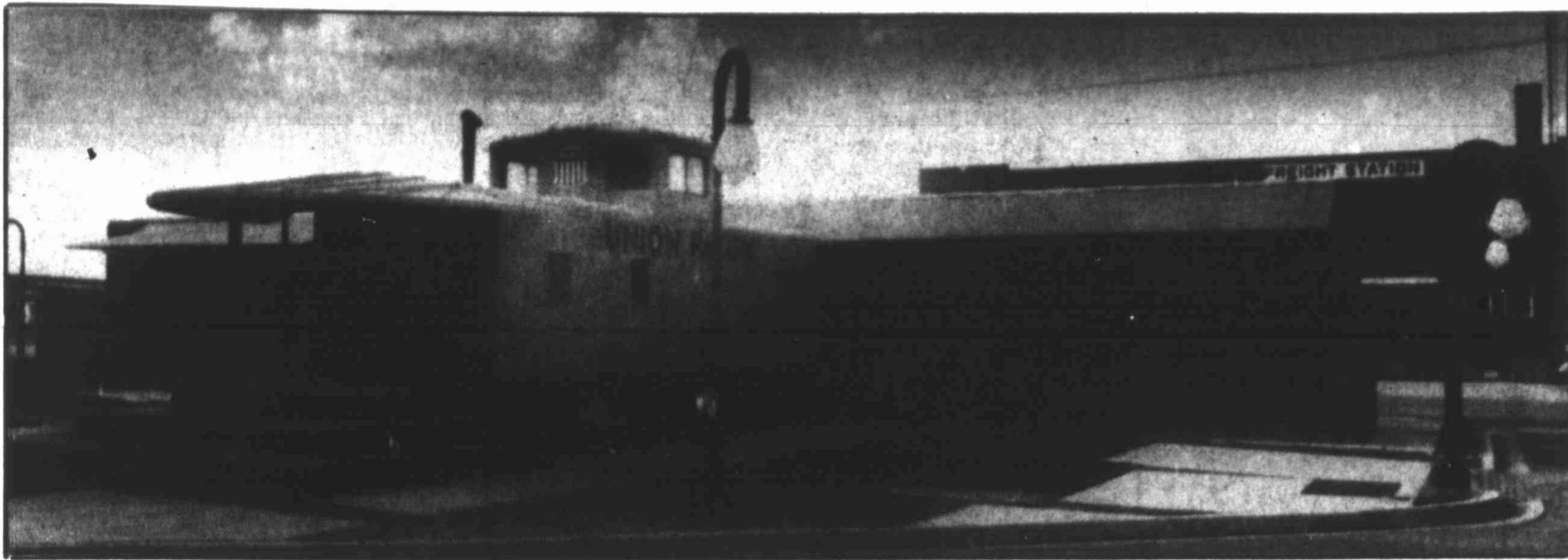
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# 18 Great Reasons To Shop Downtown



**BIG SPRING** — Plans for the Railroad Plaza, pictured above, in downtown Big Spring are taking off with plans being announced for the first tenant to move into the facility. The tenant will open a shop

selling hand made items of area interest. The Main Street group will also open an office in the caboose for new coordinator Beverly Franklin.

## Railroad Plaza 'alive and well'

### HERALD STAFF REPORT

**BIG SPRING** — "The railroad plaza is alive and doing well," says Beverly Franklin, coordinator for the Big Spring Main Street project.

Franklin said Main Street signed its first tenant, Thelma Reynolds, who is expected to open her hand-craft shop on April 1. The shop, called Hand Maden, is located at 100 Main St.

Franklin said she and an assistant will be holding offices in the caboose.

Franklin also said one prospective owner of a food restaurant in the East Box Car is considering making use of the plaza.

Franklin said she should know in the next few weeks whether a restaurant will open there.

"I think it's moving forward and certainly going in the right direction," Franklin said. "We've got a lot of prospects downtown, not only for the railroad plaza but for other businesses down here. So things are looking good."

## Big plans

### New coordinator wants to dress up downtown

#### HERALD STAFF REPORT

**BIG SPRING** — Beverly Franklin wants to dress up downtown. And she wants to do it quick — at least before April 27 when she says Big Spring will be showcased as the Fina Great Race Texas comes through town.



**FRANKLIN**

Some 50 to 60 vintage cars and their drivers will be on hand that day, Franklin said, and she wants Big Spring to look its best.

"This event will draw several hundred people to our downtown area, and it needs to look better down here," Franklin said.

"This is a special project, and close to my heart. I've been in touch with the Big Spring Art Association down here, and I was very pleased at the response to our project. With the help of the art association, we will be putting into action a plan to improve the looks of the burned-out buildings."

Among those plans are covering open windows with plywood painted by area artists.

"We plan to put up plywood over all the open windows," Franklin continued. "The art association has agreed to develop a 1920s vintage motif of silhouettes in bright and cheerful colors to be painted on the plywood."

"We believe with all the talent at our disposal, we should be able to make an improvement on what is certainly an eyesore."

Franklin says the effort to dress

up downtown won't cost much.

"For less than \$500, we're going to make a big difference in how the downtown area looks," Franklin said. "The money will go to purchase plywood and paint. Please be active, please get involved, please help us to improve everybody's neighborhood, the heart of our city — downtown."

Franklin said she is looking for volunteers and contributions toward the effort.

Residents can call her at 267-4801 if they want to be involved in the project, or send contributions to P.O. Box 131, co Big Spring Main Street Inc.

"My short-term plans include the burned-out buildings and the cosmetic relief," Franklin said, in assessing the downtown area. "The beautification of downtown Big Spring for my long-term is that we would like to introduce income-producing businesses to the downtown area."

Franklin, whose position began three weeks ago, also said she is trying to promote full use of downtown buildings.

"I am researching the buildings, becoming familiar with them, so that I can help the landlords get tenants," Franklin said. "I'm researching and making dossiers on each building in town to search for tenants."

Franklin, 47, was appointed by Main Street Inc. to head up the downtown development effort in January. She said she was glad to come back to Big Spring to work.

"I'm real pleased to be working with the Big Spring Main Street group," she said in a press conference after her appointment.

"It's nice to come home, and it's nice to be able to work with the people that I feel are generating and doing things for Big Spring."

Franklin recently moved back to Big Spring after living outside the city for 20 years, 12 of them in Midland. She was employed in the retail business, she said.

Franklin succeeds Terri Quinones, who resigned last May to return to graduate school.

Franklin's office will be in the caboose at Railroad Plaza, but she is temporarily occupying space in the Sparenberg Building.

Main Street Inc. recently announced that it was awarded a \$16,000 grant to create jobs and offer job training in the downtown area. The grant will be administered by the group, which can

reapply for the grant for up to three years.

The grant is from the Permian Basin Private Industry Council, a non-profit organization.

Virginia Belew, manager of the Private Industry Council office in Big Spring, said when the grant was awarded that it would be a success if only one job was created with the money... "but we're not setting any limits."

The downtown development project began in 1986 with the formation of Main Street Inc. Since the first project — renovation of the city auditorium — Main Street has begun work on a railroad museum and on a city and county tax abatement program, among other projects.

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## Renovated buildings

**BIG SPRING** — Downtown businessmen are hoping that the area takes on a renovated look in 1990 like these buildings did during recent years. Above the newly renovated Big Spring Hardware

Building adopted a turn of the century look while the courthouse annex, below, was renovated into an attractive building with awnings.



## Businessmen: Downtown on the upswing

By JOHN McMILLAN  
Staff Writer

**BIG SPRING** — Downtown business could be better but a lot of area businessmen think it could be on the upswing.

"It's been fair," said Larry Knight, owner of the Downtowner Barber Shop. "I've seen it better, but I've seen it worse. I would like to see business improve, but I have seen it worse than it is now."

Mary Thomas, owner of Mary Thomas Bail Bonds, said business has been "real slow."

"I think our economy is bad," Thomas said. "A lot of people are out of jobs."

Thomas said the bad economy particularly affects people charged with Class C offenses such as fighting, disorderly conduct, public

intoxication or assault. J.D. Nelson, president of First National Bank, said he believes

**"Downtown is turned around a little bit from what it has been the past two or three years. It appears to have bottomed out." — J.D. Nelson, banker**

business is doing better than last year.

"Downtown is turned around a little bit from what it has been the past two or three years," Nelson

said. "It appears to have bottomed out and is starting the uptake, I think."

Jimmy Taylor, president of First National Bank, said business in downtown Big Spring is "steady at present. The visitors that do business with us are reporting average sales."

Asked about downtown Big Spring, Beverly Franklin, Main Street coordinator, said, "We are just like any other business areas in this town, and we have the same problems that they face. But we bring our own special services and product availability to Big Spring."

"Some of the things that we offer down here is a unique blend of county, city and privately owned businesses."

## Main Street group hosts annual meeting

HERALD STAFF REPORT

**BIG SPRING** — About 65 people attended the annual meeting of Big Spring Main Street Inc. at Alberto's Thursday night.

Richard Atkins, vice president of the corporation, gave a report on the group's accomplishments since it was organized in 1984.

Among those accomplishments, he said, was Tubb Pocket Park, across the street from the courthouse; the mural on the side of the

Chamber of Commerce building, placed in 1988; and the Railroad Plaza project, begun in January and completed in June.

Atkins told the group that many privately owned buildings were renovated, including Big Spring Hardware which he owns.

Atkins introduced Beverly Franklin, who in turn introduced and acknowledged the board of directors of Big Spring Main Street Inc.

She spoke briefly about ongoing projects and gave a broad view of the long range plans of the organization.



Also among those attending were Thelma and Hugh Reynolds, the first tenants of the Railroad Plaza; Virginia Belew, the area JTPA representative who works with the group to establish jobs; Wayne Moore, executive director of the Chamber of Commerce; and Don Reynolds, the new Chamber of Commerce President.

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## Burned buildings concern officials

By JOHN McMILLAN  
Staff Writer

**BIG SPRING** — Four downtown buildings were gutted by fire and are standing vacant, said Burr Lea Settles, fire marshal for the city.

Among the buildings are the Old Tap Room, between First and Second Street on Main Street, which burned down in February 1989 and belongs to Big Spring Hardware. The other buildings are the original Moffatt Carpet Store, which burned down in 1987; a second Moffatt Carpet Store, which burned down in January 1989; and the offices of Dr. Jerry Kilgore, Settles said.

"I'm concerned about them, yeah," Settles said of downtown buildings that are burned out.

Settles said "it's my understanding there's not a whole lot the city can do about it (the burned-out buildings). It's the responsibility of the owners to either go ahead and demolish the property or rebuild."

Leland Grays, code enforcement officer, is making contact with owners to determine if he can get them to clean up the buildings, Settles said.

Settles said the buildings are an eyesore.

"This is a real issue with me," said Main Street coordinator Beverly Franklin. "I think we would all love to see appropriate disposal of the burned-out buildings, and that is of course the long-range plan of everyone involved in the renovation of our downtown area."

Franklin said she regards the project as a "long-range plan, and not something that can happen overnight. We are developing a short-range cosmetic improvement plan."



**BIG SPRING** — Burned out buildings like these downtown civic leaders who want to cleanup the buildings on Main Street are two of the targets of the downtown area to bring in more business.

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## Renovation

Library needs increased funding for redesign

By ERIN BLAIR  
Staff Writer

BIG SPRING — Howard County Library's outlook could look brighter if it could get an increase in funding, the staff said.

Rose von Hassell, the acquisitions and cataloging librarian, said library usage has gone up, especially in the video department, and the library has issued many new borrowers cards since the beginning of the year.

"We are planning more shelving to get books off the floor," she said. "And we plan to renovate the basement for the children's area and technical services, like audiovisual and cataloging."

The project would involve knocking out some walls and redesigning rooms in the basement that currently store books, films and magazines.

But such plans are dependent on the budget. "We're hopeful that the county will work with Donna (Jackson, the head librarian) and will

give us more money," von Hassell said.

Von Hassell said the library's book budget was tight as well. There are no new periodicals ordered, but

**Von Hassell said she would like to see more volunteers and participation in the library's literacy program in 1990. The program has seven volunteers but a waiting list of three people who want to learn how to read.**

librarians will continue to order books at patrons requests. The library is also revamping its card. The new one will be bright red and "really jazzv," she said.

Milton Perkins, in the audiovisual department, said he plans to get in more videos, audios and compact disks during the year. He really needs an assistant, he said, and there is a slight chance the library may hire one this year.

The library has six full-time and two part-time employees. A position for a children's librarian has gone unfilled because of budget restraints, von Hassell said. Jackson is currently leading the children's programs.

"We'll have a summer reading program again," von Hassell promised. The library offers a story hour every Wednesday for young children.

Von Hassell said she would like to see more volunteers and participation in the library's literacy program in 1990. The program has seven volunteers but a waiting list of three people who want to learn how to read. "We don't have enough tutors now. I would rather have a waiting list of tutors," she said.



### Pocket park

BIG SPRING — Tubbs Pocket Park in downtown Big Spring, above, is an example of what some area businessmen hope to do to improve the looks of downtown Big Spring as the community enters 1990.

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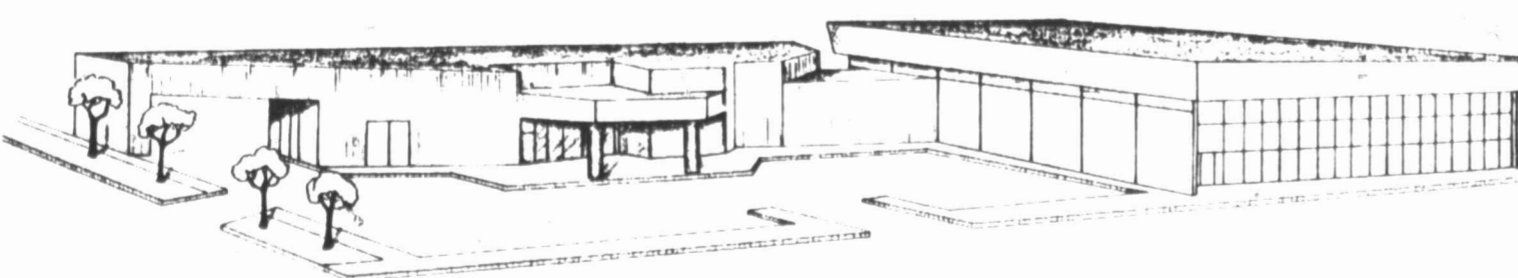
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# From highways to clay pigeons

## Big Spring company provides 30 percent of Texas asphalt

By BRADLEY WORRELL  
Staff Writer

BIG SPRING — Its final product ends up in everything from highway roads to clay pigeons, and as Fina Oil and Chemical's asphalt business enters the 1990s company officials say there may be more markets for the typically lesser known part of the company's business.

The Big Spring Fina plant is the largest of the 10 asphalt suppliers in the state of Texas, with 30 percent of the asphalt market share, said Bill Harlin, corporate asphalt sales manager for Fina. Another Fina plant in Port Arthur gives the company an additional 10 percent of the market.

"We market more asphalt than the state of Oklahoma uses in their highway program," he said. Harlin said producing asphalt is the third largest operation at the plant, after oil and diesel refinement.

The original purpose of the refinery was to make asphalt, and that tradition beginning in the 1930s has gone through improvements with age, Harlin said.

"There's been some definite advancements, it's much more advanced now," he said.

The crude was transported from the oil well to the refinery where the product was heated to separate the gas, diesel and asphalt. Asphalt is made from heaviest elements of the oil product.

"Back in the early days the product was refined by vacuum, or distillation," he said. Once the asphalt was separated from the lighter oil products, it was refined to remove impurities and give it a better texture.

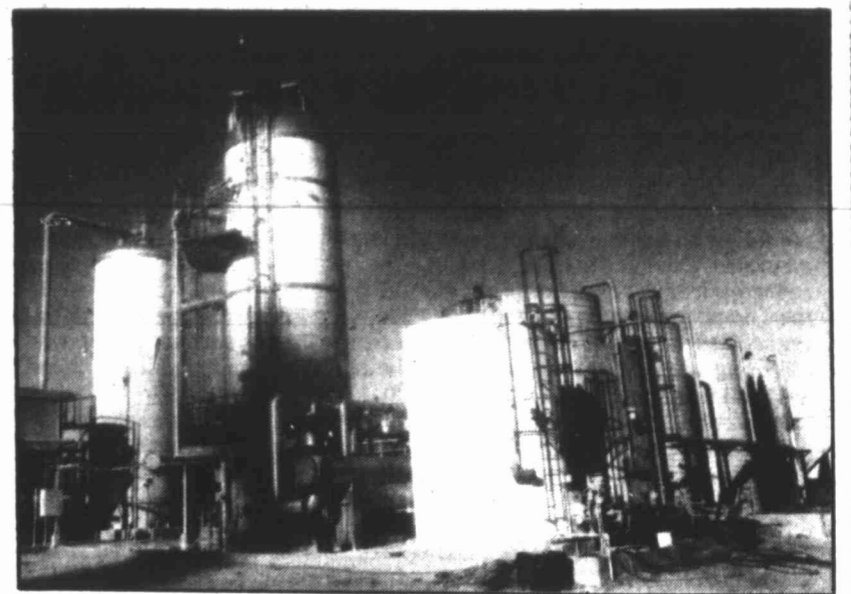
Harlin said the plant modernized its asphalt operation in 1969 with the installation of the propane de-asphalt unit, which operates in much the same way as the previous units but exposes the crude to higher temperatures to speed up the process.

Comparisons with the plant's output in the early years would be difficult, Harlin said, although production is now much greater. The plant now operates 24 hours a day, all but two days a year — New Year's Day and Christmas.

Fina Refinery Manager Jeff Morris said the business refined 20



BIG SPRING — Two storage tanks will go on line this week for use in loading asphalt onto railroad cars at the Fina Refinery.



BIG SPRING — Above, a latex blender that blends latex into asphalt for different grades helps Fina refinery market 30 percent of the asphalt in Texas. Below, the asphalt control room.



Fina asphalt sales manager Bill Harlin said he expects the company's sales in 1990 will be fairly comparable with sales from 1989. With the state expected to spend \$1.7 million on the highway program next year, that could be a sizeable amount, he said.

million barrels of product last year, of which about 10 percent was used in the production of the company's asphalt business. That translates into about 5,000 barrels of asphalt a day, he said.

Because the asphalt construction business is seasonal, the bulk of the impact for the plant is felt from April to October each year, Morris said.

Harlin estimates the plant can make as much as 2.4 million barrels of asphalt in a year, and sales can vary anywhere from \$30 million to \$60 million a year. Harlin stressed that the gross sales figure does not include the expensive refinement costs.

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In addition, the local Fina plant also sells concrete used in road construction in New Mexico and Oklahoma and sells shipments by rail to markets in Illinois, Ohio and New Jersey. One third of Fina's asphalt businesses are served by rail, and that coverage could increase to include additional states in the 1990s, he said.

Not all asphalt is the same, Harlin said. There are about 20 different grades of asphalts. Latex asphalts have a rubber mixture in them; emulsion asphalts have a water base so they can be sprayed like a liquid and the other asphalts have certain trademark features.

The local plant was the first to develop the rubber-based asphalt product, and it still maintains about 55 percent of the total market in that area, Harlin said.

"We do heavy research in developing new types of asphalt, it's a very complex market," Mor-

ris said.

"We look at that asphalt as something very special, it's not just something left over," he said.

"It's a critical part of this refinery," Harlin agreed.

The plant's location on the outskirts of the city means that the city is sometimes used as a test site for some of the products. The Texas State Highway Department will sometimes contract with Fina to make an asphalt according to the state's specifications for their testing.

One of those test sites is the FM 700 north and south service roads between Gregg and Goliad streets. Each side of the road has a different type of asphalt, allowing the highway department to determine which types of asphalt work best.

Most of the refinery's sales are to contractors, who have bids with the state to do work, he said. Usually the product will require further refinement by the company, Morris added.

What the product will be used for depends on the need of the users.

"A major portion of it goes for paving operations, for roads and streets," Harlin said. Some of the asphalt the refinery produces is used in roofing and clay pigeon production, he said. "The vast majority will go for roads though."

## Travel agencies expect banner year

HERALD STAFF REPORT

BIG SPRING — Local travel agencies reported increased business in 1989, and managers predict even better business in 1990.

Mary Miller, manager of Big Spring Skipper Travel, said business has increased about 10 percent from the previous year, although it — like other area businesses — are down from the pre-oil bust days.

Although Skipper Travel is handling fewer business-related travel plans, leisure travel is on the upswing, she said.

"There just seems to be more leisure travel," Miller said. "Before, we did a bigger volume of business travel."

Miller said based on the way her business is doing in the early part of this year, "things will get a lot better."

Renee McCarter, manager of

Places and Pleasures, said business has increased since Connie and Karen Edwards took the agency back in December.

"Right now and ever since the first of the year when we changed hands our sales are up 50 percent

from late 1989," McCarter said.

"We're doing a lot of advertising, which we weren't doing in the past. We've got a lot of specials going on and with summer coming up that's helping us a lot," said McCarter.

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# Herald plans expansion with daily Martin County edition

By **ROBERT WERNSMAN**  
Big Spring Herald  
Publisher

The *Big Spring Herald* is growing in 1990.

After a year of stable progress in 1989, we're gearing up for a growth period to begin the 1990s. The push for a better newspaper has been underway for a long time, and the developments this year are one more step in that process.

We've worked to establish ourselves as producers of a conscientious, local newspaper, whose reporters are concerned about the lives of local readers — regardless of whether the issues affecting them are local, state or national in nature.

The progress during 1989 displayed itself in an improved newspaper readers enjoy, and provides effective results for advertisers and enjoys a growing reputation for a cleanly printed product delivered through better carrier service.

The growth that's projected for 1990 will expand the market of the *Big Spring Herald* and — naturally — the market of anyone making use of its services beginning next week.

Expansion by the Herald is taking shape through the development of a daily, zoned edition of the Herald March 1 that concerns itself with the news and developments of Stanton and Martin County.

For the past 20 months the *Big Spring Herald* has produced a weekly newspaper for Martin County — the *Stanton Herald* — that has been distributed free of charge to the homes of all residents of that county. Established during a period when the health of a weekly newspaper in the community was threatened, it showed the people of the county that a serious effort was being made to produce a good local newspaper.

After lengthy consideration as to what improvements could be made to provide the best possible product, the Herald staff began developing plans to combine elements of what we've been doing to offer a newspaper that achieves our goals — and those of our readers.

Although a daily edition of a newspaper might seem an unusual step for an area no bigger than about 1,700 homes, the more it's been considered, the more

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we've become convinced that handled properly it makes perfect sense.

Having already developed a network that produces six, eight and occasionally 10 pages of news each week, we believe that the ingredients are in place to convert that into a daily, five-day per week, edition of the *Stanton Herald*.

The end result is going to be two very distinct versions of the *Big Spring Herald*: one that's basically what is already being produced and delivered to Howard County and other outlying regions; the other will carry the same content on the inside pages — state, na-

tional and world and sports news, editorial page and display and classified advertising — but will feature redesigned front and back pages focused on news about Martin County people, schools, families, and other local developments.

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All that will differ under these plans is the content on the front

and back pages. Longtime readers will notice a change Monday through Friday, when the news content long associated with page two — calendar, obituaries, police and sheriff reports, other local stories and the conclusion of front page stories — will now appear on the back page.

Besides simple convenience for the readers, this will allow us to be economical and move swiftly onto the press with the redesigned pages.

The potential for an increased base of consumers — in terms of hundreds and hundreds of additional readers — to whom news and advertising messages will be delivered cannot be underestimated. The Herald staff is in a growth period, but at a time when the immediate area is not seeing huge population increases. Thus, the opportunity to serve and include an additional 1,500 possible homes for readership is all the more inviting.

There will be times, as has been the case the past several months while this plan was under development, when a story of regional interest appears in both the *Big Spring* daily and the *Stanton* weekly: a good example is the

growing awareness of the impact of federal regulations concerning landfills in West Texas. Or, a lively, touching human interest story that is considered of broader interest than just one or the other edition.

The growth is being facilitated through an increase in man hours and personnel for the newspaper. The *Stanton Herald* office will be open from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. daily, with an additional staff person being added in both the news and advertising areas.

The vast majority of Martin County residents will be treated to home delivery of the *Stanton Herald* each afternoon, with a coordinated plan of in-home circulation throughout the community of Stanton as well as the rural areas during the coming weeks.

All residents will be provided with at least one month of home delivery as they become acquainted with the daily product, before they are approached about the purchase of a monthly, quarterly or annual subscription at the same rate being charged current *Big Spring Herald* subscribers.



## Farm implements

**BIG SPRING** — Tractors line the property of Feagin's Implement, north of Big Spring on Hwy 87. Like many other agriculture related businesses the company sells tractors and other farming equipment

for the cotton industry. Agriculture is one of the Crossroads Country's biggest industries, but area extension agents don't know what to expect yet from 1990 because rainfall is so crucial to good crops.

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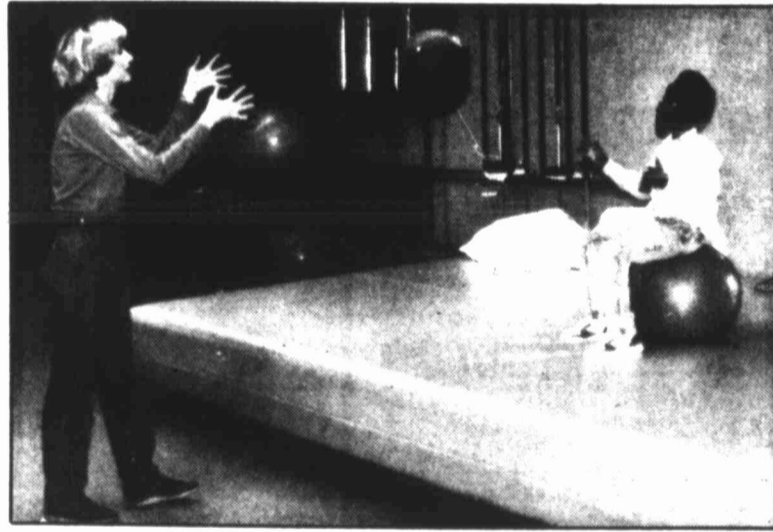
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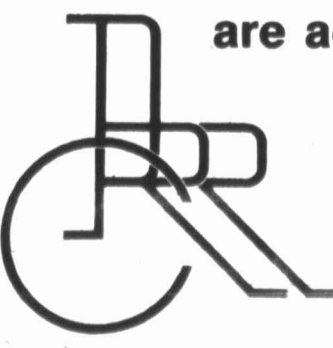


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# Cotton the economic barometer for Crossroads counties

By PATRICK DRISCOLL  
Staff Writer

CROSSROADS — Cotton may be bringing in more money this year than it did in 1989 in Martin and Glasscock counties if the recent rains are any indication of what is to come. In Martin County there may even be a resurgence in the oil business.

But cotton is the economic barometer, said Joe Hodges, president of Stanton National Bank.

"It looked like we were going to be dry," Hodges said of the drought. "With these recent rains I see some optimism."

"I've got four farmers in my lobby now and they all have a smile on their face," he said Friday. "Prices are starting to move up again."

"The key element in the Martin County-Stanton community is the outlook for agriculture and that is cotton," Hubert Frerich, owner of Eco-Drip Irrigation Systems

Inc. near Gail, said, "It's not enough rain to make a crop on but every little bit helps."

"Hopefully they'll be better than last year," he said. "I would think that we're real fortunate to get the rains that we have gotten so far this early in

all cotton in the county. "My projection for this year is it's going to be the same really as it was in '88," he said. "We're looking at around 53,500 acres."

He said the world market price for cotton averaged 56.5

every year, Kinniburgh said. The rates were set at 12½ percent in 1988 and 25 percent in 1989, he said. They have been set again at 12½ percent for this year.

"Ninety-eight percent of all the total acres in the county is enrolled in the program. About 95 percent of the producers are enrolled," he said. "The majority of producers in this program do sign up every year."

Martin County ASCS County Executive Director Nestor Hernandez said about 100,000 acres of cotton were planted in that county in 1989. There were about 113,000 planted in 1988.

He said he could not predict how much would be planted this year. He estimated that 98 of the county's cotton producers participate in the program every year.

Meanwhile, the oil business may do a little bit better this year too, at least in Martin County, Hodges said.

"First it's going to take the form of reworking old wells," he said. "A lot of wells in this area fall into that category."

"I've seen more workhorse units, pulling units, on the roads in the last 30 days and in the fields than I've seen all of

oil produced in Martin County. There were 15,007,114 million cubic feet of gas produced.

The same year in Glasscock County there was 5,665,498 barrels of oil produced and 18,087,769 MCF of gas produced.

Last year in Glasscock County there were 46,500 acres of cotton planted through the Agricultural Stabilization Conservation Service, said County Executive Director John Kinniburgh. There were 53,350 acres in 1988. Those figures represent about 98 percent of all cotton in the county.

last year," he said. "I don't see too much of a boom in drilling."

The most recent available figures of oil and gas production kept by the Texas Railroad Commission show that in 1988 there was 710,908,221 barrels of

Figures of the most recent months and earlier comparison months as well as figures from 1987 could not be given over the phone, said a TRC records clerk in Midland.

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cents per pound in 1988 and 60.3 cents per pound in 1989. "I think it's still holding out right about there," he said.

The amount of acres planted through the ASCS program is affected by how many farmers are participating and what the U.S. Secretary of Agriculture sets the crop reduction rates at

## Prison plans

### Expansion is the outlook for 1990

HERALD STAFF REPORT

BIG SPRING — The outlook for the Big Spring Federal Prison Camp is expansion in 1990.

President Bush has proposed building a new minimum security camp for 150 prisoners on the grounds of the prison in his federal budget and the prison superintendent Phil Spears said recently that the camp should be upgraded to a low medium security facility by August.

Officials say further upgrading and improvements may also be forthcoming.

The prison camp mission change from Level 1 to Level 2 should be completed by August, Spears said last month. The prison will hire 23 new employees for the mission change and \$8 million has been

allocated to make the adjustments necessary for the changeover, he said.

The \$8 million will be spent on security upgrading for the Level 2 inmates, Spears told a group of businessmen.

In addition, another \$4.5 million has been earmarked for the addition of 150 beds at the prison camp by President Bush's proposed budget.

The local expansion at the Big Spring facility is part of an overall effort to increase bed size by 6,175 at various federal detention facilities across the country by fiscal year 1991.

The Big Spring camp is also being considered as the site of one of six federal prison facilities in the nation that could be transformed into a prison complex.

If chosen, the camp would upgrade to a level 3 facility. That would mean a \$15 million expansion allowing the facility to become a complex containing a minimum, low medium and medium security

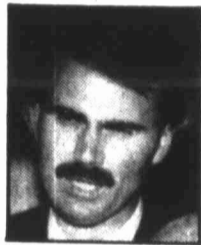
prison camp.

Spears said last month that he did not have any information about a change to level 3. "I'm not privy to anything about going to level 3, I haven't heard anything about it," he said.

Spears said about 75 percent of the new positions will be hired from the local population. The increase will raise the working population at the prison to 195, and by the summer more than 200 employees should be working at the prison camp.

One of the most dramatic changes to the facility will be the raising of a double-walled fence with razor wire lining the inside, he said. Spears also acknowledged that the change will mean some of the inmates the prison holds could be more violent.

"We may have some that have some more violence in their background," he said. The number of inmates at the prison now who have some history of violence is about 12 percent.



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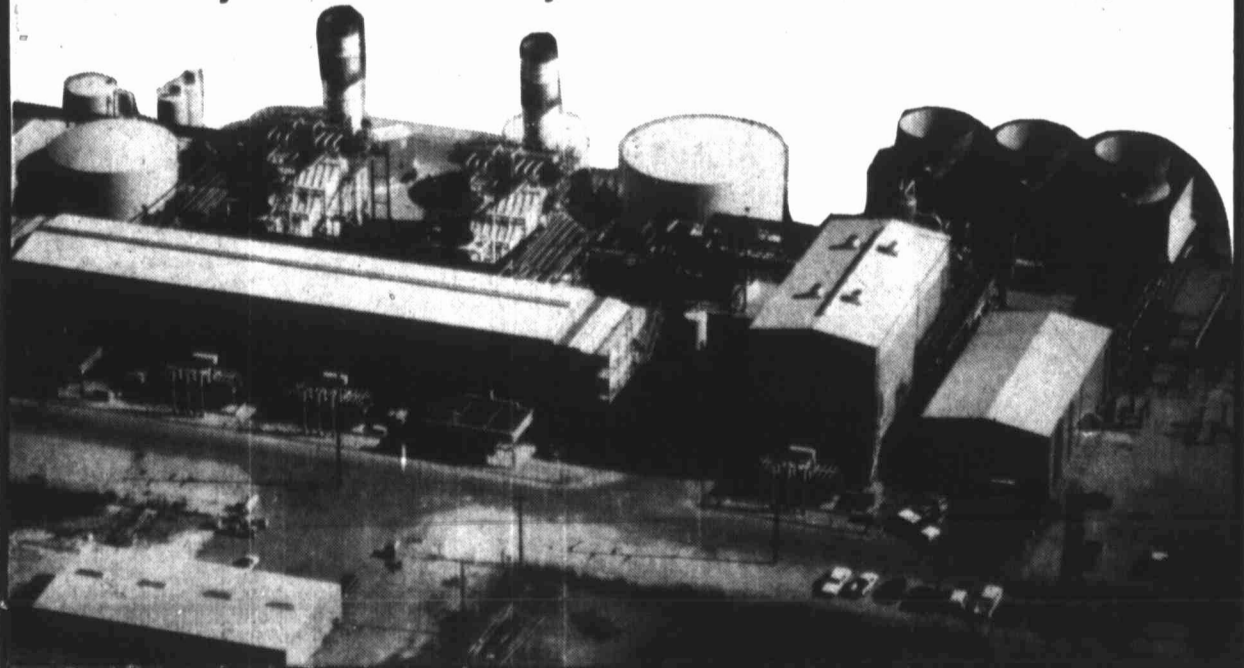
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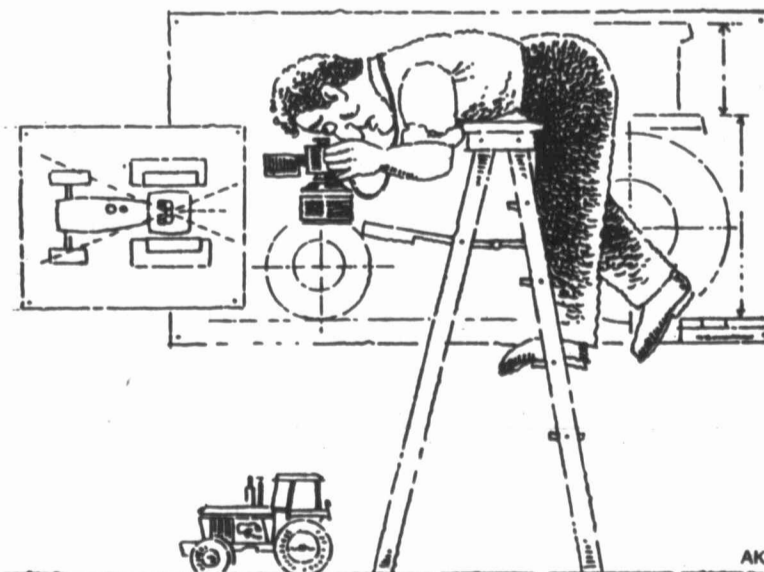
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# Horizontal drilling improves chances of finding some oil

By JOHN A. BOLT  
AP Business Writer

**BIG WELLS (AP)** — Oil companies have brought a technology learned offshore to the plains of South Texas, turning "Heartbreak Field" into a gusher of activity.

Horizontal drilling — a modern term for "slant hole drilling," once an illegal way of draining your neighbor's oil — has resulted in record-setting flow rates from wells drilled in the Pearsall Field of the Austin Chalk, a geological formation running northeast through Texas from the Mexican border to Carthage into Louisiana and beyond.

Oil in the Pearsall Field is contained in narrow, vertical deposits that make traditional vertical wells more chancy than usual. Even successful wells have low flow rates, extending the time it takes to recover investment.

With horizontal drilling, however, several deposits can be linked, increasing both the chances of finding oil and the production once it is found. While the technique costs about twice as much as a vertical well, flow rates can be four to five times higher.

The Pearsall Field, which covers parts of five counties southwest of San Antonio, is only one place where experts say the technology could be used.

Meridian Oil Co. has been using horizontal drilling in the Bakken Formation of North Dakota since 1987. Other, older Texas fields — including parts of the mammoth Permian Basin of West Texas and eastern New Mexico — are considered likely candidates, as are some shallow California fields where so much gas has escaped there is nothing to carry the oil to the surface.

"There are a lot of places in the United States where (horizontal drilling) will fit, any place where you have a reservoir that's not con-

tinuous," said Jim Roberts, production vice president for Oryx Energy Co., credited with pioneering the technique in South Texas. Oryx already has begun drilling horizontal wells in the Bakken Formation and the Ellenburger area of the Permian Basin.

The Texas Railroad Commission, which regulates oil production in the state, is considering expanding to the rest of the state new rules it put in place for the Pearsall Field.

An upcoming report from the Bureau of Economic Geology at the University of Texas says horizontal drilling "holds significant promise" and could add 11 billion barrels of easily recoverable oil to Texas reserves, an increase of more than 31 percent over current estimates.

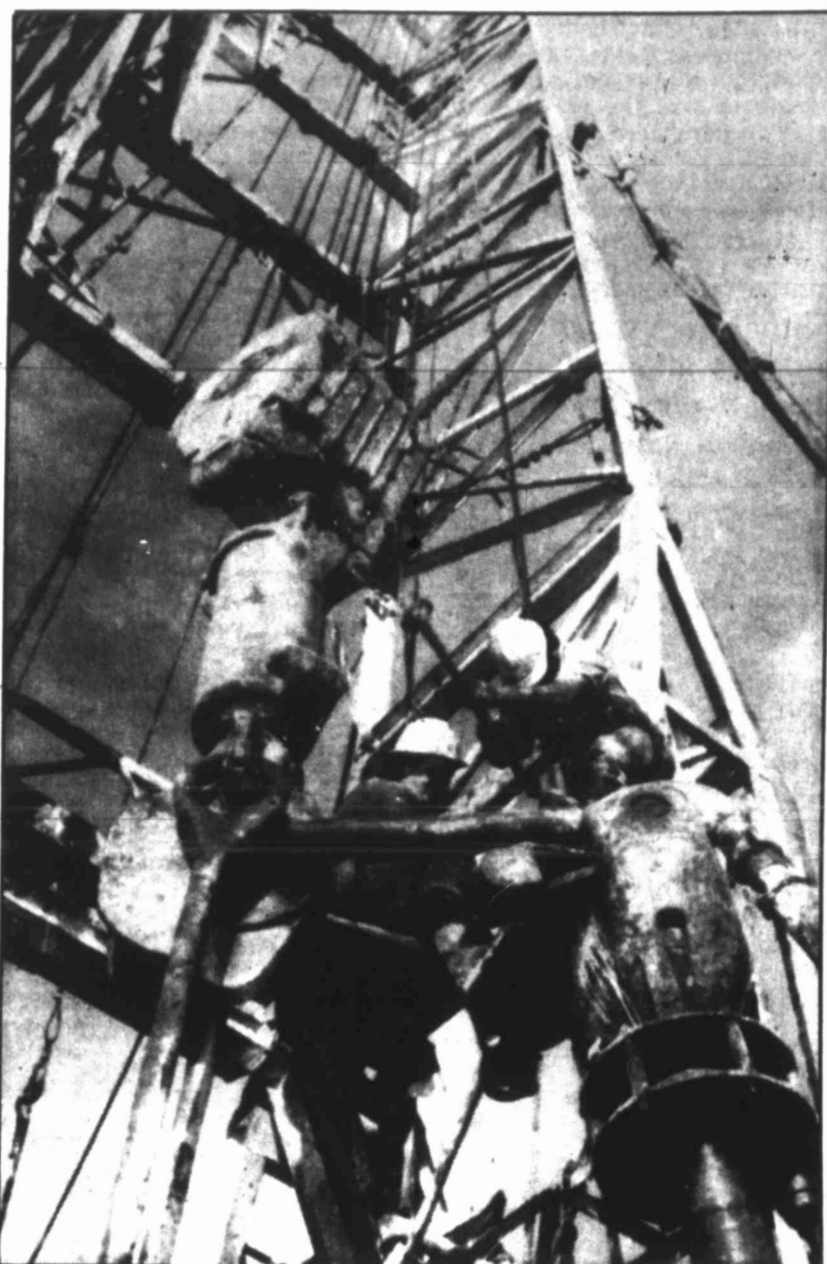
While most of the attention has been focused on horizontal drilling, other technologies also are enhancing discovery and recovery of oil at the same time concern again is growing about U.S. dependence on foreign supply.

There is little chance that a major oil deposit remains to be found in the United States, experts believe, so explorers are returning to familiar fields, using new technology to pump more oil out of old discoveries.

"Ninety percent of everything we get added (to reserves) is from existing fields," said William Fisher, head of the Bureau of Economic Geology, who estimates U.S. reserves of easily recoverable oil at about 100 billion barrels.

Enhanced recovery can get 230 billion more barrels, he said, but only if the price reaches about \$25 per 42-gallon barrel. The price now hovers around \$22, and analysts don't foresee \$25 for several years.

The technologies range from using a mixture of molasses and microbes to raise pressure in sagging wells to re-evaluating seismic



Associated Press photo

**DILLEY** — Gilbert Garza, left, and Roger Rosco change the swivel packing on BDK Rig Number 4 near Dilley recently. Horizontal drilling has kicked off activity in the Pearsall Field southwest of San Antonio unseen in years.

data to find missed oil deposits.

One company, Western Resource Technologies Inc., is pushing five methods it says it can use to turn dry holes and abandoned wells into new gushers.

"We like to think of ourselves as the Mel Fisher of the oil patch," said Western Chairman Steven S. McGuire, referring to the celebrated undersea treasure hunter.

Horizontal drilling is not a new idea: similar techniques, called directional drilling, have been used offshore for years as companies would drill several wells from one platform to cut exploration costs.

Oryx spent four years perfecting the technique onshore and buying up land leases in the Pearsall Field before going public last August by asking the Railroad Commission for new spacing and production rules.

Several other companies have joined the horizontal parade, but none has been able to match Oryx's perfect record of finding oil. Oryx has also drilled the longest horizontal section, 4,164 feet, and the success has made several brokerages recommend their clients buy Oryx stock.

Oryx plans to drill 85 horizontal wells in the Pearsall Field this year, but won't say where.

While providing a much needed boost to the oil patch, horizontal drilling is not a panacea for dwindling U.S. oil supplies, Roberts said. "This is one method of helping to drain (reserves) better. ... It's not going to turn around the decline."

Two issues still surround horizontal drilling: how long will the wells produce at significantly higher rates, and, in the minds of some drilling contractors, how long before a major accident occurs.

There is some concern that the flow rates will not hold up over a long period, and Roberts admits. "We need to look at this for quite a

while. It's brand new and I wish I could tell you."

While Oryx has stressed safety at its operations, W. Brad James, vice president of marketing for Southland Drilling Co. Inc., which has drilled several wells for Oryx, said it's only a matter of time before a major accident.

The threat lies in the very nature of horizontal drilling. In most vertical wells, once oil is found, drilling stops and production begins. Not so in a horizontal well; once oil is found in the first deposit, it begins flowing out of the well while drilling continues in search of other deposits.

"You've got a live, volatile fluid coming to the surface," Roberts said, that can ignite explosively.

It is expensive to keep equipment on hand to handle the oil, James said, and lesser explorers can find it difficult to make the added investment.

**Editor's note:** See related story on page 15-E.

Other techniques are also helping boost oil production. For example, Western Resource Technologies is using radioactive logging to go into old wells and find bypassed oil.

Other methods include new ways of handling water produced as an inevitable by-product of drilling, "seeing" beyond geological formations and using microbes to increase underground pressure to carry oil to the surface.

In one field, McGuire said Western was able to take seven wells that would have been plugged and produce 200,000 barrels of oil. In one gas well, \$2.3 million in revenues was added to a well given up for dead when it started to produce too much water.



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# Auditor sees Howard County problems becoming more complex

By JACKIE SUE OLSON  
Howard County Auditor

BIG SPRING — Since being appointed Howard County Auditor in 1979, I can tell you

that the problems our county government faces today are quite different than those of eleven years ago.

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county had an annual budget of \$2.8 million compared with \$6.4 million for the current year. With this growth, we've seen some changes.

Our means of funding have changed through the years. We no longer receive revenue sharing funds, federal funds that were distributed directly to the local governments. For these funds, we were required only to use the same procedures and comply with the same laws that were followed when spending our own county funds.

Until recent years the county

was allowed to tax at a rate they felt necessary to fund the county's budget. Now if the adopted tax rate exceeds the rollback rate, voters may petition for an election on the tax increase.

We have seen this happen in several Texas counties, most recently to our neighbors, Scurry County. Because of this, the county is somewhat limited on the rate they can set.

In 1986, the Texas Legislature allowed counties to levy a sales tax, reducing property taxes by an equal amount, if approved by

the voters of the county. This was something very new to local government.

Along with the changes in funding, changes in spending have occurred. In 1979 the Indigent Health Care and Treatment Act was unheard of. This new law spelled out how local governments were to provide health care for those indigent citizens unable to support themselves and it set limits on the county's financial liability for those indigents.

The state continues to mandate new responsibilities to our

local governments without providing any funding. Almost all officials must earn continuing education credit. The collection of fees locally, that are required to be remitted to the state, continues to increase and new ones are added.

And, of course, the one problem we hear so much about — jails, the overcrowding and compliance counties must meet to keep the doors open.

Again, the problems the county faces are more complex today than ever before. There are more demands than ever on our

Commissioners' Court and few resources to meet those demands. I feel this upcoming budget year will be the toughest ever on the five men elected to run the county's business.

Through my personal experience, I have seen the difficult times these leaders have encountered because of their concern for the taxpayer.

Their next big challenge is to look at alternative revenue sources while trying to find ways to cut expenses so that our county business is conducted in the most efficient and effective way.



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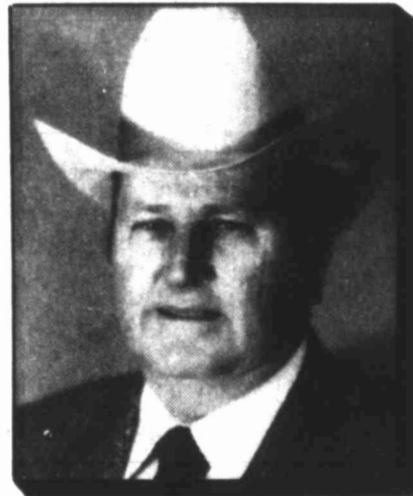
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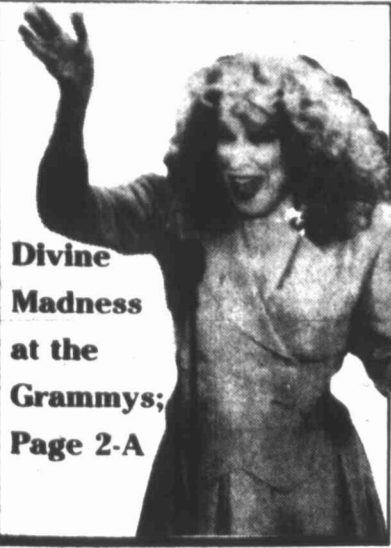
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### Local weather

Forecast for the Big Spring area: Fair tonight and Friday. In the 20s. Highs in the 20s. North winds light and Friday.



### ON THE SIDE:



**1984 survivors**  
BIG SPRING — Lanette Markgraf as Julia and Jim Koerber as Winston Smith, talk about their future in the Howard College production of 1984. The play begins tonight. For a review see Page 2-A.

### Orchestra here tonight

BIG SPRING — The Fort Worth Chamber Orchestra will perform at 8 p.m. tonight at the Municipal Auditorium in a concert presented by the Big Spring Symphony Association.

The orchestra will play a program including Copland's "Three American Sketches," Vivaldi's "Concert for Piccolo," Haydn's "Concert in E Flat for Trumpet" and Beethoven's "Symphony No. 2 in D."

Tickets for the concert are available at the door and cost \$7.50 for adults, \$4 for senior citizens and students.

### Recall petition due

BIG SPRING — Today is the last day for petitioners to file a recall petition against Mayor Max Green. City officials said two petitions had been turned in as of this morning.

Petitions asking for the mayoral recall are due at the city clerk's office by 5 p.m.

Petitioners say they have enough signatures but city officials say as many as one out of five signatures could be thrown out. Petitioners said Wednesday that they will carry the petition throughout area neighborhoods today to gather more signatures.

### Absentee voting

BIG SPRING — Howard County Clerk Margaret Ray reported a good voter turnout since absentee voting began yesterday.

On Wednesday, 16 people voted — 12 Democrats and four Republicans, Ray said. She counted ten more voters this morning and has mailed out 22 ballots.

The change in the absentee voting law means that voters do not have to have an excuse for voting absentee. The last day for absentee voting is March 9. Ray said she would keep her office at the courthouse open from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. on Saturday, March 3. The primaries are March 13.



### Earth Day

WASHINGTON — Judy Moody works in the Washington office of Environmental Teach-In Inc. in April, 1970, to coordinate school activities for the first Earth Day, which was April 22, 1970. The 20th anniversary celebration of Earth Day is intended to inject new life into the national environmental movement.

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By JAMES ROY  
Associated Press  
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Avianca pilots told controllers four times that they were running out of fuel before their jetliner crashed, but the NTSB said that wasn't enough. They should have declared a "fuel emergency," the safety board said.

Pilots of the Colombian airliner apparently tried to tell controllers of an emergency situation but failed to use the language required by the FAA, the board said.

FAA spokesman Fred Farrar said the agency would pass along

The four-member board, with one dissenting vote, also urged the FAA to advise its own controllers of "the need to request from flight crews clarification of unclear or ambiguous transmissions that convey a possible emergency."

Board member Jim Burnett said he did not sign on to the recommendations because language in a letter to FAA Administrator James Busey was toned down to be less critical of FAA controllers.

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The Big Spring Herald sponsors the Howard County Spelling Bee, the Christmas Parade, the Up With People performance and free concerts by U.S. military bands. Herald staffers have also improved three homes in two years through the Christmas in April program.

The Herald employees are involved with the Big Spring Area Chamber of Commerce — Cultural Affairs Council, the Business Committee, Leadership Big Spring, Blue Blazers, Junior Leadership, the Downtown Festival Committee; and we even have a Chamber board member among our ranks.

We also have board members of the Northside Community Center, Salvation Army, Christmas in April, the First Christian Church, Dora Roberts Rehabilitation Center and Howard College Vocational Nursing Advisory Committee working here.

The American Cancer Society, United Way (our employee contribution increased 150% this year!), American Heart Association, Y.M.C.A., Humane Society, Lions Club, Rotary Club and Jaycees all have members who work at the Herald.

We are also Girl Scout leaders, Boy Scout leaders, Catechism teachers, PTA members and Ladies Golf Association members. We even have a Coahoma Volunteer Firefighter on our staff!

Our point? We care! We care about producing a top quality newspaper, but maybe even more, we care about the future of our area. We want good things to happen to Howard County, and we're willing to pitch in and help. We deliver!

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## Landfill coalition seeks new variances

By PATRICK DRISCOLL  
Staff Writer

WASHINGTON — Representatives of a coalition of 51 counties and 42 cities based mostly in West Texas are meeting today for the second time this year with federal officials to ask for variances on landfill regulations that are going into effect this spring.

The 41 representatives of Sparsely Populated Entities Coalition will ask that states be allowed to grant site-specific exceptions to such across-the-board rules as groundwater monitoring even when there is no groundwater. Variances could save local governments thousands of dollars a year.

They were scheduled to meet at 11:30 a.m. with officials of the Environmental Protection Agency, the Office of Management and Budget and the Transportation and Hazardous Materials Subcommittee of the House Energy and Commerce Committee, said Upton County judge and SPEC organizer Peggy Garner.

At that meeting they will hear an update on HB 3735, a bill which if passed will authorize states flexibility in meeting the landfill regulations which were written by the EPA, she said.

"That's going to be real important," she said of the bill which is sponsored by Texas Rep. Charles Stenholm, D-Stamford, and Rep. Thomas Luken of Ohio. Luken is the chairman of the Transportation and Hazardous Materials Subcommittee. A hearing was held on the bill Jan. 25.

Garner said that EPA Director of Municipal Waste Bruce Weddel has already indicated to SPEC representatives during a Jan. 9 meeting that they may support variances on landfill regulations. He was scheduled to be at this morning's meeting also.

Following today's meeting, plans

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## Gazebo work

BIG SPRING — James Taylor carries a board away as Rick Nelson works on loosening another board that was part of the concrete form for a gazebo build behind the Big Spring Veterans Administration Medical Center. The construction is

part of an outdoor renovation project. The project, which included an exercise track in front of the facility for use by the patients, is in its final phase, with two more coats to be applied to the track depending on weather conditions.



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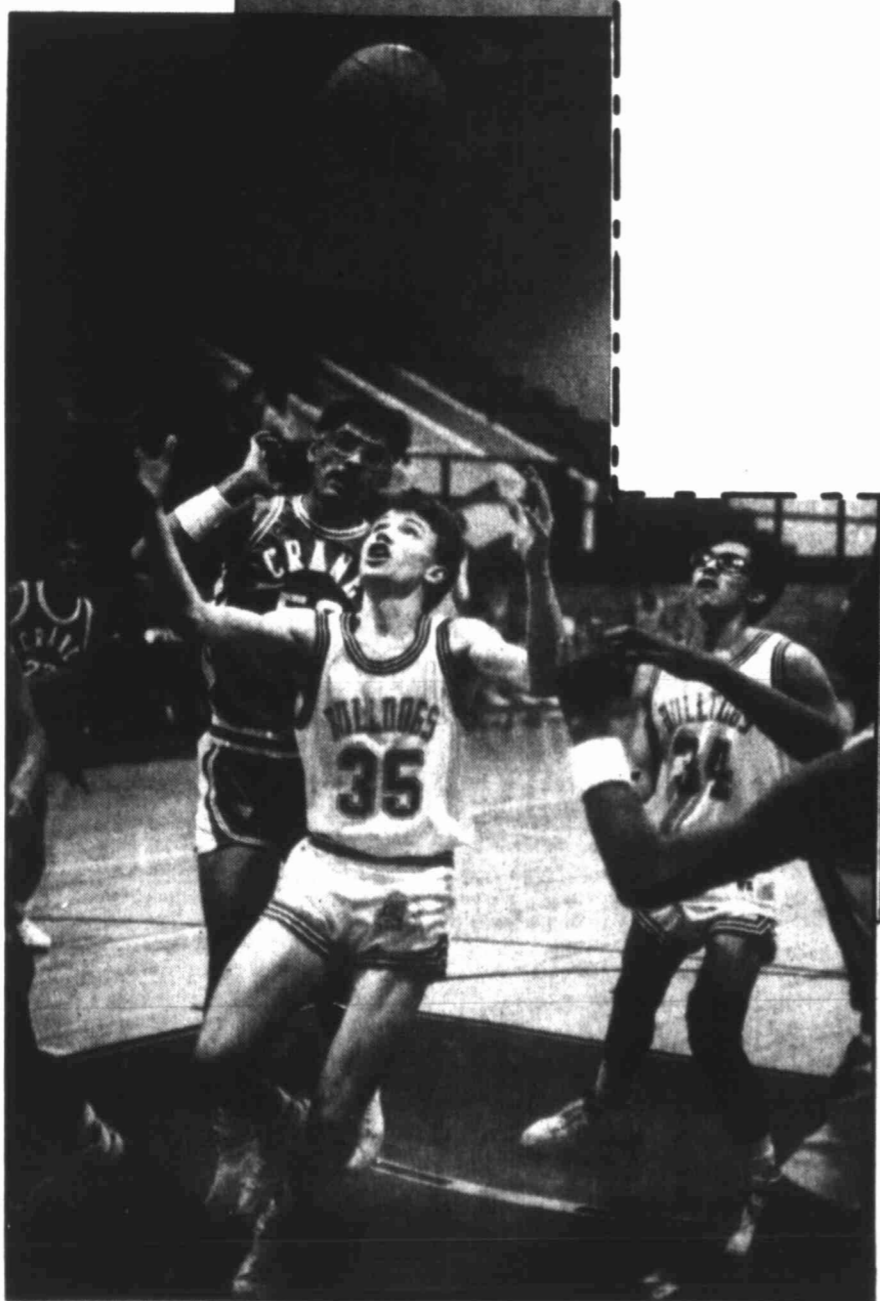
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# Howard College, SWCID expect banner year in 1990

By BOB RILEY  
President, Howard College

BIG SPRING — The outlook for Howard College and the Southwest Collegiate Institute for the Deaf for 1990 is anticipated to be one of the best ever.

This year has found Howard College and SWCID in a period of growth and development. There has been a record enrollment of 2,144 students for the Spring, 1990, which makes the eleventh consecutive semester that HC has experienced increased enrollment. Projections also indicate HC will surpass 2,400 students for the Fall, 1990 semester.

When comparing current enrollment to the Fall, 1984 of 1,144 students, it is obvious the college has experienced dramatic growth. This growth can be attributed to an enhanced marketing of the college, the recruitment of a wider variety of students, and the support received from the community and surrounding area.

Something students are looking forward to are the additions to both dormitories on the HC campus, scheduled for completion by August. This will bring an additional 100 full-time students to the campus. These additional students will require the addition of classes to the day schedule, but at the same time, they will be generating increased state revenue for the district. This student increase will also enhance the student life, food service and bookstore operations.

The fitness center will be opened in June with projections of increased enrollment in both credit and non-credit P.E. courses. This center will be designed to provide exercise and wellness activities in an adult setting for the businesses and citizens of the district.

Plans are underway for a child care center that may be located on the Howard College campus beginning in the fall semester. Preliminary plans are to contract with a local firm to provide child care for a limited number of Howard College students and staff. The proposed child care center should have steady growth during the year as the center accommodates more students who have difficulty attaining child care services during class times.

During 1989 there will also be continued development in the heating and cooling system with the placement of two 50,000 gallon storage tanks underground to accommodate the expansion of the system. Additional chillers will be added and boilers brought on line to accommodate the new men's and women's dormitory space. The underground pipe system is designed to link all of the buildings on campus into one system with heated and chilled water to meet seasonal demand.

The HCJCD Board of Trustees has been very supportive by adding programs to meet student demands and by upgrading facilities for a more conducive learning environment for our students, faculty and staff. At the present time the college has off-campus programs in Lamesa, Brownwood, Del Rio and San Angelo. The San Angelo campus has experienced significant growth in recent years with the latest development being the acquisition of a 17,000 square-foot building in



BIG SPRING — Construction work is continuing on the new men's and women's dormitories at Howard College. Above construction work in progress on the women's dorm. Below, the men's facilities are being constructed.



San Angelo to provide courses and programs in that community. This building was purchased by a San Angelo Foundation to provide training to the local community. These off-campus locations are operated at no cost to the district and no Howard County tax monies are being used for their growth and development. Only revenues generated in the off-campus centers are budgeted for their use with a significant amount being retained at Howard College for indirect costs of support.

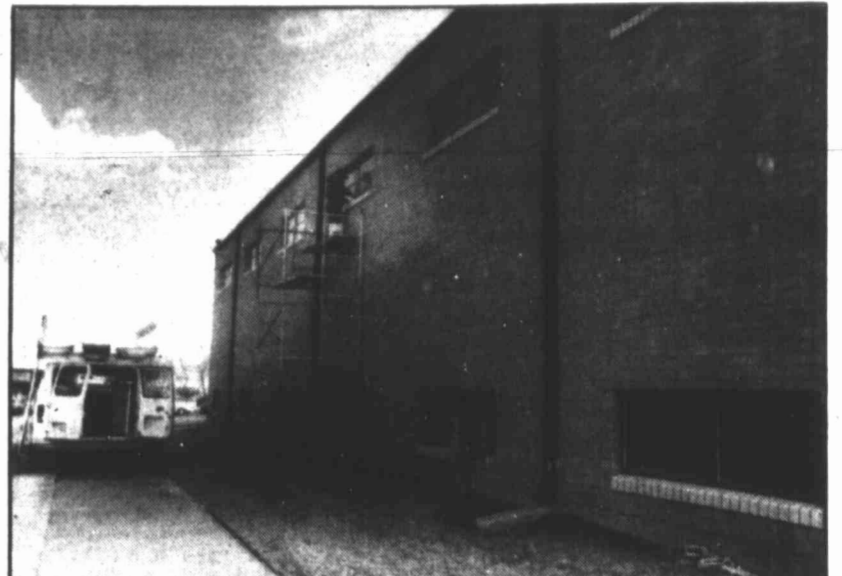
The programs at the Southwest Collegiate Institute for the Deaf are also in a very favorable position as far as growth and development. Two years ago Burke Hall dormitory was renovated and now provides comfortable living quarters for the students at SWCID. SWCID is now in the process of renovating Hall Two with repairs to the heating and cooling system, reconstruction of the bath

and shower areas, replacement of doors and a general "facelift" of the entire structure. Improvements have continued in the administration/instruction facility with walls being removed and classrooms enlarged to accommodate more students and programs.

SWCID has also made application for the acquisition of the former NCO Club (Building 444) at the former Webb AFB. It appears that the acquisition of that facility to be used as a student union building will occur by late Spring, 1990. Enrollment at SWCID is currently at 121 students and a modest growth during the coming year is projected.

In conclusion, it has been stated many times that the future of any institution can only be as good as the foundation laid in the past. Howard College and SWCID is building on a firm foundation of concerned Board of Trustees, a

dedicated faculty and staff, and an administration that is committed to provide a high quality of leadership. Howard College is extremely proud of its past and present achievements, but from all indications, 1990 will surpass previous accomplishments and will launch the Howard County Junior College District into a position of leadership in the Texas community colleges in the years to come.



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# Computers and remediation new trends for Crossroads Country schools in 1990

By ERIN BLAIR  
Staff Writer

CROSSROADS — Computers and remediation are the trends in new programs for the 1990s, according to area school district superintendents, while new facilities are in Big Spring and Stanton's plans.

"Our goals and plans are: as soon as our financial dilemma is settled, in the next few years, the board is planning new facilities. We haven't had a bond issue since 1949 and this one would fund a new junior high for seventh and eighth graders, all state-of-the-art, and in phase two, a new elementary school for 500 to 600 students," said Bill McQueary, superintendent of Big Spring Independent School District.

He projects that the current buildings' indebtedness will be paid off by 1992. "That would be a good time to put tax money in new facilities," he said. "But we have to wait and see. If we have a big shortfall again and have to raise taxes again, then the board won't be able to go to the community with the bond."

Stanton Independent School District is still working on a construction phase that has included a gymnasium, a library, a bandhall and science and computer labs, said superintendent Wayne Mitchell. But the main emphasis will be on the basics.

"If we're going to look out for our children's future, they must have the ability to compete on a worldwide level. That's mastering the four basic disciplines — English, science, math and social science. Our educational system has to be tuned to society and science, technology and computer requirements lead in that direction," Mitchell said.

Sands Schools superintendent James Blake said his district will be trying to pay off its expenses during the early 90s. "If we can hang tough a couple of years we can pay off our indebtedness. We've got a great program right now. We have tie-in programs where we can teach subjects by television satellite from San Antonio. We do Spanish that way."

Blake sees the school's small size as an advantage rather than a liability in teaching. "This business of 22 to 1: We've always been that way." He said parents are getting more involved in their children's education. "The scare of drugs, AIDS and abuse pulls them in. Maybe a light turned on and made them say, 'we should check our kids more closely.' That gives us a chance to be more familiar with them," he said.

Blake also predicts the demise of the career ladder and a return to salaries based on credentials. "Right now teachers with bachelors degrees and ones with masters degrees get the same amount of money. There are enough votes to kill the career ladder," Blake said.

Coahoma Independent School District superintendent Gary Rotan said education is following the same trend as the society at large. "We're moving from an industrial to an information-based society. Education will have to focus on technology and computers. So we've made a five year



**BIG SPRING** — First grader Teri Denton looks at the computer screen as she presses her answer on the keyboard at Bauer Magnet School. Computers are part of the new outlook for Crossroads Country schools in 1990.

commitment to computers."

"We've implemented the writing-to-read program for kindergartners and first graders and we're in the process of buying each elementary teacher a computer for the classroom. The junior high and senior high computer labs produce the Paw Print newspaper and we've bought two Macintosh systems for desktop publishing," said Rotan.

Rotan said he anticipates open enrollment plans, where students are free to attend any school in their area, will catch on in the state. "We're moving toward an increase in parental involvement and their voice in where the students go to school. Within a district it's feasible to pick schools, but crossing district lines could cause problems with space, you can't get everyone in one place. I think it will pressure administrators to have equality on all campuses," said Rotan.

Westbrook Independent School District Superintendent David Casey said his schools have top programs all the way around. "We have a computer lab for the elementary school and new IBM computers for the high school. We're starting baseball at the high school level for the first time this spring so we're working on the field. We'll have something a little different in fine arts next year. This year is drama, last year was music and this coming year will be art. Hopefully we'll be able to find a teacher," he said.

"Our biggest bragging point is the math department — we placed high in the state tests and in business UIL competition too. We just have a top program. We're going to begin competing stongly in science as well. We offered physics

for the first time ever this year and had an excellent class with six kids," he said. Casey taught the class.

"We'll be paying a lot of attention to the TAAS test starting this spring. It will have so much more emphasis on reading and thinking skills than the TEAMS, which was rote memorization," Casey added.

Jim Ramsey, superintendent of Colorado Independent School District, said the district will develop its assets over the next few years. "We'll continue our recruiting plans and we're doing a curriculum review. We just continue to develop our talent pool," Ramsey said.

Forsan has started a new remediation program for fourth, fifth, sixth and seventh graders, said J.F. Poyner, superintendent of Forsan Independent School District. "It's not concerned with remediation per se. It's not redoing old things, which is like pouring

water on a drowning kid. It's a computer-based program with a socratic teaching method for problem-solving. They get two years of classroom computer work and two years of follow up," he said.

"Some students have never learned how to approach a problem. They need to realize that we're not solving the problem for them but we will give them some hints so they can frustrate through it," said Poyner.

Poyner sees a decrease in emphasis on the reforms of House Bill 72 in the future of schools. "There's no question that House Bill 72 has just driven everyone up the wall. I see a turning away from top-down mandates because they haven't produced the results they expected and they take away initiative. The mandates have tied the hands, creativity and initiative of everyone while making a trail of expensive paperwork for us to do," said Poyner.

## Consolidation threat gets attention from area schools

By ERIN BLAIR  
Staff Writer

CROSSROADS — The state's threat of consolidating small school districts to save money on education has some area superintendents thinking, but not too nervous about the future of their schools.

"School financing won't be solved by combining the little rich school because the real problems are Dallas, Houston, San Antonio and Austin. If anything, those districts need to be broken up," said J.F. Poyner, superintendent of Forsan Independent School District.

"Small districts are more accountable because big districts are too far out of touch with the parents. If you know the parents and their kids, the kids know they can't get away with much. It's more valid to break districts up than to put them together," said Poyner.

Sands Schools superintendent James Blake agreed with Poyner. "If anything the state will be looking at smaller schools even more. We can control drugs better and teach better. We have a smaller proportion of problems than elsewhere," he said.

"As far as consolidation goes, I

don't think we'll see any forced consolidations but some districts with less than 100 pupils or some very poor districts might find it advantageous to consolidate," said Blake.

"In order for Sands to consolidate we'd have to be forced. We're a small school but a good school, and that's backed up by all the accreditation reports. We have a good environment and a great staff," he said. Blake's district has 250 students.

David Casey, superintendent of the 170-student Westbrook Independent School District, said, "consolidation is a threat but we won't be forced to do it."

Gary Rotan, superintendent of Coahoma Independent School District, favors the carrot over the stick approach to the problem. "I don't think there's enough power to force consolidation. If they want districts to consolidate, they should have incentives."

"There's a lot of difference between small schools in West Texas and ones in East Texas. In East Texas they may be three to five miles apart, but here schools are 30 miles away. It's not practical to consolidate. Students would be on the bus all day," Rotan said.

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# CRMWD hopes to upgrade water quality

**SPECIAL TO THE HERALD**  
BIG SPRING — Not that it hasn't been aware of the problem all along, but the Colorado River Municipal Water District is intensifying efforts to upgrade water quality in 1990.

Water from Lake E. V. Spence, the linch-pin of the surface supplies, is just plain bad, CRMWD officials readily admit. It could get worse before it gets better.

The District, however, has not been sitting idly waiting for a miracle, although O.H. Ivie, General Manager, would love to see one in the form of a young flood. That would work the quickest miracle of all. During the winter season this won't happen.

Despite promising efforts over 40 years to control a serious salt intrusion problem, freakish weather problems reversed the trend sharply from 1986-90. Now the biggest effort of all, a 28,000-acre-foot reservoir just for salt water, is about to be built.

This is expected to take care of surplus non-potable water diverted from the poor quality low-flow of the Colorado River and its tributaries, Ivie explained. This should provide the margin of storage safety in the future, but in the meantime, big inflows — invariably good quality — is the hope for immediate improvement.

"Right now," said the CRMWD General Manager, "Lake Spence contains 156,000 acre-feet. If we should get the average year's inflow of 61,000 acre-feet, the salt load in the lake would decline about 35 percent. An inflow of 100,000 acre-feet — and we have one of these on the average of every five years — quality would improve by some 65 percent."

These figures are conservative because rains generating that volume in Lake Spence would touch the adjacent Lake J. B. Thomas watershed. It has excellent water, and increased reserves there would permit a higher percentage of mix with Lake Spence water.

"Our customers in Big Spring and points west who depend on our surface supplies have been patient beyond any expectation," Ivie said. "They don't like the high-salt content of our product, and neither do we. Nevertheless, they have put up with it with understanding and good spirits."

CRMWD thought it was winning its long war against salt pollution dating back to relocation of Lake Thomas 20 miles upstream to avoid a salt pro-



**BIG SPRING — Stacy Dam is complete and the O.H. Ivie reservoir will help improve the quality of area water.**

blem in 1951. Nature intervened, however, to win a costly battle in the form of unprecedented, localized heavy rains in 1986-87 on the 555-square mile Natural Dam lake watershed.

This lake, ten miles west of Big Spring and just above the confluence of Sulphur Draw with Beals Creek, the major tributary of the Colorado River above Lake Spence, rose suddenly. Although it cannot be documented, no one has been able to determine whether or not the runoff into the Natural Dam Lake was ever to the extent that the water flowing into the lake would have overtopped the natural dam. It is believed had this indeed happened, the dam would have either washed out or there would have been clear evidence of this having occurred by reason of erosion marks that would have been left on the top and downstream side of the dam.

The rains and resulting runoff during 1986-87 would have, without question, caused inflow into the lake to the extent that the dam would have been overtopped and completely washed out had not the District taken emergency measures to construct a spillway around the north end of the dam and raised the top of the dam seven feet.

"I am convinced the efforts of the District in 1986 prevented the collapse of the Natural Dam and prevented upwards to 35,000 acre-feet of water containing 4,400 ppm chlorides or more from roaring through Big Spring lowlands, causing millions of dollars in damage and on to Lake Spence, which would have rendered the water in Lake Spence virtually unusable," said Ivie.

volume of water impounded in Lake Spence which was approaching 1,000 ppm chlorides, or approximately three times recommended levels from domestic consumption. Thus, when substantial inflows of good water enter Lake Spence, it will have a maximum beneficial effect on the quality of Lake Spence water."

In western Texas supply is the first consideration, but quality is a close companion. After avoiding the salt problem with Lake Thomas, the District inherited it again 15 years later when Lake Spence was built. A major diversion works was installed above Colorado City to intercept and divert the poor quality of the low-flow of the river; thus, satisfying a permit requisite of the Texas Water Commission.

Beals Creek, however, continued to contain a major source of high-chloride water reaching Lake Spence. In 1985 the District added a much larger diversion and side storage reservoir approximately eight miles east of the City of Big Spring. Before the Natural Dam episode, the quality of water impounded in Lake Spence had improved to 465 ppm chlorides and would have remained at this level had it not been for flows from the Natural Dam Lake.

All of the water enhancement projects the District has installed have cost \$6,500,000. Now, an evaporation reservoir in western Mitchell County will be built at a cost of some \$6,800,000. The 28,000-acre-foot reservoir covering 2.3 square miles of lake surface when full, will allow in an average year for evaporation of 6,950 acre-feet (6.2 million gallons per day.) The location is right at a key junction of the District's existing pipeline system permitting an economical exchange of water from the Red Draw and/or the Colorado City diversion works.

Meanwhile, Natural Dam has been raised, strengthened, sealed with a core trench to prevent seepage, and has had its holding capacity more than doubled to 47,000 acre-feet.

"In all probability, there won't be any more water flowing from Natural Dam Lake into Lake Spence," Ivie added. "The cleanup of the Colorado River and its tributaries will progressively improve quality of the water impounded in Lake Spence and will afford citizens receiving water from that source a quality that will meet with their approval."

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Over the next three years, 17,000 acre-feet (nearly 23 billion gallons of water) went through the newly constructed spillway and on down to Lake Spence. The outlet water discharge facility at Lake Spence was opened to draw the bad quality water through Lake Spence. Luckily 60 percent of the bad quality water from the Natural Dam Lake that had flowed into Lake Spence was released through the Spence Dam into the Colorado River and flowed into Lake Buchanan, resulting in an adverse impact on the quality of the water impounded in that lake, above Austin.

In the process of trying to improve the quality of water impounded in Lake Spence, 265,000 acre-feet — 1.3 times the capacity of Lake Thomas — were discharged from Lake Spence into the Colorado River. "Another reason for the Spence releases," Ivie added, "was to reduce the

# Outlook seems bright for Big Spring sports

By STEVE BELVIN

BIG SPRING — In the sports area, 1989 was a very good year for Big Spring and 1990 is expected to bring more of the same.

The talk of '89 was the Steers football team making it to the state semifinals, and the tennis team finishing third at the state team tennis tournament. There were also good things happening at Howard College for the baseball team, and 1990 is already shaping up to be a banner year in men and women's basketball at Howard College.

The whole city went crazy when the Steers won district and started their march in the state playoffs. When it all ended, the Steers were 11-3 and had gone further than any other team than the 1953 state finalist team.

Heading into his third year, coach David Thompson is building a strong, disciplined program. From the team that lost to Chapel

Hill in the semis, Big Spring returns 32 players. Of that 32, five starters return on offense, and six on defense.

While the Steers were making it to state in the fall, so were the boys and girls tennis team under new coach Don Lawrence. Big Spring earned its first-ever state playoff berth in tennis.

Big Spring won district, and defeated district foe San Angelo Lake View 10 matches to 6 to win the Region 1-4A tournament.

At the state meet, Big Spring lost to New Braunfels 10-2, and then won third place by outpointing Houston Mayde Creek 10-8.

This year looks just as bright as spring tennis rolls around. That's where the boys and girls teams compete separately.

Leading the way is Rocky Tubbs, who finished third in singles play last year as a sophomore. From the third place team in the fall, only three team members are seniors.

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# New goals developed for 1990 by YMCA

By GARY WOLLENZIEN  
YMCA Director

BIG SPRING — The roots of the 'Y' movement in Big Spring go back to 1902 when an original charter was issued. The Big Spring YMCA was issued its present charter in 1946.

Big Spring citizens held numerous meetings toward the end of World War II to develop a program for the youth of the community. Ultimately, the Southwest Area Council of YMCA's was called upon to come and help organize and establish a YMCA. First quarters were obtained in 1946 were above the Wacker's Store on Main Street. In 1949, the Association acquired the vacated First Christian Church on Scurry Street and provided more program facilities for young people. Programs were conducted from the building for 11 years.

A building campaign in 1958 raised enough money to establish the beginnings of our present facility at 801 Owens.

In 1969, an endowment fund was established to provide income for everyday operations. On Dec. 31, 1989, the fund totaled \$674,241. Since its beginning, a total of \$632,083 has been paid to the YMCA out of earnings of the fund.

The building features two indoor heated pools, gymnasium,

**"This plan will lead the YMCA into the 1990s and will help us accomplish (our goals)" — Gary Wollenzien, YMCA director.**

women's, girls, men's and boy's locker rooms), 4 handball and racquetball courts, nautilus weight center, free weight room, aerobic exercise room, meeting rooms, gymnastic center, two saunas, two whirlpools, and a steam room.

The future for the Big Spring Family YMCA is indeed a bright one. Carl Smoot, YMCA board president, initiated a Strategic Planning Committee which developed the following Mission Statement, Goals and Objectives.

**MISSION:** The Big Spring Family YMCA provides opportunities for development of the Body, Mind and Spirit of all persons in the Big Spring area through quality programs, friendly environment, and clean facilities.

- OPERATIONAL GOALS:**
- To be the leading human service organization
  - To have a committed and diversified human resource base.
  - To provide the highest quality programs in the areas of health enhancement, youth sports, aquatics, child care, and family activities.

- To provide clean, functional, and properly maintained facilities and equipment.
- To implement a comprehensive financial development program that produces increased memberships and program fee income, endowment and capital funds.

This plan will lead the YMCA into the 1990s and will help us accomplish the following:

- 2,000 members
- 350 youth basketball players.
- A quarterly newsletter.
- Volunteer recognition.
- A Junior Leader Club.
- 12 "4 on 4" Basketball Teams.
- 16 Volleyball Teams.
- 10 Youth and Government participants.
- 300 Youth in Swimming Lessons.
- 40 Youth in our After-School Program.
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## Cultural council seeks new members

By LEA WHITEHEAD  
Staff Writer

**BIG SPRING** — Increased membership is this year's priority for the Cultural Affairs Council, according to Adolph Labbe, chairman.

The Council, under the wing of the Big Spring Area Chamber of Commerce, aids and abets activities of the city's arts organization.

"We want to increase our assistance to arts organizations," says Labbe, "and we will need an expanded membership to reach our goals."

Membership is open to anyone who has an interest in the arts, says Labbe. Arts organizations, such as the Big Spring Art Association, Big Spring Symphony Association and Heritage Museum designate a representative.

A primary function of the Council is to make grants to organizations to enable them to sponsor cultural events in Big Spring, says Labbe. Grants made in the past year were to the Symphony Association and BSAA.

Other activities sponsored by the Council are Starlight Specials, evening performances in the summer at the Comanche Trail Amphitheatre; and ArtsFest, a six-weeks long festival of the arts in October and early November.

A new membership drive gets underway in April. For more information, arts buffs may phone Labbe at 264-5145 or the Chamber at 263-7641.

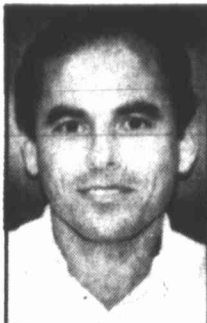
# School finance woes still plague schools in 1990

By ERIN BLAIR  
Staff Writer

**CROSSROADS** — School district superintendents say the outlook won't look too rosy for their districts until legislators have settled the school finance problem.

The Texas Supreme Court has given the legislators until May 1 to come up with an equitable way to fund public education. The legislature will go into special session on Feb. 27 to attempt to hammer out a plan, a task complicated by politics. The March 13 primaries guarantee that education is on every candidate's lips, along with "no new taxes."

**"I'm fearful that they'll settle for a little now and promise more later because this is an election year and they may not have to answer for it later. I don't know if the courts will accept that. I don't know if we'll see a tax increase, I don't think there's the votes for it."** — Gary Rotan, Coahoma superintendent



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in local authority and local control. He's real supportive. He represents public schools," said

education and attaching it to what some would call a sin, not above board. But there aren't many options left," said McQueary.

Wayne Mitchell, superintendent of Stanton Independent School District, said Stanton would manage to educate its students regardless of the special session's outcome. "I see it as a plan for a plan, in other words it commits them to nothing until November. Next year they'll work on the problem," he said.

"I wonder why the largest item on the budget takes the least time to study. I also wonder why they build a program and then see how to fund it," Mitchell mused. He believes the end result will be a leveling down. "Those districts with money will lose it and those without may get a little more but it may end up costing them" because of all the requirements attached to funding, Mitchell said.

Coahoma Independent School District superintendent Gary Rotan said he was skeptical about the session. "I'm fearful that they'll settle for a little now and promise more later because this is an election year and they may not have to answer for it later. I don't know if the courts will accept that."

He cited task force recommendations that call for \$250 million for next year, reaching 95 percent equity in 1995 with \$1.6 billion. "I don't know if we'll see a tax increase, I don't think there's the votes for it," he said.

"Redistribution won't work

because it would take too much away from Dallas and Houston. And the lottery is too unpredictable to estimate revenues and timing. It's more in limbo than the flux in oil prices," said Rotan.

Sands Schools superintendent James Blake attended the Mid-Winter school administrators conference in Austin and came back optimistic about the future. "They say we're going to be equalizing up, not down. That's the only way they can do it and I think that can happen," he said.

"We're thrilled school finance will be a special priority. They're doing a special session in a political year and everyone will have a solution. I just don't see that a whole lot of bills coming up with lots of money for education will be voted in," Blake said.

"Instead of a lottery for financ-

District superintendent Jim Ramsey is pessimistic about the outcome of the special session. "We don't have a crystal ball so there's no point even in even discussing it. Most of the plans have in common the fact that none call for funding at a reasonable level. Until they face the fact that they need other means of funding besides property taxes, I don't see much changing. I don't feel lotteries are the way to fund education, either," Ramsey said.

Westbrook superintendent David Casey said politics would play a part in the session. "In the immediate future we won't see a big change in funding on account of the elections. They'll make a slight change and send the poorer districts some money and come back later to figure it out," he said.

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**"In the scheme of things, we're a poor school district, but we're at the top of the list of poor districts. There's a chance we won't even be addressed. We certainly don't want to lose any money. We need help and our taxpayers have done more than their fair share."** — Bill McQueary, BSISD superintendent



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"Our big question is financial," said Bill McQueary, Big Spring Independent School District superintendent. "Last year we had to raise taxes substantially, which we weren't real thrilled about, but we had to keep salaries competitive and it was in the best interest of the students. It's hard to project where we're going because they're tied to the funds available."

State funding is dwindling, McQueary said. In 1982 the state paid 50 percent of the cost of education, by 1990 that figure will be down to 43 percent.

McQueary predicts the legislature will come up with some sort of plan and Big Spring will get an increase in state revenue by May 1.

(State Representative) Troy Fraser is on our side. He believes

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"It's going to be a scary legislative session, probably not one but two sessions," McQueary said.

The governor says he'll veto any tax increase, but I think there's got to be one or the eight big school districts will have to give up funds. And that's where the political power is," he said.

"A state income tax doesn't have a chance but a 1 percent sales tax increase or an increase in the sin tax might. I am opposed to a lottery. It's taking something wholesome and above board like

**"Personally, I'm not going to advocate an income tax, but our taxing system is chaotic and archaic. I don't think Texas is ready for an income tax but Texans do support a sales tax. We've never thrown money at education in Texas. I'd like to try it once and see what happens."** — Forsan superintendent J.F. Poynor



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ing education, they'll probably take the Haley-Bullock plan. It's a quick fix. They're not going to vote for anything that's going to cost a lot of money. The governor's plan says we could raise the state sales tax by one percent and pick up \$1.2 billion and they may not even use the sales tax plan. But that's my opinion," he said.

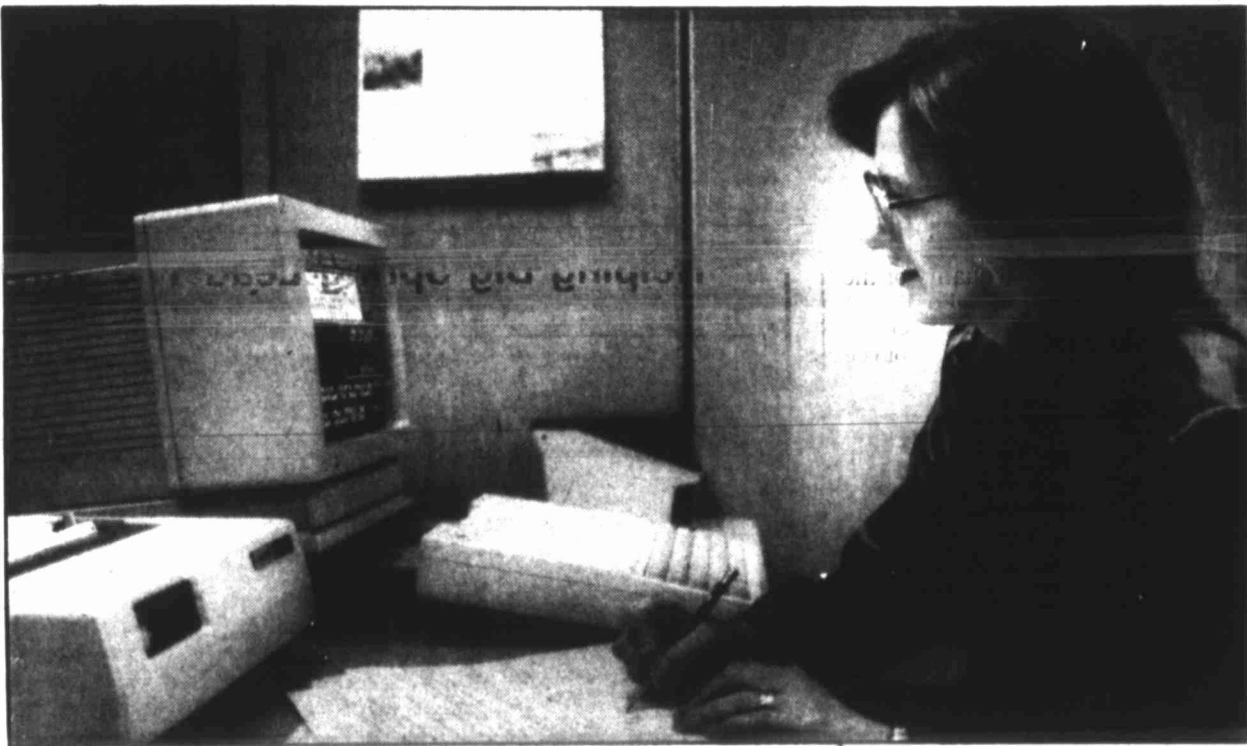
"The good part is in West Texas oil is coming back. It was over \$20 a barrel in January. If our budget gets cut somewhere down the line we could make up for it," Blake said.

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Poynor said he didn't know what to expect from the special session. "Personally, I'm not going to advocate an income tax, but our taxing system is chaotic and archaic. I don't think Texas is ready for an income tax but Texans do support a sales tax."

Poynor doesn't think the special session will come up with any new taxes. "But there's no question that in January 1991 there'll be a major tax bill."

"We've never thrown money at education in Texas. I'd like to try it once and see what happens," Poynor said.



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## Education software

**BIG SPRING** — Gail Williams makes notations as she runs through a computer program at Gamco Industries. The local business writes

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## Unemployment insurance could face trouble

**WASHINGTON (AP)** — Only four states — Hawaii, Mississippi, South Dakota and Vermont — have enough unemployment insurance in reserve to maintain jobless benefits for 18 months in a severe recession, congressional auditors say.

And only 22 state programs could survive a year without raising unemployment compensation taxes, curtailing eligibility or borrowing heavily from the federal government, as they did in the last downturn in 1981-82.

Three states — Illinois, Michigan and Ohio — with the highest concentration of the manufacturing workers who would be most subject to layoffs in a recession have reserves of six months or less, a House subcommittee was told Thursday.

Nonetheless, the Bush administration and the National Governors Association told the panel they oppose a bill by House tax writers to raise the federal unemployment insurance taxable wage base from \$7,000 to \$10,000 by 1993.

"We see no programmatic justification for such an increase," Deputy Assistant Labor Secretary Carolyn Golding told the House Ways and Means Committee's subcommittee on human resources.

She testified that as of Dec. 1, overall state accounts had reserves totalling nearly \$38 billion, compared with just \$8.6 billion a decade ago.

Employers must now pay \$434 in combined state and federal taxes a year on the first \$7,000 of each covered worker's wages. About \$56 goes to the federal government and the states get the rest.

Thirty-six states have adopted bases above the \$7,000 level — ranging from \$7,100 in Connecticut

to \$20,900 in Alaska — subject to state taxes. The federal base was last raised in 1983, when it was \$6,000.

Subcommittee Chairman Thomas Downey, D-N.Y., and other tax writers want to raise the

base to \$10,000 over the next three years to avert a repeat of the eligibility cutbacks by many states at the depth of the last recession.

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## People Poll: What's the outlook in the area for 1990?

By JOHN McMILLAN  
Staff Writer

**BIG SPRING** — The town's outlook for 1990?

It all depends on who's being asked the question, and what's on their mind.

"I think if we get some rain out here, we're going to have a real fine year," said Leona Noble, who lived in Big Spring for about 40 years and now lives in San Antonio.

Tammie Branch, 28, also had weather on her mind. "I wish it would stay warm instead of cold," she said last Friday, a 50-degree day. "This cold weather makes everybody sick. It knocks my fiancé out at work when it's cold." Branch's fiancé is Robert Tindol of Big Spring.

Most of the residents surveyed had the town's economy on their mind, however.

"I hope it (Big Spring) grows, because I'd love to sell my house," said an elderly woman who asked not to be identified. "I can't sell my home. Too many (houses) on the market, I suppose." The woman, whose husband died recently, said she plans to move to another town.

"I'd like a lot more business coming into town," said Irma Rios of Big Spring. "There's too many people that don't have jobs,

and sometimes when they get a job it's not what the person himself is worth — they have to get out of town to get one."

Rios said she considers herself fortunate that she's a nurse, because "nurses are needed everywhere," she said. Rios works at Scenic Mountain Medical Center.

Velina Flores, 31, said her husband, Luis Jr., had difficulty finding a job in Big Spring. He was a farmer before moving into town four years ago, she said. "He had a hard time looking for a job, because he doesn't have any college (education)." Her husband eventually obtained employment as a janitor at Big Spring State Hospital, she said.

Edward Rodriguez, 34, a welder from Big Spring, also cited hopes for the town's economy in 1990. "I wish we had more business around here than we've got," he said. "We've got all these stores closing up, losing a lot of money."

"I hope business picks up," said John Cockerham, 40, from Big Spring. That would mean "more money," he said.

Cockerham, a truck driver, said the oil industry especially needs a boost this year. "We need more oil business, more drilling," he said.

## Real estate outlook depends on oil

By STEVE REAGAN  
Staff Writer

**BIG SPRING** — Like almost everything else in West Texas, the future of the real estate market in this area is heavily dependent on the oil industry.

The equation is simple for area realtors: An increase in oilfield activity means more jobs, and more jobs mean an increased demand for housing.

"We need to get more jobs in this area," Bobby McDonald, director of Century 21/McDonald Real Estate said. "Jobs are housing."

McDonald gave a good news-bad news outlook for the area real estate market. The bad news is that the market is still far below that of the oil boom days of the early '80s. The good news, however, is that the market has improved since the years immediately following the collapse of oil prices.

"Up to (the oil bust), realtors were selling just about everything," McDonald said. "Then we went into some bad recession years. Compared to what we've been through, we're doing a lot better."

McDonald, who also serves as the president of the area board of realtors, said the market for nice, single-family housing units is tight for both buyers and renters.

"There are less listings being run," he said. "There doesn't seem to be a lot of good single-family housing available right now. The blessed thing, though, is that people are still buying houses."

He added that prices have stabilized, although they're still significantly lower than during the oil boom. McDonald estimated that

the cost for a three-bedroom, two-bath house is between 20 and 30 percent lower than during the early '80s.

"That's for the really nice housing," he noted. "Others, such as homes in poor condition, really get beat up on the market."

But, despite the problems, McDonald does see sunlight on the horizon as far as the local real estate business is concerned.

"I feel like it's going to get better," he said. "Oil is picking up, and Blue Bell (ice cream manufacturer) is coming in, plus the prison is planning to expand. As jobs come in, housing will pick up."

Another sign of improved times McDonald points to is that Housing and Urban Development re-acquisition of homes in this area is less than half of what it was in the best years of 1985 and 1986. "That's good for the condition we're in," he said.

Overall, however, McDonald said any improvement in the real estate industry is heavily dependent on an improvement in the area economy as a whole.

"As far as Big Spring is concerned, we need continued improvement in the oil industry and we need more jobs," McDonald added.

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## United Way depends on educating public

**BIG SPRING** — Dedicated volunteers and an improved method of educating the public were major reasons the local United Way effort exceeded its goal for a second year, the local chapter's executive director said.

Sherrie Bordsfke, executive director of the Big Spring United Way effort, said that the 1989 drive exceeded its \$212,000 goal by more than \$3,000.

Bordsfke credited two major reasons for the improved effort, which provides financial assistance to 10 area agencies.

"Personally, I feel like there was more personal contact by our volunteers and more dedicated volunteers," she said. "Plus, there was better education about the United Way agencies... and the services they provide to the public."

Bordsfke said that preparations for the 1990 United Way drive will begin in July with budget hearings. The new goal will not be set until the UW board meets sometime in August. She estimated that the 1990 goal "will be in the neighborhood" of the amount raised last year.

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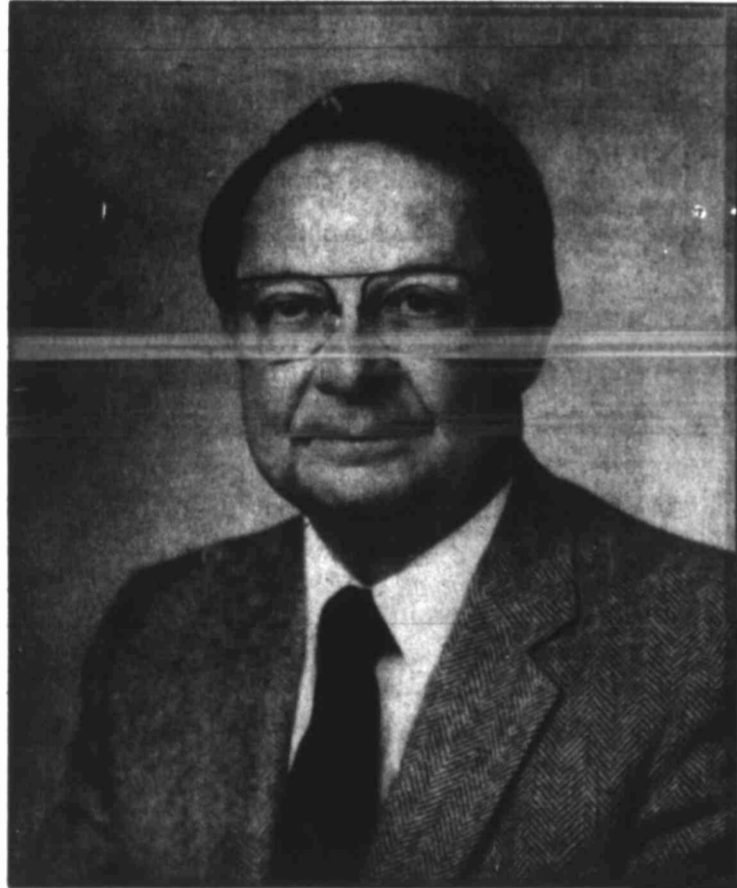
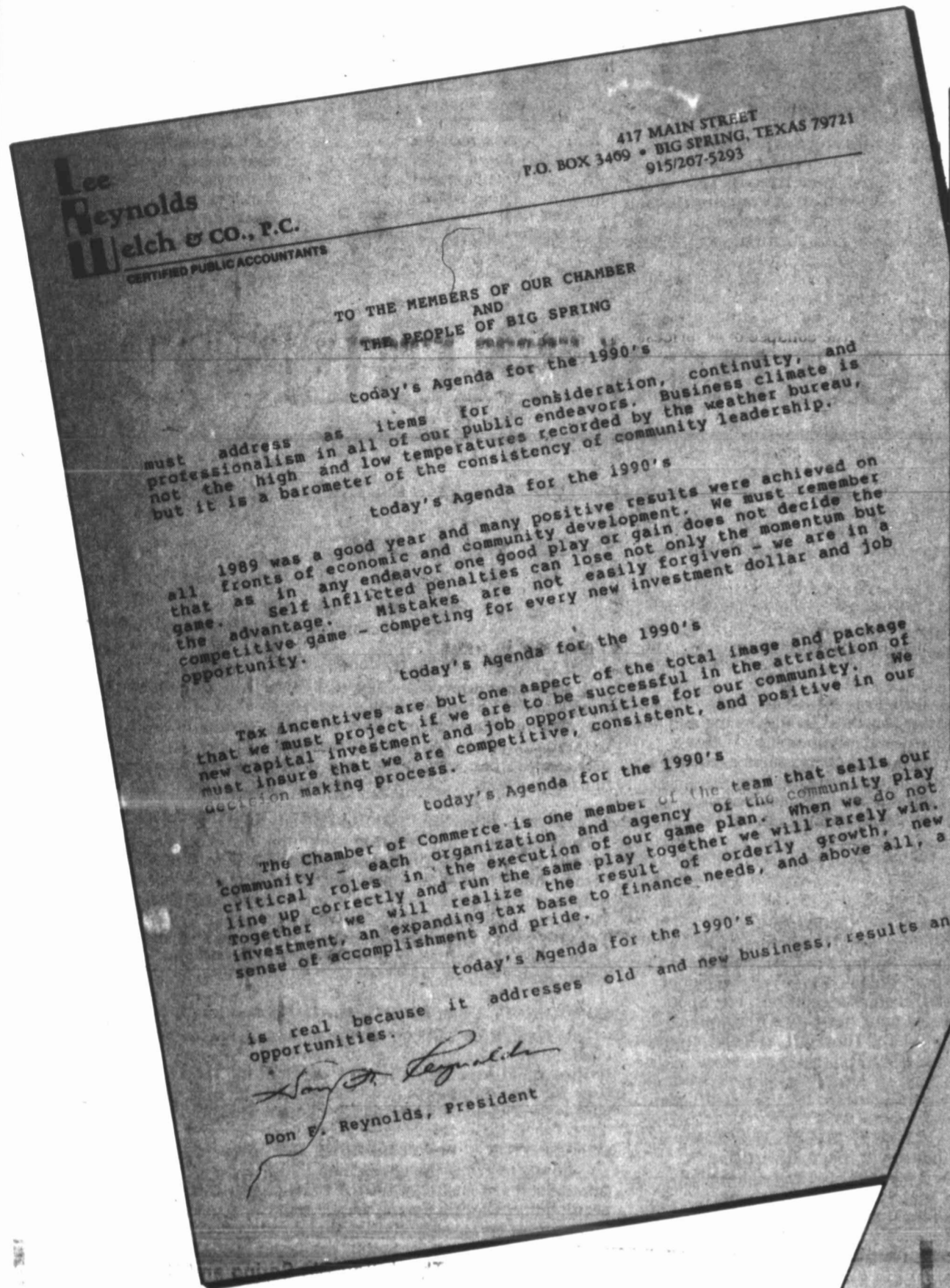


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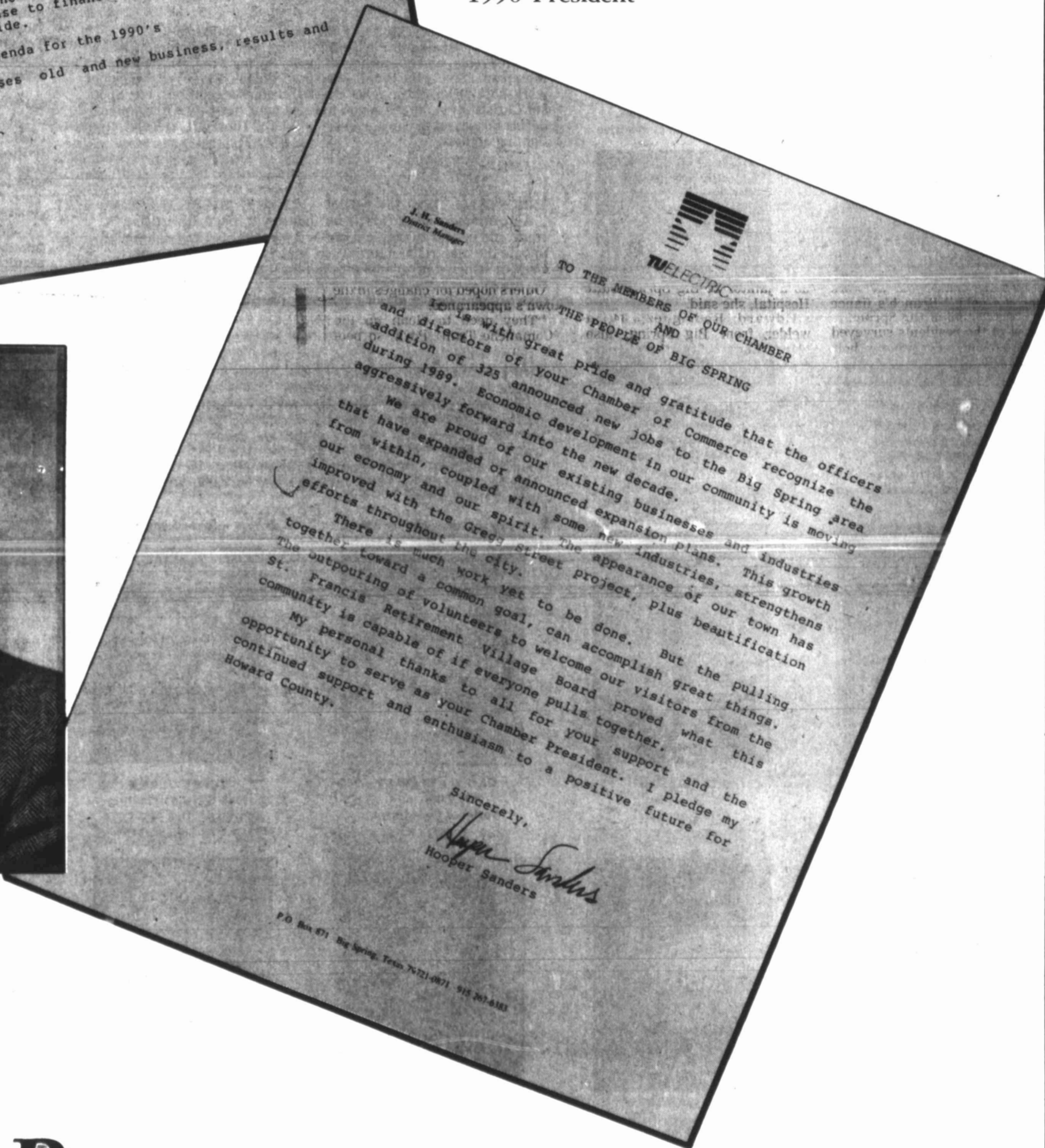
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## FOCUS on RESULTS

To Focus on Results was our pledge to you in 1989. Many opportunities in 1989 allowed us to demonstrate how a well directed, financed and operated Chamber of Commerce can make a difference in our community. Preceding years laid the ground work to emphasize the Economic Development efforts by your Chamber. The allocation of volunteers, financial resources and staff produced positive action on many fronts.

**1989 FOCUS ON RESULTS:**

- IBI expands operation from 8 to 50 employees
- Retirement Industry effort produces St. Francis Village Board visits to city; work still underway; 385 Big Spring citizens participated.
- Mid-Tex Detention Center opens, 60 new employees - Major City/Private effort.
- Wes-Tex Drilling Trucking moves to town - 15 new families.
- Federal Prison Camp announces expansion - construction underway.

- Textile Mill task force organized; work underway to identify financing.
- Blue Bell Inc. selects Big Spring for distribution facility; 40 new employees, completion in June 1990.
- State Hospital announces new jobs and expansion of \$2.5 million, plus \$3 million approved in State Bond package.
- Major effort led by Howard County/City/Industrial foundation and Chamber to secure one of six new state prisons.
- Distribution/Warehouse analysis underway.
- Consumer Survey and Business Retention surveys completed.
- New retail outlets announced in Highland Mall, Big Spring Mall, and College Park Shopping Center.
- Gregg Street resurfacing completed; long-time transportation committee effort.
- Beautification efforts throughout city, plus \$80,000- landscape plan by highway dept.
- Tax abatement/incentives task force initiates action with taxing

- entities.
- Information Center proposal presented for funding by Convention/Visitors Committee.
- Howard College breaks ground for two new dormitories.
- Sam Walton of Wal Mart announces expansion and remodeling of Big Spring facility.
- Nursing Home contractor selects Big Spring as target for new location.
- Creation of a task force to pursue the prospects of Warehouse/Distribution in connection with Big Spring's location as a transportation of goods; one proposal has already been submitted to a warehouse prospect.
- Creation of a task force to explore the feasibility of the construction of a Textile Mill in the Big Spring/Howard County area.
- Creation of a task force to pursue creation of a Retirement Community. That task force resulted in visits by a solid prospect, with additional prospects possible.



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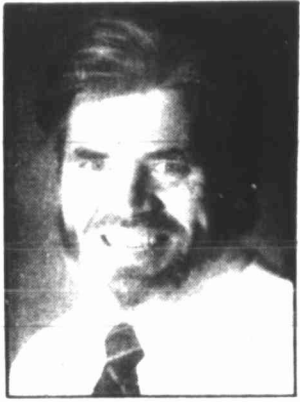
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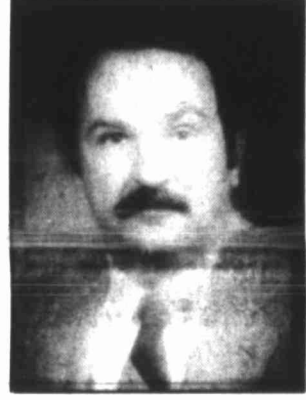
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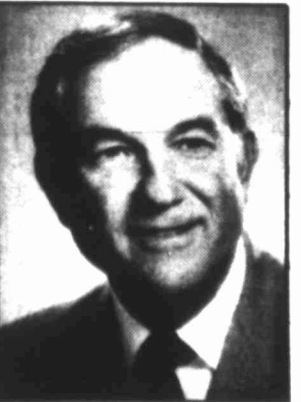
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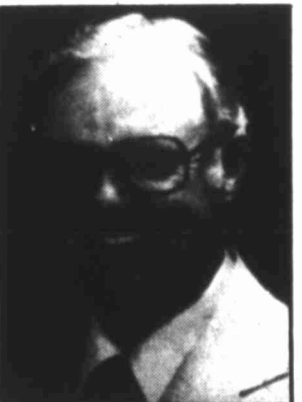
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# Today's AGENDA for

## Focus on Results

### ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

Jim Bill Little, Vice President

#### AGRICULTURAL COMMITTEE — Bill Fryrear, Chairman

Work to promote agriculture and agri-business in Big Spring and the surrounding area. Encourage increased membership by area farmers and ranchers. Assist with the annual agricultural events including the Chamber's Agricultural Barbeque and the Howard County Fair and any other event related to agriculture or agri-business. Continue the selection of Outstanding Agricultural Producer in the county.

#### BUSINESS COMMITTEE — Cliff Attaway, Chairman

Promote shopping in Big Spring, plan special sale promotions for annual events, and encourage shop Big Spring First! with local merchants. Select the Small Business Person Of The Year. Conduct workshops on shoplifting, hot checks, customer relations, etc. Sponsor Christmas in June Auction to raise funds for City's Christmas decorations, and the annual residential and commercial Yule lighting contest.

#### INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT — Clyde McMahon, Jr., Chairman

Actively seek out prospects for industry through advertising in trade and industrial publications and personal contact. Continually update the materials, information, and data provided prospects. Provide training programs for the industrial teams. Encourage the expansion and recognition of local industry. Emphasis on a new prison. Continue the major employers meetings. Develop program to promote Big Spring as a retirement location.

#### TRANSPORTATION COMMITTEE — Bobby Price, Chairman; Arnold Marshall, Chairman Emeritus

Continue our efforts to have Highway 87 designated as the connection route between I-27 and I-10. Promote a program of continuing improvement in Big Spring streets and county roads; study traffic problems, including loop ad truck routes and recommend solutions to the City and County. Major emphasis on US 87 from Big Spring to Sterling City; work on route for hazardous cargo around Big Spring.

## Focus on Results

### COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT

Ben Bancroft, Vice President

#### ATHLETIC COMMITTEE — A.J. Pirkle, Chairman

In the future, this committee will continue to promote athletic events in Big Spring, including working toward bringing as many playoff games here as possible. We will promote meets, baseball, basketball, tennis, and golf tournaments with the city, Howard College, and BSISD. We will continue to promote the girls' basketball tournament that we helped to sponsor this year.

#### CLEAN BIG SPRING COMMITTEE — Polly Mays, Chairman

This committee will work on continuing the large item pickup. We will continue the Misdemeanor Workforce program, and try to involve more people as supervisors for this project. We will continue awarding the Beauty Spots of the Month, and sponsoring the Christmas decorating contest. We will continue to work with the Texas Highway Department on landscaping and maintaining our state roads. We will continue to work with the city on code enforcement.

#### COMMUNITY LUNCHEON, Sherrie Bordofsky, Chairman

This committee will continue to plan and conduct one-hour luncheon meetings each quarter to promote local events and activities, and to spotlight the work of committees. This will be the time for the Chamber to publicly welcome its new members. Division vice presidents will provide content for the four programs.

#### CONVENTION & VISITORS BUREAU — Robert Moore, Chairman

Continue to probe the benefits of a Tourist Information Center. Initiate sales of post cards to area businesses and individuals for promotion of the Big Spring area. Continue to assist other Chamber Committees and area activities that overlap, but affect Big Spring's future progress. Research Texas publications for possible advertisement placement to promote our community. Research first class Hotel/Motel facilities for Big Spring and surrounding communities. Set higher goals for conventions, meetings and tour bus greeting to increase tourism. Enact events to increase attendance and participation from surrounding communities. Increase assistance to area restaurants and facilities. Increase awareness of need for additional update and improve area signs.

#### CULTURAL AFFAIRS COMMITTEE — Adolph Labbe, Chairman

This committee will continue to support and encourage all forms of visual and performing arts activities in this area. We will continue ArtsFest, Cultural Person of the Year, Youth Exhibit and others.

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# A for the 1990's

## Focus on Results

**ORGANIZATIONAL DEVELOPMENT** — Robert Wernsman, Vice-President

**AMBASSADORS** — Dean Spencer, President

Participate in the annual membership drive and year-round membership recruiting. Act as official hosts and greeters for the Chamber and community. Act as official hosts and sell tickets for the annual banquet. Help with the annual Ag-BBQ. Conduct ribbon cuttings for new businesses in the community as they join the chamber.

**BANQUET COMMITTEE** — Pam Welch, Chairman

Create a positive tone for the new decade by having a banquet that will be an exciting event as well as a motivational experience for Chamber members and their guests.

**BLUE BLAZERS** — Iris Correa, President

Help recruit new Chamber members, welcome new members with ribbon cuttings, sell ads for membership directory, sell tickets to annual banquet, award "Pat on the Back" and "Love You Blue" awards, host the 6th Annual Women's Conference, sponsor the Miss Merry Christmas contest, hold monthly meetings with varied programs, distribute event calendars, update the Speakers Bureau, assemble a membership yearbook, continue with the Blue Blazer yearbook and work hand-in-hand with the Ambassadors.

**MEMBERSHIP COMMITTEE** —

Encourage members to increase their investment in the Chamber according to the guideline in the membership investment schedule adopted by the Board of Directors. Conduct a year-round, sustained campaign to enroll new members. Develop a system to contact the out-of-town offices of local businesses for membership investments. Welcome our new members with special recognition at the Community Luncheons. Conduct quarterly new-member orientation.

**PUBLICATIONS COMMITTEE** — Lindsay Conway, Chairman  
Establish a procedure for Chamber staff and committee members to effectively prepare materials for publication. Continue to improve the monthly newsletter under the title of "Focus".

## Focus on Results

**PUBLIC AFFAIRS** — Scott McLaughlin, Vice-President

**CRIMESTOPPERS** — Sam Barton

Encourage citizens to provide information that will assist law enforcement officials in the successful prosecution of crime by means of a reward for that information. Accelerate the campaign to make the public aware of the Crimestoppers program and the rewards it pays. Work with law enforcement officials to implement a Neighborhood Watch program in the county.

**EDUCATION COMMITTEE**

Coordinate with educators from various institutions on matters of community concern. Promote programs to recognize the valedictorians and salutatorians of Howard College, SWCID, Big Spring, Coahoma, Ackerly, and Forsan High Schools. Adopt a school project by getting at least one business in the community to work with a specific school. Help Howard College to inform community development about services that could be provided to train new workers or retrain existing workforce. Literacy classes are currently available, along with free courses such as "English as a Second Language" and Adult Basic Education Courses.

**GOVERNMENTAL AFFAIRS COMMITTEE** — Cheryl Stevens

Meet monthly, or as needed, to continue monitoring pertinent pending legislation. Actively involve other Chamber members when letter writing campaigns are needed. Invite elected officials to attend meetings to provide updated information. Increase efforts to make the benefits of this committee's efforts known to general membership. Extend invitation to general membership to bring potential discussion issues before committee.

**HEALTH & SAFETY COMMITTEE** — Alice Haynes

Co-sponsor the Annual Health & Safety Fair and encourage participation in the community affairs relating to health services by all facets of the health, safety, and medical care industry with assistance from the Chamber itself.

**INTERGOVERNMENTAL RELATIONS** — Dr. Bob Riley

This committee hopes to continue the "community roundtable" discussions to deal with issues of importance to Big Spring. This dialogue will be promoted as a means of keeping major community institutions informed as to what each of the others are doing, as well as developing programs of action to address issues of concern.

**LEADERSHIP BIG SPRING ALUMNI** — Robert Wernsman

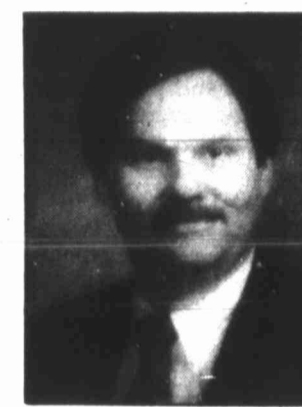
Develop a program to keep alumni active in leadership roles in the community and help recruit new participants in Leadership Big Spring. Compile a data base of available people to fill leadership roles within the community; continue to support such spinoff groups as Christmas in April and Junior Leadership; establish a series of Townhall Meetings and provide thorough follow up to goals and agenda that result. Provide educational programs to apprise members of challenges and opportunities in the community, which Leadership graduates can address.

**LEADERSHIP BIG SPRING** — Bob Coltrane

Continue to refine and develop the program designed to prepare and orient potential community leaders with community history, city and county governments, the education sector and medical services, as well as business and industry. Plans call for encouraging participants to work together to find solutions to the challenges that face the community, as well as continued development of the Junior Leadership program for area high school juniors and seniors.



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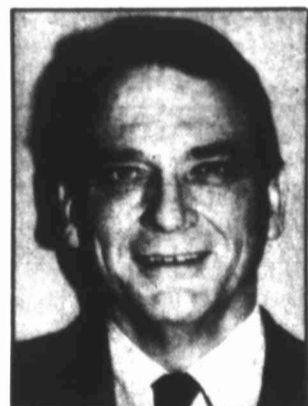
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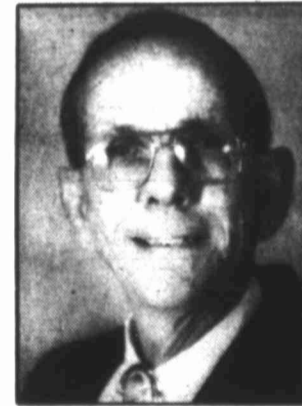
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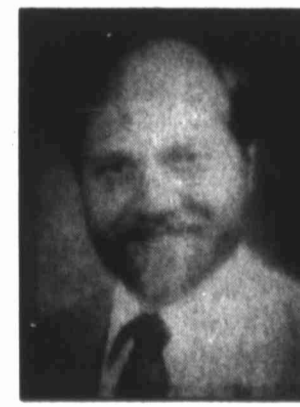
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## Better budget means improved VA services

By CONRAD ALEXANDER  
VA Medical Center

BIG SPRING — The year 1989 was a challenge for the Big Spring VA Medical Center. Budgetary restrictions necessitated the shifting of scarce resources from lower priority to higher priority areas throughout the year.

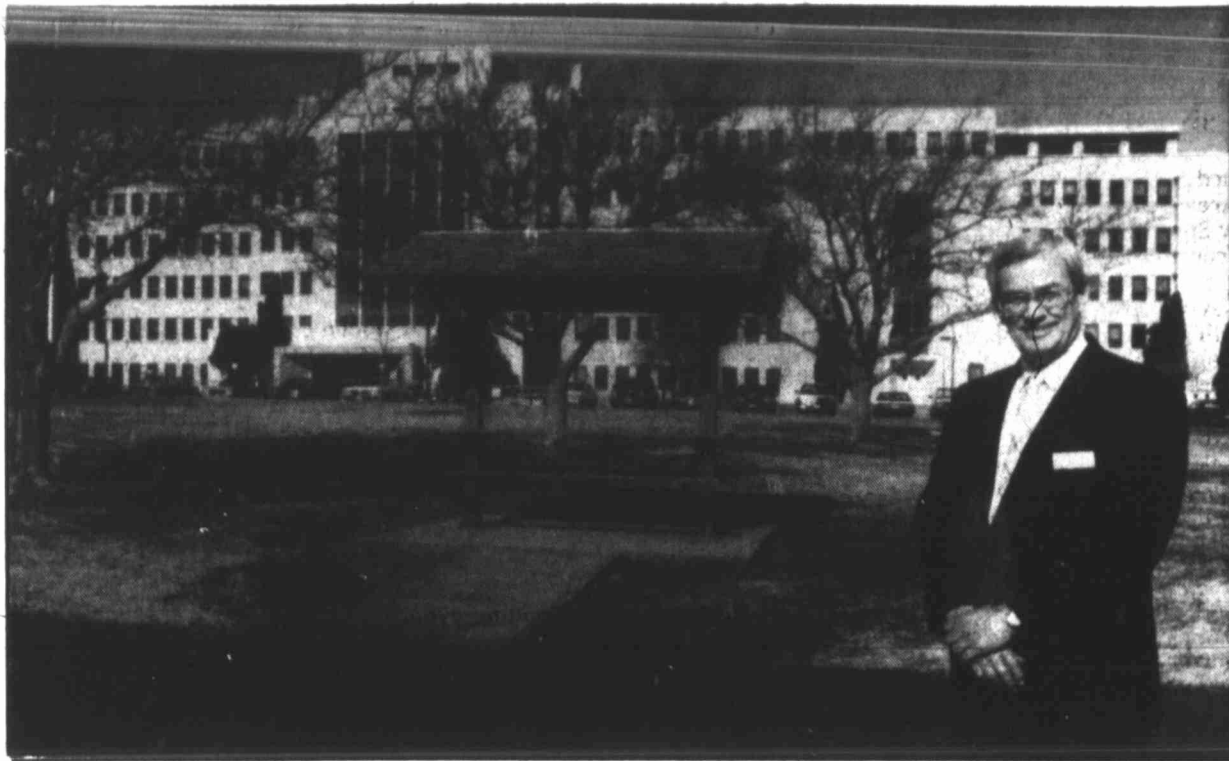
The good news is that 1990's budget is improved, and the VA medical center is now able to relax the restrictions on services provided to veterans in West Texas. The 1991 proposed budget looks even better.

The improving budgetary posture of the VA might be due in part to the agency's achieving cabinet status on March 15, 1989. President Bush said of the new Department of Veterans Affairs, "There is only one place for the veterans of America, in the Cabinet Room, at the table with the President of the United States of America." The new exposure certainly can't hurt.

The Department of Veterans Affairs' budget in 1991 should continue to improve. President Bush has requested \$30.5 billion for the agency, a \$1.3 billion increase over the 1990 budget. While the decision is still out, the outlook for the Big Spring VA Medical Center and the West Texas veterans is hopeful.

The employees at the VA have worked diligently during this last year to provide high quality care during a period of fiscal constraint. Through our grass roots planning efforts, we were able to obtain funding during 1989 to completely renovate our Radiology Department and dedicate a telephone and computer building complete with a new automated telephone system. These efforts produced over \$1 million in replacement equipment, which was critical in meeting our growing health care needs for an aging patient population.

Other construction visibly underway at the VA medical center includes new indoor and outdoor rehabilitative recreation areas for patients. The outdoor recreation areas will include a walking track and all-



BIG SPRING — Director Conrad Alexander stands outside the VA Hospital in Big Spring. Alexander hopes that budget restrictions have eased this year.

purpose court. The ambulatory care area, also under construction at the VA, when remodeled should enhance the flow and timely treatment of the planned 26,624 patients visiting the facility in 1990.

The Department of Veterans Affairs most important linkage has been its relationship with the nation's medical schools. It is a unique combination of academia and clinical practice. Big Spring VA Medical Center's principal affiliates are Texas Tech University Health Sciences Center (TTUHSC) for ophthalmology, and Howard College for Associate Degree in Nursing training. Promising efforts have been initiated with TTUHSC's Odessa campus to provide future elective rotations for Family Practice residents.

All aspects of these affiliations are effectively integrated and an integral part of the medical center's health care delivery system. Employees at the medical center are its most valuable resource, and our efforts to "grow our own" RN's

with Howard College's support should pay dividends far into the future. Nurses at the VA are taking advantage of our Tuition Support Program that allows them to further their education while continuing their employment.

Another most promising linkage has been the sharing agreements between the VA and the Department of Defense. By pooling their resources to help each other, economy of scales in procurement and avoidance in duplication of expenditures can be realized. The Big Spring VA presently has sharing agreements with Dyess Air Force Hospital in Abilene and Goodfellow Air Force Clinic in San Angelo. Agreements are also in place with Scenic Mountain Medical Center for mutual use of specialized resources and Big Spring State Hospital for mutual aid in the event of laundry equipment failure. The sharing agreement with the Federal Prison Camp in Big Spring continues to beautify the grounds at the VA medical

center. The Department of Veterans Affairs supports a strong clinical care, research, and education triad which enables it to accomplish things that would simply not be possible by individual providers of health care. The VA should be recognized for its contributions to our society. We are in the forefront of many clinical, research, and educational activities, including public and private sector efforts, to tackle the major challenges of AIDS, drug abuse, and homelessness. The multiple missions and multiple eligibility requirements of the Department of Veterans Affairs can be a complicated maze for a number of patients and their family members. Veterans in West Texas can be on the outlook for a major media effort by the Big Spring VA Medical Center to provide tips and meaningful information in an effort to improve veterans access to medical care and determine one's financial responsibility in today's health care environment.

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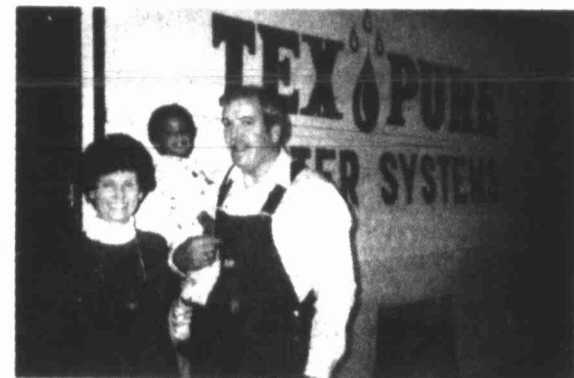
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### Big Spring Mall manager optimistic

BIG SPRING — The manager of Big Spring Mall said she is very optimistic about the future of the complex, which opened in 1982.

"I feel very positive about our future," Tammy Watt said. "We continue to look for new tenants. We have decided what kind of stores we want, now we're just trying to find them."

Watt said the mall is between 75 and 80 percent full right now, about the same occupancy rate as last year. Sales figures from the stores are up, she added.

"Sales are up compared to what they were in 1987," Watt said. "From the sales we've had the first part of this year, from all indications it will be a good year."

Watt also points to one of the newest and biggest tenants at the mall, Sears, which opened its doors in the latter stages of 1989.

"They seem very pleased (to be at the mall)," Watt said. "I'm very optimistic for the coming year."

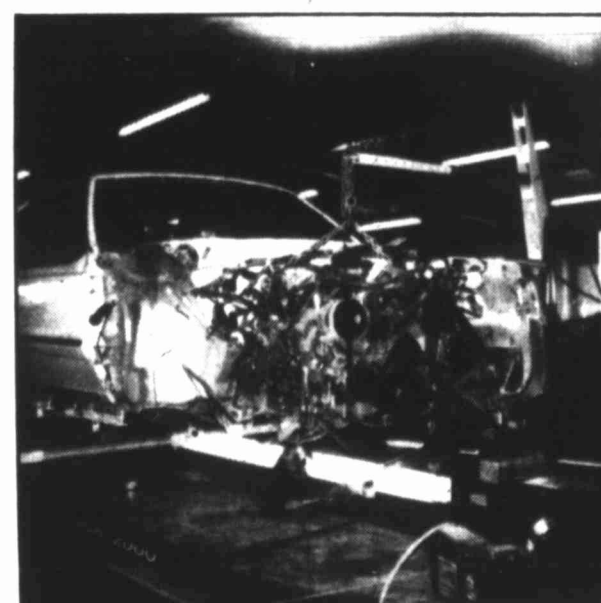
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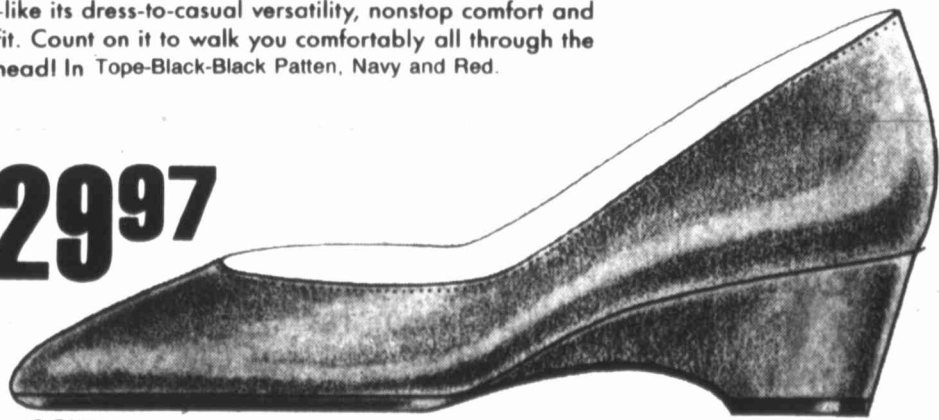
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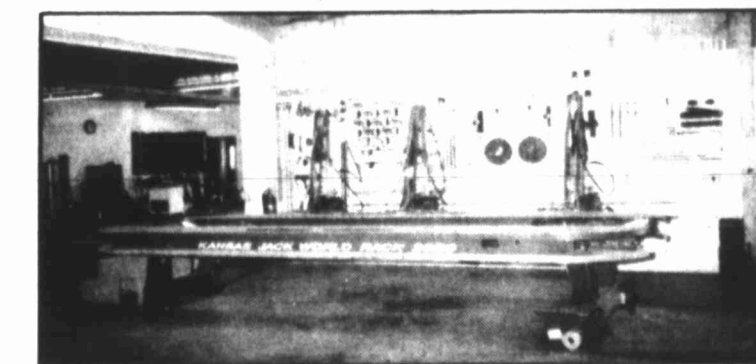
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# McMahon cautiously optimistic about construction outlook



**BIG SPRING** — Clyde McMahon Jr. stands outside of his business, McMahon Concrete Co. The Big Spring businessman says he is optimistic about the outlook for construction in the

Crossroads Country in 1990. Presently his company is involved in three major projects — at Howard College, Fina Refinery and the federal prison camp.

By STEVE REAGAN  
Staff Writer

**BIG SPRING** — Despite the almost non-existent state of residential construction in this area, Clyde McMahon Jr. sees reason for optimism for the construction business in the near future.

McMahon, who manages McMahon Concrete Co., said his firm is actively seeking involvement with three major construction projects this year: additions at the Fina refinery, Howard College and the federal prison camp.

"That's about as far as I can look down the road," McMahon said. "I feel like business will be about the same as it has the last two years."

Like many other area businesses, McMahon Concrete still feels the effects of the continued downturn in the oil business. "We were affected about the same as other businesses," he said. "The downturn in the oil industry affected every business in the nation... it hurt."

Because it is involved in oilfield construction, the company was affected directly by the downturn. However, it also felt indirect effects of the oil industry's bad times

in the areas of residential and commercial construction.

"Residential construction has been way down," McMahon said. "For the last four or five years, there's been very little work (in that area). Residential and commercial construction in Howard County is way down."

Still, McMahon believes the outlook for his business is stable. One reason to back his claim is that the company's workforce — 25 — has remained unchanged for the past few years.

Another reason for his optimism is that activity in other areas — specifically road construction —

has increased over the past year.

McMahon, who is active with the Big Spring Area Chamber of Commerce, also believes the chamber's efforts to attract businesses to this area will result in better economic times for Howard County.

"I'm looking for some good things to happen to the community this year," he said. "There's a lot of things (the chamber) is working on... It's just going to take time and a lot of work putting those things together."

Given all those reasons, McMahon said he is optimistic about the overall outlook for businesses in this area.

## Business booming at Canterbury

**BIG SPRING** — The director at the Canterbury retirement complex says business is good — and if administrative approval is given soon, business will be even better.

"Our outlook is excellent," JoAnne Hyer said of retirement complex on Lancaster Street. The Canterbury complex consists of two buildings: Canterbury South, which has been open for 10 years; and Canterbury North, which was completed five years ago.

Hyer said the two buildings' 178 combined units are full right now, and that there is a waiting list for future occupancy.

Requirements for residency at the complex calls for persons to be 62 years of age or older or be physically handicapped.

As good as things are for the complex, Hyer hopes things will get even better soon. That's because Canterbury officials are awaiting approval to build a third

unit at the complex.

Application to build Canterbury West, an assisted living facility, has been pending with the federal Department of Housing and Urban Development for two years, but Hyer remains confident that an OK is forthcoming.

"Our application has been in for two years now," she said. "We still have hopes it will happen."

The proposed addition — which Hyer described as "somewhere between a retirement facility and a nursing home" — will differ from the existing buildings in that it will house persons needing non-professional assistance with bathing, dressing, meals and housekeeping.

If approval is given, construction on the new building will begin almost immediately, Hyer said. "The architect has already done his work, and we have a construction company already lined up."

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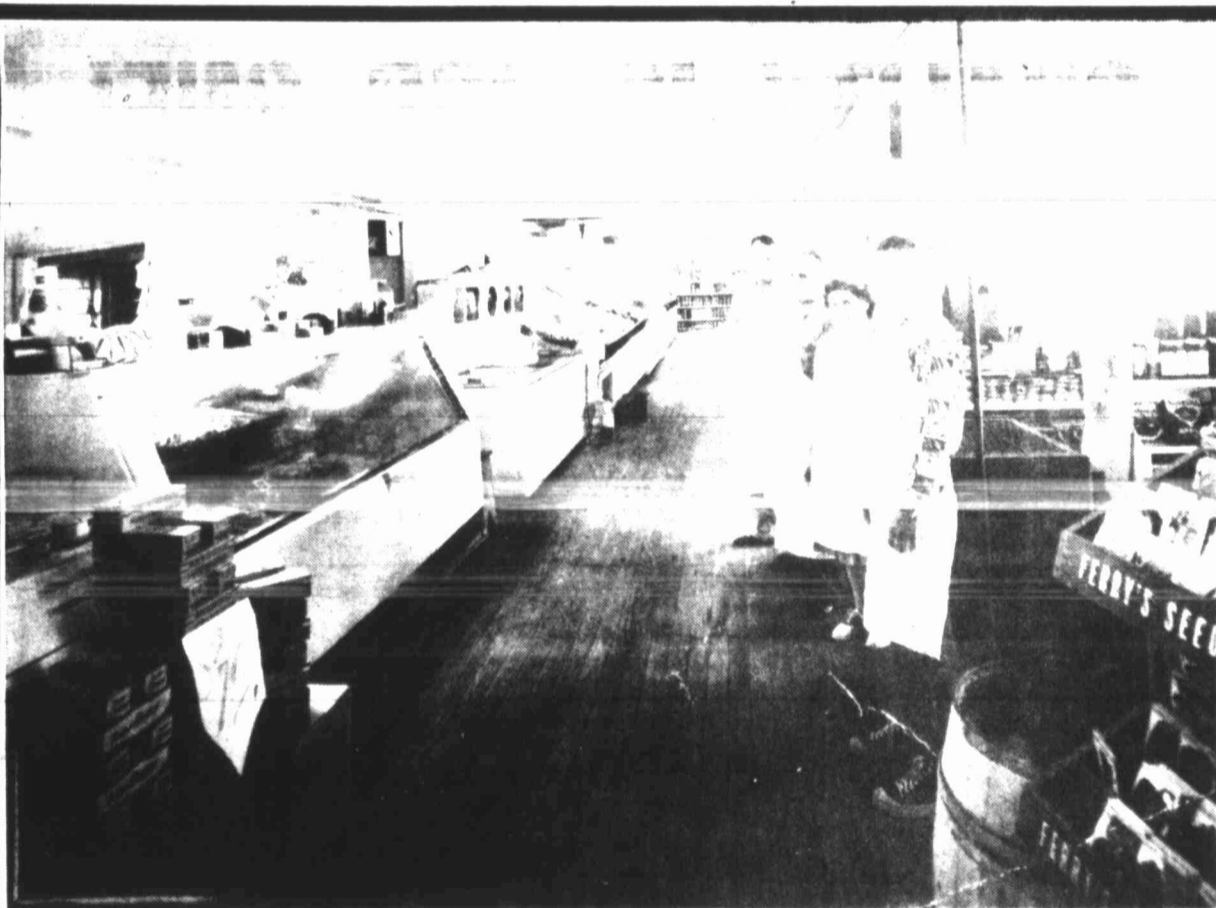
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### 1.) Employment/Facts & Figures:

- (Note — figures are for all stores: 1. Don's IGA-Big Spring, 2. Don's Fiesta-Big Spring and 3. Don's Fiesta-Lamesa.)
- Total Employees — approx. 135.
- Total yearly payroll — \$1.1 million.
- Total Gross sales — approx. \$15 million.
- Employees with tenure/8 plus years-25
- Number of years in business in Big Spring — 57 years.

### 2.) The Don's IGA/Fiesta organization is committed to:

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### 4.) Future Direction For The Dons IGA/Fiesta Organization:

Our future plans in the three to five year time frame, are to focus on improving our position in the Big Spring marketplace by providing superior customer service and quality produce and meat products. It is also our intention to acquire additional store.

We are committed to Big Spring and want to participate in the prosperity and growth. Locations in the West Texas area. Ultimately, we intend to operate between five and seven stores with gross sales in excess of \$30 million.

# Six reasons why some small towns prosper in hard times

By JOHNNIE LOU AVERY

A study was conducted in Nebraska that examined why smaller towns were declining. After the study was completed, the directors of the project suddenly realized they were asking the wrong question.

Instead of seeking to answer why so many towns are declining, it became apparent to them that they should ask why are some towns surviving and thriving?

They put aside the first study and began a new one asking the right question in five prospering towns. They were searching for common characteristics that might help other communities prosper rather than deteriorate.

Vicki Luther and Milam Wall directed the project for Heartland Center for Leadership Development in Lincoln, Nebraska. Dick Youngblood, reporting about the

second study in the *Minneapolis Star Tribune*, summarized the six conclusive common characteristics of successful, bustling towns.

● **Leadership** — The researchers found less clannishness among the successful towns with a general willingness to accept newcomers into the mainstream of activities. This attitude was associated with a willingness to place women, minorities and young people in leadership roles to a much greater extent than the stereotypical small town with its aging, authoritarian power structure.

One result seemed to be a greater sense of cooperation throughout the community, a focus on working toward common goals.

This is crucial, said Wall, because, "The problem out there are so large and the changes so extensive that no community can af-

ford to squander the leadership and creativity" of any of its people or to waste time and energy on squabbling.

● **Community pride** — One of the axioms of rural economic development is that manufacturers in search of plant sites are more interested in a community's location, labor force, and transportation facilities than in fancy Chamber brochures.

But the trappings are reflective of community pride, and "A town's perception of itself seems to be crucial" to its success," Luther said. For one thing, communities with a positive self-image seem more willing to spend the money, time and energy necessary to assure quality in business facilities and community services, the researchers found.

But perhaps more important, Luther said, such towns tend not to

be "paralyzed by fear, but rather mobilized by opportunity." As one rural resident told the researchers: "When you get scared, you don't do a whole lot of deep thinking."

● **Investment** — The successful communities are as frugal as any when it comes to spending tax money, the researchers found. But that does not prevent them from spending the money necessary to maintain a sound infrastructure — streets, water systems, sewage treatment facilities. A high priority also is placed on assuring a local healthcare system and good education.

● **Economic development** — All the successful communities had active development programs, but they also had one additional element: a realistic attitude about their potential success. Few believe they can land a major in-

dustry, but they focus on helping home-grown businesses flourish and expand.

One example of enterprising economic development was in a town where residents pooled their resources, went out and bought their own industry. That company, a mattress manufacturer, meant jobs to 15 people in a town of 600.

● **Competitiveness** — At least once a month a grocer in one small town included in the survey drives 30 miles to a larger town and does a bit of comparison shopping in the supermarkets there. His mission is simple: He doesn't want hometown folks to have an excuse to shop elsewhere.

The results, Luther said, is that

the man has a "terrific grocery, as good as any in much larger towns in terms of price and variety."

That kind of attitude is common among business people in successful communities, she added.

● **Independence** — None of the five successful communities has been bashful about seeking government grants and other assistance for economic development, sewer, water, and street improvements, or senior citizen programs. At the same time, however, all of them share the conviction that, in the long run, the future is in their hands.

"They are not waiting for someone else to save them," Luther and Wall wrote in their report.

## SMMC: Optimism despite challenges

By SCOTT TAYLOR  
SMMC Executive Director

**BIG SPRING** — Higher ceilings for Medicaid participation and a rising percentage of Medicare beneficiaries in this area will combine to change the patient population to the point that a majority of our patient census will be participants in one or the other of these two government programs.



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This fact, combined with lower reimbursement to doctors and hospitals by these agencies will make Scenic Mountain Medical Center (and all rural healthcare facilities) intensify their focus on efficient use of resources.

I believe that legislation will be developed to address this issue over the next few years, but for now, little help is expected. Streamlining operations, eliminating waste, group purchasing, mechanization and automation, pushing outpatient and home care, and keeping abreast of the legislative changes as well as making the public more aware of these changes are just some of the things

rural healthcare can do to meet the challenge. Many of the changes taking place here at Scenic Mountain Medical Center are with this goal in mind.

A nationwide shortage of healthcare professionals exists. Rural areas are particularly affected, but larger metropolitan areas are not immune. Scenic Mountain Medical Center is finding recruitment of these professionals more and more difficult as competition becomes more and more fierce. We stay in constant need of trained healthcare professionals, as does Midland, Odessa, Lubbock, San Angelo, and Abilene.

Local educational programs such as Howard College School of Nursing is helping immensely to alleviate this shortage, but with so many employment opportunities in healthcare locally available, graduates are usually employed prior to graduation. In-house educational programs such as the Scenic Mountain Medical Center School of Radiological Technology is another program aimed at reducing the shortage of trained professionals in West Texas.

In an effort to attract and retain quality professionals, Scenic Mountain Medical Center will be evaluating our educational assistance, employment benefits, and staff development programs

over the next few months. The key point here is that quality care begins with quality personnel.

New advancements in healthcare technology will result in an expansion of services available from this facility. The gastrointestinal laboratory and nuclear medicine laboratory here at Scenic Mountain Medical Center and the prostatic ultrasound laboratory at Malone-Hogan Clinic are recent examples. Expanded services on the horizon are lithotripsy, MRI, use of epidural anesthesia in delivery and laser surgery capabilities.

The medical staff here in Big Spring is, without a doubt, our greatest asset. The locally available and immediately accessible variety of specialists here in Big Spring far exceeds that of similar population centers throughout the country. Despite this, additional recruitment efforts continue. Such specialties as OB/GYN, anesthesiology, and emergency medicine are the focus of recruitment efforts this year.

Overall, though challenges exist, I am extremely optimistic regarding the future of healthcare here in Howard County. The next year here at Scenic Mountain Medical Center will be one of continued growth and commitment to excellence in healthcare.

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# The outlook for Texas? Here's 55 facts to help you decide

By JOHNNIE LOU AVERY  
Special to the Herald

1. Texas population is growing at twice the national average.
2. The annual average unemployment rate in Texas has exceeded the national average for the first time ever.
3. Hispanics are the fastest growing population in Texas.
4. Hispanics represent Texas' youngest population, with a median age 9 years younger than Anglos.
5. The average size of an Hispanic family in Texas is 4.2 persons, compared to 3.3 for the average Texas family.
6. The crime rate leapt almost 15 percent in 1986, one of the highest one-year increases in a decade.
7. One in four Texas children (1.2 million) lives in poverty.
8. In a five year period, the number of two-parent Texas families with children under 18 living in poverty increased 62 percent.
9. Texas AFDC monthly support for a family of three is \$184, or 75 percent below the defined poverty level.
10. Over half of all poor Texas children under 18 have no health insurance.
11. Almost two-thirds of the household heads in the state who receive AFDC haven't earned a high school diploma.
12. Nearly 50,000 Texas families experienced a divorce in 1986.
13. Of those filing with the state to collect child support, only 7 percent received payment.
14. Texas mental health services for children and adolescents are deficient in some areas of the state and nonexistent in others.
15. In 1986, there were 14,654 Texas children under the age of 13 served by community mental health/mental retardation centers; almost twice as many as

16. In one year, a foster care child is placed in three or four different homes.
17. Only 10 percent of the eligible

**Of all the states, Texas has the highest number of births to women under 15 years of age. (Texas had 1,079 vs. all other states together 9,077 in 1985)**

- 3, 4, and 5 year olds in Texas were enrolled in Headstart in 1988.
18. Texas has not elected to make cash payments to single women during pregnancy.
19. Inhalant abuse accounts for 87 percent of cases involving Texas Hispanic juveniles treated by publicly funded drug abuse clinics.
20. In one year, Early and Periodic Screening, Diagnosis and Treatment (EPSDT) expenditures decreased by 11 percent.
21. In 1987, 61.2 percent of Texas women, infants, and children eligible for WIC, the federal food program, did not receive these benefits.
22. Of all the states, Texas has the highest number of births to women under 15 years of age. (Texas had 1,079 vs. all other states together 9,077 in 1985)
23. More than a quarter of all Texas girls under 19 who gave birth in 1985 already had one or more children.
24. In 1985, over 32 percent of Texas babies were born to women who did not receive early prenatal care.
25. Three to four percent of all newborns in Texas will have a significant birth defect and/or

- mental retardation.
26. The proportion of low birth weight Texas babies in 1986 was 6.8 percent of all live births.
27. In 1986 the infant mortality rate for Texas blacks was 16 per 1000 live births.
28. Accidents are the leading cause of death for Texas children under 16 years of age.
29. One percent of the total number of AIDS cases in Texas are children.
30. Suicide is the third leading cause of death among Texas males 15-34 years old.
31. Texas 11th graders score at or below the national average in writing and reading.
32. In the next decade, Texas will face a teacher shortage in elementary and secondary areas.
33. Between 1986 and 1990, Texas public school enrollment will increase more than 8 percent.
34. In 1984, only 25 percent of all school districts had organized a school volunteer program.
35. In Texas, minority representation in the student population is 47 percent, while that in the

- teaching force is 23 percent.
36. Almost half of the students identified as emotionally disturbed drop out of school.
37. One out of every three Texas students does not graduate from

**An estimated 30,000 Texas children under the age of 6 are left to care for themselves while their parents work.**

- high school.
38. In 1986, only 12 percent of the school districts in Texas had a dropout prevention program.
39. Confirmed cases of child abuse and neglect in Texas have quadrupled over the last 10 years.
40. More than half of the confirmed victims of sexual abuse are under 10 years of age.
41. Over a one-year period, more than 4,400 Texas babies under 12 months were abused and neglected. In 1986, there were

- 17,778 children under 4 who were victims of child abuse and neglect.
42. Of the Texas Women using family violence shelters in 1986, 87 percent had children.
43. Over a two-year period, there were 2,619 Texas children 12 years old and younger who were kidnapped.
44. In a six-month period, there were 55,900 juveniles age 16 and under arrested in Texas.
45. Fires set by Texas children under 16 account for \$7-\$8 million in property damage every year.
46. In one year, there was an 11 percent increase in Texas children 10 to 12 years old who were referred to juvenile probation departments.
47. In 1985, more than 5 percent of all commitments to Texas Youth Commission schools were Mexican nationals.
48. More than 11,000 Texas children ran away from their homes in 1986 and did not return.
49. Texas spends about \$113 per year providing support for one child to receive subsidized day care.

50. Seventeen percent of two-parent working families in Texas have children under 6 years old.
51. Almost 50 percent of Texas mothers with children under age 6 are employed outside the home.

**Texas AFDC monthly support for a family of three is \$184, or 75 percent below the defined poverty level.**

52. In 1986, 36 percent of the Texas children in foster care were under 6 years of age.
53. Having two children in child care costs a single Texas mother earning minimum wage 86 percent of her annual income.
54. Only 7 percent of the eligible Texas children in poverty are being served by subsidized day care programs.
55. An estimated 30,000 Texas children under the age of 6 are left to care for themselves while their parents work.

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## Better future for oil on the horizon(tal)

By JOHN McMILLAN  
Staff Writer

**BIG SPRING** — A better future for the oil industry may be on the horizon.

Horizontal drilling is making it possible for oil wells to produce as much as three or four times the oil that they previously extracted, said Burch Downman, president of Harmony Drilling Inc. in Houston.

Meridian Oil Company of Houston has done horizontal drilling for about two years at one well 15 miles south of Big Spring area, said Raymond Williams, field supervisor for the Big Spring area.

"It works great," Williams said, declining to say how much the horizontal drilling has increased a well's productivity. Harmony plans to begin horizontal drilling in the Big Spring area within about six months, Downman said. The drilling will be done about three miles west of Big Spring on the San Andres formation, he said. If the horizontal drilling proves successful, the technique will be used for other wells in the Big Spring area, he said.

Harmony owns 317 wells in the Big Spring area, and about 1,200 wells statewide, Downman said. Tom McCann, president of the

Horizontal drilling "dramatically increases the daily production rates. I think it's going to revolutionize the oil and gas drilling industry as we know it today." — Tom McCann, president, McCann Corporation



MCCANN

McCann Corporation in Big Spring, said his company is currently studying several reservoirs in Howard County for possible horizontal drilling. Horizontal drilling "dramatically increases the daily production rates," McCann said.

"I think it's going to revolutionize the oil- and gas-drilling industry as we know it today," McCann said.

Unlike traditional drilling, which occurs vertically, horizontal drilling involves drilling sideways for as much as 3,000 feet, McCann said.

Horizontal drilling, which gained impetus in the United States about three years ago, has been completed successfully in Frio, Dimmit and Zavala counties in south Texas, McCann said. "There hasn't been any

horizontal drilling in our part of the country yet, but it is on the way," McCann said. "It's coming."

About 200 horizontal wells were drilled worldwide in 1988, according to Forbes magazine. Forbes also reported that by the year 2000, 25 percent of the roughly 50,000 wells drilled in capitalist countries each year will be horizontal.

Adding to incentive for additional drilling is the growth of worldwide demand for oil at a rate of 2½ percent a year, and the increasing share of oil production that comes from OPEC countries, which raises the price, McCann said. Domestic oil producers can expect prices to climb to \$25 per barrel for West Texas intermediate oil within the next five years, he

said. The current price they receive is \$21 per barrel, he said.

Downman cautioned against regarding horizontal drilling as a panacea for the oil industry, however.

"There's only a certain number of places where horizontal drilling is justified," he said. "But where it can be used, the results can be terrific."

Horizontal drilling requires solid rock, Downman said. This part of west Texas is well-suited to horizontal drilling, he said, because the San Andres formation is solid.

Horizontal holes also limit the use of water flooding, a technique used for vertical wells, Downman said.

Steve Limke, drilling manager for Oryx Energy Company of Midland, said his firm has not done any horizontal drilling in the Big Spring area. It is doing horizontal drilling at one well near Blackwell, however, he said.

Limke said his company has favored fractured formations — rock in which big cracks can be found — for horizontal drilling. Fractured formations work well for it because drilling a hole through the cracks can connect them all and make it possible to extract more oil, he said.



**BIG SPRING** — This oil well may soon be drilled in a new way as horizontal drilling comes to Howard County.

## Mitchell County promotes new growth

By S.L. (Mac) MORRIS  
Mitchell County Judge

**COLORADO CITY** — As we begin the final decade of the twentieth century, we do so with a sense of excitement, believing that most of the ailments that afflicted us during the 80's are behind us, that the oil industry has bottomed out and is on the mend, that, at least most of the elements affecting the agricultural segment of our economy, have adjusted, and we will see some growth and stability in these two segments of our economy.

In 1989, in preparing for the 90's, we got an amendment passed by the 71st Texas Legislature, to allow counties of less than 50,000 population, to hold an election to approve spending county tax monies for the growth and development of a county.

As a part of the Constitutional Amendment Election on Nov. 7, 1989, we added a referendum to get the voting public's opinion on this. It passed, so now Mitchell County can spend tax dollars for Industrial Development.

We have appointed a five member Board of Economic Development Commission and a seventeen member Economic Commission Advisory Council. These two groups represent the entire cross section of the population

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of Mitchell County.

We are attempting to involve every board, commission, council, and committee in Mitchell County in a concentrated effort to promote industrial growth in our area.

We realize that we need to diversify our economy in order to create some stability, find jobs that will keep our young people here, and broaden our tax base to ease the burden on our oil and agricultural property.

Our young people here, and broaden our tax base to ease the burden on our oil and agricultural property.

We understand our limitations and know that we cannot attract a manufacturing facility that employs 2500 people, so we are concentrating on smaller employers who employ 20 to 50 people. We feel that a number of smaller operations would be better than a single large one. If they should close down or relocate, the impact would be less.

We, the people of this West Texas area, need to focus our energy and talents on utilizing our geographic location, our available space, our good ecology, and our smaller town environment to promote service, distribution, and small manufacturers to look at us for expansion or development projects.

With some farsighted, visionary leadership, we can go forth in the 90's and capitalize on the facts that we are not overcrowded, have few pollution problems, and have many

underdeveloped resources. All of these things combined with

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a little more rain each year and the Blessings of Almighty God, can and will make the 1990's a bright and beautiful time for us.

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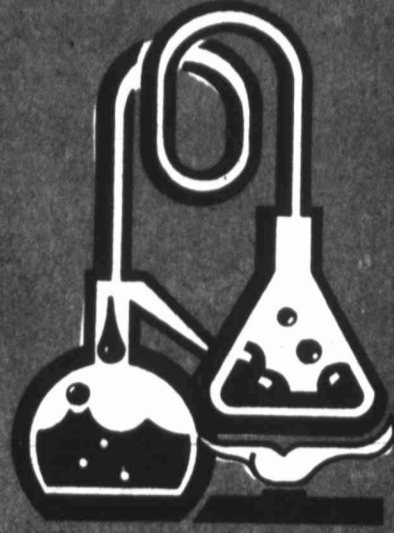


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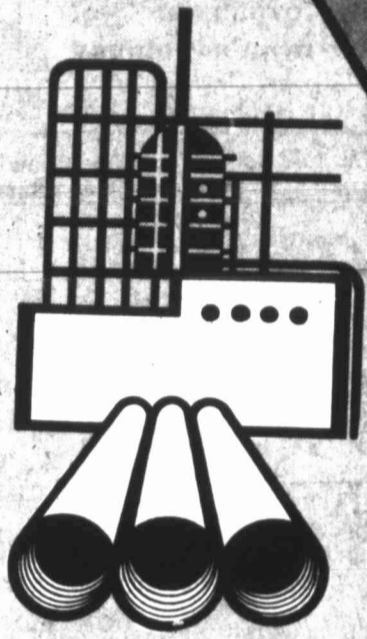
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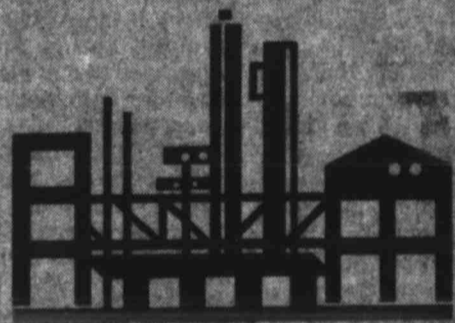
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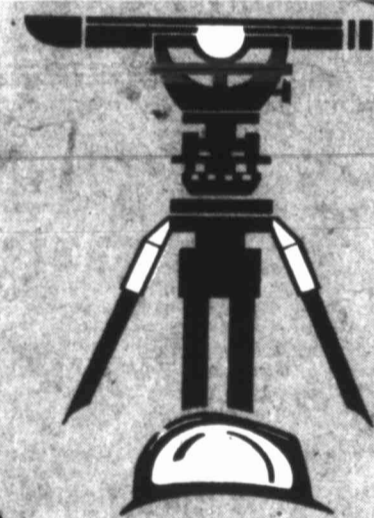


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# Big Spring business prospects look promising in 1990

By JOHN McMILLAN  
Staff Writer

BIG SPRING — From a business vantage point, 1990 looks promising for Big Spring.

"I personally see things looking up for Big Spring and Howard County," said Don Reynolds, president of the Big Spring Area

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Herald photos by Tim Appel

BIG SPRING — Work is continuing on the distribution plant for Blue Bell Creameries near Interstate 20. The choice of Big Spring as a distribution site for the company's West Texas and New Mexico areas have sparked hope that

more distribution facilities will be opened in the area. Officials use the Crossroads concept to push the distribution facility location since I-20 and State Highway 87 intersect in Big Spring.

Chamber of Commerce. "We've now got all the governmental agencies working together, striving to bring new industry into Big Spring, and I think the hard work will pay off."

One of the brightest developments for the town, business observers agree, will be construction of a Blue Bell distribution plant. Construction began this year and is expected to be completed in the fall. The plant is located on the north service road of Interstate 20, at a site previously occupied by the Johnny Stone Park. The plant is expected to employ about 40 full-time workers, Reynolds said.

"I think Blue Bell's moving to Big Spring is going to be a much needed boost in the arm, and it's going to show people that we are truly the crossroads of West Texas," Reynolds said. "I think it will encourage other distributors to look at Big Spring seriously in the future."

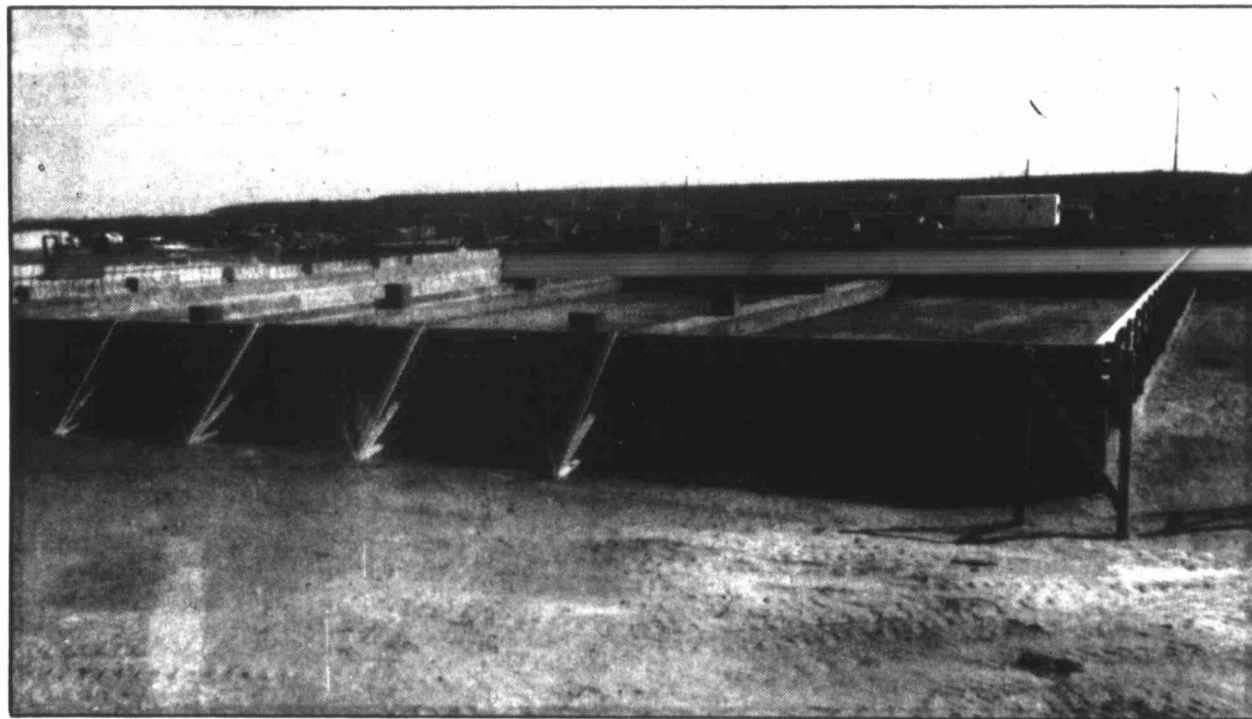
"It's good advertising" for Big Spring, said Joe Pickle, former editor of the *Big Spring Herald* and currently secretary for the Colorado River Municipal District.

Business observers cautioned, however, against expecting a major spin-off effect from the plant in 1990. "I don't think we can expect a noticeable increase in new business and new employee posi-

tions in one year," said Doris Huibregtse, director of the business division at Howard

College. Pickle said the Blue Bell plant will boost the morale of business in

town. "Having obtained one industry gives you confidence that you can get others, thus



strengthening the economy," Pickle said.

Also contributing to diversification of Big Spring's economy is the formation last year of a textile mill task force of the Big Spring Area Chamber of Commerce, said Wayne Moore, executive vice president for the chamber. With Rich Anderson as its chairman, the committee plans to determine the

Partly because of improved drilling technology, such as the growing use of horizontal drilling, McCann said his company is planning to be more active in drilling over the next few years than in the last four years.

"We'll see more oil found and produced out of what has been considered mature oil fields," McCann said.

**"I don't think we can expect a noticeable increase in new business and new employee positions in one year," said Doris Huibregtse, director of the business division at Howard College. Huibregtse said she expects to see "moderate expansion" of diversification in the town's economy during 1990.**



HUIBREGTSE

prospects for bringing a mill to town.

Other committees of the chamber are attempting to attract more retired people to town, and to work on making Big Spring more of a distribution center for industry.

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Huibregtse also noted an increase since a few years ago in the number of secretarial, clerical or general business job opportunities for business students and recent graduates of the business division at Howard.

The prospect for the oil industry also looks good, say oil industry analysts.

"I guess the reason I'm optimistic about the petroleum industry is very simply that worldwide demand for petroleum is increasing at a clip of about 2½ percent a year," said Tom McCann, owner of McCann Corporation.

Each additional percentage point in worldwide demand for petroleum represents 500,000 barrels a day, McCann said.

McCann also noted that the OPEC share of oil production is increasing, which will keep prices between \$20 and \$25 per barrel for about the next five years. The current price received by domestic oil producers for West Texas intermediate oil is \$21 per barrel, he said.

At Fina Oil and Chemical Company, plant manager Jeff Morris said, "Fina's very optimistic this year. We've had two successful years at the refinery, and we anticipate the 1990 year being very

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similar to that... Refinery margins were down in 1989 versus 1988, and Fina as a whole saw the effect of those lower margins. But the Big Spring refinery adapted quite well to that new environment, and we anticipate being able to adapt in 1990."

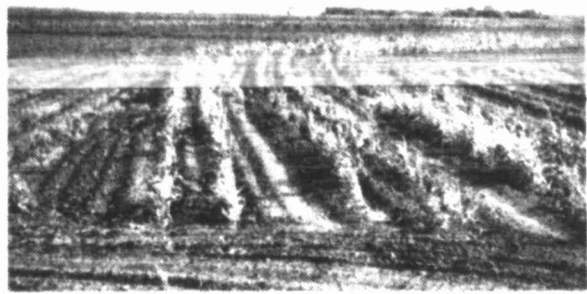
For 1990, Fina has hired eight new operators and craftsmen that began work Jan. 1, Morris said. Fina also plans to hire six new full-time engineers or other technical personnel for 1990, he said.

## HOWARD SOIL AND WATER CONSERVATION DISTRICT 1989 ANNUAL REPORT

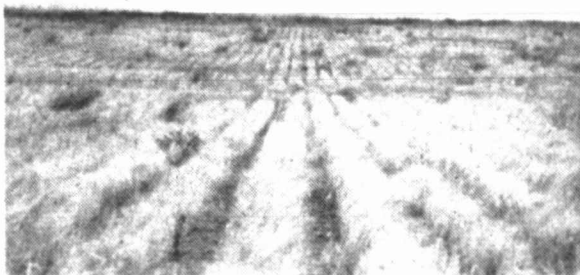
The Conservation Reserve Program has increased landowner and operator interest in increasing wildlife numbers and species

The District annually promotes a tree windbreak program from October through February. The use of tree windbreaks aids in reducing wind erosion and offers benefits for wildlife

The local Farm Bureau and the District co-sponsor a symposium on improving wildlife habitat in Howard County



Starting January 1, 1990, owners and operators that have highly erodible land will have to start implementing their Food Security Act plans. In order to reduce wind erosion on highly erodible cropland, several practices can be selected: wind stripcropping of cotton with strips of either forage sorghum, milo or small grain; rotation of cotton with milo, forage sorghum or small grain; the use of gin trash spread over the field to create a mulch, or interseeding of small grain into cotton during the last cultivation to provide a winter cover.



The Howard SWCD has approved 186 CRP contracts on 39,855 acres. Ten CRP contracts have been completed and returned to the ASCS office



Rangeland conservation is a high priority for the Howard SWCD because of improved range conditions, better water quality and reduced erosion. Prescribed burning of tough, stemmy, low protein grass is one management tool to increase grass quality and production on rangeland. Howard SWCD promotes the use of such management practices as deferred grazing, proper grazing, and planned grazing systems to carry out quality management of our rangeland grasses to reduce and improve grass production and quality.

The Howard CWCD believes in promoting and recognizing quality conservation work. The District promotes a conservation poster contest to educate school students in the importance of conserving our natural resources.

Each year, the District recognizes the County Conservation Farmer and Rancher.



Terraces can reduce water erosion, improve water conservation and cropland production. Some of the highly erodible land in the county will require terraces to control water erosion. If terraces are required on highly erodible land, the terraces are required to be built by December 31, 1994 in order to be eligible for farm program benefits. During 1989, 908,160 feet of terraces were installed to meet conservation compliance requirements.



In 1989, 750 pheasants were released in Howard County by landowners and operators in the hope of birds becoming adapted to the county.



Robert Beall, Conservation Farmer.



David Newton, Conservation Rancher.

### STATEMENT OF REVENUES AND EXPENDITURES 1989

	State	Trust
Revenues	Fund	Fund
Collected	\$12,428.72	\$10,056.32
Expenditures	15,860.08	13,929.29
Balance 1989	4,948.20	2,956.12

Shaped waterways are being constructed to control outside water and to provide stable outlets for terraces. Eighty-one acres of share assistance to construct waterways and terraces may be obtained from the Great Plains Conservation Program, the ACP Program, and the mini-LTA Program.

### DIRECTORS ELECTION

Directors election was held October 14, 1989. Carroll Choate was reelected to Subdivision 5.

Directors for the Howard Soil and Water Conservation District are Neil Fryar, Carroll Choate, Ray Russell, Bobby Cathey, and Lloyd Underwood.

The Directors furnish technical assistance to landusers through the Soil Conservation Service, USDA.

The responsibilities of the District are to protect the soil and water resources within the District, conservation education, review and approve Food Security Act plans, conservation contests for local youth, and to furnish technical assistance to anyone who has a soil and water conservation problem.

HOWARD SWCD MEETING DATE  
The District Board of Directors meets the third Tuesday of each month in the Soil Conservation Service Field Office located on the Lamesa Highway.

### HOWARD SWCD ACCOMPLISHMENTS FOR 1989

- Terraces — 908,160 feet
- Waterways — 81 acres
- Wind Stripcropping — 6,950 acres
- Conservation Cropping System — 46,250 acres
- Crop Residue Use — 28,250 acres
- Deferred Grazing — 39,800 acres
- Proper Grazing Use — 72,500 acres
- CRP Contracts Administered — 185/29,865 acres
- Food Security Act Plans Developed — 580 plans
- Mini-LTA Contracts Written — 11 contracts
- Great Plains Contracts Written — 3 contracts
- ACP Referrals Served — 42

## Entrepreneurs find area a hot spot for the 1990s

By JOHNNIE LOU AVERY  
President,  
Avery & Associates

**BIG SPRING** — I believe 1990 will be one of the most exciting, successful years in the history of Avery & Associates. Though I do expect it to be another tough, competitive year requiring a aggressiveness and adaptation.



Avery & Associates began its eleventh year last month. I became an entrepreneur in 1979 after resigning from the administration of Howard College. The consulting company developed from a vision and concept that didn't exactly fit any other mold in the business of communicating information.

It has been successful for three primary reasons: (1) it filled needs in the marketplace; (2) it was nurtured with persistent hard work; (3) it isn't dependent on a particular area of industry for its customers.

Over ninety percent of our contracts are for work out of town. About half of that is out of state. We are small enough, flexible enough, and eager enough to go where the jobs are. And our services are diversified.

The Permian Basin found out the hard way the need to diversify its economy. My company started out diversified in both services and mobility. We also understand that the information business demands constant innovation, research, and change to stay ahead of the market. It's an interesting business!

One of the marks of success is having others interested in buying a company once it's up and running. On several occasions, prospective buyers have come forward. There's a point when it will be time to move on to new challenges and opportunities which are abundant in the Permian Basin.

Look around at the successful entrepreneurs — men and women — in our midst. Big Spring is a community filled with inventive minds and risk takers. At one time (and still may be) Big Spring was third in the nation in producing patents.

While Fortune 500 firms lost some three million jobs last year, smaller companies, like Avery & Associates, created 17 million jobs nationwide.

My high expectations for my information-driven service company is affirmed by John Naisbitt, author of *Megatrends*. He points out that the traditional services sector (fire fighters, police, hairdressers, dry cleaners, and so on) has held steady at about ten percent of the work force since 1950, although the jobs have shifted around (there are fewer maids and more fast-food workers, for instance). But the real increase has been in information occupations.

In 1950, only seventeen percent of us worked in information jobs. Today 70 percent discover, produce, collect, manage, or communicate information or services for a living. These include such occupations as programmers, teachers, stockbrokers, managers, insurance agents, bureaucrats, lawyers, bankers, technicians, engineers, scientists, physicians, and writers.

My conclusion as I look ahead is this: come along with me, the best is yet to be!

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**BIG SPRING** — A task force will help determine major issues facing agriculture and the extension service during 1990. Some of the members of the new task force include: left to right: Wade McMurry, Don Richardson, J.D. Bilbro, Raul Marquez, vice chairman Gary Tabor, chairman Pat Porter, R.G. Click, Bill Fryrear and Lynn Simmons.

## 1990s will be challenging for agriculture

By DON RICHARDSON  
Howard County Extension Agent

**BIG SPRING** — The 1990s will be challenging to agriculture. Cutbacks in the federal budget indicate that assistance to farmers in agriculture may be limited, if existent at all, and crop insurance to producers may become almost prohibitive, if available.



These two factors alone will be critical to West Texas Cotton Producers who are so vulnerable to the Texas climatic conditions. Demand for our county's major crop, however, looks promising. We continue to have hopes of the cotton milling industry moving west as the eastern facilities become more antiquated and labor more expensive. Even now, an active committee is working to get such a mill to Big Spring.

Preliminary investigations indicate Howard County produces the ideal type cotton for the popular T-shirt and related cotton industries. A possible 500 employee plant is being seriously considered for our area and we all

know what that kind of employment can do for our community.

Worldwide demand for cotton is expected to continue to increase as some of the major cotton producing countries must turn this land into food production acres to feed their people. Other areas are becoming no longer suitable for cotton production due to lack of water or decrease of quality of it.

Water, in general, will be a topic of concern to everyone during the 90's. Not only is quantity important, but quality, as well, will be an issue. Right now, in Howard County, a concerned group of community leaders are trying to form a county water district. Pollution of ground water in our county is a growing concern from rural homeowners. Suspected sources are older, abandoned oil well sites and improperly constructed septic systems. Fluctuating water tables and other factors are involved in this problem.

Chemical uses in agriculture will also be a hot issue beginning in 1990. Recently passed legislative regulations will be forcing producers to comply with "Right to Know" concerns from both employees and employers.

Restrictions in chemical use will be a growing concern. Environmentalists are forcing this

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issue and it will effect everyone. Beginning in 1990 chemical users will have to be certified to buy and use most chemicals. The 1990s will usher in new Bio-Tech plant breeding programs that will see the development of more insect and disease resistant cotton varieties with even more drought resistance as a result of this growing resistance to chemical use. Bio-Tech research will also increase the use of natural products in the use of insect control. Just this past month, I witnessed work being done with the use of a new product developed with citrus oils to help control boll

worm infestations. New products like this will certainly become more widespread and popular before the end of this decade.

Within the next few weeks a group of community leaders will be meeting with the local County Extension Staff to help develop the Long Range Extension Plan for Howard County. This group will attempt to determine the critical issues facing our county. That, in turn, will determine the direction of educational emphasis the local Extension educational program efforts will direct itself in the coming next four years. No doubt many of the above issues mentioned concerned with water, the need for diversification of agriculture in the county and environmental issues will be among those items identified and discussed.

The 1990s will be challenging but they will be exciting times for us all, as well. I am looking forward to having the opportunity to be involved in them. I hope everyone has this attitude. Our community needs progressive thinking and for us to survive the challenges we will be facing we must all seize upon the opportunities presented to us to progress and move into a more stable, prosperous period of life into the next century.

## Public Works plans to clean up in 1990

By TOM DECELL  
Public Works Director

**BIG SPRING** — The 1990s will bring greater opportunities to the public works division. We intend to concentrate our efforts in the area of community service with the "Clean Team" as our lead force.



The Clean Team's scope of work has been expanded and the times we spend in each community clean district have been increased. Our plan is to spend one week in each district concentrating on the street rights-of-way, back of curbs and street signs. On subsequent passes we will direct our efforts on the alleys, easements and drainage ways.

The street sweeper will continue the downtown and major streets on a weekly basis and join the Clean Team in the district work. We will

continue to provide the large item pickup of items placed by the home owner at curb side when we are in the district.

### Utilities

The utility crews will intensify their efforts to improve our distribution system through the replacement of small, highly corroded lines with new PVC piping. We will continue the programs to upgrade the water production facility to meet the Clean Water Act amendments as established by the Congress. The 90s will see the renewal of the National Pollution Discharge Eliminations System (NPDES) permit by the Environmental Protection Agency and the Texas Water Commission discharge permit for the wastewater treatment facility. The tightening of the permit parameters could require major structural changes in the physical plant of the facility.

### Parks

The parks environment will see a concentration of efforts to keep our existing equipment and facilities in a safe and acceptable condition for

the general public. Major "self-help" work is being planned and implemented at Moss Creek Lake in the form of docks, R.V. facilities and acceptable restrooms.

### Sanitation

EPA mandates will impact our efforts in the sanitation services area, and greater restrictions will be imposed by both the federal and state with the implementation of the EPA directives on solid waste management. These will additionally impact the household and commercial uses through greater restriction of waste — and increase user fees to fund these requirements.

### Equipment

The 90s will task the equipment service center possibly to the limit of its abilities. The entire fleet of equipment and vehicles is old beyond measure — age, time or mileage. The wide variety of equipment types — MOPEDS to D-7 dozers — demands knowledge, skills and abilities that are tough to meet.

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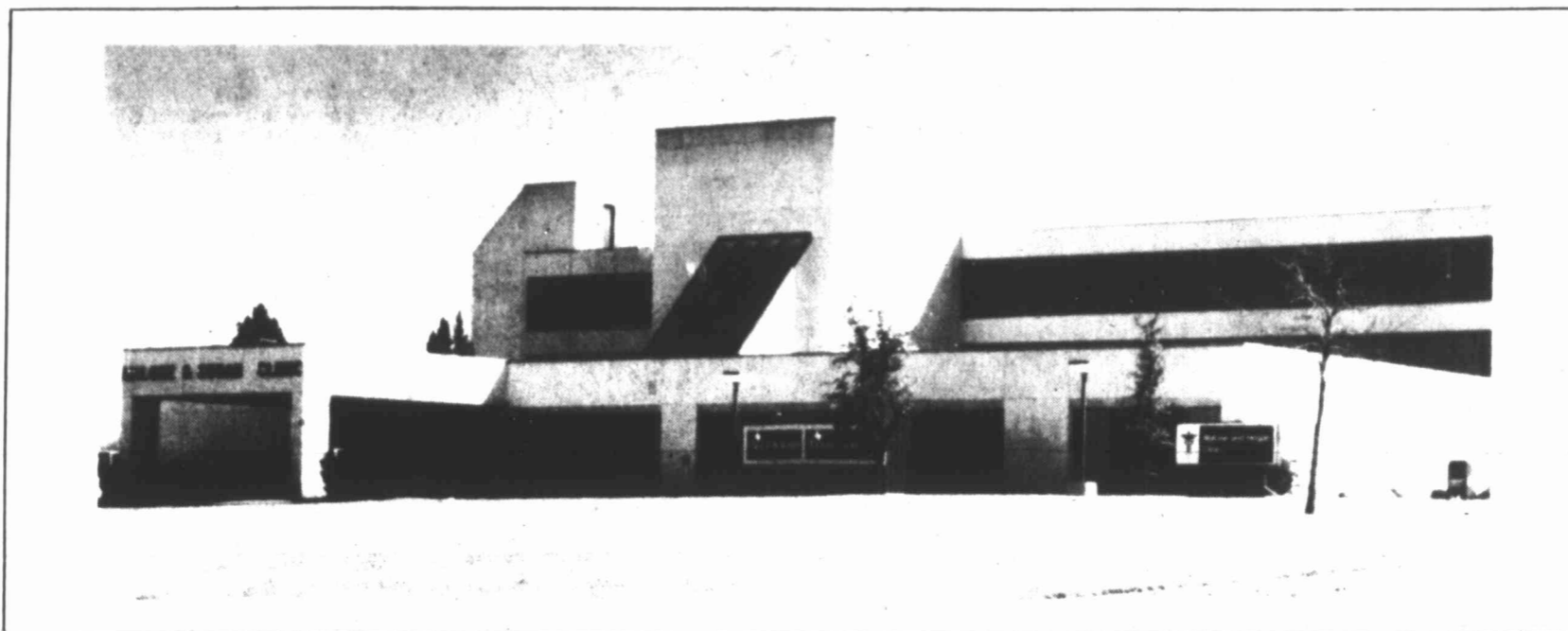
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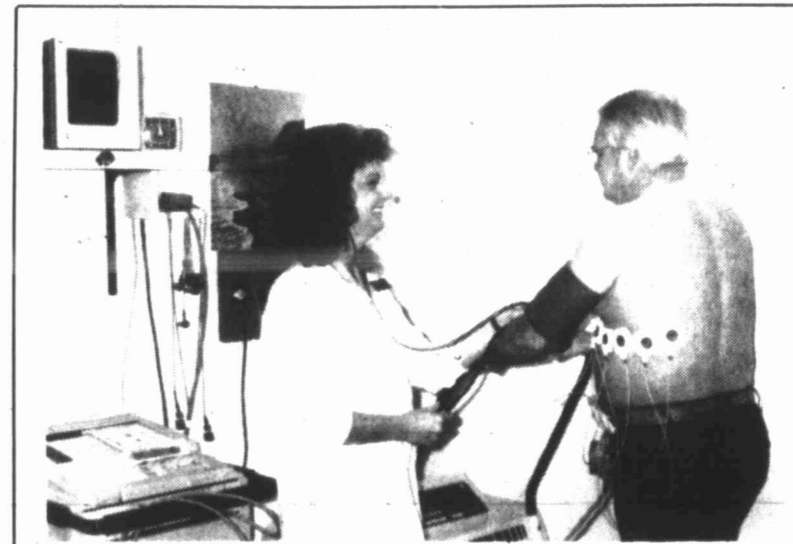
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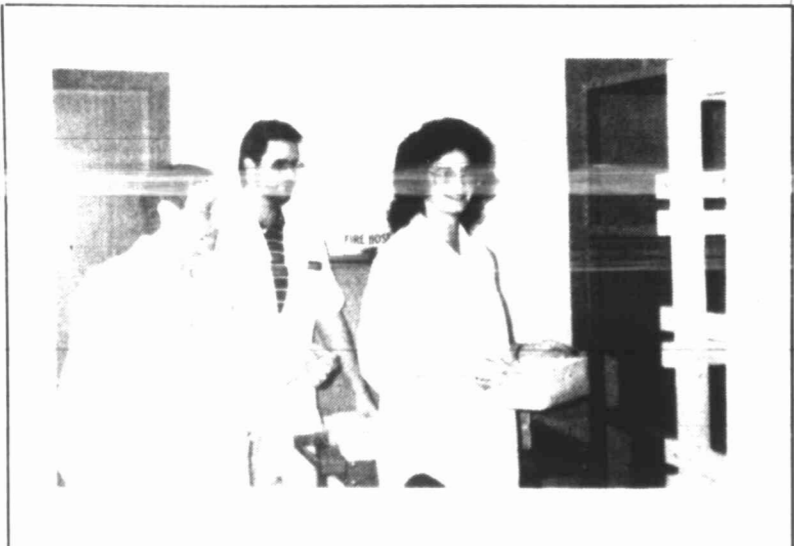
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Podiatrists specialize in examination and treatment — both medical and surgical — of all foot problems. Hammer toes, tumors, skin disorders, ingrown toenails, and ligament injuries are common problems treated by podiatry. Early attention to foot disorders may lead to earlier diagnosis of serious systemic disorders.

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# What does 1990 hold for Crossroads Country women?

By JOHNNIE LOU AVERY  
Special to the Herald

Jerry and I raised our daughter to believe these things:

- she must not impose limitations on herself, not allow others to;
- she can be and do anything she wants if she wants it badly enough and is willing to fight and sacrifice for it;
- she will not have a choice of whether to work... the free ride is a myth;
- the bottom line is that sugar and spice and being nice will not pay the rent, make a marriage better, or raise successful children. But these things will: competence, self-confidence, and independence!

I believe 1990 and beyond will be exciting, expanding times for those who have learned these lessons. It will be an exasperating time for those who haven't.

John Naisbitt, after he wrote *Megatrends* describing ten major forces reshaping human society, belatedly added an eleventh megatrend: "... a shift from sex roles to synergy... a greater harmony between qualities we used to consider masculine or feminine..." He declared, "A synergy of male and female leadership qualities will emerge, a new combination that is to everyone's advantage."

This year, this decade, will be full of things we women care deeply about — health, sex, men, careers, babies, families, homes. But it will also be full of science and technology, social change, involvement and leadership opportunities, political challenges, and pressing environmental and common welfare issues.

If we confidently apply our vision for a better world and our unique talents, everyone will benefit. Yet, I fear that many women in Howard County will not enthusiastically embrace their possibilities. Instead, often they will be too timid or unprepared to reach for their rights as human beings, their rightful place of leadership and decision making in this community, to demand job equality in wages and workplace opportunities, to risk.

Women, unfortunately, still cling to a lot of misinformation about our own abilities and motivations. It's not just men or tradition that limit us — it is often our own sense of inferiority and self-imposed limitations.

I believe 1990 can be the most productive, satisfying year in all areas of a woman's life in Big Spring/Howard County because we mirror the struggle nation-wide to come into our own in making use of our creative, resourceful, intuitive personal power.

It is especially encouraging in considering women and the world of work. Among the women not working now, nearly two-thirds say they are willing to go back to school or enter a training program to become more employable. Another eleven percent are doing it. Our colleges are enrolling and graduating more women than men.

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Women are proving they are willing to get whatever education and training it takes to go after today's and tomorrow's jobs.

The key thing we have to do now in order to make sure we share equally in the rewards (particularly wages) and challenges of the workplace is to expand our vision of women's work.

There's not much in today's workplace that the right woman can't do. In fact, there's almost nothing women aren't already doing, and in the process, they're trouncing the old stereotypes. Throughout society, a reevaluation and redefinition of femininity is underway. Researchers, biologists, psychologists, actual experience in business, sports, education are dispelling myths and noting real differences between men and women.

Increasing numbers of women are taking advantage of entrepreneurship. For every dozen women who work for someone else, there's a woman working for herself. In the last 10 years, the number of businesses owned by women jumped by 33 percent. Today we own one quarter of all the

nation's small businesses, ranging from law firms, insurance agencies, real estate companies, computer software developers to beauty shops, boutiques and restaurants.

As more and more women take seriously our mental and intellectual capabilities and become accountable, we will find new ways to apply our concern and our intellect to much larger human goals and help create a saner world. But that means continuing to push against the frontiers of ignorance because the world can't afford to continue to operate using only half its moral and intellectual resources.

Kathy Keeton, president of Omni, said, "We are entering an age of rapid change where none of us can be sure the job we are doing today will be relevant in ten years. The people who thrive will be the ones who keep on learning, reading, and asking questions, who anticipate new directions not only in technology but in lifestyles. I believe women now have the power to influence change instead of simply reacting to it... if we will just keep our eyes on the future."

It was Eleanor Roosevelt who said, "I see women as pioneer architects of a tremendous future."

Look at the promises and pitfalls facing women.

**IN POLITICS:** The good news is that we're a powerful political force not only as a key voting block but as viable candidates and effective politicians. We not only make up 53 percent of the voting age population, but nearly 6 million more women than men vote nationwide.

The bad news is that raising money for female candidates and getting females to support other females is still a big problem.

We continue, as the majority sex, to be underrepresented in Congress and the state legislatures. Women make up 51 percent of the population but hold only 4 percent of the congressional seats. However, some experts predict women will hold about 19 percent of the congressional seats by the year 2000.

**IN ECONOMICS:** The good news is that women entrepreneurs are increasing almost ten times faster than men entrepreneurs. Companies owned by women now account for an estimated 50 billion dollars in sales. The bad news is that women average only 62 cents for every dollar men make — whether wearing pink, blue or white collars. And age-sex discrimination and pension inequity still haunts us despite great rhetoric.

**IN HEALTH AND FITNESS:** The good news is that we've improved our physical, emotional, and mental health overall and increased our life expectancy to 79 years. We've halved the birth rate, demanded major changes in health care, child care, and recognition of the needs of the aging.

The bad news is that sexual, physical, and mental abuse of women and children is still a low priority social issue. Our society is not doing enough fast enough to combat its present and lasting effects.

**IN FAMILY AND SOCIAL RELATIONS:** The good news is that men are learning to change, cope, adapt both at home and at work as attitudes are changing slowly but surely. Divorce laws are trending toward joint custody and father's rights. New etiquette is forming between men and women.

The bad news is that women still carry the main responsibility for balancing the demands of work and home. Inadequate child care and dependable help is a plague in most places. But worst of all, feminization of poverty is a hard, cold fact.

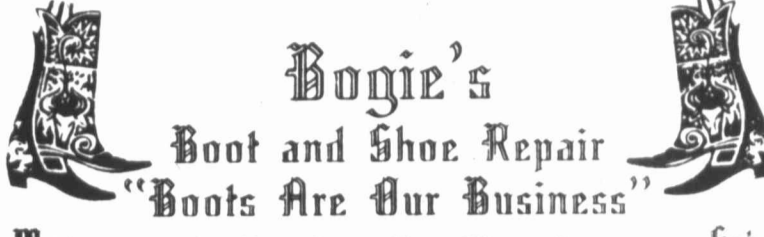
**IN OUR IMAGE:** The good news is that books, films, and TV project women more realistically and with a stronger, more positive image. We've grown from Debbie Reynolds in the "Tender Trap" and the bumbling Lucy to Mary Tyler Moore, Sally Field as Norma Rae, Cagney and Lacey, and Murphy Brown.

The bad news is women had to form their own production companies to create meaningful

movies like "Silkwood," "Swingshift," "9 to 5."

So what does the future hold for women? It depends on us. It depends on whether we are willing to seek out leadership roles in business, organizations, social issues. It depends on whether

women will confidently expand the challenges and opportunities, and eliminate the obstacles, to policy-making leadership. It depends on whether women will assume full ownership to their own lives and full participation as decision makers.



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## Howard judge sees county at the crossroads in 1990

By JOHN COFFEE  
Howard County Judge

**BIG SPRING** — In recent months our community and the news media has chosen the symbol of the CROSSROADS to represent Big Spring and Howard County.



When I think of CROSSROADS I immediately see roads leading inward from four directions. I see these roads converging in a center where all things come together. I also see the ancient symbol of the CROSS with its many meanings. One of these meanings is sacrifice. If we are to be the CROSSROADS of West Texas it will take some sacrifice by all of us as we work together to bring people together to live and work together for the good of all.

Then as I look I see another image of the CROSSROADS. This is the image where all roads lead away from the center. This is the same image when we speak of two people being "crosswise." We express this image by placing our index fingers in the form of a cross. These people are at cross purposes and moving away from each other. This second image is destructive, the first is constructive. I see the image of the CROSSROADS OF WEST TEXAS as the direction which Big Spring and Howard County will take for the 90's.

If we are to survive in the economic climate of the 90's as a community, we must work together. There is no other alternative if we are going to turn the economic health of Big Spring and Howard County around. We will have many ideas and many suggestions of how we are to move forward. We must not be afraid to differ in our opinions. This is healthy.

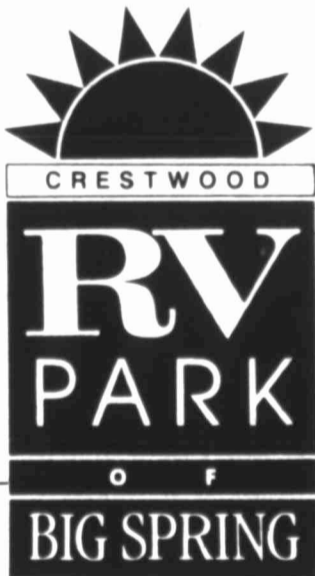
But, we cannot afford the luxury of fighting among ourselves. We must all contribute our best efforts and ideas and then move forward as the majority should find is appropriate at any given time.

I see a new era of cooperation among all people of our community and between governmental bodies. I see more joint effort at removing duplication of services between our various governmental bodies. A big move in this direction was made when the Howard County Tax Collector-Assessor began to collect taxes for almost all the taxing bodies in the county — the Big Spring Independent School District, Howard College, Forsan Independent School District. This has saved the taxpayers many dollars in postage alone.

In 1989 we saw a tremendous effort to cooperation in trying to obtain a state prison in Howard County. We did not obtain the prison. However, we obtained something of great value for our community — the knowledge that we can work together. We discovered that when we all pull together we can accomplish what at first seemed almost beyond our means. To see the private sectors work together as they did is something to remember. I do not think we will forget. The City of Big Spring, Howard County, the Big Spring Chamber of Commerce, the Colorado Municipal Water District, the Big Spring Industrial Foundation, Big Spring State Hospital, the Veterans Administration Hospital, Scenic Mountain Hospital, the local Bureau of Federal Prisons, Agricultural and Soil Conservation District, Howard County Agricultural Extension Service, TU Electric, Ennergas, Cabot, Fina, Caprock Electric, GSW and Associates and many individuals gave of their time and their best effort. There were disagreements at times, but never a loss of the vision of the common purpose in which we

were engaged.

As we move through 1990 and beyond I foresee a continuing joint effort on the part of the various governmental and private entities in our great community to converge at the CROSSROADS where we come together to work for a common purpose — to attract others to come work with us and grow into a community where people can live and raise their families in a decent environment. I see a community that is able to sacrifice when sacrifice is called for in order to build for the future. These are the things I see for 1990 and beyond because I have already seen the beginning in 1989.



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# Police hope to stop 1990 problems before they start

By RUTH COCHRAN  
City Editor

**BIG SPRING** — The Big Spring Police Department hopes to fight crime in 1990 by stopping problems before they start.



Police Chief Joe Cook said his department plans to continue, as well as expand a variety of programs designed to prevent crime.

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Cook said the department's ultimate goal is to reduce crime and increase the solution rate for crimes that are committed.

A majority of the programs are aimed at the city's children and teens, Cook said. Those programs may not reduce crime immediately, but eventually they will have an impact, he said.

The department recently began a program called Adopt-a-Cop that it hopes to expand in 1990. Currently one police officer has been "adopted" by elementary school children, and Cook said he hopes to have several more of his officers adopted.

"We did a pilot and it was so successful at Marcy (Elementary) now Kentwood has asked for it," he said.

Officers participating in the program visit with their adopted class on an informal basis, Cook said, during parties and special activities, to establish a friendship.

"It gives them a positive image of the police officer," Cook said of the benefits of the program. "He becomes a human being and not an unapproachable.

"What we hope to accomplish is that by the time they're teenagers, they'll have a healthy respect for officers, which will make contacts much more beneficial."

The department offers a much more sophisticated version of the program to high school students. Resource Officer Drew Bavin teaches a class at Big Spring High



**BIG SPRING** — Border Patrol agent Lewis Reynolds introduces his drug-sniffing dog Kazan to children at the Kindergarten Center after demonstrating the dog's ability to search out

school which allows students college credits at Howard College.

Cook said the class establishes contact between the teens and the department and allows high school students to better understand the department, police officers and the law.

"The main role of the resource officers... is education," he said. Cook said the department would like to expand the program next semester by offering the class to more students several periods of each day.

The department also would like to improve drug awareness among Big Spring's youth. Cook said the department wants "to keep the focus on drug awareness," and the department is considering several programs.

A popular program used nationwide, called DARE, is too expen-

sive for the city to implement, he said. However, the department hopes to use a modified program in the elementary schools to teach children the dangers of illegal drugs, Cook said.

The department's educational efforts don't stop after high school. The Big Spring Police also offer adult education programs, Cook said, that cover personal safety, home security and other pertinent areas.

"From time to time, we give programs on con games, how to practice safety... and security in their homes," Cook said. "It's a deterrent to crime."

Cook said the department will continue to offer these programs, as well as the Neighborhood Watch and the house checks currently offered.

The department hopes to en-

courage safer driving habits by again co-sponsoring safe driving certificates in 1990. The department, along with area independent insurance agencies, initiated safe driving awards during the 1989 Christmas holidays. Especially safe and courteous drivers were given certificates redeemable for \$25.

Cook said the agencies have indicated they're willing to sponsor

more certificates in 1990, and other area businesses have asked to join the program. Cook said the program was a chance for insurance agents to promote safe driving, as well as a chance for Big Spring officers to have a positive contact with city motorists.

A brand new program has already been initiated in 1990. Cook said the department is experimenting with a pilot program called Crisis Intervention. Sponsored by the Big Spring State Hospital, the program provides the department with what is basically a social services expert.

"There's a gap between the function of the police and the function of social services," Cook said. "He fills that gap between the social agencies... that the street officer doesn't have time to follow up on."

For example, Cook said, the crisis intervention worker takes over at a domestic dispute once peace has been restored. If the problem involves a battered wife, the worker can direct her to the proper agencies for help, Cook said. The worker also helps with other abuse and welfare cases, he said.

If the program proves successful, and early results seem to indicate it is, then the department hopes to win grant monies to permanently fund the position, Cook said.

The department also hopes to make changes within itself, Cook said, to improve efficiency in 1990. Cook said he hopes to redistribute patrol officers through the city to better prevent crimes.

"What we'll probably do... is redistribute the districts so we'll have more manpower in the high



**BIG SPRING** — Border Patrol agent Rich Plaafje talks with BeePer (Border Patrol Robot) as they lead the students in a drug-free pledge.

crime districts," he said.

Department personnel are developing a computer profile of the city to determine what types of crimes are committed most and where they occur the most, he said. When that's determined, manpower will be shifted to handle the problem areas, he said.

As a final note, Cook said that throughout the year the department will continue its standard policy of continuous training for its officers. The department wide mandate ensures specialized training, Cook said, as well as individual improvement.

## City looks for services growth

By HAL BOYD  
City Manager

**BIG SPRING** — As the City of Big Spring enters into the decade of the '90's, a major growth and improvement in City services to the community is being programmed.

The council and staff are working on plans to improve the streets, water production and distribution, water



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quality, fire and police services and continued mutual cooperation with Howard County, Chamber of Commerce and the Industrial Foundation.

The City has made vast improvements of the Water Treatment Plant and Wastewater Treatment Plant to meet the increasing EPA mandates. State Criminal Justice Grants have aided the Police Department to improve its efficiency in areas of burglary and theft investigation, plus a resource officer to work with school officials. Major construction improvements include the addition of a reservoir and distribution line for the

Big Spring State Hospital and new street paving projects for McMahon-Wrinkle Airpark to aid in industrial growth and several streets on the west side of the city.

A reevaluation study by U.S. Army Corps of Engineers coupled with support from citizens of Big Spring could possibly result in a plan to alleviate the Beals Creek flooding problems in the immediate future.

The City of Big Spring looks forward to the 90's with a renewed interest for community growth, a spirit of united effort by all agencies to make this goal a success.

## BSSH plans new innovative expansion

By RAY TATUM  
BSSH Official

**BIG SPRING** — The Big Spring State Hospital entered the new year with innovation, renovation and community expansion.

The hospital will continue to provide inpatient service for 56 counties in West Texas in the catchment area extending from El Paso on the west to Abilene on the east, from Plainview on the north to San Angelo on the south. In addition to the five large mental health and mental retardation facilities established in the more populous areas the hospital will operate 13 outreach clinics in the more rural areas.

The hospital is funded with a \$19,973,899.00 budget for the year and a staff of 935 employees. It is anticipated that the Big Spring Hospital will admit, treat and discharge around 2,000 patients. The outreach program will provide service to approximately 2,700 patients on an outpatient basis.

Psychosocial training activities will be enlarged as a new innovation to patient care. The expansion of this service was mandated as a part of the class action lawsuit settlement tried in federal court. The implementation of the new programs is consistent with the statewide effort which mandated the establishment of psychosocial programs in all state hospitals.

This program is designed to teach the person having mental illness better ways to cope in community life and includes such classes as social skills, coping skills, vocational skills, and classes in stress management, classes dealing with grief, depression, etc. The training which began in the institution will also be provided as a part of aftercare through the community based program.

Renovation at the hospital campus will include the enhancement of patient care areas with new construction to include more privacy

for the individual patient and redecoration of the treatment units with the laying of carpet and purchase of some new furniture. The hospital received a grant from the

**Psychosocial training activities will be enlarged as a new innovation to patient care.**

Central Office for this renovation. In addition a 36,000 square foot activity building will be constructed on campus to house the psychosocial programs. The design is now in the hands of the architect. The activity building will also

house the patient library, education facility for adolescents, an auditorium, a gymnasium, a canteen, classrooms, family visiting area, patient leisure activities, a patient lounge, patient beauty and barber shop, a fashion shop for the distribution of patients clothing, and several offices, etc. The new building was funded as part of the state bond issue recently approved.

Community Services will be expanded through the broadening of services in the 13 existing clinics. This includes expansion of case management services and the enhancement of the four community supported day care activities which are designed to provide psychosocial programs at the community level. In addition the outreach program will open and staff a new mental health clinic in Runnels County.

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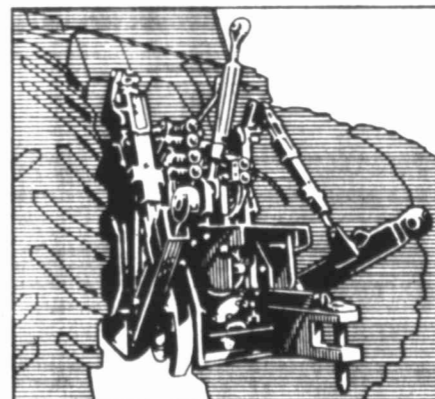
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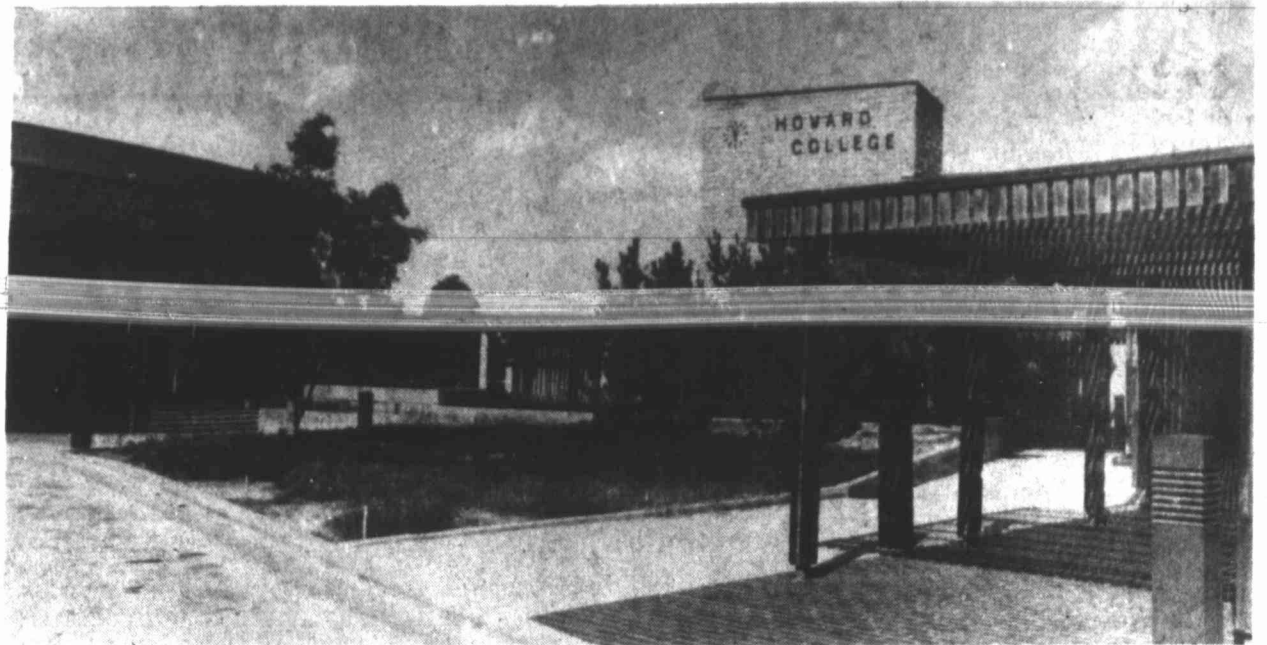
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**DEBBIE CHURCHWELL**  
Health and Physical Education

Debbie Churchwell started at Howard College when she graduated from high school, majoring in health and physical education. She earned her bachelors' degree from West Texas State University and returned to Big Spring. "Howard College gave me the basic foundation I needed before transferring to a major university. And, all my courses transferred." Today, Debbie teaches physical education at Marcy Elementary. (pictured with Raliquis Lister, Marcy Elementary student)



**ANDREA GEE**  
Athletics

Andrea Gee attended Howard College on a basketball scholarship after graduation from Coahoma High School. Today, she is a paraprofessional in counseling at Howard College. "Howard College not only gave me the chance to play basketball which I really love, it gave me a solid foundation to build a career on. The athletic department yesterday and today emphasizes the importance of education and strives to provide each athlete with a solid academic foundation."



**BRENDA WHATLEY**  
Emergency Medical Technology

Brenda Whatley earned her associate degree in Emergency Medical Technology at Howard College. Today, she is the office manager at American Medical Transport, works one 24-hour shift per week as a paramedic, and teaches EMT classes part-time for Howard College. "I feel the program at Howard College is excellent. I would not be where I am today without it. There is a lot of enthusiasm on campus and that makes the students want to be successful."



**G.O. GOMEZ**  
Adult and Continuing Education

G.O. Gomez felt the crunch when the oil business took a downswing. Needing a new career, G.O. completed the nurse aid program in the Adult and Continuing Education department at Howard College. Then, he continued his education at HC in the LVN program. Today, he is an LVN at Scenic Mountain Medical Center. "Howard College was there to retrain me when the economy had pulled the rug out from under me. Starting out in the nurse aid program sponsored by the Adult Education Department gave me the confidence and direction I needed to continue my education."



**MARILYN CLARK**  
Business

Marilyn Clark earned an associate degree in Mid-Management at Howard College and continued on to earn her bachelors degree in psychology and masters degree in behavioral sciences at UTPB. Marilyn is now the Director of Activity Therapy which is the central rehabilitation program at the Big Spring State Hospital, managing 60 employees and seven different disciplines. "Howard College gave me my first taste of management and management skills. The skills and training I received at HC have helped me to climb the career ladder and get the job I have today."



**SUSAN McLELLAN**  
Dental Hygiene

Susan McLellan had always wanted to be a dental hygienist. But first she married and started a family. Then, she and her family moved back to Big Spring, just about the time Howard College started the dental hygiene program. "I had always wanted to do it. It was right here, all I had to do was do it. The program taught me a lot. It helped me achieve a goal I had set." Susan graduated with an associate degree in dental hygiene and now practices with Dr. John Myers. (pictured with patient Alta Ringener)



**BETTY KELLY**  
Cosmetology

Betty Kelly came to Howard College to take a class in skin care. "I decided to go to HC to get my license as a facialist, but when I got out to HC it was so wonderful. I learned so much in that one class I decided to go the whole nine yards and take the entire Cosmetology program." Today, she owns and operates the Big Spring Skin Care Clinic, specializing in professional skin care.



**LES WHITE**  
Associate Degree Nursing

Les White earned his associate degree in nursing at Howard College and continued on to get a bachelors degree from Texas Tech Health Science Center and a masters degree from UTEP. "Howard College made it easy for me to attend college because it was close to home and convenient. It had a way that I could get into a professional career in the shortest time possible, start making money and continue my education. And everything transferred to the major university." Les now practices nursing at the VA Medical Center and teaches part-time at Howard College.



**CARLA COLLINSWORTH**  
Humanities

Carla Collinsworth was working in the admissions office at Howard College when she made the decision to go back to school full time. Today, Carla teaches English at Big Spring High School. "When I saw how everyone at HC works so hard to help students achieve their goals and get an education, I knew I could do it. Howard College's faculty and staff put the student first--and that is what counts."



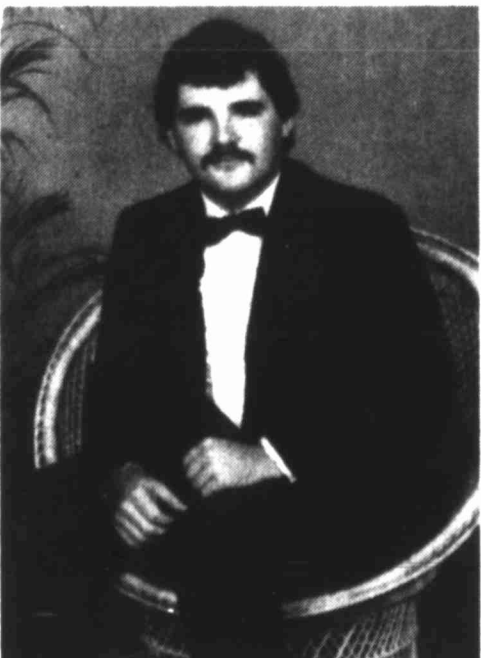
**CAROLYN BAKER**  
Licensed Vocational Nursing

Carolyn Baker had worked in a variety of jobs from dishwashing to digging ditches. Then she attended Howard College and completed the LVN program. Today, Carolyn practices nursing at the VA Medical Center and is working toward a degree in Associate Degree Nursing at HC. "Once I completed the LVN program, my instructors did not forget me. They have kept encouraging me and I am going to finish my degree even if I have to do it just one class at a time."



**MARY MARGARET SINCLAIR**  
Mathematics

Mary Margaret Sinclair decided to attend Howard College when she first moved to Big Spring. "The children were in school, my husband was working, and I did not know anyone. So, I decided to go to school. My experience at HC was so good, it gave me the confidence to continue and complete my education." Today, Mary is a math teacher at Big Spring High School and a part-time math instructor at Howard College.



**JOE JUSTICE**  
Fine Arts

When Joe Justice started at Howard College, he was not sure what he wanted to do. Then, he got involved in the Fine Arts department at HC and made his stage debut. "Howard College was my launching pad. I was basically a shy person with no direction, but HC changed all of that." Today, Joe teaches at Brandeis University where he is working on his Ph.D. Joe recently signed with the Screen Actors Guild of Hollywood and starred in the off-Broadway production of Estate Sale in Boston.



**WADE McMURRAY**  
Agriculture

Wade McMurray got his basics at Howard College where he was an agriculture business major and completed his degree at Angelo State University. Today, he works for TU Electric as a customer representative and the Agricultural Representative for the Western Region. "The faculty and the agriculture department at Howard College helped me more than anything. The instructors took the time to make sure all my courses were transferable. That saved me time and money and that was great."



**LARRY CORDES**  
Science

Larry Cordes started in the nursing program at Howard College where he was required to take a pharmacology course. "That is when I decided I wanted to go into pharmacy. When I finished at HC and went on to pharmacy school, I was very well prepared. The basic foundation in chemistry and biology I got at HC made the transition into the pharmacy program much easier." Today, Larry is the Director of Pharmacy at Scenic Mountain Medical Center.



**CHARLIE LEYVA**  
Computer Science

Charlie Leyva came to Howard College knowing what he wanted to accomplish. "Computers had been an interest of mine since high school. And the computer department gave me the knowledge I needed to further my career. I especially liked the small classes and friendly, helpful faculty at Howard College. I wish I could get my four-year degree at HC." Today, Charlie is the Data Processing Manager at the First National Bank.

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# Beals Creek flood plan will be refined during 1990

By RUTH COCHRAN  
Staff Writer

**BIG SPRING** — A proposal to improve flood-prone Beals Creek probably will continue to be refined through the year.

In 1989 the city agreed to notify the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers that the city wishes to continue planning the \$4 million project, and early this year Corps representatives met with citizens to discuss the proposal.

Corps officials told city residents that the federal government will begin the design phase of the project in an effort to finalize placement of a proposed channel. Col. William Brown, district engineer, has said the design memorandum will take until about February 1991.

When the design is complete, the city will be expected to either commit itself financially or quit the project completely. Officials are projecting a \$4.19 million cost, with Big Spring expected to shoulder 25 percent, or \$1.05 million of it.

According to Col. William Brown, district engineer, the most cost effective option for reducing flood problems along the creek appears to be a channel 8,000 feet long, 7 feet deep and 20 feet wide at the bottom. The channel would

reach from the lower end of One Mile Lake on the west side to about 300 feet past the Owens Street bridge.

Such a channel will protect structures in the area from 10-year flood effects, Brown has said. Beals Creek has a capacity of 200 cubic feet per second. A 10-year flood event causes a flow of 1,500 cfs.

The channel also will reduce the effects of a 100-year flood event,

**While the structure will keep the lake from draining, it will not cause the lake to backup and hold more water, engineers have said.**

which causes a flow of 32,000 cfs.

By creating an increase in the creek's capacity, Corps officials have estimated that the channel will protect from a 10-year flood event 21 residential structures, 52 commercial structures and eight railroad structures.

Engineers performing studies on the creek have said that while the channel will reduce flooding in the city, it will have no significant ef-

fect on flooding downstream. The channel could reduce flood problems slightly, engineers have said, but it definitely will not increase flood problems.

Corps officials also have assured residents that the channel will have no impact on the environment. Environmentalists with the Corps, as well as advisors with the Fish and Wildlife Department have been reviewing the project from its inception, Brown has said.

One Mile Lake, which frequently is used by roosting Sandhill cranes, will not be affected as the channel will be dug downstream, officials have said. A drop structure will be built at the east end of the lake, an engineer has said, so that the lake will not drain when the channel is dug.

While the structure will keep the lake from draining, it will not cause the lake to backup and hold more water, engineers have said.

Brown has said the Corps will continue to study what effects the project will have on the Birdwell Lane crossing, as well as Big Sandy Draw downstream. Both of those areas have concerned several residents, and Union Pacific officials have said the channel will cause problems for their lines.



**BIG SPRING** — The U.S. Army Corps of Engineers will be working on a \$4 million project to improve flood-prone Beals Creek, pictured above, during 1990. Earlier this year Corps officials met with citizens concerning the proposal and the outlook for the project is promising.

## Future of available jobs unpredictable in Crossroads Country

By PATRICK DRISCOLL  
Staff Writer

**CROSSROADS** — The December 5.5 percent unemployment rate in a five county area is lower than the 6.7 percent rate in December, 1988. But it is still not as low as the 4.3 percent rate from January of 1980.

And the future of available jobs is unpredictable, say area representatives with the Texas Employment Commission. However, over the past decade Texas has become more of a service oriented society, according to recently released figures from the TEC office in Austin.

"What size crystal ball do you have?" asks Joe Wallis, the TEC Big Spring area manager. "We've got some good hopes up but whether they materialize we'll just have to wait and see," he said referring to efforts of the Big Spring Chamber of Commerce.

A supervisor with the Texas Employment Commission office in Midland which oversees Martin County had a similar reaction.

"We all wish we knew the future," said Phyllis Damm. "It depends on how steady the price of oil stays and if new industry comes into the area. It's kind of unpredictable."

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Dropping along with the unemployment rate in the Crossroads area is the amount of people employed, according to the TEC office in Austin.

There were 21,155 people employed in December in the surrounding five counties, figures show. That is 220 less than the amount from December, 1988. However, in January, 1980, there were 20,523 employed.

In December there were 1,164 people unemployed. A year ago there were 1,432 and 10 years ago in January there were 892.

The numbers in Howard County show a similar drop in the past

year. In December there were 13,826 people employed and 770 unemployed which is a 5.3 unemployment rate. A year ago there were 14,029 employed and 915 unemployed, a 6.1 unemployment rate. But 10 years ago in January there were 14,116 employed and 590 unemployed, a 4.0 percent unemployment rate.

Other TEC figures from the Austin office show that the statewide unemployment rate in December was 5.8 percent compared to 5.1 percent across the nation. The statewide figure is the lowest since 1984, says Commissioner Mary Scott Nabers.

TEC information also shows a statewide employment trend of an increase in jobs in the area of services, trade, finance and real estate. In December those jobs accounted for 54.70 percent of statewide employment as compared to 47.92 percent in December, 1980.

The percentage of jobs in government, transportation and utilities decreased from 29.29 percent 10 years ago to 21.24 percent in December, according to the figures. In mining, construction and manufacturing the percentage

increased from 22.79 percent 10 years ago to 24.06 percent in December.

However, those same trends are not reflected in the nonagricultural employment figures from the past year in the nearby Midland metropolitan statistical area.

Service jobs in that area remained the same at 49 percent from December, 1988, to December. Government and transportation jobs constituted 21 percent of area jobs in December compared to 20 percent last year. And manufacturing dropped from 31 percent a year ago to 30 percent in December.

Right now in the Howard County area, which includes Glasscock County, there are nine government jobs available and six service jobs, Wallis said.

But, he said, "These things change daily. So there's not going to be a correlation from one month to another."

As of Feb. 9 there were 22 jobs filled in February, he said. In January, there were 106 jobs filled. That compares to 69 jobs filled in January, 1989, and 229 in January, 1988.

"Our placement activity is down significantly from January and February. Of course you expect

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that every February," he said. "It's a typical February."

TEC figures from Austin show that Glasscock County had a 1.1 percent unemployment rate in December with 876 people employed and 10 unemployed. The unemployment rate a year ago was 1.3 percent. Ten years ago it was 2.5 percent.

Available job and placement figures cannot be pulled up for Martin County but if they could they would be negligible, Damm said.

"We really do not receive that many jobs in Stanton," she said. "They don't need our services because they have so much walk-in (applicants)." She added, "We

have helped a few companies out there."

There was a 2.2 unemployment rate in Martin County in December with 2,439 employed and 54 unemployed, according to the figures from Austin. The unemployment rate a year ago was 1.3 percent. Ten years ago it was 2.7 percent.

Figures could be pulled up for Borden County out of the Lamesa office but there are no jobs being advertised with the TEC there right now, said Biddy Borland, an employment interviewer whos is in charge of that office.

"We very seldom receive job orders from Borden County," she said.

Borden County had a 10.8 unemployment rate in December with 415 people employed and 50 unemployed. That rate was 11.8 percent a year ago and 3.1 percent 10 years ago.

An answer could not be reached on a TEC toll-free number for Mitchell County. But figures show a 7.2 percent unemployment rate in December with 3,613 people employed and 280 unemployed. That rate was 10.1 percent a year ago and 5.9 percent 10 years ago.

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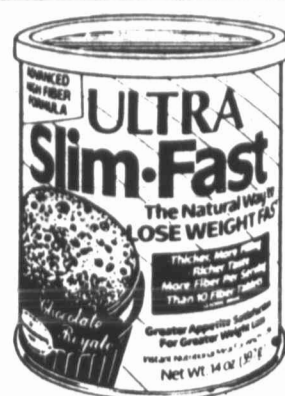
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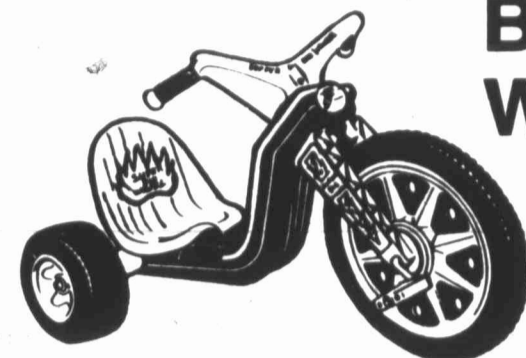
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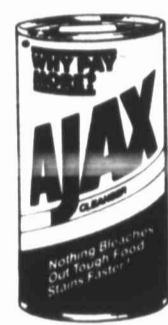


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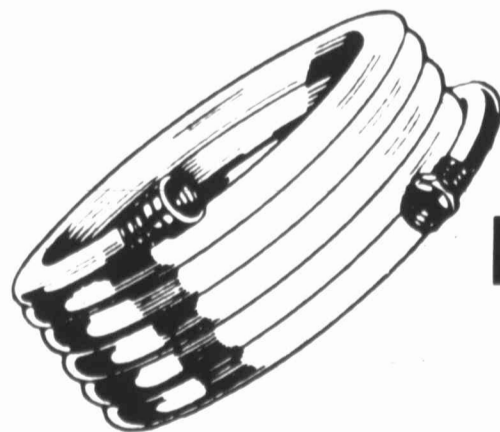
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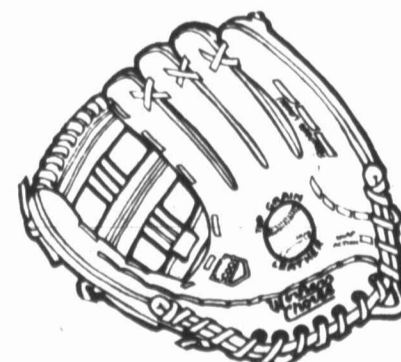
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