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News Digest

Annual progress tab inside today's Herald

Opportunities '92, the annual edition to mark the area's progress, can be found inside today's Herald.

The three-section special edition, the biggest undertaking of the newspaper each year, involved more than 100 Herald employees and features more than 125 advertisements.

Each county and community in the Big Spring trade area is included in the special edition, and there are articles concerning recreational activities, museums, education and government.

Opportunities '92 can be found in sections E-G.

Clean effort under way

Big Spring's April 11 city-wide clean-up effort has gotten off to a good start, city officials said.

Clean Committee Chair Beverly McMahon cited a commitment from the VA Medical Center to participate in the day-long effort, as well as adopting a median, a new beautification effort from the committee.

Also, Price Construction Co. has committed to either clean on the west end of Big Spring or demolish dilapidated buildings.

The clean-up effort is sponsored by the Clean Committee and the Big Spring Herald. For more information, contact the Big Spring Area Chamber of Commerce at 263-7641.

Herald upgrading press

Workers are in the final stages of overhauling and upgrading the Herald's offset press.

The overhaul will result in crisper colors and sharper printing throughout the newspaper, said Publisher Patrick J. Morgan.

"We believe our readers and advertisers will be able to see the difference throughout the newspaper," Morgan said. "The completion of work on the final four units of the press will enable us to give all our customers a better-looking product."

The first stage of work was completed in December.

"By reworking the presses, we will be able to produce better color photography and multi-color work," said production supervisor Bob Rogers. "We will have a much cleaner, crisper product."

Texas

• Astronauts measure light from halo, shooting stars: Atlantis' astronauts measured light from shooting stars and Earth's gleaming halo Saturday, midway through the first shuttle mission devoted to environmental research. See Page 2A.

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• Big Spring native's career moves up the charts: Twenty years ago Ronna Reeves performed in her living room. Today, the Big Spring native has been nominated for one of country music's most coveted titles. See Page 1C.

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• Crossroads Country Honor Roll: This year's All-Crossroads Country basketball team has a lot of familiar faces. That's because six of the representatives from last year's first team return. See Page 1B.

Weather

• Today, sunny. High 70 to 75. Northwest to north wind 10-15 mph. Sunday night, fair with a low in the mid 40s. Monday, sunny. High in the mid 70s. Extended forecast, Page 8A.

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To contact the Herald, phone 263-7331

Firm blasts Mitchell commissioners

By PATRICK DRISCOLL
Staff Writer

A Pittsburgh company wants reimbursement for work on a proposed hazardous waste facility in Mitchell County now that county commissioners pulled out of a host agreement.

"I expected a great deal more from West Texas men," said Jim Cronin of National Waste Industries Inc. of Pittsburgh in a March 16 letter to County Judge Ray Mayo.

The two-page letter says the company embarked on the project two years ago only because of county support. However, Cronin told the Big Spring Herald last year that the project would be pursued whether the county

continued to support the effort or not, including any rescinding of the host agreement.

"It is clear that we initiated the project in reliance on the host community contract," the letter states. "Now that you have unilaterally terminated the contract, you have the obligation to make us whole by reimbursing us."

"I will appreciate your calling me by March 23, so we can make arrangements to resolve these issues," says the letter, which does not mention how much reimbursement is being sought or any possible recourses being considered by Waste Industries. Cronin could not be reached Saturday for comment.

Mayo, upon advise of County Attorney Mark Piland, replied in a March 20 letter to Cronin that the commissioners' unanimous action March 7 to rescind the host agreement was preceded by a 72-hour posted notice and conducted according to state law. "Therefore, our position is that we owe you no money," states the one-paragraph letter.

"I feel like it's out of line myself," Mayo said of Cronin's request. "That's one of the risks of private enterprise."

Reasons the host agreement was rescinded include: Waste Industries in April decided to accept all toxic waste instead of toxic and municipal waste but did not consult county officials;

legal interpretation that the county could be liable for pollution under the host agreement; no operating permits were applied for; and county officials were not being informed whether the project is still being pursued.

A member of Texans Against Pollution, which lobbied for rescinding the host agreement, said Waste Industries may owe the county and TAP money.

"We spent a lot of money trying to figure out what kind of company we were dealing with," said TAP Secretary Darlene Hines. "They're not the kind of company we want in here."

Among TAP criticisms: Cronin's

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Snakes!

30th annual roundup draws hundreds to fairbarn

By PATRICK DRISCOLL
Staff Writer

Plenty of writhing, slithering, lunging and sleeping rattlesnakes can be seen again today at the 30th Annual Big Spring Rattlesnake Roundup at the county fair barn.

By Saturday afternoon, at least 800 people milled at the barn watching snakes attack balloons, milked of poison, decapitated, skinned and fried. Shows include demonstrations such as a man crawling out of a sleeping bag stuffed with a dozen untamed snakes.

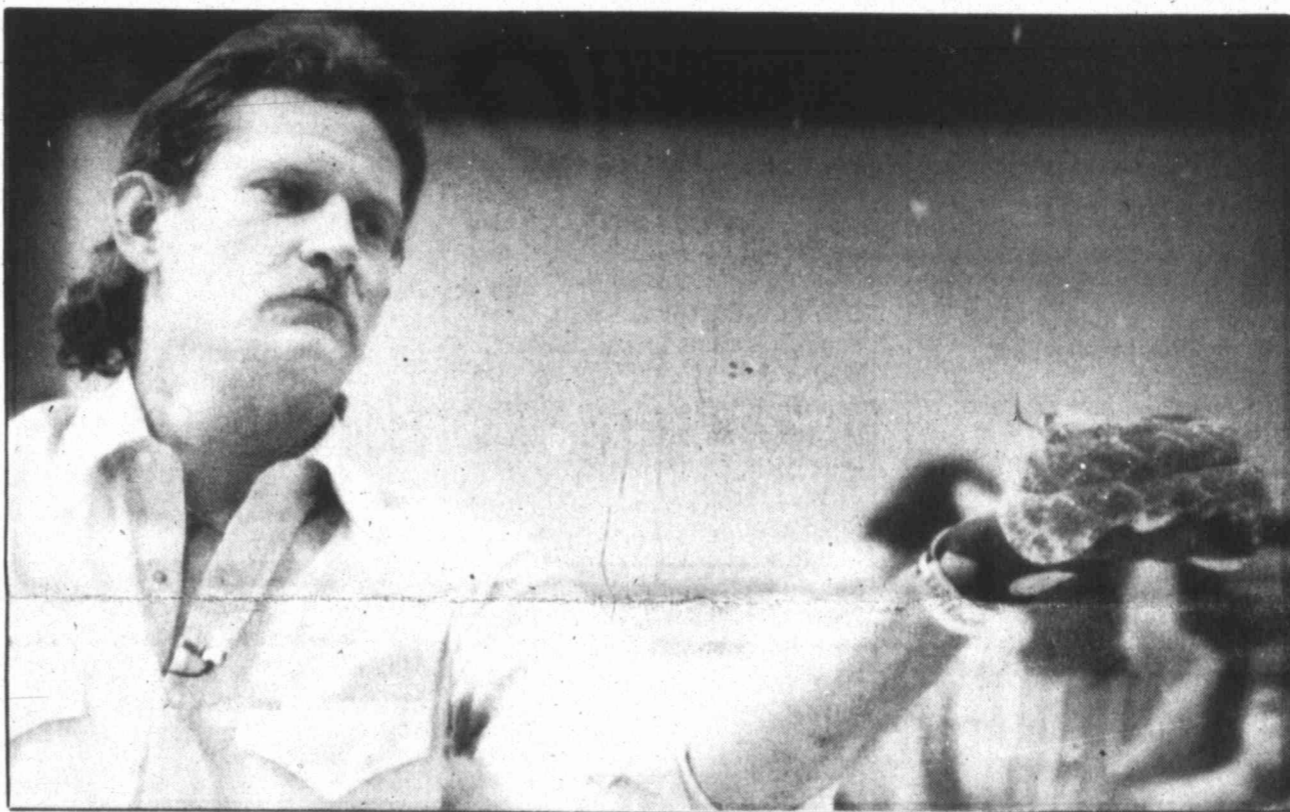
The roundup, showing off snakes captured in a 100-mile radius to keep fields safe and to sell for profit, is open today from noon to 6 p.m. It is the last day of the show.

Emotions ran high for some people Saturday. When a rattle fell off one snake being handled, 10-year-old Boe Payne pleaded, "Here, I want it!" But it was too late; the snake handler already gave it to Payne's brother, John, 12. "Can I have it Johnny? Can you get me one?"

Younger children were just as fascinated. One toddler tried to pet a snake through the plexiglass wall. "This little k.d wasn't scared at all," said an astounded woman.

Emotions ran high for some snakes, too. In the balloon-popping booth, which resounded with a chorus of rattles from coiled, angry snakes sniping at balloons, one snake bit another snake. The bite is almost certain death, said Sherri Bordofski, president-elect of Big Spring American Business

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Snake handler David Estep performs a stunt known as the "handful of hell" with one of the rattlesnakes used during the show at the Big Spring

Rattlesnake Roundup Saturday afternoon. The roundup continues today at the county fairbarns. Herald photo by Tim Appel

Self-image crucial for dyslexic students

By MARSHA STURDIVANT
Staff Writer

Dyslexia teachers work to help students develop positive self-images, a crucial part to battling the language skills problems inherent in the learning disorder.

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"I tell (my students), 'You are smart, you are special and I chose you,'" said Janelle Clark, a Big Spring dyslexia teacher.

Special instruction using the Alphabeticphonics program helps about 90 students in six elementary campuses. Gloria Coffee, the district's other dyslexia teacher, and Clark meet with these students for 30-45 minutes each day.

"Often a dyslexic person does not feel smart. They may be low in two-dimensional learning, like what's on paper, but they have a correspondingly high talent in three-dimensional areas. That's the gift of dyslexia. They are the architects, the artists, the athletes. And they look so intelligent, as they are," Coffee said.

Clark said, "Many times the dyslexia student will start to mumble (when they answer a question) as a coping mechanism. The problem they have is getting things on paper and off paper. Their whole problem is in the academic world; they can function outside of the academic world."

"It can get into numbers, too. There are many manifestations with dyslexia, and no one has all of them. It makes everything look a little different," Coffee said.

Coffee said the cause of dyslexia is unknown, and certain forms may be modified as the child grows through puberty. There is no known medication to treat the disorder.

"Adults (with certain kinds of dyslexia) may have bits of residual



Fourth-grader Lori Smoot, foreground, and third-grader Michael Garza work on a phonetics problem presented to them by teacher Gloria Coffee in the dyslexia room at Bauer Magnet School last week. Coffee is one of two dyslexia teachers in the Big Spring school district.

dyslexia that exhibit at times of tiredness or stress. And some students have more trouble some days than others. I might tell a

teacher, 'We're very dyslexic today,'" Coffee said.

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Area leaders plug highway expansion

By PATRICK DRISCOLL
Staff Writer

Area leaders recently told state officials they are ready to help acquire right-of-ways for expansion of U.S. 87 into a four-lane, divided highway between Howard County and Sterling City.

"I believe that this will have a definite bearing" on convincing the Texas Transportation Commission to divide the highway, said Howard County Commissioner Bill Crooker, who joined a West Texas delegation to attend a monthly hearing Wednesday of the transportation commission.

The expansion of 26 miles of U.S. 87 between Big Spring and Sterling City would facilitate travel, help local economies and help convince federal officials to extend Interstate 27 along U.S. 87, say area leaders, including state senators John Montford of Lubbock and Bill Sims of San Angelo.

"I thought it went really well," said Montford, who along with Sims and Crooker addressed the commission. A support delegation included officials from Howard, Tom Green, Dawson, Glasscock and Sterling counties.

The expansion, which would finish the dividing of U.S. 87 from Lubbock through San Angelo, is part of a proposed 30-year plan to nearly double the state's four-lane, divided highways to about 10,500 miles. Transportation Commission Chairman Ray Stoker Jr. of Odessa on Wednesday confirmed that it could fit into the plan.

Montford, chairman of the Senate Finance Committee, told commission members it is wise to finish expanding U.S. 87 rather than wait for the federal government to extend I-27. State divided highway standards are similar to interstate standards and a divided state highway would be an extra selling point to extend the interstate, he said.

"The route we're going is a very practical one." Possible competing routes for the extension of I-27 are through Sweetwater, Midland or Odessa. The Big Spring route is the most dominant in Montford's redrawn senatorial district for 1992. "What I'm going to endorse is going to be in the 28th District," he said.

The 7½ miles of U.S. 87 in south Howard County is already included among state commitments to divide 600 miles of highway. Howard County commissioners agreed to pay about \$900,000 for right-of-way and utility adjustments. Road construction is expected to be complete by 1995.

POLLARD'S NEW MODEL SALE!!! SEE PAGE 6-D FOR DETAILS!

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Nation/World

Why is reputed mob boss a hero to many?

NEW YORK (AP) — The evidence suggests John Gotti authorized more than a dozen murders and protected drug dealers, yet Mickey Rourke and Anthony Quinn dropped by to pay their respects and fans waited hours to get into his trial.

The reputed boss of the nation's largest criminal organization has become New York's hometown hero. "It's almost like he's a movie star," a prospective juror said when the racketeering trial began.

ITEM: The spectators' gallery looked like Spago, the ritzy Manhattan restaurant. Gotti guests included actors Rourke, Quinn, John Amos and "Grandpa" Al Lewis, singer Jay Black and lawyer F. Lee Bailey. Each got a wave or wink from the defendant.

ITEM: The New York Post asked readers to call one of two "900" telephone lines to vote their belief in Gotti or his underboss-turned-prosecution witness, Salvatore "Sammy Bull" Gravano. Gotti won, 51 percent to 49 percent.

ITEM: People lined up at dawn to get a seat at the trial and not, for the most part, because they wanted a glimpse of evil incarnate. Gotti,

said spectator Catherine Ryan, "has a lot of charisma."

Had these people read the transcripts of Gotti's obscene, vitriolic harangues?

Robert J. Kelly, an organized crime expert at Brooklyn College, has. He called Gotti "a sociopath, a really scary person, who would kill someone over an insult."

So what explains Gotti's good PR? Start with his sometime lawyer and unabashed apologist, Bruce Cutler. Among his testimonials:

• "The last thing John will ever do is shake down a legitimate business. That kind of thing is anathema to him. That's why the little store owners in Queens love him."

• If Gotti lived near Central Park, "you wouldn't just be able to go into Central Park, you could live there. Live there!"

• Despite Gravano's defection, Gotti is devoted to Sammy's wife and sons:

Many New Yorkers apparently can't bring themselves to despise a gangster accused of killing people he knows when their city is rife with criminals who prey on random strangers.



Albert Krieger, John Gotti's chief defense attorney, arrives at U.S. District Court in Brooklyn Saturday. Gotti is on trial for murder, loansharking, labor corruption and tax violations.

Pentagon lifts restrictions on critic

WASHINGTON (AP) — The Pentagon has lifted its restrictions on a science professor who criticized the Patriot missile's performance in the Persian Gulf War, a senior congressman said Friday.

Rep. John Conyers, D-Mich., said the Defense Department would no longer prevent Theodore Postol from discussing a two-month-old magazine article that the Pentagon suddenly decided earlier this month contained classified data.

"I'm proud that the principle of free speech under the Constitution was able to win out over the bureaucracy, which appears to have been out of control," said Conyers, chairman of the House Government Operations Committee.

Pentagon sources, who spoke on condition of anonymity, said the DIS determined that the article did contain classified information but the Pentagon has decided to take no further action.

AIDS-infected man freed on bail

PHILADELPHIA (AP) — Authorities have released on bail a man with AIDS who they say may have paid hundreds of boys and young men to visit his condominium in a fashionable neighborhood and have sex with him.

AIDS telephone hot lines were inundated after the arrest of a man known as "Uncle Ed" was announced Friday. A police mug shot of the man was released, and a hot line operator said some callers

recognized the man as someone they knew more than a decade ago as "Fast Eddie."

One of the suspect's lawyers on Saturday disputed allegations of dangerous sexual conduct.

District Attorney Lynne Abraham, who announced the arrest, said her office signed an agreement with the suspect and his lawyer letting officials say he was an AIDS victim so those who had sexual contact with him could take appropriate steps.

Moldova imposes state of emergency

KISHINEV, Moldova (AP) — Moldova's president on Saturday imposed a state of emergency in the former Soviet republic after weeks of fighting in a breakaway region between Romanian loyalists and Slavic separatists.

President Mircea Snegur's decree ordered police and army troops to "liquidate and disarm the illegitimate armed formations" in the breakaway Trans-Dniester republic in eastern Moldova.

"As God is my witness, I never wanted bloodshed, (but) the hour has come when we can no delay making order in our own house," said Snegur, who did not specify if or when an actual attack was planned.

Snegur offered amnesty to militiamen but pledged to prosecute Trans-Dniester president Igor Smirnov and other separatist leaders, whom he labeled "terrorists."

Tunis crushes Islamic fundamentalists

TUNIS, Tunisia (AP) — While Muslim radicals marched to the brink of power in Algeria next door, Tunisia crushed its own fundamentalists with a campaign of mass arrests and police torture in which some prisoners died.

President Zine el-Abidine Ben Ali's government says the crackdown was necessary to keep the militant An-Nahda movement from overthrowing him and starting a civil war.

Critics respond that the repression enabled Ben Ali to stall democratic reforms and destroyed what respect the police had for civil liberties.

The Islamic question, has poisoned the general political atmosphere," said Mustapha Benjaafar, secretary-general of the Movement of Socialist Democrats, a centrist opposition party.

The U.S. State Department and Amnesty International claim Tunisian authorities arrested from 4,000 to 8,000 people in the latest campaign against An-Nahda, starting in early 1991.

Most were released eventually, but the Tunisian Human Rights League believes about 800 remain in jail, many without charges. The State Department and Amnesty reports say police regularly tortured An-Nahda suspects and as many as seven died in custody.

Libya claims it's a victim of U.S. terrorism

THE HAGUE, Netherlands (AP) — Libya went on the offensive at the World Court on Saturday, suggesting it had been a victim of U.S. terrorism and accusing Washington and London of trampling international law.

But the United States counterattacked, detailing evidence to link Libya to terror bombings in Western Europe. Britain, for its part, scoffed at the notion that the Tripoli government was fit to judge the guilt or innocence of suspects in the 1988 bombing of Pan Am Flight 103 over Lockerbie, Scotland.

Libya is seeking an emergency injunction against the United States and Britain to prevent sanctions or the use of force to win the extradition of the two Libyans suspected in the Pan Am bombing.

A World Court ruling is expected in about three weeks, although the 16-judge court, a U.N. body, has no enforcement powers.

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The United States, Britain and France are promoting a U.N. air and trade embargo against Tripoli to force surrender of the suspects. The sanctions are expected to be imposed by the Security Council this week.

The third day of hearings at the U.N. judicial body was given over to rebuttals. Libya led off and the United States and Britain followed. The State Department's top

lawyer, Edwin D. Williamson, outlined evidence connecting Libyan diplomats to a 1986 bombing of a Berlin discotheque patronized by American soldiers.

"We suspect Libya's effort to convince this court (to obtain an emergency ruling) stems from its inability to convince the Security Council that it has ended its support for terrorism," Williamson told the court.

Lawyers for Libya said any conflicting signals from Tripoli on the issue of the suspects were due to Western threats.

"Peace of mind can hardly be expected from a rabbit facing the hunter's rifle," said Jean Salmon,

a Belgian lawyer for Libya.

The two Libyan suspects, both identified by the West as intelligence agents, are wanted in the United States and Britain in the December 1988 bombing of Flight 103, which killed 270 people. The West is also seeking four other Libyan suspects in the 1989 bombing of a French airliner over Niger, in which 171 people died.

At Saturday's hearing, Libya equated 1986 U.S. bombing raids on Tripoli and Benghazi — which were in retaliation for Libyan involvement in terrorist acts in Germany and Italy — with the Pan Am bombing.

Libya's chief counsel, Ian Brownlie of Britain, said the raids were "a blatant and obscene violation of international law," echoing the phrase used by Williamson on Friday to describe the Lockerbie bombing.

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Crammed ERs putting hospitals on critical list

LOS ANGELES (AP) — Two days before Christmas, an elderly man with heart problems languished for eight hours on a gurney in America's busiest emergency room, his covers falling to the floor, his bedpan out of reach.

The 82-year-old patient's vital signs had been taken only twice since he arrived. He hadn't been hooked up to a cardiac monitor as a doctor had ordered. He smelled strongly of urine, a state hospital examiner's report said.

The patient eventually was sent to a ward and was discharged a week later, but the neglect illustrates what has become a common prescription at hundreds of hospitals across the nation:

Overcrowding has put America's emergency rooms on the critical list.

A national American Hospital Association survey released in February showed that 35 percent of responding hospitals suffered emergency room overcrowding on a weekly basis, and 55 percent were overcrowded at least once a month.

Patients, even critically ill ones, can wait for hours and sometimes days before proper beds become available.

The wait means added pain and discomfort, since emergency rooms are ill-equipped for lingering stays. And, in extreme cases, patients die because they don't get out of the emergency room fast enough, or never get there to begin with, doctors say. Ambulances often are turned away because of overcrowding.

"It's no way to practice

medicine, no way at all," said Dr. Gail Anderson, head of the emergency department at Los Angeles County-University of Southern California Medical Center, where the 82-year-old man was treated.

It's also not an easy problem to solve: More patients are flooding emergency rooms each year, and public hospitals especially are finding it harder to help them.

AIDS, poverty, lack of health insurance and the growing elderly population are swelling patient loads. At the same time, recession-battered hospitals are trying to make ends meet, tugging back or holding the line on services.

Despite efforts to correct the situation, emergency room gridlock has only worsened. It now has spread from "safety-net" public hospitals serving mainly the poor to private hospitals catering to insured patients.

"You could get caught up with this problem whether you have money or don't have money," said Dennis Andrulis, president of the National Public Health Hospital Institute in Washington.

While private hospitals are starting to feel the pinch, it's still public hospitals such as County-USC Medical Center that suffer the most.

County-USC is a teaching hospital and one of the nation's most recognizable hospital complexes, with its towering white buildings featured on the opening of TV's "General Hospital" each weekday.

But life inside the hospital is considerably less glamorous than the

soap opera; patient neglect caused by overcrowding has become a nagging problem.

County-USC's emergency room sees an average of 500 patients daily, making it the nation's busiest. But because the main hospital usually is full, there's no place to put emergency patients except for the most critically wounded trauma cases.

One recent afternoon, the main waiting area held more than 100 patients.

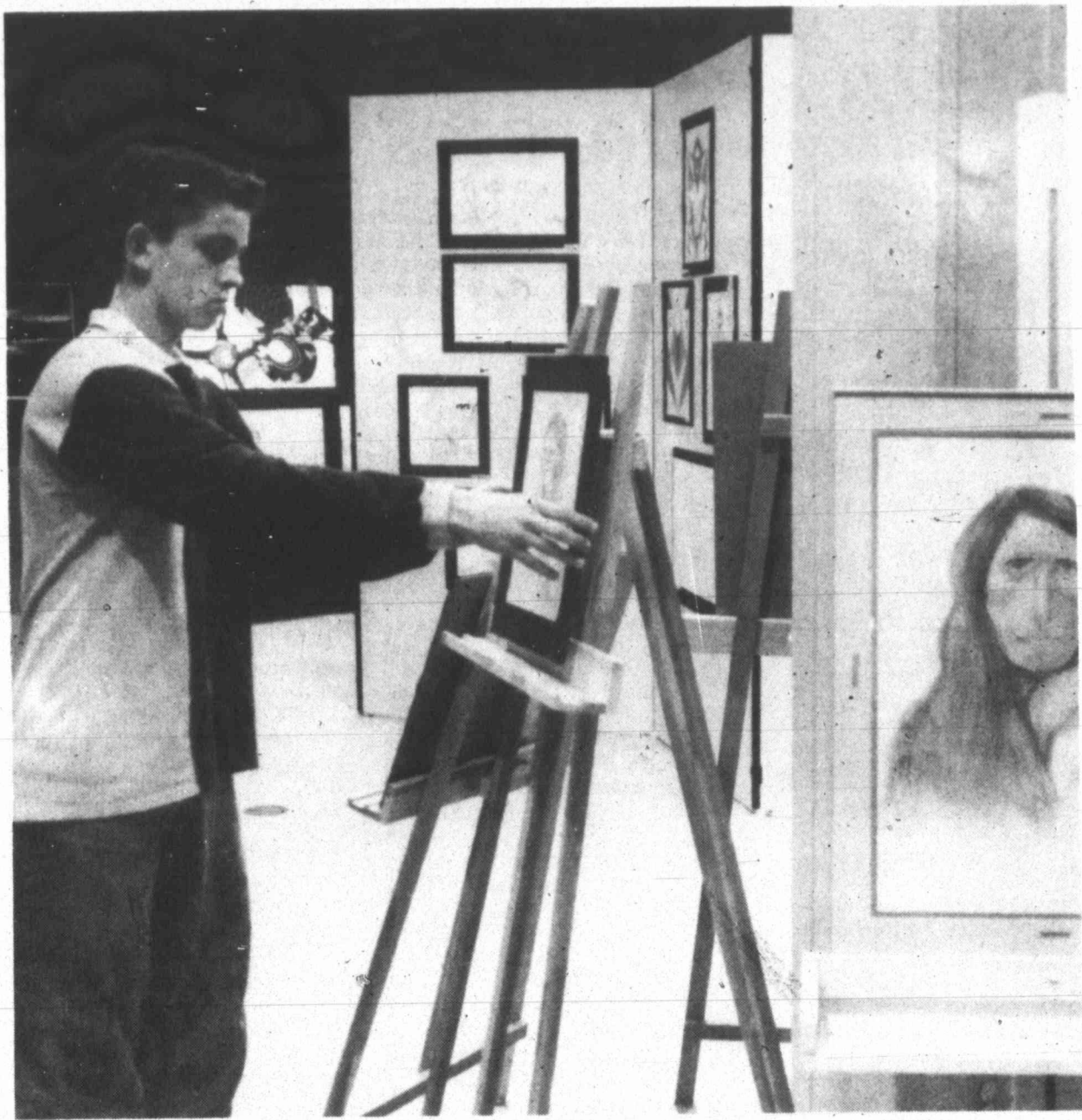
After taking a number, they sat on hard plastic chairs waiting for a doctor. A television was tuned to local news — Jesse Jackson was being interviewed at a homeless shelter. A steady drone from people speaking more than a dozen languages filled the air.

Laverne Jefferson, 33, who lacked health insurance or enough money for a private doctor, took the bus eight miles for relief from a sore throat, nausea and dizziness.

After six hours, she still had not seen a doctor.

"It's terrible," she said just above a whisper. "Just terrible."

Many of County-USC's emergency patients have ailments similar to Ms. Jefferson's — relatively minor cases that could best be treated at an outpatient clinic or doctor's office rather than in a hospital emergency room.



BSSH art show

Big Spring High School freshman Heath Anderson places one of his drawings on a stand at the Heritage Museum as part of the BSSH Spring Art Show. The art also is part of the Con-

gressman Charles Stenholm Competition, with the winner in each of five categories moving on to competition against other schools.

Herald photo by Tim Appel

Americans aren't only ones who hate filing tax returns

GENEVA (AP) — Like her counterparts around the world, Swiss taxpayer Johanna Weiss finds filing a pencil-breaking, hair-pulling, coffee-drinking exercise in frustration. And some pay twice the U.S. rates.

"I never can find all the receipts I need, even though I make special files for them. And the bureaucratic wording of the forms drives me crazy!" said Mrs. Weiss.

A worldwide Associated Press survey shows Americans have lots of company in their distaste for filing tax returns.

The wealthiest Swedes must hand over half their income to the government, and Eastern Europeans are discovering that revolution has its price. Indians and Italians are notorious for evading taxes, while most Chinese are legally exempt.

Like Form 1040 and its attachments, documents around the world can be complicated. And the taxes can be steep, up to 60 percent for the wealthiest in the Netherlands, China and Russia.

Against those rates, the top U.S. figure of 31 percent doesn't look so bad. Switzerland is much like the United States, with lower taxes than many countries but with income-tax returns required by federal, state and local governments.

Only a third of British taxpayers — those with untaxed earnings and benefits, including company cars — are supposed to fill out returns themselves. In many countries, companies fill out returns for their employees.

Woe to anyone in Italy with outside income: filing taxes usually takes hours of waiting in line at the bank or post office.

And that comes after tackling the dreaded 740 tax form, which comes with a thick instruction booklet. Most of the self-employed get help from accountants. And the temptation is great just to forget it.

Tax evasion is high in Italy and some other countries, like Mexico, except when companies take care of returns.

Wealthy Indians are required by law to have accountants verify their lengthy returns. Many owners of small businesses are

Filing income tax returns

Years returns are filed (1992-1999 estimated)	In millions
1990	112.6
1991	113.9
1992	114.4
1993	116.6
1994	118.8
1995	120.8
1996	122.4
1997	123.7
1998	124.9
1999	126.1

Total number of tax returns the IRS receives:

More than half the nation's taxpayers have filed their federal tax returns. Through March 20, 57.3 million returns had been received by the IRS.

AP/Cynthia Greer

believed to evade taxes. Sweden used to take 72 percent of top incomes, but the rate has recently been cut to 51 percent. In the Netherlands, an estimated 50 percent of taxpayers find new "simplified" forms so complicated they still have to hire accountants. East Europeans are learning that the move to democracy and capitalism also brings new tax systems. In the former Soviet Union and elsewhere, taxes were deducted at work and almost no one had to fill out returns. That remains true for most Russians.

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One year later, defector seeks family's freedom

PERRINE, Fla. (AP) — A MiG pilot fighting for the freedom of his family a year after he defected from Cuba has enlisted the daughter of an American pilot shot down during the Bay of Pigs invasion 31 years ago.

Maj. Orestes Lorenzo startled Americans when he landed his MiG-23 at Boca Chica Naval Station on March 20, 1991, the first such defection by a Cuban pilot since the 1960s.

Now, Lorenzo is frustrated by the price exacted in his homeland. The Castro government refuses to allow his wife and two young sons to leave.

"I am both upset and optimistic," said Lorenzo, speaking mostly in English, which he didn't know a year ago. "I don't think my family should be punished."

At that, the Cuban turned to Jan Weinger, an Alabama native who shares much with the Communist-raised, Russian-trained Lorenzo. "I know he's in the fight of his life," she said.

Mrs. Weinger, whose husband, Mike, is an F-16 fighter pilot in the Air Force reserve, joined Lorenzo's quest to bring his family to the United States after her years-long effort to learn the fate, and recover the body, of her father, Pete Ray.

She was 6 in 1961, when she saw him for the last time. He was one of four Alabama National Guard pilots killed in the U.S.-backed effort by armed exiles to overthrow Fidel Castro's fledgling government at the Bay of Pigs.

Little information was available about Ray's secret mission and Mrs. Weinger vowed to learn what happened.

She spent her college spring breaks in Miami, not at the beach but on Little Havana streets pleading to talk to anyone who knew her father. Later, she lobbied congressmen, flew to foreign embassies, sent telegrams to Havana and talked to any journalist who would listen.

Finally in 1979, Ray, his shot-up body frozen by the Cubans, was

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returned to Alabama for burial.

Mrs. Weinger was in New York for an anti-Castro rally in January when she heard Lorenzo tell his story to the crowd. Soon, she and her husband met Lorenzo for dinner.

"Jan came in at a point when it seemed we were running around in circles. We were really down," said Paul Gomez, a Cuban-American mortgage broker who learned last year that he's Lorenzo's cousin.

Lorenzo has spoken to congressional committees and United Nations officials. Miami radio stations have played tapes of his wife, Vicky, and sons Reyniel, 10, and Alejandro, 5, talking to him by telephone.

In a telephone call last week, Vicky told him she spoke to an aide to Raul Castro, the Cuban military commander and Fidel's brother. The aide repeated they can't leave, even though they have U.S. visas.

"They told her 'don't blame Raul Castro. Blame your husband,'" Lorenzo said.

Mrs. Weinger plans to accompany Lorenzo to Atlanta in early April as part of the campaign to build pressure beyond Miami's Cuban exile community with publicity and letters to the Cuban government.

Ariel Ricardo, spokesman for the Cuban diplomatic mission in Washington, said "there are thousands of families in Havana who have the legal right to visas to emigrate and they are waiting for years. Why must we give an exit visa to the family of a traitor?"



Getting ready

Kay Kenemur, left, and Donna Wright sort through a box of decorations in preparation of Texas County Government Week, from April 5-11. In addition to the county courthouse being decorated throughout the week, there will be an open house April 8.

Herald photo by Tim Appel

Former airline official fulfills promise

MIAMI (AP) — When Pan Am's last flight out of Saigon took off at the end of the Vietnam War, one Vietnamese employee stayed behind. Al Topping, his former boss, this week fulfilled a 17-year-old promise to get him out.

Nguyen Van Luc and three of his daughters arrived at Miami International Airport Friday night.

"All of a sudden they came out the door and we just converged and embraced and cried. We're all crying, we're still all crying," Topping said Saturday.

Topping was director of Pan Am operations in Vietnam when Saigon fell 17 years ago. One of the airline's jets, crammed over capacity with workers and their families, became the last commercial flight out of the besieged city. Topping, who was responsible for

the evacuation of Pan Am employees and relatives, gained recognition for organizing a campaign that came to be known as The Last Flight Out. It was the subject of an NBC television movie of the same name.

When the plane left Saigon on April 24, 1975, Luc felt compelled to stay behind.

"His mother was, too sick to travel and he had eight children at the time and he felt it was going to be very difficult for him to start new in the United States," Topping said. "So he decided to keep everyone behind and take his chances."

After a trip back to what is now Ho Chi Minh City, many letters to Congress and years of fundraising, Topping made good on the promise.

Club questioning Morales' review

AUSTIN (AP) — Texas Attorney General Dan Morales is backing off a November opinion that gave the state's Water Commission authority to regulate ground water, a Sierra Club attorney said Saturday.

On Friday, a spokesman for Morales said the attorney general wanted to clarify his ruling, adding that it was not intended to give the commission full authority to regulate ground water.

But Stuart Henry, an Austin attorney for the environment group, said Morales is trying to change his mind.

"I think it's clear politics, it has nothing to do with law," Henry said. "As best as I can tell, he's basically backing off his position in the opinion as well as his position representing the (Water Commission)."

Henry said his group wants the agency to regulate ground water, which traditionally has been governed by the right of capture. The law says landowners are entitled to water under their property.

"If the Water Commission backs off and decides they may not have authority based on the new non-opinion by Morales, I think the state gets hurt," Henry said.

Since Morales' November ruling, the Water Commission has closed a fish farm near San Antonio and has worked toward developing a plan for managing the Edwards Aquifer.

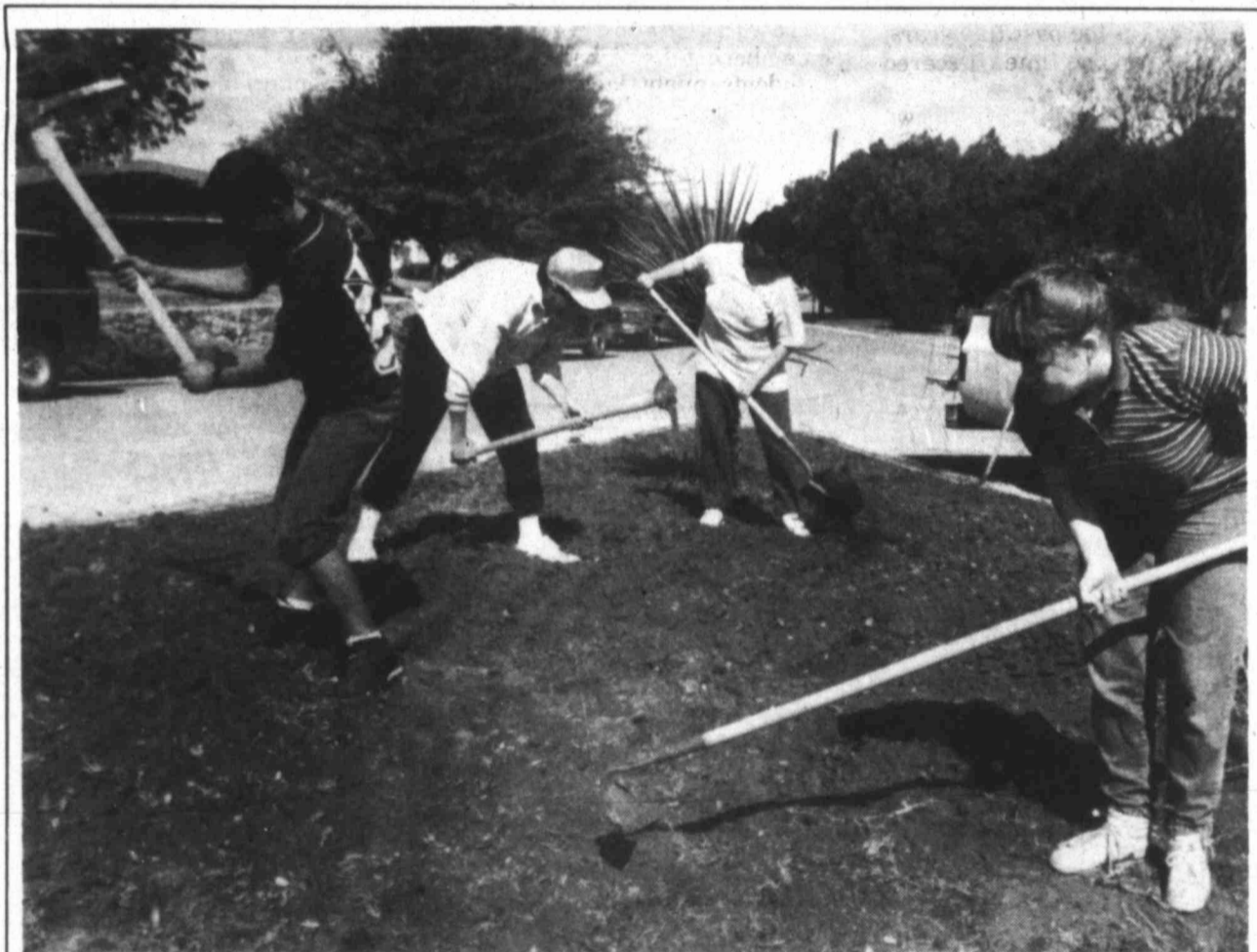
Phone calls made Saturday by The Associated Press to the offices of Morales and spokesman Ron Dusek were not answered.

Dusek told the Austin American-Statesman in Saturday's edition that the attorney general never intended to have the commission control ground water.

"We have not in any fashion so far issued any opinions that would remove a long, long legislative history of ground water rights being with the landowner," Dusek said.

"The attorney general believes the responsibility for changing who is responsible and to what extent they can regulate that policy (belongs) to the Texas Legislature," he said.

According to the American-Statesman, Morales wrote in a letter to Sen. John Montford, D-Lubbock, that he is considering whether to research and issue another opinion that would address the full scope of the Texas Water Code rules.



Hoe down

Members of Howard College's Phi Theta Kappa honor society were busy Saturday working on the traffic island at the intersection of Edwards Circle and Edwards Blvd. The crew of

Brent Rivas, Todd Howard, Margarita Ramirez and Carrie Bruton were preparing the soil so that grass could be planted on the island.

Herald photo by Tim Appel

Families seeking stricter guidelines

AUSTIN (AP) — Members of a victims' family support group marched Saturday to protest the early release of prisoners and to back Texas Attorney General Dan Morales' plan to end a long-running lawsuit against the state prison system.

"We want our voices heard," said Richard Eibell, founder and president of the Montgomery County chapter of Parents of Murdered Children and Other Victims of Homicides.

"We're tired of the open-door system where you put 100 prisoners in the front door (of a prison) and leave 100 out the back door," said Eibell, a member of the organization since 1984, a few months after his son's death.

Gilda Muskowski joined the group the same year after her 17-year-old daughter and her fiancée were murdered. Now she is the president of the Houston chapter and one of the organizers of Saturday's protest on the grounds of the Capitol.

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Wanda Petty, third from left on the front row, is the March Recipient of the Best of Big Spring Award. Pictured with Wanda are family and friends.

Wanda has been married to Estel Petty for 42 years. She has two sons and one daughter, all living in the Dallas area. Hobbies include crocheting, working in her own greenhouse, painting, fishing and "seeing my grandkids all I can." When asked why she feels she was nominated, she replied "I just love people. I've always worked at jobs that had people contact. I love Big Spring and that's why I'm here! Wanda's attitude makes her a great choice for the "Best of Big Spring."

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Calendar

TODAY

• Bingo offered Elks and Main Monday-Friday, Saturday, 1 p.m. - 3 p.m., at the Lions Third.

• Free tax-through VITA, Thursdays, 10 a.m. the First Presby from Feb. 6 through

• The Howard C Horsemen Club will 20 Round Robin, and under "Coors Cost is \$80. Books roping begins at 1 information call 263-7075.

MONDAY

• Al-A-Teen will p.m., 615 Settles.

• There will be 7 p.m., Kentwood Lynn Dr. Everyon For information call

• Recovery Sol will meet 6:30-8 p.m. St. For information 264-7028.

TUESDAY

• Sesame Street today, and 10-30 a p.m., on Wednesday, Chaparral Center. Judd follows at 8 p day. Tickets on sale ral Center and Endle in Midland and Odes

• Narcotics Anon meet 7 p.m., V.A Center, room 401 welcome.

• Recovery Solu mens support group, 6:30-8 p.m., 307 Union formation call 264-702

• Spring Tabernac 1209 Wright St. has and where else is for area needy from noon.

• AMAC (Adults M Children) will meet Howard-County Men Center, 315 Rannels. terested must call Pearson, RNC, or (MSW, 267-8216 ext. 28

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• Welding equipment was stolen from the pickup truck in Coahom

• Shots were reported Midway Road.

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The Big Spring Poli ment reported the follow:

• Raymond Tate, 62, was arrested and ch driving while intoxicated

• A chain-link fence was stolen from a par 12th.

• A guitar worth \$500 from a residence on the of Drexel.

• A rear windshield was damaged on the 10 East 15th.

• A bicycle worth \$75 from a residence on the Edwards.

• Damage totalling caused to a wooden residence on the 800 blo Lancaster.

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 Thursday: Chance of showers or thunderstorms. Highs in the 70s. Lows in the upper 40s.

Phone calls pour in to Perot's toll-free line

DALLAS (AP) — Former California Gov. Jerry Brown has made the toll-free telephone his presidential campaign symbol but Ross Perot has made it a weapon. In two weeks, Perot's 1-800 line has received more than 1 million calls, sometimes at an hourly rate exceeding that of airline reservation systems, and the Dallas billionaire just backed it with a sophisticated computer to gauge where callers are. While Brown solicits campaign contributions at his number, Perot just wants a signature. His volunteers dish advice about getting him on the presidential ballot in a caller's state.

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"They seem to be calling from all over," said Fred Fuentes Jr., a few hours into his first day as a volunteer at the Perot line. "I just got through talking to someone in Hawaii."

marketing organization affiliated with cable TV's Home Shopping Network, the Perot 1-800 line is actually 1,200 lines.

"Some people are so excited, they're crying when they call in," said Elizabeth Hodges, a 46-year-old businesswoman who has been volunteering since the phone bank's second day.

A computer in Florida sorts out callers by area code, giving priority to those from states with early petition deadlines like Texas, for routing to the volunteers in Dallas.

Hundreds like them have joined the Perot Petition Committee, headquartered in the same Dallas office building Perot works. The organization formed when the deluge of callers interested in a Perot candidacy became too much for his office staff.

The rest, through an automated system like voice mail, are asked to leave a name and address to be given to a Perot organizer in their state. That information is then transmitted by computer to the volunteers, who notify organizers.

"It's very kind of all these people to give their time," Perot said at the phone bank Friday afternoon.

Sharon Holman, a Perot employee assigned to overseeing the phone bank, said it's too early to tell whether the phone calls will translate into the nearly 1 million signatures required to get Perot on the ballot in the 50 states.

He started the frenzy a month ago with a declaration on national TV he would run for president as an independent if ordinary people put him on the ballot in each of the states.

But the volunteers are enthusiastic.

Perot's rise to become one of the nation's richest men, along with his work on behalf of veterans and education, have made him something of a folk hero.

"I'm going to be here until November," said Ms. Hodges, who volunteered after ending a 17-year career with a Dallas company. "We're making history."

His populist message that citizens own the country, coupled with his \$3 billion net worth, make him a threat in a year when voters are seething at incumbents and shallow, status-quo politics.

Cars fill the lots and spill onto the grass outside the shiny office building. Amid the constant din in the second-floor phone center, volunteers trade the latest news articles on their man and drink donated sodas.

"What you're really seeing here is an expression of concern," Perot said. "It has very little to do with me, but it's a real expression of concern about where we are and where we're going."

Jeff Cotney, a Dallas shoe wholesaler who stopped by Friday, said he was registering to vote so he could sign a Perot petition.

The phone bank was originally stocked with a few dozen phones. But now volunteers answer 100 phones all day long.

"I haven't voted in five years for this very reason — I didn't want to cast a ballot for someone I don't believe in," Cotney said.

And, last week, Perot characteristically turned the operation high-tech.

Jack Sosebee spent \$1,000 to make Perot bumper stickers and put a petition in his specialty advertising business.

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"People are real frustrated at politicians," he said. "They're really not trying to look after you and I, Mr. and Mrs. Citizen."

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Monahans, 2-
 MONAHANS — The Steers stayed atop baseball standings by 2-0 win over the Monahans Saturday afternoon. The game was originally scheduled for Friday but was postponed because of rain. The win gives the Steers a 7-2 record and a 7-2 mark. Monahans falls to 1-5.
 Big Spring got the win with three hits pitching, freshman Frankie Martinez and the long ball. Martinez made up his second day and the Steers got two in the third inning to win.
 Designated hitter Johnny Kennedy homered first, and with two outs, second baseman Pat Martinez homered. "We got some good today but we didn't hit very well," said Big Spring coach Bobby Doe. "I was saddle sore from rides. We drove down Friday and had to drive today. We're tired, we're on the road for about a week.
 "We just have to stay on what we're doing, enjoy this weekend, but start working on hitting ball better Monday."
 The Steers will host water Tuesday at Stee at 4 p.m.

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 WP — Frankie Martinez.

DISTRICT STANDINGS
 Big Spring Sweetwater
 Fort Stockton
 Pecos
 Lake View
 Andrews
 Monahans

Weekend Results
 Big Spring 2, Monahans 0; Pecos 3; San Angelo Lake Stockton rained out.

Stanton fifth at San Angelo
 SAN ANGELO — The Buffalos scored 38 and finished fifth at the Angelo Relays Saturday. Ford won the meet with points.
 Heading Stanton was Jeremy Stallings, who ran 800 and 1,600 meter runs in 1:55.95 and 4:11. The 800 time was a new record.
 Stallings also anchored second place 1,600 meter team, which ran a 3:25. Stallings ran a 48.4 on other members of the team were Freddy Rubio (54), Kenny McCalister (50), Ricky Lucas (51.3).
 McCalister ran a 51.1 finish fifth in the 400 m. Stanton will compete Lone Wolf Relay Friday.

Lady Steer goes in seventh place
 FORT STOCKTON — Big Spring Lady Steers 468 for seventh place in first round of district golf Saturday.
 Andrews is leading a first round with a 320, 4 strokes ahead of Monahans. Fort Stockton is third with 371.
 Big Spring's top golfer Melina Hunter with a 371. "The pressure goes to said Lady Steers coach Ann McKenzie of her experienced team. "They played people who come the way this district comes. We are just so intimidated Andrews."
 Big Spring will compete Monahans Saturday in district round.

Team Scores
 1. Andrews A 320; 2. Monahans Fort Stockton 371; 4. Pecos 468; 5. Monahans B 468; 6. Sweetwater 468; 7. Spring B 515.

Big Spring A (Melina Hunter 123; Stacy Heather Farris 128; Keely 149).
 Big Spring B (Jamie Arrick 131; Mandy Fernald 131; Katina Palmer 139).

Medalists
 1. Lisa McQuarters, Andrews; 2. Fleming, Andrews; 3. Hester, Andrews; 4. Hester, Andrews.

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Sidelines

Steers blank Monahans, 2-0

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The game was originally scheduled for Friday night, but was postponed because of rain. The win gives the Steers a 2-0 district mark and a 7-7 overall mark. Monahans falls to 0-2 and 9-5.

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The Steers will host Sweetwater Tuesday at Steer Field at 4 p.m.

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Heading Stanton was junior Jeremy Stallings, who won the 800 and 1,600 meter runs in times of 1:55.95 and 4:38.10. The 800 time was a new meet record.

Stallings also anchored the second place 1,600 meter relay team, which ran a 3:25.81. Stallings ran a 48.4 on his leg. Other members of the team were Freddy Rubio (54.2); Kenny McCalister (50.7) and Ricky Lucas (51.3).

McCalister ran a 51.51 to finish fifth in the 400 meters. Stanton will compete in the Lone Wolf Relay Friday.

Lady Steer golfers in seventh place

FORT STOCKTON — The Big Spring Lady Steers shot a 468 for seventh place in the first round of district golf play Saturday.

Andrews is leading after the first round with a 320, 44 strokes ahead of Monahans. Fort Stockton is third with a 371.

Big Spring's top golfer was Melina Hunter with a 101.

"The pressure got to them," said Lady Steers coach Lois Ann McKenzie of her inexperienced team. "They haven't played people who competes the way this district competes. We are just so intimidated by Andrews."

Big Spring will compete in Monahans Saturday in the next district round.

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Medalists	
1. Lisa McQuarters, Andrews 72; 2. Andrea Flemming, Andrews 77; 3. Tory Hester, Andrews 83.	

Familiar faces head Crossroads team

By STEVE BELVIN
Sports Editor

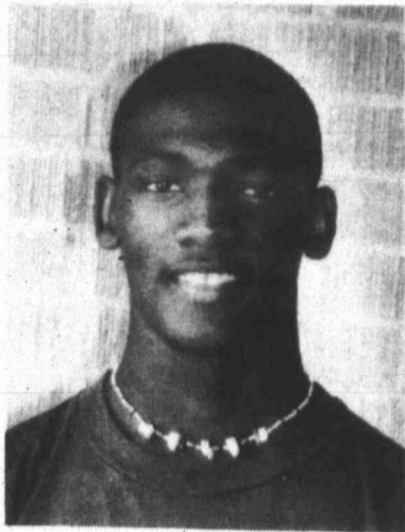
This year's All-Crossroads Country basketball team has a lot of familiar faces. That's because six of the representatives from last year's first teams return.

Leading the way is returning boys Most Valuable Player Kenny McCalister of Stanton. The girls MVP didn't play much basketball last season; a knee injury saw to that. But Big Spring's Teveyan Russell bounced back to earn the honors.

Heading the teams are girls Coach of the Year Johnny Schafer of Forsan and boys Coach of the Year Doug Gordon of Stanton.

Schafer led the Forsan Buffalo-Queens to a runnerup spot in District 6-2A behind perennial state powerhouse Wall. The Queens went 22-10 and advanced to the area round of the state playoffs. The Queens were beaten by Haskell, 48-45 in area play.

Gordon, in his first year at Stanton, led the Buffalos to the District 6-2A title and their first-ever trip to the regional tournament.



KENNY MC CALISTER

Stanton finished the season with a 26-7 record. The Buffalos were defeated by last year's state champion Abernathy, 61-49 in the first round of the regional tournament.

One main reason for Stanton's success was McCalister, a 6-foot-2 senior forward. McCalister did it all, averaging 22 points and 11 rebounds per game, to go along with



DOUG GORDON

six assists and seven steals per contest. He shot 47 percent from the field, 37 percent from the three-point line and 78 percent from the foul line.

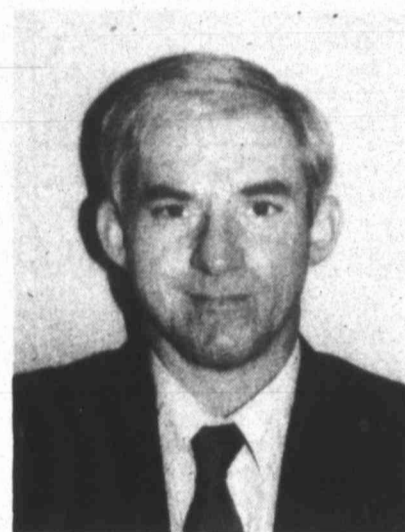
It was good enough to earn him 6-2A MVP, and positions on the All-West Texas and All-South Plains teams. He has also been invited to play in the Texas Association of



TEVEYAN RUSSELL

Basketball Coaches game in San Antonio April 18 and the High School All-Star game in Dallas Aug. 3.

Gordon had high praise for McCalister, known as "Slick" by his teammates. "He's probably the best basketball player in West Texas," said Gordon. "The only difference between him and that



JOHNNY SCHAFER

kid from Hale Center (Koy Smith) is that he's 6-6 and Kenny is 6-2. He's definitely the best basketball player I've coached.

"He can do it all. He can run the floor, shoot the three, rebound and pass. He can play good defense but sometimes he gets a little lazy. But in the big games he's always there.

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Herald photo by Bruce Schooler

High flyer

Shae Saucy of the Big Spring Sidewinders, goes through her routine on the balance beam in action at the District I Level 4, 5, 6, 7 and 8 Gymnastics Championships Saturday at the Big Spring YMCA. Competing were 71 young ladies from teams from Midland, Lubbock, Odessa, Pampa and the Big Spring Sidewinders. At press time only the Level 4 and 6 had competed. The Sidewinders were led by Stephanie Stewart by winning the all-around title in Level 6 (ages 8-11 years old). Brittany Perez won fourth place in their all-around and Saucy placed eighth in Level 6 all-around (ages 12-14 years old). In Level 6 competition, Tonya Pfeiffer won the all-around title with Leslie Alderson finishing second.

Couples breaks slump; fires course record

PONTE VEDRA, Fla. (AP) — Fred Couples' slump lasted two days.

He wrote an end to it Saturday with a course-record, 9-under-par 63 on the TPC at Sawgrass and moved into title contention in the Players Championship.

"An unbelievable day," said Couples, who holed a 102-yard wedge shot for an eagle in the best effort of his streak that has propelled him to the top of world golf.

"I came out thinking and hoping I could break 70. Everything went my way. It just kept going and going and going."

It took him from par 144 — the score necessary to qualify for the final two rounds — to within reach of another victory in the most remarkable streak in golf in more than a decade.

He will take a 207 total, nine under par, into Sunday's final round of the \$1.8 million

PGA

tournament.

"I know that I'm going to be close enough that with a 66 or 67 I can win," said Couples, who was in the second group off the tee at 9:05 a.m., and finished play long before the 36-hole leaders even started.

Couples, now playing in his seventh consecutive event, finished

first, second, second and first in his previous four starts.

Over a more extended period, going back to last June, he has won five times and recorded 19 finishes of sixth or better in 23 worldwide appearances.

In that period, he has won \$2,362,975, including \$704,412 this season.

After playing the first two rounds here in 73 and 71, however, only about 30 fans were on hand to

watch him meet his early tee time.

The gallery was still relatively small when he birdied the second and fourth holes, but began to grow when he ran in a 15-footer on the seventh and followed with a 20-foot birdie putt on the eighth.

The word flashed over the course that Couples was having an outstanding round, and the gallery flocked to his side.

Hawks sweep NMMI

ROSSELL, N.M. — The Howard College Hawks edged back into the WJAC baseball race by completing a three-game sweep over the New Mexico Military Institute Broncos Saturday.

The wins give the Hawks a 5-6 conference record and 26-13 overall mark.

Howard assistant coach Joe Almaraz said it was a good confidence builder for his bullpen especially. "I was happy to see the guys come out of the bullpen and stop the opposing team's offense," said Almaraz.

"Being their first year (to have baseball program), New Mexico Military is not that good of a team right now. But it gave us a chance to get back on track and get some confidence."

HOWARD 14, NMMI 4
In Saturday's opener Shane Ziegler did a masterful relief job in place of Jay Maldonado. In four innings work, Ziegler allowed three hits and struck out nine.

Howard was paced by center-fielder Henry Martinez who went 3-5 with five runs batted in. Designated hitter Chad Dunavon homered twice and drove in three runs and left fielder Milton Diaz went 3-3 at the plate.

The game was tied 4-4 after the first two innings. Howard scored two runs in the first when Dunavon homered, Santiago Rivera doubled, and scored from third on a sacrifice fly by Demond Thomas.

Howard's two runs in the second came when Martinez's single scored David Suarez, who had walked, and Diaz, who had singled.

Howard got four more runs in the third thanks to doubles by Efrain Contreras and Suarez, and singles by Thomas, Diaz and Martinez. Howard led 8-4.

HC scored a run in the fourth when Rivera doubled and eventually on a wild pitch.

CONFERENCE STANDINGS	
Odessa	9-3
Frank Phillips	8-4
NMJC	7-4
Howard	5-6
NMMI	0-15

Weekend Results	
Howard 10, New Mexico Military Institute 2; Howard 14, NMMI 4; Howard 8, NMMI 4.	

Odessa 13, Frank Phillips 3; Frank Phillips 8, Odessa 7; Odessa 11, Frank Phillips 0.	
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The last four Howard runs came in the sixth. Diaz and Martinez tripled, Snyder singled and Dunavon hit a two-run homer.

Howard	224	141	14	0
NMMI	220	000	4	7
WP —	Ziegler (4-2); LP — Molina (0-4).			

HOWARD 8, NMMI 4

In Saturday's finale Howard reliever David Kelly got the win. Edwin Corps started for Howard and went three-and-two-thirds innings.

He was replaced by Art Valdez who pitched to one batter and walked him, loading the bases. Kelly came in and got the final out and went the rest of the game.

Howard won the game by scoring seven runs in the third inning, snapping a 1-1 deadlock.

In the third Martinez led off the inning with a single. He scored on a double by Roger Vilchez. This was followed by walks to Contreras and Thomas, loading the bases for Rivera. Rivera singled, scoring Vilchez and Contreras, giving Howard a 4-1 lead.

Next Maldonado doubled and Suarez followed with a sacrifice fly, scoring Rivera. Milton Diaz reached base on a fielder's choice, scoring Maldonado from third base. Martinez got his second hit of the inning, a double, scoring the final two Howard runs.

Howard's scheduled three-game

series today and Monday with Brookhaven in Big Spring has been canceled because Brookhaven had some conference games that had to be rescheduled.

The Hawks will be in action Friday and Saturday when they travel to Borger to play Frank Phillips in a three games conference series.

Howard	107	000	0-8	7	4
NMMI	012	100	0-4	7	1
WP —	Kelly (4-0); LP — Martinez (3-4).				

HOWARD 10, NMMI 2

In Friday's opener, Demond Thomas hurled a four-hitter while going the distance against the Broncos. It was Thomas' first decision of the season.

In going nine innings, Thomas struckout 10 and walked four. "He was never in trouble in the game, except for the first inning when they got one run. They got it on a double and error by Suarez (David) at first base," said Howard coach Bill Griffin.

Howard tied the game a 1-1 in the top of the second inning. Thomas reached base on an error by the shortstop. Chad Dunavon ran for him and scored on a single by Henry Martinez.

Howard salted the game away with six runs in the third inning, sending 11 batters to the plate.

NMMI made one error in the inning and Howard scored four runs with two outs. Santiago Rivera tripled and singled in the inning. Jay Maldonado, James Espinoza and Steve Barrera all singled in the inning.

Howard scored two more runs in the fourth when Suarez doubled and Efrain Contreras followed with a homer. Howard led 9-1.

The two teams traded runs in the fifth and that ended the scoring in the game.

Howard	016	210	000	10	12	1
NMMI	100	010	000	2	4	4
WP —	D. Thomas (1-0); LP — Thomas.					

Borg to begin second comeback attempt

HOUSTON (AP) — Bjorn Borg has changed and so has the game he left nine years ago. Wooden rackets are obsolete and the courts are faster.

Or is Borg just slower?

"I can still move pretty good," Borg said following a workout at the River Oaks Country Club. "Physically, I'm in 100 percent shape. I just need to play in front of people again."

Borg, 35, will get his chance Tuesday in the first round of the River Oaks International tennis tournament against Swedish countryman Peter Svensson. Neither is seeded or has a world ranking.

Borg won 62 tournaments, was ranked No. 1 in the world for 104 weeks, and won 11 Grand Slam championships. Then, at age 26, he quit.

It's been years since fans have witnessed Borg falling to his knees and raising his racket to the heavens in celebration of another Grand Slam victory.

He left because tennis was no longer fun. He's returning because it's fun again.

It's also different.

Borg had to learn the hard way that he couldn't play with the same wooden racket that helped him rule the tennis world.

His first comeback attempt fizzled a year ago at Monte Carlo where he lost in straight sets in the first round — with his wooden racket. Now he's adjusted to the more powerful graphite models.

"Everybody told me, 'You have to switch rackets,' and I said no," Borg said. "I had to force myself to switch. Now I don't have to think about it anymore. After that, I realized it was very good."

There are aspects of the old days that he'd like to bring back: There were more personalities before and the game was more fun to watch.

Inkster, Sheehan battling for lead

RANCHO MIRAGE, Calif. (AP) — Juli Inkster and Patty Sheehan, friends since their college days at San Jose State, set the stage for a friendly showdown in the Dinah Shore tournament.

Inkster shot her second consecutive 68 Saturday to take a one-shot lead over Sheehan after three rounds of the tournament, one of the LPGA's four majors.

Both Inkster and Sheehan scrambled for most of the round, with Sheehan rolling in a 20-foot birdie putt on No. 18 for her second consecutive 69.

LPGA

Inkster, the Dinah Shore champion in 1984 and 1989, was at 8-under-par 208 through 54 holes at Mission Hills Country Club.

Although the former college teammates are first and second heading into the last day, there are many other players within striking distance.

Dottie Mochrie, runnerup to Amy Alcott in the Dinah Shore a year ago, shot a third-round 70 to stay within two shots of the lead this time.

Jan Stephenson, playing some of her best golf of recent times, shot a 68 to move to 4-under, four shots behind Inkster.

A group at 213 included Pat Bradley, Michelle McGann, Brandie Burton and Muffin Spencer-Devlin.

Inkster and Sheehan, playing in different threesomes Saturday, hugged and congratulated each other after the third round.

"It's going to be tough (Sunday) because I know Patty really wants badly to win this one and I badly want to win it, too," Inkster said. "Golf's an individual game, no partners."

"We can't be concentrating on beating each other; there are other players close behind us. It's going to be a shootout."

Sheehan, whose 26 career victories do not include a Dinah Shore title, said: "I don't think the fact that Juli and I are good friends will affect our play. I'm sure we'll go out there and have fun; it's not often you get to play with your friend on the final day."

"And I'm sure we'll both be playing as hard as we can. It's not going to be pat-a-cake out there."

HC baseball fits Puerto Ricans like glove

By MIKE BUTTS
Staff Writer

Last school year Howard College's baseball team needed what coach Bill Griffin called a "blood transfusion."

The team lost five players to discipline problems during the fall semester, so Griffin sent assistant coach Joe Almaraz to Puerto Rico to recruit players that would fill the void.

Almaraz brought back five players who helped the Hawks win the junior college national championship.

This year the Hawks have added five more Puerto Ricans, and one Dominican Republican, to the three Puerto Ricans that stayed from last year's team.

Despite the difference in culture between Big Spring and the players' native lands, Almaraz says this year's recruits have had little problem adjusting to their new surroundings.

"Their biggest (problems) are just being homesick and adjusting to the amount of playing we do," Almaraz says. "We work out a lot and play (almost) every day. They're used to playing three times a week in the Puerto Rican summer leagues."

But Almaraz and his charges from Puerto Rico, which is a United States commonwealth, insist the country has much in common with the U.S. And that has made their move to Big Spring easier.

Many Puerto Ricans speak both English and Spanish, the players say, so they have little difficulty with the language here.



Howard College freshman catcher Frank Antunez (right) in a game played earlier this season at Jack Barber Field. Antunez joins eight other players from Puerto Rico and the Dominican Republic on this year's Howard baseball roster.

"I went to an all English-speaking school all my life in an area (in Puerto Rico) where most people were American," 18-year-old freshman first baseman David Suarez says.

And all of the players spent time in or even lived in the mainland U.S. before coming to Howard.

Sophomore shortstop Santiago Rivera attended Eastern College in Philadelphia for a year and a half before transferring to Howard. Dominican Republican Henry Martinez lived in New York for nine months before coming to the college.

And the Americanization of Puerto Rico, which the players say includes mainland U.S. cable TV and fast food restaurants, has also meant less of an adjustment.

But some differences remain, and that's where Almaraz comes in. A Spanish-speaking native of San Antonio, Almaraz says his knowledge of hispanic culture aids in both the recruiting and management of Howard's players from Puerto Rico and the Dominican Republic.

He is careful how he corrects a hispanic player when coaching him.

"If you're harsh you may not get the best out of him, but if you try to explain what he's done your better off," says Almaraz, who coached at San Antonio's Theodore Roosevelt High School for nine years. He took the team to the state 5A quarter-finals in 1984.

The players from outside the mainland all agree they like the way the Howard coaches treat them.

"On the field it's like a business responsibility," Suarez says. "But off the field coach Almaraz and Griffin treat us like family. They're like two parents to us."

As for recruiting, Almaraz says

he stays on top of statewide competition to get Puerto Rican ball players.

"There are a lot (of Puerto Rican players) all over the conference and the state," Almaraz says. "But I would say we get the best ones (at Howard) and my knowing how to speak Spanish is certainly an advantage over the other programs."

And how are the off-mainland players doing on the field?

"The majority are doing real good," Almaraz says.

Nine players from Puerto Rico and the Dominican Republic now help make up the 24-man Howard roster. Five of them start, including four new to the team this year.

Sophomore shortstop Santiago Rivera may have established himself as the best of the group's first year players. He hit 10 home runs in the Hawks first 26 games.

Other new starters are Suarez (first base) and David Riefkohl (pitcher) from Rio Piedras, Puerto Rico, and Henry Martinez (center-field) from Puerto Plata, Dominican Republic.

Two of the Puerto Rican players have played well enough to be selected in last June's major league baseball draft: freshman catcher Frank Antunez by Seattle and sophomore pitcher Edwin Corps by Cincinnati.

All of the players aspire towards playing professional baseball, but Suarez says they also want to get their degrees.

"I think our main focus is pro ball," Suarez says. "But if we do make it (in pro ball) it's not going to last forever — a degree will."

Red Sox will keep Boggs in leadoff spot

The ASSOCIATED PRESS

Wade Boggs says he's content leading off for the Boston Red Sox this season, although he thinks he would be a better No. 3 hitter.

Addressing reports that he was upset over the decision to put bat first, Boggs said Saturday he had made the decision after learning that center fielder Ellis Burks may be upset about being the lead-off hitter.

Boggs said he had told manager Butch Hobson early in spring training that he wanted to bat third, and that Hobson had agreed.

"The next couple of days I got some bad vibes from Ellis that he doesn't like to lead off. I think Ellis is more suited for (hitting) three, four, five rather than leading off, and I felt that this was a possible

volatile situation," said Boggs, who went back to Hobson. "I told him that I think it'd be better that I lead off rather than hit third so we don't have any problems with the ballclub."

Boggs, a .345 career hitter, has hit first in 10 of the 14 exhibition games he's played in.

Boggs appeared to be upset Thursday when asked his reaction to Hobson's decision to bat him first after the team had returned from a game with Kansas City at Baseball City.

Boggs claimed he was still thinking about a conversation with some of his teammates during the bus ride.

"We were having a sort of an open rap session, so I just got worked up and I guess I carried it over

Spring Training

into the locker room," said Boggs, adding that he was speaking out Saturday to dispel any future problems.

"It's not the fact that I've been upset, disgruntled or anything, because I'm the one who made the decision to lead off," Boggs said.

That was close to how the decision was made, Hobson said.

"Wade had a lot to do with it by coming to me. That's the kind of relationship I have with all of the players," Hobson said. "But I made the decision."

Batting Boggs first would work to Hobson's advantage.

He hit .347 as a lead-off hitter in 108 games last season and .271 in 32 games batting third.

"I think Wade Boggs, hitting 10th, he's gonna hit .350," Hobson said.

The Minnesota Twins lost their cleanup hitter for at least six weeks Saturday when first baseman Kent Hrbek sustained a dislocation of his left shoulder sliding head first into third base.

Team physician Dr. John Steubs said Hrbek probably would be out for two to six weeks. The injury occurred in the third inning, in which Kirby Puckett singled and scored on Hrbek's double to left center. Trying for third, Hrbek rolled over and injured the same shoulder he had hurt three years ago.

Pittsburgh Pirates catcher Don

Slaughter was placed on the 15-day disabled list Saturday with a strained rib cage muscle and will miss at least the first six games of the season. Slaughter can't be activated until at least April 13, meaning either Tom Prince or Brian Dorsett will make the Pirates' opening day roster as the backup catcher.

The Cincinnati Reds released reliever Ted Power on Saturday rather than give him a guaranteed \$350,000 contract. Power, 37, came to training camp under contract with the Class AAA Nashville farm club. The right-hander led the Reds with 68 appearances last season, going 5-3 with three saves and a 3.62 earned run average.

Crossroads

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"I believe he can play at a university somewhere. If anyone is interested in him, they've got a chance to get him. His grades are good enough and his attitude is good enough. Right now, he's the best kept secret in West Texas."

Also returning on the boys first team are senior forwards Rod White of Big Spring and Brent Elmore of Coahoma, along with Forsan senior post player Joey Conaway.

The 6-foot-2 White led Big Spring in scoring with a 18-point average. He also averaged 10 rebounds, five assists and two steals per game. White shot 47 percent from the floor, 38 percent from the three-point line and 67 percent from the foul line.

The 5-foot-11 Elmore showed his versatility by playing guard, forward and sometimes down low for the Bulldogs. This season he averaged 16 points and nine rebounds per game to go along with seven steals and three assists. He shot 49 percent from the field and 78 percent from the free throw line, leading Coahoma to the area playoffs and a 23-7 mark.

The 6-foot-2 Conaway was a force inside for the Buffaloes. This year he averaged 18 points and eight rebounds per game. He shot 64 percent from the field and 61 percent from the foul line.

The guards, Mark Arguello of



ELMORE



WHITE



HARRISON



JENNY CONAWAY



FRANKLIN



JOEY CONAWAY



CLUTTER



ARGUELLO



ANDERSON



MITCHELL

Coahoma, and Eric Clutter of Greenwood, are both newcomers to the first team.

Arguello, a 5-foot-8 senior, was Coahoma's outside bomber. This year he averaged 20 points per game to go along with three rebounds, five assists and three steals per contest. He shot 53 percent from the field, 45 percent from the three-point line and 75 percent from the foul line.

Clutter, a 5-foot-10 senior point guard, led the Rangers to the 6-3A district title and a 18-10 record. Clutter averaged 14 points, five assists and three steals per game. He shot 40 percent from the field, 25 percent from the three-point line and 64 percent from the foul line.

GIRLS
After reconstructive knee surgery last year, Russell, a 5-foot-11 senior post player, made a remarkable comeback, earning MVP honors.

She was the leading force in Big Spring's district championship and 21-8 record. Russell averaged 18 points and 10 rebounds per game, shot 45 percent from the floor and

64 percent from the foul line. Russell was the 3-4A MVP and was named to the All-West Texas, All-Area and All-South Plains teams. She also was named to the Texas Girls Coaches Association All-Region and All-State teams.

Coach Ron Taylor said he was skeptical whether Russell could recover from major surgery. "Truthfully, when she first started working out, I knew she had great working out," said Taylor. "I didn't know if she would be able to get where she needed to get in such a short time."

"She's a great post-up player. She's one of those kids if you get the ball around her, she'll end up getting it somehow. Right after the Sweetwater game (only district loss), it seemed she became a dominant force in the district."

"One of the things that made Teveyan good was the kids around her. She had a bunch of unselfish teammates who would get the ball to her."

"I think several schools are getting interested in her. If I were a college coach, that (knee) would be

the only thing holding me back. She'll just have to go in and show them. If she'll strengthen the knee over the summer, if she can do that, she may be 100 percent recovered."

Two returnees from last year's starting unit are Forsan senior guard Barbara Mitchell and Klondike sophomore Cheri Franklin. The 5-foot-7 Mitchell averaged 10 points, four rebounds, two assists and two steals per game. She shot 47 percent from the floor, 39 percent from the three-point line and 59 percent from the foul line.

Franklin, a 5-foot-8 forward, averaged 19 points and nine rebounds per game. She shot 53 percent from the field, 40 percent from the three-point line and 68 percent from the foul line. She also averaged five assists and five steals.

Joining Mitchell at guard is Borden County's Melody Harrison, who led the Lady Coyotes to the 16-A district title. The 5-foot-4 sophomore averaged 16 points, four rebounds, four steals and three assists per contest. She shot 40 percent from the field and 60

percent from the line.

Joining Franklin at forward is Coahoma's LaTisha Anderson, a 5-foot-6 senior. Anderson averaged 19 points, five rebounds and four assists per game. She shot 42 percent from the floor, 43 percent from the three-point line and 55 percent from the foul line.

Rounding out the team is Forsan sophomore post player Jenny Conaway. The 5-foot-11 Conaway averaged 16 points and 12 rebounds per game. She shot 51 percent from the field and 60 percent from the foul line.

GIRLS
First Team
Coach of Year — Johnny Schafer, Forsan.
MVP — Teveyan Russell, 5-10, Sr., post, Big Spring.
Guards — Barbara Mitchell, 5-7, Sr., Forsan; Melody Harrison, 5-4, Soph., Borden County.
Forwards — LaTisha Anderson, 5-6, Sr., Coahoma; Cheri Franklin, 5-8, Soph., Klondike.
Post — Jenny Conaway, 5-11, Soph., Forsan.

Second Team
Guards — Carrie Myers, 5-4, Sr., Greenwood; Leslie Fryar, 5-3, Jr., Big Spring.
Forwards — Courtney Fryar, 5-10, Soph.,

Honorable Mention
Guards — Jennifer Munoz, 5-7, Sr., Colorado City; Tricia Ross, 5-7, Soph., Greenwood.
Forwards — Becky Gerstenberger, 5-8, Sr., Forsan; Amber Grisham, 5-11, Sr., Big Spring.
Post — Amy Lawhon, 5-10, Sr., Coahoma.

BOYS
First Team
Coach of Year — Doug Gordon, Stanton.
MVP — Kenny McCalister, 6-2, Sr., forward, Stanton.
Guards — Mark Arguello, 5-8, Sr., Coahoma; Eric Clutter, 5-8, Sr., Greenwood.
Forwards — Rod White, 6-2, Sr., Big Spring; Brent Elmore, 5-11, Sr., Coahoma.
Post — Joey Conaway, 6-2, Sr., Forsan.

Second Team
Guards — Marcus Monroe, 5-9, Sr., Colorado City; Jeremy Stallings, 5-10, Jr., Stanton.
Forwards — Adrian Zarale, 6-0, Sr., Sands; Josh Wooten, 6-3, Sr., Forsan.
Post — Shanne Jones, 6-2, Soph., Big Spring.

HONORABLE MENTION
Guards — Gerald Cobos, 5-8, Sr., Big Spring; Jason Cox, 6-0, Soph., Grady.
Forwards — Pank Grigg, 6-0, Sr., Sands; Grant Woodfin, 6-2, Sr., Stanton.
Post — Matt Coates, 6-3, Sr., Coahoma.

Bullets snap losing skid

LANDOVER, Md. (AP) — Ledell Eackles scored 21 of his 34 points in the first half, and the Washington Bullets snapped a seven-game losing streak with a 113-97 victory Saturday night over the Charlotte Hornets.

Harvey Grant added 24 points for the Bullets, who had lost their previous four home games.

The defeat was the second in as many nights for Charlotte, its longest losing streak since it dropped three straight games Jan. 28-Feb. 2.

Larry Johnson led Charlotte with 19 points, but missed his first eight shots and did not score until his three-point play with 8:26 left in the opening half cut Washington's lead to 41-30.

The Bullets played without their top scorer and rebounder, Pervis Ellison, who sustained a pulled

groin muscle in Thursday night's loss at Atlanta. Charles Jones started in his place, and grabbed a career high 16 rebounds.

Eackles scored eight points in a 27-11 surge by the Bullets, which took Washington from two points down with four minutes left in the first period to a 41-27 lead with 9:20 remaining in the first half.

Charlotte was unable to cut the gap to fewer than 10 points the rest of the way, and trailed 62-46 at the half.

The Hornets got to 64-54 early in the third period, but a layup by Eackles with 9:58 left in the quarter and his free throw with 9:31 to go gave the Bullets a 67-54 lead.

Washington cruised from there, leading by as many as 28 points in the third quarter, and 97-73 entering the final period.

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Aggies sweep Horned Frogs

FORT WORTH — Estes drove in two runs in both games of a Friday night as swept Texas Christian University.

The Aggies improved to 23-11, including a Southwest Conference Horned Frogs defeat.

Estes went 2-for-4 with a home run, a double, a first and fourth, and a walk, and drove in two runs.

TCU's Kelly Joffe fared his fifth straight allowed four runs, earned, on walking four and three.

In the nightcap, 3-for-5 and hit a sixth and added a single to cap a 4-4 Reid Ryan (4-4) after with two out and after giving up runs on five hits and struck out two and struck out Kelly Wunsch (3-1) victory, giving up earned run on five innings.

Czech team upsets Americans

FORT MYERS, Fla. — Their names could be for a typographical error, but the Czechoslovakian partners Petr Koruc and Suk upset John McRae and Rick Leach 6-3, 6-4 in the U.S. Davis Cup victory Saturday.

The defeat left the Americans with a 2-2 record in the best-of-5 match Sunday's final two games at the Sonesta Harbour Resort.

McEnroe suffered a second loss in 18 doubles matches. He recorded fell to 7-1. "We were outplayed," McEnroe said. "The truth. It definitely was a lift, but I definitely going to win."

Sunday, Pete Sampras and Andre Agassi then played Czechoslovakian Karel Novacek.

Houston sweeps Baylor Bears

WACO (AP) — Jeff Houston's double-hitter of Baylor Saturday night, scoring four singles in the opener.

Kirk Taylor's grounder scored the go-ahead, 7-5 Cougars' victory nightcap.

Houston improved overall and 7-14 in the Southwest Conference. Bears dropped to 21-11-10.

Haas (5-7) walked struck out five. Frank (2-2) took the loss.

In the nightcap, Williams and Jason led the Bears' bats. I. three threw three innings relief for the victory struck out six and H. out four.

Carlos Perez had the for Houston.

Warriors win scoring affair

EAST RUTHERFORD (AP) — Mario Elie point play with 1:58 overtime to put Golden State came a nine-point deficit in 1:02 of regulation, for time on a 3-pointer. Hardaway with 2:3

Sarunas Marciulionis a career-high 35 points Golden State, one m. Hardaway. Elie had Chris Mullin and O'Neil.

Derrick Coleman, 33 points in his last had 35 points and 12 for the Nets. Mookie tied his career high Drazen Petrovic score.

New Jersey twice point leads in the the last coming at dunk by Chris Morris.

Sidelines

Aggies sweep Horned Frogs

FORT WORTH (AP) — Jay Estes drove in three runs in both games of a double-header Friday night as Texas A&M swept Texas Christian 6-3 and 9-3.

The Aggies improved to 23-11, including 11-7 in the Southwest Conference. The Horned Frogs fell to 16-17 and 7-11.

Estes went 2-for-4 in the opener with RBI singles in the first and fourth, making a winner of Brian Harrison (4-3), who scattered six hits over 6 1-3 innings.

TCU's Kelly Johns (3-5) suffered his fifth straight loss. He allowed four runs, three of them earned, on four hits while walking four and striking out three.

In the nightcap, Estes went 3-for-5 and hit a homer in the sixth and added a two-run single to cap a four-run ninth. Reid Ryan (4-4) was pulled after two outs in the second after giving up four earned runs on five hits. He walked two and struck out one.

Kelly Wunsch (3-1) got the victory, giving up just one earned run on five hits in 5 1-3 innings.

Czech team upsets Americans

FORT MYERS, Fla. (AP) — Their names could be mistaken for a typographical error. So could the result.

Czechoslovakian doubles partners Petr Korda and Cyril Suk upset John McEnroe and Rick Leach 6-3, 6-4, 6-4, keeping the U.S. Davis Cup team from clinching a quarterfinal victory Saturday.

The defeat left the Americans with a 2-1 lead in the best-of-5 match entering Sunday's final two singles matches at the Sonesta Sanibel Harbour Resort.

McEnroe suffered only his second loss in 18 Davis Cup doubles matches. Leach's record fell to 7-1.

"We were outplayed," McEnroe said. "That's the sad truth. It definitely gives them a lift, but I definitely think we're going to win."

Sunday, Pete Sampras faces Korda in the first match. Andre Agassi then plays Czechoslovakian Karel Novacek.

Houston sweeps Baylor Bears

WACO (AP) — Jeff Haas led Houston's double-header sweep of Baylor Saturday by scattering four singles in the 3-1 opener.

Kirk Taylor's groundout scored the go-ahead run in the 7-5 Cougars' victory in the nightcap.

Houston improved to 16-17 overall and 7-14 in the Southwest Conference. The Bears dropped to 21-13 and 11-10.

Haas (5-7) walked three and struck out five. Frank Foltyn (2-2) took the loss.

In the nightcap, Wade Williams and Jason Hart stifled the Bears' bats. Hart (2-4) threw three innings of hitless relief for the victory. Williams struck out six and Hart struck out four.

Carlos Perez had two RBIs for Houston. Jason Rathbun (2-4) suffered the loss.

Warriors win high scoring affair

EAST RUTHERFORD, N.J. (AP) — Mario Elie hit a three-point play with 1:58 left in overtime to put Golden State ahead and Billy Owens added five points down the stretch as the Warriors beat the New Jersey Nets 153-148 Saturday night.

The win was the Warriors' ninth straight at New Jersey, a run that dates to 1983.

However, this one may have been the most improbable as Golden State came back from a nine-point deficit in the final 1:02 of regulation, forcing overtime on a 3-pointer by Tim Hardaway with 2.3 seconds left.

Sarunas Marciulionis scored a career-high 35 points for Golden State, one more than Hardaway. Elie had 23 and Chris Mullin and Owens 21 each.

Derrick Coleman, averaging 33 points in his last four games, had 35 points and 12 rebounds for the Nets. Mookie Blaylock tied his career high with 27 and Drazen Petrovic scored 23.

New Jersey twice held two-point leads in the extra session, the last coming at 146-144 on a dunk by Chris Morris.

Laettner plays miracle worker — again

PHILADELPHIA (AP) — Christian Laettner hit a miracle turnaround jumper from near the foul line as the buzzer sounded to give defending champion Duke a 104-103 overtime victory over Kentucky and a fifth consecutive trip to the Final Four.

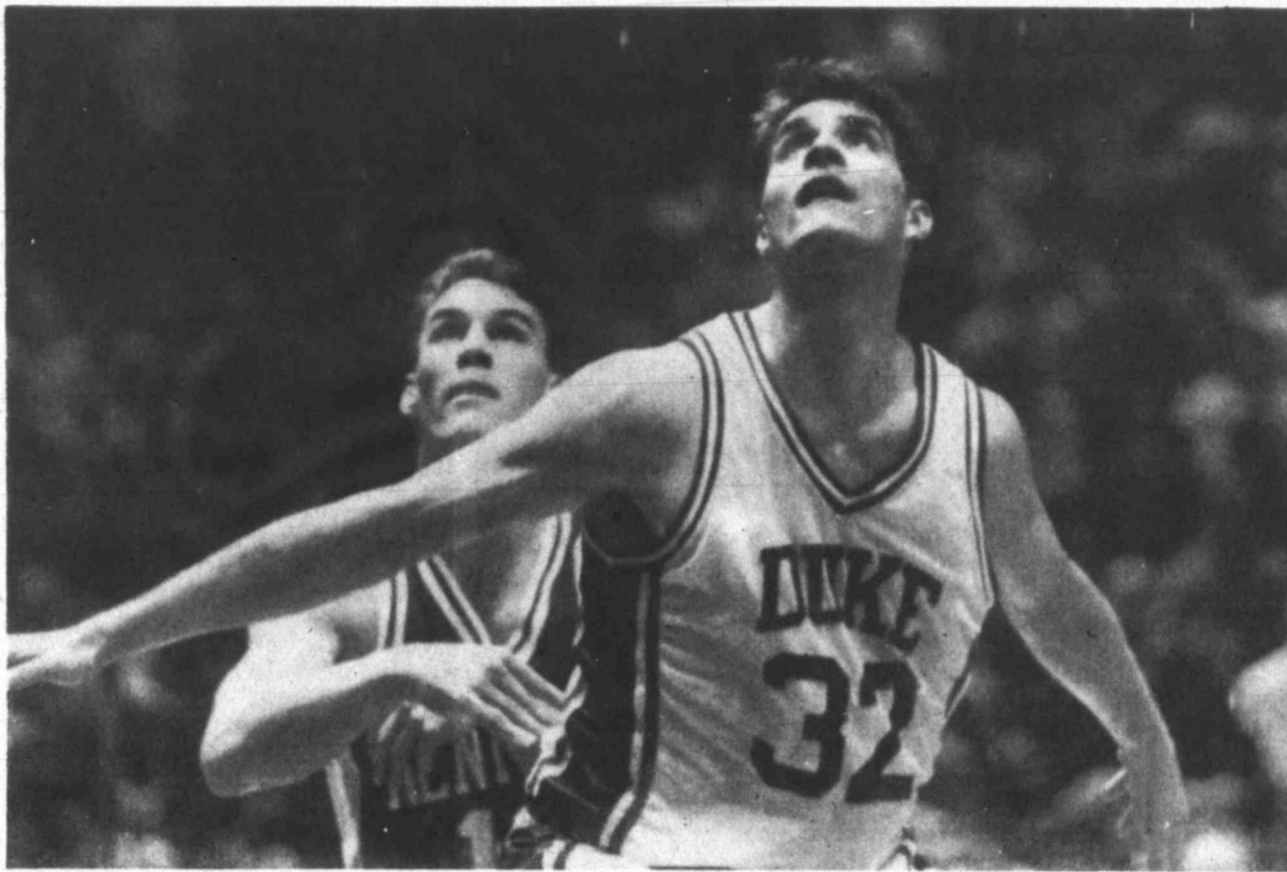
The Blue Devils (32-2), who blew a 10-point lead with 7:40 to play, missed a chance to win in regulation and then beat Kentucky on Laettner's shot. Grant Hill made a length-of-the-court pass to Laettner with 2.1 seconds to play, and the basket marked the fifth — and last — lead change in the final 30 seconds.

Duke will play Indiana, which beat UCLA 106-79 Saturday, and it gets there despite a rare loss of poise in the closing minutes of regulation.

It was the second time Laettner had sent Duke to the Final Four with a buzzer-beater. In 1990, his 17-foot jumper beat Connecticut 79-78 in overtime in the East Regional final.

This time, he grabbed Hill's pass, dribbled once while pivoting away from Kentucky's Deron Feldhaus, and launched a shot that swished through as the buzzer sounded.

The shot was a perfect ending to a perfect shooting game for Laettner, who was 10 of 10 from the field and 10 of 10 from the foul line, and



Duke's Christian Laettner (32) battles University of Kentucky's Deron Feldhaus for position during first half action in Saturday's NCAA East final game at the Spectrum in Philadelphia.

scored 31 points. "I can't believe it happened to me twice in a career," Laettner yelled as he was pounded by team-

mates and fans. Top-ranked Duke kept alive its bid to become the first repeat champion since UCLA in 1973, and

ended Kentucky's dream return from two years' probation and a three-year absence from the tournament it has appeared in more

than any other school.

The sixth-ranked Wildcats (29-7) had taken a 103-102 lead with 2.5 seconds left when Sean Woods hit a one-handed bank shot over Laettner in the lane. Duke called timeout instantly and the Blue Devils needed every tick.

Laettner and senior Brian Davis have made the Final Four each of their four seasons, a feat accomplished only by their teammate of last season, Greg Koubek.

Duke had looked to be taking Easy Street to Minneapolis when the Blue Devils took a 79-69 lead with 7:40 left on — what else? — two free throws by Laettner.

Things unraveled quickly, however, for the team that never gets rattled.

Laettner had been assessed a technical foul just 26 seconds earlier for stepping on the head of Aminu Timberlake when the Kentucky freshman had submarined the All-American on a drive to the basket.

Woods hit a 3-pointer with 5:28 left to tie the game 81-81 and neither team led by more than three points the rest of the way.

Feldhaus, one of four Kentucky seniors who stayed in the program rather than leave when the probation was announced, tied the game 93-93 with 38 seconds left in regulation on a rebound.

Hoosiers have easy time with UCLA Bruins

ALBUQUERQUE, N.M. (AP) — Indiana's March Madness mission has achieved orbit.

The Hoosiers lived up to Florida State coach Pat Kennedy's prophetic assessment of Indiana as a "team on a mission" with a 106-79 rout of UCLA in the West Regional final Saturday.

Fifth-ranked Indiana scorched No. 4 UCLA in every phase of the game and made its 85-74 win over Kennedy's Seminoles in the semifinals look like a slap on the wrist compared to the pummeling of the Bruins.

The Bruins were left breathless

and in awe by an Indiana performance whose highlights included 72 percent second-half shooting, awesome rebounding and just eight turnovers against UCLA's normally tough defense.

In the first half, the Hoosiers were even better than that.

After two lead changes in the opening six minutes, Indiana put together a 20-5 run for a 27-13 lead as Damon Bailey scored six of his 14 first-half points. The Hoosier outrebounded UCLA 24-14 during the first half and put a defensive clamp inside on UCLA forwards

Don MacLean and Tracy Murray. The M&M boys melted and scored only 10 points between them in the half and finished with a total of 27 — 15 under their average.

"We got things going pretty good," said Indiana senior Eric Anderson, who teamed with 6-10 freshman Alan Henderson and forward Calbert Cheaney to frustrate MacLean and Murray, the Bruins' 3-point specialist.

The Hoosiers have blitzed four straight opponents in the tournament after late regular-season losses to Michigan and Purdue cost them the Big Ten title.

The Hoosiers also proved that few things are tougher in basketball than going head-to-head with Bob Knight.

Knights spent much of the week expounding humorously on his use of cerebral reversal — the process of getting his players to slow down in favor of better timing. On Saturday, Knight attributed the victory to a total shutdown of activity in the Hoosiers' camp.

"Who doesn't believe in cerebral reversal?" said Knight, who opted to pass up Friday's practice.

"We didn't take a running step," Knight said. "I thought we came into the game as fresh as we could

under the circumstances. I thought we had good legs. At halftime, our kids ran up the ramp. UCLA walked. I thought that was really a big difference."

The Bruins agreed, but had no clue as to what hit them.

"There's really no explanation for it," said MacLean, who hit just 4 of 13 shots and finished with 12 points. "It seemed like it was everybody, it wasn't just me. It was the whole team. It wasn't like we didn't know what we wanted to do. We had a good game plan and we had already beaten them but we just didn't come out."



Bloodied but unbowed

Despite a bloody nose, Chris Enriquez of the Howard County Boxing Club keeps slugging it out against Joseph Martinez of Snyder at the Spring City Rattlers Boxing Tournament Friday at the National Guard Armory in the 8-9-year-old class. Martinez won the bout.

Heat dumps Magic

ORLANDO, Fla. (AP) — Glen Rice recovered from a slow start to score 15 of his 29 points in the fourth quarter, leading the Miami Heat to 109-100 victory over the Orlando Magic on Saturday night.

Rice, coming off a 35-point performance on 12-for-18 shooting the night before, made only six of 17 shots in the first three quarters against Orlando. He was 6-for-7 in the last period, however, and his two free throws gave the Heat a 101-91 lead with 49 seconds left.

The triumph was the fourth straight for Miami and enabled the

Heat to hold on to eighth place in the Eastern Conference playoff race.

Miami closed the third quarter with a 22-8 run to take a 74-68 lead and was never threatened. Rice missed a technical foul shot at the beginning of the fourth period, but scored Miami's next six points on jumpers to set the tone for the rest of the game.

A 3-pointer by Rice, who made seven jumpers in the Heat's victory over San Antonio on Friday night, gave Miami an 88-78 lead with just under six minutes to go.

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Old Timers to meet March 29

Mr. Pat Martinez and the Big Spring Boxing Club will meet March 29 at Industrial Park Building 265. The meeting will be to discuss an Old Timers baseball game between the Big Spring Tigers and a Midland team.

Spurs lose star center

SAN ANTONIO (AP) — David Robinson of the San Antonio Spurs had surgery this morning to repair a torn tendon near his left thumb. The recovery period is expected to be six weeks, Robinson's agent, Advantage International, said in Washington, D.C. The NBA playoffs will start the week of April 19.

The operation was done by Dr. David Green, a San Antonio hand surgeon, who repaired about a quarter of an inch of the tendon.

The decision to operate was made after the all-star center had been examined by team doctors for the Miami Heat, Charlotte Hornets and the Spurs, Advantage International said in a statement.

"After diagnosing the torn tendon, all three physicians concurred that that left-handed Robinson could sustain ir-reparable damage to tendon without surgery," the statement said.

The 7-foot-1 Robinson returned to San Antonio from Miami, where the Spurs lost 118-101 Friday night, to be examined by Green.

The thumb was injured last week when Robinson collided with another player in a loss to the Charlotte Hornets in San Antonio.

He decided to sit out Wednesday's game at Charlotte because of soreness and swelling. It was the first time he had missed a game because of an injury during his pro career. Robinson previously had played in 232 consecutive games.

Robinson played against Sacramento, Seattle and Philadelphia after suffering the injury. But a blow to the hand in the game against the 76ers aggravated the injury.

American posts fastest time

SUZUKA, Japan (AP) — Kevin Schwantz of the United States posted the fastest trial time for the 500cc class today in qualifying for the world motocrossing championship.

Schwantz's American compatriot, Wayne Rainey, had the ninth-fastest time as he began pursuit of his third straight title.

Riding a Suzuki, Schwantz sped around the 3.64-mile Suzuka Circuit in 2 minutes, 20.324 seconds, at an average speed of 93.273 mph.

Japan's 24-year-old Toshihiko Honda, riding a Yamaha, was an unexpected second with a time of 2:21.082, 0.758 seconds behind, and American Doug Chandler was third at 2:22.023.

The Suzuka race — the Japanese Grand Prix — is the opener of the 13-leg world motocrossing championship.

Baylor coach gets walking papers

WACO (AP) — Baylor basketball coach Gene Iba's contract for the 1992-93 season will not be renewed, President Herbert H. Reynolds announced Friday.

"We appreciate the work coach Iba has accomplished over his seven years at Baylor," Reynolds said in a released issued Friday.

"However, we have decided that it is time for a change in the leadership of our men's program and I am asking Dr. James S. Netherton, vice president for the administration affairs and chief operating officer, to negotiate with coach Iba the completion of his service here."

Iba was in a meeting and couldn't be reached by The Associated Press for comment. Reynolds also was unavailable, a school official said.

Jammerz — skating is all there is

By MARSHA STURDIVANT Staff Writer

David Mills is a man with large dreams, a large family, and an even larger extended family.

Mills organized the Spring City Jammerz, Big Spring's only roller skating speed racing team, in 1991. And the 18-member team traveled to San Antonio this weekend to compete in a Southern Central Speed League.

"We've got a shot at 30 different trophies in various categories. At our last meet, in Austin, we came away with three trophies. Coaches there told me they were amazed. Usually it takes three meets to get one trophy," Mills said.

The team returned with two third and one fourth place trophy from Austin. Mills said he was shocked when he entered the building and realized the magnitude of the competition.

"I've learned a lot, and I'm in training myself. When we walked in and I saw what we were up against, I was overwhelmed. But I couldn't let the kids see that," Mills said.

The team members who attended the meet were: Stevi Bingham, Jacob Flores, Jake McCullough, Zyon Gonzalez, Steven Gressett, Kelly Gressett, Katrina Gressett, Emily Simonek, Elesha Thompson, Sarah Fannin, Willis Morrison III, Michael Morrison and Matthew Mills.

Katrina Gressett, 13, said the



Coach David Mills adjusts the headgear of weekend the Spring City Jammerz are competing Katrina Gressett before a practice session. This in San Antonio.

number of skaters and the speed of each racer was awesome. "You could smell the rubber burning and the flesh burning when they fell and skidded across the floor," she said.

Mills said the racers work out strenuously to be eligible for the team. And he adheres to the no pass, no play rule used with school sponsored UIL activities.

"These kids are extremely dedicated. As far as they are concerned, skating is all there is," he said.

Although the sport is dangerous — the youths wear helmets but no other protection — Mills said teaching confidence is one of his goals as head coach. And the racers' round that rink with confidence born of practice and experience.

"These kids are just as much at home on skates as a runner is on cleats. They have the same confidence and the same confidence in their equipment. If they're not afraid, they're not as likely to fall," Mills said.

Racers may achieve speeds of up to 26 miles per hour as they whiz around the rink, he said. One lap (100 meters) might be covered in 10 seconds.

Mills keeps his racers off skates for their first four weeks in training while they learn eye and hand coordination and dry skating patterns. Once that's mastered, Mills teaches them to race.

"Our parents help a lot as well. We had a parents meeting, and they became quite enthused and now I have two parents, Willis and Barbara Morrison as assistant

coaches. Brian Mills said also an assistant coach," Mills said.

To attend each meet, the racers must raise their own money for expenses. Mills said proudly that the funds needed to attend the San Antonio races was earned by the students in a month.

"That's good, when you think that it took us a year to get the money to go to the first meet. It costs us about \$150 per kid to attend, including room and board and meals, and that's a (near) close meet. The nationals will be in Fresno, Calif., and we'll not make that one," Mills said.

Debbie Mills, wife to David, mother to five of the skaters and helper to the rest, said a Skate-A-Thon earned the students \$900, and a combination bake and rummage sale earned an additional \$300. The club also accepts donations, she said.

Mills watches his troupe with a keen eye, as he anticipates future competitions. The league is divided into age categories, with one division made at 8, then 8-13, then those older than 14. He works to ensure his team members are pitted against other racers of close age, and not have his youngest member, Stevi Bingham, 8, competing with 13 year olds.

"And I try to give them a well-rounded outlook on life. I'm training them to be champions, not just on the rink but in life. My goal is to work with them all," he said.

Texas Tech coach seeking big catches

LUBBOCK, Texas (AP) — Texas Tech football coach Spike Dykes has gone fishin'.

He's not out literally putting worm to hook, but he is hoping to find some big catches on the crowded AstroTurf at Jones Stadium.

The Red Raiders, whose spring workouts draw to a close Saturday with the annual Red-Black scrimmage, lumbered back into practice this week after a few days off for spring break.

While his players were off absorbing rays in places like South Padre Island, Dykes was wondering who will emerge as his kicker, punter, fullback and assorted war-wriors along the offensive and defensive trenches.

"You throw your line out there and see who bites," Dykes said in his familiar country drawl. "We are looking at the guys we don't know much about and finding out who can play, who we can depend on."

The players don't lack for inspiration. The Raiders were one of the hottest teams in the country at the end of last season, winning five of their last six and narrowly missing a bowl invitation.

The surge carried Tech to its highest Southwest Conference finish (tie for second at 5-3) in 15 years.

Dykes is trying to figure a way to make that momentum carry over to next season's home season opener against Oklahoma.

"Momentum really falls back on leadership and confidence," Dykes said. "You always hope to have a group of guys that will help step up and take charge. You never have

any guarantees, but you have to have that maturity."

Dykes will have two experienced though soft-spoken leaders anchoring both sides of the ball in junior quarterback Robert Hall and All-Southwest Conference senior free safety Tracy Saul.

"Both of those guys are like a masterpiece painting," Dykes said. "There is just no way to describe what they are worth. Both are great people and tremendous team players. Neither one is big on talking, just big on doing."

Saul, who also returns punts and kickoffs, was among the nation's leaders in interceptions last year with eight. He holds the Southwest Conference record for career interception return yards (383).

Hall drove defenses crazy with his quick feet and long arm. He accounted for 2,073 yards of total offense, including a school-record 481 yards in Tech's season finale against Houston.

Dykes is looking forward to the arrival this summer of perhaps his finest crop of freshman recruits.

"I don't think there is any question that this is the best class we have brought in," said Dykes, who is beginning his sixth year at Tech. "As a group, we have more guys that we think are difference makers than any other class."

Dykes is generally happy with his offense, a squad that returns only six starters but has plenty of talent eager to show its stuff.

Slippery junior wide receiver Lloyd Hill, from Odessa Permian, is expected to fill in nicely for departed All-Southwest Conference split end Rodney Blackshear. And



A Texas Tech Red Raiders assistant coach waltches the players go through the ropes in a training practice session recently at Jones Field in Lubbock.

sophomore running back Byron "Bam" Morris, whose stocky frame on the move resembles a runaway bowling ball, will replace Anthony Lynn at tailback.

"I think this offense has a chance to be one of the best I have had here," Dykes said. "You can tell they have got some experience."

The defense returns eight starters, including three experienced defensive backs and a strong linebacking corps.

"I think that probably we are stronger and quicker than we have ever been since I have been here, and that is encouraging," Dykes said.

The wild, wacky world of baseball

The ASSOCIATED PRESS

Welcome to baseball, 1994.

Frank Thomas, coming off his Triple Crown season of 54 home runs, 158 RBIs and a .363 average, is cut by the Chicago White Sox in spring training. They claim they can't afford him.

The Florida Marlins, fresh from winning the World Series in their first year with a lineup of Barry Bonds, Cal Ripken, Wade Boggs and Ruben Sierra, fire manager Don Baylor. He didn't win big enough and becomes the 25th manager to get the ax.

Commissioner Tom Seaver, after seeing only 4,396 fans show up at Candlestick Park for the playoffs, announces that no more games will be shown on free TV. From now on, everything goes on pay-per-view, at \$5.95 a pop.

Far-fetched, for sure. But, as baseball approaches opening day 1992 after more changes than ever, how far?

Bill Landrum, Pittsburgh's save leader for the past three years, was suddenly let go this week. He was due to make \$1.7 million, and the Pirates, after losing Bobby Bonilla to free agency and trading high-priced John Smiley, said he cost too much.

"I'm released and I'm out of a job and I shouldn't be," said Landrum, who filed a grievance.

Jim Lefebvre, whose record improved in all three years he managed Seattle, was fired after guiding the Mariners to their first-ever winning season, which still left them in fifth place. A total of 13

"Management isn't going to be as patient anymore. There are millions of dollars at stake, and people want to see results right away," — Kansas City Royals manager Hal McRae.

teams have switched managers since last April, the biggest turnover in history.

"Management isn't going to be as patient anymore," Kansas City manager Hal McRae, who replaced John Wathan last summer, said. "There are millions of dollars at stake, and people want to see results right away."

No one was happy to see 10,000 empty seats at Three Rivers Stadium last October for Game 7 of the playoffs between Atlanta and Pittsburgh. In a recession-ravaged town, \$40 was a lot to ask for a ticket.

"With the economy the way it is, we all have to be responsible and sensitive to those people who don't have jobs," said agent Jim Turner, who represents Ryne Sandberg, Joe Carter and several other top players.

Sandberg is among the lucky ones. He is the highest-paid player in baseball with a contract that calls for \$7.1 million per season. Then again, anyone in the major leagues this year will be doing OK

— for the first time, the average salary will reach \$1 million.

How long the spiral will continue is uncertain, but a good guess is not long. Because after the 1993 season, the \$1.1 billion TV contract that baseball signed with CBS and ESPN will expire and that, more than anything in recent times, will alter the whole picture.

"Anyone thinking there's a solution that will keep revenue at its current level isn't in touch with reality," commissioner Fay Vincent recently warned, and this time all sides listened.

At present, each team gets about \$14 million per year from the network television contract. Estimates on how much each club will get from the next contract range as low as \$7 million, and that may not come until after another round of bitter negotiations between players and owners.

Baseball's big worry about the imbalance between big and small market teams — and the need for revenue sharing — already is being felt. Look at where the top free agents wound up — Bonilla, Danny Tartabull and Eddie Murray in New York, Tom Candiotti in Los Angeles, Frank Viola in Boston and World Series MVP Jack Morris and Dave Winfield in Toronto.

See where some of best players went in trades — Eric Davis to Los Angeles, Bret Saberhagen to New York and Steve Sax to Chicago. Who did Milwaukee get? Jesse Orosco and Bruce Ruffin.

Meanwhile, the days of big-money backups seem to be over.

The New York Yankees recently cut Alvaro Espinoza and Kansas City released Kevin Seitzer this week. More millionaires likely will follow in the next few days.

Of course, the rich teams were not the only ones to get richer. The Mariners, who begin this season not knowing who will own them next year or where they will be playing, made a big deal to get Kevin Mitchell.

The Cincinnati Reds, anxious to achieve the success they had in 1990, traded for Greg Swindell, Bip Roberts, Tim Belcher, Dave Martinez and a few others.

The Kansas City Royals, still stinging from the free-agent signings of Mark and Storm Davis, traded for Kevin McReynolds and Gregg Jefferies and signed Wally Joyner.

The Minnesota Twins, either unwilling or unable to come up with enough money to keep Morris at home, traded for Smiley, a 20-game winner who will cost them more than \$3 million.

"It's not often you get a chance to repeat as World Series champions," Twins general manager Andy MacPhail said. "This was an opportunity that presented itself, and we took it."

A year after the Twins and Braves brought in a lot of new talent and became the first teams to go from worst-to-first, other clubs are trying to copy the formula.

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4-1; Against A Bye, 6-0; Arrow
over Parks Oil Co., 4-2.

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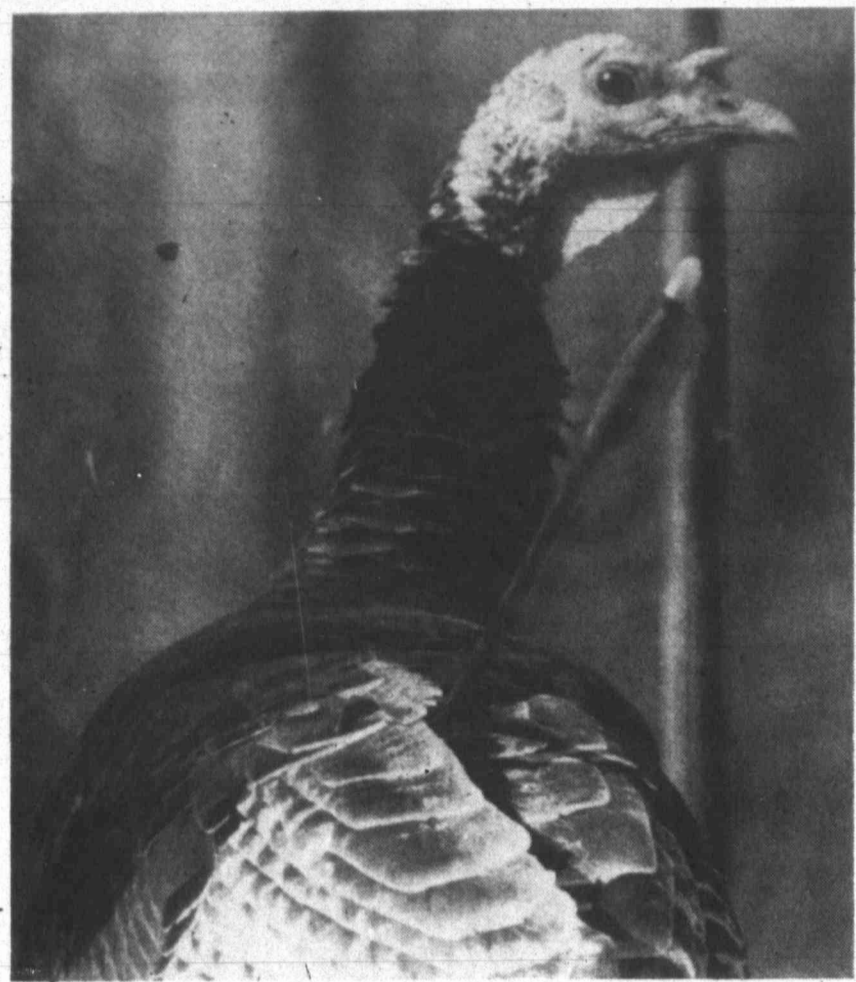
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HUBBARD CREEK: Water a little murky but clear, normal level; black bass are slow; fishing has been slow due to high winds; some crappie were caught around boat docks; a 40-pound yellow catfish was caught on trotline last week.

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Be a safe boater

By MARK WEAVER

There is something really special about being on the water. Whether fishing or pleasure boating, it's fun and it's relaxing. I'm sure that's why boating is one of the fastest growing forms of recreation in America. During the fall and winter the fisherman virtually has the water to himself. But now is the time of year when lakes and rivers begin to be loaded with boaters. And with such an increase in the number of people using the water comes an increase in accidents. I personally believe that fishermen are among the most responsible people on the water. Even so, according to the U.S. Coast Guard, fishermen are involved in nearly one fourth of all boating accidents.

If you find yourself involved in a boating accident the following information should prove to be helpful.

If you don't know how to swim, learn. The ability to swim may very well save your life. There are Red Cross swimming classes offered all across the United States. Also check with local colleges or the Y.M.C.A. There are special classes for adults. Not only will they teach you how to swim but also basic water safety and the correct way to use flotation devices.

If you are involved in an accident stay with the boat. Don't attempt to swim unless you are sure

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help will come. Distances are hard to judge over water and a boat is easier to spot than a swimmer.

Make sure you have a safe boat. You don't want to be in the position to have to swim. Your boat should comply with state regulations and at least meet the minimum requirements of the U.S. Coast Guard. There must be a personal flotation device for every person on board.

Use common sense in operating your boat. Watch out for other boaters, swimmers and obstacles in the water. Be aware of the predicted weather conditions. Don't overload your boat. The manufacturer has installed a plate on the boat stating the recommended capacity. Make sure your load is distributed evenly. Remember, just as there are rules on the highway there are also rules on the lakes and rivers. And there are people out there to enforce them. Don't drink and operate your boat or ride with anyone else who is drinking.

Big up

By LYNN HAY

Twenty year old Reeves performed today. Today, native has been one of country coveted titles. Ronna, along with wood and Paule been nominated female vocalist Academy of Country Music. Trisha's hit 'Love With The B' last year to number one on country charts, former lead singer.

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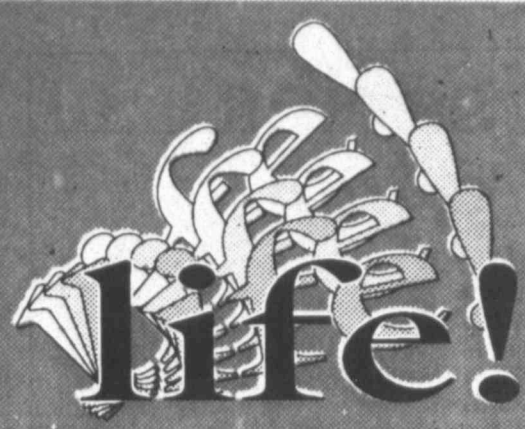
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Big Spring native's career moves up the charts . . . with a bullet



By LYNN HAYES
Staff Writer

Twenty years ago Ronna Reeves performed in her living room. Today, the Big Spring native has been nominated for one of country music's most coveted titles.

Ronna, along with Trisha Yearwood and Paulette Carlson have been nominated for the top new female vocalist award by the Academy of Country Music.

Trisha's hit single, "She's In Love With The Boy," skyrocketed last year to number one on the country charts. Paulette is the former lead singer with Highway 101.

Born 25 years ago in Big Spring, Ronna began singing at the tender age of five. Using a jump rope for a microphone, she would ham it up in her living room as she entertained her parents and their friends.

"Everytime my parents had people over it was kind of the 'Ronna Reeves Variety Hour,'" she recalled with a laugh. "I would get up and start singing and dancing . . . I loved performing even then."

Her brother, Robbie, who has served as her road manager for the past seven years, would make sure his sister was in the spotlight by shining a flashlight on her as she performed.

After winning the "Little Miss Big Spring" competition at the age of eight, Ronna was told that she was a good tap dancer, but that her real talent was her voice.

"One of the judges told me 'You're a good dancer, but you're a great singer for an eight-year-

old,'" Ronna recalled.

Even as a youngster, Ronna knew she wanted a singing career. At the age of 11, she put together a band called "Short Circuit," playing mostly country tunes.

"I seemed to lean more to country, although I did sing a mixture of music," she explained in a phone interview from her Nashville home.

Working with local musician, Don Tolle, Ronna learned the history of country music and began singing one of Hank Williams' popular country

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"He taught me how to sing 'Your Cheatin' Heart,'" she said.

At the age of 17, she performed at the Dorothy Garrett Coliseum as the opening act for George Strait. She also played the Brass Nail a couple of years ago, opening for Shenandoah.

Although she had fronted for several country greats — including Ronnie Milsap, Rebe McEntire, Garth Brooks and Randy Travis — Ronna hadn't yet made a name for herself in Music City until two years ago when she signed a contract with Mercury/Nashville.

Although her first album "Only The Heart" didn't have much

commercial success, Ronna is enthusiastic about her current album and video "The More I Learn."

"It's number 45 on the charts — with a bullet, which means it's going up," Ronna explained.

According to her biography, Ronna's current release is a bouncy, reggae-tinged number that suggests a young Bonnie Raitt or Linda Ronstadt with a truer country edge.

While pursuing her career, Ronna lived with her parents in Odeña. However, the demand of her career prompted her to move to Nashville in July.

"Another reason I moved here was to help with my songwriting. There are so many wonderful songwriters here and they're willing to help me," she said.

As for her nomination by the Academy of Country Music, Ronna is ecstatic.

"I'm thrilled about it . . . It definitely was something I wasn't expecting. I knew I had been nominated in the top five, but I never dreamed I'd be named in the final three," she said.

Ronna will travel to Los Angeles soon, where she'll tape her performance that will air April 29 during the awards ceremony.

"I won't be performing live, but the tape will be aired and I'll be in the audience," she explained.

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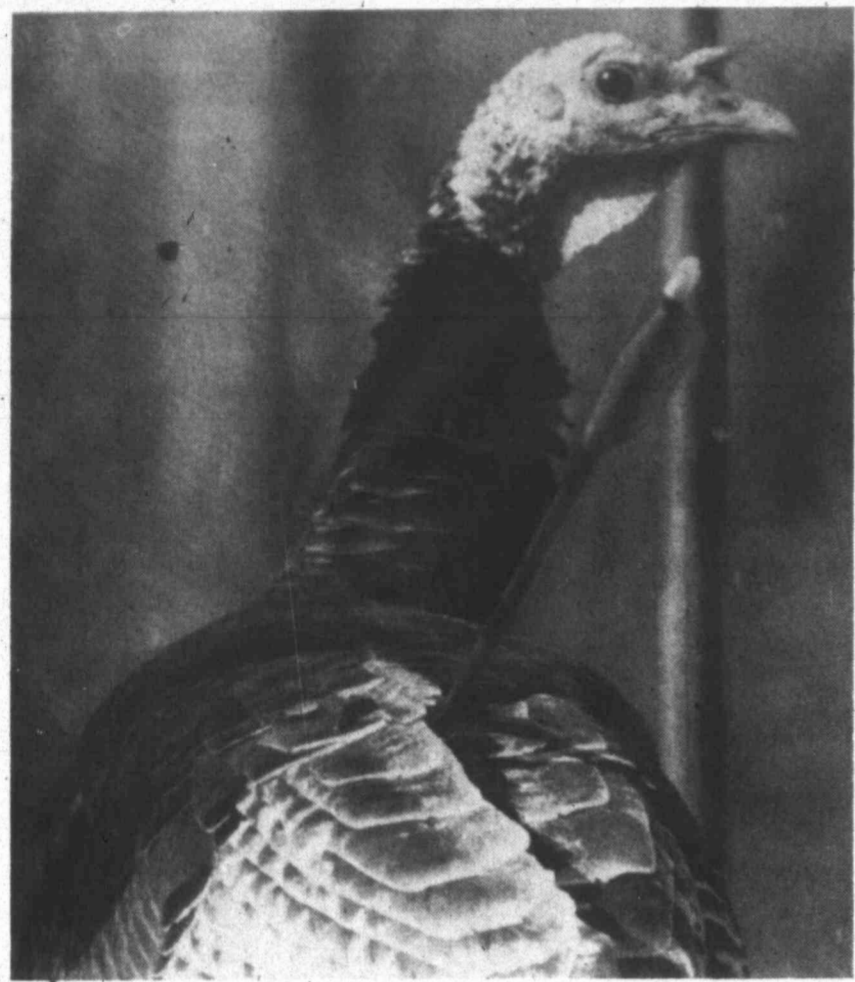
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LIMESTONE: Water murky to muddy, normal level; black bass are improving on spinners and Jawtech lizards; crappie are fairly good in number in shallow water in catfalls on minnows; white bass are slow; catfish are fair in the 5-7 pound range on live bait in the creek channels.

SOMERVILLE: Water clear in lower half, some murkiness around banks, 58 degrees, 20 feet above normal level; black bass are good in the trees and in shallow water to 3 pounds on worms and cranks; striper are good to 5 pounds on live bait and trotting DB3s with Tony Accetta Spoons trailers; crappie are fair to 13 fish per string on minnows in shallow creeks, around submerged brush and under bridges; white bass are good on slabs, spoons and minnows; catfish are slow due to lack of fishermen.

SQUAW CREEK: Water clear, 65 degrees, normal level; black bass are good in the 3-5 pound range in shallow to 7 feet of water on Rattle Traps, minnows and spinners; striper are slow; crappie are slow; white bass are slow; catfish are good to 12 1/2 pounds on worms, stinkbait and blood-bait in water under 26 feet in depth.

TRAVIS: Water clear, 62 degrees, 2 feet above normal level; largemouth bass are good to 7 pounds, 2 ounces with several in the 5 to 6 pound range on charréus spin-

ners, orange-bellied cranks and smoke glifter grubs; Guadalupe bass are good to 2 pounds on same baits; striper are slow; crappie are fair to 10 feet of water around brush on charréus crappie jigs; white bass are fair on smoke grubs in coves; catfish are slow.

WACO: Water muddy, 68 degrees, 10 feet above normal level; black bass are slow; striper, crappie and white bass are slow; catfish are good to 10 pounds on trotlines baited with live bait.

WHITNEY: Water clear, 59 degrees, 11 feet above normal and dropping 1 foot per day; largemouth bass are fair to 4 pounds on Rattle Traps, grubs, spinners and Mann Shadows; smallmouth bass are slow; striper are fair in shallow water to 16 pounds on shad and Redfins in shallow water; crappie are fair with short strings to 1 1/2 pounds on minnows; white bass are fair only; catfish are fairly good to 10 pounds on trotline baited with live goldfish.

BRAUNIG: Water murky, 68 degrees, normal level; black bass are good to 7 pounds on plastic worms; hybrid striper are good but most are undersized on chicken liver, some keepers caught; catfish are good in the 3-4 pound range on shrimp, worms and chicken livers; blue catfish are good to 8 pounds on cut bait; redfish are fairly good through 18 pounds trolling Tony Accetta gold and red spoons.

CALAVEAS: Water murky, 62 degrees, 18 inches above normal level; black bass are fairly good to 6.4 pounds on artificials, worms and Rattle Traps; striper are fair to 7 pounds, 14 ounces on shad and minnows; channel catfish are good to 2 pounds; blue catfish are good to 4 pounds on live perch; redfish are fair in number to 14 pounds on spoons.

CHOCO: Water clear, 73 degrees, 2 feet low; black bass are fair in 1-3 feet of water on charréus spinners, most others are suspended in 10-20 feet of water, others are suspended in 4-10 feet of water in the old mullet trees; the main lake points, tank dams and humps are good areas to fish; deep-diving crawfish-colored cranks, spinners and Rattle Traps work very well on the suspended bass; very little action on bass in 3-8 feet of water; striper are slow; crappie are slow with a few caught along the river at 99 bridge and Mason Point on live minnows, best fishing is at night or early morning; white bass are slow, some scattered fish were caught from Mason point to San Miguel Creek; catfish are good with limits to 2 pounds average in 3-10 feet of water on cheese bait under a cork with 4-6 feet of line; catfish are also concentrating where the birds are roosting, the Frio River at 99 bridge and at Elm Creek, Possum Creek and along the south shore flats. A good number of catfish to 50 pounds were caught on live bait and cut bait up river.

CREEK: Water murky in places, 70 degrees, normal level; black bass are fair with some keepers caught on buzz baits and spinners; striper are good with some keepers to 18 inches caught on jigs and spoons at Dike 2; crappie are poor; catfish are good to 47 pounds on trotlines with live bait; many in the 3-4 pound range were caught on shrimp and chicken livers.

FALCON: Water clear, 70 degrees, 18 inches above normal level; black bass are fair to good to 10 pounds, 2 ounces on cranks; striper are good but most are undersized, best bait is a Knocker Spoon; crappie are slow; white bass are good in number but most are small, best bait is a Knocker Spoon; catfish are good to 8 pounds on shrimp-baited rod and reel.

MEDINA: Water clear, 1 foot above normal level; black bass are fair to 3 pounds on medium diving cranks; striper are slow; crappie are slow.

POSSUM KINGDOM: Water murky, 53 degrees, normal level; black bass are good in the 3-5 pound range in the shallows with Slug-Gos in black and gray; striper are good in the 15 to 18 pound range in 30 feet of water on live bait; crappie are good with full strings caught on minnows in 4 feet of water; white bass are good on Lil Georges; catfish are fair on rod and reel with worms and cut bait; trotline fishing is slow.

SPENCE: Water clear, 59 degrees, 30 feet low; black bass are slow; striper are slow; all fishing slow due to high winds.

STAMFORD: Water muddy due to high winds, normal level; all fishing has been slow due to high winds.

TWIN BUTTES: Water clear, 58-60 degrees, lake full; black bass are good in number on crappie minnows; crappie are good on minnows in 20-25 feet of water; white bass are good on minnows; blue cat-

Be a safe boater

By MARK WEAVER

There is something really special about being on the water. Whether fishing or pleasure boating, it's fun and it's relaxing. I'm sure that's why boating is one of the fastest growing forms of recreation in America. During the fall and winter the fisherman virtually has the water to himself. But now is the time of year when lakes and rivers begin to be loaded with boaters. And with such an increase in the number of people using the water comes an increase in accidents. I personally believe that fishermen are among the most responsible people on the water. Even so, according to the U.S. Coast Guard, fishermen are involved in nearly one fourth of all boating accidents.

If you find yourself involved in a boating accident the following information should prove to be helpful.

If you don't know how to swim, learn. The ability to swim may very well save your life. There are Red Cross swimming classes offered all across the United States. Also check with local colleges or the Y.M.C.A. There are special classes for adults. Not only will they teach you how to swim but also basic water safety and the correct way to use flotation devices.

If you are involved in an accident stay with the boat. Don't attempt to swim unless you are sure

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help will come. Distances are hard to judge over water and a boat is easier to spot than a swimmer.

Make sure you have a safe boat. You don't want to be in the position to have to swim. Your boat should comply with state regulations and at least meet the minimum requirements of the U.S. Coast Guard. There must be a personal flotation device for every person on board.

Use common sense in operating your boat. Watch out for other boaters, swimmers and obstacles in the water. Be aware of the predicted weather conditions. Don't overload your boat.

The manufacturer has installed a plate on the boat stating the recommended capacity. Make sure your load is distributed evenly. Remember, just as there are rules on the highway there are also rules on the lakes and rivers.

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By LYNN HAYES Staff Writer

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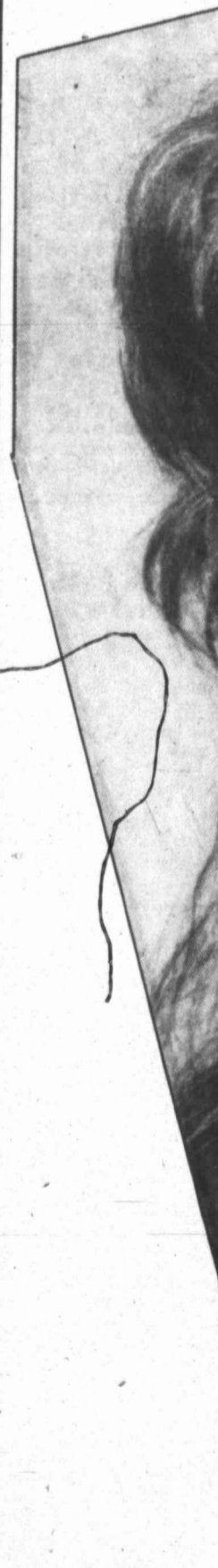
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Big Spring native's career moves up the charts . . . with a bullet



By LYNN HAYES
Staff Writer

Twenty years ago Ronna Reeves performed in her living room. Today, the Big Spring native has been nominated for one of country music's most coveted titles.

Ronna, along with Trisha Yearwood and Paulette Carlson have been nominated for the top female vocalist award by the Academy of Country Music.

Trisha's hit single, "She's In Love With The Boy," skyrocketed last year to number one on the country charts. Paulette is the former lead singer with Highway 101.

Born 25 years ago in Big Spring, Ronna began singing at the tender age of five. Using a jump rope for a microphone, she would ham it up in her living room as she entertained her parents and their friends.

"Everytime my parents had people over it was kind of the 'Ronna Reeves Variety Hour,'" she recalled with a laugh. "I would get up and start singing and dancing . . . I loved performing even then."

Her brother, Robbie, who has served as her road manager for the past seven years, would make sure his sister was in the spotlight by shining a flashlight on her as she performed.

After winning the "Little Miss Big Spring" competition at the age of eight, Ronna was told that she was a good tap dancer, but that her real talent was her voice.

"One of the judges told me 'You're a good dancer, but you're a great singer for an eight-year-

old,'" Ronna recalled.

Even as a youngster, Ronna knew she wanted a singing career. At the age of 11, she put together a band called "Short Circuit," playing mostly country tunes.

"I seemed to lean more to country, although I did sing a mixture of music," she explained in a phone interview from her Nashville home.

Working with local musician, Don Tolle, Ronna learned the history of country music and began singing one of Hank Williams' popular country

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Ronna Reeves country singer

standards.

"He taught me how to sing 'Your Cheatin' Heart,'" she said.

At the age of 17, she performed at the Dorothy Garrett Coliseum as the opening act for George Strait. She also played the Brass Nail a couple of years ago, opening for Shenandoah.

Although she had fronted for several country greats — including Ronnie Milsap, Rebe McEntire, Garth Brooks and Randy Travis — Ronna hadn't yet made a name for herself in Music City until two years ago when she signed a contract with Mercury/Nashville.

Although her first album "Only The Heart" didn't have much

commercial success, Ronna is enthusiastic about her current album and video "The More I Learn."

"It's number 45 on the charts — with a bullet, which means it's going up," Ronna explained.

According to her biography, Ronna's current release is a bouncy, reggae-tinged number that suggests a young Bonnie Raitt or Linda Ronstadt with a truer country edge.

While pursuing her career, Ronna lived with her parents in Odessa. However, the demand of her career prompted her to move to Nashville in July.

"Another reason I moved here was to help with my songwriting. There are so many wonderful songwriters here and they're willing to help me," she said.

As for her nomination by the Academy of Country Music, Ronna is ecstatic.

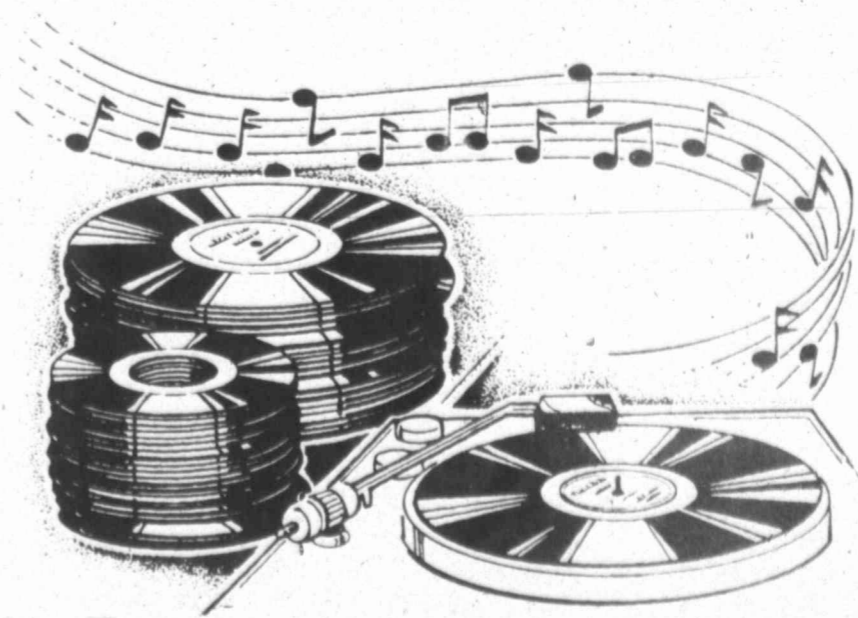
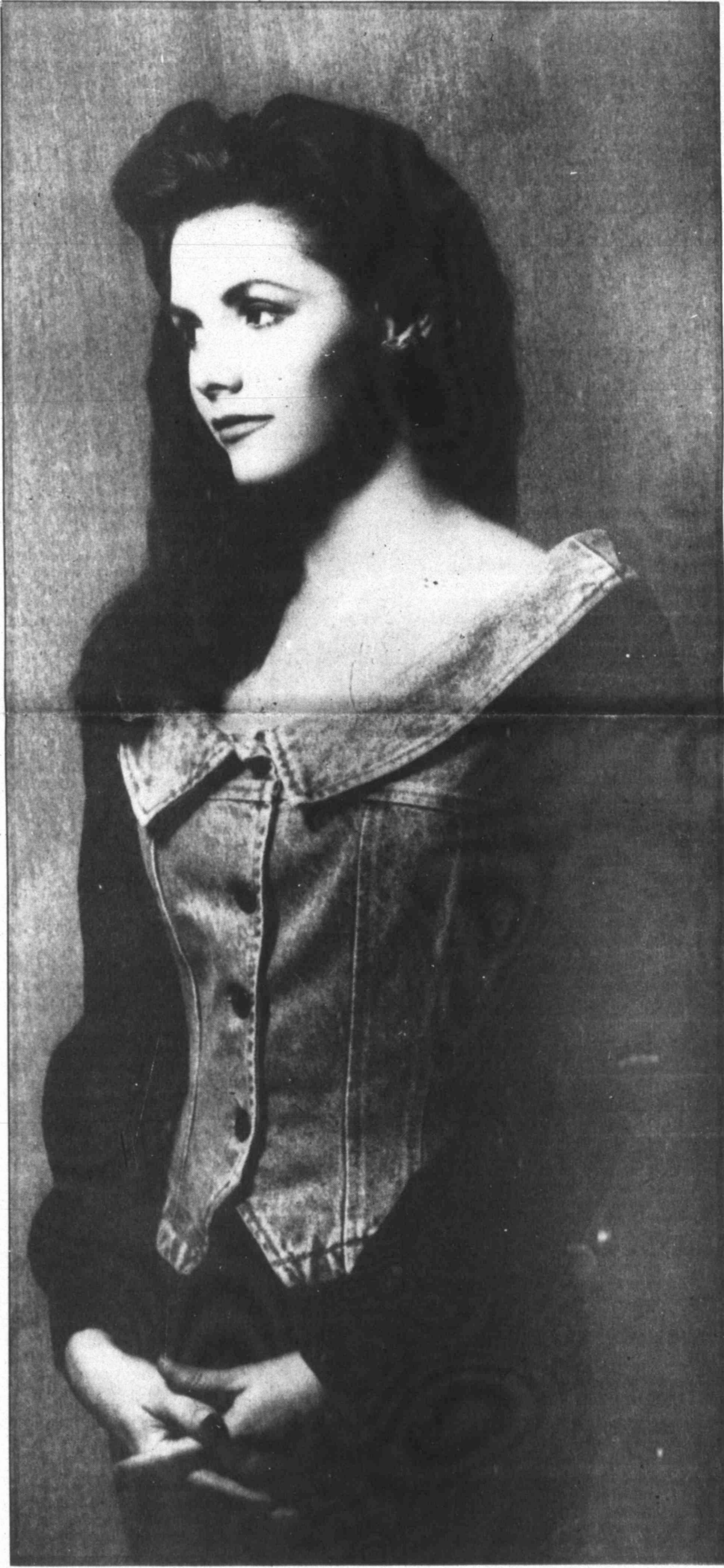
"I'm thrilled about it . . . It definitely was something I wasn't expecting. I knew I had been nominated in the top five, but I never dreamed I'd be named in the final three," she said.

Ronna will travel to Los Angeles soon, where she'll tape her performance that will air April 29 during the awards ceremony.

"I won't be performing live, but the tape will be aired and I'll be in the audience," she explained.

Although Ronna is on her way to a successful singing career, she said she'll always remember her humble beginnings in her hometown.

"I got my start in Big Spring. That's where it all began."



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The legacy of Jay Phillips

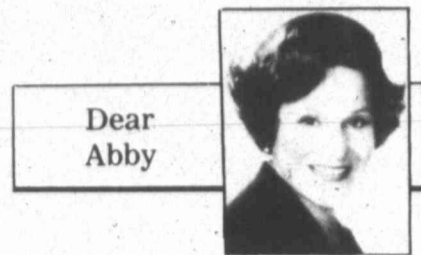
DEAR READERS: If he had lived just a few weeks longer, on March 22, Mr. Jay Phillips would have celebrated his 94th birthday. Jay Phillips was my beloved father-in-law. What follows is an edited version of his obituary, published in the Minneapolis Star-Tribune:

"Jay Phillips, 93, patriarch of the Phillips family and founder of the Ed Phillips and Sons Liquor distributing firm in Minneapolis, who began his business career selling newspapers for a penny apiece and ended up a legend in philanthropy, died Wednesday at Desert Hospital in Palm Springs, Calif.

"Phillips and his wife of 74 years, Rose, left Minneapolis for Palm Springs and planned to return April 1. He fell ill in early February and died shortly after noon on Feb. 26, apparently of congestive heart failure, said his son, Morton, husband of advice columnist Abigail Van Buren.

"Jay Phillips was president of the Phillips Foundation, which donated many millions of dollars to cultural, civic, medical and educational causes.

"Phillips laid the financial foundation for Mount Sinai Hospital, the first hospital in the Twin Cities with Jewish doctors on its staff. He set up the John Najarian chair in surgery at the University of Minnesota, and helped finance one of its main medical buildings, the Phillips-Wangensteen Building, to honor his friend, Dr. Owen Wangenstein. He was instrumental in starting the Albert Einstein



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College of Medicine at Yeshiva University in New York.

"He helped establish the Jewish-Christian Learning Center at the University of St. Thomas in St. Paul, and endowed a chair of Jewish Studies at St. John's University in Collegeville, Minn.

"Phillips was honored last May for a million-dollar gift to the U.S. Holocaust Memorial Museum being built in Washington, D.C. That gift culminated Phillips' lifelong dedication to sharing his wealth.

"Phillips was 2 1/2 years old when he came to the United States with his family from Russia. By the time he was 7, he was selling newspapers, making 50 to 80 cents a day to take home to his family. But he never went home without stopping at a bakery to buy day-old bread for the poor and hungry men he saw on the street.

"Thomas P. Cook, a longtime friend, said, 'The amount of charity in his heart was unbelievable.'

"He was a major contributor in establishing Courage Center in Golden Valley, Minn., rehabilitation centers for persons with physical disabilities — as well as the Westside Center for Independent Living in Los Angeles, Calif.

His philanthropic emphasis on the handicapped was prompted by his daughter, the late Helen Levin, who was a quadriplegic as a result of polio.

"A few years ago, a reporter asked Phillips why he chose a career that earned him millions of dollars and then turned around and gave it away. Jay Phillips replied, 'I don't like the word 'give.' — I say, 'share.' A hairline separates people who make good and people who don't — and those who make it should help the ones who don't, because they are the custodians of worldly goods, not the owners.'"

So, Dear Readers, whatever fame and glory I have achieved as "Dear Abby" must take a backseat to the pride I have in being a Phillips. Thank you, Morton, for marrying me in 1939.

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No cruising for this peasant

A few months ago, I wrote a column about going on a cruise. As part of an advertising campaign, I was slated to go on a free weeklong cruise of the Virgin Islands. The column wasn't much about the cruise itself but rather the absurdity of the whole notion. I'm well versed in the facts of life, and the simple truth is, I'm a peasant and peasants don't cruise. Heck, a peasant's lucky if she can manage to thumb a ride to the nearest phone after the gas tank falls out of her car, in the cold, in

Instead of basking in clear, blue waters and silver-white sands, it will be another summer of running under the sprinklers with the kids and whacking my tailbone on the Slip and Slide.

the rain, in the middle of the highway, with people beeping their horns and yelling, "Hey lady, are you nuts? Get that hunk of crap off the road!"

But I digress. The point is, we peasants aren't known for our good fortune; that's what made us peasants in the first place.

So I didn't allow myself to become overly excited about the



Christina Ferchalk

cruise. Experience has taught me to be wary of anything that sounds too good to be true. And my daddy taught me long ago that there is no such thing as a free lunch. I chose to remain cautious.

However, my friends and family (not a pessimist in the bunch) went completely nuts. You'd have thought they were the ones going on the cruise. People who know me only slightly said nice things: "Congratulations, I'm so happy for you." People who know me very well said: "You rotten little creep, how come you get to go and I don't?" or "You crummy brat, I hope you fall off the boat! So, do I have anything in my closet you can use?"

Friends offered me the loan of anything they had. Most of my friends have little, but everyone has something she holds special: a set of matched luggage, an expensive party dress, a piece of good jewelry. Whatever it was they prized, I was welcome to borrow. A particularly voluptuous friend even offered me the use of her breasts, seeing as how I don't have any of my own. The

condition of the loan was that I get them tanned for her. That offer was hard to pass up.

I live in an area that has one of the highest unemployment rates in the country. Poverty is a constant. Everyone I know is hurting, and we're sick to death of it all. So I'd have understood if some of my friends had been somewhat disgruntled, slightly envious, even a tad hateful about my going off on a fabulous cruise. But that's not the way it was. Instead, they seemed glad that at least one among us would have the chance to blow a little coal dust out of her hair. And that was the best part.

As I long suspected it would, the cruise deal went south, so to speak. I won't be the only person on my block to sport tan lines in May after all. Instead of losing it in the Virgin Islands, I'll continue to deal with it on the home front. Instead of basking in clear, blue waters and silver-white sands, it will be another summer of running under the sprinklers with the kids and whacking my tailbone on the Slip and Slide.

But it's OK. I can handle it. I think my friends are more upset about the turn of events than I am. But I tell them to let it pass; it's no big thing. Chances are I would have gotten smooched on those fancy rum drinks they serve on cruise ships and really would have fallen off the boat. So it all works out for the best.

Youth offers helping hand to troubled teens

By MICHAEL DEKKER
Lawrence Journal-World

TOPEKA, Kan. (AP) — Nathan Dey, a young man who shot and killed a friend in Lawrence two years ago, says he brings an inside, firsthand perspective to helping troubled youth.

"I think it's important for kids to be able to speak to someone who's been on the inside and not just those who are on the outside, who don't know what it's like,"

'I want to keep kids from coming (here) and ending up like I did.'
Nathan Day

said Dey, a resident of the state's youth center for juvenile offenders here.

"I want to keep kids from coming (here) and ending up like I did," he said.

Dey, originally from Lawrence, has had two years at the youth center to reflect on events leading up to Jan. 14, 1990, when he fatally shot a friend, Geoffrey Railing, 18, in a Lawrence residence during an argument.

Prosecuting and defense attorneys later said Dey, who was 17 at the time of the shooting, maintained he didn't mean to shoot his friend.

Dey pleaded no contest to the juvenile equivalent of felony murder in the shooting, and Douglas County District Judge Jean Shepherd ordered him into the custody of the Topeka youth center until his 21st birthday on June 29, 1993.

Now 19, Dey says he's committed to helping other youths who have problems at home or school and who could be headed for a life

of crime and prison. "The only difference between the kids in here and some of the kids on the outside is that the kids in here got caught," he said. "A lot of kids don't have the structure they need at home to keep them from getting in trouble."

Dey is trying to prevent youth problems by occasionally speaking to area children and young adults about his own experience and conditions at the Topeka youth center, through the center's speakers bureau.

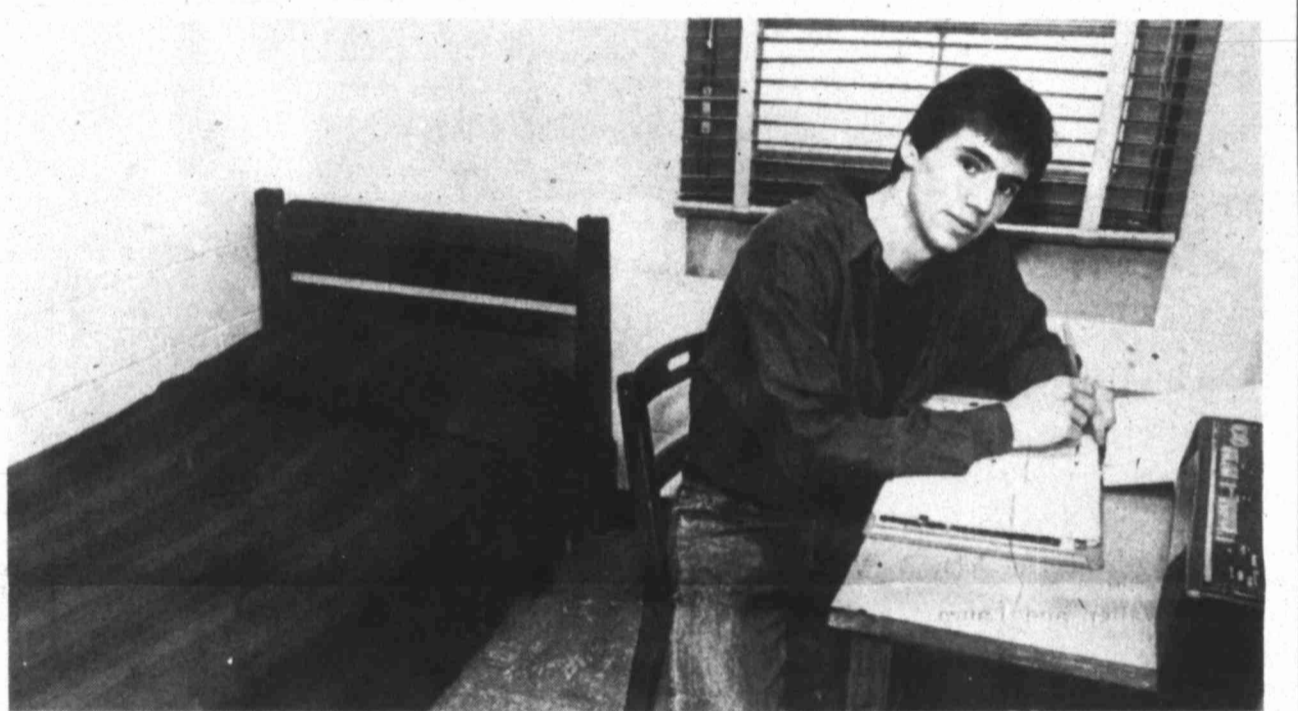
"I go every chance I get," he said of the speaking engagements, which include area schools and churches. He speaks to individuals and to audiences, ranging from elementary school students to parents.

"We don't ever try to scare 'em, because, to me, if you try to scare a kid, he's not going to listen," Dey said. "What we just do is lay it on the line — we show them that we tried to play the system and we got caught. If you try to play the system you're going to end up getting caught, too."

In addition, Dey has been named to a governor's advisory committee on juvenile offender programs. The committee, which meets once a month to discuss strategies and funding for preventive and rehabilitative youth offender programs, is comprised of attorneys, state senators and department of corrections officials.

Dey says his own experience in the youth offender system enables him to bring an inside perspective to the committee.

"At first, I don't think they took me seriously," said Dey, who was named to the committee in October. "But, now, I think, they listen more to what I have to



Nathan Dey sits in his room after two years at the state's youth center for juvenile offenders in Topeka, Kan., reflecting on events leading up to Jan. 14, 1990, when he fatally shot a friend during

an argument. Dey says he is committed to helping other youths who have problems at home or school.

say." Dey was recommended to serve on the committee by Harry Allen, superintendent of the Topeka youth center. Dey says the committee discusses the effectiveness of existing juvenile offender programs, such as the youth center at Topeka, and examines alternative programs. The committee also makes funding recommendations to Gov. Joan Finney. Dey says an important aspect of juvenile programs is the ability of offenders who are detained at a youth center to have a smooth transition back to society.

"I know a lot of kids that have been here for two years. The most successful kids are those ... that have enough time to re-evaluate themselves," he said. "But after two years of being locked up, you're just so excited to be out, if you don't have something to ease you back in (to society) slowly ... then you're going to go back out there and live it up for a while because you've missed it for two years." "Transition is what I stress." In addition, Dey says preventing problems is important. "It would be nice if we didn't have to have places like this," he said.



Oooo baby baby

Six year old Bengal tiger, Mwause, cares for one of her three newly born cubs, Tuesday at Marine World Africa USA in Vallejo, Calif. The cubs weigh just two and one half pounds each and are under 24-hour supervision by the staff at the park's Jungle Theater.

Family sues SAT testing service

NEW YORK (AP) — Brian Dalton nearly doubled his SAT score, but the achievement has brought him nothing but trouble.

The 18-year-old from Queens says that coaching helped him make a remarkable comeback on the Scholastic Aptitude Test. But the company that administers the test came up with a different answer: He cheated.

Dalton and his parents sued the Educational Testing Service, based in Lawrence Township, N.J. The case is due to start in state Supreme Court in May.

"The family is very upset. It's just not fair," said Dalton lawyer Maura Nicolosi. "Here they are telling their son to be fair and honest, and ETS isn't treating him that way."

The SAT proctor, the test supervisor and two other students who took the test last November at John Bowne High School all say Brian was there, court documents show. The number of tests turned in matched the number of students, ETS says.

Nicolosi said ETS believes Dalton signed somebody else's name to his paper and that another person took the test for him.

ETS spokesman Ray Nicosia said compelling evidence is needed to void a test score. He refused to comment on Dalton's case, but said ETS has never lost a lawsuit brought by an alleged cheater. Dalton is a typical high school senior: good athlete, B-minus to C-

plus average, top third of his class at Holy Cross High School, looking forward to college. He attributes his huge improvement to hard work and a program designed to boost test scores.

Dalton took the six-week, 40-hour Princeton Review SAT course at a cost of \$695 after a disappointing combined score of 620 on his first go at the SATs.

On his second try, Dalton rang up a 1,030, going from a 290 to a 420 in verbal and a 330 to a 610 in math. Improvements of this magnitude are extraordinary, an ETS computer kicks out any score with a jump that big.

The lowest possible score is 400, with the highest 1600; there are 800 points possible in both verbal and math skills.

A letter went to Dalton offering him several alternatives: retest, refund, arbitration. The senior could also choose to have his scores sent to colleges with an attached letter explaining ETS believes he cheated.

He called a lawyer instead. The Associated Press was unable reach Dalton on Thursday, but he told The Wall Street Journal what he thought of the folks at ETS.

"Idiots. I know it won't help me saying that, but they're idiots," said Brian, who hopes to attend St. John's University in New York. John Katzman, owner of the Princeton Review Inc., said ETS' claim that test scores should not vary by more than 40 points per

test, even with coaching, is absurd. "ETS is the last place in the country that believes you can't raise your scores through coaching," he said.

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Parents of slain daughter sued by her murderer

SHAMROCK (AP) — Norbert Schlegel is still waiting to see if his former son-in-law will look him in the eye. He'll find out soon enough. Schlegel and his wife, Jaye Nell, have spent nearly 17 years seeking justice in the bizarre electrocution death of their daughter, Rhonda. Digging up most of the evidence themselves, the Schlegels were instrumental in building a case against Bobby Templin, who married Rhonda in 1973. Three years later, he murdered the 20-year-old blond by dangling a bare-wire extension cord between her right arm and breast as she lay naked in the bathtub. Two juries convicted Templin, the later sentencing him to 99 years



Associated Press photo

"This is an act of a desperate man. All of his legal recourse is dwindling down so he lashes out against the Schlegels,"
David Lewis attorney

in prison. The Schlegels have vigorously fought Templin's release, including a letter in March 1989 urging the State Board of Pardons and Paroles not to be swayed by his "Ted Bundy"-like charm.

Now Templin, at taxpayers' expense, is representing himself in a lawsuit against the Schlegels, claiming the family's comment invaded his privacy and cast him in a false light. He is seeking \$225,000. "Because of the defendant's false statements, plaintiff has undeservingly suffered shame, embarrassment, fear, wounded pride, humiliation and mental anguish," the lawsuit says.

Huntsville prison officials would not allow Templin to be interviewed by telephone.

David Lewis, the Schlegels' attorney, wonders "what type of privacy a convicted murderer has?"

"This is an act of a desperate man," he added. "All of his legal recourse is dwindling down so he lashes out against the Schlegels."

When the Wheeler County sheriff's deputy arrived at the Schlegels' modest home to serve them with the suit last November, they thought it was a joke.

When the deputy apologetically said he was serious, Schlegel was in disbelief.

"It was kind of incredible," Schlegel said. "We feel like this is a frivolous lawsuit designed for harassment and probably to prevent us from going to the board of pardons and paroles to oppose his parole."

Lewis calls the suit "paper war-

fare," and an abuse of taxpayers' money. "The Schlegels fight the good fight and do everything the law will allow to seek justice and this is the encouragement for participating in the system?" Lewis said. "Mr. Schlegel simply responded in a letter authorized by the parole board for victims of violent crime in Texas and this is what he gets."

Lewis said the case should be dismissed because "the timing of (the lawsuit) and the lack of any real articulatable motivation for it, just scream out that it was done for harassment's sake."

A March 30 pretrial hearing on the case in district court in Wheeler has been postponed. It's just more waiting for a family which has been forced to spend thousands of dollars for justice in their daughter's death. But now the Schlegels fear finality may never come.

"We envision now that he knows he can harass us with a lawsuit he will try more," Schlegel said. "But how many lawsuits are we going to have to face and over what issues?" Still, Schlegel looks forward to a face-to-face meeting with Templin. "Basically the only time we have been around him since the murder was when we took depositions and

sat across the table from him. And he wouldn't look at us," Schlegel said.

"We are just waiting for the hearing. We are anxious to be in the courtroom with him. He will have no protection, and I don't mean physical protection, but he won't have support such as an attorney to back him up."

"Because he is representing himself, I am anxious to see how this evolves. I want to see if he can look me in the eye."

The marathon Templin murder case was the subject of a 1989 AP series titled "Prairie Justice." The series of newspaper articles is where Templin discovered the Schlegels' comments comparing him to Bundy, a notorious mass murderer who lured women to their death with his good looks and charm.

"It was a statement of fact. If you feel like you're telling the truth, then there is no reason to regret making a statement," he said.

Templin, a medical technologist, insists he is innocent.

The unusual case dates back to April 11, 1976, when Mrs. Templin was found dead in the bathtub of the couple's home in Rotan, near Abilene.

Menus

BIG SPRING SENIOR CITIZENS
MONDAY — Hamburger steak; mashed potatoes; carrots; corn muffins; fruit.
TUESDAY — Oven fried chicken; broccoli; mashed potatoes; hot rolls; brownies.

COAHOMA BREAKFAST
MONDAY — Burrito; fruit; milk.
TUESDAY — Biscuits with jelly; ham; juice; milk.
WEDNESDAY — Pizza; juice; milk.
THURSDAY — Cinnamon toast; sausage; fruit; milk.
FRIDAY — Fruit turnover; ham; milk.

COAHOMA LUNCH
MONDAY — Chicken fried steak with gravy; mashed potatoes; sweet peas; pull apart bread; milk.
TUESDAY — Enchiladas; pinto beans; salad; oatmeal-raisin; milk.
WEDNESDAY — Fried chicken with gravy; sweet potatoes; blackeyed peas; finger rolls; fruit; milk.
THURSDAY — Salisbury with brown gravy; macaroni and cheese; corn; light bread; peanut butter bar; milk.
FRIDAY — Pizza; french fries; pork and beans; milk.

SANDS BREAKFAST
MONDAY — Donuts; juice; milk.
TUESDAY — Biscuits and sausage; jelly; juice; milk.
WEDNESDAY — Cereal; toast; juice; milk.
THURSDAY — Cinnamon rolls; milk; juice.
FRIDAY — Hot cakes; bacon; milk; juice.

SANDS LUNCH
MONDAY — Chicken fillet sandwiches; lettuce; tomatoes; pickle; fries; wacky cake; milk.
TUESDAY — Beef fajitas; rolls; potato salad; pork and beans; peaches with topping; milk.
WEDNESDAY — Beef and cheese enchiladas; beans; corn bread; salad; pudding; milk.
THURSDAY — Barbecue chicken; macaroni salad; ranch style beans; rolls; milk; cobbler.
FRIDAY — Spaghetti with meat sauce and cheese; spinach; buttered corn; batter bread; milk.

GARDEN CITY LUNCH
MONDAY — Baked ham; au gratin potatoes; broccoli; peach; hot rolls; milk.
TUESDAY — Spaghetti with meat sauce; tossed salad; buttered corn; sliced peaches; garlic bread; milk.
WEDNESDAY — Chicken strips with gravy; mashed potatoes; green beans; applesauce; hot rolls; milk.
THURSDAY — Chili with beans; cole

slaw; mixed fruit; crackers; milk.
FRIDAY — Catfish fingers; french fries; baked beans; hot rolls; milk.

BIG SPRING ELEMENTARY BREAKFAST
MONDAY — Glazed donut; cereal; milk; apple juice.
TUESDAY — Blueberry muffin; sausage patty; fruit punch; milk.
WEDNESDAY — Pancakes; syrup; butter; orange juice; cereal; milk.
THURSDAY — Pancake and sausage on a stick; orange wedge; milk.
FRIDAY — Granola bar; pink applesauce; cereal; milk.

ELEMENTARY LUNCH
MONDAY — Chicken patty with gravy; buttered corn; English peas; hot rolls; banana pudding; milk.
TUESDAY — Chicken fried steak with gravy; whipped potatoes; spinach; hot rolls; brownie; milk.
WEDNESDAY — Corn chip pie; buttered steamed rice; cut green beans; hot rolls; apple cobbler; milk.
THURSDAY — Burrito and salsa; escalloped potatoes; blackeyed peas; hot rolls; fruit gelatin with whipped topping; milk.
FRIDAY — Fish fillet; french fries; catsup; pinto beans; corn bread; chocolate peanut butter bar; milk.

FORSAN BREAKFAST
MONDAY — Donuts; juice; milk.
TUESDAY — Sausage and eggs on a bun; juice; milk.
WEDNESDAY — Bacon; biscuits; jelly; butter; juice; milk.
THURSDAY — Texas toast; peanut butter; jelly; juice; milk.
FRIDAY — Cereal; milk; toast; juice.

FORSAN LUNCH
MONDAY — Ravioli; green beans; salad; cheese wedge; peanut butter with graham crackers; peaches; milk.
TUESDAY — Chuck wagon special; fried okra; salad; chocolate cake; applesauce; milk.
WEDNESDAY — Sloppy Joes french fries; salad; pickles; onions; banana pudding; milk.
THURSDAY — Hot dogs with chili; tater tots; pork and beans; relish; onions; cookie; pineapple chunk; milk.
FRIDAY — Hamburgers; onion rings; salad; pickles; onions; brownies; applesauce; milk.

BIG SPRING SECONDARY BREAKFAST
MONDAY — Cereal; milk; glazed donut; apple juice.
TUESDAY — Sausage patty; fruit punch; blueberry muffin; milk.
WEDNESDAY — Cereal; milk; pancakes; butter; syrup; orange juice.
THURSDAY — Sausage and pancake on a stick; orange wedge; milk.
FRIDAY — Cereal; milk; granola bar; pink applesauce.

MONDAY — Salisbury steak; or chicken patty with gravy; buttered corn; english peas; carrot sticks; hot rolls; banana pudding; milk.
TUESDAY — Stew; or chicken fried steak with gravy; whipped potatoes; spinach; tossed green salad; hot rolls; brownie; milk.
WEDNESDAY — Roast beef with gravy; or corn chip pie; buttered steamed rice; green beans; celery sticks; hot rolls; apple cobbler; milk.
THURSDAY — Meat loaf; or burrito with salsa; escalloped potatoes; blackeyed peas; fruit gelatin with whipped topping; hot rolls; milk.
FRIDAY — Green enchiladas; or fish fillet; french fries with catsup; pinto beans; cole slaw; corn bread; chocolate peanut butter bar; milk.

ELBOW BREAKFAST
MONDAY — Cereal; toast; juice; milk.
TUESDAY — Biscuits; sausage; juice; milk.
WEDNESDAY — Texas toast; peanut butter; jelly; juice; milk.
THURSDAY — Pancakes; sausage; juice; milk.
FRIDAY — Eggs; toast; juice; milk.

ELBOW LUNCH
MONDAY — Chicken pot pie; new potatoes; peaches; crackers; milk.
TUESDAY — German sausage; vegetarian beans; potato salad; fruit cocktail; sliced bread; milk.
WEDNESDAY — Steak with gravy; scalloped potatoes; peas; hot rolls; fruit; milk.
THURSDAY — Chicken nuggets; french fries; carrot coins; fruit; milk.
FRIDAY — Meat loaf; mashed potatoes; green beans; hot rolls; applesauce; milk.

STANTON BREAKFAST
MONDAY — Cereal; toast; fruit; milk.
TUESDAY — Scrambled eggs; tortillas; juice; milk.
WEDNESDAY — Hash browns; toast; fruit; milk.
THURSDAY — Cinnamon rolls; sausage; juice; milk.
FRIDAY — Pancakes; syrup; juice; milk.

STANTON LUNCH
MONDAY — Beef and bean burrito; macaroni and tomatoes; buttered spinach; bread pudding; milk.
TUESDAY — Ground beef and spaghetti; blackeyed peas; candied sweet potatoes; applesauce; corn bread; milk.
WEDNESDAY — Beef and cheese taco; taco sauce; pinto beans; vegetable salad; peach cobbler; corn bread; milk.
THURSDAY — Hamburger; hamburger salad; french fries; pineapple upside down cake; milk.
FRIDAY — Chicken fried steak with gravy; creamed potatoes; green beans; peaches; hot rolls; milk.

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By GARY SHA Staff Writer

The State National Bank is providing the utilization of a new system to expand the card system to services at area branches. The customer Pulse card is available locally to pay for meals at restaurant, Kmart grocery shopping. The bank is customer service business, and area businesses electronic hardware the first six months. Richard Steel, National Bank. The service has for about three businesses are the service. Steel said. When a customer card, his account debited and, if the card, the added paper bouncing a check. The use of system is designed paperwork for the end of the day, print a batch instead of adding Steel said. Also machine is software for all types of machine can be used.

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Business
Flores named employee

Martha E. Flores and special pro has been named Month for February. Flores, a 1988 graduate of the University of Texas at Austin, has been with the company since 1988.



MARTHA E. FLORES is the new premiere copy of Life and the Big Administration's addition to her duties.

"Martha is an employee about," said Martha H. Walker. "She assignments were everything into her concerned about doing it."

Bullock to Central terminal

Sandy Bullock, manager of Central Freight water terminal, has been named manager of the Big Spring area.

Bullock replaced Hackfeld, who has been with Central Freight for a year. Bullock, a five-year employee, was transferred when the water carrier consolidated operations and Abilene.

Driver, Paul transferred to Big Spring.

Guest comment

By SANDY SHORE DENVER — No sludge has been in the ocean and raised Oklahoma about 100 miles. But farmers are waiting the muck with open arms. Starting in April Technologies Inc. transport New York southeastern Colorado 17,000 acres of win project will provide a much needed waste and give farmers free fertilizer. "When they first thought it was one that would never..."

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Pulse Pay: Fewer checks, less headaches

By GARY SHANKS
Staff Writer

The State National Bank of Big Spring is proving to be a leader in the utilization of new technology. As a customer service, the bank is expanding the use of its Pulse® card system to include Pulse® Pay services at area businesses.

The customer may use his or her Pulse® card, which is only available locally at State National, to pay for meals at the Red Mesa restaurant, K. C. Steakhouse or for grocery shopping at Don's IGA.

The bank is offering this as a customer service to generate more business, and are even offering area businesses the necessary electronic hardware free of charge for the first six months or so, said Richard Steel, an official at State National Bank.

The service has been established for about three weeks, and more businesses are expected to utilize the service, Steel said.

When a customer uses a Pulse® card, his account is automatically debited and, if funds are insufficient, the card is rejected without the added paper work and fees of bouncing a check, Steel said.

The use of the Pulse® Pay system is designed to produce less paperwork for the business. At the end of the day, the machine can print a batch summary total instead of adding up each check, Steel said. Also tied into the same machine is software that can be used for all types of credit cards. The machine can contact all clearing



Herald photo by Gary Shanks

State National Bank's Pulse® card service is being expanded. Area businesses are beginning to use the technology to allow customers to pay for

goods and services electronically, eliminating a great deal of paperwork, said Robert Buckner, SNB's vice president in charge of operations.

accounts for Visa, MasterCard, Carte Blanc, American Express, etc.

The bank has caught the eye of electronics giant IBM. State National Bank purchased a large computer of a type originally designed for scientific use and, with the help of a proficient soft-

ware company, adapted the computer for use as the financial institution's main data system.

The scientific computer is far less expensive than a mainframe unit, but performs similar tasks, interfacing with all of the bank's IBM terminals and has the capability to run all manner of

popular business software, said Robert Buckner, vice-president in charge of operations at State National. "It used to take up to 2½ hours just to do account processing at the end of the day — now we can do it in less than 20 minutes."

IBM was unaware that the

How NOT to use the new system

By GARY SHANKS
Staff Writer

From a consumer's point of view, the debit card system has its advantages and disadvantages.

In preparation for writing the story on State National's new Pulse® Pay system, I took my own card and a friend to Red Mesa restaurant.

Having learned long ago that a checkbook and myself live in two fundamentally different worlds, (I can't be overdrawn — I still have checks!) I have come to rely totally on the Pulse® card.

Don't get me wrong, I wasn't as bad as your average Congressman, but I specialized in getting in a hurry and not logging in the occasional check.

Cash is my means of payment for just about everything. I have a checking account at State National, but keep no checks, preferring to use the Pulse Card® (when the machine won't give me any more money — my account is balanced).

So after our meal I handed the card to the cashier who promptly ran it through her nifty new Pulse pay scanner. She handed me a key pad on which I inputted my per-

Blushing a bit, I produced a bill from my pocket and paid for our meal the old fashioned way.

sonal identification number (PIN) and was promptly denied — insufficient funds.

Needless to say, my guests were amused and the cashier was not.

Blushing a bit, I produced a bill from my pocket and paid for our meal the old fashioned way. But then again, at least it wasn't a hot check.

The only other problem I can foresee with electronic purchasing is a fear of the debit card, which is predominate in conservative northern protestant religions. I think it has to do with the Revelations prophecies, the number of the beast or something, but I think this stems from a very loose interpretation of the scripture.

So, while the process of electronic purchasing is quick and efficient, care must be taken to ensure funds are available, or one might find one's self washing dishes.

Business beat

Flores named BSH employee of month

Martha E. Flores, staff writer and special projects coordinator, has been named Employee of the Month for the Big Spring Herald for February.

Flores, a Big Spring native, has been with the Herald since last August.



MARTHA E. FLORES

She was nominated for Employee of the Month by co-workers who cited her efforts in chronicling Black History Month, coordinating production of the premiere copy of *Prime of Your Life* and the Big Spring Veterans Administration special edition in addition to her regular reporting duties.

"Martha is one of those employees an editor dreams about," said Managing Editor John H. Walker. "She accepts all assignments willingly, puts everything into her job and is concerned about doing the job right."

Bullock to head Central terminal

Sandy Bullock, former manager of Central Freight Lines' Sweetwater terminal, has been named manager of the Big Spring facility.

Bullock replaces Milford Hackfeld, who retired after 24 years with Central.

Bullock, a five-year Central employee, was transferred to Big Spring when the Waco-based common carrier consolidated its Sweetwater operations into Big Spring and Abilene.

Driver Paul Warren also transferred to Big Spring from the

Sweetwater facility. Central Freight Lines is located at the corner of North Birdwell Lane and Anderson.

Bill Chrane attends renewal seminar

Local chiropractor Bill T. Chrane of Chrane Chiropractic Health Center recently attended the Texas Chiropractic Association's Mid-Winter License Renewal Seminar in Lubbock.

Chrane attended classes in license renewal, "Clinical Syndromes & Chiropractic Management," "You Too Can Be an Expert in a Courtroom" and "Workers Compensation Update."

With more than 1,350 members, the TCA is the largest chiropractic association in Texas.

Chrane Chiropractic Health Center is located at 1409 Lancaster. For more information, call 263-3182.

Grantham's winner of 'Way to Go'

Grantham's in Big Spring Mall has won the "Way to Go" award for the third time, according to mall manager Tammy Watt.

The award honors the merchant with the highest sales increase for the month in comparison to the same month a year ago.

Store manager Lori Kennedy said Grantham's has increased its inventory and now carries a variety of new items ranging from purses to furniture.

Quality Plumbing doing projects

Quality Plumbing, 1320 East 4th, recently completed the plumbing project on the soon-to-open Subway

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Hayden's strategy part of a lean dream

AUSTIN (AP) — Bill Hayden is celebrating the 10th anniversary of his CompuAdd Computer Corp. by breaking it up.

He thinks he's found the perfect size for a company, about \$500 million in annual revenue. CompuAdd hit that milestone a couple years ago.

So Hayden is splitting up CompuAdd to be, like himself, lean and driven.

"It's like planting a bunch of seeds, letting each one of the companies grow again to become a strong tree," he said.

Hayden first tried the break-up-and-grow strategy last fall, turning the mail-order division into a separate company called CompuAdd Express Corp.

Last week, the software and systems group was spun off as CompuAdd Information Systems Corp.

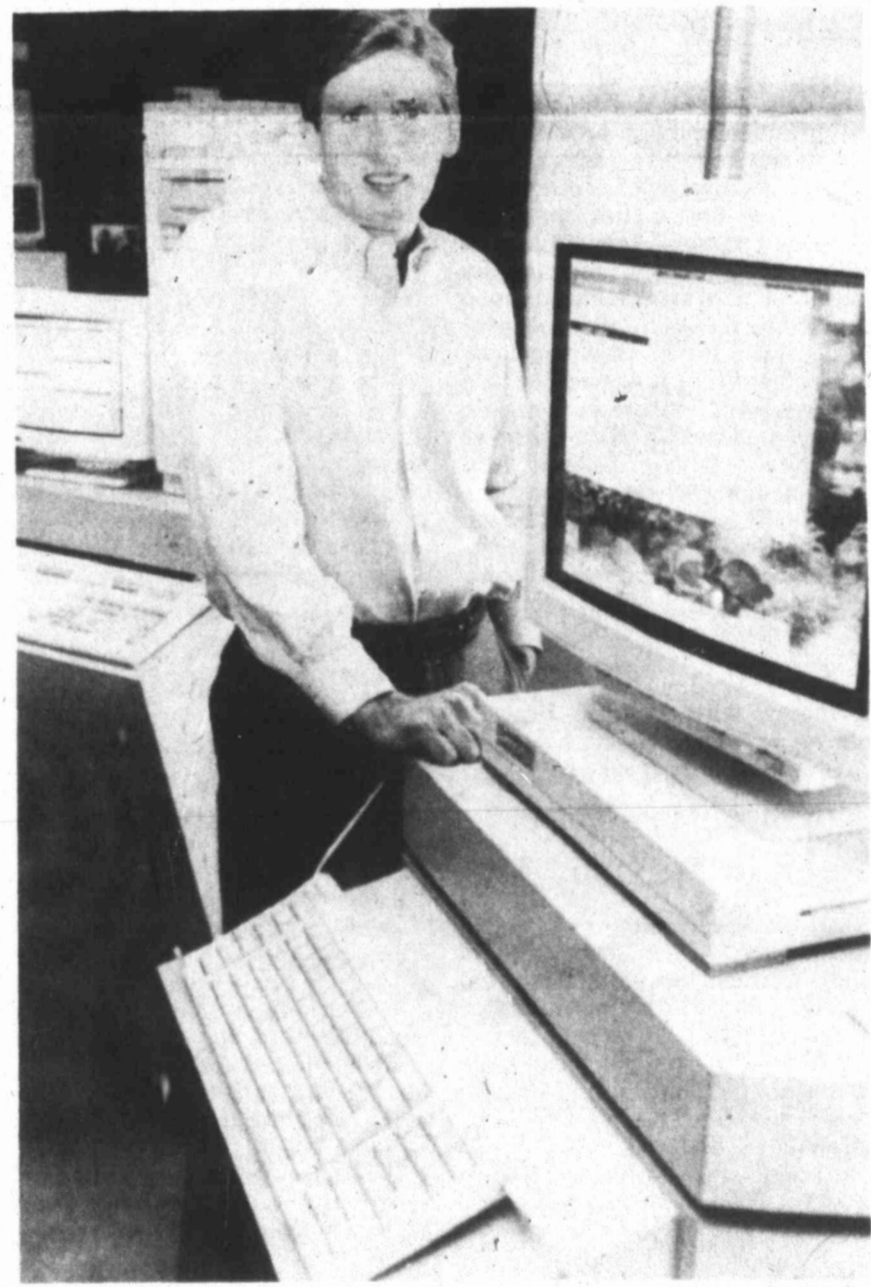
And this week, the core company will be divided into two autonomous units, one to handle CompuAdd's 125 retail stores and international operations and the other to pursue corporate and government sales.

"In companies when you have multiple divisions, pretty soon one is really making a lot of money and managed to accumulate a lot of talent and the other division hasn't managed to achieve that same level of performance," Hayden said. "If you're not careful, they cover for each other."

Hayden, whose boyish face and runner's build belie his 44 years, wants his companies to remain as entrepreneurial as he is.

CompuAdd has a personality matching his. A workout gym. Small offices. No ties. No secretaries. Listen to the customer. Listen to the worker. Let the profits roll in.

The company hasn't achieved the recognition of crosstown rival Dell Computer Corp. despite their similar age and sizes.



Bill Hayden, chairman of CompuAdd Corp., stands in a mock store at the company's Austin headquarters.

Part of the difference is Dell is publicly-owned while CompuAdd and its related units are solely owned by Hayden. Part is that many companies have "Compu" in the name.

And part is the wunderkind story of Dell's chairman, 27-year-old Michael Dell, who built the business from his dorm room at the University of Texas.

But Hayden's story is equally compelling.

He grew up in Floresville, got an electrical engineering degree from the University of Texas and joined Texas Instruments Inc., where he worked on projects from the world's fastest to the world's smallest computer.

"I had this goal I wasn't going to stay there when my badge turned color. On your 10th year, your badge turned color," he said. "It was nothing against Texas Instruments ... just I wasn't going to be working for somebody else when I turned 40 years old."

He quit on the day in September 1981 that he saw his new badge on his supervisor's desk.

"I don't think it was that much of a surprise," said Cliff White, who was Hayden's supervisor at TI and joined CompuAdd last fall as director of quality assurance.

"We had numerous conversations about owning his own business, being self-employed ... (But) I didn't think he was quite that emotional on the 10-year badge. That caught me off guard."

Hayden had dabbled in real estate during his last few years at TI. When he left, he got into speculative home investing full-time but saw problems looming in that business.

By April 1982, Hayden was selling computer peripherals and add-ons, thus the name CompuAdd, by direct mail and sometimes out of his car. He opened a store when too many Austin-area consumers kept coming to his office instead of calling on the phone.

Last year, Texas Monthly estimated Hayden's net worth to be over \$450 million, making him one of the 15 richest people in Texas.

"I was just hoping to make a living," Hayden said.

cases. Medical studies show that AIDS only can be transmitted through the exchange of body fluids, such as blood.

Other Oklahomans were convinced New York sludge would enable organized crime to muscle its way into the state.

The controversy surfaced when Merco Joint Ventures of Oklahoma City, another contractor for New York sludge, planned a program similar to Colorado's.

Merco filed for a state permit for the shipping part of its project and met a wall of hostility, even though Oklahoma has a successful land application program.

Sandy Shore is a business writer for the Associated Press.

Ellen Bussert, an environmental advocate with the Oklahoma Department of Health, said some residents were concerned that pathogens in the sludge would contribute to an increase in AIDS

spokeswoman.

Ken Barbarick, a Colorado State University agronomy professor who has researched sludge for 17 years, said studies have shown sludge fertilizer releases nitrogen more slowly over a growing season and can improve the soil by packing it with organic materials.

The Denver Public Works Department markets its sludge to farmers, home gardeners and landscapers in half a dozen states.

Bill Martin of the department said the only major problem that has surfaced in the 20 years of the city's sludge fertilizer program is quantity; there's only so much waste to recycle, and demand exceeds supply.

But in Oklahoma, sludge fertilizer imported from New York is anything but welcome.

"You wouldn't believe some of the things we've heard from people in Oklahoma about New York sludge," said Ian Michaels, a spokesman for New York's Department of Environmental Protection.

"There are people in Oklahoma who knew what sludge was who were claiming that the sludge would bring more AIDS to Oklahoma."

Guest column

By SANDY SHORE

DENVER — New York City's sludge has been banned from the ocean and raised fears in Oklahoma about AIDS and organized crime. But some Colorado farmers are awaiting shipments of the muck with open arms.

Starting in April, Enviro-Gro Technologies Inc. plans to transport New York sludge to southeastern Colorado to fertilize 17,000 acres of winter wheat. The project will provide New York with a much needed way to recycle waste and give farmers an effective fertilizer free.

"When they first approached me, I thought it was one of those deals that would never happen," said

John Stulp, a Lamar-area farmer who signed up for the sludge program.

But he and his neighbors did some research and learned that sludge fertilizer is safe and, in some instances, is better than more traditional fertilizers — cow manure, for example.

Besides, Stulp said, "You can't beat the price."

Enviro-Gro is one of three companies under contract to New York to recycle the city's 1.7 billion gallons of treated sewage a day. New Yorkers produce about 385 dry tons of sludge per day; that's more than three times the amount produced in Colorado in a single day.

Under its contract with Colorado farmers, Enviro-Gro has agreed to ship about 100 dry tons of sludge a day by rail to Colorado, transport it by truck to 23 farms in Prowers and Kiowa counties, and spread it on the crops.

The costs will be borne by the Baltimore-based Enviro-Gro, which means farmers will save between \$10 and \$12 an acre in fertilizer costs, Stulp said.

Fertilizer products made from treated human waste have been on the market for decades. About 60 percent of the nation's sludge recycling programs involve using the waste as fertilizer, in mine reclamation and other land uses, said Kelly Sarber, an Enviro-Gro

spokeswoman.

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The Denver Public Works Department markets its sludge to farmers, home gardeners and landscapers in half a dozen states.

Bill Martin of the department said the only major problem that has surfaced in the 20 years of the city's sludge fertilizer program is quantity; there's only so much waste to recycle, and demand exceeds supply.

But in Oklahoma, sludge fertilizer imported from New York is anything but welcome.

"You wouldn't believe some of the things we've heard from people in Oklahoma about New York sludge," said Ian Michaels, a spokesman for New York's Department of Environmental Protection.

"There are people in Oklahoma who knew what sludge was who were claiming that the sludge would bring more AIDS to Oklahoma."

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Are too many lawsuits hurting American way?

WASHINGTON (AP) — Self-styled psychic Uri Geller's claim that he could perform supernatural feats, such as bending a spoon with brain power, was disputed by magician James Randi.

So Geller did what millions of Americans do every year — he filed a lawsuit.

Slugging it out in court is the American way, but critics led by Vice President Dan Quayle say things have gotten out of control. Too many attorneys and lawsuits are harming U.S. competitiveness in the world market, says Quayle, himself a lawyer.

Walter K. Olson, author of "The Litigation Explosion," agreed. "Our legal system has been set up to encourage litigation and it has been a great disaster," he said.

That's bunk, say the legal industry and other critics who accuse the Bush administration of fudging numbers.

"There's no litigation explosion," said consumer activist Ralph Nader. "We used to litigate more in 1830 per capita than we do now... (Quayle) is only against lawyers who represent victims; isn't that strange?"

The National Center for State

Courts counted 18.3 million civil suits filed in state courts in 1990, following a steady rise from 13.5 million cases in 1984. That's about a 25 percent increase while the national estimated population rose by about 5.5 percent.

The story is different in federal courts, where far fewer cases are filed. Federal figures show the number of new cases peaked in 1985 at 273,670 and fell steadily to 207,742 in 1991. Experts attribute the fall to a sharp drop in lawsuits over veterans' benefits, Social Security benefits and defaulted student loans.

Suits range from divorces and personal injury cases to the still-running 1973 sex discrimination lawsuit filed by 67 female Navy employees.

And Geller's \$15 million damage suit alleging that he was libeled by Randi. "I'm angered and I'm hurt," Geller said when the civil suit was filed nearly a year ago. The case is pending.

Marc Galanter, director of the University of Wisconsin's Institute for Legal Studies, said much of the chagrin over the rising number of lawsuits is that doctors, manufacturers and university ad-



ministrators are being targeted. "For the first time, there's a significant amount of litigation that does challenge the established authorities of society, and these people are very annoyed," he said.

The Bush administration last month proposed legislation intended to "stop America's love affair with the lawsuit." Among other things, it would boost alternatives such as arbitration; require the loser in some federal suits to pay the winner's court and legal fees; and require a target to be told before a lawsuit is filed, to encourage out-of-court settlements.

Talbot D'Alemberte, president of the American Bar Association, noted that his group has been pushing for federal money for alternative dispute resolution since legislation was passed in 1980.

He also disputed the administration's contention that the United States has 70 percent of the world's lawyers.

"That's simply made up," said D'Alemberte, citing a University of Wisconsin study that put the figure at 25 percent to 35 percent, approximately the U.S. share of the world GNP.

The American Bar Foundation said there were 723,189 lawyers in the United States in 1988, almost three-fourths of them in private practice. There was one lawyer for every 340 Americans in 1988, almost double the 1951 ratio.

As for the propensity of Americans to file suit, government figures show that the number of federal product liability lawsuits, excluding asbestos cases, dropped by 36 percent from 1985 to 1991. Civil rights cases have leveled off since 1985, while prisoner lawsuits continued to rise.

Lawsuits related to education — desegregation, special education, students' and teachers' rights — dropped sharply in federal courts during the 1980s and almost leveled off in state courts, said Perry Zirkel, professor of education and law at Lehigh University in Bethlehem, Pa.

A more conservative federal judiciary is discouraging school-related lawsuits, Zirkel said.

D'Alemberte and Nader contend the fastest-increasing litigation is the corporation vs. corporation lawsuit.

Much of the problem, said Martin Connor, president of the American Tort Reform Association, is that lawyers wind up with too much of the money spent on civil suits. A Rand Corp. study found that litigation costs soaked up about half of the damage awards in injury lawsuits.

Lawsuit abuse program sponsored by Texas Chamber

Texas Against Lawsuit Abuse is a statewide non-partisan movement organized and sponsored by the Texas Chamber of Commerce. The group is helping educate the public about the cost of lawsuit abuse to our state and its people.

Most observers agree that Texas' business and professional lives face no more alarming problem than the proliferation of frivolous lawsuits and excessive damage awards. Insurance coverage has become increasingly difficult to obtain and soaring premiums place a steadily growing burden on individuals, profes-

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sionals and business owners both large and small.

The Texas Chamber believes that the problem has severely affected the state's business climate, and is a serious and growing deterrent to economic development, plant expansion and employment opportunity. It has caused both the cancellations of planned investment and moving businesses out of state, with resulting job loss. It has had a chilling impact on businesses

considering a move into Texas and has forced some already here to shut their doors. At the same time, it has caused a growing crisis in professions such as health care. We see professionals retiring in the prime of their careers and some practices closing down completely.

The Chamber's program is aimed specifically at educating citizens to the social costs of lawsuit abuse.

"It is important that people understand that lawsuit abuse costs all of us," said Texas Chamber President Larry Milner. "Too often people get into jury

rooms and believe that insurance companies, big corporations or the government are the ones who will pay. In reality they are hurting themselves with higher insurance premiums, higher costs of products and services and loss of jobs in the community."

Patterned after a successful program initiated by the Rio Grande Valley Chamber last year, the Chamber program will use both paid advertising and public relations activities to deliver its message. Copy for the first billboard read, "Lawsuit Abuse! We all pay. We all lose."

The program is not a "lawyer-bashing" campaign.

"We uphold the right of every individual to seek legal recourse for legitimate cause," Milner said. "But many of our lawyer members say something must be done to correct the abuses and excesses."

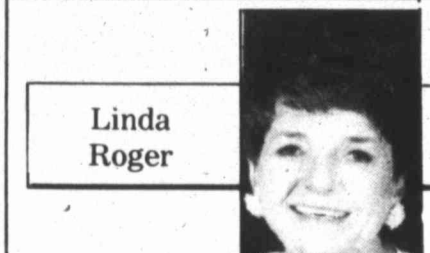
Beyond the direct fund-raising activities, the Texas Chamber has undertaken a grass roots organizational effort in partnership with local chambers. This initiative should accelerate the momentum for the movement and produce funding necessary to increase the

communications impact in the state's cities.

With sufficient support, the Texas Chamber's education program can make a significant difference on one of the state's most urgent issues, and help create a climate that will produce needed legislative reform.

This opinion was provided by the Texas Chamber of Commerce. For more information, contact the Big Spring Area Chamber of Commerce at 263-7641.

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Linda Roger

Rodeo Assn. helps local community

Last year, during the Big Spring Cowboy Rodeo and Reunion, the Big Spring Area Chamber of Commerce hosted visitors from Texas Monthly magazine.

Mary Ellen Mark, internationally celebrated photographer, along with her crew, worked out of the chamber office while setting up interviews.

Featured on the cover of the March issue is our own Arles Pearce. The story features many of our Howard County residents, including rodeo star Quail Dobbs.

In the article, Mark says that rodeo remains an intensely American experience — a way to hold on to some sense of community.

This year marks the 57th anniversary of the Big Spring Cowboy Rodeo and Reunion. Past years have seen many dedicated volunteers work many hours to put on a superb rodeo and still cover escalating costs.

Our rodeo facilities have seen many activities: fairs, exhibits, parties and circuses. The facility has been a continued resource to draw on for all kinds of functions and requires the necessary funding to upgrade and expand.

Many of you remember the vandalism that took place last year. Doors and fencing were destroyed and commodes and lavatories were completely pulled out of the wall. These criminal acts show a lack of pride for our community. Rodeo Association officials said the damages amounted to "several thousand dollars."

The 1992 rodeo will be held June 25-27 and the Rodeo Board and volunteers have been planning for this year's event since the day after the 1991 edition closed.

Let's work together as community to hold that sense of community that Mark speaks of in her article.

Let's help the Rodeo Association by offering our services and money to take care of the needed repairs.

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Linda Roger is executive vice president of the Big Spring Area Chamber of Commerce.

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Blue Bell Creameries' employee Doyle Brown wheels ice cream from a trailer to the warehouse, where it will be stored until being distributed to stores in West Texas. The distribution center is one example of Big Spring business diversification.

Union Pacific has seen increase in traffic through Big Spring

By JOHN H. WALKER
Managing Editor

For years, people in Big Spring and West Texas looked for the Texas & Pacific locomotive steaming down the track.

In the 1950s the old steamers gave way to diesel electric engines . . . a while later, the T&P became Missouri Pacific. Then, in the 1980s, the blue MoPac locomotives with their eagle logo on the side started disappearing following MoPac's takeover by Omaha-based Union Pacific.

Occasionally a yellow and armor gray locomotive will roll through Big Spring lettered for Missouri Pacific but, more times than not, the big units carry the moniker Union Pacific.

UP's east-west line runs from El Paso to Fort Worth via Big Spring. The rail line also provides for connecting service with Santa Fe, Southern Pacific and Burlington Northern at various points along the line as well as with short line railroads such as the Pecos Valley Southern, Texas and New Mexico and Texas and Oklahoma.

In recent months, Union Pacific has seen an increase in traffic on the line through Big Spring.

And even though there aren't nearly as many railroad employees in town as there once was, the railroad is still an important employer in the community.

Beginning in 1990 the company started a reorganization that makes it easier to communicate within the company — which makes for better customer service.

Car tracking is done through a computerized system that makes it easier for a customer to know the location of a shipment at any time of the day or night.

As UP's awareness of the need for better customer service increased, so did railroad carloadings.

More cars are going through Big Spring on a daily basis than in the past and, by and large, it is because of the improvement in customer service.



Youngsters walk on the running board of a Union Pacific locomotive painted in a desert camouflage scheme and displaying a placard with the names of all UP employees that served in Operation Desert Storm. The locomotive stopped in Big Spring en route from El Paso to Fort Worth last spring.

Local trains operate out of Big Spring to both Odessa and Abilene while thru-freights east out of El Paso and west from Fort Worth roll through the yards daily.

The primary local customers include Fina, Sid Richardson and Western Container. A proposed textile mill, if built, could also generate traffic in and out of town.

Key to success in Big Spring

By PATRICK DRISCOLL
Staff Writer

Most local business leaders agree that Big Spring and the surrounding area needs to develop a more diversified economy to ensure survival. Too much reliance on oil is shaky.

Key strategic points include development as a distribution point to major population areas in West Texas, targeting products for manufacture that are used here but made elsewhere and processing locally produced raw materials — such as agriculture products — instead of shipping them elsewhere.

The economy is beefed up by bringing in outside dollars.

The Big Spring Area Chamber of Commerce and other leaders base strategy on several points:

- Big Spring sits in the center of the "Golden Circle," an area encompassing a 100 mile radius that includes more than 1 million people, including the cities of Lubbock, Abilene, San Angelo, Midland and Odessa. That is why Blue Bell Creameries Inc. of Brenham located a distribution center (30 employees) here in 1989.

The state leads the nation in production of cotton, wool, mohair and cattle beef, according to the Texas Department of Agriculture.

- Big Spring is at the crossroads of major transportation systems — Interstate-20, U.S. Highway 87 and a railroad system. Local officials are lobbying for the extension of Interstate-27 along U.S. 87 down through Lubbock, Big Spring, San Angelo and on. The city is competing for that extension with cities such as Abilene, Midland, Odessa and Sweetwater.

- Major manufacturing companies have been established by identifying products used here but imported from other areas. Fraser Industries Inc. (30 employees) was formed in 1967 to build pallets being imported from East Texas for use by the Fina Oil & Chemical Inc. refinery. Western Container Corp. (110 employees) was established in 1979 to make plastic coke bottles for area distribution.

- Raw products are produced in large quantities in this area but shipped elsewhere for processing. That does not include oil since refineries have been established in Big Spring, with the Fina plant (290 employees) still remaining. More agriculture processing is being pushed.

The state leads the nation in production of cotton, wool, mohair and cattle beef, according to the Texas Department of Agriculture. A 5 percent increase in agriculture processing would increase the annual agricultural economic impact

by 7.5 percent — \$2.5 billion.

The annual economic impact of agriculture in Howard County is \$390 million. The High Plains from Lubbock to near Big Spring leads the state in cotton production and the San Angelo area leads the state in wool and mohair.

A proposal to build a \$5 million mill here to make cotton bags to wrap cotton bales, which could create 200 jobs, is typical of value-added processing state, and local officials seek. Moore Development for Big Spring Inc. approved a \$220,000 loan contingent on approval of a \$1.9 million loan by the Agriculture Department. Another

\$500,000 may be lent by the Texas Department of Commerce.

Other efforts to create jobs includes attracting state and federal services. Government services that serve the area include the Big Spring State Hospital (988 employees — the county's largest employer), the Department of Veterans Affairs Medical Center (404 employees) and two federal prisons (288 employees). The city and county have submitted a bid to state officials for a state prison, which could create 300-800 jobs. A decision on where to locate state prisons being built is expected April 10.



Texas leads the nation in production of cotton, wool mohair and cattle. In the picture, a local cotton gin is watching over the cotton, which is undergoing a process that removes the seed buried in the middle of the bowl.

TO OUR READERS:

Our annual edition to mark the progress of our community and region bears a new name this year — *Opportunities '92*.

We felt the name change was indicative of the feeling we get throughout our community that 1992 will truly be a year of opportunities.

The three-section special edition is the biggest undertaking at our newspaper each year as we work to showcase our community and region.

It is a weeks-long effort that involves each and every one of the more than 100 Herald employees and encompasses three sections covering more than 40 pages.

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Opportunities '92 is distributed in all editions of the Herald as well as through the Big Spring Area Chamber of Commerce. The publication is used annually in recruitment of personnel to the Big Spring area — both for prospective employees as well as for potential industry relocation to our community.

Opportunities '92 includes information on business and government, regional and agribusiness news as well as community services.

Each county and community in the Big Spring trade area is included in the section. There are articles about recreational activities, museums, education, and government.

Opportunities '92 provides you with a look at our region through the eyes of the people who live here — the editorial staff of the Big Spring Herald includes six persons who have spent much of their lives in our region . . . working and living in the community we call home.

Joining the staff of the Herald are community and business leaders, who offer their professional insight as to the day-to-day happenings in our region.

We hope you enjoy *Opportunities '92*. We believe that it will be a valuable tool that you will use throughout the year.

JOHN H. WALKER
Managing Editor



A cityview from Scenic Mountain shows the Settles Hotel to the upper left with municipal offices and downtown surrounding the historic hotel, which was built in 1929. Big Spring residents and businesses have seen economic stability and growth in the last few years.

Fina continues its commitment in '92 to the environment; competitiveness; safety

By MARTHA E. FLORES
Staff Writer

Big Spring Fina Refinery's commitment to safety, the environment and a competitive edge continued in 1991 and will continue in 1992, said plant manager Jeff Morris. With progress made in the last few years, Fina is positioning itself to survive.

"We have made great progress in these areas in the last five years, but we are still not where we would like to be," he said. "For example under environmental issues, in 1989 we were out of compliance with air emissions. Since then, we have improved in that area and are 90 percent in compliance. Our goal is to be 100 percent in compliance by the end of 1992."

Air performance is one of the areas Fina has worked hard to meet and exceed standards, he said. Other areas concerning the environment and the refinery are water performance and solid waste generation.

Under a new water permit, the water performance at Fina has been 100 percent in compliance. "We have to meet certain specifications with the water we inject locally," he said. "It is not

charged into surface water, but we have quality constraints just as if it was surface water. The constraints are similar to the city's standards."

Several projects have been implemented to reduce emission by 40 percent this year, Morris said. Unslightly waste ponds are being eliminated from the premises. A land farm and sour-water stripper have been added. The stripper removes sulfur and ammonia from the waste water and processed. The land farm biodegrades certain soil contaminants.

"With all the improvements and programs we have made a substantial reduction, but we are still not satisfied with our performance and we are not finished," Morris said.

As far as the safety program is concerned, Morris is more pleased with the strides taken in this area than in the progress with the environmental performance, he said.

Fina employees received \$60,000 in gift certificates from Fina for their efforts in meeting safety requirements. The plant received the National Petroleum Refiners Gold Award in 1991 and are slated to receive it again this year.

In 1991, Occupational Safety and Hazard Administration completed a five month safety inspection and evaluation at the refinery.

Although the plant received numerous citations, they are contested. "It is not uncommon to receive citations in an inspection of this kind," said Ed Cosgrove, OSHA officer. "The number of violations at the site is not above normal. The refinery is working towards rectifying the safety and health violations, which they do not have to do legally since the citations are contested."

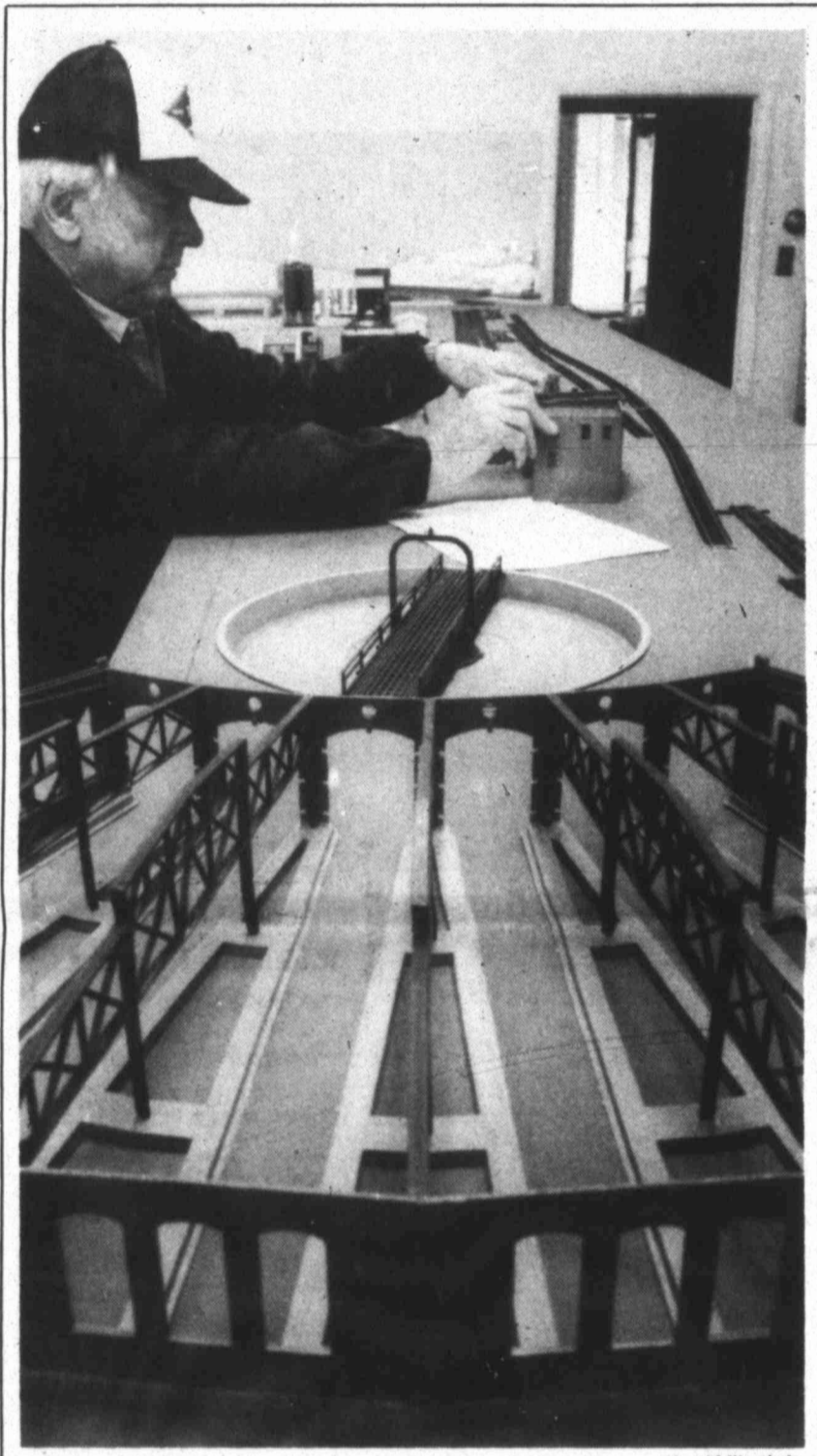
Cosgrove could not discuss the details of the citations because they are still under negotiations, but he said an agreement is anticipated in the next few months.

In the middle 1980s, Fina needed to make changes to survive the coming decade, Morris said. In the last five years improvements and changes have been made to secure Fina's position and sharpen its competitive edge.

"In the next few years, about half of the refineries will cease operations, but I believe we will be one to survive and we will be on top in the industry," he said.



The upgraded computers at Fina allow employees to continue their commitment to safety, competitiveness and the environment.



A model railroad

Doc Hardy and friends are progressing on their model train and railroad memorabilia exhibit at 123 Main St. near the Railroad Plaza.

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By MARTHA E. FLORES
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Construction increase due to heavy hail but still holding steady with previous years.

By MARTHA E. FLORES
Staff Writer

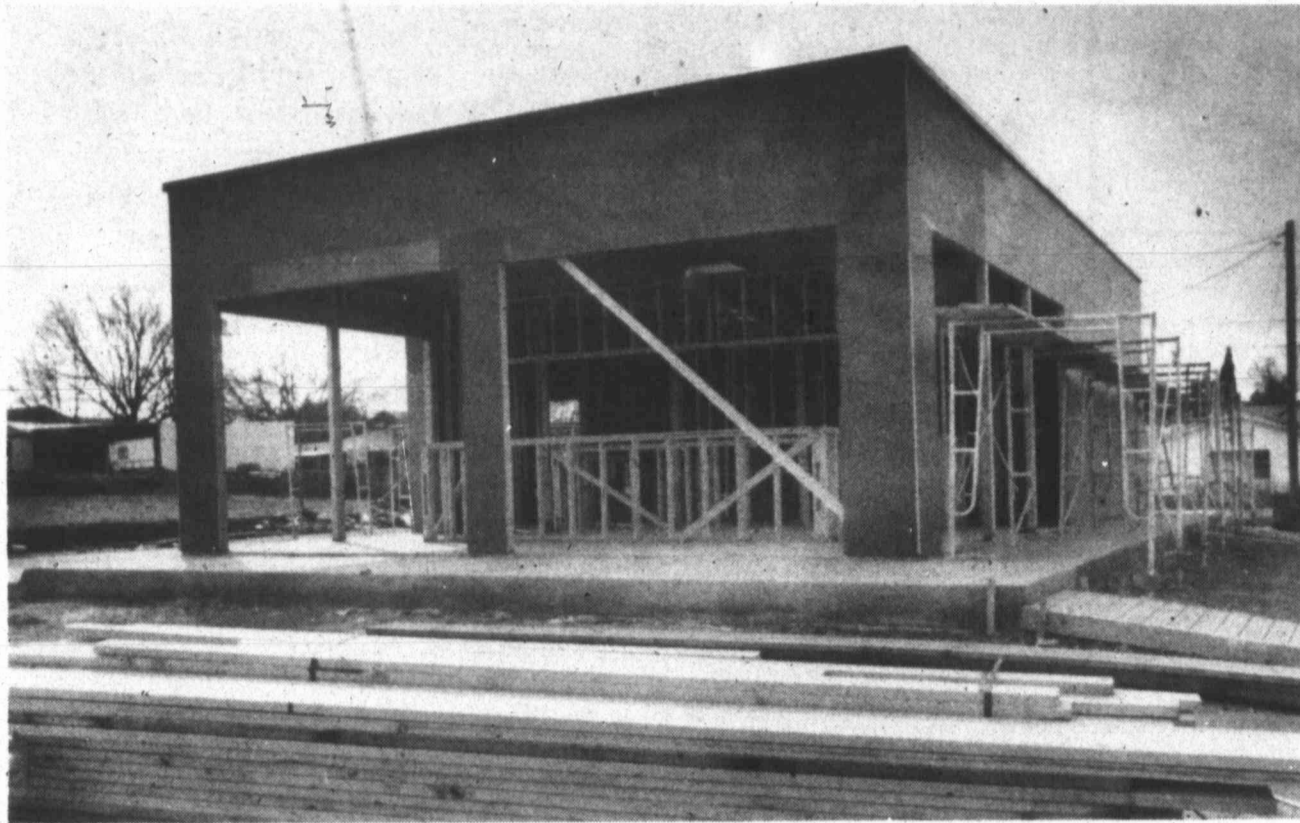
An increase in construction in Big Spring last year is attributed to the heavy hail storms, said Todd Darden, chief building officer for the city of Big Spring. The increase shown in activity reports is due to the extensive roof damage, which increased permit fees collected. "Taking out the roof jobs, construction did not see a significant rise last year," he said. "The activity report is pretty much in line as last year."

Reports show year to date figures for fiscal year from October to September. Construction cost for the year 1990-91 was \$477,880. Cost for 1991-1992 is \$941,077 including \$455,727 in roof jobs. Taking out the roof jobs, the year to date cost is \$485,350, which is only an increase of \$7,470.

"The high dollar increase is from the hail damage," Darden said. "We are staying steady without any significant movement up or down."

Kenny Thompson, a building contractor in Big Spring since 1955 said, "Construction in Big Spring is a lot worse than it used to be. I have been fortunate but many people in this business are out of work."

"With people leaving the city and with little money to spend for the people who do live here, construction has been down for a few years. Last year it was stable. It did not decrease but it did not increase, either."



Subway Sandwich shop construction is one of several construction projects going on in Big Spring. A tentative opening date for Subway is set for the last week in April according to owner Eric Nelson.

"I don't see any growth potential in the future. Don't get me wrong, I am not trying to be pessimistic. I just know we have to learn to live with the conditions as they are."

According to the Chamber of Commerce Executive Director Linda Roger, construction in the city has helped stabilize the economy. Through conversations

with chamber members, she has found a positive outlook for the future as the economy is stabilizing and construction is on an upswing, she said.

"With new construction in the city such as the Subway Shop, shopping center on South Gregg Street and Primitive Baptist Church

creates jobs and also brings a flow of cash back into the community," she said. "I have recently spoken to chamber members who are con-

tractors and they have said that a steady flow of work has come their way this year. I think we are on an upswing with construction in the city and the future looks bright."

City sales tax revenue steady

By MARTHA E. FLORES
Staff Writer

Reflecting the economic conditions of Big Spring, the sales tax revenue is stable but not improving, said Tom Ferguson, assistant city manager.

"Comparing sales tax this year (fiscal 1991-92 October to September) to last year, it is slightly up, but it is too early to say that it will stay up," he said.

Ferguson said with the population decrease in the last 10 years, sales tax revenues have also decreased. "With people leaving the city, we have less money being spent," he said.

Area merchants charge an 8 1/4 sales tax on items allowed taxable by state law. Of that amount, two percent is levied by the city, and returned to the city coffers. The remaining 6 1/4 percent is levied by the state.

"In comparison with last year, revenue is slightly up at this point," Ferguson said. "October 1990 to January 1991 \$718,078 was collected; in October 1991 to January 1992, \$833,382 was collected. This is no indication that it will continue to be this way throughout the year. It is too early to predict the economic condition of the city for the fiscal year."

Sales tax revenue goes into the city's general fund. The fund pays for the operation, maintenance and payroll of the city, such as the police department, fire department and administration. It also funds street repair, maintenance and construction.

"Sales tax revenue brings in 50 percent of the general funds money," Ferguson said. "With the revenue increasing, we have more money to spend on things like police cars, fire trucks and services."

The Moore Development Board for Big Spring Inc. receives a 1/2 percent of the city's sales tax revenue.

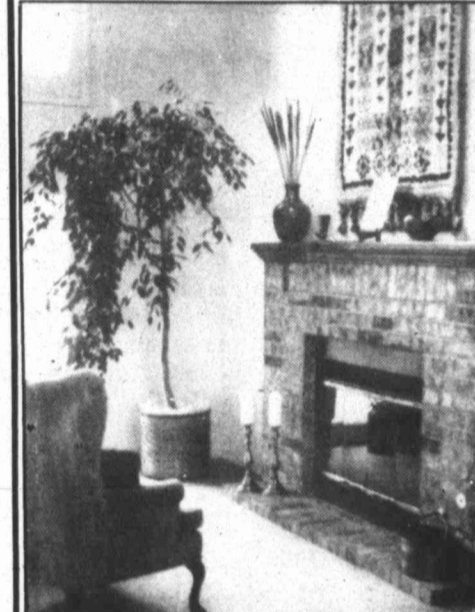


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Big Spring State Hospital staff members move furniture and equipment into the new Community Services Outpatient Clinic at the corner of Fourth and Runnels Streets.



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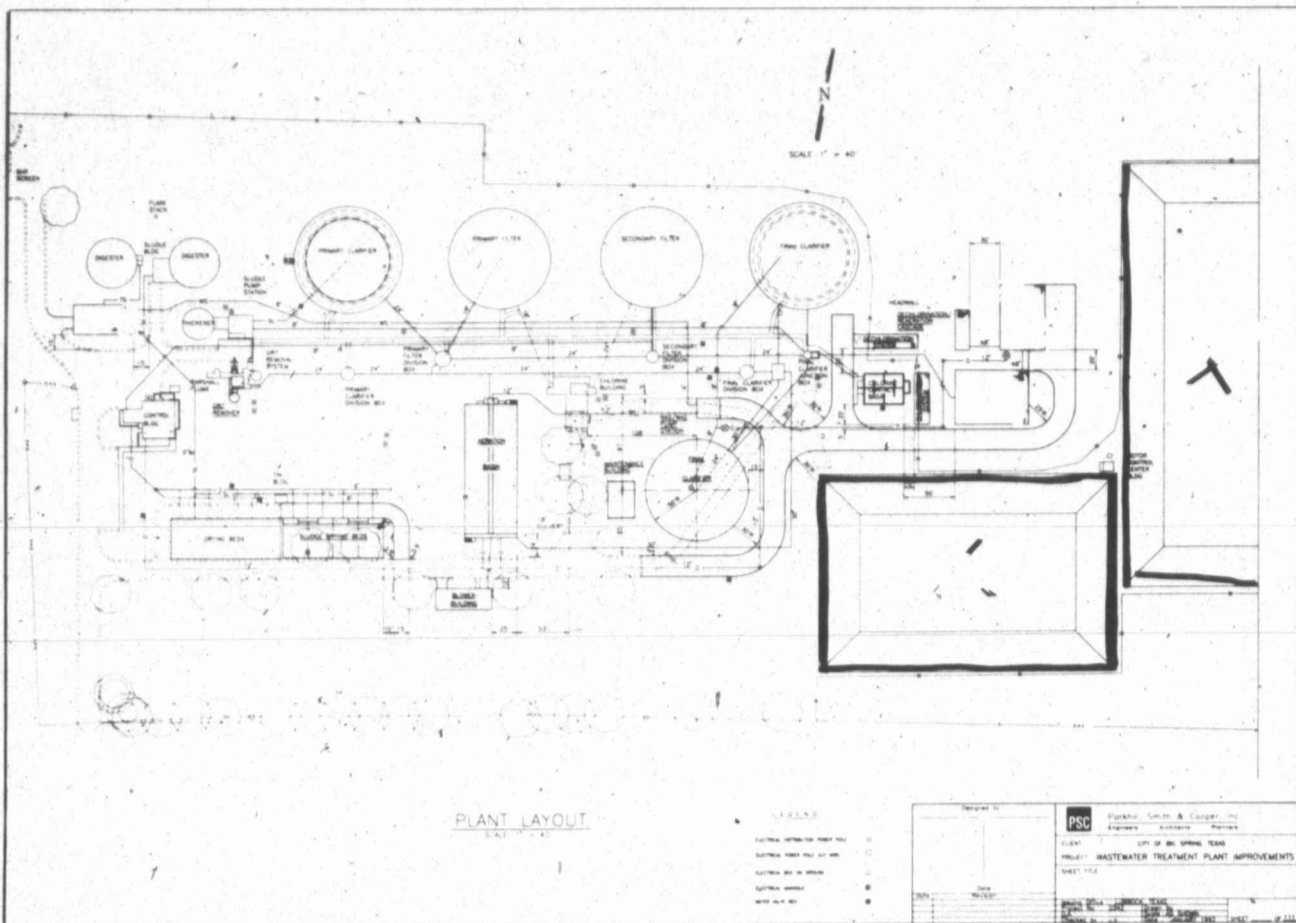
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The \$7 million improvements to the wastewater treatment plant include the addition of numerous structures. This however is the least expensive option to gain compliance with new EPA regulations as this plan utilizes almost 90 percent of the existing treatment plant.

Maintenance crews coping with city's water and streets

By GARY SHANKS
Staff Writer

In 1992, city maintenance crews will continue their struggle with the deteriorating infrastructure of the city's streets, water and wastewater treatment and piping systems.

About five miles of Big Spring streets are slated for resurfacing this year at a cost of more than \$300,000, said Public Works Director Tom Decell. Aging water and wastewater lines are being replaced on a worst-first basis and as emergencies arise. PVC pipe is being used to replace rusting water pipes and clay tile sewer lines, he said.

A sizable portion of the West Side's dirt roads will be paved now that the city has received a grant from the Permian Basin Planning Commission. Big Spring was first on a list of cities to receive the \$300,000 grant.

Far and above the largest city utilities project is the upgrading of the wastewater treatment plant, which is expected to cost more than \$7 million. The city will learn March 12, if the money can be acquired from the Texas Water Development Board, which is loaned at a substantially lower interest rate than municipal bonds, Decell said.

The upgrade is mandated by the Environmental Protection Agency, which grants specific permits to cities for wastewater discharged into rivers and streams. The old permit, which has expired, allowed the city to discharge wastewater containing 20 parts per million (ppm) of total suspended solids and biological oxygen demand.

The new permit, which the current treatment system cannot meet, has limits of 10 ppm biological oxygen demand, 15 ppm of total suspended solids and adds new limits of 3 ppm ammonia/nitrogen levels and 4 ppm minimum of dissolved oxygen.

A redundant grit remover is to be built, which removes rocks and sand from the influent. A belt thickener building is to be built that removes water from the solids before they are sent to the anaerobic digesting tanks where bacteria breaks down the compounds in the solids in the absence of oxygen.

A redundant drying bed is to be built where the sludge, which has been mixed with polymers, is dried and trucked to the landfill.

The wastewater is then sent through a number of clarifiers that remove suspended solids. A new final clarifier is to be part of the new construction. A new chlorination system is to be built as the existing system does not meet EPA regulations, Decell said.

Before the effluent can be discharged, however, it must pass through a new sulfur dioxide dechlorination system, a final filter and an oxygenation cascade, which adds the required oxygen to the effluent.

The upgrade will cost more than \$300 for every man woman and child in Big Spring, said Mayor Pro Tem Ladd Smith. Every city in Texas and several surrounding states must join other areas of the country in meeting these new specifications.

The city's drinking water treatment plant remains in a "proactive" position, that is, at an increased capacity of 16 million gallons per day, the city is ready to accept new industry that may have high water usage needs, Decell said. The increased capacity (up from 10 million gallons per day) is due to the addition of a new upflow clarifier.

Business development center wants to meet the needs of local businesses

By MARSHA STURDIVANT
Staff Writer

The Howard College Business Development Center intends to meet the needs of minority business owners and will seek local financial backing for business ventures during the coming year, said Danette Toone, director of the department.

"We've been in existence since Dec. 1, 1991, and we have more than 25 clients now," Toone said.



Danette Toone

"I'm hoping to have more minority-owned businesses, either starting up or expanding. I want to help serve everybody."

The development center, funded through a grant from the Moore Development Inc., aids entrepreneurs interested in starting their own business.

clients Toone counsels might also be in need of marketing strategies or need help to realign existing business framework.

"We do not have any money. We do not make loans. But I am here to facilitate the process. I try to be my clients' biggest advocate. And there are no fees or charges for services," she said.

Toone worked in a similar position with the University of Texas at the Permian Basin Center for Energy and Economic Diversification for five years. She has a masters of business administration degree and moved to Big Spring from Odessa in 1991.

"There is a high degree of client confidentiality. I release statistics, but not names or ideas," she said.

Most of her clients present more than just an idea when they visit the center located in the annex building next to administration offices of Howard College. Toone said she has manufacturing, sales, real estate, maintenance, food industry and retail businesses represented among her current clients.

"This covers the whole gamut. I offer encouragement as well as options and realities. I am never discouraging," Toone said.

She offers counseling to clients ranging from how to apply for a loan from the Small Business Administration to locating a financial partner locally to how to market a product. And she has maintained her contacts in Odessa.

"I'll be exploring local financial options and persons for joint ventures. It's important to keep Big Spring dollars here. You'll find this in Houston and Dallas and New York City, and Big Spring should have this too," she said.

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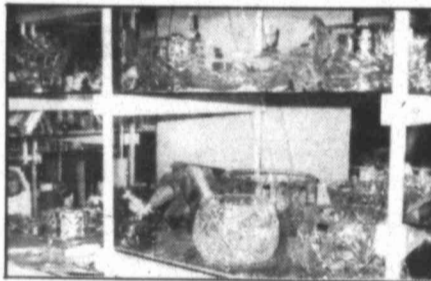
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Big S

By GARY SHANKS
Staff Writer

The addition of a new Classic to Big Spring's repertoire of scheduled events is scheduled for next week.

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The recent addition at the station of the past two million added basic 15 new channels one of cable service said.

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Mayor's future

By MAXWELL D. GRETT

Maxwell D. Grett, Big Spring Mayor, said I am confident another year in our Development Division in the facts and chance to see community. There is confidence in the appeal from Interst



that we have improvements in sums on depressed real estate increase in telephone good news.

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As I stated section, Big Spring city in the United States an excellent water, natural. We have a beautiful location. We are the youth of the statewide area also for their all extracurricular majority of only and will be time of need.

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Big Spring Cable's upgraded equipment allows more channels

By GARY SHANKS
Staff Writer

The addition of American Movie Classic to Big Spring's cable television repertoire has been an unexpected success, and more additions are scheduled in 1992.

"I've been pleasantly surprised by the amount of positive feedback," said Big Spring Cable TV Inc. Manager Larson Lloyd. "We've had as much positive reaction from this as anything we've ever had."

The recently upgraded equipment at the station has allowed the addition of several new channels in the past two years, he said. The \$1 million additions allowed the expanded basic service to add about 15 new channels, and Big Spring remains one of the least expensive cable services in West Texas, he said.

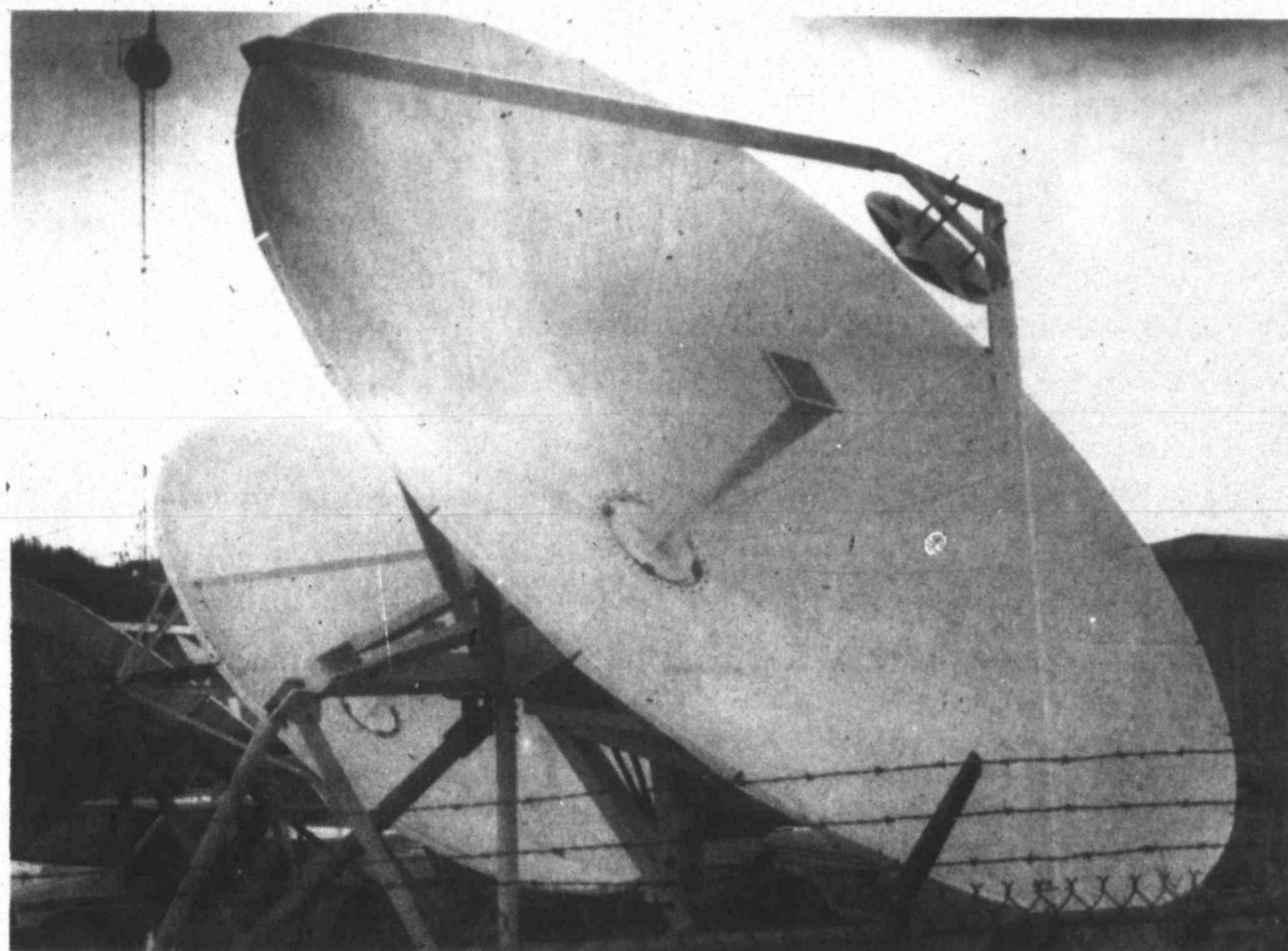
Although larger cities can offer more channels, BSCTV is still has one of the very lowest price-per-channel ratios around. "In Lamesa they're paying \$30 a month for 30 channels," Lloyd said. Compare this to BSCTV's \$17.95 for a greater number of selections.

"This is not an accident. We've worked very hard at keeping our rates low here," Lloyd said.

The company will soon be offering Home Box Office in stereo sound and will be looking at going to stereo on other channels if the demand is strong, he said. "We will also be offering HBO in Spanish."

Lloyd hopes the Spanish-dubbed HBO channel will draw additional customers to the company, saying it may appeal to an as yet untapped viewer base.

Lloyd is not expecting pending legislation, if passed, to effect Big



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Spring's operation greatly. The Senate has passed a bill allowing control over local cable television rates and programming to be held by municipal governments.

Senate Bill 12, is expected to be passed in some form by the House of Representatives, he said.

"There are some bad cable companies out there," Lloyd cited as the reason for the legislation. Many cable suppliers in smaller cities have no office and service is done through an 800 number to a distant office, Lloyd said. BSCTV offers 24-hour service to its customers, he

added. City Manager Hal Boyd said no plans have been made concerning city control of local cable. As with other cable companies, BSCTV pays franchise fees on a quarterly basis to the city for the rights to offer services here.



Cinco de Mayo

ALSA member Juan Garza stirs tripas for burritos at the Cinco de Mayo celebration at Tres Amigos Club.

Mayor: city's future bright

By MAXWELL D. GREEN
Mayor, Big Spring

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As I stated in last year's special section, Big Spring is the greatest city in the United States. We have an excellent climate, plenty of water, natural gas and electricity. We have a beautiful and historical location. We can feel great pride in the youth of this city, both for their statewide academic excellence and also for their accomplishments in all extracurricular activities. The majority of our citizens are friendly and will help their fellow man in time of need.

For the future, I see Big Spring as a clean, beautiful, optimistic and prosperous community. A city that provides new opportunities for each new generation. A city where all the citizens realize that the best and only help is within our own hands.

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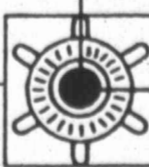
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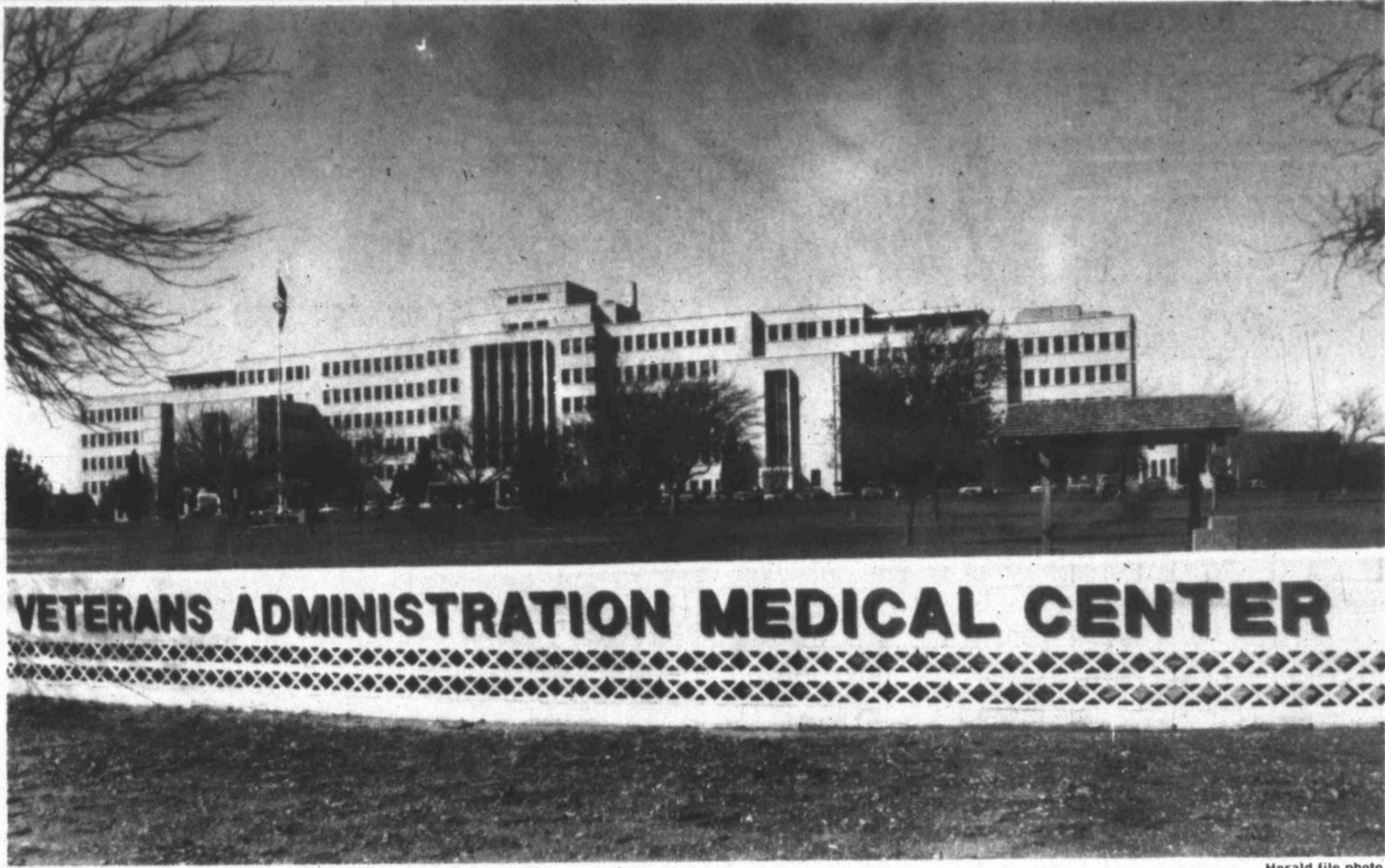
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KBST plans to increase coverage

By MARSHA STURDIVANT
Staff Writer

KBST Radio plans to increase its coverage area this year into Garden City, according to station owner David Wrinkle.

"I've made an application to the Federal Communications Commission to increase our power to 25,000 watts," Wrinkle said.

"We're trying to increase our coverage area, to bring more business into Big Spring," he said.

The station broadcasts at 1,800 watts now, he said. By increasing the power more than eight times what it is now, the power will be boosted to reach around the Howard County area into Glasscock, Mitchell and Dawson counties, he said.

A circular polarized antenna will be used to reach Garden City, and a taller tower should be built to replace the existing tower on South Mountain, he said.

"It'll be in the same place. I'm glad to be going into Garden City, I need to be serving that area," Wrinkle said.

Although KBST may be heard in Colorado City and Lamesa now, the increased power and new tower will allow additional coverage into those areas, he said. The new

license will also allow Wrinkle to take his country music format into Greenwood and Snyder.

Other changes Wrinkle anticipates for his station include 24-hour stereo country on the FM dial, and the AM station will have more talk-radio programming.

"We've already started that with the addition of Rush Limbaugh, a right-wing conservative," Wrinkle said.

Wrinkle said his family purchased the radio station in 1959, and he added the FM station in 1989. "It quickly became the number one station in town," he said.

"We're going to try to cover our trade area and bring more business into Big Spring. Our business grows six to ten percent every year. Big Spring has been really good to my family — we've been in the business 33 years," Wrinkle said.

Along with country music, the station also serves the community through coverage of high school and college sports and local news with two full-time reporters, Randy Lynn and Keith Leuty, Wrinkle said.

Wrinkle is optimistic about the FCC granting the license to increase his signal boost and his coverage area.



Mr. Right, a local band, will play Heart of the City. Band members, left to right, David Bingham, T.J. Jones, Tom Dunnam and Scott Simpson (back) will perform their brand of Texas Rock 'n Roll.

Heart of the city scheduled for June 5-6

By MARSHA STURDIVANT
Staff Writer

The Heart of the City Festival, scheduled this year for June 5-6, will feature many area performers, a poker motorcycle run and several demonstrations of dance and talent.

"We're trying for better quality entertainment for everyone," said Barry Barnett, co-chairperson for the festival this year.

Barnett said the Harley Owners Group will sponsor a poker run on Saturday, and gorilla volleyball will also be back this year. "We're also bringing back the senior olympics," he said.

June 5 at 8 p.m., "Destino," a band from Midland, will kick-off

the festival, Barnett said. A local Big Spring band, "Heartless," will be the featured entertainment June 6 from 9 p.m. until midnight.

Other bands scheduled to perform include "Mr. Right," featuring Tom Dunnam, T.J. Jones, Scott Simpson and David Bingham. And "Triple Shot," led by Johnny Saldivar is also scheduled to play during the event. "The Inside Out Band" from Ira will also perform.

The Big Spring Humane Society will have a petting zoo, and the Boy Scouts have scheduled to have booths for children as well, Barnett said.

A High Adventures Explorers Club from Midland will perform traditional native-American

dances in costume. Barnett's students will also perform an isshinryu karate demonstration, he said.

The Small Business Council will have an auction beginning at 11 a.m. The Gun Fighters from Colorado City will also return this year. A car show, complete with antique and custom vehicles will be on site in the Downtown Main Street Square.

Festival patrons will also be treated to arts and crafts booths, as well as food and beverages. Barnett said beer will be sold again this year.

"And we're still working on more entertainment," Barnett said.

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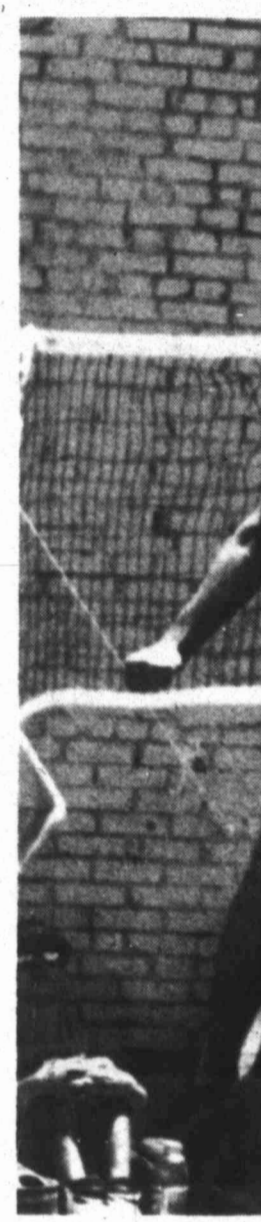
By GARY SHANKS
Staff Writer

Big Spring Main continue its rev downtown by add and planning events to the area, said ad Paul Hopper.

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Gentlemen's Corner spike as Chad Wash, up for the double blo

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Main Street Inc. revitalizing downtown with new businesses

By GARY SHANKS
Staff Writer

Big Spring Main Street Inc. will continue its revitalization of downtown by adding businesses and planning events to draw people to the area, said administrator T. Paul Hopper.

An Arts center should be opening by May 1 in a building at Runnels and Third Street to serve as a focal point for the city's art community and as an "anchor" business for the downtown area, Hopper said. "The building is ready, we're just waiting to clear some paperwork," he said. "It's going to be a stand alone business — we're talking about 200 art lessons a week, with special events and seminars... its own art supplies."

Area artists are involved with the center's inception and hope to not only teach painting, sculpture and pottery to beginning artists, but to bring in well known art figures to teach the advanced artists, he said.

The store will also generate traffic to the area, which will help the existing businesses and make the area more attractive to other retailers, Hopper said. "Success

breeds success," he added.

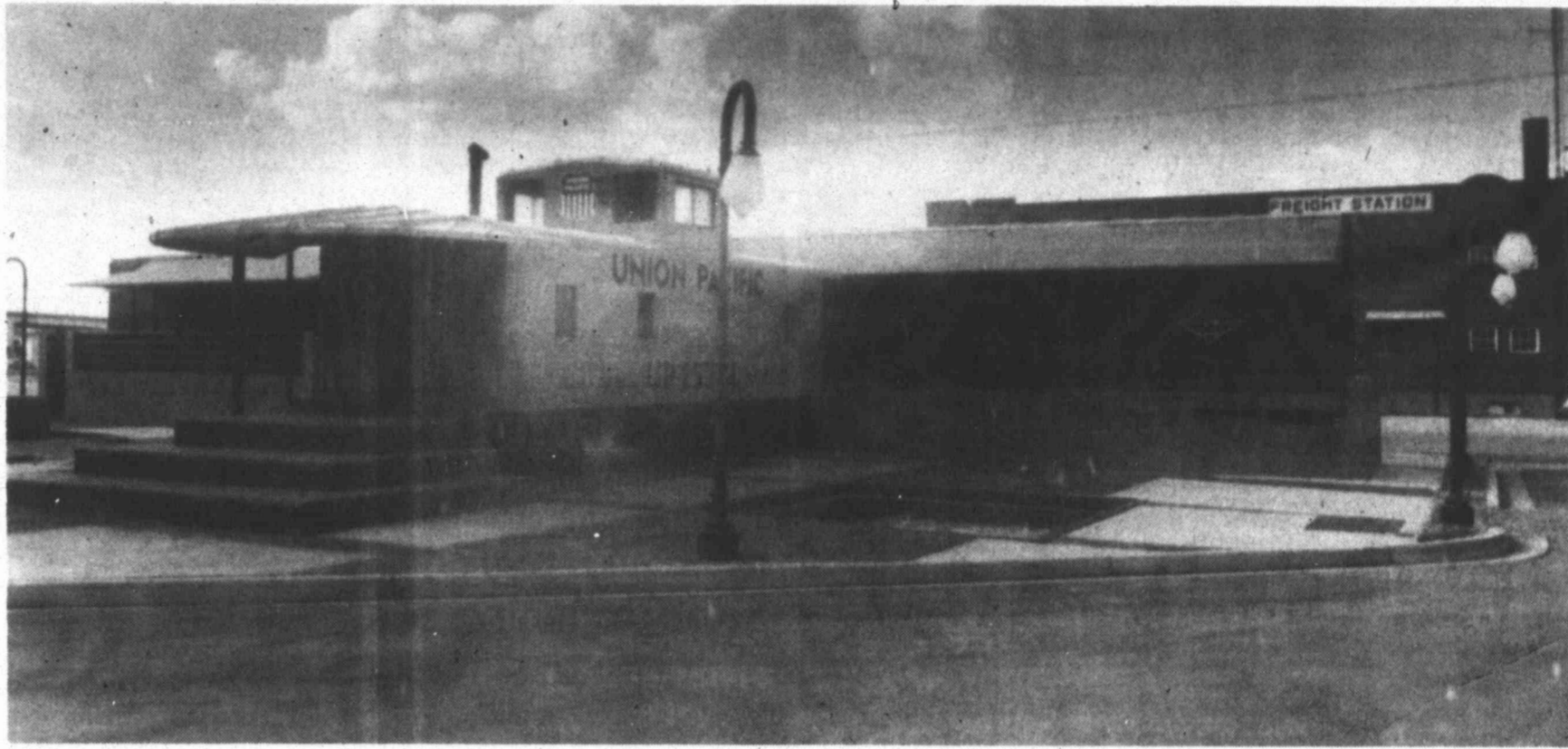
A membership drive for the Heart of the City Festival was held at the Railroad Plaza on March 17 at 7 p.m. Hamburgers and drinks were served, said coordinator Betty Gossett.

The festival is scheduled to begin the first weekend in June and will draw numerous vendors and exhibits to the two-day party, which will have live bands both nights.

Also scheduled are Cinco de Mayo and Diez-y-Seis Septiembre celebrations in the area.

Hopper hopes the revitalization of the downtown area will curb some of the negativism, which some prospective businessmen have noted. Some residents are too quick to point out the failures and deterioration of the city without acknowledging the successes, an attitude that makes retailers shy away from an area, he said.

Hopper is currently working on 34 projects such as direct applications to retailers, which focus on those serving needs that are currently not available in Big Spring, and setting up other attractions like the model railroad exhibit.



A membership drive for the Heart of the City was held at the Railroad Plaza by Main Street Inc. The festival is scheduled to begin the first weekend of June.

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Gorilla Volleyball

Gentlemen's Corner Ray McCutcheon pounds a spike as Chad Wash, right, and Buddy Everett go up for the double block in Gorilla Volleyball com-

petition was Ice Babies of Odessa. The six-man volleyball competition was won by Matlock and Associates.



KBEST News with Keith Leuty and Randy Lynn

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By JACKIE OLSON
County Auditor

It's budget time in Howard County. In April, the auditor's office will begin with the department heads. Then meetings to begin with the individual heads in a county judge, as the officer, and the county's financial.

This process will be a considerable time as well as to the budget.



Jackie Olson should fees be increased, are there new grants we might try to get? Once the meeting begins again. During their work, the county auditor will be working on the budget. Special sessions will be held to work on the same time in meetings will be held. The task is not easy one.

One of the items to be considered is the tax rate. The collector calculates.



In a file photo, three people in Big Spring stand in front of about 960 inmates. This is the Big Spring area.

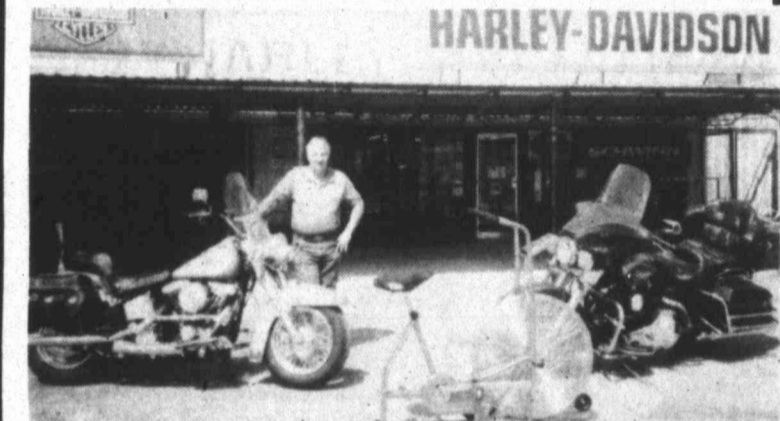
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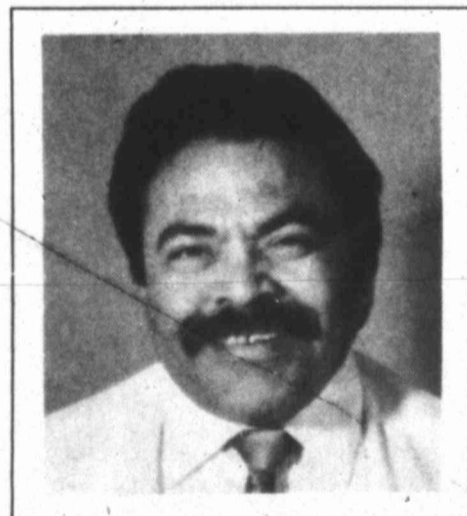


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11:15 a.m. — Snake Races
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10:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m. — Arts & Crafts Show in the Dora Roberts Building & Outdoor Flea Market.

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Joy of budgeting faces county court

By JACKIE OLSON
County Auditor

It's budget time again for Howard County.

In April, the auditor will send budget requests to all officials and department heads for their input. Then meetings to review requests begin with the individual department heads in attendance, the county judge, as the county budget officer, and the county auditor, as the county's financial officer.

This process will involve considerable time as requests are added to the budget, amended, or deleted. The judge and auditor will review proposed expenditures and each official department head will be asked for suggestions on revenue.

Jackie Olson should fees be increased if the law allows, are there new fees the county is obligated to collect, and are there grants we might qualify for?

Once the meetings with the individual department heads conclude, the county judge and the county auditor will collect the information and submit it to the commissioners court, where the review process begins again.

During their work sessions, the commissioners will further revise the budget. Special sessions will be held to work on the budget and some time in regular court meetings will be devoted to budget preparation. The task will not be an easy one.

One of the items to be considered is the tax rate. The tax assessor-collector calculates an "effective

tax rate" for the court.

This "effective tax rate" enables the public to evaluate the relationship between the levy for the preceding year and the levy that a proposed tax rate will produce if applied to the same properties taxed in the prior year, with their new appraised values. If the adopted tax rate exceeds the "effective tax rate" by more than eight percent, the qualified voters of the county by petition may require that an election be held to determine whether or not to reduce the tax rate.

So it's not as simple as setting a tax rate to bring in the needed revenue. There are constraints within which the court must work.

Another budget item that

cent. The county currently budgets \$495,436 for eligible health care expenses and administrative costs. This figure has grown from a budget of \$384,000, the first year of the program. This is always an important issue for commissioners.

One of the major expenditure of county funds is for salaries and benefits of employees. It is always a concern for commissioners to provide for employees' needs and provide the number of employees needed to perform county services.

The increases in health care have been overwhelming in the past and will be an area to be reviewed once again.

As well as looking at proposed expenditures, the commissioners will review revenues for the coun-

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demands more time and money each year is the indigent health care program. Established in 1986, this program provides medical care for indigents of the county.

Previously, the county had provided some medical care for indigents but this was the first time the county mandated to budget a particular amount. The county's maximum liability for eligible indigent health care expense is 10 percent of the general revenue levy, plus another 20 percent of expenses as long as the state of Texas pays 80 percent.

If the state does not have funds available, the county is not required to pay the additional 20 per-

cent. Most of the county revenues in the current year come from taxes (69 percent).

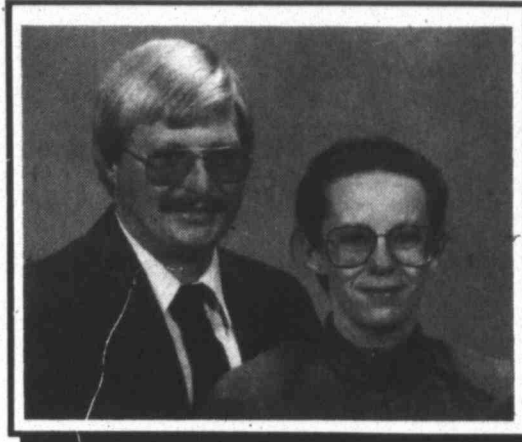
Non-tax revenues include charges for services, including fees collected by the county clerk, county tax assessor-collector, and district clerk (12 percent); license and permits, including automobile licensing (10 percent); fines collected by justice of the peace, county and district courts (seven percent); and other miscellaneous revenue (two percent).

During the current year revenues are estimated to bring in \$6,141,698 with proposed expenditures costing \$6,910,969; therefore, the county depended on a carry-over of prior years funds to balance the budget. This too will be a great concern for the commissioners.



Last year, Howard County Library has joined with 11 other area library systems to form the Permain Library Association Network. This

service provides additional services to library patrons and creates a professional support group for librarians.



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Kenn Construction was established in Big Spring in 1986 by John N. Kennemur. John and his wife Tana Thomas Kennemur do all phases of residential construction from small repairs, painting, carpentry and roofing (composition, Elk, GAF, wood), to general construction and additions. We also do light commercial work such as

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The Kennemur family has been in Big Spring for four generations. John's great-grandfather Harvey Carmack worked for the railroad and owned and operated a local cabinet shop.

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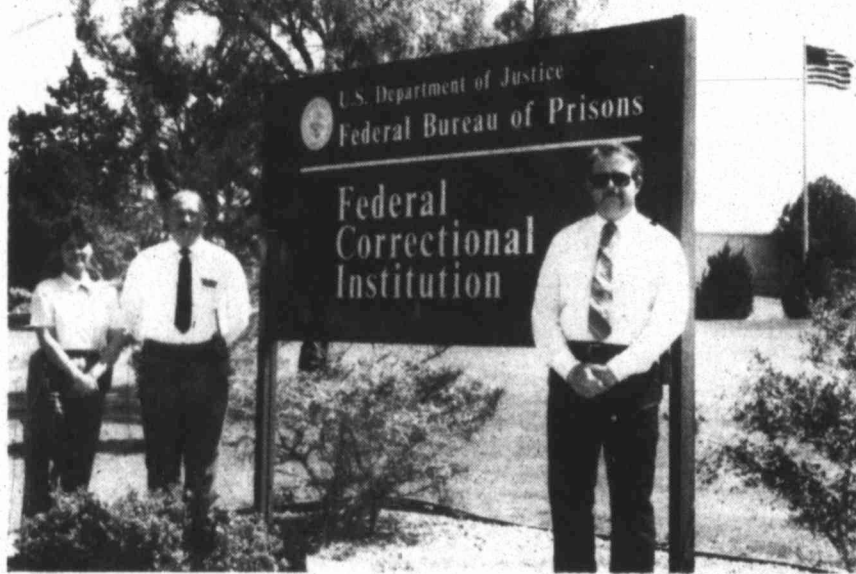
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In a file photo, three officers at the Federal Correctional Institution in Big Spring stand at the front entrance to the facility that houses about 960 inmates. The institution is the seventh largest employer in the Big Spring area with 277 total employees.

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Local unions cover wide area

By MARSHA STURDIVANT
Staff Writer

The International Union of Operating Engineers Local 826 has about 200 local members and 750 area members, said business manager J.D. Fortenberry.

And Fortenberry said he is working with management teams now to start a training program for operators and maintenance.

"We feel certain we'll be required to have some-kind of certification for persons working in refineries," he said.

Fortenberry said three possible training sites are being discussed, including Howard County Junior College, Fina Inc. and the local union office.

The local office covers three refineries, including the one in Howard County. The other two are located in Artesia, N.M. and El Paso, he said.

"We cover a wide area, from Wichita Falls to El Paso to Brownwood and above Plainview," Fortenberry said.

The Fina refinery union represents operators, maintenance personnel and pipeline workers as well as truck drivers and production workers, he said.

"The union organized on Dec. 7, 1896, with boiler room operators. The local charter was granted in 1943," Fortenberry said.

Fortenberry was elected to serve as business manager in 1969. Each elected term lasts for three years, he said.

The AFL-CIO states there are unions available for a variety of workers locally, including engineers, carpenters, transport workers, oil workers, teachers, truck drivers, plumbers, postal employees, communications workers, state and federal workers and firefighters.

And Fortenberry said some of these "craft unions," including plumbers, pipe fitters and iron workers may contract work with the Fina refinery.

Paul Brown, union president for the Big Spring Professional Firefighters Association, said he has 36 members locally. The association is affiliated with many national organizations, including the International Association of Firefighters with headquarters in Washington D.C.

"That represent all firefighters in the United States, Canada and the Panama Canal Zone. Our main concerns are the health and safety of firemen," Brown said.

The firefighters union was founded locally in 1983. There are 45 people in the department, Brown said.

The Permian Basin Central Labor Union in Midland maintains a list of all local unions. For more information contact D.L. Willis at 563-0583.

Moore Board chairman cites general goals

By OWEN H. IVIE
Moore Board chairman

Moore Development Inc. will be continue to break ground in 1992 with a new tool to upgrade and promote economic growth in Big Spring. The mission of the corporation is to assist; stimulate and enhance economic development. A key element is to increase job opportunities through expansion of existing businesses or attracting new ones for new opportunities.

This provides us a basis of general goals. Here are some:

- Survey our resources,

primarily those of existing businesses that might need various types of help, including assistance in creation of new jobs; evaluate major assets, such as McMahon-Wrinkle Industrial Park at the airbase site, and then market these aggressively.

- Promote Big Spring as a location for private and public area offices, and as a distribution center; to cooperate in improvement of the general appearance of the city to make it more attractive to present and future residents.

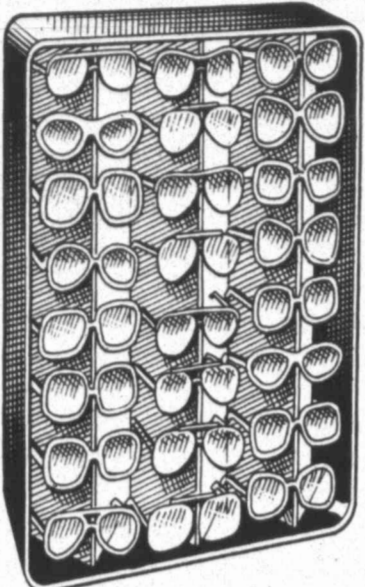
• Provide financial assistance, where warranted, in the form of loan guarantees for start-up or expanding enterprises; advise with government agencies concerning tax abatements; provide infrastructures (streets, utilities, etc.) on sites to meet needs of incoming businesses/industries.

- Help coordinate training through secondary schools and Howard College to meet specific needs of businesses, also to develop a skilled labor pool.
- Engage consultants for specific undertakings as needed

and be in a position to recruit specialized personnel for private and public agencies.

• Maintain informational programs to encourage local input and tips; engage in certain promotions such as production of factual materials, brochures, audiovisuals, advertisements as tools for attracting and educating prospects concerning local advantages, including cultural social, religious and entertainment potentials for a quality of life.

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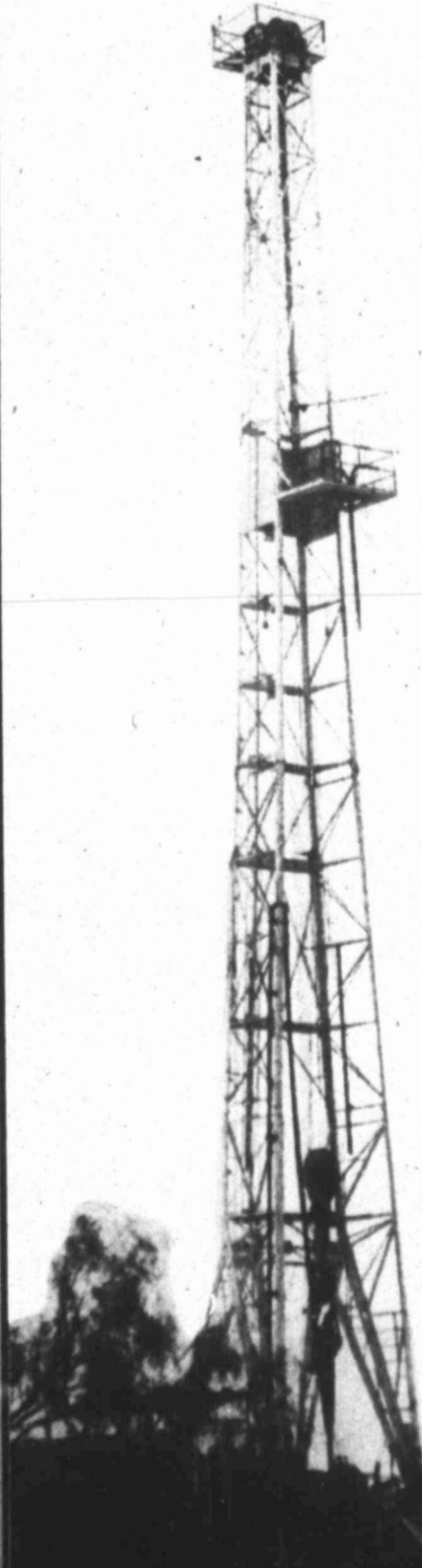
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Moore fund

By GARY SH Staff Writer

Moore Development Inc. will fund for the business and Executive Director.

In its second year the Moore Development is providing a direct loan to Freeport-McMoan Co. for a Spencer Coating plant in Big Spring.

The board of directors met last July to discuss possible locations for new prisons. The final decision will be made by April 10.

The board of directors met on a second day with the West plant. The project of funding Agricultural (TAFA) for a March.

The grant communities center in match Moore Board has to cover this.

Herb Wright Decatur will million to \$1 1/2 equipment to TAFA grant conditional \$500 capital could Texas Department St. Clair said.

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Labor force increase in Texas noted

By LINDA ROGER

Statistics from the Texas Chamber of Commerce state that 93 percent of Texans have jobs. While the U.S. continues to lose jobs, Texas continues to grow. Only 7 percent of Texans are without work.

Locally, the Texas Employment Commission reports that only 7.6 percent are without jobs. Labor force has increased 7 percent from last year and there are 916 more people employed this year.



Linda Roger

Looking ahead to the future, Howard County is strengthening. Two of the reasons are new business and business expansion such as; Enviro-Vat, employing seven, Central Freight Lines, adding one employee, Andy's Bullets, adding one full-time and four part-time employees, continued expansion of the Federal Prison, continued construction at Fina Refinery, Construction of H.E.B. and the Subway Sandwich shop.

Local retailers, restaurants, contractors, distributors and manufacturers are reporting increases over 1991 figures.

State Comptroller's forecast indicates that over the next twenty years our state will have an average annual growth rate of 3 percent.

Local increased efforts on the State Prison and other business endeavors will insure our growth. Big Spring and Howard County are making the right moves, all entities are working toward a unified strength to ensure our economic health.

The unified strength may also be seen with the membership increase of the chamber during the recent membership drive.

The following is a list of new

Local retailers, restaurants, contractors, distributors and manufacturers are reporting increases over 1991 figures.

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Linda Roger is the executive vice president of the Big Spring Area Chamber of Commerce.



Kenneth Kemp, a coater at Freecom Inc., is applying Ceram-Kote 54 to the tips of oil field tubing. The Moore Board provided a direct business retention loan to Freecom Inc. and by providing a loan guarantee for Spencer Coatings, which will be applying John Freeman's protective paint.

Moore board providing funds for local business

By GARY SHANKS
Staff Writer

Moore Development for Big Spring Inc. will continue providing funds for the development of local business and providing jobs, said Executive Director Ted St. Clair.

In its second fiscal year of operation the Moore Board began by providing a direct business retention loan to Freecom Inc. and by providing a loan guarantee for Spencer Coatings, which will be applying John Freeman's protective paint.

The board began working diligently on the state prison project last July. A "short list" of possible locations for the new state prisons was released on March 16. The final decision as to where prisons will be located will be made April 10.

The board is currently working on a second large-scale project with the Wright Fibers textile plant. The project is awaiting word of funding from the Texas Agricultural Finance Authority (TAF) for a \$1.98 million grant. The decision is expected late in March.

The grant is only available to communities that provide 10 percent in matching funds, and the Moore Board has promised \$220,000 to cover this, St. Clair said.

Herb Wright of Wright Fibers in Decatur will be providing \$1 million to \$1 1/2 million in cash and equipment to the project. If the TAF grant comes through, an additional \$500,000 in operating capital could be acquired from the Texas Department of Commerce, St. Clair said.

If successful, the plant could employ 200 people within five years, with an initial employment of about 60.

In smaller business ventures, the board has agreed to pay half of the

rent for three years for a new company called Enviro-Vat. They will be producing a product at the McMahon/Wrinkel Airpark.

The Enviro-Vat is an alternative to the expensive process of digging, lining, netting and reclaiming earth pits during oil-well drilling.

Enviro-Vat is owned by Lynn Wightington. The company is currently taking orders and manufacturing the product.

Local entrepreneur Andy Wostal of Andy's Bullets, was given a loan guarantee for \$10,000 worth of equipment needed to expand his bullet-production facilities. Wostal produces hardened lead bullets that can withstand the same temperatures and pressures of the more expensive copper-jacketed bullets.

Wostal purchases as much of his raw material as possible locally, and has a system to sell his waste metals so as not to impact the environment, he said.

St. Clair hopes that the Business Development Center at Howard College, which is principally funded by the Moore board, can help other area businessmen such as they have helped Wostal and Wightington. The center draws on the expertise at the college and assists prospective and existing businesses in developing a plan.

With a fully developed business plan, the board can examine the merits of an application for financial aid, whereas someone with an idea but no formal plan cannot be considered for assistance, St. Clair said.

The Moore board was developed to provide funds for loans that are of greater risk than those that a bank will make, he said. This way, area businesses have an edge on funding and the risk is spread out to a wide number of taxpayers and businesses.

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CRMWD set to meet water demands in 1992

By JOE PICKLE
Special to the Herald

The Colorado Municipal Water District, the regional supplier for mid-West Texas, is all set to meet any demands on it during 1992 — and indeed for years to come.

Water reserves in Lake J.B. Thomas and Lake E.V. Spence are adequate to see the district through the next two seasons without substantial run-off.

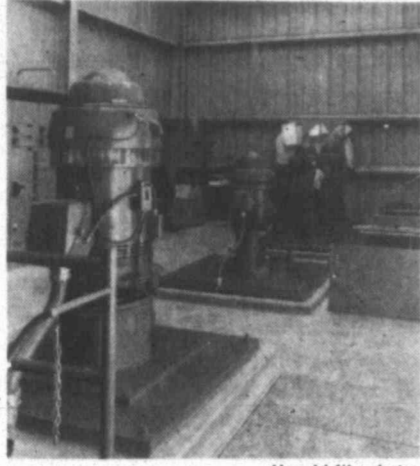
Based on past records, better-than-average inflow is statistically probable this year. Last year the district furnished more than 16 billion gallons of water and could easily deliver 25 percent more without any problems.

The big item for 1991 will be awarding of contracts in April to build an 157-mile pipeline from Lake O.H. Ivie, the district's newest reservoir 25 miles southeast of Ballinger on the Colorado River, to San Angelo and Midland-Odessa.

There will be a junction on this 53-to-60-inch line just below Garden City so that when Big Spring needs the water a spur line can be constructed to furnish an additional 10 million gallons per day.

Cost of the project will be around \$80 million for the line alone, which makes it by far the biggest and most costly in more than 42 years of the district's existence. The joy will take about three years to complete and will be capable of supplying 90 million gallons a day: 25 million to San Angelo, 20 million to Midland and 45 million to Odessa and other district customers.

Water quality remains a problem, but during the first two mon-



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Pumps at the Red Draw Reservoir filter polluted water from Beals Creek. Water quality remains a problem, but during the first two months of 1992 there was a 20 percent improvement over the previous year.

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CRMWD last year completed and activated a \$7.5 million reservoir in western Mitchell County to impound surplus non-potable waters from the Colorado River and Beals Creek into Lake Spence.

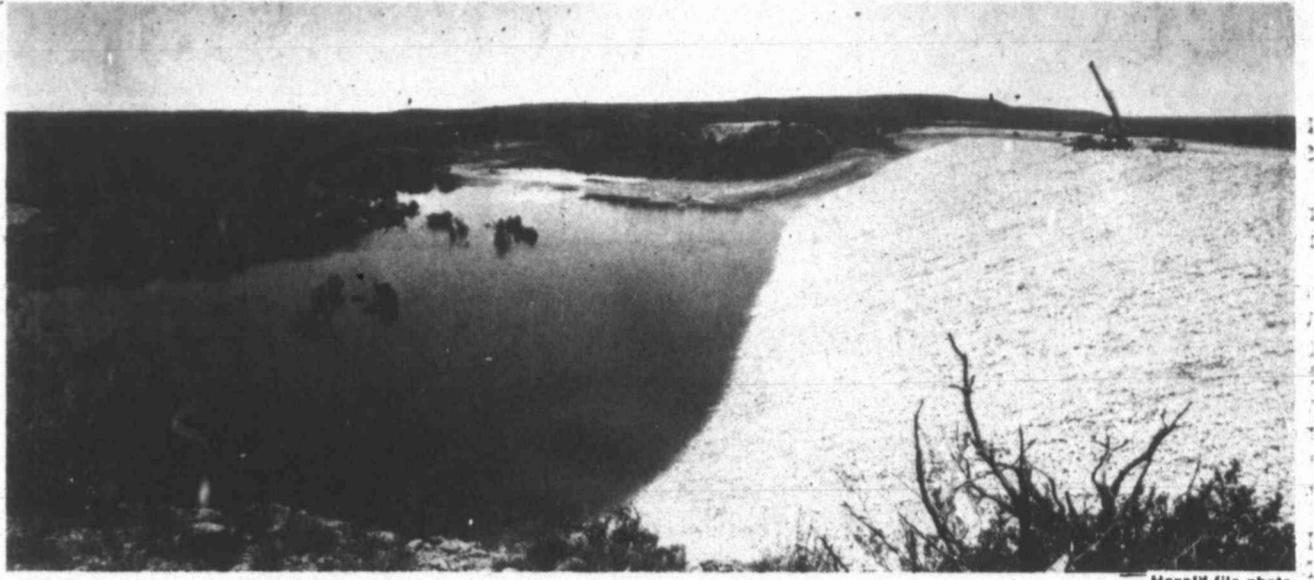
The poor-quality low flow of the river and Beals Creek plus storage in Barber Lake just above Colorado City and Red Draw just below Big Spring, are being diverted to the new reservoir at the rate of 10-to-20 million gallons a day. Thus, little or none of these low flows will reach Lake Spence.

One of the sources of trouble on Beals Creek is Natural Dam Lake 10 miles west of Big Spring, water

in this if frightfully high in salt. Currently it contains 31,000 acre-feet of water. Recently CRMWD completed raising the main 36-inch supply line over its Sulphur Draw and Buzzard Draw arms by 2 1/2 feet. This provides up to 54,000 acre-feet storage because the spillway level will be raised correspondingly. By all odds, the lake should shrink, but if it does not, a secondary relief reservoir on sulphur Draw is being eyed.

CRMWD operates on a budget of \$28 million, of which \$17 million is debt service and \$1.7 million is coverage, an increase of \$8.6 million. However, the West Central Texas Municipal Water District (Abilene, San Angelo and Midland) pay about 40 percent. Those contract cities own half the safe yield of Lake Ivie. San Angelo and Midland-Odessa will contribute about 35 percent of debt service to the new pipeline.

Lake Ivie, completed in early 1990, was expected to require six to eight years to fill. But by mid March, it had 544,000 acre-feet, about 99 percent full, and covered 30 square miles of surface. Already there is speculation of tremendous recreational use this summer. Presently, access is difficult, but the extended Farm-to-Market 1929 from the central-south portion of the lake to Farm-to-Market 503 on the northeast is now under construction and is due for completion by mid-summer. This will put traffic just below the dam. A new road is due to be cut from the extended FM 1929 to Concho Park, Kennedy Park and Elm Creek Village, which is already operating.



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Photographed is the Red Draw Reservoir, which draws polluted water off Beals Creek. CRMWD last year completed and activated a \$7.5 million

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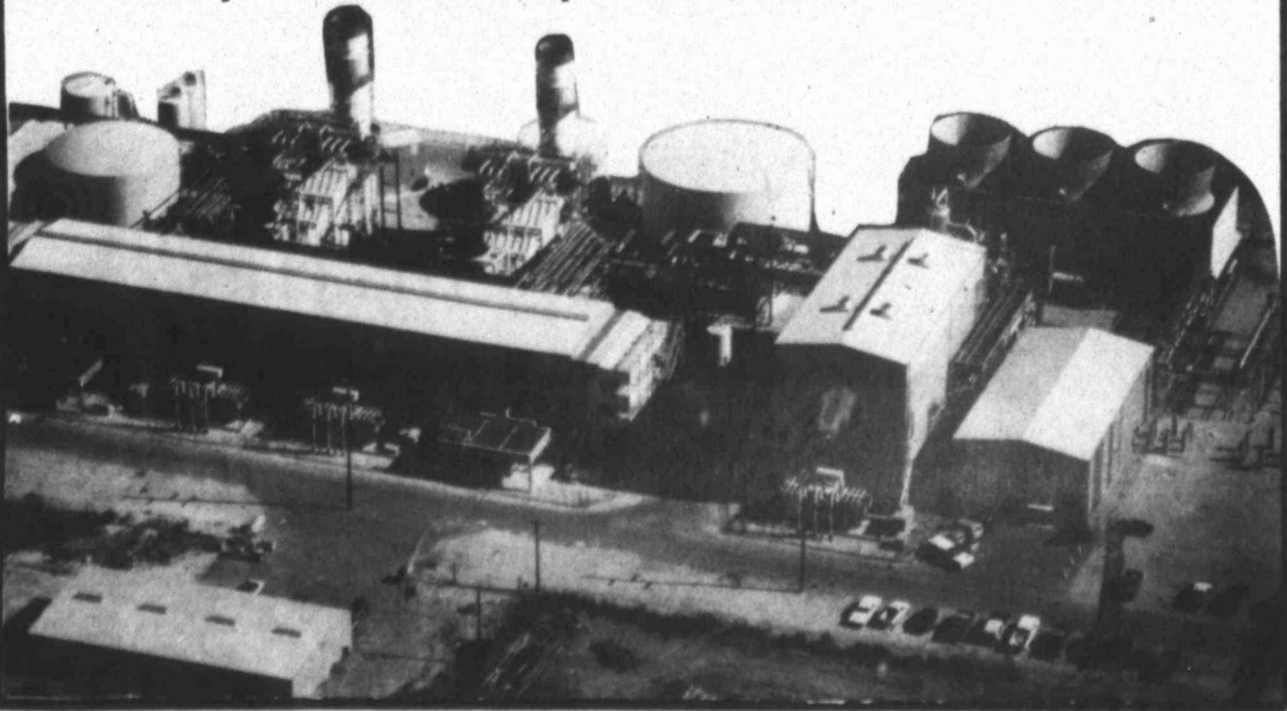
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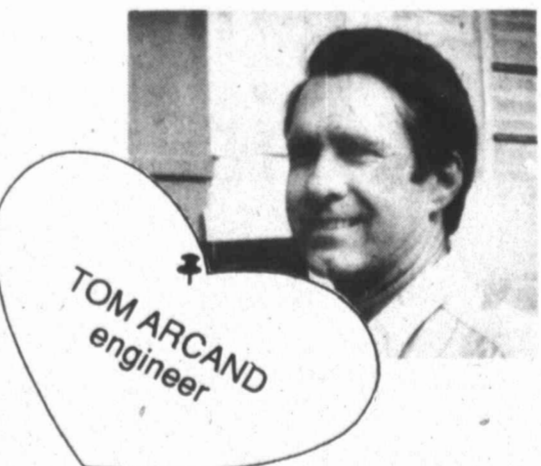
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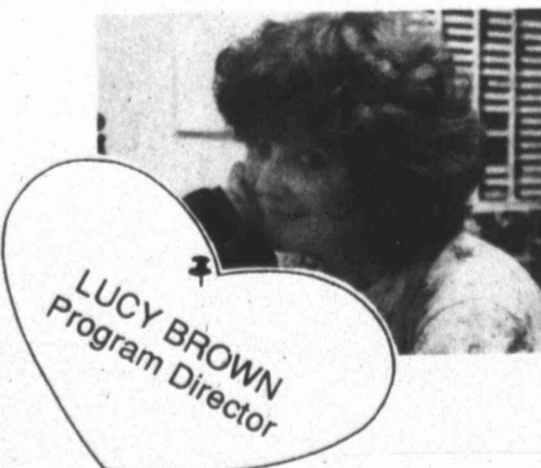
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Local nursing homes' occupancy increasing

By PATRICK DRISCOLL
Staff Writer

The three nursing homes and two nursing home health care agencies in Big Spring are kept busy.

The total 219 beds at Comanche Trail Nursing Center and Mountain View Lodge Inc. are typically more than 98 percent occupied. The 200 beds at Golden Plains Care Center were more than half occupied in mid March following recent renovations and occupancy was increasing.

Home nursing agencies include Best Home Care Inc. and Scenic Mountain Medical Center Home Health.

At Mountain View:
• Located at 2009 Virginia and operating since the early 1970s, it has 100 beds and is licensed to handle Medicaid and Medicare residents.

• In mid March, 86 residents, including six in private rooms (where two beds can fit), were being cared for. Of those, 53 were paid for through Medicaid, six through a Veterans Administration contract and 27 were privately paid. Only a few beds were open. "We've been pretty full now for two or three months," said Assistant Administrator Brad Pierce.

• A staff of about 70 employees includes three registered nurses and nine licensed vocational nurses. "We try to base everything on our patient care," Pierce said. "It's the cleanest nursing home I've ever smelled."

At Comanche Trail:
• Located at 3200 Parkway and operating since 1991, it has 119 beds and is licensed to handle Medicaid residents.

• In March, 110 residents, including seven in private rooms, were being cared for. Of those, 74 were paid through Medicaid, two through a Veterans Administration contract and 34 privately paid. "Currently we are full," said Larry Voegtli, president of parent company Select Care Enterprises Inc. of Austin. "Right now I have two empty beds but I have people scheduled to move into them."

At Golden Plains:
• Located at 901 Goliad and operating since 1984, it has 200 beds. Operators plan to soon have a

state license to accept Medicaid.

• High points of the facility include recent renovations and a stable staff, Thomas said. "We believe we have a group of employees who are genuinely concerned about taking care of the residents."

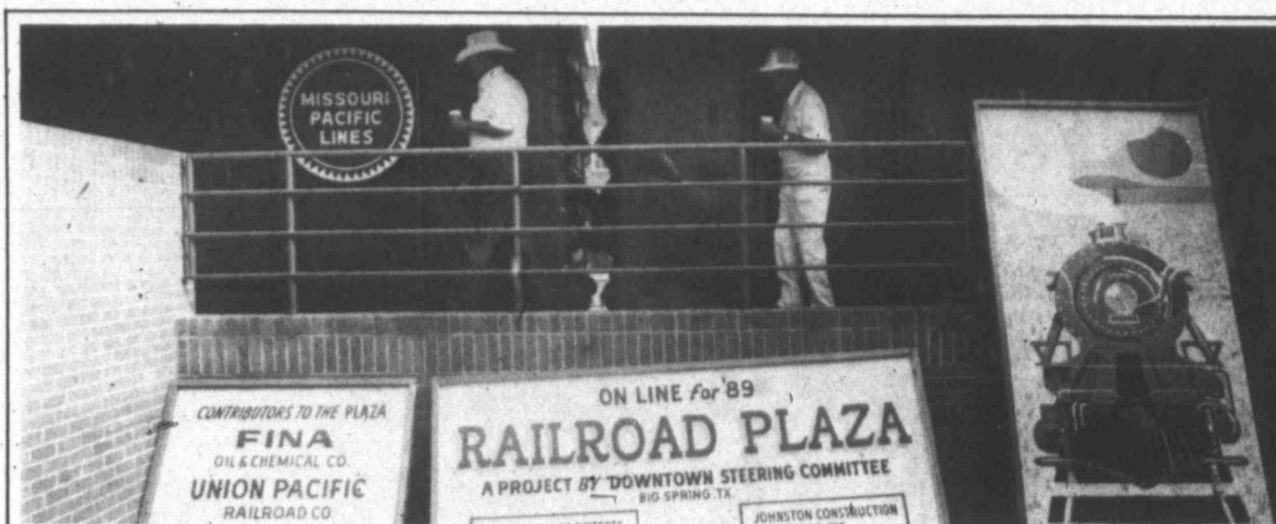
• Information was not available on the 103 residents and the staff of 145. "That information is confidential," said Administrator Gary Thomas.

Home health agencies also offer assistance to the elderly as well as other patients who want to stay out of or limit hospital stays.

Best Home Care at 1710 Marcy

Dr., operating since 1976, has 46 employees, including six registered nurses, 14 licensed vocational nurses and 14 aides. "There are other services available, try all of them, us included, and then choose the one you like the best," said Administrator Sam Barron.

Home Health at College Park Mall, Suite 4, operating since 1983, has 10 employees, including three registered nurses, four licensed vocational nurses and two aides. "We offer skilled nursing and home health aide services to the public. Most of them (patients) are elderly people," said Director Melinda Reavis.



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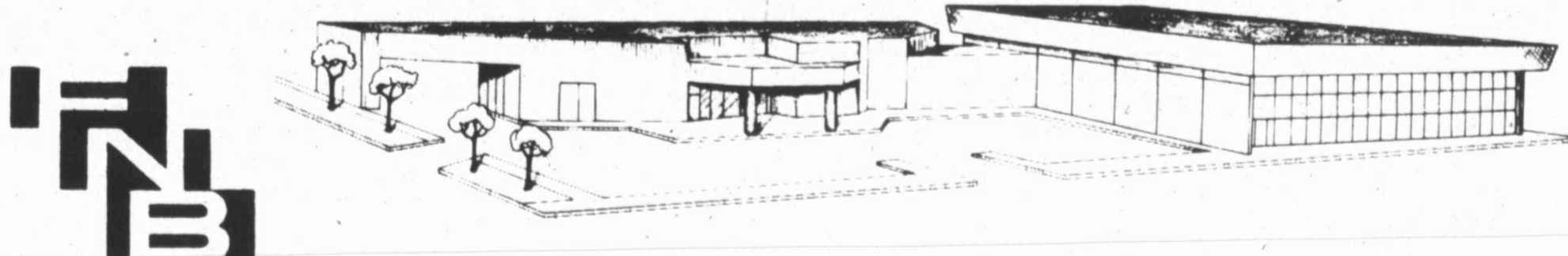
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Fiddlin' around

Western Band members Tom Castle, foreground, plays the fiddle and Marvin Holland strums on his electric mandolin as the two were on hand at the Comanche Trail Nursing Center, 3200 Parkway, to play for the home's residents. The center has about 110 residents with 90 staff members. It opened in 1991.

Howard County library open house April 5-11

By MARSHA STURDIVANT
Staff Writer

The Howard County Library will take part in a nationwide celebration during County Government Week, April 5-11, focusing on county services available.

"We'll have an Open House and a tour here, as well as at the county annex. This will help people know what we have."

"We have books on everything from how to repair your car to how to travel in China. We also have books that tell how to remove a stain, as well as recreational reading," Jackson said.

The summer reading program and the literacy council programs are on-going, as is the Permian Library Association Network (PLANet) program that was started last year.

"It's a group of librarians with agreements for patrons to borrow from another library with a letter of referral from their home library," she said.

Rose von Hassell is the literacy coordinator for the Howard County Learn to Read Literacy Program. She said she is always searching for persons who want to teach others to read, and for those who want to learn.

"They only have to call me here at the library. We try to work with their schedule so the tutoring is convenient for them," von Hassell said.

As part of the West Texas Library System, the staff has continuing education conferences. And

an inner-library loan program enlarges the circulation available to patrons.

"We're connected with a national system that enables us to reach outside our boundaries for materials we need," Jackson said.

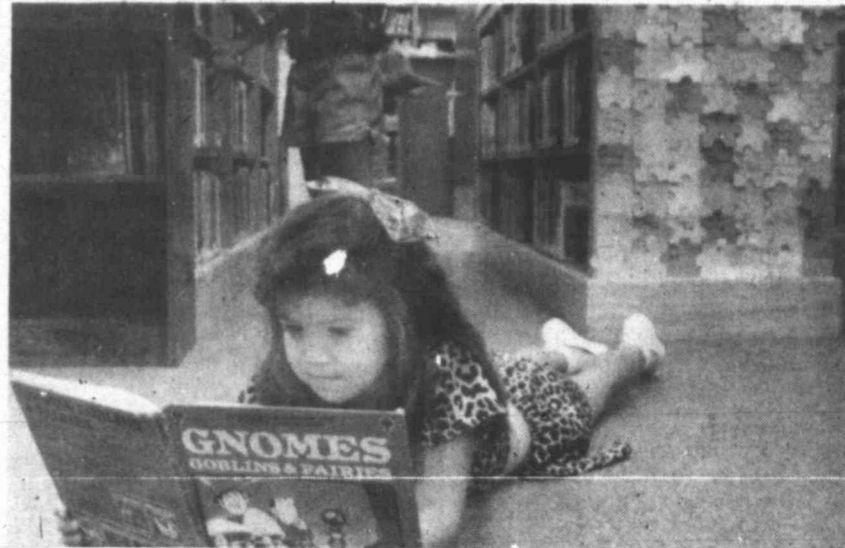
The local library also has services available that help patrons locate books or reference materials quickly. Books in Print, an up-to-date reference book, allows patrons to search for specific titles or authors. Another reference book, The Reader's Guide, offers titles of recently published magazine articles.

A reference set Jackson uses is The Bookfinder, When Kids Need Books.

"Say a parent has a child who wets the bed, or is having problems with sibling rivalry or they've lost a family member — the book is divided into subjects useful to look up to help them through with the use of biblio-therapy," Jackson said.

Newspapers available at the library include The Wall Street Journal, the New York Times, USA Today, as well as area newspapers, she said. Record albums and art work, including paintings and sculptures are also available for patrons.

Video movies are available to patrons at no charge. More than 1,000 titles are currently available, donated by the Friends of the Howard County Library. "We always welcome video donations," she said.



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Crystal Daily finds a comfortable spot on the floor of the Howard County Library to read one of the books available. Approximately 8,000 books are currently checked out by cardholders at the facilities, 35 percent of which are classified as juvenile fiction.

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Scenic Mountain Medical	280	?	?
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Howard College	250	154	96
Wal-Mart	186	19	167
Price Construction	156	—	156
Golden Plains	145	3	142
Coahoma School	128	10	118
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Western Container	110	—	110
Malone & Hogan	105	12	93
Don Newsom I.G.A.	100	35	65

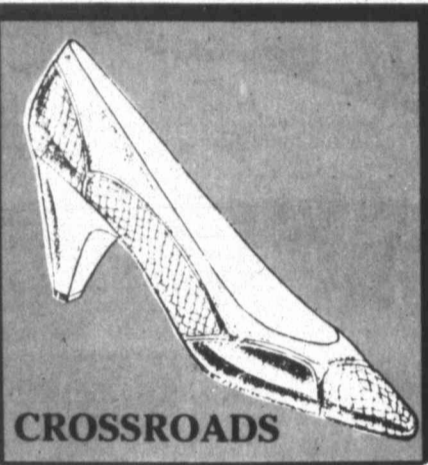
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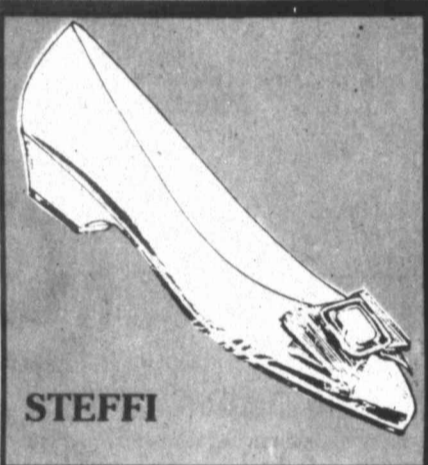
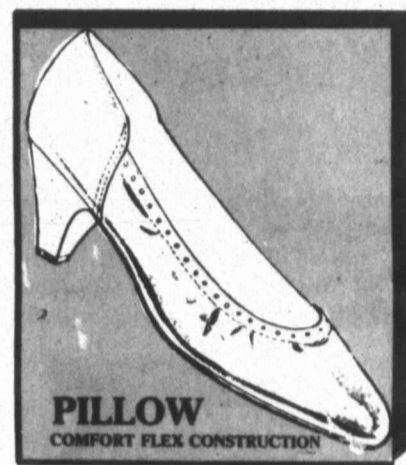
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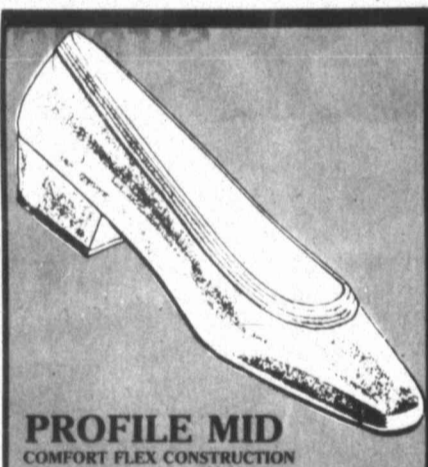
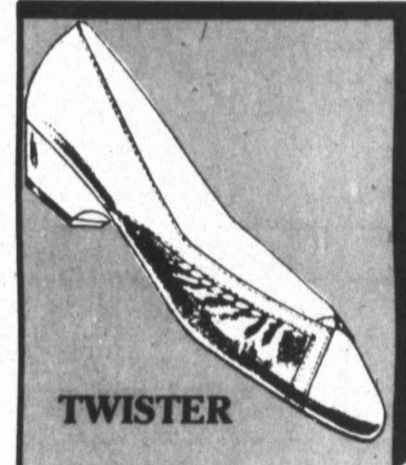


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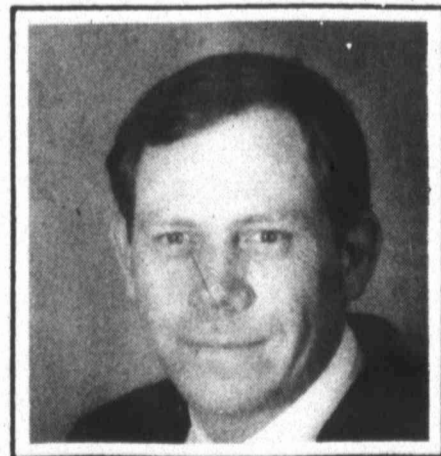
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HEB sign up; officials plan opening in fall

By JOHN H. WALKER
Managing Editor

Workers erected the sign February 5 on the site of the new H.E.B. Grocery Store in the 2000 block of South Gregg Street.

The sign says the new store is "Coming Soon!" although the reality of the matter is that it will probably be late fall before the store opens.

According to information provided to the Big Spring Herald by an H.E.B. spokesperson in mid-December, the sign was to have gone up just before Christmas with site preparation getting under way shortly after the first of the year.

At the time, H.E.B.'s timetable called for the store to have been completed and opened by early fall.

Since then, plans have been changed on what was to have been a 40,000-plus square foot store. Officials of the San Antonio-based company have changed the way the store will sit on the property.



Herald file photo
Tractors make quick work of the former West Wind Motel on Gregg Street as the lot was being cleared of all structures to make way for the H-E-B Supermarket. The store is slated to open in the fall.

Officials still are quiet on the exact size of the store and the number of employees. The firm's San

Angelo store, which encompasses nearly 100,000 square feet, employs nearly 500 full-time personnel and

100 part-timers. That store includes a full bakery, deli, floral department and pharmacy and is

open from 6 a.m. to midnight daily. Company plans call for H.E.B. to market the store regionally.

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Staff Writer

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Cotton dollars down in 1991; prospects for 1992 good

By PATRICK DRISCOLL
Staff Writer

Cotton dollars for Howard County in 1991 were down \$35 million, 90 percent, from last year despite high expectations early on and a good year in 1990. Mitchell and Martin counties also fared badly, while Glasscock County dropped slightly.

Prospects for 1992 looked good as of mid March, as it did last year at this time, with abundant moisture so far.

Livestock product sales in 1991 — mostly cattle — were up \$2.7 million in Howard County, 210 percent, from the year before. Livestock sales were down in Mitchell and Martin counties and up in Glasscock County. Continued abundant moisture will be good for grazing.

The unexpected drop in cotton production in 1991, resulting in \$3.6 million in sales of lint and seed after less than two-fifths of fields were harvested, continued the topsy-turvy world of cotton here the past few years.

A 1989 drought — that resulted in sales of \$3.5 million — continued in 1990 and then abundant but spotted rain gave some farmers twice the usual yield while other farmers had no crop. Total sales in 1990 were \$39 million.

In 1991, drought was followed by too much rain and then unwanted damp, cold weather and early freezes, which caused uniform low production throughout. Insects were also a bigger problem than usual.

"After 1990, hardly anyone could expect a more unusual year, but 1991 proved us all wrong!" said state Agricultural Extension Agent Don Richardson of Big Spring.

Drought conditions in May 1991 caused late planting in June when heavy rains washed up seeds and resulted in re-planting. Abundant rain fell through the growing season, resulting in high expectations, but that was followed by unusually wet and cold weather in September, when warm weather is needed. A disastrous early November freeze then followed.

"After the disastrous freeze, prolonged wet weather persisted that hampered harvest operations, with

many fields still having ungnined modules and unharvested cotton in the wet fields as late as February 1992," Richardson said.

Insects took over where bad weather left off, Richardson said.

"Local growers were plagued with record insect problems," he said. "Aphids resistant to most available insecticides hit most fields and boll worms were more abundant than average. To complicate matters worse, the boll weevil hit the county, perhaps harder than any year on record, destroying much of the late season production."

Area farmers were working last year to join a neighboring boll weevil eradication district, probably the High Plains district, which would allow selective insecticide spraying to target areas of cotton infested with boll weevils. The eradication programs reduce insecticide use while preventing boll weevils from migrating from untreated fields.

The Texas Legislature passed a bill last summer to create a state-wide eradication program but it was vetoed by Gov. Ann Richards. She said it needs better definitions and language changes to ensure limited government rights to enter private property and destroy crops and on who should be allowed to vote on a referendum to approve the plan.

Legislators, including Rep. Troy Fraser, R-Big Spring; David Counts, D-Knox City; and Sen. Bill Sims, D-San Angelo, have re-filed the bill and say a compromise is expected. Fraser and Sims are running for the same senate seat in the Nov. 3 general election.

Because of the adverse weather conditions; much of cotton that made it to harvest was of bad quality and brought low prices, Richardson said.

"Low prices received by producers further complicated the 1991 crop year as most producers expressed it as being among the most expensive to produce in their careers."

Agriculture incomes for 1991, according to figures gathered by Texas Utilities Electric, of area counties are:

- Howard County: a total \$10.7



Bales of cotton during a fall-winter harvest are shown in this undated file photo. Prospects for the 1992 cotton crops look good as of the mid-

million, down \$34.7 million, 76 percent, from 1990.

Of cotton there was 7.2 million pounds of lint sold from 36,000 acres harvested, an average 200 pounds per acre. It sold for an average 45 cents per pound, bringing in \$3.2 million. Cotton seeds brought in another \$374,000.

Other crops brought in \$646,650, down \$1 million, 62 percent.

Livestock sales of mostly cattle were \$3.9 million, up \$2.7 million, 210 percent.

Government payments to farmers were \$2.5 million, down \$1.2 million, 32 percent.

• Mitchell County: a total \$29 million, down \$13.4 million, 32 percent.

Cotton lint and seeds brought in \$6 million, down \$8 million, 57 percent. There was 13.4 million pounds of lint sold from 48,829 acres harvested, an average 275 pounds per acre. Average price was 40 cents per pound, which brought in \$5.4 million.

Other crops were \$315,944, down \$142,418, 45 percent.

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• Martin County: a total of \$14.5 million, down \$30.9 million, 68 percent.

Cotton lint and seeds totalled \$5.6 million, down \$2.8 million, 83 percent. There was 11.8 million pounds of lint sold from 65,000 acres harvested, an average 181.4 pounds per acre. Average price was 42 cents per pound, which brought in \$5 million.

Other crops were \$295,220, down \$6.5 million, 69 percent.

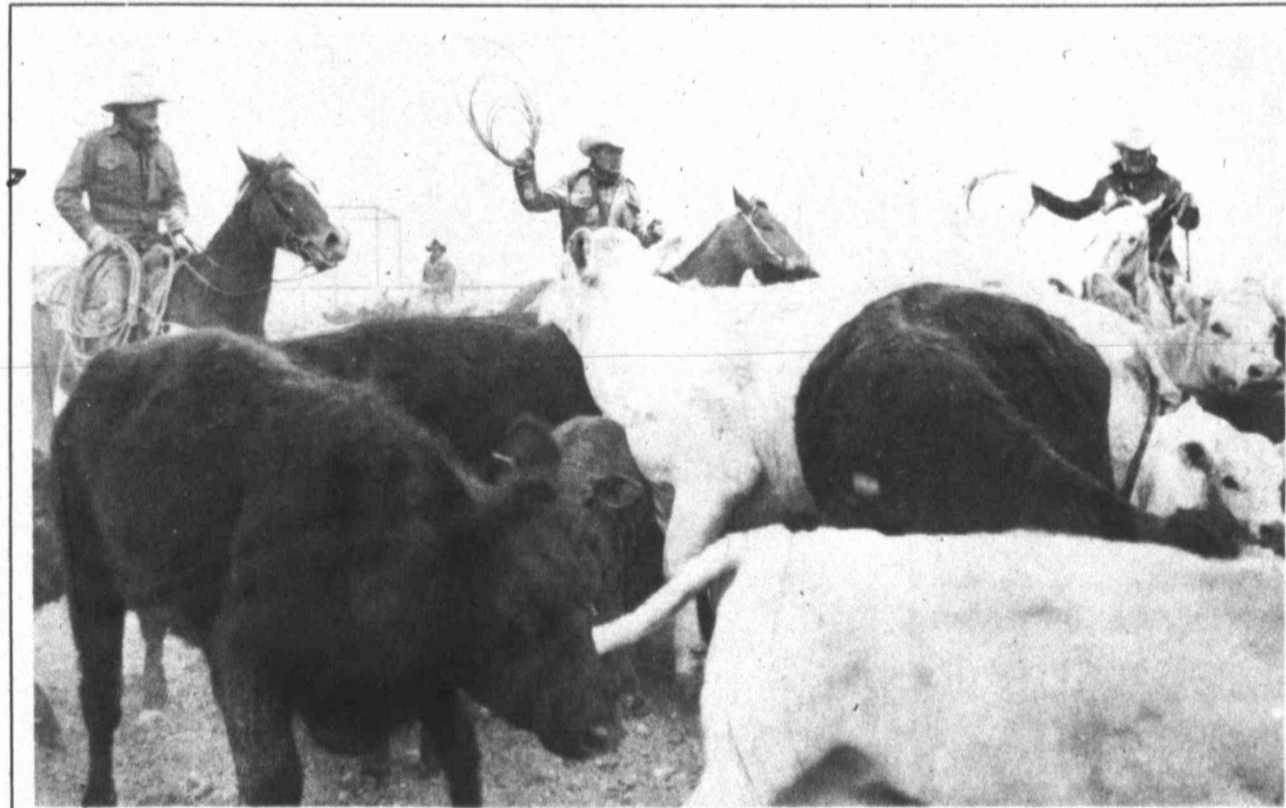
Livestock sales, of mostly cattle and pigs were \$3 million, down

\$831,930, 21 percent. Government payments were \$5.5 million, down \$1.6 million, 22 percent.

• Glasscock County: a total of \$28.6 million, down \$1.6 million, 5 percent.

Cotton lint and seeds brought in \$1.7 million, down \$1.3 million, 7 percent. There was 29.1 million pounds of lint sold from 58,250 acres harvested, an average 500 pounds per acre. Average price was 52 cents per pound, which brought in \$15.1 million.

Other crop sales were \$498,819, up \$244,653, 98 percent.



Cattle ranchers on the Escondido Ranch in Borden County round up a herd of calves to take them to market. Ranchers in Borden

County see the November-December rains as beneficial because it increases the height of grass, which cattle graze.

Borden County farmers and ranchers see 1991 rains as beneficial to 1992

By MARTHA E. FLORES
Staff Writer

Like many West Texas Counties, Borden County relies on cotton farming and cattle ranching to bring in most of the county's revenue. Although last year's rainfall decreased the price of cotton in 1991, farmers and cattle ranchers see the November-December downpours as beneficial to the 1992 season.

"With a population of 840, 65 percent ... are associated with cotton and 25 percent are associated with cattle ranching," said Borden County Extension Agent Dennis Poole. "With 577,000 acres, countywide, 90 percent are used for cattle ranching and 10 percent are crop land acres."

In 1991, because of early

heavy rains Borden County cotton farmers did not yield the anticipated high quality cotton or bumper crops they had hoped for, he said.

"We started off with a pretty decent crop, but the early hail in some areas forced farmers to replant some crops," Poole said. "The late planted cotton did not have the opportunity to mature because of the rain and cooler weather in November and December."

When it came time to pick, farmers found themselves in the middle of fields with a poor grade of cotton, which lowered its price. "A lot of the cotton had been weather beaten because it was mature but it could not be picked because of the rains," he said. "Some cotton did not have time to mature. All this resulted

in a decrease in price, sometimes less than 30 cents a pound."

Poole said a farmer will always welcome rain. Although the rain hampered last years crops, it will give farmers adequate subsoil moisture for planting this coming year, he said.

The heavy rains of last year will bring early high grass in the upcoming months, which will help the cattle ranchers. "Cattle prices have been up the last three years, and the rains will only help that," Poole said. "If the ranchers have a good high grass this will only mean that the calves will be healthier."

Minimum weaning weight is 500 lbs; above 550 lbs is exceptional, he said. Poole said the calves will bring 90 cents to \$1.05 per pound at market.

Information center serves tourist in area

By GARY SHANKS
Staff Writer

The Big Spring Tourist Information Center located at Rip Griffin's Truck Stop, Interstate 20 and Highway 87 intersection, continues to draw and serve tourists from near and far.

In the first two months of 1992, the center has had over 500 visitors, said Mamie Lee Dodds, center coordinator.

The center is sponsored by the Big Spring Area Chamber of Commerce and is manned entirely by volunteers. Many come from the Retired Senior Volunteers Program and the retired teachers program, she said.

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The visitors' guide is in the process of being redone for 1992, Dodds said. The new guide will incorporate information including points of interest, historical sites and other information the traveler might need for the area.

The format of the guide will be adapted to resemble those of other cities that Chamber members found most appealing, Dodds said.

Another guide that is a big hit at the center is called Historical Howard County, Dodds said. "I used this one when I was teaching. It's a great tool for teaching about Howard County and this part of Texas."

Dodds is also updating the



Lou Hill, an RSVP member, restocks brochures on the wall of the Big Spring Tourist Information Center. RSVP members volunteer their time to man the center, located at Rip Griffin's Truck Stop, Interstate 20 and Highway 87 intersection. The center is funded by the Big Spring Area Chamber of Commerce.

center's pamphlet on clubs and organizations in Big Spring and Howard County.

Not counting herself, Dodds has 32 volunteers that keep the center open at least five days a week from 9 a.m. to 6 p.m. Some of the volunteers open the center early and some occasionally work on weekends. "I would love to have some more volunteers to work on weekends," she said.

As the center enters its second full year of operation, Dodds' monthly records now include comparisons from the previous year. January figures show 209 total visitors from across the U.S. and

from Australia, Canada, Costa Rica, Korea and Switzerland. This total is up 91 from December and 72 from January of 1991.

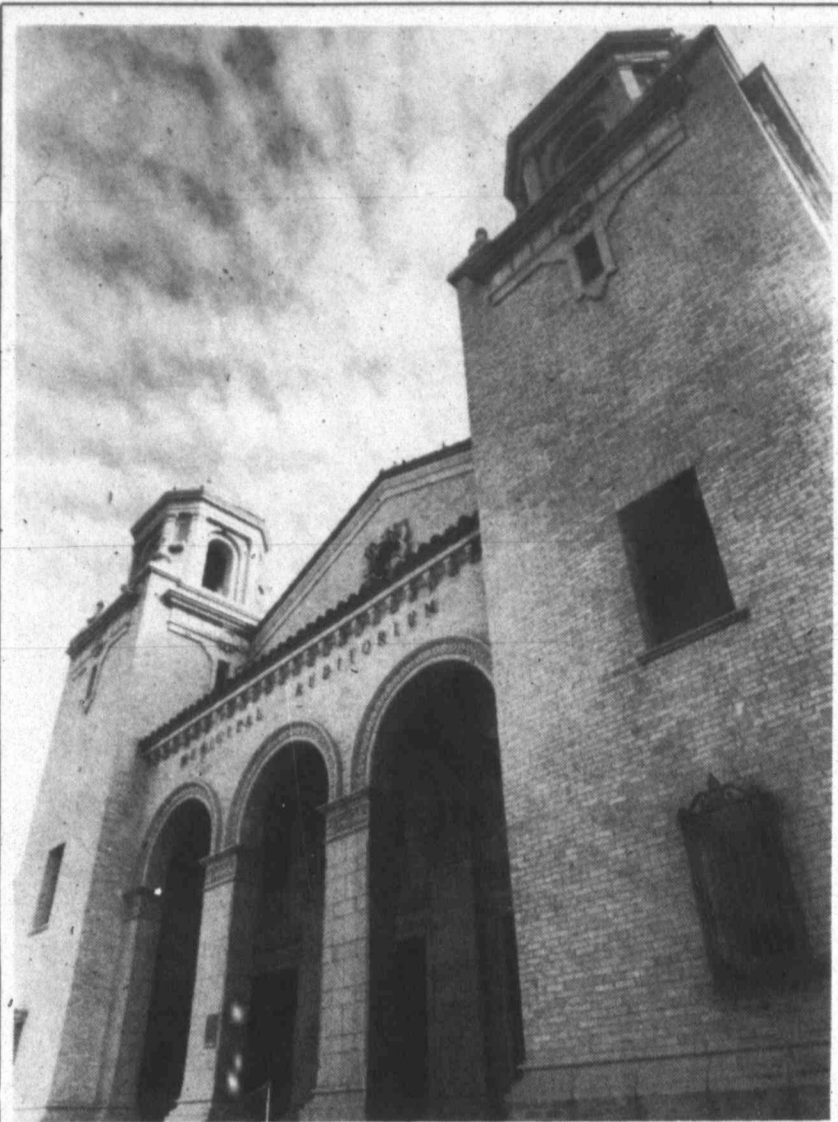
February showed 299 visitors signing in, up 76 from January and 53 from a year ago.

The records show how many intended to spend at least one night in the city and keep percentages of those from Texas. In February 58 percent were from Texas and in January, only 30 percent were from Texas.

About 46 percent of the tourists spent the night in January and 48 percent in February.

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The Big Spring Municipal Auditorium was built in 1932 as a part of the Works Progress Administration Project. The Spanish Gothic structure is now host to local theater, national touring companies and the Big Spring Symphony.

Area historical sites offer understanding to local history

By LINDA CHOATE
Life Editor

The history of Big Spring is an intricate tapestry woven with many swatches of cloth.

From the spring, where the cool water first encouraged frontiersmen to stop, to the Texas and Pacific Railroad, that enabled more to come, Big Spring's story can be traced to many factors.

For a better understanding of the pioneers who helped build our community, and the changes that continued throughout the years, area historical sites offer a peek into the story that is Big Spring.

The first recorded history of the spring comes from the journal of Captain R.B. Marcy. The Army Captain was establishing a viable route from Arkansas to New Mexico and California. Marcy kept a journal of his travels and on his return from the west his journal tells of his stop at the spring.

"This appears to have been a favorite place of resort for the Comanches, as there are remains of lodges in every direction; indeed, our Comanche guide tells me that he has often been here before, and that there was a battle fought here some years since between the Pawnees and Comanches. There is a Comanche trail leading over this route," according to Captain Marcy's journal.

The spring quickly became a campsite on the Overland and Santa Fe Trails. A tent city grew around the spring to service the travelers and trail drivers crossing the vast West Texas region.

Although the spring was an oasis for the weary traveler, the town didn't truly begin to grow until the arrival of the Texas Pacific Railroad. Families of all races from the east, north, and south followed the ribbon of

steel rails to a place with wide open space and unlimited opportunities.

By the early 1900s the town began to increase its stability.

The Potton House was built in 1901 and is a visual reminder of the early days in Big Spring. Joseph and Mary Potton built and lived in the home with their three children.

In 1977, the home was purchased by the city from Potton descendants and made into a state and national landmark.

The five-room Victorian cottage is decorated with many of the Potton's personal belongings and other pieces from that period.

In 1930 Mr. and Mrs. W.R. Settles financed the building of the Hotel Settles. It remains the tallest building in the city. The grand hotel featured a ballroom, sweeping staircases and what was sometimes known as "the fastest elevator in the West."

In 1987, the Hotel Settles was designated a Texas Historical Landmark. It was once considered the finest hotel between Fort Worth and El Paso.

In the 1960s the upper floors of the hotel were gradually closed due to lack of occupants. In 1980 the structure was being cleared out for a renovation that would not take place until some years later.

In 1932 Municipal Auditorium, which has extraordinary detailing and workmanship throughout, was built by the Works Progress Administration. The high vaulted ceilings and ornate fixtures are reminders of a time long past. The city completed renovations on the Spanish Gothic structure in 1986. Currently, the auditorium is host to regular performances of the Big Spring Symphony, local theater and national touring shows.

High quality limestone quarried at Edwards Ranch

By MARSHA STURDIVANT
Staff Writer

Upon first glance, the landscape on Connie Edwards' land resembles a quarry site for Stonehenge.

The large boulders of cut limestone seem to resemble pieces of stone that might have been used to create the world famous monument. But these stones are arranged haphazardly throughout a West Texas landscape, instead of the flatlands of Great Britain.

"This is sculpture quality limestone. The whole area is part of a prehistoric reef. There's probably 600 acres of proven limestone on top of the reef. And what I think amazing is that every piece of limestone was once a living creature," Edwards said.

The rock quarry, located on Edwards' land about 15 miles outside of Big Spring, has become a limestone miner's dream. Due to safety regulations, the premises are closed to the public, Edwards said.

"Visitors are not encouraged," Edwards said.

A unique part of this quarry is that four different colors of limestone have been located. Different companies have purchased the stone and removed the bricks from the area during the past year.

"I found this when I was a child. One very unique thing about this quarry not found anywhere else is the lack of overburden, that is to say, the dirt on top of the stone. This stone is right on top of the ground, so there's very little overburden to be removed," Edwards said.

Thus far, limestone blocks measuring 12'x12', 16'x16' and 20'x20' which weigh up to 48,000 pounds each have been removed and used in Italy, Pennsylvania, Dallas and Hawaii. The stone has been used to create floor tiles, walls and buildings in various parts of the world, he said.

The limestone runs 118 feet deep, and thus far several acres of rock have been removed. "This appears to be an isolated formation. It's a boon — it comes up and then drops off. There's nearly unlimited reserves, it's just tremendous," Edwards said.

Much limestone found today is "fractured and stratified," and Ed-

wards said this type of flaw prohibits use. But the stone found on his land is solid and "rings like a bell."

"Regular limestone 'thumps' when you hit it because of the cavities in it," he said.

Coy McCann, local artist and sculptor, plans to use a piece of the pink, or flesh-colored limestone, as a base for a sculpture he's making for Heritage Museum. His "small piece of stone" weighs about 1,200 pounds, and was loaded into his pickup using a crane.

"I'm excited to be working with stone like this and surprised by how pure it is. It's very good quality limestone," McCann said.

The pink-colored limestone is found in one quarry. Buff, or white limestone is found at another site. Coral-colored stone was cut from yet another location, and peach-colored stone has also been retrieved.

"Pink limestone is just almost non-existent, like flesh-colored marble. I think the coral color comes from red sea fans. You can see shells and red fans in the limestone," Edwards said.

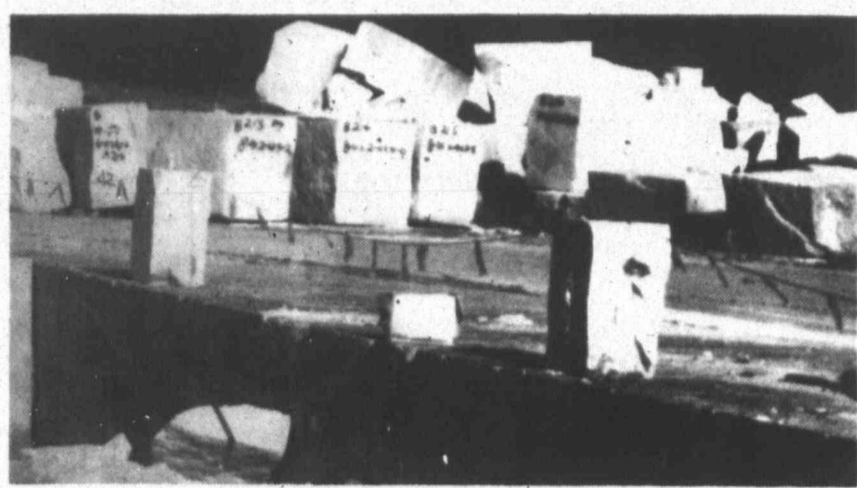
American Limestone, out of Dallas, is retrieving most of the stone being cut out now, and their employees Efrain, Jesus and Martin Mier have been involved with the quarry since it began. A saw with diamond inserts cuts 10-foot into the ground, and might cut up to 3,500 square feet in 16 hours. The saw cuts the stone into square blocks.

"I believe this will be a major quarry operation within the next year," Edwards said.

The men use chisels and sledge hammers to break the stone in half once it's been cut, although a jackhammer would be more efficient. Airbags are used to remove the cut blocks from the quarry site, Edwards said.

"Millions of tons" of limestone have been removed so far, he estimated. Weight-capacity limits restrict the transportation of the stones, loaded into semi-tractor trailers, to two stones at 48,000 pounds total weight.

He and McCann have discussed turning the unused stones into a West Texas Easter Island. Or maybe carving a local work such as Mount Rushmore.



Limestone boulders cut from the quarry on Connie Edwards land are not all used for projects to build tile floors and structures. These stones remain from one dig site. Edwards' land is closed to the public due to safety regulations.

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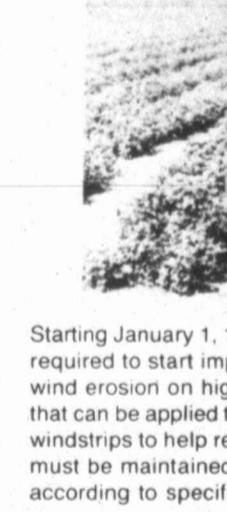
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1944	0.05	2.62	1.12
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1946	1.42	0.13	0.52
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Each year different field visits to determine if the field is eligible for the program. Producers on erodible land will be subject to a field visit. The illustration above is to reduce wind erosion of water erosion.

Many museums chronicle region

By LYNN HAYES
Staff Writer

Although Texas is known primarily for its oil and cattle, the state is rich in cultural arts with more than 500 museums devoted to the public exhibition of art, natural history, science, and technology.

In West Texas, residents and visitors alike, have the opportunity to tour several area museums that tell of the pioneers who settled and civilized areas of the Southwest.

• The Heritage Museum of Big Spring, 510 Scurry, was founded in 1971 and is devoted to early and local history of the Big Spring area. Exhibitions include displays of native American and pioneer artifacts, including a 19th-century bedroom, saddles, branding irons, and other artifacts of early Howard County.

The facility has a library of local and ranching history available to the public, according to published reports.

Activities include guided tours, films, school loan service, lectures, historical and modern slideshows with soundtape narration, gallery

talks, formally organized education programs for adults and children and temporary and traveling exhibitions.

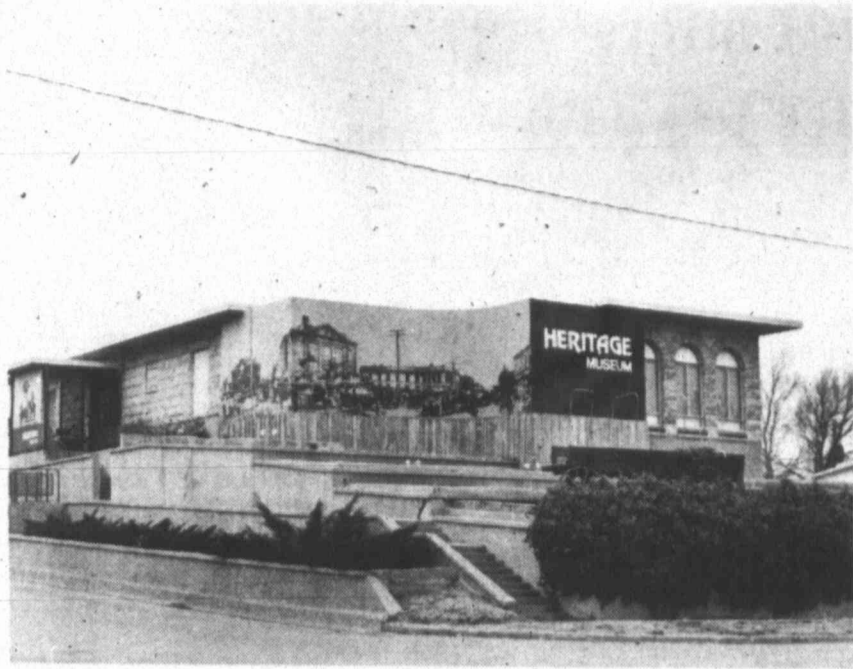
Hours are Tuesday through Friday from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m.; and Saturday from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. There is no admission fee.

• The Martin County Historical Museum, located at Convent and Broadway in Stanton, was founded in 1969.

Collections include history of Martin County, prehistoric and Native Americans, early settlers, railroad, Catholic heritage, farming, ranching and oil production, schools, churches, wedding dresses and fashions, military display, barbed wire and cowboy regalia.

A library, reading room and blacksmith shop are located at the museum. Activities include permanent and temporary exhibitions, two junior historian clubs, and special Memorial Day services.

Hours are Tuesday through Saturday, from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. and at other times by appointment. No charge, however donations are accepted.



Big Spring's Heritage Museum is one of many museums in the area that chronicle the history of this part of West Texas.

• The Heart of West Texas Museum, formerly known as the Colorado City Museum, is located at 340 E. Third St. in Colorado City.

The museum features displays concerning the history of the entire area of Mitchell County and its surrounding areas. Special attention is given to the area's importance as a major center of commerce, culture, and civilization in the days of the Old West. The influence of the railroad, the cattle and ranching industries are also featured.

Collections include paleontology, pioneer memorabilia, photographs of early settlers and scenes, old coaches, antiques and china.

Hours are Tuesday through Saturday, from 2 to 5 p.m., and on Sunday by appointment. There is no admission fee.

• Diamond M Museum of Fine Art, located at 909 25th St. in Snyder, features 12 N.C. Wyeth paintings, as well as work by Peter Hurd, Andrew Wyeth, and other well-known American artists.

Collections include painting and sculpture of the American west, Currier & Ives lithographs, jade, ivory, porcelain, and Eskimo stone carvings.

Hours are Tuesday through Friday, from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m., and Saturday and Sunday, from 1 to 4 p.m. No admission fee.

• Scurry County Museum, located at Western Texas College in Snyder, focuses on the history of the Scurry County area, including material relating to the military and Native American trails, buffalo hunters, cattlemen, and farmers and oil men.

The museum is open Monday through Thursday, from 9 a.m. to noon; Friday, from 9 a.m. to noon and from 1 to 4 p.m. Sunday hours are from 1 to 4 p.m. Admission is free.

• The Borden County Historical Museum, located in Gail, was founded in 1967 and is devoted to local history. On exhibit is a medicine case from the old drugstore, a bar, stoves, costumes, saddles, and old photographs.

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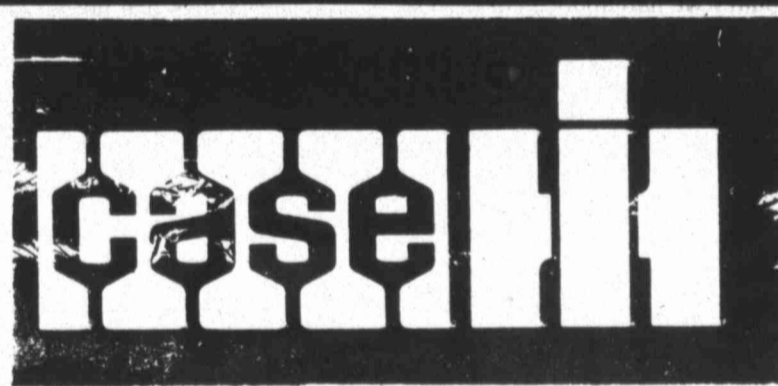
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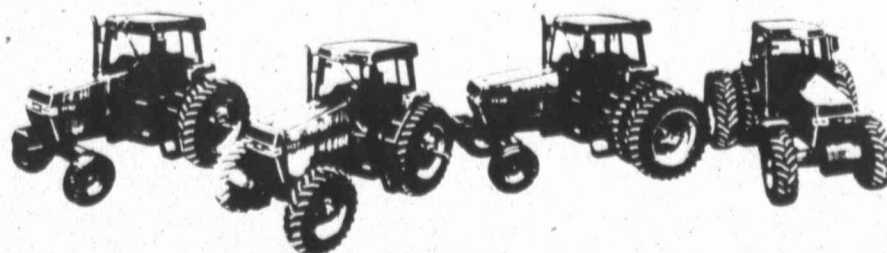
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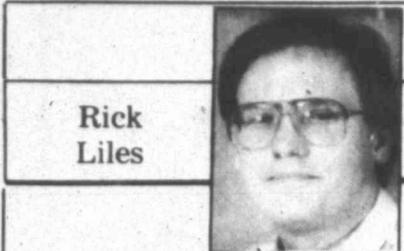
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ASCS office serves county

By RICK LILES
County Executive Director

Agricultural Stabilization and Conservation Service is a United States Department of Agriculture that implements and administers a myriad of agricultural programs.

Our primary customers are the farmers and ranchers of Howard County. We serve them through information and administration of farm programs at the county level. However, farmers and ranchers do not monopolize the benefits of our farm programs.

Consumers have been the biggest recipients of benefits from the stabilization programs. The Soil Conservation and Domestic Allotment Act of 1936 not only established many basic farm programs, but it began a tradition of protecting the consumer with its stated purpose to "assure an adequate supply of food and fiber at a reasonable cost."

The Howard County ASCS office staff works hard to deliver and administer farm programs. In January of 1991 the Howard County office was recognized with an outstanding service award for efficient operations resulting in a substantial savings to the government. The entire office staff traveled to the state ASCS office in College Station where each staff member was presented a certificate of merit and a cash award.

1991 was the first year of a five year farm bill enacted by Congress. Budget constraints required the agriculture budget be cut by 15 percent. Ultimately farmers recognized this cut by being eligible for program benefits of 15 percent less acres.

In return for the decreased benefits producers were offered an opportunity to "flex" 15 percent of their eligible acres to a crop or crops without jeopardizing their planting histories.

Weather conditions in 1991 were not conducive for production of cotton. Because cotton is Howard County's primary cash crop many producers sustained significant crop losses and consequent financial losses.

Evidently Howard County was not the only area stricken by crop losses as Congress appropriated emergency monies for a nation wide crop disaster program. ASCS stopped accepting applications for the crop disaster program March 13th. We will not know how much assistance Howard County producers will receive until the middle of April.

ASCS operations in 1992 should be similar to those in 1991 because we are operating under a five year farm program with most provisions established for the duration.

We currently are accepting application for cost shares to perform approved conservation practices. In prior years ASCS has provided numerous Howard County producers with cost share monies to perform needed conservation practices that improve water quality, prevent water pollution, conserve water, and prevent erosion of the soil.

In June of 1992 the Howard County ASCS office will hold a two week Conservation Reserve Program sign up. The Conservation Reserve Program is designed to take highly erodible crop land out of production.

In 1992 as in any other year we will spend a great deal of time accepting crop acreage reports from Howard County producers. Howard County contains approximately 225,214 cultivated acres, divided into approximately 800 farms. Prior to July 15 Howard County producers will have come into the Howard County ASCS Office and accounted for almost 100 percent of the 225,214 cultivated acres in Howard County. If producers aren't exactly sure of their planted acres they may request ASCS measure their crop acres, (this service is available for a nominal fee). We also take a random sample of reported acres and measure them to insure quality acreage reports by producers.

ASCS is an agency designed to help insure stabilization of the nation's agriculture industry and assist in the implementation of approved soil and water conservation activities. Our office and its employees welcome the opportunity to serve and we encourage interested parties to contact this office for additional information concerning ASCS.

Howard County 4-H offers variety of activities to youth

By MARTHA E. FLORES
Staff Writer

"The 4-H club is part of a nationwide program that gives youth the opportunity to participate in activities, which teach responsibility, sponsorship and character," said Howard County Extension Agent Ricky Spencer. Spencer heads the 4-H club in the county.

The club in Howard County has 550 members with ages ranging from kindergarten to 19 years of age, he said.

Traditional programs in the club include livestock projects and consumer education projects. Programs introduced recently to club members include 4-H Ambassadors program and the senior 4-H group.

"The Ambassadors program consists of 10 members who assist in functions about town," Spencer said. "They are also a public relations speaking team for Four-H at civic organizations. Recently, the Ambassadors were ushers at the Home Show at the Big Spring Municipal Auditorium, and they also helped with the registration at the Ag-Expo."

"The Senior group meets as a (separate) group and does more community service work than the

other members. They also have the opportunity to see three college campuses during their last year of high school.

The program is open to high school juniors and seniors, Spencer said. Juniors in the Senior Program participate in the Big Spring Area Chamber of Commerce's Junior Leadership Big Spring.

"We emphasize communication skills and public speaking in the Senior group," he said.

Other programs include the Howard County Shooting Sports Club and Recreation Group. The Shooting Sports Club participates in a series of shooting meets as they prepare for the state tournament. The Recreation Group provides entertainment for local nursing homes and day care centers as well as parades.

4-H also sponsors a Food Show, which is the achievement event of Foods and Nutrition projects. A project is made up of at least six learning experiences. Members conduct individual activities, meet in small groups with volunteer leaders and have a county-wide workshop.

For the Food Show, each participant prepares a dish to exhibit.



4-H Club members learn basic nutrition, menu planning and organization at the annual Howard County 4-H food competition. The organization offers a variety of activities for area youth to participate, such as livestock projects, Ambassadors program, Senior group and Recreation group.

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The Greenwood Learning Center opened its doors August 1991 and continues to enjoy expanding success. The center cares for youngsters from nine months through pre-schoolers and after school children.

GLC doing well as new program

By MARCELLINO CHAVEZ
Staff Writer

GREENWOOD — The Greenwood Learning Center is in its infancy, but community support and a hard-working staff has allowed GLC to enjoy early success, according to Director Audine McBeth.

McBeth, a certified teacher, has taught several grades in Winters, Midland and Greenwood schools.

She and husband Dennis have one son, Roy, and have lived in the Greenwood community for the past six years.

"I really enjoy my work. Having people who help so much makes our job easy. Brother Wymon Swopes and youth and music director Allan Strickland have been very instrumental in helping us enjoy our work."

"They're always there to lend a hand, so is our church secretary and nursery attendant. Mary Olive helps with anything she can and our nursery attendant Lupe Hernandez is always around. The children just love being around Lupe," McBeth said.

According to McBeth, the GLC staff works well together and enjoys a feeling of being a close church family.

"We get tremendous support from our staff. We feel like a sup-

port group, always helping each other and looking for ways to share ideas," she said.

The staff consists of six instructors, including Kim Murphy, who cares for the infants. Geraldine Padgett cooks meals and is "our local grandma," McBeth stated.

Others are Shelia Martin, who cares for two-year-old and three-year-old children in the morning. Sherry Harrell is a certified teacher and cares for the two, three and four-year-olds, while Caroline Clanton takes care of the three and four-year-olds in the afternoon.

"McBeth and her staff work for one thing — prepare youngsters for kindergarten."

"At the GLC, we have a main goal for the youngsters prepare them for school. We keep them busy with reading, music, learning the alphabet, knowing their colors, sounds, phonics and numbers," McBeth explained.

Not only do they learn, but they are evaluated three times per year.

"And they are not the only ones that go through some tough training. We have workshops at Baylor University to keep us fresh with our curriculum and we also bring back ideas from these workshops. They are very helpful," McBeth said.

Asked why she chose this field, McBeth answered.

"I feel this was a calling. I feel that God called me to do this. It goes great with me because I love working with children."

Stenholm will visit Glasscock County April 4

By MARSHA STURDIVANT
Staff Writer

Glasscock County residents have planned a year full of growth and achievement, including the traditional St. Lawrence Festival and a visit from Congressman Charles Stenholm.

Stenholm is scheduled to attend the April 14 meeting of the St. Lawrence Cotton Growers Association, said



Arlene Hoelscher, state director for the Grown and Made in the U.S.A.

"Congressman Stenholm will be our guest speaker at that meeting, at the St. Lawrence church hall," Hoelscher said.

And a public meeting with political leaders is scheduled for the residents of Glasscock County, said County Judge Wilburn Bednar.

"We've planned a legislative conference with an open house July 30, and we're inviting all the politicians involved, state and local."

"We'll have a meeting in the morning, and a noon meal hosted by the St. Lawrence Cotton Growers Association, with barbecue and German sausage. It's open to the public," Bednar said.

The conference will include tours of local farms in the afternoon to view experimental irrigation and crops of cotton, he said.

Justice of the Peace Marilee Jost, who also serves a dual role as Bednar's secretary, said the St. Lawrence Festival is scheduled for Oct. 4.

"Every year the theme is different. They try to feature it around our cotton industry or our heritage. Our community is mostly German-Czech, and we do different things every year. The St. Lawrence Catholic Church puts it on," Jost said.

Andrew Schaefer is the parish president, and a new president will be elected by the entire congregation this summer, she said. A council of 12 organizes the church activities.

A July 4 celebration is sure to be

included this year, as in the past, Jost said. Various committees of local residents are working to bring new opportunities into the community.

Bednar said a committee is working on writing grants to help fund a community center in the county. And 1/2 block of land was purchased for civic purposes, he said.

Another committee is meeting to discuss the possibility of bringing a textile mill into Glasscock County. Laura Hutchens, county extension agent—home economics, said community members began discussing the idea more than two years ago.

"We've got acala 90 cotton, a long, stable, high quality cotton with more strength. And we have a naturally high quality wool industry right here as well," Hutchens said.

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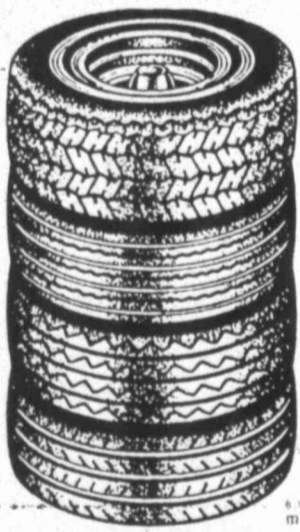


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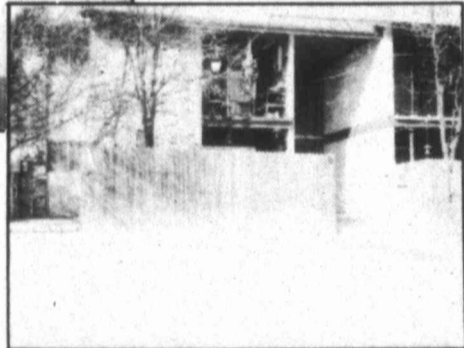


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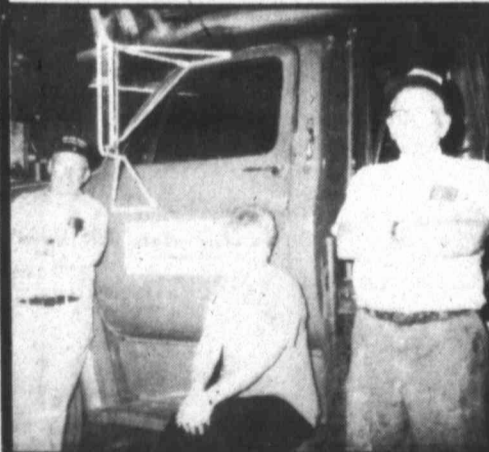


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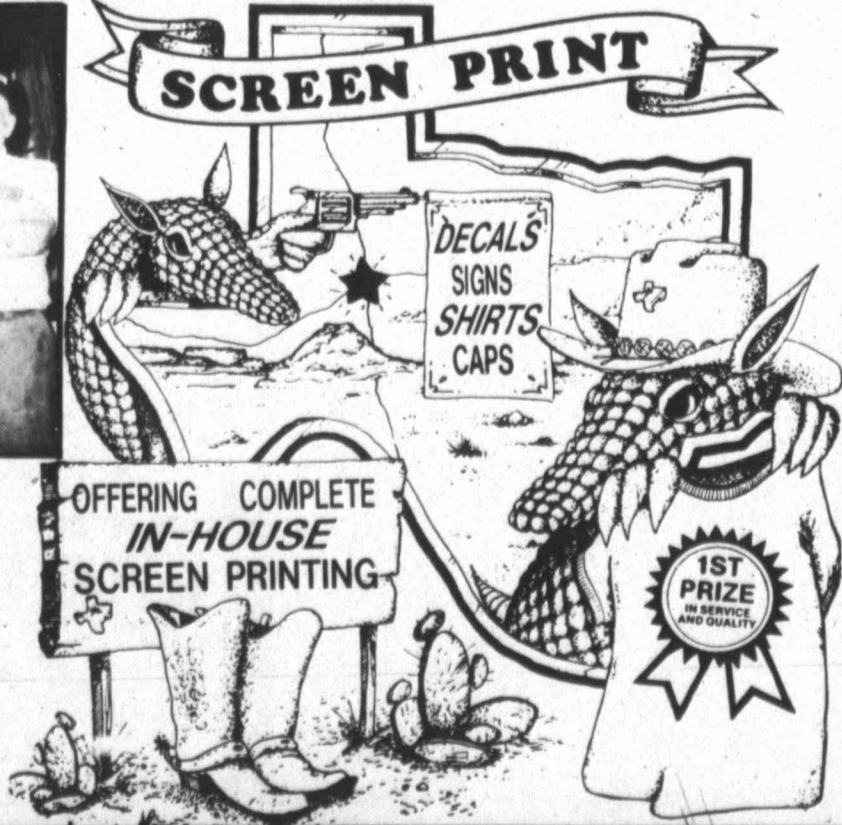
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Throughout the years extension service changed to meet the needs of locals

By DON RICHARDSON
Howard County Extension Agent

The Howard County Office of the Texas Agricultural Extension Service is the local branch of the Texas A&M University based Cooperative Extension Service.

The office is a cooperative program funded by state, federal and county resources located on the first floor of the East wing of the Howard County courthouse. The local office houses three professional staff members, one full-time secretary and one part-time secretary.

Extension is the educational arm of the United States Department of Agriculture. The service was established by an act of Congress in 1914 to deliver the latest information from the land grant university to the people throughout the nation.

In Texas, Texas A&M University is the designated land grant institution for extension work. Throughout the years, extension has changed to meet the constantly changing needs of the people of Texas.

Educational programs in each county are developed based on the expressed needs and issues identified by local residents. Early programs focused on improving production practices for local farmers and reducing the amount of labor in efforts to improve the quality of life for farm families.

Since then, extension has changed its programs to improve the lives of all citizens in the communities it serves. The early-day concept of extension work still applies today as educational programs are developed through local program area committees in agriculture, home economics, 4-H and youth and community development.

Each county in Texas has developed, through the efforts of community leaders representing all segments of the citizenry, a long range extension plan, identifying major issues that programs will focus on for the next four years.

The issues the Howard County plan will be addressing include the following economic concerns: 1) agricultural diversification; 2) financial planning and management for families and businesses.

Environmental issues identified are: 1) pride and image in the community; 2) need for factual information as it effects farm chemicals and governmental programs and their effects on the environment; 3) water quality; 4) litter and recycling.

Social issues include: 1) strengthening families; 2) youth development; 3) health and human services.

Local staff members have selected, through local input of planning committees, in-depth programs focusing on the need for factual information as applied to local agricultural producers in their struggle to find new ways of handling constantly more restrictive use of pesticides and other farm chemicals used in production practices along with other key issues concerned with the local

environment.

To date over 800 persons have been trained through educational program efforts in farm chemical safety and use. Home Economics programs are focusing on diabetes education. About one in 20 people have diabetes and half are undiagnosed. This means that 1,600 persons in Howard County have diabetes and 800 are unaware.

The incidence of diabetes is much higher among minorities than the general population. As a result, the Home Economics Committee obtained a \$2,500 grant to develop diabetes education programs.

The grant will fund a continuing education conference for health care professionals on diabetes management as well as screening, a short course, support group and a newsletter for persons with diabetes. The improvement of the pride and image of the community was for the 4-H and youth program efforts.

Educational programs focusing on improving leadership and skills for area youth, combating the school drop out rate with school enrichment programs featuring the training of local teachers with materials available from the extension service has also been useful in reaching youth in the county.

Expansion of non-traditional projects have enabled many youth in the county to enjoy the benefits of 4-H. To date, approximately 1000 youth are being served in Howard County through school enrichment programs, project groups, traditional community 4-H clubs and short-term project work by staff members and volunteer leaders from throughout the county.

Staff members have been involved in such community activities with educational programs as the annual Howard County Fair, the 4-H Junior Rodeo, Old Settlers Reunion, The Howard County Junior Livestock Show, the Community Health Fair, Howard College Continuing Education Programs and the recent highly successful West Texas AG-EXPO.

Citizens are reached in educational program efforts through a variety of methods, which include a diverse range of activities, such as farm and ranch tours, seminars, shortcourses, training meetings, field days, newsletters, on-farm result demonstrations and other means, including personal contacts by office and telephone clientele, home, farm and ranch visits, radio programs and newspaper columns and articles.

In addition to the programs discussed, educational activities in horticulture, farm and ranch management, livestock production, clothing, foods, nutrition, health and safety are offered throughout the year.

Howard County 4-H members have received wide-spread recognition for their achievements in livestock production, scholarships, leadership, shooting sports programs, record keeping and other activities.

Martin Co. UWCD achieves goals

By MARCELLINO CHAVEZ
Staff Writer

STANTON — In 1988, the Martin County Underground Water Conservation District began with the goal of improving water supplies for the area.

According to MCUWCD Manager Mark Hoelscher, its main priority was putting a stop to oilfield pollution that was contaminating fresh water supplies.

"With an emphasis on the problem, I feel that we have controlled the situation, but we're always monitoring old oil wells and any other petroleum contaminants," Hoelscher said.

Persons having problems with oilfield-related contamination should call state railroad commission representative Bill Hartzoge of Midland.

Hoelscher said the district's emphasis has shifted recently from oilfield-related pollution to gathering general data to help stop any health problems that might arise from water contaminants in the late 1990s.

"We began looking for higher levels of bacteria from septic tanks, large amounts of nitrates that cause teeth to turn brown or

... brittle.

"We gathered data until 1991. From it, we developed a way to store our information. With our computer system, we have the power to store all information and be able to build an atlas with it," he said.

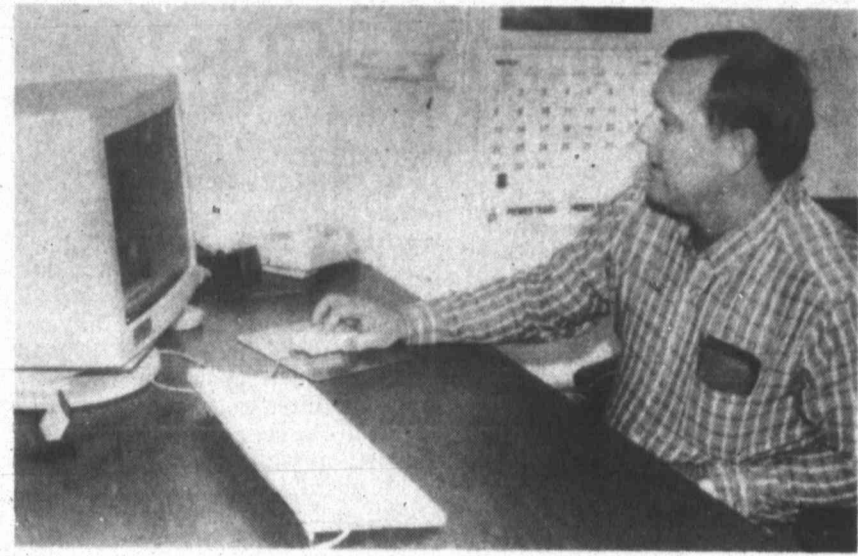
"Our next objective ... is to begin structuring of mapping information into a ground water atlas that would identify nitrates, calcium and magnesium, sulfates, chloride levels, pH and the estimated total solids."

In September, the district became the Permian Basin Underground Water Conservation District. Earlier in the year, the district annexed the northwest section of Howard County.

Hoelscher said that the annexation increased the efficiency and would be cost-effective for residents in the Howard County area.

"In this year, we will have to start making rules that the state will implement into the ground-water conservation plan.

"These rules will be rules of common sense. For instance, don't waste water, things like that. Another rule that will probably be



Martin County Underground Water Conservation District Manager Mark Hoelscher checks records on his computer.

set is if an individual wants to drill a water well, it must be registered and a \$50 deposit will be required.

"When the individual brings the well logs so the area will be identified, the deposit will be returned.

What we're looking for in this procedure is accurate inventory records. We would like to have records of every place we service and be able to tell exactly where

the contamination came from or where it's going," he said.

Hoelscher operates the district with the help of secretary Candy Ulmer and technician Frank Acosta.

"We're here to help anyone with a water problem. We will test water that is brought in from anywhere in Martin and northwest Howard County," Hoelscher said. The service is free.

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Stanton moving ahead in 1990s

By MARCELLINO CHAVEZ
Staff Writer

STANTON — Just when major cities around the country are beginning to cut back on general services, Stanton is moving toward bigger goals.

A sealcoating program, the landfill and a park grant are among major topics the council has begun to address.

According to City Administrator Danny Fryar, the city council will accept bids to sealcoat city streets and discuss a proposal with the city of Odessa.

"We will be accepting bids for our sealcoating program of city streets during our next council meeting and I will report to the council on a proposal with the city

of Odessa to sell clay they dig up at our new landfill," Fryar said.

The first phase in expanding Shelbourne Park is also in the city's future plans. Projected cost for the two-phase redevelopment is \$85,731, with half of the funds coming from the Texas Parks and Wildlife Department.

"The proposal is to sell all the clay the city of Odessa will dig out, plus 50 cents per yard; that would generate \$60,000 for the city.

"They need our red clay to line their landfill pits. It would also save the city about \$30,000 per year. Odessa needs 70,000 cubic yards per year of our red clay, and I see a way to benefit both of our needs," Fryar said.

He also pointed out other areas of concern for the city.

"We are in the final stages of completing our clean-up of old and unsafe buildings for this year. I would like to commend our citizens for chipping in on keeping their property clean of weeds. Most of the yards have been cleaned up and mowed and we need to continue the practice.

"We'll continue keeping the downtown area clean and fresh. We are also in the process of cleaning alleys and just general maintenance, like redoing dumpsters, things like that," Fryar said.

The landfill is considered a major expense for the city, but the proposal at hand and the addition of Manager Bob Cox has helped the city save money, Fryar said.

"Before we added Bob (Cox) to look after the landfill, we were getting trash from around the county, but now, he has eliminated about 35 percent of the out-of-county trash from coming in.

"He also has completed his Class C and B license and he will start back in July with his training for his Class A certification. Now the only thing we're looking forward to is receiving the variances were asking for, the pit linear and the water monitor."

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According to Stanton Mayor Lester Baker, the purpose of this project is to improve the recreational facilities in the park.

"We at the council feel that when the jogging/walking path is built, it will bring in people that would normally walk on the streets and make them feel safer.

"It will also be an enormous benefit when we have our Old Settlers Reunion and recreational vehicles will be able to use the six-space RV parking, along with all the conveniences, such as electricity, water and a dumping station," Baker said.

Studies have been made on towns of similar size, and they show an increase in sales during major events when similar improvements have been made, Baker said.

Other planned improvements include repairs to the existing gazebo roof, repairs to or replacement of eight picnic tables and benches, new lighting for the existing tennis courts, construction of a new 50-by-75 pavilion, installation of two swing sets, planting new trees and construction of handicapped accessible restrooms.

According to Baker, Phase II will include construction of a new Little League baseball field and additional work on Tommy Walker Softball Baseball Park and more jogging paths.

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Shelbourne Park is facing a facelift and new additions with the park grant the city of Stanton recently was granted. Among the new additions will be a 1,700 jogging and walking track and a 50 by 75 Pavilion.

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Cap Rock Electric serving 17 West Texas area counties

By PEGGY LUXTON
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Cap Rock Electric

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Cap Rock provides electric service through 14 substations, 74 miles of transmission lines and 7,000 miles of distribution line, making up almost \$100 million of plant in service.

The company recently signed a long-term agreement to purchase wholesale power from

Southwestern Public Service of Amarillo. Cap Rock will be the 17th electric cooperative receiving wholesale power from SPS.

David Pruitt, Cap Rock's CEO said, "Power supply is a major component of our costs, accounting for almost 70 cents of every dollar of revenue. It has been our main focus for the last several years and is the key to increasing our competitiveness and flexibility for the future. It is also the key to keeping customers' cost of electricity down."

A share of company margins, in the form of capital credit checks, was recently returned to customer-members of Cap Rock. The \$330,000 returned in 1991 brings the total to almost \$2,500,000 returned to Cap Rock's local communities in capital credits in the last five years.

The company operates with a "Golden Rule" business philosophy. Customer service efforts by the company have resulted in receipt of a Gold Seal Award from the National Rural Electric Cooperative Association, a trade association for electric utilities. The written report accompanying the award stated: "Cap Rock Electric has been recognized because their system has

demonstrated the service strategy necessary to provide the highest quality customer service."

Diligent efforts on the part of board, management and employees have resulted in marked improvement in service reliability over the past few years. At the present time, reliability is twice as good as the national average. Cap Rock Electric keeps its customers lights on 99.981 percent of the time.

Cap Rock Electric is a future-oriented company. The more than 100 employees are skilled and knowledgeable and include nationally-recognized experts in the electric utility industry. The company mission statement pledges the company's continued commitment to support and improve the lifestyle and business of its customers and communities. The 54-year-old company continually looks to the future in fulfilling that mission.

"The new power supply agreement with SPS and mergers with the Lons Wolf and Hunt-Collin organizations will brighten the future of Cap Rock Electric," said Pruitt. "These business decisions will help us hold operating costs stable, while reducing future long-term costs for customers."



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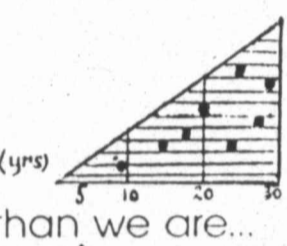
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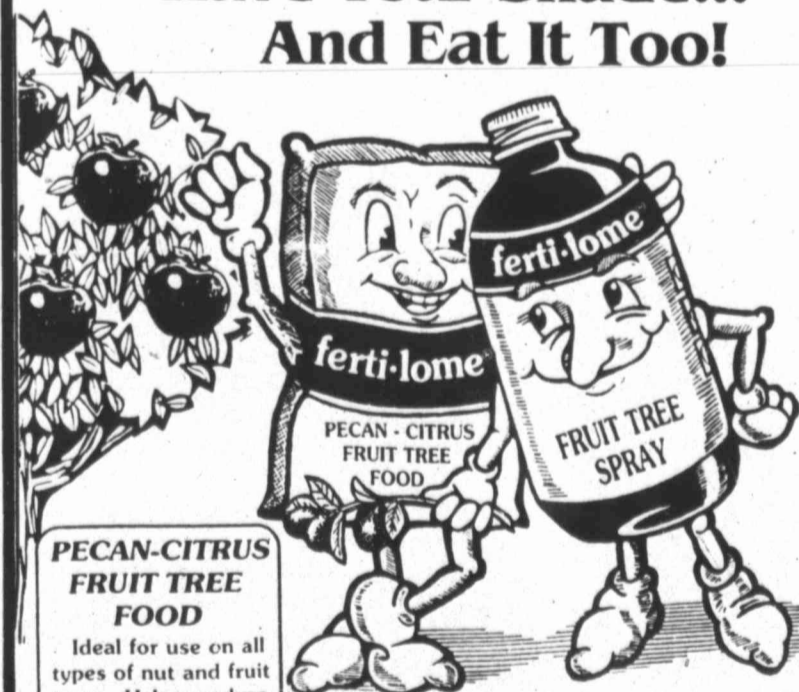
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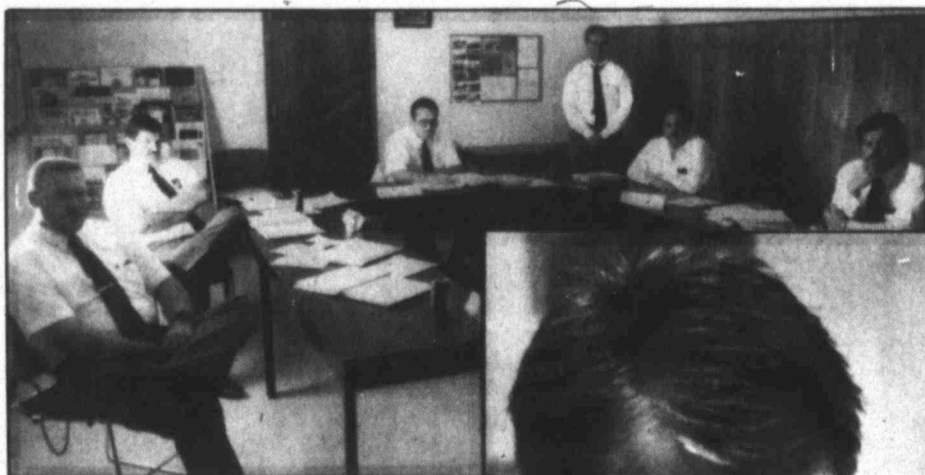
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By STEVE BELVIN
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In a file photo, Sue Sanders, left, rides on of the aerobic machines while Stacey Massingil, right, strengthens her arms by lifting weights at the Harold Davis Fitness Center at the Howard College campus.

Harold Davis Fitness Center membership growth tremendous

By STEVE BELVIN
Sports Editor

The Harold Davis Fitness Center has grown tremendously in less than two years of operation, and it's making for a healthier Big Spring.

The former Howard College gym was renovated into the workout center and officially opened June 4, 1990. When the center first opened it began with just over 200 memberships. Now it has risen to almost 800 members.

Director Roy Green said he's surprised membership rose so quickly. "The program has done better than I expected," Green said. "I knew it would be big, but I didn't realize it would be big so quickly."

The center consists of a walking track, which encircles the gym, and a circuit of weight and aerobic machines.

All members are examined by a doctor. From that examination members are put on various programs according to their health.

Green said the physical exam is a safety precaution for the perspective members. The exam consists of a coronary rest profile, body fat composition, blood pressure test and flexibility test.

"We make sure a person is physically able to do the circuit," said Green.

The cost of the center is \$84 for the first session and \$74 for the second session. A session consists of a 18-week period; members are urged to work out three times a week. The session also counts as a semester credit at Howard College.

Senior citizen workout fees are \$55 for the first session and \$45 for the second session. Howard College employees' rates are \$40 for the first session and \$20 for the second session. Howard College employees' spouses fees are \$55 for the first session and \$45 for the second session.

Green is assisted by eight part-time employees.

Big Spring area attractions good for tourism

By PATRICK DRISCOLL
Staff Writer

The Big Spring area has the attractions — a historic spring, lakes, parks, mountain, great highways, events — to bring visitors in but more convention facilities are needed, say local leaders.

"We can't utilize (all) we have and we have a lot," said Linda Roger, executive vice president of the Big Spring Area Chamber of Commerce.

The area is losing an estimated \$2 million annually, about what all 12 motels here made in taxable income in 1991, because facilities are booked, not large enough or in need of renovation, Roger said.

Tourism is a growing industry that generates "clean money," Roger said. "It's going to do more for our economy than any other dollars created."

It is outside money coming into Big Spring and is exchanged an estimated five times while in the local economy. The average visitor staying in a local motel spends about \$70 a day, including motel expenses and other purchases.

From October 1990 through September 1991, \$2.2 million in motel revenues were generated here, according to the Texas Comptroller's Office. Total retail sales here during that period were \$204 million.

Hotel revenues statewide were \$140 million during that period. The third quarter in 1991 was 3.1 percent over the same quarter the year before; up 15 percent in Big Spring, 16 percent in Abilene and 13 percent in San Angelo. However, 2.6 percent of the statewide increase was due to room price increases and one-half percent to extra roomnights sold.

Travel and tourism is the second largest area of employment and the third largest dollar-generating industry in the country, according to, respectively, Travel Industry Association of America and U.S. Travel Data Center. Texas is



Assistant City Manager Tom Decell stands near the historic Big Spring, which brought the first settlers to the area and from which the city is named. It is one of numerous attractions in Big Spring.

behind only California and Florida in number of tourists, Roger said.

Big Spring's convention facilities include:

- The East Room of the Dorothy Garrett Coliseum. It can handle 250 people and is one of the most popular meeting rooms.
- The floor of the Dorothy Garrett Coliseum. It is used frequently and many times is booked solid during basketball season. Arts and craft shows held at least twice a year draw 15,000 to 20,000 people a weekend.
- The Dora Roberts Community

Center. It can handle 250 people, but needs renovating. City officials are drawing up long-range plans to replace the roof, replace the air conditioner, fix the restrooms and re-paint. No time frame or costs have yet been set for the repairs.

• Crestwood Hall and the Clubhouse at Texas RV Park. Those rooms, which can handle, respectively, 125 and 30 people, get considerable use by recreational vehicle travelers and clubs.

- A meeting room at Days Inn handles 50 people.
- A meeting room at Great

Western Motel handles 50 people. Those facilities are not enough, Roger said. "We need a convention center, whether it's totally rebuilding the Dora Roberts Community Center or building something else," she said. "Hopefully you're talking about a minimum 1,000 person capacity."

A higher-class hotel would also be beneficial, she said. There are 584 motel rooms in Big Spring. Prices range from \$22-to-\$42 at the Days Inn, Great Western, Motel 6 and Mid-Continent Inn.



Drug and alcohol rehabilitation administrator Fredda Arney and Howard College practicum student Frank Davis look over materials for the Big Spring State Hospital's student substance abuse counseling program.

Howard College offers drug rehab counseling program at state hospital

By MIKE BUTTS
Staff Writer

Six Howard College students are involved in a program at the Big Spring State Hospital that gives them practical experience in drug rehabilitation counseling.

The program is for Howard students pursuing an associate's degree in the college's Alcohol and Drug Paraprofessional Counseling Program. It consists of 270 hours of work at the hospital, where each student is assigned two patients and works with a staff counselor.

The staff counselor acts as a co-therapist with the student and observes the student's interaction with patients.

Drug rehabilitation unit administrator Fredda Arney says the hospital has been a clinic site for the program for four years, but it was last September that the hospital started the program with a "vengeance," she said.

The students now in the program and the six enrolled for the fall semester have been the highest number of students to use the hospital for their required on-site hours.

Frank Davis, one of three students who also is employed in the hospital's drug rehabilitation unit, is a 36-year-old former electronic technician.

"It's an excellent program they have out here," Davis says. "They're letting us do hands-on work."

The students work in 12 "core areas" at the unit, including intake (or admitting), screening and assessment, client education, case management and referral.

Davis started his own substance abuse recovery three years ago. He says most students in the program are, in at least one respect, similar to him.

"Most people in the practicum

are about my age and are wanting to change careers," Davis says.

The students spend two eight-hour days a week in the program, which takes two semesters to complete.

Davis says he took four classes at Howard related to drug abuse counseling before he started the program.

He says working with the patients is sometimes difficult.

"It's very rewarding at times and at times it can be discouraging," Davis says. "You have to have a lot of empathy and understanding (for the patients). You can't be judgmental. A lot of what you see out here just nearly breaks your heart."

When they complete the program, students receive substance abuse worker certificates.

Davis says he would like to work in the state hospital system when he becomes certified.

D-FY-IT expanding in West Texas

By MARTHA E. FLORES
Staff Writer

Since the first D-FY-IT (Drug-Free Youth in Texas) meeting in the fall of 1990 at Big Spring High School, the organization has taken a strong stand on ridding the campus of drugs and quashing the peer pressure that forces many youth to indulge in alcohol and drugs.

In its first year, membership was 60 percent of the high school population.

The organization does not have dues. Members are drug-tested initially upon entering the program and then randomly selected and tested for all illegal substances. The program offers help for students testing positive, as well as protecting the anonymity of students.

The group is student-organized and student-run. Scenic Mountain Medical Center does drug screening for the program free of charge. The members also participate in activities that promote drug-free youth.

In April of 1991, five D-FY-IT members traveled to Austin to testify before the House of Representative's Criminal Jurisprudence Committee. Their testimony was in support of House Bill 234, which advocates drug-free zones around public schools.

Big Spring Police Chief Joe Cook originated the bill. Cook helped initiate and is a strong supporter of the D-FY-IT program.

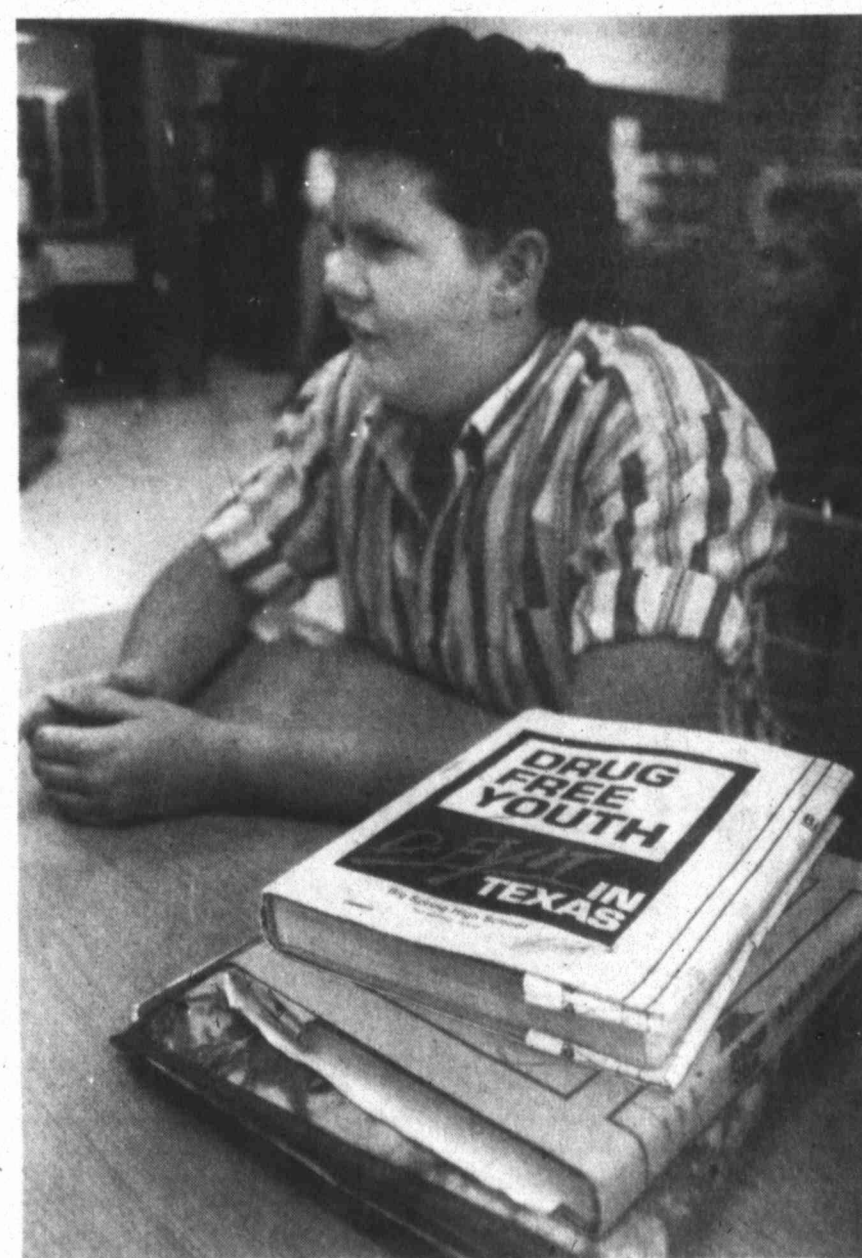
Private donations allowed the organization to purchase a 1991 Pontiac Transport van last fall.

Charles Myers, Big Spring High School senior and group board member, said in an article that the van would be used to travel to different communities to present D-FY-IT's message.

A local essay contest this spring will give D-FY-IT members an opportunity to receive college scholarships worth \$1,200. The essay topic is "How I Made the Smart Decision to be Drug Free." Deadline for entries is April 3 at 3:30 p.m. The 500-word or less essays need to be submitted to Big Spring High School Principal Kent Bowerman.

The contest is sponsored by Nalley-Pickle & Welch and D-FY-IT.

D-FY-IT is one of many activities students may participate in. Other organizations may center around activities such as music or theater. Following is a list of clubs and



Big Spring High School student Thomas Chapel listens to Wayne Harmon, staff psychologist at the Federal Correction Institute. Harmon was the speaker at the first official meeting of Drug Free Youth in Texas in the fall of 1990. Attendance was recorded near 50 students.

organizations available to students at Big Spring High School:

- Accounting club; Art club; Band; Bible club; Cheerleaders; Corral, campus newspaper; Debate; Distributive Education Clubs of America; El Rodeo, school yearbook; Fellowship of Christian Athletes; French Club; Future Farmers of America; Future Homemakers of America; Home Economics Related Occupations; Industrial Arts Club; Key Club; Library Club; Meistersinger; National Honor Society; Number Sense; Office Education

Association; One-Act Play; Quill and Scroll; Ready-Writing; Short-hand; Spanish club; Speech club; Student Council and Theater.

Announcement are made about the clubs and organizations the first week of school, Bowerman said. "We also have a Steer Round-up, which is a fair where clubs have booths. It is a way for students to see what is available for them to participate in."

Last year the round-up did not take place, but Bowerman said he anticipates it returning this coming fall.



Casino Night is a big draw at the annual SWCID Fest at the Southwest Collegiate Institute for the Deaf. Although potentially drastic decreases in revenues will effect both Howard College and SWCID, both schools continue to look ahead in 1992.

SWCID works with budget cuts to upgrade facilities

By GARY SHANKS
Staff Writer

Although struggling with decreased revenues, Howard College and the Southwest Collegiate Institute for the Deaf will continue

At SWCID, officials are in the process of identifying resources for a new gymnasium, said Ron Brasil, administrator of the facility.

Heating and cooling units will be replaced in the old sections of the men's and women's dorms, he said. Preparations are underway for the annual SWCID Fest, scheduled for April 17-18. In addition to the banquet and casino night, SWCID Fest will include a rodeo sponsored by the American Rodeo Association for the Deaf, Brasil said. This year, a volleyball tournament will replace last year's softball tournament. Area teams are welcome to sign up for the event, he said.

SWCID Fest draws both deaf and hearing visitors from Texas and the surrounding states, graduates of the institution as well as drawing other deaf adults, Brasil said.

SWCID Fest will be at the Howard County Fair Barns and rodeo arena. Howard College will implement a computer science course at the federal prison during 1992, Riley said. A physical therapy program will begin at the San Angelo campus. Big Spring students wishing to take the program can do basic studies at Howard College here and can complete clinical hours at the Dora Roberts Rehabilitation Center, Riley added.

upgrading facilities and offering new programs. State funding for junior colleges has decreased and Howard College and SWCID have the additional problem of decreased tax revenues due to recent property devaluations in the area, said HC President Bob Riley. The college board of trustees decided last summer not to adjust their tax rate to compensate for the devaluations. "We're anticipating a steady-state year for 1992," Riley said. The college will upgrade Dorothy Garrett Coliseum. New basketball goals and floors will be added, and renovations will be made to the roof of the structure.

V.A. Medical Center moving forward with expansion

By PAT ADKINS
Big Spring VA Medical Center
So much has happened since last year's publication highlighting community services.

1991 began with worries about America "standing up to" Iraq's President Saddam Hussein's battle-hardened troops, and it ended with the victorious U.S. accompanying Arabs and Israelis to Middle East peace talks and enjoying the opportunity to finally welcome U.S. hostages home!

We also saw the Soviet hammer and sickle stripped from the Kremlin and the Soviet Union emerging as a government for the people, rather than people for the state. Wow!

In Big Spring, we've seen emphasis on attracting new businesses and health specialists, and city-wide recycling.

At the Big Spring VA Medical Center, we've seen the pavilion constructed to provide a covered shelter for veterans, visitors, volunteers and employees to enjoy meals and breaks. We're looking forward to the installation of new computer nurse call and medical gas systems, completion of the elevator project, and the beginning of new construction in Surgical Service and on the Nursing Home Care Unit.

We've seen the long time dream of Paul and Lona Hood become a reality when they donated a home they purchased several years ago for their parents. The home is now known as Haven House of Big Spring.

According to Lona, telecommunications operator at the medical center, the goal will be to

provide a haven for those with loved ones hospitalized at the Big Spring VA Medical Center.

During the past year, the Kiddie Corral was built and does just what its name implies: Children have a safe, fun area to play while their parents visit patients at the center.

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Looking back over fiscal year 1991, we received excellent reports from the Joint Commission On Accreditation of Healthcare Organizations and acquired 24 additional positions for Nursing Service, Psychiatry Service and the Information Resource Management Section.

Most importantly, our staff, supplemented by a dedicated group of volunteers, continue to provide quality medical care to veterans in a sensitive and caring manner, so say the overwhelming majority of veterans who participate in patient satisfaction surveys at the facility.

In the face of continuing resolutions that hamper operations and budget uncertainties that make patient care management difficult, medical center staff continue to breathe life into our credo: "Our goal is to assure that veterans who walk through these doors know they are our number one concern."

The Department of Veterans Affairs is the largest healthcare system in the free world and over one-half of healthcare professionals receive some part of their training from VA. Our medical center continues to have very active academic and clinical training programs.

Our principle affiliates are Texas Tech University Health Science Center in Lubbock for

ophthalmology residents, dietetic interns and interior design students; Howard College for Associate Degree in Nursing training and dental hygiene students; Scenic Mountain Medical Center radiology technician training and Odessa College for instruction in

allow them to further their education while continuing their employment. We will be employing six new graduate nurses in May. These nurses were supported by VA under the Employee Accelerated Registered Nurse Program, which assists employees with tuition and support while attending nursing school.

Seven highly qualified physicians were recruited in areas such as internal medicine, pulmonary and rehabilitation medicine.

We were selected by VA to implement Total Quality Improvement, and it is on its way to becoming a "way of life" at the Big Spring VA Medical Center.



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By GARY SHANKS
Staff Writer

The City of Big Spring, in compliance with the Americans with Disabilities Act, will spend more than \$150,000 to make city facilities more accessible to handicapped people.

The city has received a grant from the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development for a study by the City of Parkhill, Smith, which outlines all in city offices and projects to comply with the ADA.

Facilities were being upgraded to include the following: Accessible entrances (walkways), parking spaces, curb ramps, exterior route, ramp stairs, platform lifts, doors (width, hand other needed hardware), fountain height, number of bathro and sink height, toilet stalls and urinals and showers, grab bars, areas, storage, and seating and telephones and dressers.

These 25 requirements are applicable to every facility that exists for people, they must be able to be handicapped people.

The ADA rules will be in effect by July and all cities must comply with the rules. The city has completed the study from the current budget, but the project will be budgeted from the Public Works Decell. "This will have

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Big Spring is becoming handicapped accessible

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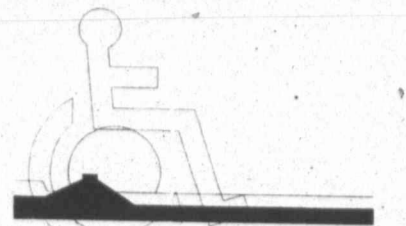
The city has received the results of a study by the engineering firm of Parkhill, Smith and Cooper, which outlines all improvements to city offices and property needed to comply with the ADA.

Facilities were assessed according to the following criteria:

Accessible exterior route (walkways), parking, entrance width, curb ramps, accessible interior route, ramps, handrails, stairs, platform lifts, elevators, doors (width, handles, rails and other needed hardware), drinking fountain height and accessibility, number of bathrooms, lavatory and sink height, water closets, toilet stalls and urinals, bathtubs and showers, grab bars, assembly areas, storage, alarms, signs, seating and tables, public telephones and dressing rooms.

These 25 requirements are not all applicable to every building. If facilities exist for non-handicapped people, they must be made accessible to handicapped people, according to the report.

The ADA rules were released in July and all cities must have their proposals for the improvements completed. The study is funded from the current fiscal year's budget, but the improvements will be budgeted from the 1993 budget, said Public Works Director Tom Decell. "This will have a major im-



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pact on next year's budget."

City hall will require a great deal of refurbishing, including parking, ramps, restroom modification, door widths increased and the addition of an elevator for the second floor. The renovations could cost as much as \$45,000.

The Municipal Auditorium will need similar modifications at a similar cost.

The police station will need \$4,885 worth of improvements to doorways, restrooms, parking, etc. All five fire stations will need from \$1,670-\$2,292 worth of upgrades.

The Municipal Golf Course Pro Shop will need \$4,634 worth of modification to its restrooms, doorways and parking.

The Comanche Trail Park Amphitheatre, however, will need only \$380 worth of route access work and signs, but the restrooms at the park will need more than \$4,000 in modifications.

Also at the park, the swimming pool will need almost \$8,000 in ramps, handrails, restroom and dressing room alterations.

Other projects include \$5,735 for the Dora Roberts Community Center, \$3,977 for the water treatment plant office, \$4,335 for the

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wastewater treatment plant office, Signal Mountain Bailer needs \$2,000 in improvements, \$3,620 at the city's service center and \$2,970 at the public works office.

Fortunately, the Airpark Correctional Center will need only \$420 in signs. The interstate unit, however, will need almost \$3,000 in improvements. The McMahon-Wrinkle Airpark office needs over \$4,000 in modifications, \$2,221 for the airpark warehouse and \$4,190 for the Dora Roberts Rehabilitation Center.

Even though some of the improvements are supposed to be completed by July of 1992, because



Although handicapped access is costly, Americans with physical disabilities must receive all the amenities that everyone else enjoys. The

Americans with Disabilities Act will likely have a lasting effect on Big Spring and the nation, according to ADA literature.

of budget constraints, city workers will be making the modifications after funds are budgeted in October and work will continue through 1993.

Other facets of the ADA will require companies to provide "reasonable accommodations" for handicapped employees. Employers will be restricted from

asking if a prospective employee has a disability.

The ADA also will effect motels, libraries, theaters and other facilities open to the public.

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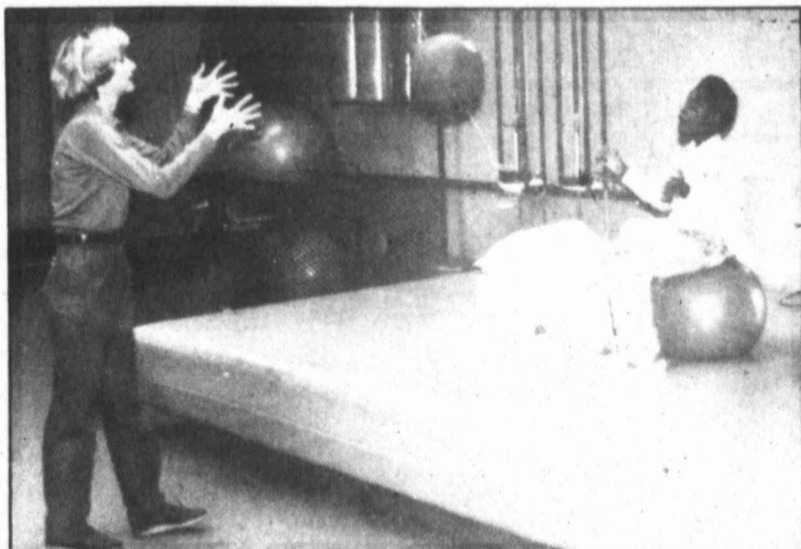
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Crystal Henry, Speech Pathologist, conducts a speech evaluation on Domingo Sias.



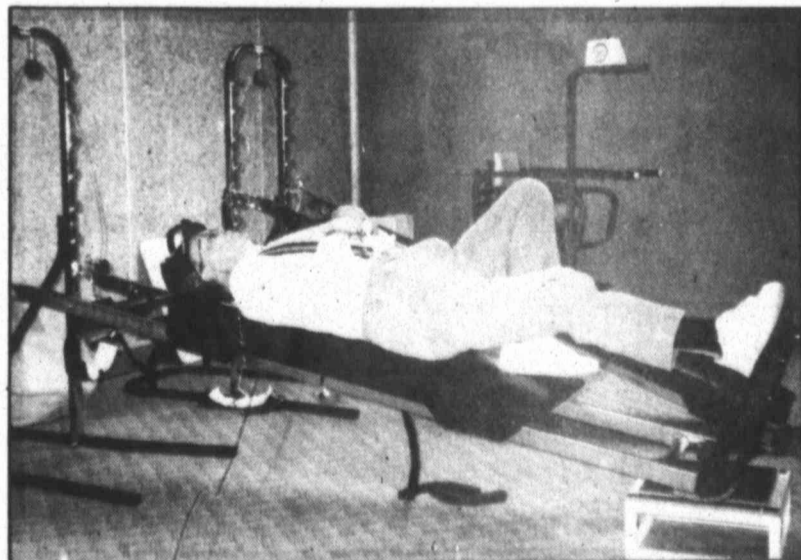
Kaki Morton, Physical Therapist, makes work out of play for Reece Franks. Reece has been a patient for nine years.



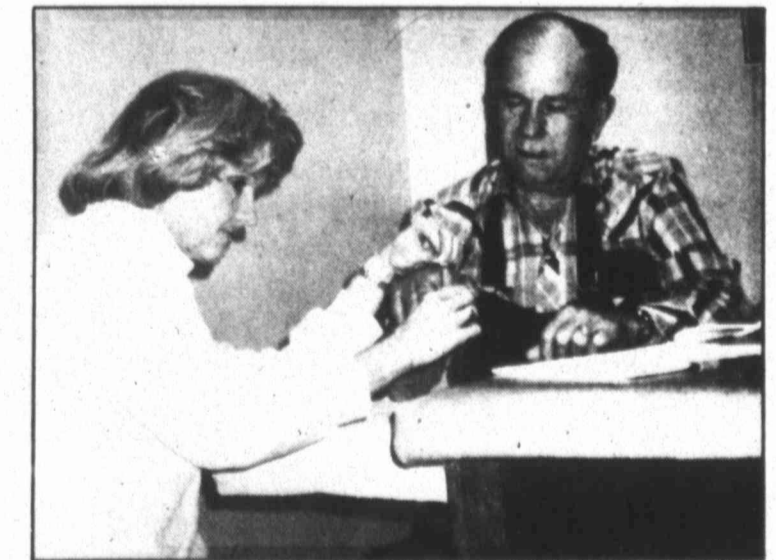
Donna Wennik, P.T.A., works with Tommy Gage on upper extremity strength.



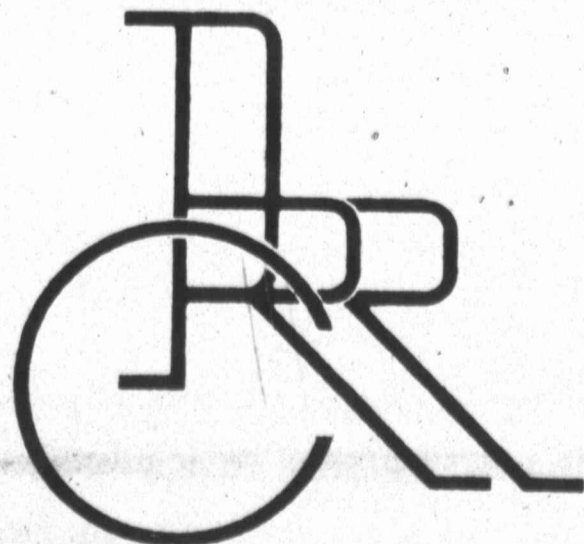
Helen Hale is guided through pool therapy by Lisa Williams, P.T.



Tippy Anderson works out on equipment to strengthen leg muscles.



Larry Shaw increases flexibility with Kaki Morton, P.T.



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Big Spring State Hospital making services more accessible

By EVELYN ANDERSON
Director of Volunteers
Big Spring State Hospital

Have the days of the 5-cent hamburger, 10-cent pay telephone and a new car costing less than a house passed? We think not!

Howard College's Continuing Education Department and Big Spring State Hospital embarked on a new program to offer the people of 1992 a taste of the good of days.

We did this by offering training through Howard College. A person who successfully completes the 56-hour training is eligible to be interviewed for a job, within 30 days, as an Mental Health Mental Retardation Aide which pays \$1,078 a month.

Two different classes have been developed, with 18 people availing themselves of these classes.

The next class scheduled for MHMR Aides at Howard College is April 2. Anyone interested in more information about a program that sounds like The Good Ol' Days may call Howard College Continuing Ed. Department at 264-5131 or Human Resources Department at BSSH at 264-4256.

THE FAMILY CENTER under the supervision of Chaplain George Perrine and Clerk, Angie Yarbar, continues to grow in scope and responsibility.

This new program is located in Tollett All-Faith Chapel and is open to families every weekend. A visiting area has been refurbished and new playground installed for the children.

Plans are being made to provide a place on campus that can be used as an overnight facility for visiting families. The Family Services

Committee is also designing a training program for staff members to explore the importance of family interactions with the patient's treatment and rehabilitation.

Howard County Mental Health Center and Community Services Administrative offices relocated to downtown Big Spring in February. The building, formerly the Southwestern Bell Telephone Building, was completely renovated and redesigned to meet the needs of these services. It is anticipated that by making these services more accessible, the staff will be able to serve more people.

The grand opening and dedication of this building will be formalized on May 27. Texas Mental Health Mental Retardation board members, the commissioner of MHMR and many dignitaries from around the state will be in attendance, as well as community supporters of BSSH.

Volunteer Services has completed the structure of the greenhouse that will be used for patient therapy and vocational training. Though it took one week to construct, the time to get the necessary funds was much longer.

Many fundraising events and donations were collected to acquire the necessary money. The building is 26-by-48 feet and is adequate for the first phase of this type of activity. David Lubke has been hired to supervise the horticulture activities of this program.

Plans for the new Activity Therapy Building at BSSH began in January 1991 and final approval of the plans were made in April, Con-

struction should begin in May 1991.

This 26,000 square-foot building will house the educational and recreational services of the Activity Therapies Department: Therapeutic Arts and Crafts, Music and Recreation Therapy, patient education, the Fashion Bouti-

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que, Style Salon and the snack bar. There will be a multipurpose area for visiting, a game room, exercise room, gymnasium and library. A teaching efficiency apartment, complete with kitchen and laundry appliances and living areas, will be furnished as a teaching aide for living skills classes.

The exterior will compliment the present structures on campus — red brick and limestone in modern decor. The interior will be bright and sunny, facing Scenic Mountain. The scheduled date for opening is mid-summer.

THE MEDICAL LAB, under the supervision of Elizabeth Treece, has made changes within the last month. A Beckman Glucose Analyzer-II was purchased for improved testing for glucose. All necessary studies to prove the accuracy of the instrument have been made. The use of this instrument has decreased the time required to

obtain a single glucose test.

The laboratory will undergo an inspection by the College of American Pathologists on March 30. This inspection is required every two years to obtain certification as a CAP lab. BSSH's lab has been a CAP lab for four years.

On January 1, the work of the Executive Committee of BSSH came together in the new Crisis Admission Services Program. Prior to this change, there was more than one building where new patients could be admitted to BSSH for treatment.

The new program is housed in the first two-story building as a person comes on the grounds; therefore, easily located. The following changes have been made:

- All admissions go through one location.
- Hours of operation are 24 hours a day, seven days a week
- Caseworkers were added to the staff to provide clinical assessment or crisis intervention services are needed.
- The Community Services Crisis Hotline — 800-375-4357 — and local mobile crisis intervention — 267-0370 — were integrated into the services.

The staff is striving to minimize

confusion, avoid multiple steps on the campus, gather prescreening information before the person arrives on campus, answer questions and explain client rights, coordinate the use of alternative resources when available as less restrictive than inpatient admissions and provide an information feedback loop to anyone referring admissions to BSSH.

BSSH Food and Nutrition Services opened its new serving line the first of March. This type of service allows the patients to see the foods offered at each meal and make food choices.

The cafeteria style of serving provides a sense of "eating out" at a commercial restaurant rather than the traditional hospital trays.

The state-of-the-art service line greatly enhances the food appearance and temperature, resulting in greater patient satisfaction.

The dining room has been redecorated and expanded. New and larger wood-grain tables with blue upholstered chairs are a comfortable and welcome change. New southwestern decor in large paintings, woven wall hangings and pots of cacti provide a pleasing atmosphere.

Janice Byrd, director of Food and Nutrition Services, says, "Overall, our patients, staff and visitors have been very pleased and complimentary of our changes."



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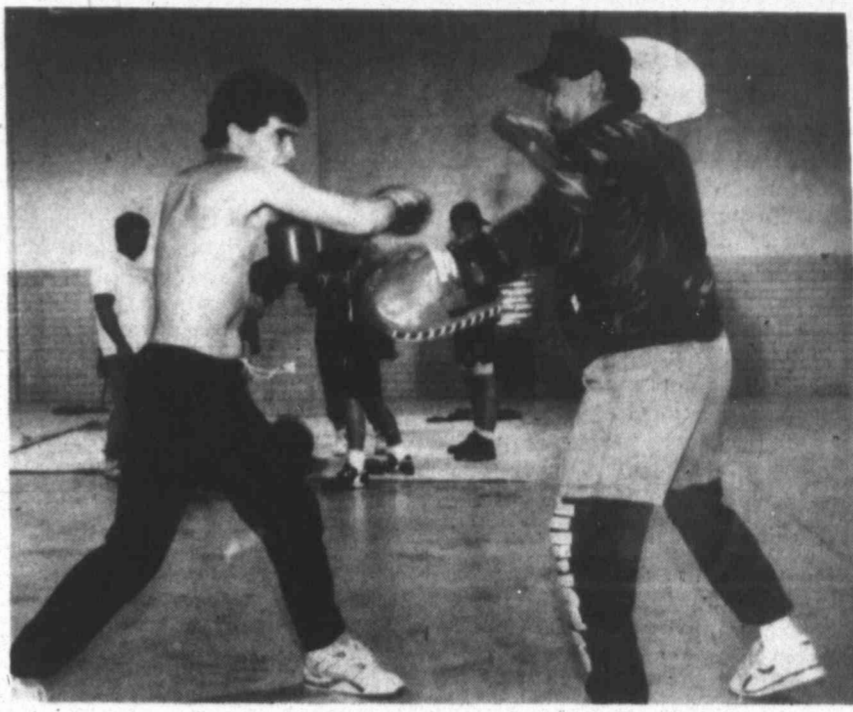
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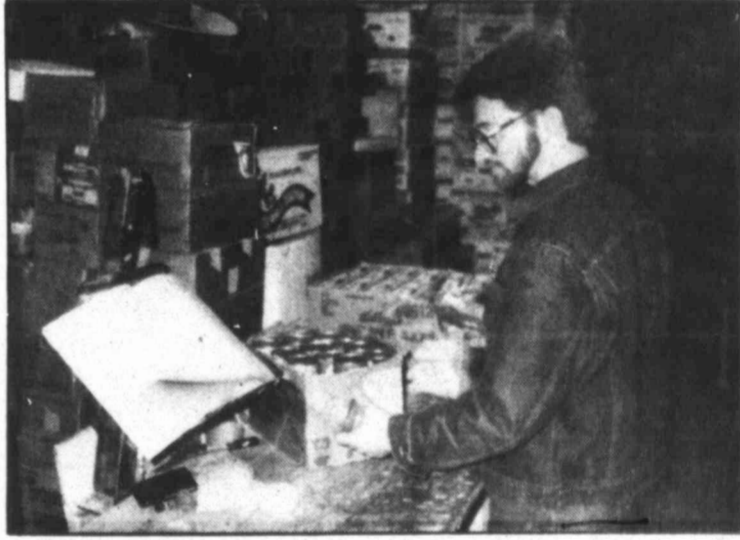
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Scenic Mountain Medical Center Branching out in health care; strengthening roots



Scenic Mountain Medical Center, 1601 W. 11th Place, plans continuous investigation into new programs, equipment and services to

By JULIE MILLER
SMMC Marketing Director

From humble beginnings as an eight-bed facility with a kitchen off the back and hand-drawn elevators, today Scenic Mountain Medical Center is a 153-bed, full-service hospital attracting patients from a 150-mile radius.

Branching out in health care and strengthening its roots to insure stability continue to be priorities at Scenic Mountain Medical Center. In the past year, the hospital has concentrated its efforts in providing excellence in all areas of operations. From purchasing new state-of-the-art radiology equipment to working to improve ER services to finalizing plans for a geropsychiatric unit, Scenic Mountain Medical Center has been busy working to meet the future challenges of modern health care in our community.

The hospital made several capital expenditures last spring/summer to upgrade equipment in the radiology department. New additions to the department include a new computerized axila tomography machine or cat scan, which is an extremely useful internal diagnostic tool. A cat scan is primarily used in imaging studies involving bones and internal organs.

The hospital is also proud of its new mammography equipment

which helps the hospital in marketing women's services. "It's the latest technology," said Vivian Gordon, director of radiology for Scenic Mountain. "The images are wonderful. We use the highest contrast film on the market, which delivers better differentiation of different tissues with a lower radiation dose."

The mammography equipment also allows a physician to visualize a potential tumor for needle biopsy procedures, which is something the old equipment was unable to provide, said Gordon.

The latest addition to the department is the new ultrasound equipment. Ultrasound is a method of producing images of internal structures by using sound waves. This new state-of-the-art equipment is able to give better pregnancy images than the old equipment and provides new diagnostic capabilities. "It is able to provide early pregnancy studies and can even show an emerging follicle on an ovary, which is important in fertility studies," Gordon said.

The new additions to the radiology department have cost the hospital approximately \$1 million.

Scenic Mountain has also been working to improve its ER services. Around-the-clock coverage by specially trained emergency room physicians is now available

meet the ever-changing, ever-broadening needs of the community.

to area residents. A physician experienced in emergency medicine will be in the emergency room 24 hours a day, every day, said Mike McBride, associate administrator for the hospital. With an "in-house" ER doctor, all patients can now be seen in a timely fashion, he said.

The expanded emergency coverage is made possible by a contract between SMMC and Coastal Emergency Services (CES). "All of the ER doctors are either board certified emergency physicians or have extensive experience in emergency medicine," McBride said.

This should enhance the quality of emergency care at the facility, as SMMC's staff physicians have their own specialties to contend with and most do not have the level of ER experience of the CES physicians.

Finally, also, the hospital is in the middle of renovating its 4th floor for a geropsychiatric unit which will be opening on May 1. The program, called reflections, is an inpatient program providing psychiatric diagnostic and treatment services for persons 65 years of age and older. The program focuses on patients with acute emotional and behavioral disorders such as depression, psychoses, dementias, anxiety, as well as adjustment disorders of aging.

The trend toward specialized geropsychiatric services is fueled by the dramatic growth of the elderly as a demographic group, said Ed Cunningham, the hospital's executive director. In America today, there are already more people over the age of 65

(11% of the population) than there are teenagers, and the older adult population is growing faster than any other societal segment. By the year 2030, one in five Americans will be over 65, and many will be older than 75.

The typical patient admitted to a geropsychiatric unit is female in her early 70s with both medical and acute primary psychiatric problems. She is likely to suffer from one of the "3 D's." The mental health conditions seen most often in older adults: depression, dementia, and delusional disorders.

Treatment usually consists of a thorough physical and psychiatric assessment, drug therapy, and what is known as milieu therapy, where the environment is structured to deal with a specific problem. Elderly patients receive help in setting goals, identifying rewards that are possible and appropriate at their stage of life, and deciding how to make the most of their remaining abilities within the bounds of reality.

The typical length of stay in a geropsychiatric unit is four to six weeks, with care designed to treat what is treatable and manage what isn't. The patient is then returned to outpatient caregivers with a higher level of independence and satisfaction.

Scenic Mountain Medical Center plans continuous investigation into new programs, equipment and services to meet the ever-changing, ever-broadening needs of the community. SMMC anticipates the challenges of 1992 and beyond as the hospital strives to offer the finest health care to our community.

UTPB's 4-year status has increased enrollment

By MARTHA E. FLORES
Staff Writer

In June 1991 Governor Ann Richards granted four-year status to the University of Texas Permian Basin at Odessa. The university had an upper-level curriculum since its founding in 1973.

"With more than 80 junior colleges in Texas, the state developed upper-level schools, such as UTPB," said Robert Rothstein, dean of admissions. "After students finished their studies at the junior college level, they could enter one of the upper-level schools and receive their (degrees)."

"Unfortunately, the number of students continuing their education was significantly smaller than anticipated. Most junior college students are enrolled in vocational studies and do not need to continue their college work after receiving their certification or

associate's."

UTPB's freshman enrollment for the fall of 1991 was 180 with a total enrollment of 2,100.

"We did not have a chance to recruit any freshman because the governor did not grant us our four-year status until June," he said. "The freshman we do have this year have come from all over the Permian Basin and from places as far as Alaska. We anticipate a larger freshmen class this coming fall."

The university offers 26 different degrees, including bachelor's of art, bachelor's of science, master's of art and master's in business administration. There are 12 master's programs available, and a master's in psychology has been recently added.

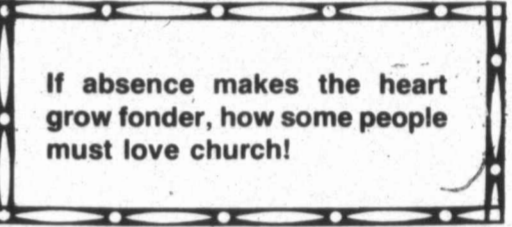
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Local catholic church raises money for mentally

handicapped with bingo games

By MIKE BUTTS
Staff Writer

Players who yell "bingo!" at the Immaculate Heart of Mary Church on Saturday nights are helping Big Spring mentally-handicapped citizens lead more productive and well-adjusted lives.

The weekly bingo game funds 75 percent of money used to run the Howard County Center for Human Growth and Development, says Letha Nixon, president of the Howard County Association for Retarded Citizens. The center, at 905 Johnson St., is used for training and development for mentally handicapped clients.

"I don't know what we would do without the bingo," Nixon says. "(We) can't have bake sales that would make enough money to keep the center going."

Seventeen clients currently use the center and 17 other clients have been placed in local jobs. All clients are taught basic life skills.

"They learn personal hygiene and lifestyle development that (non-handicapped persons) ordinarily take for granted," Nixon says. "If we didn't have the program they would just be at home doing nothing."

Each client has a program designed specifically for them. The programs are set up by the Abilene State School, which is the regional state school for the mentally handicapped.

The Abilene school also provides seven staff members for the center.

Clients have been placed on a road litter crew and a janitorial crew, at Walmart Discount Store, Walls Industries, and Winn-Dixie Supermarket.

The job placement service is only a year and a half old and is part of a new emphasis to integrate clients into the community, says center manager Sandy Parra.

"Everybody thinks of mentally handicapped people as kids, but they're not," Parra says. "They're adults able to maintain jobs and be productive citizens."

Clients placed in jobs are assigned job coaches who learn how to do the job and then teach it to the client. Once the clients are situated in their new positions, they are on their own.

The center has been operating for six years and is for mentally handicapped persons of 19 years or older.

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By STEVE BELVIN
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Laury Smoot is seen in a file photo rolling on the incline mat at the YMCA's gymnastics facility. Other activities available include free weights, Nautilus, various aerobic classes, swimming, volleyball,

basketball, country and western dance lessons, Jazz and dance lessons, self defense classes and racquetball.

Dora Roberts Rehab center offers program to help heart patients

By MIKE BUTTS
Staff Writer

Heart attacks, heart surgery and angina are all serious health problems. But most people who have experienced these setbacks can regain good health if they lead lives designed to strengthen the heart and protect it from further strain.

In the coming months, thanks to a new program about to get underway at the Dora Roberts Rehabilitation Center in Big Spring, area heart patients can take advantage of a state-of-the-art plan that gives them the opportunity to recover from their heart problems as safely and efficiently as possible.

The program consists of closely monitored exercise with specialized equipment, plus nutrition and stress counseling and education.

Although the program has not been officially announced, DRRC Executive Director John Yater says patients have already been referred by area physicians.

"Just on rumor we have had several referrals, so that proves it is much needed here," Yater said.

The unit in which the program takes place opens April 1. Patients must be referred by their cardiologists or physicians to participate.

There are no cardiologists in Big Spring, so Yater said he is marketing the program in surrounding cities so cardiologists can refer their Big Spring patients.

Each program lasts for 12 weeks and the unit can accommodate 12

patients per program. It is for use by heart patients who are recovering from by-pass surgery or angioplasty, have medically documented angina or have had a heart attack.

Participants' exercise will be constantly monitored by Program Director Leslie Williams, a registered nurse, and physical therapist Lisa Williams. A wireless system assesses each patient's heart rate and rhythms.

The cardiac rehabilitation unit also will have emergency equipment, and a doctor will be on duty at the center when the unit is in operation, which will be Monday through Friday 8 a.m.-noon.

The program is Phase II of a three-phase heart patient process. Phase I usually consists of a hospital stay and Phase III is a less-supervised continuation of the Phase II program.

"It's extremely vital for cardiac patients to get through the Phase II program once they've had a heart attack or heart surgery so they will be rehabilitated to the fullest and lengthen the effectiveness of surgery," Yater said.

Phase II is recognized by most major insurance carriers and Medicare and Yater said no one would be turned away because of inability to pay for use of the unit.

Exercise equipment for the program includes two \$7,000 treadmills capable of holding persons up to 400 pounds and equipment for monitoring patients' heart rates while they swim.

YMCA pool construction underway

By STEVE BELVIN
Sports Editor

The Big Spring YMCA had a very successful year under the direction of Executive Director Gary Wollenzien, who's been at the helm for four years.

The biggest news for the YMCA this year is the construction of its new swimming pool.

The new natatorium will be built with funds donated by the Dora Roberts Foundation. "We received \$500,00 last year and another \$300,00 this year," Wollenzien said.

Wollenzien said the current pool has been antiquated for more than 20 years. The steel I-beam supports beneath the existing swimming pool are rusted and have to be reinforced, and the dimensions of the 20-yard pool make it unusable in most swimming competitions.

The new pool, according to preliminary plans, will be 42 feet by 75 feet. The pool will have a 13-foot deep end with a one meter diving board. It will accommodate swim meets, swim lessons, synchronized swimming, water exer-

cise classes and recreational swimming.

Also located in the swimming pool area will be a whirlpool spa, sauna and steam room. The swimming pool will be handicapped accessible, he said.

The YMCA also offers a variety of programs and can be rented for private functions.

Activities include free weights, Nautilus, various aerobic classes, swimming, volleyball, basketball, country and western dance lessons,


jazz and dance lessons, self-defense classes and racquetball.

The "Y" also offers an after school day care program and summer day care programs, which begins a week after school is over, he said.


The YMCA staff includes 22 part-time employees along with Program Director Linda Perez; Office Manager Maggie Gonzales; Maintenance Supervisor Ramiro Perez and Russ McEwen, gymnastics director.



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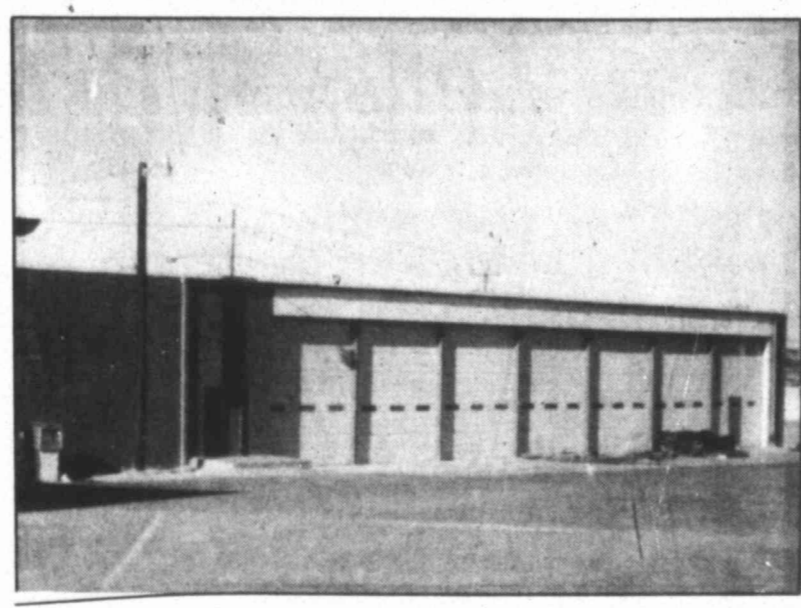
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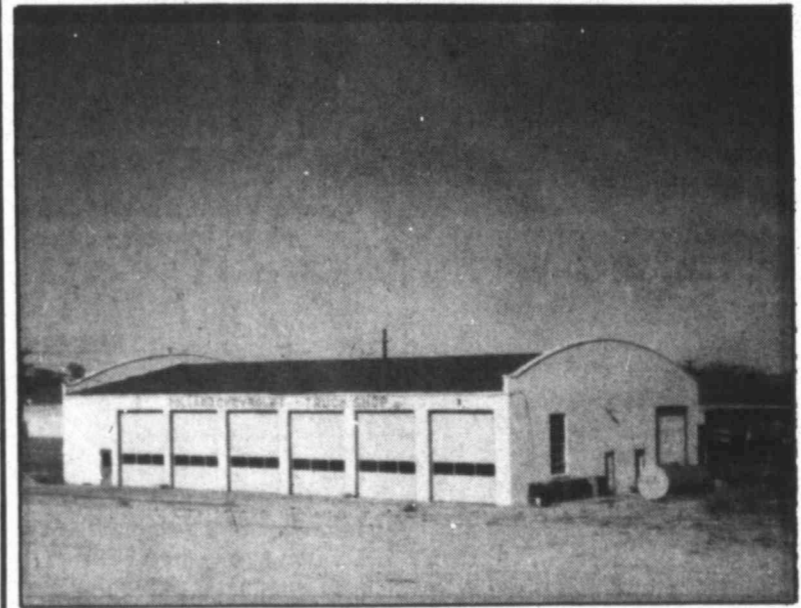
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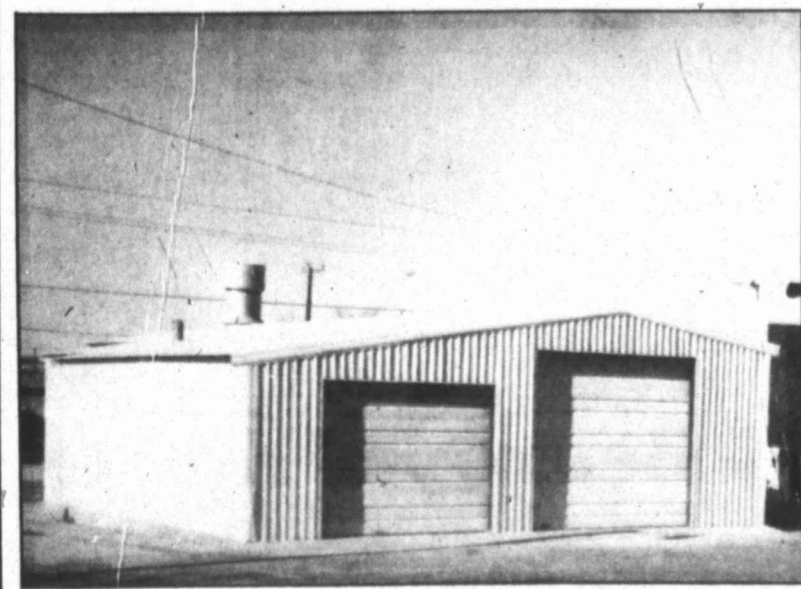
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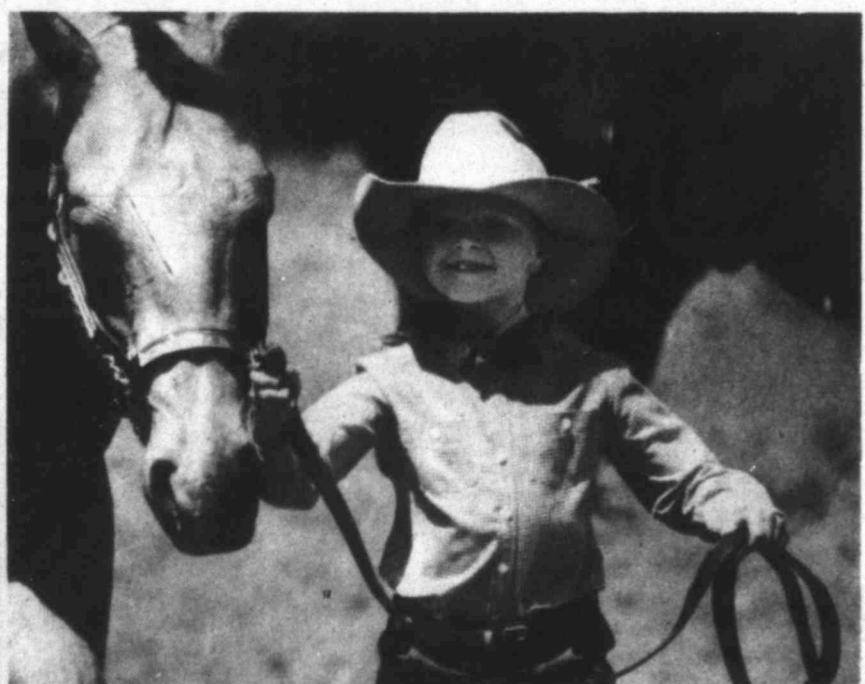
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Health care available in Howard County through private and public sectors

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Health care in Howard County is available through a variety of specialized physicians as well as one privately-owned hospital. Big Spring also offers care for United States military personnel and retired veterans through the Big Spring VA Medical Center. The Big Spring State Hospital specializes in treating persons with mental illness and mental retardation, as well as drug and alcoholism addiction.

Hall Bennett Clinic offers a range of services for local residents, including pediatrics, family medicine, internal medicine and X-ray.

Scenic Mountain Medical Center, 1601 W. 11th Place, employs 280 persons, and offers professional medical care for the area. These services include emergency room medicine, diagnostic imaging, surgery, obstetrics and respiratory and radiology services.

Malone-Hogan Clinic, adjacent to the hospital, offers medical care through a variety of physician specialties. From pediatric to geriatric medicine, these doctors are available to answer the needs of the Big Spring community.

The clinic has physicians who specialize in orthopedic medicine, ear, nose and throat care, nephrology, internal medicine, podiatry and family medicine. The county prenatal clinic is also located here, and diagnostic screening, including laboratory

and X-rays are available.

Hall Bennett Clinic offers a range of services for local residents, including pediatrics, family medicine, internal medicine and X-ray. Located at 411 E. Ninth St., the clinic is in a historical building that was once the Big Spring Hospital.

Dental services are available in Big Spring from several area dentists. General dentistry, oral and maxillofacial surgery, orthodontics and family dentistry are available from local dentists.

Several clinics are operated in Big Spring with physicians that travel from other cities to see patients here. Included is the Angelo OB GYN Associates who offer laser surgery and the services of a certified nurse-midwife, as well as licensed obstetric-gynecologists.

Chiropractic care is available in Big Spring through two clinics located on Lancaster Street. The Warren Chiropractic Center and the Chiropractic Health Center are staffed by licensed chiropractors.

Pharmacy services are available in Big Spring from national companies such as Eckerd's, located at College Park Shopping Center, to locally owned businesses, including Leonard's Pharmacy and Neal's Pharmacy. Others include Bell's, Bob's Carver and The Medicine Shoppe.

Dora Roberts Rehabilitation Center has been serving the needs of area residents seeking physical, occupational or rehabilitative therapies. The center offers state-of-the-art equipment and staffs licensed therapists. The clinic also offers training for student therapists through a coordinated effort with Texas colleges and universities.



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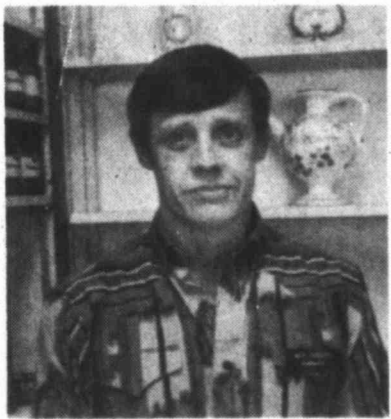
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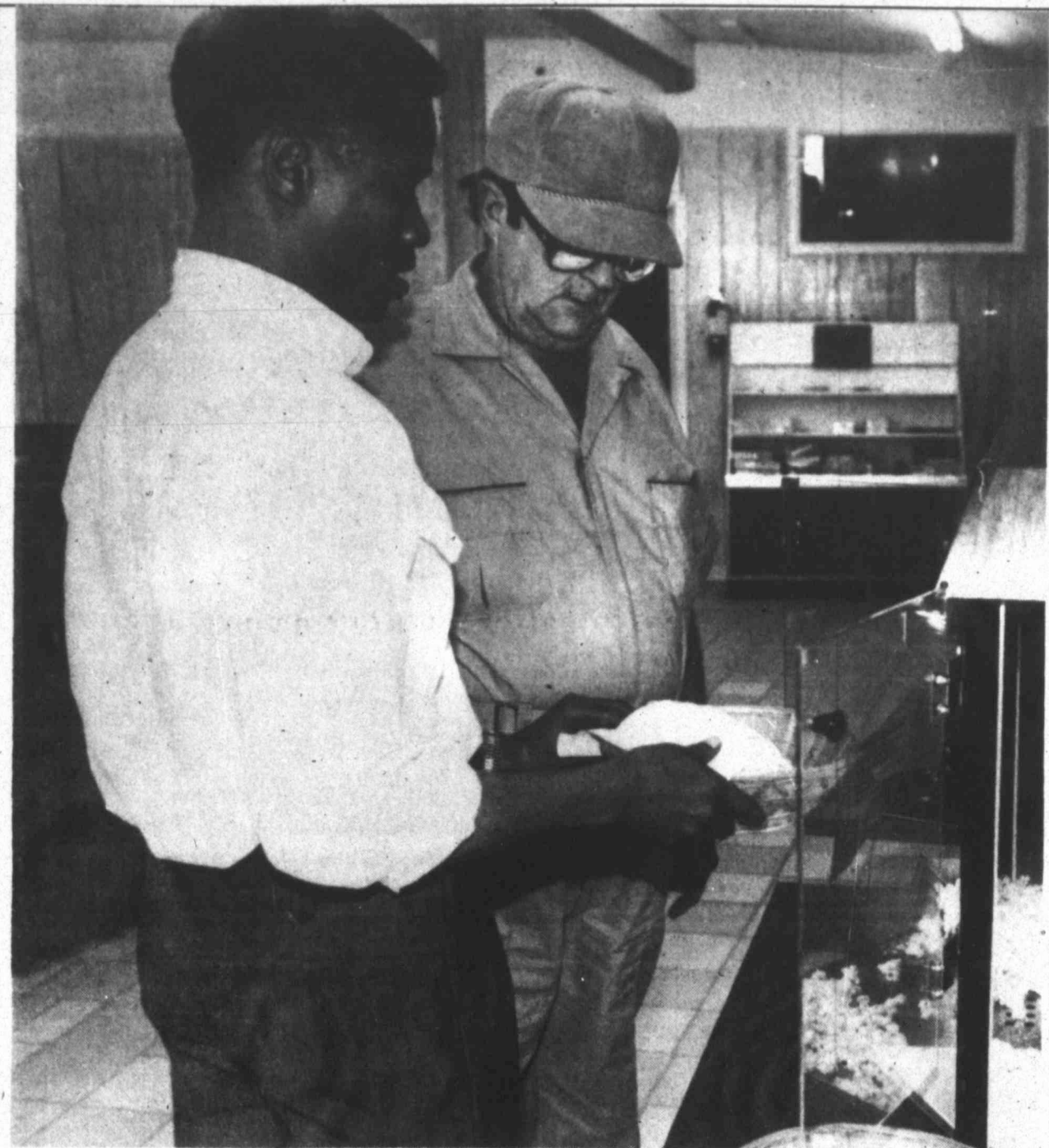
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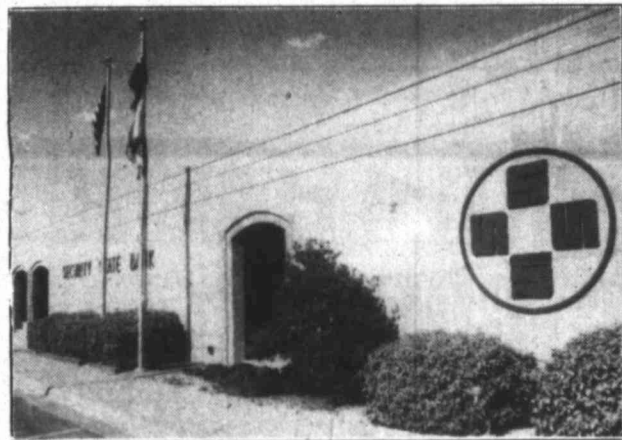
In a file photo, former Corral Director Elroy Green assists member Eddie Long with a basket of popcorn. The Corral is a community support group and facility affiliated with the Big Spring State Hospital. The program is a

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Proceeds from the weekly games at the Lions Club Bingo Hall on East Third Street allows the club to finance its many eye conserva-

Lion's Club bingo money helps combat vision problems

By STEVE REAGAN
City Editor

When thinking about Big Spring's Lions Clubs, bingo or other "good-time" attractions may come to mind, but there is a serious side to the Lions' frivolity.

The local Lions use money raised from bingo games and other fundraisers to help area residents combat vision problems. Throughout the years, many West Texans have been supplied eyeglasses, eye surgery, glaucoma screening, leader dogs for the blind or even eye transplants thanks to Lions Club efforts.

"We are the world's largest service organization," said Carl Schoenfield, member of the local Lions board of directors. "We have clubs in 173 countries, including Russia."

(Helping save eyesight) is only one of about 13 activities the Lions sponsor, but it is the best-known, Schoenfield said.

"Eyes are our number-one deal," he said. "We buy glasses for the needy, principally schoolchildren. We also help provide cornea transplants, a diabetes summer camp and our glaucoma (screener) trailer, which is available throughout the district."

The Lions operated an eye bank in Midland, which provides various eye conservation services such as financial assistance for the needy, eyeglasses for children and senior citizens and cornea transplants.

A significant amount of money for these projects is provided locally by the club's weekly bingo

A new attraction this year was the Lions' golf tournament, held March 28.

games and donations, but Lions also are busy throughout the year with various fund-raisers.

"Bingo has helped us do a lot of things," said Bob Noyes, district governor of the Lions. Aside from its many activities in sight conservation, projects that Lions support locally include the Big Spring State Hospital volunteer program, Little League baseball, the Big Spring Soccer Association and the boxing club.

"We don't want to be a fix-all for all things," Noyes said, "but we do want to be able to help in a lot of things."

Lions also support activities in local schools, such as the yearly queen's contest, which awards the winner a \$1,000 scholarship, and diabetes awareness and drug awareness contests, which also provide scholarship money to winners.

The Downtown Lions, which recently celebrated their 66th anniversary, and the Evening Lions, which have been in existence for about 40 years, also raise money through annual fund-raising dinners.

A new attraction this year was the Lions' golf tournament, held March 28. Proceeds from the tournament went to the Lions' district eye bank, located in Midland.

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Keith attended and graduated from the Gemological Institute of America where he studied Gemstone and Diamond evaluation. He also completed the Trenton Jewelry school of casting and repair.

To best serve the needs of Chaney's customers, Keith is constantly updating his knowledge through periodicals and seminars on the latest in jewelry repair.

Charlene Rinard has been a valued sales clerk for Chaney's Jewelers for 3 years. She has no formal Gemology training but says she has learned a great deal about the business through on-the-job training.

Charlene has lived in Big Spring since 1961. She's married and has 3 children and 3 grandchildren.

Chris Chaney is the manager and part owner of Chaney's Jewelers. He is a native of Big Spring and has worked full time at Chaney's since his graduation from high school in 1977. Chris graduated from the Gemological Institute of America where he studied Diamond Grading & Evaluation. He also completed the Trenton School of Jewelry casting and repair.

Regular attendance of seminars enables Chris to stay abreast of the very latest advances in the jewelry industry.

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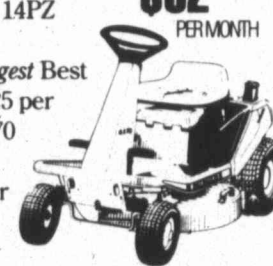
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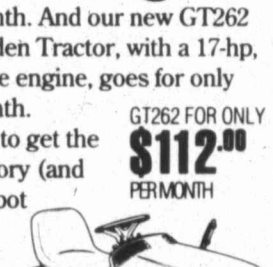


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Big Spring tally III (AMI) advocacy group with mental illness members are together to help ill people. They create community and support. Support is with other members regarding mental illness. It is also provided services, educational training.

We try to provide Assurance and are not to Self-help by problems, mental and practical. Informational health care crisis, community available financial Knowledge, and treatment and ways to overcome depression restore meaningful lives.

Education to associated with to secure a position those suffering. Advocacy on national level. Inpatient and the chronically. Monthly meetings.

Meetings are Thursday of each month. Consists of discussion and family support. Location: 311 County Mental & Runnels, Big Time: 7 p.m.

Meetings are our present. Burcham, Patricia, vice president. Reeves Moren, Burcham, secretary. Incorporation chairman.

The National Mentally III (N) grassroots organization with mental families. Dedicated to the lives of severely mentally ill people, NAMI has 254 people, and 1,000 affiliate chapters. NAMI works to about symptom disorders; improve access to appropriate therapies; reduce mental illness; and promote research.



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Big Spring Alliance for Mentally Ill gives support

By DIXIE BURCHAM
Big Spring AMI President

Big Spring Alliance for the Mentally Ill (AMI) is a support and advocacy group for all concerned with mental illness. This organization is composed of family members and friends working together to improve life for mentally ill people. They also strive to increase community understanding and support of them.

Support is provided by talking with other members who have had similar experiences. Information regarding mental illness and what can be done is obtained. Assistance is also provided with locating needed services, i.e. housing, vocational training, and social services.

We try to provide... Assurance that we are not alone and are not to blame. Self-help by sharing common problems, mutual encouragement and practical advice.

Information about existing mental health care source of help in crisis, community services, and available financial aid.

Knowledge about causes, symptoms, and treatment of mental illness and ways that families can overcome despair and isolation to restore meaning and dignity to our lives.

Education to overcome stigmas associated with mental illness and to secure a place in society for those suffering from this illness.

Advocacy on the local, state and national level to work for legislation and funding to ensure quality inpatient and outpatient care for the chronically mentally ill.

Monthly meetings... Meetings are held on the last Thursday of each month. Meetings consist of discussions, programs, and family support.

Location: 315 Runnels (Howard County Mental Health Center) 4th & Runnels, Big Spring, Texas. Time: 7 p.m.

Meetings are open to the public. Our present officers are Dixie Burcham, president; Nancy Patricks, vice president/publicity; Reeves Moren, treasurer; Cheryl Burcham, secretary; Gerald Harrison, incorporation committee chairman.

The National Alliance for the Mentally Ill (NAMI) is a national grassroots organization of people with mental illness and their families. Dedicated to improving the lives of seriously mentally ill people, NAMI began in 1979 with 254 people, and has grown to encompass 130,000 members and over 1,000 affiliate chapters nationwide. NAMI works to educate Americans about symptoms and treatment of disorders; improve treatment and access to appropriate medical therapies; reduce the stigma of mental illness; and increase scientific research in treatment ap-

proaches and neuroscience. Facts About Mental Illness What is mental illness? Mental illnesses are biologically-based brain diseases that can severely disturb a person's ability to think, feel, and relate to other people and the environment.

The New England Journal of Medicine in March, 1990, reported "definite evidence that schizophrenia is a brain disease

genetic factors. Depressive disorders — including major depression and manic depressive illness (bipolar disorder) — are very common and range widely in severity. Within any given six months, 5.8% of the population, or over 10 million Americans, suffer from these disorders. About 15 million adults, or 8.3% of the population, will suffer from a depressive disorder dur-

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and that it involves more than genetic susceptibility."

How common is mental illness? Twelve to 14 million Americans suffer from serious mental illness, making it more common than cancer, diabetes, heart disease or arthritis.

In California, over two and a quarter million persons experience some form of mental disorder.

The number one reason for hospital admissions nationwide is psychiatric disorder. At any moment, almost 21% of hospital beds are filled by mental patients.

How much does mental illness cost the nation?

In 1988, mental illness cost the nation an estimated \$130 billion, according to the U.S. Alcohol, Drug Abuse and Mental Health Administration.

How are persons with mental illness stigmatized?

Mentally ill people are feared or stereotyped as irrational, aggressive and violent. In fact, they are more likely to be isolated, passive, and withdrawn. Often they are blamed for falling victim to an illness that is clearly biologically based.

They are denied the opportunity to rebuild their lives in the community because of discrimination in housing, employment and insurance coverage.

What are some of the more disabling mental disorders/illnesses?

Schizophrenia is a brain disease that often strikes young people between the ages of 16 and 25. Nearly two million Americans over age 18 have a diagnosis of schizophrenia each year. Some people with schizophrenia experience hallucinations. They cannot distinguish what is real and what is not. The exact causes are not known, but are believed to be biological, sometimes involving

ing their lifetime. How many children and adolescents have mental, behavioral or developmental disorders?

Attention Deficit Hyperactivity Disorder (ADHD) is a common mental disorder which affects 3-5% of the nation's youth under 13.

A conservative estimate is that 12% or 7.5 million of the country's 63 million youths under age 18 have mental, behavioral, or developmental disorders. Only about a fifth of the 7.5 million who need mental health treatment receive it.

Is there hope for persons suffering from mental illness?

Yes. Through research, scientists have made great advances in understanding the nature of mental illness in the last ten years. The development of sophisticated scanning devices to take detailed "pictures" of the brain, genetic mapping to determine the causes of mental illness, and research on new medications have led to numerous breakthroughs in the last decade.

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For more information, contact: NAIMI, 2101 Wilson Boulevard, Suite 302, Arlington, VA 22201, 703/524-7600 or call the NAMI Helpline (1-800-950-NAMI).



In 1991, Big Spring V.A. Medical Center's pavilion was constructed to provide a covered shelter for veterans, visitors, volunteers and employees to enjoy meals and breaks. The con-

struction was part of an outdoor renovation project. The project also included an exercise track.



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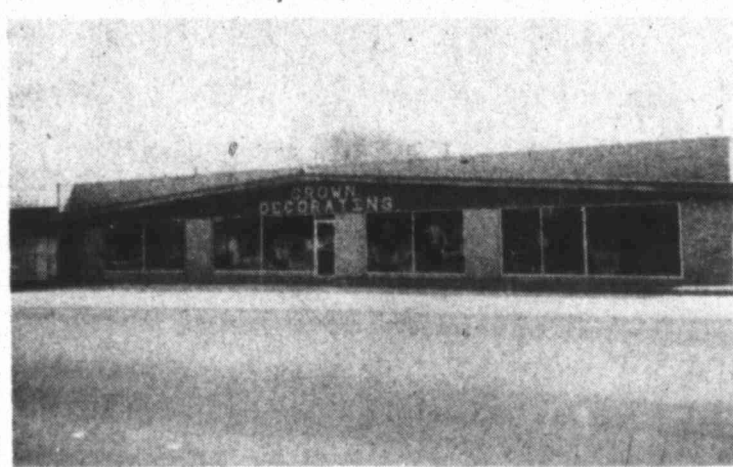


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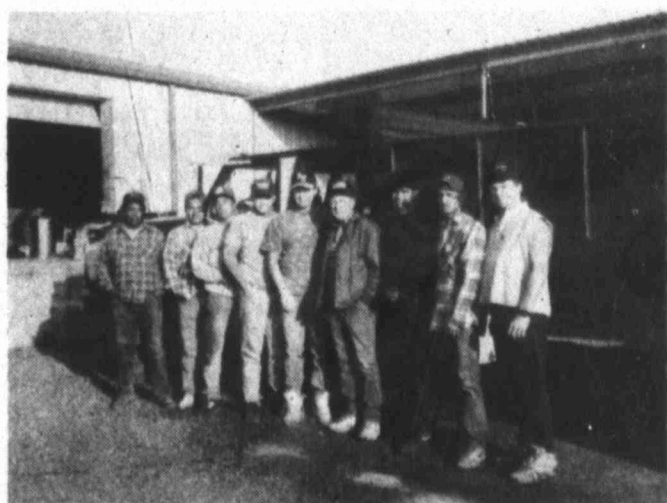
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visitors may cook-out, fish and swim at the lake. Restrooms and road upgrades were recently completed.

Hospice of Southwest serves surrounding area

By MARTHA E. FLORES
Staff Writer

Hospice of the Southwest serves the Big Spring area with an alternative to hospitalization for terminally ill patients.

Located and operated out of Odessa, the hospice was established in 1984 as the Hospice of Odessa to serve the local community. After they opened, people outside Martin county were also requesting its services.

"We had been turning down people," said Connie Brinker, executive director. "And we had people stay with relatives who live in Odessa, in order to receive our services."

"We decided to expand our services to Monahans, Andrews, Kermit, Stanton and Big Spring to alleviate the problems that were occurring," she said.

Hospice of Odessa then became Hospice of the Southwest, serving a 50-mile radius.

"We have provided services for 32 families since we opened," said Brinker. "And we have served three families in Big Spring since we began the program there Aug. 1."

The services provided by the hospice includes contracting with different agencies to provide services, coordinating services with staff and medical facilities, she said.

"We have nurses on call 24 hours a day," said Brinker. "In order to

stay updated with patients' conditions we have regular scheduled visits, and when a real intensive period of the illness is taking place we provide a nurse around the clock."

The services provided by the hospice includes contracting with different agencies to provide services, coordinating services with staff and medical facilities.

Social workers are also available to aid in filling out forms and helping with social services.

"After the basics are taken care for the patient, we find out what is important to the family," said Brinker. "We provide non-medical services also."

"We buy groceries, mow lawns, wash clothes and make beds," said Brinker. "It depends on the state of the family."

"Hospice is a way of managing problems. It is not a place. It is a way of doing things. We take our show on the road," she said.

Eighty percent of hospice services are paid for by Medicare, Medicaid Part A or private insurance.

"We have fundraisers in order to provide the services to those who do not have Medicare, Medicaid or insurance," Brinker said. "The Big Spring program is fortunate in that the Dora Roberts Foundation and A. Bell-Hanger Foundation of Midland have made donations to take care of the expenses."

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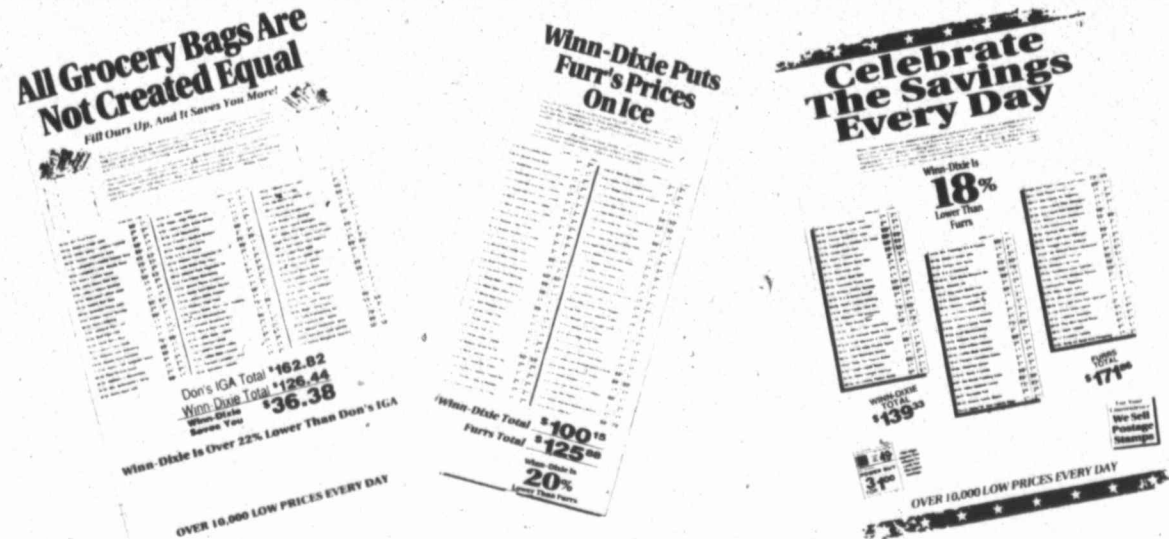
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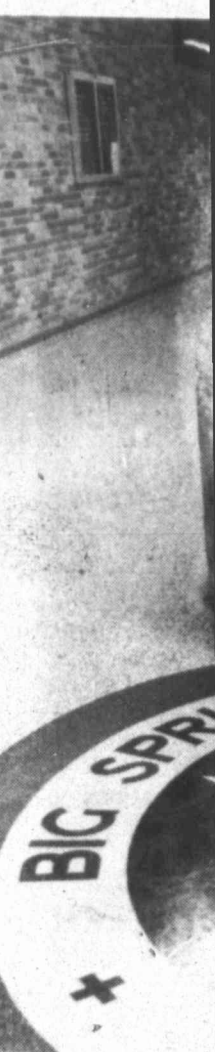
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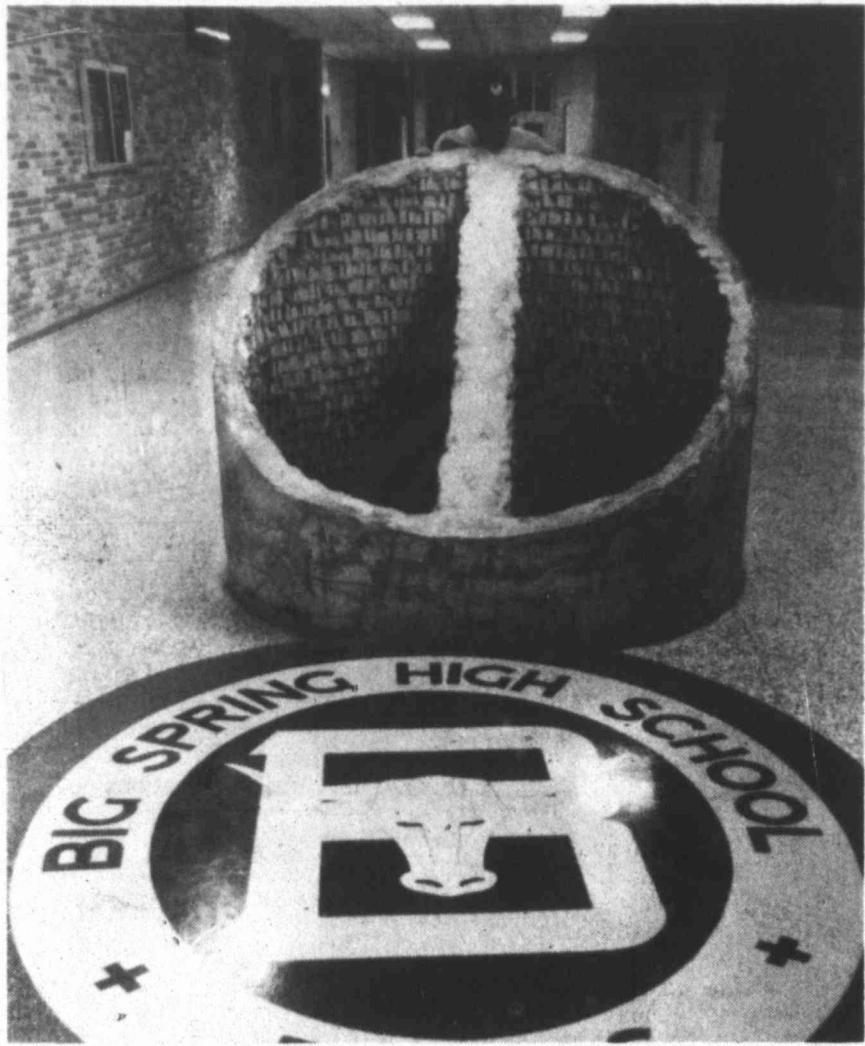
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BSISD students; source of community pride

By WILLIAM McQUEARY
BSISD Superintendent

The eleven public schools of the Big Spring Independent School District with its 4,700 students are a source of great community pride. The record of accomplishment of our school aged youth is exceptional. They have received numerous local, state and national honors in all fields.

One major reason for our success is the close relationship between the community and the schools. The Board of Education follows a philosophy of openness and involvement. They constantly invite the community to become a partner in the education of our children. Many parents take advantage of campus and district improvement committees which has as its result each campus' improvement plan, open school board meetings and the accessibility of

all personnel.

The Board of Education has adopted long range goals as part of its strategic plan for the district. These include improving the academic achievement of its students, closing the achievement gap between educationally disadvantaged students and other populations, reducing the dropout rate, raising the graduation rate to 95 percent of students who enter the seventh grade, earning enthusiastic community support for our schools, implementing and modeling the finest instructional and curricular practices that are available today, improving the organization and management of all levels of the educational system to be productive, efficient and accountable, and improving and enhancing the facilities of the BSISD.

The Big Spring Independent

School District is one of the largest businesses in Big Spring with an operating budget of more than \$19 million. Only 36 percent of this money comes from the state. The budget is prepared at the district level and is approved by the local Board of Education, after conducting budget workshops.

The BSISD has 577 employees with an annual payroll of \$15 million. 99 percent of the BSISD employees are Howard County residents with this payroll staying in the Big Spring area.

The BSISD continues to plan for its future needs. Facility proposals will continue to be studied that will best serve the future children of Big Spring. A possible bond issue will again be studied by the Board of Education and the community. Facility needs will continue to be a priority of the BSISD.

The quality of education in the

Big Spring Independent School District is dependent on a competent and professional staff. This philosophy demands the best teachers; therefore, the BSISD seeks educators who will accept challenges that varied and innovative educational facilities, materials and programs have to offer the children of this community.

The BSISD is an average wealth school district by state standards. It lies at the 49 percentile of wealth as compared to all other state public schools. The state of financial controversy in Texas as a result of Edgewood vs Kirby III, places all school districts in Texas in a quandary as to their final financial status. Prior to June 1, 1993, a new financial model must be adopted by the state legislature. The BSISD will watch with interest as this scenario unfolds.

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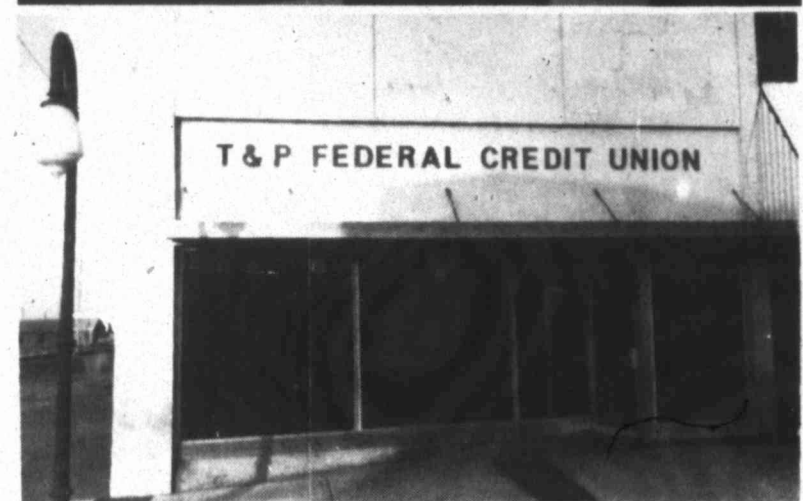
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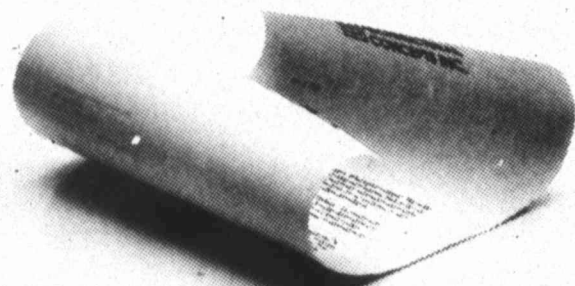
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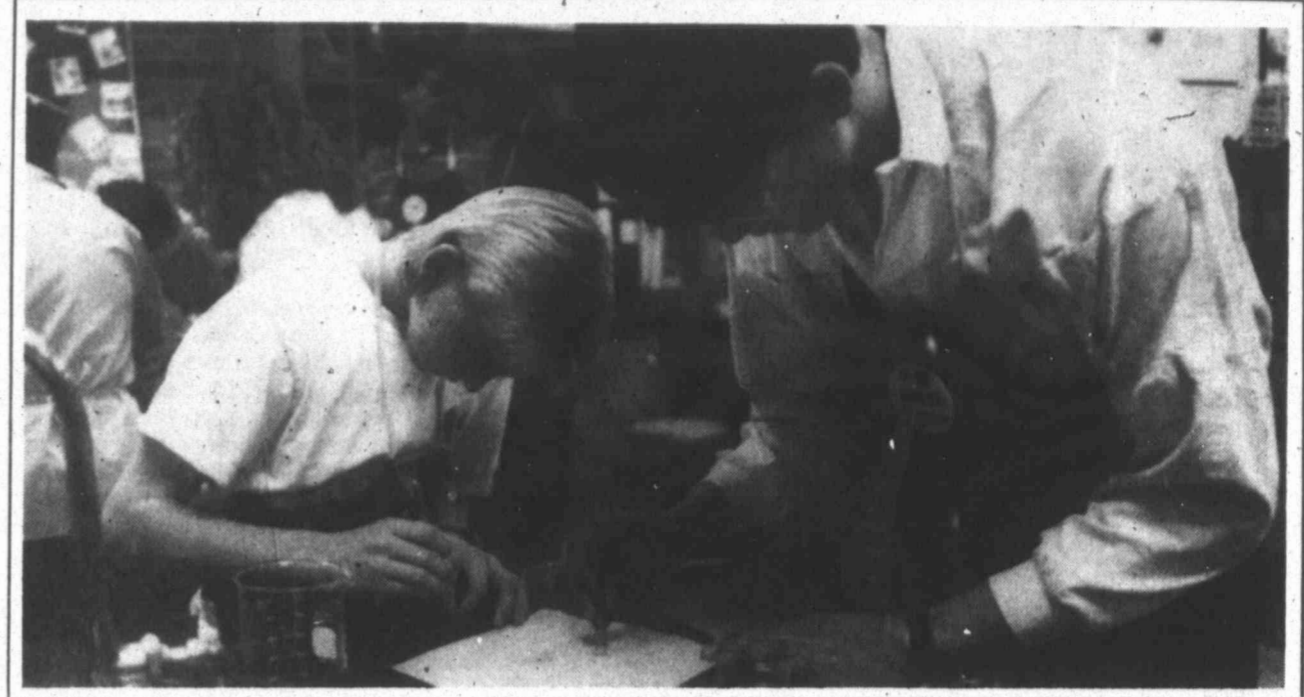
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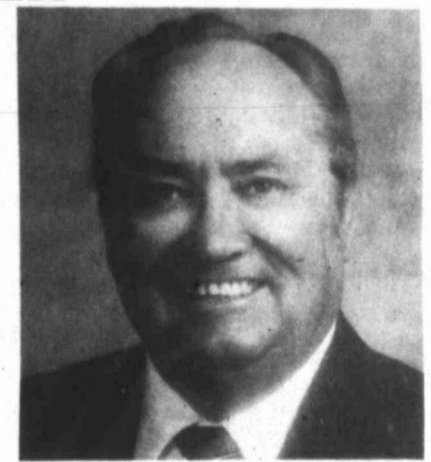
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BSHS presents letters to honor students

By MARTHA E. FLORES
Staff Writer

Big Spring High School Principal Kent Bowerman recently awarded the first academic letters to high school students that have maintained an above 90 grade average during the 1990-1991 school year.

"A committee of teachers suggested that we reward the students who have worked hard on their grades," Bowerman said. "The program was implemented last year, and the first recipients were awarded their letters last week."

"We have an outstanding group of students who received the letters," he said. "We had individuals who participated in UIL activities, football, basketball and other extracurricular activities."

The recipients for the year broken down by class are as follows: nine sophomores, eight juniors, 11 seniors and 14 graduates.

The criteria for the letters is set forth in the high school handbook.

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Each subject will be treated by itself, therefore a student's high grade in one subject will not make up for a below 90 average in another subject.

Repeat courses are not counted as eligible.

The students may get an academic letter for each year they maintain an above 90 yearly average.



Pictured above are 23 of the 42 academic letter recipients at the Big Spring High School. A student must maintain a yearly average of above 90 in all their academic classes to receive the letter. 1991 was the first year for the program.

Group gears up for clean up

By GARY SHANKS
Staff Writer

Project Clean Big Spring members are gearing up for a massive effort in 1992, said coordinator Beverly Franklin.

The primary focus of the committee is Project Pride, where members contact property owners in Big Spring to clean up lots and land left unattended or cluttered. Home owners will also be contacted if they are not in compliance with certain city codes.

"I don't believe the City of Big Spring, Howard County or the State of Texas should be responsible for cleaning up your lot or my lot," Franklin said.

The effort to enforce Big Spring ordinances regarding weeds, trash, junk, abandoned vehicles and other eyesores stems from comments made by various agencies and businesses that Big Spring's unkempt areas are a "turn off" for prospective businesses, said Clean member Joyce Crooker.

During the organizational meeting, members discussed the need to enlist more volunteers into the group to mail letters and to drive through the city making note of areas that need cleaning.

A similar project last year was at least 90 percent successful, Franklin said. This project was much smaller, however. Last year only businesses along Interstate 20's business route through town and in the downtown area were contacted, whereas this year members hope to have most of the city cleaned.

City codes concerning overgrown lots, improperly disposed of garbage, trash in alleys, substandard buildings, stagnant water, abandoned automobiles, garage sales and other will be addressed during Project Pride.

Members will find the owners of

an identified property through the County Appraisal District Office and send a "soft" letter letting the owner know about Project Pride and the need to comply with city ordinances.

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Howard County students do well on TAAS tests

By MARSHA STURDIVANT
Staff Writer

School districts in Howard County fared well in the Texas Assessment of Academic Skills test administered statewide in October of 1991.

"Our schools scored above the region and the state," said Murray Murphy, assistant superintendent for Big Spring Independent School District.

And Gary Rotan, superintendent for Coahoma Independent School District said, "We're showing good mastery here. Ours (scores) were tremendous last year, with 65 percent, and in some cases we've improved this year with the 70 percent mastery."

To receive a passing grade, students had to answer 70 percent of the entire test correctly. Coahoma students scored above the state average for the entire test, all grade levels and all three portions, reading, writing and mathematics.

The TAAS test, educators agree, is a more complex test requiring students to use high levels of thinking skills and problem solving to arrive at the right answer. The test is administered to all children in the odd-numbered grades, beginning with third-graders. Juniors must pass the 11th grade Exit Level to receive a high school diploma.

Helen Gladden, director of curriculum for BSISD said, Exit Level

students have four opportunities to pass the three portions of the TAAS test before their scheduled graduation. A second test given in April to students who failed any portion in October, and during their senior year they may schedule to take the exam two more times.

"But if they do not pass, then they are denied a diploma. We've been very fortunate, compared to other schools our size. We've had one student denied one year and maybe two another year. We have a graduation rate of 99 percent," Murphy said.

The purpose of the TAAS test is to measure how well students are grasping the essential elements required by TEA, as well as measuring their thinking skills. "All kids in Texas have to have general minimum skills when they graduate," Murphy said.

Educators agreed that the test is not a tool to assess basic skills, but demonstrates how well a student may think through a question and arrive at a correct answer. Gladden explained that each portion of the test has numerous objectives that measure the thinking skills of the student.

"In the Language Arts portion (reading), all these objectives are tested together. Students are given long passages to read and must check for spelling, sentence structure, capitalization, punctuation and find the errors, or not," she said.

"Many of the questions are tricky in math. For example, in the third grade level, much information is given that the child doesn't need to solve the problem," Gladden said.

The districts receive students profiles with the results from Texas Education Agency. These profiles help educators focus on weaknesses the students may have in certain objectives and help to implement a course of action to improve next year's scores.

Big Spring has a district plan written with advice from teachers in every grade level, kindergarten through 12th, to help students complete mastery of objectives, Gladden said. Special classes are also available for senior students, and a summer program last year proved to be successful.

"We've already begun expressing ideas for the summer school... TAAS remediation. Our teachers have done an excellent job and written books on the essay portion and I believe our scores are coming up because of that. The teachers work very hard to get the students ready. It's a building process and all teachers are involved," Gladden said.

Runnels Junior High School students will also receive a special six-weeks course in math beginning next year. Gladden said additional efforts to link the eighth and ninth-grades will be made, using a special workbook on TAAS math

tests. Coahoma schools have tutorials in place for students needing help mastering all portions of the TAAS test, Rotan said. And the district uses motivation before the test to help student excel.

"All children who pass all three parts of the TAAS receive a medal for their mastery," Rotan said.

Other methods of helping students pass include TAAS computer software and instruction as well as objectives on disk. The school library will remain open longer hours for student use. Teachers are also learning TAAS objectives during in-service training, he said.

Forsan ISD first contacts the parents following the TAAS results, should a student fail any portion of the test, said J.F. Poyner, superintendent. "We want to make the parents of the child aware of any objective they did not master," he said.

"We've bought extra materials and we have extra tutoring with a counselor to work in the concentrated area," he said.

Teachers are also aware of the areas that need improvement, he said. Individual subject teachers such as math and reading, also provide extra tutoring time, he said.

Howard County TAAS results

(Results of tests are based on each individual district and results cannot be compared from district to district. Data reflects percentage of mastery.)

Grade/test	Texas	BSISD	Coahoma	Forsan
3rd GRADE				
READING	80	82	98	80
WRITING	61	70	90	57
MATH	84	82	97	95
5th GRADE				
READING	61	68	68	84
WRITING	75	85	81	78
MATH	56	59	73	78
7th GRADE				
READING	48	50	70	50
WRITING	57	58	73	67
MATH	49	52	61	60
9th GRADE				
READING	58	56	72	80
WRITING	61	52	79	83
MATH	42	40	64	78
11th GRADE				
READING	71	68	77	86
WRITING	77	78	92	96
MATH	56	58	57	83

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Rural areas served by county hospitals

By MARSHA STURDIVANT
Staff Writer

Area health care is provided by county hospitals or ambulance services staffed by volunteer technicians in communities around Howard County.

Martin County Hospital in Stanton employs 39 people and serves the needs of the Stanton and Lenorah communities.

Robert (Bob) D. Smith, the new administrator for the hospital, said the facility has three doctors, a fully equipped emergency room, and emergency medical technicians who operate the hospital's ambulance service.

"What we've worked long and hard for is a new doctor, Pablo Teveni. He was with the Texas Tech School of Medicine in Odessa, and he'll open his practice here April 1," Smith said.

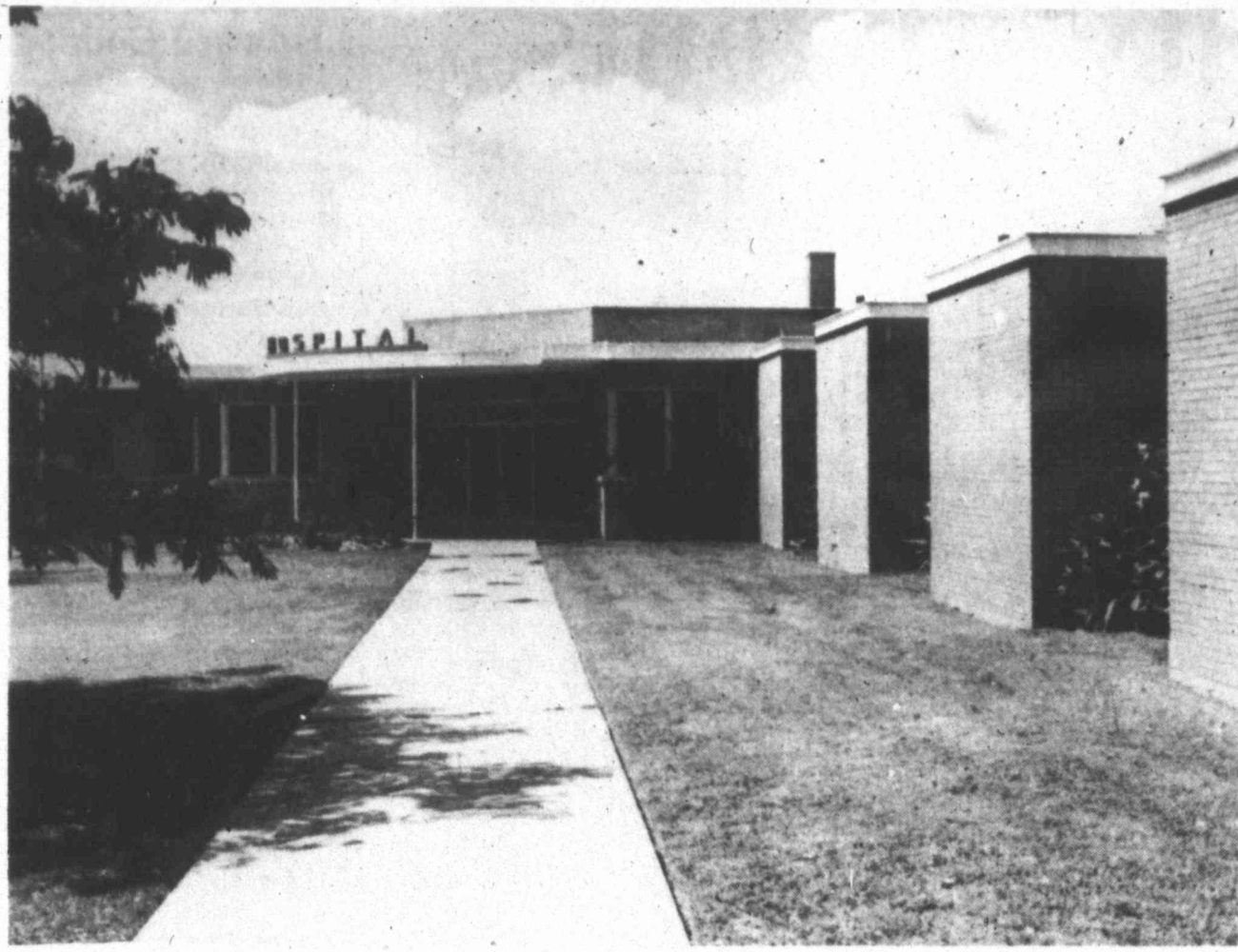
Smith, who plans to move to Stanton from Lubbock in June, said the hospital also has an adjacent clinic that offers routine health care by appointment.

"Our doctors have an office and see patients there. The hospital is licensed for 26 beds, and we usually use about 18 of those," Smith said.

The three doctors are family practitioners, although one has a medical degree while the other two are doctor's of osteopathic medicine.

"And we've had lots of doctors sign up (to staff) our ER room," Smith said.

Mitchell County Hospital in Colorado City has 134 employees and offers health care ranging from pediatrics to geriatric medicine through a staff of two family practitioners, an ear, nose and throat



Martin County Hospital, located in Stanton, has three physicians who offer family medical care to area residents. A clinic is also available for residents in need of routine health check-ups.

specialist, a general surgeon and an orthopedic surgeon.

Wendall Alford, hospital administrator, said recruitment is underway to attract another family practitioner and perhaps an internist.

"We would like to have one more family practitioner who also does obstetrics. Our other two family doctors also do obstetrics.

"Recruiting doctors to West Texas is difficult, but I think maybe it's opening up a little bit," Alford said.

Mitchell County Hospital is also planning to upgrade their am-

bulance service, he said.

"We're looking at a total paramedic program, using our existing personnel. We expect to have that completed within the next 12 months," he said.

Many rural residents use service provided by physicians in Abilene, San Angelo, Midland and Odessa.

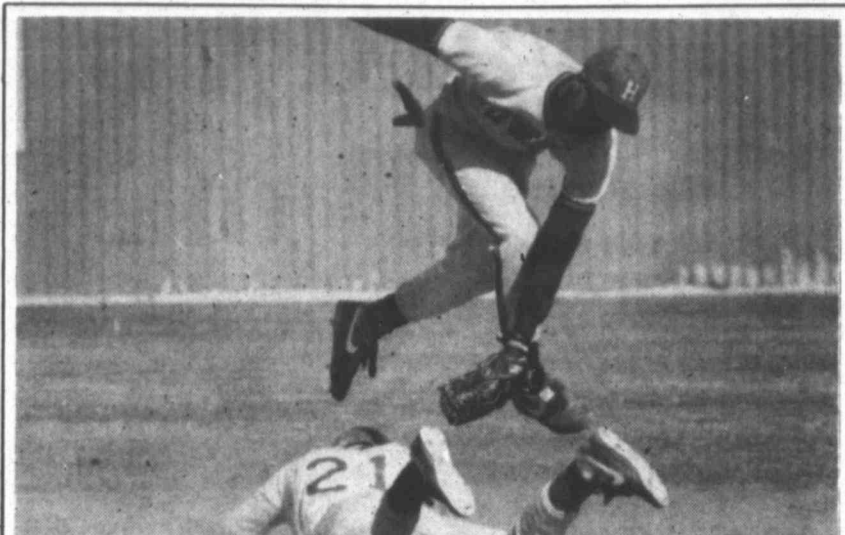
Rural health care for residents in counties around Big Spring is provided by trained volunteers who operate ambulance services and respond to emergency situations.

Glasscock County has emergency medical technicians and two

county-funded ambulances that transport emergency patients to Big Spring or San Angelo, County Judge Wilburn Bednar said.

Borden County has EMTs, as well as volunteer firefighters and ambulances that are supported by donations. Persons in need of emergency care are transported to Snyder, Lamesa, Lubbock, Post or Big Spring, depending on which area of the county the emergency occurs.

"And upon their preference. We depend a lot of our EMTs and our paramedics," said county secretary Connie Stipe.



Howard College Hawks shortstop Frank Rodriguez leaps over a runner while getting a force out at second base during action last year. Rodriguez, who signed with the Boston Red Sox with a \$250,000 signing bonus, helped lead the Hawks to a 58-11 record and a Junior College World Series crown.

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