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## Shetland's death to draw animal cruelty charges

By SARA SOLIS  
Staff Writer

Animal cruelty charges are expected to be filed on Larry Williams of South Anderson Road after officials from the Big Spring Humane Society, animal control and the Howard County Sheriff's Department were called in reference to a Shetland pony being starved to death.

Williams was identified as the owner of the pony by Margaret Lloyd of the Big Spring Humane Society.

Howard County Deputy Bill

King said he will file animal cruelty charges with Howard County Attorney Hardy Wilkerson.

King said the sheriff's office received a call of an animal down around 7 p.m. Thursday. He met animal control officers and volunteers from the humane society at the office of veterinarian Dr. Joe Neff.

"The animal was non-viable... The poor old thing looked terrible," King said. He said he obtained photos of the pony for support of prosecution. According to King, there was feed for the pony in a shed near the pas-

ture where it was found, and yet it was still malnourished.

"It (the pony) was skin and bones," he said.

Lloyd said her function is to handle cases of abuse and neglect. Lloyd said she responded to the residence on South Anderson Road around 6 p.m. Thursday. She said the pony ate some apples she gave it and some hay, but after a lengthy discussion with the veterinarian, all interested parties agreed that putting the animal to sleep was the best thing to do.

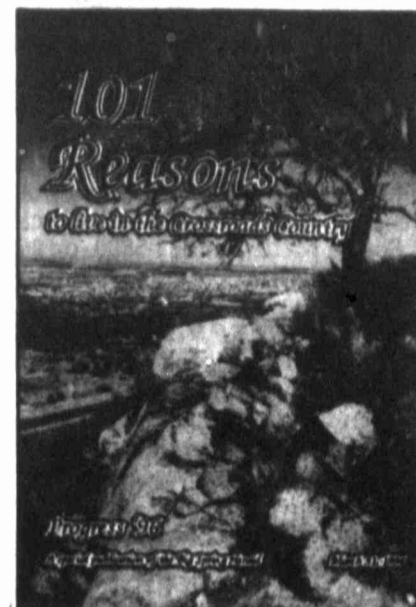
"We thought of everything we could do to save the pony, but

we finally agreed that was the best thing," she said.

"It was an older pony, but that's still no reason to starve it... It probably hadn't been fed for three months," Lloyd said.

Neff said he recommended euthanasia for the pony after seeing its condition. He said malnourishment causes the stomach to shrink and the body lives off of the fat it has stored, when the fat is all gone, the muscle starts deteriorating and the organs slow down; the body temperature drops and the

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In today's *Herald*, readers will find our annual Progress edition — the biggest special section of the year.

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## City slates one more prison meeting

Session needed after Friday session breaks Open Meetings Act

By CARLTON JOHNSON  
Staff Writer

After meeting with legal representatives from Midland and City Attorney Mike Thomas twice on Friday, city officials have rescheduled another meeting concerning the sale of the city's interest in its three prisons.

Officials will meet at 9 a.m. Tuesday in the Big Spring City Council's new chambers at City Hall to consider three options: opening bids for the prisons on April 4 as previously scheduled, extending the Request for Proposal (RFP) time to April 19 or withdrawing all of the RFP's and forgetting about selling the city's interest in the prisons.

Why?

Because Friday's 10 a.m. meeting, which included Mayor Tim Blackshear, four council members, city manager Gary Fuqua, assistant city manager Emma Bogard, legal representatives, representatives of Mid-Tex Detention and members of the press, was discovered to be illegal under the Texas Open Meeting's Act.

The meeting was illegal because it was posted as an "emergency" meeting.

Section 551.045 of the Open Meeting Act states an emergen-



HERALD photo/Tim Appel

Big Spring city council member Stephanie Horton, mayor Tim Blackshear, council member John Paul Anderson, council member Chuck Cawthon and city manager Gary Fuqua discuss the possibilities regarding the city's taking bids for the sale of its portion of the Big Spring Correctional Center during a Friday morning meeting. That meeting was later determined to have been illegal under the Texas Open Meetings Act and a meeting has been called for 9 a.m. Tuesday at the new council chambers at City Hall.

cy meeting can be called in an emergency or when there is an urgent public necessity.

Proper notice was given to conduct the meeting, but the next paragraph of the act, which says an emergency or an urgent public necessity exists only if immediate action is required of a governmental body because of:

•An imminent threat to public health or safety; or

•A reasonably unforeseeable situation.

Because neither requirement was met, the meeting was determined to be illegal by city attorney Mike Thomas.

The same group of officials met at 4:15 p.m. Friday to answer a legal question concerning whether or not the city could pull it Requests for Proposals or RFP's off the table and return to the status quo concerning the city interest in its three prisons.

It was at this meeting when the legality of the morning meeting was brought up.

The confusion about the sale of the city's interest arose when council members Stephanie Horton, Tom Guess and Chuck Cawthon began to question the rush that seemed to have been attached to the

city making a decision as to how it planned to proceed with the proposed sale of its interests in the prisons.

The Mid-Tex group was represented by Johnny Rutherford, who opposed any RFP extension beyond April 15, stating the Mid-Tex group would not be a participant if a 30-day RFP extension was granted to at least one other company.

The reason for the adamant opposition to a RFP extension was never disclosed at either meeting Friday, although speculation was that a group of

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## Crimestoppers program is now Texas Certified

By SARA SOLIS  
Staff Writer

Crimestoppers of Big Spring protects the confidentiality of its crime fighters, those who call the Crimestoppers Hotline.

It's now also Texas Certified. Crimestoppers has existed in Big Spring since 1967, but became a Texas Certified Crimestoppers organization in December of 1995. Mark Sheedy, chairman of the local Crimestopper board, said the certification process was lengthy and involved getting letters of recommendation from all arms of law enforcement and the media. He said it took a year to complete the process. Sheedy said Crimestoppers is a non-profit organization, completely separate from city and county government. "We're actually a part of the Office of the Governor," he said.

Detective David Mohn, the Crimestopper coordinator for the Big Spring Police Department, said the Crimestopper

Hotline, 263-8477 (263-TIPS), is answered on a 24-hour basis.

During service hours from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. the phone is answered directly and during off-hours the phone is picked-up by an answer machine. Mohn said callers can leave a three digit identification number on the machine, which will take the place of their name as identification. Callers are not required to disclose their name or location, he said.

When a caller phones during regular office hours they are assigned a four digit permanent number, that can be used indefinitely to anonymously report crime. Mohn said the number is known only to himself and to the treasurer of the Crimestopper board.

A formula set forth in the bylaws of the organization defines how much money a caller will receive. Texas Crimestoppers has a \$1,000 limit on all rewards, he said. "The

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## 1st Choice Meats left town, obligations behind

Owner deals with upset customers from new Wichita Falls location

By SARA SOLIS  
Staff Writer

Dial the telephone number for 1st Choice Meats in Big Spring and you'll hear "267-7746 is disconnected."

Local residents were shocked, especially those who had purchased meat from them, when 1st Choice Meats, after only six short weeks, packed-up and moved — taking their meat, freezers and promises with them.

Lynn Hayes said she bought a freezer and a food plan from the company. She said she paid for 342 pounds of meat and did not receive it all.

"I've got 38 pork chops and I was supposed to get 100 chops, plus another 10 pounds free."

Hayes said she was also supposed to get 40 free sirloin steaks and 40 free T-bones. She said 1st Choice Meats also gave her an 18-month guarantee against freezer burn, which will be difficult for them to honor now that they're gone.

Hayes said she was informed that the food plan and freezer she purchased were to cost \$40 a week, or \$160 a month. But, now she is receiving a monthly bill for \$186.66 from a finance company she says knew nothing

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about. Allied Finance of Odessa.

"I'm thinking I'm signing a contract with them (1st Choice Meats)... and then I get a letter from Allied Finance" with a 21.45 percent annual finance charge on the purchase.

She said what bothers her most about the situation is that she helped promote the business by doing a radio spot on a local radio station and through word-of-mouth.

"I don't want anyone in this community thinking I'm involved in this," she said.

Hayes, who threatened to take the company to court for misrepresentation, said as of Thursday, she and Ted Jarvis, owner of 1st Choice Meats, had worked out a deal to her satisfaction. She said she is keeping the meat and freezer she purchased and Jarvis has agreed to pay half her remaining bill at the finance company.

Hayes said she has no problem with the product she

received from the company, just with the way they conducted business. "The meat's good, in fact I'm cooking some as I speak," she said.

Another 1st Choice customer, Doris Carline, said she purchased \$42 worth of meat from the company. Carline said she was supposed to get 20 pounds of meat, and received much less than that.

"All I got was a brown paper bag half-full, and one chicken," she said. They tried to say the chicken weighed six pounds, Carline said. "I was so disgusted that day."

Karen Hernandez purchased a freezer and meat plan from the company as well.

She said 1st Choice shorted her sausage and pork chops. "I didn't get it all," she said. She said the finance arrangements with Allied were confusing to her also.

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## OLD SOREHEAD TRADE DAYS



HERALD photo/Tim Appel

Joyce Pemberton looks at an antique phone that was for sale at Stanton's Old Sorehead Trade Days Saturday morning. The show, which features antiques and handmade crafts, continues today.

**Texas Trivia**

Texas has how many counties?

254

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**TODAY'S WEATHER**

Today **79** ▲ Highs **47**  
Lows ▼

**Today**  
Sunny and warm. Highs near 80. Lows in upper 40s and clear tonight.

**Tonight**

**Permian Basin Forecast**  
Monday: Warmer still, with highs near 82 and lows in upper 50s. Fair with some blowing dust.  
Tuesday: Continued warm and mild, highs in 80s. Some wind.



# Jarvis says customer dissatisfaction level low

By SARA SOLIS  
Staff Reporter

Ted Jarvis, owner of 1st Choice Meats, says he wants to set the record straight.

"There are five folks, that I am aware of, that have been dissatisfied in some fashion or another and they have been taken care of, or will be taken care of today (Thursday)," he said in an interview from his new location in Wichita Falls.

Jarvis said he decided to relocate his business to Wichita Falls when he was unable to generate enough revenue in Big Spring. "I couldn't make it ... I tried my best."

He said competition from nearby Wal-Mart proved to be too much for him.

As to the allegations that finance arrangements with Allied Finance were not disclosed, Jarvis said, "The sales contracts we use plainly have 'Allied' on the top of them, surely you don't think I would have all the money to finance freezers and all the meat."

He said most of the complaints he has received address bonus items that were promised. "It's not like I intentionally didn't give people the meat that they bought, that's not the way I do business."

When confronted with his history of proprietorship in Brownwood, Jarvis said, "Oh, that was deer processing." He then admitted that prior to coming to Big Spring, he opened a deer processing store in Brownwood. He said he was unable to succeed financially there, as well.

"I had all the employees there from the year before telling me how much money I was going to



What was once 1st Choice Meat & Food Service, located just north of the Whipkey Drive entrance to Comanche Trail Park, sits empty after the company left town in the middle of the night.

make" and it didn't work out that way, Jarvis said.

He said Big Spring was his first try at private ownership. "I guess I was a little foolish to open-up across the street from Wal-Mart, but I am somewhat inexperienced ... I got in over my head," he said.

According to Bill Crist, classified advertising manager for the Bulletin, Jarvis opened the store in October and closed abruptly in late-January. He said the meat company did deer processing as well as selling meat and freezers at the Early shop. Crist said the original owner of Burton's Meats, who lives in Comanche, ran an advertisement disassociating himself from Jarvis shortly after Jarvis

opened under the same name. The meat company advertised exorbitantly for a small business and left the area owing the Bulletin nearly \$3,000, he said.

"They were literally spending \$1,000 a week in our paper alone ... I can see Kroger and Wal-Mart spending that kind of money, but no meat-freezer guy can afford to run" ads like that."

He said Jarvis' Burton's Meats joined the Early Chamber of Commerce, giving the public the appearance that they were there to stay. Crist said the only notice the newspaper received that the business was leaving town was from an employee who happened to drive by and see the building "all shut up."

comment further on the business relationship with 1st Choice Meats or the complaints they had received because he was informed not to do so by his superiors.

Heard's supervisor, B.T. Vargas, group manager for Allied Finance out of Harlingen, said, "Something we do is acquire dealers with a good reputation. When we encounter dealers who have problems servicing their

customers, we cut them off ... Our No. 1 concern is to service our customers."

Denisa Marston, of the Better Business Bureau in Midland, said they began receiving complaints about the business on March 18. She said, "There is a confidential bulletin about other Better Business Bureaus on 1st Choice Meats," but none have been released to the public.

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investors involved in the bidding were reluctant to wait that long.

A statement by Blackshear that Mid-Tex was the only viable player in the bid for the prisons drew strong reaction from Horton, Guess and Cawthon, who didn't want any potential bidders excluded from the process because of Rutherford's protests.

Blackshear's concern was that the city might select a company not known to the city, like Mid-Tex has been for the last several years, to sell to and despite a good price, the prisons close in a couple of years, costing several hundred jobs in Big Spring.

Fuqua added, "The only sure bid on April 15 (the date Mid-Tex said it would not go past) would be Mid-Tex. Some of the other companies said they would bid if granted an extension, but we've never had dealings with them before."

Fuqua advised the council to base their decision on who the city has had to the opportunity to deal with before or at least let that factor be a part of the process.

Prior to discovering the 10 a.m. meeting to be illegal, Coun-

cilman John Paul Anderson had made a motion to extend the RFP deadline to April 15 with a confidentiality clause attached, but the motion, which was seconded by Blackshear, was defeated 3-2.

A motion by Horton to extend the original April 4 RFP deadline by 30 days passed 3-2 with Blackshear and Anderson voting against it.

After the second vote, Rutherford said Mid-Tex could not be a player with such an extension being granted and pulled the Mid-Tex proposal from the table.

Following Friday's activity, it looked as if the city would return to the status quo and remain in the prison business, but the afternoon meeting was considered to be productive enough, combined with the discovery that the earlier meeting was illegal, to warrant going back to the drawing board.

Friday, Blackshear did point out that the city of Big Spring loses nothing if it decides not to sell its interest in the prisons.

Request for Proposal simply means the city says to interested companies "this is what we have, what can you offer us?" he said.

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reward is only paid in the event the person (suspect) is arrested, indicted or convicted for a crime they reported," Mohn said.

"All rewards are paid in cash" and are distributed by way of the city water office, located in the Municipal Court building, he said. The cash is enclosed in an envelope addressed only with the caller's corresponding four digit number.

If a caller reads the police report in the newspaper they can see when an individual they reported is arrested and can then call back with their four digit identification number to

make arrangements for collecting their reward. Mohn said, "We have no way of getting in touch with them. We have no information other than that four digit number," he said.

He said it is important for callers to know that the Crimestoppers phone line is a private line, not taped and untapped.

Mohn said only 240 communities have Texas Certified Crimestoppers. "It gives us the opportunity to apply for state loans and grants and gives us tax-exempt status for income tax purposes," he said.

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animal goes into a semi-comatose state," he said.

He said the pony was in such a state when he saw it.

"All it could do was lay flat on its side," Neff said. He estimated the pony was 25 to 26 years old. "It was just starved down to the point it was unable to get up and walk," he said.

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"He (Jarvis) was a fast talker ... I was hoping my husband was understanding him, then I got home and I told him 'I hope we didn't make a mistake.'" She said she has not complained to the finance company or tried to locate 1st Choice. "Oh well, live and learn," I guess," Hernandez said.

Rick Heard, manager of the

Odessa Allied Finance office, said, "We had a few complaints and we are no longer doing business with them (1st Choice Meats)."

He said Allied Finance cut their business ties with the company on March 26. According to Heard, 1st Choice Meats did leave a forwarding address and phone number with them and is now located in Wichita Falls. He said he was unable to

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# EDITORIAL

## Quote of the Day

"Our national flower is the concrete cloverleaf."  
-Lewis Mumford

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Managing Editor

## OUR VIEWS

# That stench in the air is LULAC's suit

In a lawsuit filed against Howard County, LULAC (League of United Latin American Citizens) claims the current method of electing Peace Justices in the county discriminates against minority voters.

Had LULAC attorney Rolando Rios, who filed the suit on behalf of Big Spring school teacher and city council member Pat DeAnda and Gloria Mendez, done his homework, he would have discovered it's hard to discriminate when no one seeks the office in question.

The suit contends current boundaries, without special circumstances, would generally allow a white voting block in Howard County to defeat the Hispanic population's candidate of choice.

The suit fails to mention that in Commissioner's Precinct 1, the racial breakdown is 56.03 percent Hispanic and 34.3 percent Anglo.

The suit also fails to mention that records maintained in the County Clerk's office show Hispanics have not filed for Peace Justice Place 1 or Place 2.

The suit also does not mention two other precincts where candidates can seek the Peace Justice seat — Precinct 3, which runs towards Forsan, and Precinct 4, which covers much of the county's north side.

Referring again to records maintained in the County Clerk's office, these two positions are vacant because no candidate has sought them. The last time a candidate ran for either seat was when C.J. Lamb won in Precinct 3 in 1970.

And surprise, the suit also does not mention the name of Gus Ochotorena when it alleges that an Hispanic candidate cannot get elected.

Why? Because Ochotorena served Howard County as a Peace Justice for Precinct 1, Place 1. It's hard to claim discrimination when your candidate won.

Instead of claiming that the process is discriminatory, why not participate in the process?

If Ms. DeAnda or Ms. Mendez want to be Peace Justices in Howard County, why not run for office?

The fact minorities currently comprise nearly one-third of the Big Spring City Council prove that minority candidates can and do get elected.

The fact no Hispanic serves as a Peace Justice in Howard County proves nothing, especially when no Hispanic has sought the office in a number of years.

Quit whining and quit wasting the taxpayers' money. There are more important things the citizens of Howard County can work together on rather than making a San Antonio attorney wealthy.



# Of rain, railroads, executions and Mississippi State

A few bits and pieces from here and there ...

Wednesday's teasing moisture was just that. It was enough to settle the dust in most parts of the county but, if you were paying attention, you say that dust moving around again on Saturday.

How tense is the drought situation? Enough so that Howard County is among 130 statewide that have applied for federal assistance to help ranchers purchase feed for their herds.

And unless we get appreciable moisture soon, the outlook is not good for the farmers, either.

There's concern in the community that unless we can make a good crop this year, we'll lose some members of our farming community.

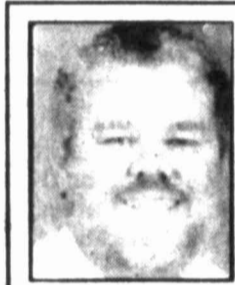
Over in Roscoe, two farmers packed it in this past week when they auctioned everything off to settle debts and try to get a stake on another career.

Richard Allen Moran, 42, who said he was a Big Spring native, was executed on Nevada's death row at 12:10 a.m. Saturday.

He was said to be high on

drugs and alcohol when he killed a bartender, a cook and his ex-wife.

Moran, on Nevada's death row for 11 years, had been spending his last days in a high-security wing at Nevada State Prison, writing letters, having a final visit with his family, and reading books.



John H. Walker  
Managing Editor

Just two days before his execution, Moran said he was ready to die for the August 1984 murders of bartender Sandra Devere, 24, and off-duty cook Russell Rhodes, 27, in a Las Vegas barroom. He killed his ex-wife, Linda Vandervoort, nine days after those murders and then tried to kill himself.

"You can't even begin to imagine what it feels like to know you've killed somebody," Moran said in a jailhouse interview with The Associated Press.

The State of California has

said it approves of the proposed merger between the Union Pacific and Southern Pacific railroads.

California voiced strong opposition to the merger from 12 Democrat Congressmen who were concerned about job losses at SP's San Francisco headquarters.

Just last week, Texas Attorney General Dan Morales and the Railroad Commission announced they would oppose the merger.

That leaves Texas in the minority, as 19 states have now signed on in favor of the merger. By the way, one line on which a University of North Texas economist recommended Union Pacific do something to promote competition runs from Lubbock to Amarillo.

UP will have a hard time complying, however, as it is a former Santa Fe line and is part of Burlington Northern Santa Fe.

So much for experts.

And no, Billie, despite what you might have heard on the radio, husband Ralph McLaughlin did not come out of retirement to become the city engineer and take a trip to Tampa to attend an outlet mall

convention. It was Ralph Truskowski who went on the trip with Pam Welch of Moore Development.

A moment of silence, and respect, if you will, for my beloved Mississippi State University Bulldogs basketball team.

The Bullies, after a miraculous run, found out the NCAA National Championship slipper didn't fit when they fell to a Syracuse team that made its own breaks while taking advantage of those mistakes committed by Mississippi State.

Still, a run to the Final Four is something we Bulldog fans, who have suffered through too many years of mediocrity, can handle — even with it ending in a loss.

Several people commented this week about State's players and her fans being upset over their NCAA Final Four caps that were emblazoned with the word "Mississippi" on the back.

To put it in perspective, that would be like handing a Texas Aggie a burnt orange cap with "A&M" on it or a Longhorn fan a maroon cap with "UT" on it. Those loyal to universities in fierce rivalries understand.

# Handful of dedicated citizens keep watch over local government's actions

By SHARON K. HUGHES  
The Victoria Advocate

VICTORIA — One man stood up during a Victoria city council meeting several years ago and told the board that a company repaving Ben Jordan street wasn't doing the job to proper specifications.

Council members didn't act upon his complaints at that meeting, so Alton Sawey returned. They still didn't heed his concerns, so he went back, again and again, to voice his opinion.

Sawey kept telling them about the paving problems until one council member finally suggested an investigation. The council determined that the company wasn't doing the work to specifications.

Sawey had accomplished his self-assigned mission: He made a difference in the way his hometown was governed.

After his retirement 15 years ago, Sawey decided to become one of that vanishing group of citizens determined to be the "public" at public meetings.

City councils, commissioners courts and school board trustees aren't accustomed to seeing people like Sawey at their meetings.

In America, children are raised on history lessons of New England town meetings, during which people turned out in force to make decisions about their community. But most folks today are too busy with jobs, Boy Scouts and softball games to watch their elect-

ed officials at work. Each month the scene is the same.

Officials sit in board meeting rooms hashing out the community's business with only public employees and media representatives as witnesses.

A recent unscientific survey of Victoria-area county commissioner's courts and city councils revealed that the empty meeting room is prevalent. When asked, city and county secretaries across the region often can't think of a single person who regularly attends meetings.

But there are some. Those few who have taken it upon themselves to offer advice, voice dissension, or merely listen and learn about what's happening in their community.

"I think I have something to offer," Ruth Griffin said. She started attending Edna city council meetings in the summer of 1992. She had moved from Houston and saw problems that she believed she could help fix.

Since then, she has become a member of the Edna zoning board.

Zoning laws, she said, were a luxury that Houston didn't have. Edna had the laws on the books but wasn't enforcing them. Griffin wanted to see that changed, so she got involved.

Joe Reuss said he started attending Cuero city council meetings in 1991, when he chaired the committee that worked to bring the state prison to the town. Once the

committee's work was done, he kept going to the meetings.

"It's just nice to know what's going on in the city," Reuss said. Newspapers can't cover everything, he said. The best way to keep up with the discussions that affect the community is to watch the councils at work, he said.

Sometimes watching is all they can accomplish.

Linda Henry may envy Sawey's success on the street issue. She doesn't believe the Victoria Independent School District's trustees have ever listened to her point of view.

For three years Henry has sat in the back of the school board meeting room, listening.

When the time for public comment is at hand, she rises and walks to the front of the room and stands behind the podium. Looking trustees in the eye, she demands that the board shift its focus from politics to the educational process.

She started attending the meetings after complaining to several layers of officials about her son's grades.

Her son, then a sixth grader, was getting better grades than she thought his school work deserved. The experience sparked a campaign to raise the district's standards.

Henry has thought about quitting her vigil many times. Still on meeting days, she finds herself walking out the door.

"You can give up, or you can at least be able to say, 'I tried,'" Henry said.

What many of these community watchdogs hate most is

that people don't try. They don't go to meetings. They don't voice their concerns about their town. They just complain.

There are the people who only show up "when their ox is being gored," as Griffin puts it. "There's quite a few (people) that go because they have an ax to grind, and I don't feel that way," Reuss said.

But Wardell Toenjes goes to most Cuero city council meetings because he does have an ax to grind, he said. He is unhappy with the way the city is run, and he's quick to point out what he views as the council's flaws.

"They have a good old boy network here that just won't quit," Toenjes said. While Reuss declines to talk politics (because that's not why he goes to meetings), Toenjes talks about little else. As president of Cuero's taxpayer's league, he accuses the media and the politicians of black-balling his civic voice.

Toenjes said that he and six

## MALLARD FILMORE



By Bruce Tinsley

### J.R.'s BACK



Larry Hagman studies his lines on the back of a truck loaded with pigs in Parker. Hagman will return to his role as J.R. Ewing, Jr. in the television reunion of the series "Dallas."

### Prison chairman says he had no interest in contracts

HOUSTON (AP) — Texas Board of Criminal Justice Chairman Allan B. Polunsky denies allegations by two prison officials that he exerted indirect pressure in the awarding of contracts, according to the Houston Chronicle's Saturday editions.

Prison purchasing agent Karen Baker and food services manager Janie Thomas allege that high-ranking prison officials working on Polunsky's behalf told those who wrote bid specifications and awarded contracts which vendors the chairman preferred.

Ms. Thomas told the Chronicle that in 1992, Polunsky contacted her to make sure that a Houston company called SaniTech received bid specifications for a prison contract. SaniTech, then owned by a college friend of Polunsky, was one of three companies awarded one-year contracts in fiscal 1994 to clean sludge from prison kitchens.

Polunsky said allegations that he had any interest in any contracts are outrageous and false. Last week, he ordered an investigation into himself and the contracts with SaniTech and Law Libraries Inc., a Seguin company that provides used law books for prisoners.

The internal affairs investigation is expected to be completed next week, and Polunsky said he is confident he will be exonerated.

The newspaper said two companies — Law Libraries and Chicago-based National Law Resources Inc. — submitted bids for a law books contract.

TDCJ documents say National Law Resources was the low bidder and was awarded the contract. But a day later, a prison official wrote memos to two purchasing officials, saying National Law should be disqualified and the bid awarded instead to Law Libraries, a company headed by Pat Carney.

The contract eventually was reawarded to the Seguin company.

Polunsky claims he never met Carney until the salesman

showed up in his office about a year ago, but Ms. Baker insists the contract was switched because prison officials believed the chairman wanted Carney's firm to get the deal.

There are no documents that tie Polunsky to either deal. Ms. Baker, however, said the official who asked Law Libraries to be disqualified used what had become "the magical phrase: Polunsky wants."

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### Reports: Tobacco industry targeting Dan Morales

DALLAS (AP) — Forces attempting to prevent the state of Texas from suing cigarette makers commissioned a survey to test what issues could most seriously undermine state Attorney General Dan Morales, The Dallas Morning News and ABC-TV reported.

Industry lobbyists delivered the survey to Morales in February as he was pondering whether to file a suit seeking to recoup more than \$4 billion in Medicaid money spent on tobacco-related illness.

Morales filed the lawsuit Thursday.

"I think it could be interpreted as an attempt to intimidate," Morales said. "If their attempt was to intimidate us from filing the suit, obviously it was unsuccessful."

An industry lawyer Friday confirmed tobacco companies and their lobbying arm, the Tobacco Institute, commis-

sioned the survey, according to a copyright story in The Morning News.

Industry officials downplayed the lawsuit, which also seeks to halt some advertising the state says targets children.

"Obviously we wanted him not to file this lawsuit," said Keith Teel, a law partner with Covington & Burling of Washington, D.C. "He obviously didn't find it very persuasive and has gone ahead and filed it."

A copy of the survey obtained by the newspaper determined Morales' popularity level dipped when he was linked to affirmative action, gun control and Nation of Islam leader Louis Farrakhan.

It also indicated Texans' view of Morales soured when told he believed that "young gang members don't need harsh treatment and prison" and that he "regularly flies for free in private planes" provided by rich

lawyers. Before hearing the negatives, 42 percent of the respondents supported Morales and 27 percent said he shouldn't be re-elected.

Once they were given the negative information on Morales, only 21 percent thought he should be elected again and 58 percent wanted him out of office, the poll indicated.

Public Opinion Strategies of Alexandria, Va., conducted the survey. It ran a similar survey in Iowa on behalf of GOP presidential candidate Bob Dole.

Tobacco lobbyists spread the poll among the state leaders, mostly Democrats like Morales.

One tobacco lobbyist, Karl Rove, also is Gov. George W. Bush's top political adviser. He gave Bush, a Republican, a copy of the survey, which Bush said he hasn't read the poll or discussed tobacco with Rove.

The survey concluded Morales

currently is "in good shape politically" but could be vulnerable if a well-financed campaign went after him using the right tactics.

Morales was critical of the companies' attitude.

"They want to attack the attorney general personally," Morales said. "They want to do everything they can to obfuscate the real issue."

Brown & Williamson, Lorillard Tobacco Co., Philip Morris and R.J. Reynolds were among the tobacco companies behind the survey, Teel said.

The lawsuit will be a personal struggle for Morales, said Michael Moore, the Mississippi attorney general who filed one of the first anti-tobacco suits seeking Medicaid reimbursement in 1994.

"Dan Morales needs to know that a lot of special interest groups are going to make his life miserable," Moore said.

### S.A. police admit feeding lies to media about drug sting

SAN ANTONIO (AP) — Police admit planting a lie in the San Antonio media as part of a drug sting, drawing criticism from editors about the practice.

Police told the media Tuesday of a drug bust that resulted in the seizure of \$100,000 and a large amount of marijuana. After San Antonio Express-News editors confronted police officials about the raid, the department admitted it was a phony story.

Capt. Jimmy Kopeck and Deputy Police Chief Albert Ortiz said police fabricated the story before the sting in order to shield the identity of a paid informant who aided them in the case.

Kopeck first told newspaper officials he believed the informant's life would be at risk if

his identity became known to drug dealers. He later revealed that the informant might be required to testify, in which case he'd be identified anyway.

The marijuana was found during the raid, but it amounted to 240 pounds instead of the 300 pounds police initially said was found. The money really belonged to the city all along.

Kopeck was in charge of the operation and Ortiz offered the false information. Kopeck told the newspaper Thursday the incident wasn't the first time police have lied to the media.

The practice is justifiable, said Ortiz, who was acting chief while Chief Al Philippus attended a seminar.

"It all depends on your motive," Ortiz said. "If the motive is unselfish and not done for the aggrandizement of

the officer or the department, (and) if it was done to protect an informant, then I think, in that narrow instance, you have to consider it."

Raul Reyes, Express-News assistant managing editor, questioned that reasoning.

"The policy of fabricating stories for the media and public casts serious doubt on the department's credibility. The public has to wonder that if they are not truthful in these cases, what about other incidents that may involve police officer-involved shootings and internal investigations."

Philippus doesn't condone using the media in such a way, he told the Express-News by phone. Ortiz guaranteed such a lie wouldn't again be planted.

Juan Santiago Morales, 26, was charged in federal court

with possession of marijuana with intent to distribute. To conceal the informant's role, police "arrested" that person along with an undercover police officer involved.

Ortiz also said an Express-News reporter agreed to include false information in a story at the request of police. He refused to disclose the reporter's name and said only one of two such stories ended up in print.

The newspaper doesn't authorize printing false information.

"We will always consider cooperating with law enforcement agencies on issues of public safety, but the Express-News isn't itself a law enforcement agency," Reyes said. "We are a newspaper and readers rely on our credibility."

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**Karen Ann Quinlan**

**20 years later, her parents reflect on hard decision to "pull the plug"**

WANTAGE TOWNSHIP, N.J. (AP) — Julia and Joseph Quinlan remember their daughter as a vibrant tomboy who taught her younger brother to wrestle, a young woman with a beautiful voice who dreamed of being a singer.

Most Americans recall Karen Ann Quinlan as the comatose woman in a black-and-white photograph published around the world, whose life on a ventilator led to the nation's first major right-to-die case.

Twenty years ago today, the New Jersey Supreme Court ruled the Quinlans had the right to take their daughter off life-support equipment. Since then, dozens of court rulings and scores of laws have backed that right.

"They say we were the pioneers. I guess we were. We just did what we had to do," Quinlan, a former pharmaceutical executive, said in an interview at the family's hilltop home in rural western New Jersey.

The Quinlan case was a direct outgrowth of a revolution in life-sustaining technology in the 1950s and '60s. Patients no longer died simply at home; many lingered for weeks or months, kept alive by machines.

Today, about 75 percent of Americans die in institutions, many after decisions to withhold life-sustaining assistance, said John Fletcher, director of the Center for Biomedical Ethics at the University of Virginia.

"The case was the first one to draw the attention of the country and the courts to the problem of being a prisoner in a helpless body, supported only by medical technology," Fletcher said.

"Death is not something that just happens to most people. Nowadays it's death by decision," he added. "Every one of those decisions is a direct descendant of the Quinlan decision."

Karen Ann Quinlan was 21 when she slipped into a coma at a party April 15, 1975. Although the cause was never established, party guests said she had several gin and tonics on top of a mild tranquilizer.

Weeks passed. Her condition did not improve, and every breath the ventilator forced into her lungs was clearly uncomfortable. The Quinlans decided to take her off the machine and end her pain.

"That decision was so difficult for me. I was the last holdout. I did a lot of praying for guidance," Quinlan said. Devout Catholics, the couple consulted with their priest, who supported their decision.

But the doctors at St. Clare's Hospital in Denville refused to comply. The Quinlans went to court and "our privacy was totally erased after that," Mrs. Quinlan said.

On March 31, 1976, the state Supreme Court ruled unanimously.

"No compelling interest of the state could compel Karen to endure the unendurable, only to vegetate a few measurable months with no realistic possibility of returning to any semblance of cognitive or sapient state," then-Chief Justice Richard Hughes wrote.

Karen was removed from her respirator in May 1976. When she did not die as expected, she was moved to a nursing home.

The case opened widespread debate about whether it was always in patients' best interests to keep them alive artificially.

The next year, California passed a law recognizing the legality of living wills — advance directives telling doctors how an individual wants to be treated when deemed incompetent or unable to communicate.

Now all states have laws governing living wills or granting durable power of attorney, which allows a person to designate another to make life-and-death decisions in the event of incompetence.

More than 20 percent of Americans now have living wills, said Karen Orloff Kaplan, executive director of Choice in Dying, a Manhattan-based organization.

Most states allow family members to make decisions for their loved ones even without prior documentation. But some, New

York and Missouri among them, require clear and convincing evidence that the patient, if competent, would have agreed with the decision, said Bruce Jennings, executive director of The Hastings Center, a medical ethics think tank in Briarcliff Manor, N.Y.

The U.S. Supreme Court did not take up the issue until 1990 when it heard the case of Nancy Cruzan, a Missouri woman who lingered eight years in a permanent vegetative state.

The court ruled that adults had a constitutional right to refuse medical treatment but said Cruzan's parents had not offered "clear and convincing" evidence she would have wanted to die.

When Cruzan's parents later produced evidence of her wishes, federal and Missouri courts allowed her parents to remove her feeding tube. She died Dec. 26, 1990.

Karen Ann Quinlan's parents never sought to have her feeding tube removed during the nine years she lived after she was taken off the respirator. She died June 11, 1985.

"We never asked to have her die. We just asked to have her put back in a natural state so she could die in God's time," Mrs. Quinlan said.

The Quinlans remember her still as an athletic girl who also loved to sing and had planned to study music. A lifeguard, she skied and water-skied, played football and baseball, taught her brother to wrestle.

"She loved life. She always smiled. She had great laughter, she loved to laugh," Mrs. Quinlan said.

Her parents used the proceeds of a book and a television movie to start the Karen Ann Quinlan Center of Hope Hospice in Newton. Its home-care program allows terminally ill people to die at home, surrounded by family members.

The Quinlans now put their energies into the hospice. They live in a house overlooking miles of flowing valleys and mountains. In the living room, sitting on a table, is the famous photo of Karen, frozen forever at 21.

**OLDEST ASTRONAUT**



Astronaut Story Musgrave sits in the cargo bay hatch of the mock space shuttle at Johnson Space Center, near Houston. At age 61, Musgrave will become the oldest traveler ever when he blasts off on the space shuttle Columbia later this year on a record sixth mission.

**Columbia-HCA acquires Ohio Blue Cross-Blue Shield**

CLEVELAND (AP) — Columbia-HCA Healthcare Corp., the nation's biggest for-profit hospital chain, marks its first significant foray into the insurance business with the acquisition of most of Blue Cross & Blue Shield of Ohio.

The \$299.5 million purchase, confirmed by both companies Friday, must be approved by the state insurance department and Blue Cross policyholders.

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**McVeigh, Nichols transferred to Denver prison**

DENVER (AP) — Oklahoma City bombing suspects Timothy McVeigh and Terry Nichols were transferred early Saturday from Oklahoma to a federal prison outside Denver, where their trial is to be held later this year.

The pair were escorted by U.S. marshals, according to a statement released by the U.S. Justice Department and signed by W.A. Perrill, warden of the federal prison in the Denver suburb of Englewood, and U.S. Marshal Tina Lewis Rowe of Denver.

McVeigh and Nichols had been held at the federal prison in El Reno, Okla. While the statement did not say where they were taken in Denver, the medium-security Federal Correctional Institution in Englewood is the metropolitan area's only federal prison, and prepara-

tions had been made there for their arrival. "No Parking" signs went up outside the prison earlier this week.

The men were flown into Jefferson County Airport northwest of Denver in a Department of Defense jet and transported by helicopter to the federal prison, said Joel Kingham of Stevens Aviation, which is located at the airport.

Kingham said heavily armed guards sealed the area as the men were transferred to the helicopter. "It looked like someone was going to invade us," he said.

Calls to the prison early today were referred to the Justice Department. A spokesman in Washington was unable to furnish additional details.

McVeigh and Nichols were scheduled to appear at a motions hearing April 9 before

U.S. District Judge Richard Matsch, who moved the trial to Denver after determining the suspects could not receive a fair trial in Oklahoma.

A hearing is scheduled for Aug. 27 to determine whether McVeigh and Nichols should be tried separately.

McVeigh and Nichols face the death penalty if convicted of federal murder and conspiracy charges in the April 19 bombing of the Oklahoma City federal building. The bombing killed 169 people and injured more than 500.

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# Perry: NATO peacekeepers will have 'zero tolerance'

ZAGREB, Croatia (AP) — The NATO-led peace force in Bosnia is moving more aggressively now to clear roadways of illegal checkpoints and ensure freedom of movement throughout the country, Defense Secretary William J. Perry said today.

The 60,000-man force, known as IFOR, is better able to react now when road blocks are set up in violation of the Dayton accords that brought an end to the fighting last fall, Perry told reporters traveling with him from Washington.

"IFOR will have zero tolerance for units that try to stop freedom of movement in the country," Perry said.

U.S. and other peace enforcement troops will "fan out all over the country, and any-

where they come across a checkpoint they're going to knock it out — and they're not going to be polite about the way they knock it out," he added.

Perry's tough talk reflected a U.S. strategy to push all sides in Bosnia into greater compliance with aspects of the Dayton accords — such as freedom of movement and exchanges of prisoners of war — that are seen as vital to progress holding a national election this year and speeding economic reconstruction.

Perry said checkpoints are popping up in many parts of Bosnia, on the territory of both the Bosnian Serbs and the Muslim-Croat federation. In some cases these are a reflection of conflict between the Muslims and the Bosnian Croats.

Now that the IFOR troops have accomplished virtually all the major military tasks spelled out in the Dayton accords, they are in a better position to respond to problems like the checkpoints, Perry said aboard his Air Force plane.

Whereas a month ago it would have taken IFOR troops perhaps a week to deal with a new checkpoint, they now are able to knock it down the same day it goes up, Perry said.

"This is going to make a big difference," he said.

Perry was meeting today with Croatian President Franjo Tudjman and his defense minister, Gojko Susak, before flying to Bosnia on Sunday to see U.S. commanders and troops as well as officers from Russian and other peacekeeping units. Susak said at a news confer-

ence with Perry that Bosnian Croat Gen. Tihomir Blaskic, who has been indicted by the U.N. war crimes tribunal, would go to The Hague on Monday to defend himself.

Blaskic's attorney has repeatedly said that Blaskic would go to The Hague because he believed he was innocent, but reversed the pledge last week when the tribunal decided not to allow Blaskic to be put under house arrest, rather than putting him in one of the tribunal cells.

Perry said he believed the Croatian government "is taking appropriate action by asking the general to turn himself over to the war crimes tribunal."

Earlier, Perry said he would urge Tudjman to take new steps to improve compliance

with the Dayton accords. This includes making more effort to turn over suspected war criminals who have been indicted by the war crimes tribunal and making a fuller exchange of war prisoners, Perry said.

He said he would tell Tudjman that his compliance with the peace accords was a prerequisite for U.S. cooperation on other matters. It will affect, for example, U.S. support for Croatia's desire to join NATO's Partnership for Peace program, which is for countries which aspire to NATO membership, Perry said.

Perry said he also was concerned about the viability of the Croat-Muslim federation in Bosnia. Formed as a counterweight to the Bosnian Serb republic, the federation has been unable to overcome ani-

mosities left over from a year of Muslim-Croat fighting in 1993-94. If the federation unraveled, the likelihood is great that Bosnia would fall apart after NATO troops withdrew.

Perry said recent news reports had overstated the frailty of the federation. "It's not unraveling," he said, "but it's not working as well as we would like, either."

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# Mad cow scare leaves British cattle country stunned

HEREFORD, England (AP) — In the home of Hereford cattle, a breed that puts steaks, roasts and hamburgers on tables around the world, people have been staggered by the panic over "mad cow disease."

And they're not too happy about that name, either.

"Mad cow disease is a term developed by the tabloid press," said Richard Grainger, director of Hereford Market Auctioneers Ltd. "Now, unfortunately, even the responsible papers use it. It's very emotive."

Emotive, and lethal to the cattle business — ever since March 20, when the government said 10 Britons probably caught a rare and fatal brain disease from cattle.

The day after the announcement, 500 cattle were on auction in Hereford. A week later, only a few head of scraggly old dairy cows were on offer. Retail sales of beef have plummeted, and European neighbors and other nations have banned meat from Britain.

John Morgan has never seen anything like it in 40 years of hauling livestock. Morgan inherited the business from his

father, and worries there will be nothing to pass on to his two sons.

"On a normal Monday, we would move 300 head," Morgan said. "Since they brought the ban in, we've moved one steer and one calf."

The Hereford Cattle Society had big plans for 1996. It's the 150th anniversary of a renowned registry that traces bloodlines of Hereford cattle all over the world, going back to a 3,920-pound bull named Cotmore.

"We were planning a lot of celebrations, starting next month with a sale and open farm day," said Lewis Thomas, the society's accountant. "And now, this."

The scare over mad cow disease — known formally as bovine spongiform encephalopathy — is threatening British cattlemen's business and rural ways of life that go back for generations in the rolling Herefordshire hills.

It's the original home of the Hereford breed — the "roast beef of old England" — that came from indigenous red cattle roaming along the Welsh border.

Herefords were first exported in the 19th century to found herds in other countries. More than 100 million pure- or cross-breed Herefords now live everywhere from the Great Plains of America to Australian cattle country to the Pampas in Argentina.

Although the Herefords' share of the British beef market has shrunk to less than 10 percent from about 80 percent a quarter century ago, the mad cow controversy struck at the heart of this region.

"Everybody in the business is just dumbstruck," Grainger said.

Several miles away, past the village of Woebley, slaughterhouse owner David Williams has told his 22 employees he will have to put them on a three-day week — cutting up only pigs and sheep.

"We normally would be doing 250 cattle a week here," he said. "That went from 250 cattle to zero, overnight."

Williams built a new slaughterhouse three years ago. He figures he can survive a few lean months, but after that it's a matter of faith.

"I have a father in heaven

who looks after me," Williams said. "He hasn't brought me this far to let me down now. This is my sincere, honest belief. I'm just praying this will come to an end and people will start eating beef again."

It's spring, and farmer Stan Quan should be selling the yearlings from his herd of 300 cattle after keeping them indoors all winter. Now, he can't sell anything and he worries he doesn't have enough grazing land for the uncullered herd.

"It's like hitting a brick wall until the politicians decide what they're going to do," Quan said.

The crisis has led to many recriminations. The leading proposed solution has been mass slaughter: either entire

herds where the infection has been detected, or animals over 30 months old, who are believed most susceptible.

Grainger believes widescale slaughter is a necessary evil.

"If we sit here and say, 'Beef is safe, beef is safe,' we'll sit here and watch the business go straight down," he said. "We're going to have to kill some cows — and we're going to have to be seen killing some cows."

Williams disagrees. If the government destroys cows, only the farmers will be compensated, leaving others like haulers, feed dealers, hide dealers, butchers and livestock traders to suffer.

"It's just like playing skittles. You knock one over and it knocks the rest," he said.

# Students confront police over death

SEOUL, South Korea (AP) — Threatening to take "an eye for an eye," students clashed with riot police Saturday at a protest marking the death of a colleague at an anti-government demonstration.

Under the gaze of thousands of riot police in shields and helmets, 4,000 students marched out of a Seoul campus, some beating gongs and drums or steel pipes on the wet pavement.

"Down with (President) Kim Young-sam!" "Down with the murderous regime!" the students chanted.

Running battles broke out after riot police checked the slow march a block away and pushed it back toward the campus. Police sprayed tear gas to repel students, who quickly regrouped and punched and kicked the police.

Traffic along the eight-lane street was backed up for hours. No serious injuries or arrests were reported.

The students claimed a brutal police crackdown led to the death of a student protester Friday, when students clashed with police at a rally protesting government corruption.

Roh Su-sok, 20, collapsed and was pronounced dead upon arrival at hospital. The cause of death was not immediately known.

The death, the first of a student protester since President Kim took office in early 1993, was likely to heighten anti-government sentiment on campuses before April 11 parliamentary elections.

In Yonsei University, where Roh was a law major, students wearing black ribbons burned incense and laid long-stemmed yellow chrysanthemums before a framed portrait of Roh.

One student read a tribute to Roh as thousands of others stood silently with bowed heads, many of them sobbing. Numerous anti-government banners flapped under an overcast sky.

"An eye for an eye!" "Violence for violence!" some students chanted as the ceremony ended and they began to march. A dozen students tied their bodies with a chain to show their determination to fight riot police.

Earlier Saturday, Prime Minister Lee Su-sung ordered an immediate investigation to

determine the cause of death. Students and police organized a medical team to conduct an autopsy. The students had held Roh's body, demanding the government guarantee a fair autopsy.

Ten thousand students came out for the rally Friday, one of the most violent in months. Dozens of demonstrators were beaten with clubs and dragged along the wet pavement by police, who fired hundreds of volleys of tear gas. About 200 demonstrators were arrested and released, police said.

Television footage showed arrest squads launching a head-on push and students tripping over each other in a mad rush to find refuge amid the confusion of rain and foggy, acrid tear gas.

Students rounded up and beat several dozen police.

Students claim that Kim accepted questionable money for his 1992 election campaign and demand that he make his financial records public. Kim denies the allegations.

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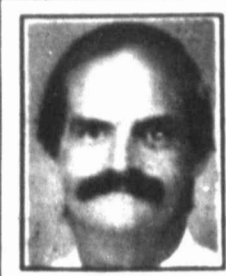
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Barry Switzer doesn't have it, despite the fact that he's getting fitted for a Super Bowl ring.

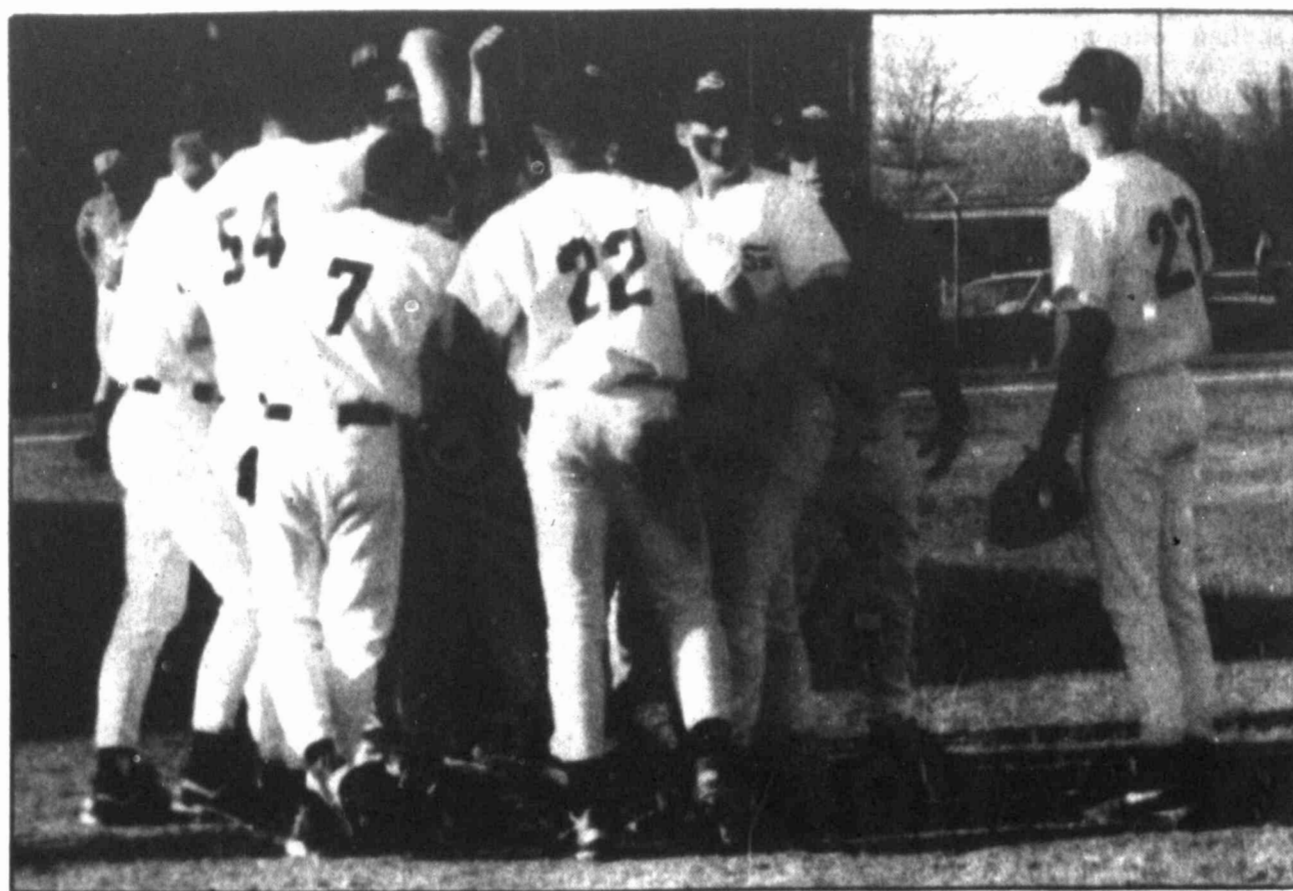
Mike Tyson doesn't have it, despite the fact that nobody can stay in the ring more than a few minutes with him.

And, oh my word, how the teams in this year's NCAA basketball tournament haven't received respect.

Texas Tech didn't have any respect - or at least they didn't until Marvin Ham shattered that backboard against North Carolina. Then, all the world respected Texas Tech.

At least the Raiders now have respect, which is more than

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Members of the Big Spring baseball team congratulate each other after the Steers defeated Monahans 3-2 Friday in Steer Park.

## Steers shut down Loboes

By STEVE REAGAN  
Sports Editor

It's still early in the District 4-4A baseball race, but its become apparent that the Big Spring Steers will go just as far as their pitching and defense allows.

The Steers were limited to only five hits against Monahans Friday, but the pitching combination of J.D. Wheeler and T.J. Rios, along with a defense that survived a shaky fifth inning, were more than enough to lead Big Spring to a 3-2 win over the Loboes at Steer Park.

The victory boosts the Steers to 9-8 overall - the first time they've been above .500 this sea-

son - and to 2-0 and tied for first in district play.

Wheeler and Rios were impressive, and the Steers' defense only slightly less so. The Big Spring pitching duo limited Monahans to only one hit, with Wheeler getting the win - his third against no defeats - and Rios chalking up the save.

Big Spring's defense, meanwhile was immaculate except for a pair of errors in the fifth that led to Monahans' runs. Those runs chased Wheeler, but Rios was able to slam the door on the Loboes, keeping them winless in district play.

The Steers' runs also were

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## Coahoma wins 'dogfight' vs. MHS sophomores

By RODERICK RICHARDSON  
Herald Sportswriter

COAHOMA - One can say it was a dog-eat-dog game Friday when the Coahoma Bulldogs faced the Midland High Sophomore Bulldogs, and Coahoma ended as the biggest dog in town with a 10-8.

The game was almost over after the first two innings. Midland shot out to a 5-1 lead.

Coahoma's starting pitcher Scott Goodblanket allowed a home run in the second, and

also three walks after having 10 players at bat.

Coahoma coach Trey Morgan had to replace Goodblanket with shortstop Mike McMillian. "(Goodblanket) was off (Friday)," said Morgan. "He had two good outings this week. It just happens; he wasn't on (Friday)."

Coahoma also struggled offensively. Though having four hits in two innings, the team couldn't take advantage of its opportunities.

"We needed to be more

aggressive," said McMillian. "We started out a little flat. Once we got things going, we put everything together."

The turning point occurred in the fourth inning, when Coahoma scored runs on two crucial plays that gave the team momentum.

The first was an error by Midland's second baseman Kendall Cox. With Goodblanket on first and Sergio Ovalle on third, both made an attempt to steal base. The result was a score from Ovalle, and a safe

slide back to first by Goodblanket when Cox failed to throw the ball.

The other was from a sacrificial bunt by second baseman Freddy Olivias. The bunt brought in right fielder Rodney Gressett from third.

"I knew we had to do something to get things going," said Morgan.

"To tell you the truth, (the play) was suggested by Rodney (Gressett)," said Morgan. "Gressett was on third and said 'What do you want to do? ...

What do think about the bunt play?" I told them to go for it.

"Our players are very knowledgeable of the game, and I listen to what they have to say. We've been talking about it the last couple of games, and (Friday) was the perfect occasion."

Coahoma added three more runs in the sixth. McMillian was the winning pitcher, throwing four scoreless innings with three hits and seven

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## Big Spring boys finish third at San Angelo Relays; golf team remains in first

HERALD Staff Report

The Big Spring boys' track team finished third at Saturday's Angelo Relays in San Angelo.

The Steers scored 65 points, while champion Lake View finished with 86 1/2 points and Mineral Wells had 68.

Big Spring did well in the running events, but earning only 10 points in the field events kept the Steers out of the winner's circle.

"The ones who have run well for us all season continue to run well," coach Randy Britton said. "But we had some kids who didn't come through for us."

Big Spring's top finish was a first-second in the 200 dash. Randy Farr finished first in a time of 21.45, while Tory Mitchell was second in 21.5. Farr also had a second place in the 400 dash (47.8), and teamed with Mitchell, Toma McVae and Kendall Davis to finish

third in the 400 relay (42.8).

Todd McAdams also had a first-place finish for the Steers, winning the pole vault with a height of 13 feet, six inches.

Antwoyne Edwards finished second in the 110 hurdles in a time of 14.8.

**Girls' golfers improve in standings**

The Big Spring girls golf team jumped from fifth to third after the second round of the district

Currently, Big Spring is third with a total of 744.

Stefanie Waggoner leads the Lady Steers shooting a 172 (84-88). Alicia Wood follows with 181 (87-94), and Kelley Hollar has 183 (99-84). Tatum Weeks (108-102) and Vanessa Billalba (110-100) each have 210.

**Steers continue to lead district**

The Big Spring boys golf team continues to lead District 4-4A

following the second round of the tournament Friday in San Angelo.

Big Spring shot 317 this round for a total of 625 entering the final round. Lake View's first team topped the second round, shooting 307, but is fourth in the district race.

In individual standings, Jake McCullough holds the top spot. He shot a 77 making his total 152. Pat Carter is only a stroke behind with 153 (76-77). Justin Cole is now fifth with 156.

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tournament Friday at Monahans.

The Lady Steers shot 356 overall, an improvement from the 378 they scored in Fort Stockton last week.

"I am very pleased with the improvement of the team," said golf coach Mike Scarbrough. "We played a lot better than we did at Fort Stockton. The girls really worked hard this week."

## Syracuse outlasts Mississippi State

EAST RUTHERFORD, N.J. (AP) - Syracuse was the overlooked team in the Big East. Now the Orangemen are one victory away from an improbable national championship.

Otis Hill dominated the first half and John Wallace took command in the crucial minutes down the stretch Saturday, leading Syracuse to a 77-69 victory over Mississippi State in the NCAA semifinals.

The Orangemen (29-8) advanced to play in the second national title game in school history, against the winner of the second game between top-ranked Massachusetts and No. 2 Kentucky. Syracuse lost the 1987 championship to Indiana on a shot in the final seconds

by Keith Smart.

Mississippi State (26-8) was playing in its first Final Four, and it showed. The Bulldogs, their hands turning to stone on the national stage, committed 21 turnovers, leading to 25 Syracuse points. The Orangemen, meanwhile, had just five turnovers - resulting in only 5 State points.

Syracuse and Mississippi State were the surprise teams in the Final Four. The Orangemen, after finishing fourth in the Big East behind Connecticut, Georgetown and Villanova, barely escaped the round of 16, beating Georgia 83-81 in overtime on Wallace's 3-pointer with two seconds remaining.

Wallace scored 21 points Saturday, including six in a row that turned the momen-

tum in a back-and-forth game to Syracuse's side for good. The Orangemen were leading only 50-48 when Wallace hit a pair of free throws, a turnaround jumper in the lane and two more free throws to give Syracuse some breathing room.

Jason Cipolla delivered the final blow to the Bulldogs when he broke up a pass at one end of the court and then hit a 3-pointer at the other to give the Orangemen a 64-55 lead with 3:58 remaining.

At the end, Wallace held the ball high over his head and flipped it to Lazarus Sims, who hurled it into the Syracuse contingent in one corner of the arena.

Todd Burgan added 19

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## Kentucky does in Massachusetts

EAST RUTHERFORD, N.J. (AP) - The question all season was whether Kentucky could win a close game.

The Wildcats did Saturday night, avenging one of their two losses this season, and now they have a chance to win the national championship for the first time in 18 years.

They did it with an 81-74 victory over top-ranked Massachusetts in the national semifinals.

On Monday night, the second-ranked Wildcats (33-2) will face Syracuse, which beat Mississippi State in the other semifinal, for the championship that many felt was Kentucky's for the taking all season long.

"They're a heck of a ballclub that everybody is underrating," Kentucky coach Rick Pitino

said of Syracuse.

After winning its four NCAA tournament games by an average of 28 points, even gaudier than the 23-point margin over the season, the Wildcats were finally tested as the Minutemen (35-2) closed a 15-point second-half deficit to 73-70 with one minute to play.

"We had a 10-point lead. Normally, we knock people out with that. They would never quit," Pitino said of Massachusetts, his alma mater.

Mark Pope made two free throws with 52 seconds left to make the lead five and Antoine Walker's dunk 14 seconds later after a missed 3-pointer by Edgar Padilla had the Wildcats on their way to a chance at their sixth national championship, second only to UCLA's 11.

The teams had met in November, and Massachusetts came away with a 92-82 victory. The Wildcats won their next 27 games until losing to Mississippi State in the championship game of the Southeastern Conference tournament.

In that game, Massachusetts opened the second half with an 11-1 run to take a 10-point lead and then held off two Kentucky runs.

This time, Kentucky scored the last four points of the first half and the first seven of the second to take a 43-28 lead with 18:04 to play. The Wildcats had to hold off the Minutemen, who suddenly got offense from two sources that hadn't been there all night in guard Carmelo

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| <b>Today</b><br><b>Baseball</b><br>Howard College at NMJC, 1 p.m.   | <b>Kalitta among top qualifiers</b><br>BAYTOWN (AP) - Scott Kalitta, John Force, Warren Johnson and Matt Hines were the No. 1 qualifiers in their respective pro categories after Saturday's session of the NHRA Slick 50 Nationals. Kalitta was No. 1 in top fuel, Force in funny car, Johnson in pro stock and Hines in pro stock motorcycle after qualifying ended Saturday at Houston Raceway Park. Final eliminations were scheduled Sunday. Kalitta, from Chelsea, Mich., took the top spot with a quarter-mile pass of 4.711 seconds at 313.37 mph. His time and speed were track records, and his speed was the third-fastest in NHRA history. Force, from Yorba Linda, Calif., stayed No. 1 with a run of 4.972 at 298.40 in a Pontiac Firebird. His time was a track record. | <b>Baseball</b><br>MLB<br>Chicago at Seattle, 8 p.m., ESPN (ch. 30).  |
| <b>Tuesday</b><br><b>Baseball</b><br>Andrews at Big Spring, 4 p.m.<br>Coahoma at Midland Christian, 6:30 p.m. | <b>Grand jury to continue</b><br>DALLAS (AP) - A grand jury investigation involving Dallas Cowboys wide receiver Michael Irvin will continue another week. The Dallas County grand jury recessed Friday evening without returning a report on evidence from a motel drug bust at which he was present. Police found Irvin and three other people in the room where authorities said cocaine, marijuana and drug paraphernalia were discovered March 4. Business partner and former teammate Alfredo Roberts and topless dancers Angela Beck and Jasmine Nabwangu have been offered immunity from prosecution for their testimony. Fort Worth television station KXAS has reported, citing unidentified sources.  | <b>Basketball</b><br>NCAA Women Championship game, 5:30 p.m., ESPN<br>NBA<br>New York at Orlando, 11 a.m., NBC (ch. 9). |
|   |  | <b>Golf</b><br>Tournament of Champions, 1:30 p.m., NBC.   |



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Local leagues

VA COUPLES RESULTS - Team Nine over Team Five, 7-1; Team Three over Team Eight, 8-0; Team Seven over Team Four, 6-2; Team Six over Team Ten, 6-2; Team One over Team Eleven, 8-0; Team Twelve over Team Two, 6-2; N sc. team game and series Team Three, 7-0 and 2207; N sc. team game and series (man) Jeff Dukatt, 257 and 733; hi sc. game and series (man) Karen Albano, 222 and 607; hi hdp team game and series Team Three, 605 and 2402; hi hdp game (man) Don Ewing, 250; hi hdp series (man) Jeff Dukatt, 733; hi hdp game and series (woman) Karen Albano, 247 and 662.

STANDINGS - Tom Three, 152-72; Team Twelve, 146-75; Team One, 145-79; Team Nine, 139-85; Team Ten, 119-105; Team Two, 109-115; Team Six, 105-118; Team Eight, 108-118; Team Two, 105-119; Team Four, 80-144; Team Eleven, 76-148; Team Seven, 58-166.

WEDNESDAY STRIKERS RESULTS - Team Three over Auto Trend, 6-2; Joe's Crew over PCW MIA, 8-0; A & J over Largo Boys, 6-2; Wrecking Crew over Budweiser, 6-2; N sc. game and series Jeff Dukatt, 257 and 692; hi sc. team game A & J, 227; hi sc. team game and series Armando Gutierrez, 261 and 707; hi hdp team game and series Joe's Crew, 1146 and 3253.

WEDNESDAY NITE TRIO RESULTS - Saunders Company over Wild Bunch, 8-0; Conoco split with Lions Stars, 4-4; Big Spring A&C over Charlotte's Raiders, 6-2; Walmart Fun Bowlers over Big Spring

Auto Elec., 6-2; Big Spring Chrysler over A Timeless Design, 6-2; Team 18 over Bob Brook Ford, 6-2; SlowStarters Two over Security State Bank, 8-0; PFS over Arrow Refrigeration, 6-2; Fifth Wheels over Golden Coral, 6-2; hi sc. game and series (man) Jerold Burgess, 265 and 662; hi hdp game Jerold Burgess, 265; hi hdp series (man) 718; hi sc. game (woman) Martha Dobek, 224; hi sc. series (woman) Patricia Hill, 546; hi hdp game and series (woman) Martha Dobek, 267 and 724; hi sc. team game PFS, 645; hi sc. team series Big Spring Music, 1645; hi hdp team game PFS, 747; hi hdp team series Saunders Company, 2022.

STANDINGS - PFS, 146-67; Big Spring Music, 136-80; Arrow Refrigeration, 124-92; Loan Stars, 116-110; Big Spring Auto Electric, 116-100; Wild Bunch, 112-104; Fifth Wheels, 106-107; Bob Brook Ford, 106-108; Charlotte's Raiders, 106-110; Team 18, 106-110; Big Spring Chrysler, 106-110; Walmart Fun Bowlers, 105-111; Security State Bank, 103-113; Golden Coral, 102-114; A Timeless Design, 92-124; SlowStarters Two, 90-126; Conoco, 82-134; Saunders Company, 82-134.

TUESDAY COUPLES RESULTS - KC Steak House over Holy Rollers, 8-0; Rocky's Pin Poppers over Varsity, 8-0; Big Spring Skipper Travel over Big Spring Mobile Home Park, 8-0; Parks Agency, Inc. over A Timeless Design, 6-2; Cowboy's over White Motor Co. Stanton, 6-2; Vogue Beauty Salon over Arrow Refrigeration, 6-2; The Fun Bunch over A & M Composites Corp., 6-2; Double R Cattle Co. over The 4 of Us, 6-2; C.E. Rollers over Fred's Contracting, 4-4; Ups & Downs tied Spare Tokens, 4-4; hi sc. game and series (man) James Rawls, 256 and 658; hi hdp game (man) Charles Porch, 265; hi hdp series (man) James Rawls, 718; hi sc. game (woman) Mary Rawls, 217; hi sc. series (woman) Kathrine Smith, 550; hi hdp game (woman) Mary Rawls, 273; hi hdp series (woman) Kathrine Smith, 718; hi sc. team game and

series White Motor Co. Stanton, 795 and 2361; hi hdp team game C.E. Rollers, 943; hi hdp team series Easy, 2608.

STANDINGS - Easy, 136-96; KC Steak House, 133-99; Fred's Contracting, 133-99; C.E. Rollers, 133-99; Big Spring Skipper Travel, 132-100; Double R Cattle Co., 132-100; A Timeless Design, 130-102; The 4 of Us, 129-103; Rocky's Pin Poppers, 128-104; C.A.T. Cleaners, 127-105; Holy Rollers, 120-112; White Motor Co. Stanton, 119-113; A & M Composites Corp., 116-116; Spare Tokens, 116-116; Parks Agency, Inc. 116-116; The Fun Bunch, 116-116; Arrow Refrigeration Co., 108-124; Cowboy's, 105-126; Ups & Downs, 103-129; Vogue Beauty Salon, 100-132; Big Spring Mobile Home Park, 92-140.

GUYS & DOLLS RESULTS - Rocky's over O.S.I.M.I.A., 8-0; Fifth Wheels over Big Spring State Park, 6-2; Healer's Mechanical over Petty Farms, 6-2; Photo Magic Studio over A Bye, 6-2; hi sc. game (man) Pat Albano, 234; hi sc. series (man) J.M. Ringner, 581; hi hdp game and series (man) Pat Albano, 254 and 633; hi sc. game and series (woman) Evelyn Williams, 222 and 581; hi hdp game (woman) Wanda Beeler, 241; hi hdp series (woman) Peggy Huckabee, 639; hi sc. team game and series Rocky's, 707 and 2273; hi hdp team game and series Rocky's, 866 and 2480.

STANDINGS - Rocky's, 154-78; Photo Magic Studio, 143-89; Big Spring State Park, 136-96; Petty Farms, 127-105; Healer's Mechanical, 121-111; Fifth Wheels, 115-117; O.S.I.M.I.A., 106-126.

At Richmond Coliseum Richmond, Va. Sunday, March 17 Georgetown 73, New Mexico 62 Texas Tech 92, North Carolina 73 Regional Semifinals At The Georgia Dome Atlanta Thursday, March 21 Georgetown 88, Texas Tech 90 Massachusetts 79, Arkansas 63 Regional Championship At The Georgia Dome Atlanta Saturday, March 23 Massachusetts 86, Georgetown 62

SOUTHEAST REGIONAL First Round At The RCA Dome Indianapolis Thursday, March 14 Connecticut 68, Colgate 59 Eastern Michigan 75, Duke 60 Mississippi State 58, Virginia Commonwealth 51 Princeton 43, UCLA 41 At Orlando Arena Orlando, Fla. Friday, March 15 Temple 61, Oklahoma 43 Cincinnati 66, North Carolina-Greensboro 61 Boston College 64, Indiana 51 Georgia Tech 90, Austin Peay 79

Second Round At The RCA Dome Indianapolis Saturday, March 16 Connecticut 95, Eastern Michigan 81 Mississippi State 63, Princeton 41 At Orlando Arena Orlando, Fla. Sunday, March 17 Cincinnati 76, Temple 65 Georgia Tech 103, Boston College 89 Regional Semifinals At Rupp Arena Lexington, Ky. Friday, March 22 Mississippi St. 60, Connecticut 55 Cincinnati 87, Georgia Tech 70 Regional Championship At Rupp Arena Lexington, Ky. Saturday, March 23 Mississippi State 73, Cincinnati 63

Second Round At Reunion Arena Dallas Sunday, March 16 Utah 73, Iowa State 67 Kentucky 84, Virginia Tech 80 At The Bradley Center Milwaukee Sunday, March 17 Louisville 68, Villanova 54 Wake Forest 65, Texas 62 Regional Semifinals At The Metrodome Minneapolis Thursday, March 21 Kentucky 101, Utah 70 Wake Forest 80, Louisville 59 Regional Championship At The Metrodome Minneapolis Saturday, March 23 Kentucky 83, Wake Forest 63

WEST REGIONAL First Round At The Pit Albuquerque, N.M. Thursday, March 14 Syracuse 86, Montana State 55 Drexel 75, Memphis 63 Purdue 73, Western Carolina 71 Georgia 81, Clemson 74 At The University Activity Center Tempe, Ariz. Friday, March 15 Santa Clara 81, Maryland 79 Kansas 92, South Carolina State 54 Iowa 91, George Washington 79 Arizona 90, Valparaiso 51

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OT Saturday's Games Late Games Not Included Chicago 106, L.A. Clippers 85 Washington 107, Philadelphia 105 Miami 85, Detroit 85 Portland 109, Houston 94 Denver 98, Milwaukee 85 Utah at Seattle (n) Cleveland at Golden State (n) Sunday's Games New York at Orlando, noon Atlanta at Boston, 2:30 p.m. New Jersey at Indiana, 2:30 p.m. L.A. Lakers at Toronto, 3 p.m. L.A. Clippers at Minnesota, 3:30 p.m.

Charlotte at Vancouver, 5:30 p.m. Phoenix at San Antonio, 7 p.m. Portland at Dallas, 8 p.m. Cleveland at Sacramento, 9 p.m. Monday's Games No games scheduled Tuesday's Games L.A. Clippers at Toronto, 7 p.m. Chicago at Miami, 7:30 p.m. Boston at Atlanta, 7:30 p.m. Portland at Dallas, 8 p.m. New York at Indiana, 7:30 p.m. L.A. Lakers at Charlotte, 8 p.m.

THE FINAL FOUR At Continental Airlines Arena East Rutherford, N.J. National Semifinals Saturday, March 30 Syracuse 77, Mississippi State 69 Kentucky 81, Massachusetts 74 National Championship Monday, April 1 Syracuse (29-8) vs. Kentucky (33-2), 8:22 p.m.

W L Pct GB Detroit at Milwaukee, 8:15 p.m. Sacramento at Dallas, 8:30 p.m. Minnesota at Denver, 9 p.m. Seattle at Utah, 9 p.m. San Antonio at Phoenix, 9 p.m. Vancouver at Portland, 10 p.m. Houston at Golden State, 10:30 p.m.

WESTERN CONFERENCE Midwest Division W L Pct GB x-San Antonio 52 18 743 x-Utah 50 20 714 Houston 42 29 592 Denver 30 41 423 22 1/2 Minnesota 24 46 343 20 1/2 Dallas 27 49 310 30 1/2 Vancouver 11 58 159 40 1/2 Pacific Division x-Seattle 55 15 786 x-L.A. Lakers 44 25 638 Phoenix 36 34 514 Portland 35 35 500 20 Sacramento 31 38 449 Golden State 31 40 437 24 1/2 L.A. Clippers 26 45 368 29 1/2

x-clinched playoff spot x-clinched division Friday's Games Orlando 126, Toronto 86 New York 94, New Jersey 78 Boston 101, Philadelphia 95 Miami 112, Washington 93 L.A. Lakers 102, Atlanta 89 Minnesota 99, Indiana 91 San Antonio 119, Dallas 104 Utah 105, Vancouver 81 Phoenix 108, Milwaukee 85 Sacramento 107, Charlotte 101.

DETROIT at Milwaukee, 8:15 p.m. Sacramento at Dallas, 8:30 p.m. Minnesota at Denver, 9 p.m. Seattle at Utah, 9 p.m. San Antonio at Phoenix, 9 p.m. Vancouver at Portland, 10 p.m. Houston at Golden State, 10:30 p.m.

DETROIT TIGERS—Placed Joe Boever, pitcher, on waivers for the purpose of giving him his unconditional release. Assigned Bob Scantlan, pitcher, to Lakeland of the Florida State League. SEATTLE MARINERS—Sent Sal Uro, pitcher, and Greg Pirk, infielder, outright to Tacoma of the Pacific Coast League. CHICAGO CUBS—Optioned Steve Trachsel, pitcher, to Orlando of the Southern League.

HOUSTON ASTROS—Purchased the contracts of John Cangialosi, outfielder, Bill Splers, infielder, and Anthony Young, pitcher, from Tucson of the Pacific Coast League. Assigned Ray Hobert, infielder, to Tucson. NEW YORK METS—Sent Reid Cornelius, pitcher, outright to Norfolk of the International League. Reassigned Paul Gibson and Rich Montalano, pitchers, to their minor-league camp. Placed Pat Kelly, second baseman, on the 15-day disabled list. Recalled Robert Enlow, infielder, and Matt Luke, outfielder, from Columbus. Announced Marc Roman, catcher, refused assignment to Columbus, making him a free agent. SEATTLE MARINERS—Assigned Greg Pirk, first baseman, and Sal Uro, pitcher, to Tacoma of the Pacific Coast League. TEXAS RANGERS—Optioned Darren Oliver, pitcher, to Charlotte of the Florida State League. Assigned Rick Hilling, pitcher, and Erik Pappas, catcher, to Oklahoma City of the American Association.

SPORTS IN BRIEF

Slowpitch softball tournament scheduled The USSSA will host the 1996 West Texas Shootout April 13-14 at Winston Park in Snyder. The tournament has a three game guarantee with trophies going to the top four teams. Entry fee is \$100 per team. For more information, contact Chris Maxfield at 573-6862 (day) or 573-4332 (evening).

CGA tourney rescheduled The Chicano Golf Association will host a four-man selective drive tournament at Comanche Trail Golf Course today. The tournament was originally scheduled for last Sunday, but was postponed because of high winds. Tee times are 9-11 a.m. and entry fee is \$15. Proceeds go toward the CGA Scholarship Fund. For more information, contact Comanche Trail pro Al Patterson at 264-2366.

Cinco De Mayo tournament open The Snyder Chamber of Commerce will host the first Cinco De Mayo Men's Softball Tournament May 4-5 at the Winston Park in Snyder. Entry fee is \$100 per team. For more information contact the Snyder Chamber of Commerce at 573-8558, 573-4130 or 573-1840.

Striper tournament set next month The Texas Striper Association will hold the fourth annual Lake E.V. Spence Open Striper Tournament April 13. Registration starts April 12 at Wildcat Marina from 6 p.m. to 9 p.m. For more information contact Wildcat Marina at 915-452-281 or Paint Creek Marina at (915) 459-2982.

Bass tournament in Colorado City The Colorado City Area Chamber of Commerce is sponsoring the Fisherman Appreciation Black Bass Tournament April 13. The contest will take place at Lake Champion and Lake Colorado City. For more information, call Ronney Conner at 915-728-8436.

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# State Track Rankings

**BOYS**  
**HOUSTON (AP)** — State high school track and field rankings as compiled by the Houston Chronicle.  
*Note: R unofficial all-time state leaders.*  
**BOYS 100 METERS** 10.00 Louis Turner, Dallas Roosevelt 18.2 Terry Mitchell, Big Spring 10.25 Michael Martin, Galveston Bay 10.26 Tyson Wilson, Dallas Kimball 10.27 Marcus Sliglers, Lake Highlands 10.28 James Gardner, Coppell 10.39 Ashley Mayberry, Greenville 10.39 Demario Wesley, Fort Worth Wyatt 10.44 Freddie Lewis, Franklin R-9 9.99 Henry Neal, Greenville, 1990 R-8 Greg Shotars, Fort Worth Southwest, 1984  
**200 METERS** 20.97 Brandon Couts, Greenville 21.11 LaKendrick Campbell, Everman 21.11 Pap Howard, Round Rock 21.28 Lawrence Armstrong, Jasper 21.30 Chris Nathan, Corsicana 21.36 Gerard Whittaker, Houston King 21.44 Anthony Amantime, Langham Creek 21.5 Tony Chatman, Houston Klein Forest 21.50 Brad Barrow, Tomball R-20.0 Roy Martin, Dallas Roosevelt, 1985  
**400 METERS** 47.6 Brandon Couts, Greenville 47.9 Derrick Brew, Houston Klein Forest 48.00 Geno White, Arlington Forest 48.03 Floyd Thompson, Clear Creek 48.3 Johnnie Collins, Fort Worth Wyatt 48.36 Pap Howard, Round Rock 48.53 Dadrin Smith, Houston 48.67 Jason Pharr, Odessa Permalan 48.70 Michael Walker, Aransas Pass R-45.1 Marlon Ramsey, Beaumont West Brook, 1994  
**800 METERS** 1:55.64 Jonathan Pike, Odessa 1:55.66 Lewis Jones, Humble Kingwood 1:56.20 Kevin Ross, Temple 1:56.25 Marcus Martinez, La Porte 1:56.32 Ebony Scott, La Porte 1:56.33 Hoesy Martinez, Del Rio 1:56.34 David Felix, Cy-Fair 1:56.41 Karim Alston, FB Kemper 1:56.41 Rudy de los Santos, Eagle Pass 1:56.42 Ron Blancott, FB Kemper R-1 49.90 John Draw, Houston Memorial, 1998  
**1,600 METERS** 4:22.80 Lewis Jones, Humble Kingwood 4:23.39 Chris Wells, Justin Northwest 4:24.41 Tyson Hendricksen, Humble Kingwood 4:24.86 Greg Kjelberg, Houston Lamar 4:25.56 Theo Thompson, Fort Worth Arlington Heights 4:26.13 Rusty Stover, Lufkin 4:26.7 Jorge Alanis, Aldine MacArthur 4:26.8 Colin Campbell, Conroe McCullough R-4:03.78 John Robinson, Pasadena Dobie, 1980  
**3,200 METERS** 9:15.80 Tyson Hendricksen, Humble Kingwood 9:32.12 Jamie Ariaga, Houston Spring Woods 9:36.87 Charles Casper, Houston Roosevelt 9:39.08 Jorge Alanis, Aldine MacArthur 9:39.60 Luis Medina, Edinburg North 9:39.69 Jeff Wood, Humble Kingwood R-9:52.20 Eric Henry, Conroe McCullough, 1987  
**110 HURDLES** 13.65 John McAfee, Midland Lee 13.65 Martin Dosselt, Gregory-Portland 13.7 Gerard Whittaker, Houston King 13.72 Jarrod Cooper, Pearland 13.75 Maurice Shivers, Bryan 13.76 Jerrod Cooper, Pearland 13.82 James Allen, Converse Judson 13.83 Travis McAnhan, Lake Travis 13.86 Clint Finley, Cuero 13.84 Brian Dickens, Tyler John Tyler R-13.10 Dennis Branley, Houston Working, 1980  
**300 HURDLES** 37.3 Rashed

Stafford, DeSoto 37.48 Maurice Shivers, Bryan 37.80 James Allen, Converse Judson 37.96 Bayano Kamha, Houston Westbury 38.03 John McAfee, Midland Lee 38.31 Damon Ellis, Baytown Lee 38.38 Kendrick Patterson, San Antonio Roosevelt 38.41 Martin Dosselt, Gregory-Portland 38.45 Michael Whitmarsh, Prosper 38.47 Jerrod Cooper, Pearland R-35.87 Bill Blessing, Dallas Hillcrest, 1974  
**POLE VAULT** 17.0 Jacob Davis, Orangefield 16.3 Jim Davis, Godley 15.8 Chad Covington, Magnolia 15.0 1/2 Joe Koenig, Yoakum 15.0 Jimmy Autenreith, Houston Memorial 15.0 Michael Neal, Hurst Ball 14.7 Bill Collins, Houston Stratford 14.7 Chas Corbett, Tidehaven R-17.10 1/2 Dale Jenkins, Ab. Christian, 1991  
**HIGH JUMP** 6.10 1/4 Jacques Bergeron, Hampshire-Fannett 6.10 Roddy Anderson, La Porte 6.10 Chad Foreman, Eastland 6.10 Chris Johnson, Allei Hastings 6.10 Jeff Mueller, Cy-Fair R-7.4 3/4 James Loti, Refugio, 1983  
**LONG JUMP** 24.34 E.J. Hill, Houston Klein Oak 24.4 3/4 Terrance Dixon, Houston King 23.10 1/2 Andre Horn, Newton 23.3 3/4 Jarrod Cooper, Pearland 23.3 1/4 Damien Maryland, Houston Worthing 23.2 Chris Cole, West Orange-Stark 23.2 Tyson Dillard, Pasadena Dobie 23.1 1/4 Ian Simon, Houston Klein Forest 23.1 Theus Spates, Brenham R-26.5 1/2 Sheddric Fields, Dallas South Oak Cliff, 1992  
**TRIPLE JUMP** 49.9 3/4 E.J. Hill, Houston Klein Oak 49.4 1/4 Maurice Shivers, Bryan 48.3 Torrance Woods, Bay City 48.2 Al Diamik, Dallas Skyline 47.5 1/4 Jarrod Cooper, Pearland 47.3 Terrance Dixon, Houston King 47.1 1/2 Amir Kelley, Dallas Skyline 47.1 1/2 Kevin Morton, Baytown Lee 47.0 1/2 Jack Brewer, Grapevine R-51.3 Toby Rucker, Killeen Ellison, 1995  
**SHOT PUT** 65.9 3/4 Roger Roesser, Round Rock 63.9 Adam Guthrie, Austin Reagan 58.0 1/4 Eddie Brooks, Aldine 57.10 3/4 Jimmy Hardick, Dickinson 57.5 Jerston Kibbles, Buna 57.0 1/4 Luke Jackson, Wimberly 56.4 1/2 Adam Carpenter, Pilot Point 56.3 Humphrey, Lubbock Monterey 56.1 Cedric Woodard, Sweeny R-61.3 1/2 Michael Carter, Dallas Jefferson, 1979  
**DISCUS** 182.10 Roger Roesser, Round Rock 182.5 Adam Guthrie, Austin Reagan 180.0 Jason Jacob, Belville 174.0 Jason Varney, Anahuac 173.2 Phillip Elm, Austin 173.0 Jon Riddover, Abilene Cooper 171.8 Cedric Woodard, Sweeny R-170.10 Chip Kent, Humble Kingwood 170.7 Eddie Brooks, Aldine R-204.8 Michael Carter, Dallas Jefferson, 1979  
**400-METER RELAY** 1:14.11 Houston Sterling 1:11.17 Dallas Skyline 1:11.17 Fort Worth Wyatt 41.25 Houston King 41.39 North Shore 41.48 Dallas Kimball 41.60 Lake Highlands 41.7 Houston Klein Forest 41.84 Jasper 41.85 Longview R-39.9 Jasper, 1991  
**1,600-METER RELAY** 3:13.10 Clear Creek 3:14.79 Houston Sterling 3:15.15 Houston Yates 3:16.4 Dallas Kimball 3:15.6 Fort Worth Wyatt 3:17.51 Baytown Lee 3:18.15 Odessa Permalan 3:18.4 Houston Klein Forest 3:18.62 Hurst Ball 3:18.73 Galveston Ball R-3:08.56 Beaumont West Brook, 1994

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**200 METERS** 24.07 Dywana Crudup, Fort Worth Dunbar 24.7 Tamira Holland, Mansfield 24.7 Tiana Parker, Spring Westfield 25.0 Tracy Eubanks, Bridgeport 25.05 Chava Demart, Houston Cy Creek 25.12 Janyria Hicks, Arlington Houston 25.18 Somalia Lindsay, Killeen Ellison 25.23 Kendra Rodgers, Houston Klein 25.26 Frazier, San Antonio Churchill R-22.80 LaShon Nedd, Dallas Skyline, 1981  
**400 METERS** 56.16 Dywana Crudup, Fort Worth Dunbar 56.52 Alicia Emmanuel, Houston Clear Brook 56.84 Chava Demart, Houston Cy Creek 57.22 Alex Nalles, El Paso Burges 57.38 Klaus, Austin Westlake 57.73 Kristi Koenig, Plugerville 57.78 Shelly Duffey, Houston North 57.96 Lisa Cayton, Houston Spring Woods 58.02 Chandra Frank, Humble Kingwood 58.08 Joyce Anderson, Killeen R-52.69 Easter Gabriel, Houston Sterling, 1978  
**800 METERS** 2:12.08 Jessica Koch, Round Rock 2:15.53 Maureen Sweeney, Houston St Agnes 2:15.88 Elizabeth Diaz, Houston King 2:16.87 Andrea Bookkoul, Conroe McCullough 2:18.83 Joyce Anderson, Killeen 2:19.31 Caroline Kohler, Humble Kingwood 2:19.54 Angela Parker, Humble Kingwood 2:19.9 Nguzi Iwu, Allei Hastings R-2:08.50 Margrita Salinas, Pharr, 1981  
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**100 HURDLES** 13.84 Jenny Adams, Tomball 14.05 Nzinghi Komand, Houston Westbury 14.27 Newhouse, Lake Highlands 14.41 Lisa Teasdale, Plugerville 14.53 Latonya Beed, Houston Gregory-Portland 14.6 Samantha Dapley, Katy Mayde Creek 14.70 Jefferson, San Antonio Brackridge 14.77 Chava Demart, Houston Cy Creek 14.79 Christina O'Hairl, Fort Bend Austin 14.85 Steakley, Austin Westlake R-13.20 Tanya Davis, Houston Sterling,

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**300 HURDLES** 43.71 Jenny Adams, Tomball 44.39 Lisa Teasdale, Plugerville 45.33 Devon Wilmington, Houston Westbury 45.47 Tamara Dobbe, Humble 45.49 Traci Mikulienka, Deer Park 45.58 Danielle Cruz, Pasadena 45.76 Shonta Johnson, Dallas Lincoln 45.80 Rangal, Schertz Clemens 45.84 Meyer, Austin Westlake R-41.70 Brandi Nunez, Austin Westlake, 1991  
**HIGH JUMP** 6.1 1/2 Erin Aldrich, Lake Highlands 5.10 Ayana Anderson, Houston Westbury 5.10 Nichole McClain, Houston Westbury 5.10 J Williams, Fort Bend Willowridge 5.9 Burkhardt, San Antonio East Central 5.8 Ioma Jones, Allei Elisk 5.8 Brittney Subist, Fort Worth Dunbar R-6.3 Amy Acuff, Calallen, 1992  
**TRIPLE JUMP** 42.10 1/4 Alisha Broussard, Pasadena Dobie 40.8 Tiana Parker, Spring Westfield 38.11 1/4 Meosha Hubbard, San Antonio Houston 38.5 Dede Riche, San Antonio Tall 38.2 1/2 Shawn Childs, Hou Spring Woods 37.11 Janice Johnson, Southlake Carroll 37.6 1/2 Precious Anderson, Bryan 37.6 1/4 Keisha Carr, Lamar Consolidated 37.3 Moore, Smithson Valley 37.2 Charleta Thompson, Lockhart R-42.11 3/4 Twylana Harrison, Levelland, 1991  
**LONG JUMP** 19.7 1/2 Jenny Adams, Tomball 19.5 1/2 Tisha Parker, Spring Westfield 18.7 1/4 Lackey, Gonzales 18.6 3/4 Foster, Plano East 18.5 1/4 Janice Winston, Clear Creek 18.4 Alisha Broussard, Pasadena Dobie 18.3 Janique Williams, Fort Bend Willowridge 18.2 1/2 Williams, Keller 18.1 3/4 Charleta Thompson, Lockhart R-21.1 1/4 Malody Smith, Houston Sterling, 1982  
**SHOT PUT** 42.7 1/2 Sharonda Haynes, Spring Westfield 42.2 1/2 Cindy Moreno, Mission 41.7 1/2 Moorman, Converse Judson 41.7 1/2 Bev Scott, Columbus 40.10 1/2 Destine Smith, Aldine 40.9 Mandy Shelton, Houston Memorial 40.6 3/4 Jerice Simpson, Aldine 40.6 K Robbins, Houston Worthing 40.4 1/4 Aryl McAdams, Fort Hancock R-52.11 1/2 Wadsworth, Hurst Bell, 1990  
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**400-METER RELAY** 47.08 Houston Westbury 47.50 Houston Yates 47.87 Lamar Consolidated 48.04 Fort Worth Dunbar 48.06 Arlington Bowie 48.19 Fort Bend Willowridge 48.28 Aldine 48.48 Deer Park 48.55 San Antonio Houston R-45.40 Dallas South Oak Cliff, 1986  
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## Steers

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 unearned, the first coming after Tyler Lee failed to catch a pop foul off the bat of Ben Inman with two outs and a runner on second. Given new life, Inman then stroked a bloop single up the middle to score David Franco for a 1-0 lead.  
 Big Spring plated two more runs in the third when Clint Caudill scored on a throwing error by Monahans shortstop Ryan Valenzuela and Marc Baker came home on Rogelio Cervantes' fielders' choice grounder.  
 The Steers have now won three games in a row and have turned their season around 180 degrees from just a few weeks ago.  
 "We decided after the Snyder

tournament that we could go one of two ways: Up or down - and we figured we couldn't go down," coach Bobby Doe said. "We started working on fundamentals ... and we've started playing better defensively, which is what it takes to win ball games."  
 "Coach Doe got on us when we were losing, and told us not to give up and to keep playing hard," Rios said. "We'd play teams close, then just have one or two bad innings ... Really what started turning it around is that we started swinging the bats better."  
 With the emergence of Wheeler and Franco as starters to go along with staff ace Zac Leslie, and with Rios proving himself as a reliever, the Steers' pitching depth is the best its been in at least two years.  
 With the improved pitching and defense - and a hitting corps that has scored 32 runs in the past three games - the Steers have reason to feel confident.  
 "We just need to keep our heads in the game," Wheeler said. "With us seniors, this might be our last chance to play ball, so we better get after it."

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## Final

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 points for Syracuse and Hill scored 15 - all in the first half to keep the Orangemen in the game.  
 Mississippi State, a No. 5 seed that played in the shadow of top-ranked Kentucky in the Southeastern Conference all year, was led by Darryl Wilson with 20 points.  
 Mississippi State attacked Syracuse's 2-3 zone with a two-pronged strategy: shoot 3-pointers and lob the ball inside to Erick Dampier.  
 The first part worked fine in the first half - the Bulldogs were 6-of-11 from long range - but the second led to 13 Bulldog turnovers. Dampier kept fumbling the ball out of bounds or the guards threw errant passes.  
 Point guard Marcus Bullard finished with nine turnovers, Dampier and Wilson had four apiece. Syracuse, by comparison, guarded the ball zealously, committing only one turnover in the first half and five altogether. That helped the Orangemen compensate for a 41-21 deficit on the boards.  
 Donta' Jones dominated for Mississippi State in the early going, scoring 7 points as the Bulldogs jumped to a 15-8 lead. That would set the tone for a first half marked by one spurt after another.  
 Syracuse fought back behind Hill, who made 7-of-9 shots in the opening period. Hill missed his only two shots in the second half, but it didn't matter.  
 The Orangemen tied the game at 20 with a 12-5 run, the Bulldogs reeled off nine straight points, then Syracuse put together a 9-0 outburst of its own.  
 Appropriately, the half ended tied 36-36.  
 Sims added 11 points for Syracuse, while all five Mississippi State starters were in double figures. Jones finished with 16, Dampier 12 and Bullard 11 and Russell Walters 10.  
 But after shooting 14-of-22 (64 percent) in the first half, State was only 12-of-34 (35 percent) in the second.

## UMass

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## Respect

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 you can say about two of the Final Four teams.  
 Mississippi State is complaining about not getting any respect, but at least they have a somewhat legitimate complaint. The Bulldogs were miffed because, after they won the Southeast Regional final over Cincinnati last week, they were presented commemorative caps that had 'Mississippi' emblazoned on the side.  
 Not Mississippi State, mind you.  
 Mississippi.  
 Before anyone wonders just what the furor's about, imagine if Tech had won its regional (yeah, we can always dream) and received caps with "Texas" written on the side.  
 So, at least the Bulldogs have a right to gripe about getting respect, but will someone please tell Massachusetts coach John Calipari to please put a sock in it?

Calipari was moaning the other day that the Minutemen are not getting respect. "Maybe if we beat Kentucky, we'll get some respect," he said.  
 Hey, coach: Your team is ranked No. 1 in the country, and has been for most of the season. You have the best player in the country (Marcus Camby) and a better-than-even shot of winning the Big Enchilada.  
 So, WE RESPECT YOU, OK???? Enough with the whining, already.  
 I don't know when it became

so gosh-darned popular for athletes and coaches to start whining, but I'm sick of it. Hardly a day goes by without somebody (usually, someone making a very decent living in their chosen sport) complaining about how unloved they are.  
 I will make all these belly-achers a deal: If they want my respect, they only have to do two things:  
 • Become one of the best in their profession.  
 • AND SHUT UP! Simple, right?

## Dogs

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 strikeouts. McMillian (3-1) said it was the defense that gave Coahoma the victory.  
 "We had to shut (Midland) down," said McMillian. "We couldn't let the game get out of reach. We could always come back."  
 Coahoma is now 11-4 and gaining momentum two weeks before district. Tuesday, the team travels to play Midland Christian at 4:30 p.m. at Simons field, but Coahoma is waiting for the games that counts.  
 "We are ready for district," said Morgan. "The players are really anxious now."

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# Unknowns cruising to victory at TPC tournament

POINTE VEDRA BEACH, Fla. (AP) — The field is too good. The pressure is too great. There is too much danger lurking on the TPC Stadium Course at Sawgrass.

Never in the 22-year history of The Players Championship had it been won by someone who had never won on the PGA Tour.

Tommy Tolles can change that. So can David Duval. Or Michael Bradley.

Tolles, the 29-year-old in only his second year on the tour, handled a steady rain and the pressure of playing in the last group of the day to shoot a 69 on Saturday for a 14-under-par 202, two strokes better than Duval.

Bradley was three back at 205 along with Jay Haas.

In a tournament in which

Greg Norman and Nick Faldo were watching the weekend rounds on TV, having missed the cut, Tolles was truly brilliant, making only two bogeys in 54 holes.

"Today's round was almost as good as yesterday's," Tolles said, referring to his second-round 64. "I was always in the fairway, I was getting my two-putts," Tolles said.

He will certainly be tested in Sunday's final round. Seven players are at 10 under par, four strokes back, including Ernie Els, Collin Montgomerie, Fred Couples and Vijay Singh. Four others, including Phil Mickelson and John Daly, were at 9 under par.

"For years I watched Jack Nicklaus, Arnold Palmer and Greg Norman walk down the

18th hole," Tolles said. "It's got to be the most incredible feeling ever," he said. "It's something I'd like to give myself the opportunity to have."

Tolles and Duval, 24, will be in that traditional final group in Sunday afternoon's final round.

"It might be nerve-wracking for a while at the beginning and at the end," Duval said. "But if I'm not nervous on Sunday I must be teeing off at 9 a.m."

If either Tolles, Duval or Bradley win it would be the fourth consecutive week the PGA Tour has had a first-time winner, a streak that got going after Bradley finished second at Doral a month ago.

"Maybe I opened the door," Bradley, 29, said following his 66. "I guess the guys said, 'If

Bradley can finish second I can win.'"

Tim Herron won the Honda and Paul Goydos won at Bay Hill. Then last week Tolles was in the hunt in New Orleans, playing in the last group on Sunday and finishing third behind Tom Watson and first-time winner Scott McCarron.

"As far as I'm concerned a tournament is a tournament," Tolles said. "I just want to win a tournament whether it's the best or the worst. I'm not going to treat it any differently."

Many players fortunate enough to tee off early before the steady rain made gripping the club difficult and speed on the greens tricky to judge were able to take advantage of the soft conditions to put up low scores.

Mickelson shot a 64, Els had a

65 and Montgomerie shot a 66.

By the time Tolles teed off at 2 p.m. the rain had started falling.

"Fortunately we only played the last three or four holes in a real downpour," Tolles said. "It was miserable out there."

Tolles got an early boost from his playing partner, Justin Leonard, who shot a miserable 80.

"When someone hits it to a foot on the first hole it's an eye-opener," Tolles said. "I realized if I played defensively I wouldn't have the lead for very long."

Tolles followed Leonard's birdie on No. 1 with birdies of his own on Nos. 2 and 3, making an 8-footer and a 15-footer. He got another birdie on No. 12 when he hit a wedge to 4 feet and two-putted the par-5 16th

hole from 40 feet for his fourth birdie.

Finishing in driving rain, Tolles missed his 18th fairway way right, well away from the water lining the left side of the fairway. Hunched under his umbrella, he surveyed the shot and punched it safely back to the fairway, pitched on and two-putted for a wise bogey.

"I was just trying to get it home," he said.

That's what he'll be trying to do on Sunday, but this time the struggle will last a full 18 holes.

"If he plays well tomorrow, I have no chance," Couples said about Tolles.

Duval, passing Tolles on his way to the clubhouse, looked at the man he would be playing with, smiled and said, "See you tomorrow."

## Sheehan rallies to tie for Dinah Shore lead

### GOLF

RANCHO MIRAGE, Calif. (AP) — LPGA Hall of Famer Patty Sheehan, with a Nabisco Dinah Shore championship conspicuously absent from her list of 34 career victories, fired a 5-under-par 67 Saturday to tie Brandie Burton for the tournament lead.

Burton, who hasn't won a title in three years, shot a 68 at Mission Hills to continue her comeback from an opening 75. She had a 67 the second day.

Sheehan and Burton were at 6-under 210 after three rounds at Mission Hills Country Club in the LPGA's first major of 1996.

Both Sheehan and Burton have come close in the Dinah Shore, considered the women's

equivalent of the PGA's Masters. Sheehan finished second to Betsy King in 1987 at Mission Hills, and Burton was third in the Dinah Shore won by Dottie Mochrie four years ago.

Sheehan, a consistent winner on the tour for the past 15 years, began the third round five shots behind leader Tracy Hanson. After making the turn Saturday with a 36 that left her at 1-under for the tournament, Sheehan birdied five of the first six holes on the back nine.

Deadly with her irons, her

approach shots left her with short putts for birdies on the 10th, 12th, 14th and 16th holes, and she rolled in a 25-footer for a birdie on No. 11.

Burton played a more scrambling round, making birdie putts of 40 feet on No. 15 and 25 feet on No. 17 to pull even with Sheehan.

Martha Nause, with a 70, was one shot behind the co-leaders.

Annika Sorenstam, the 1995 LPGA player of the year, went into her final hole of the day at 6-under and with a chance to take the lead alone. But Sorenstam hit a wedge into the water in front of the 18th green and took a double-bogey 7 to fall two shots behind.

Sorenstam, from Sweden, shot a 73 to join a group of six players at 4-under. That group also included Karrie Webb, the rookie from Australia who's won twice this year and leads in earnings; Laura Davies of England, coming off a win at Phoenix; second-round leader Hanson; Meg Mallon and Amy Fruhwirth.

Fruhwirth had a 68, Webb and Davies had 70s, Mallon a 71 and Hanson a 74.

Two past Dinah Shore champions, Sally Little (1982) and Juli Inkster (1984 and 1989), also stayed within striking distance of the leaders. Little shot a 71 to go to 3-under, and Inkster was still 2-under despite a third-round 74.

## It's time for Roundtree to make good on promise

### NCAA

CHARLOTTE, N.C. (AP) — Georgia's Lady Bulldogs are down to their last game. It's make-or-buy time for Saudia Roundtree.

When she signed with Georgia out of Kilgore, Texas, Junior College two years ago, Roundtree promised coach Andy Landers she'd take him to the national championship.

She'll get her chance Sunday night when Georgia meets Tennessee in an all-Southeastern Conference finale to the NCAA tournament. And she has no regrets at all for having made that boast.

"No, because I believe it's going to happen," Roundtree said Saturday. "I really haven't been thinking about it until now. I've just been playing."

"But I just thought about it this morning, that I'm really here. I'm sitting here and my heart is just racing. We're going to be playing for the national championship tomorrow

and that's very exciting for me and for our team."

Roundtree is the main reason fifth-ranked Georgia (28-4) is in this position after getting close last year, when Landers' crew lost to Tennessee 73-51 in the national semifinals.

A 5-foot-7 senior, Roundtree is a first-team All-American and the bigger the game, the better she has played. She burned No. 1-ranked Louisiana Tech for 37 points in the Midwest Regional finals and scored 26 in an 86-76 victory over Stanford on Friday night.

Can she thrive in the spotlight once more? Tennessee coach Pat Summitt is worried that she can.

"If there's a matchup problem that concerns me, it's Saudia Roundtree," said Summitt, who's seeking her fourth NCAA

title. "We don't have anyone to match up with her quickness in the open court. I think Georgia is the most explosive team in the women's game. I don't think there's anyone who pushes tempo the way they have."

Georgia needed that quickness to beat Tennessee 77-71 in a regular-season game Jan. 8 after trailing by 13. The Lady Bulldogs won despite being outrebounded 63-30. Tennessee freshman Chamique Holdsclaw grabbed 19 rebounds in that game and also scored 21 points.

"We haven't been a particularly strong rebounding basketball team," Landers said. "When you don't rebound the ball well, then to have success, you have to do other things well."

Georgia does those things. The Lady Bulldogs shoot well (47 percent), they've held their opponents to 39 percent shoot-

ing and they've forced an average of 22 turnovers a game.

As for the rebounding, "We're taking our rebounding much more seriously," forward La'Keshia Frett said. "It's just a matter of moving our feet and going after the ball."

Tennessee has won 20 of 21 since the loss to Georgia, and the Lady Vols feel they're a vastly different team now. Summitt said the defense is better, the inside game has improved and guards Michelle Marciniak and Latina Davis are more consistent.

Marciniak had probably her best game of the season in Friday night's semifinals, scoring 21 points to lead her team past defending national champion Connecticut 88-83.

"The neat thing about playing against Saudia Roundtree," Marciniak said, "is that she is such a great player that if you are a competitor, you will raise your level of play."

## Camby, Keady honored by Associated Press

NEW YORK (AP) — There's little doubt who the best college basketball player is. Now there's another goal left for Marcus Camby: being part of the most successful team.

He was honored Friday by The Associated Press as player of the year and played tonight for top-ranked Massachusetts in the NCAA semifinal against second-ranked Kentucky.

Gene Keady, who led Purdue to its third straight outright Big Ten title, received the coach of the year award after a season in which his father died and his stepdaughter suffered a severe head injury.

Keady received 54 votes in the national voting of AP membership and was followed by Tim Floyd of Iowa State, 28; Rick Pitino of Kentucky, 22; John Calipari of Massachusetts, 20; Jerry Dunn of Penn State, 13; and James Dickey of Texas Tech, 13.

Camby, a native of Hartford, Conn., received 63 votes to win the Adolph Rupp Trophy, sponsored by the Commonwealth Athletic Club of Kentucky in the name of college basketball's winningest coach.

Ray Allen of Connecticut was second with 29 and was followed by Allen Iverson of Georgetown, 26, Tim Duncan of Wake Forest, 15, and Tony Delk of Kentucky, 13.

Camby, who missed being a unanimous All-America selection by one vote, recovered

from an unexplained collapse before a game Jan. 14 at St. Bonaventure. He underwent a battery of tests that ruled out serious problems, but couldn't pinpoint the cause and returned Jan. 27 against St. Bonaventure after missing four games.

He averaged 20.3 points, 8.2 rebounds and 3.8 blocks this season.

Keady said his stepdaughter, Lisa Sands, will be at the games. She was in a coma for three weeks after falling at her New Jersey home Jan. 10. Two

days later, Keady's father Lloyd died in Sacramento. Keady flew first to New Jersey, then coached a game at Minnesota before traveling to California for the funeral Jan. 15. He kept intact his record of never missing a game in his 16 seasons at Purdue.

"It's been a very mixed-emotions year," he said. "But this (award) kind of makes it feel like all our work was worthwhile."

Purdue (26-6) had a disappointing finish after being seeded first in the West Regional.

## Graf captures fifth Lipton women's title

### TENNIS

KEY BISKEYNE, Fla. (AP) — Against Steffi Graf, long-match specialist Chanda Rubin lasted less than an hour.

Graf played nearly flawless tennis and won the Lipton Championships for the fifth time Saturday by beating Rubin 6-1, 6-3 in 55 minutes.

Rubin, the winner of two record-length Grand Slam matches in the past year, fell shy in a bid for her first tournament title. In her four matches against Graf, Rubin has won a total of 14 games.

"I'd like to congratulate Steffi," the 20-year-old Rubin said during the award ceremony. "She was definitely too good for me today, yesterday and the day before."

The top-seeded Graf, who committed just seven unforced errors, improved to 11-0 with two titles since returning this month from foot surgery in December.

"I can't ask for a better start," said Graf, who earned \$210,000. "I've been playing some top players and always came out playing the right shots at the right time, even in close matches. So I think it's a perfect start."

In six matches in the Lipton, Graf said she experienced none of the chronic back spasms that have plagued her for more than a year. She shares the No. 1 ranking with Monica Seles, who missed the tournament because of a shoulder injury.

"For both of us, it's been pretty difficult injury-wise," Graf said. "Hopefully soon we'll be able to play each other again. It is nothing you can force."

The men's final Sunday between third-seeded Andre Agassi and No. 6 Goran Ivanisevic will feature two of the premier shots in tennis.

Ivanisevic owns the game's biggest serve, while Agassi can counter with tennis' best service return.

Graf, who won the Evert Cup at Indian Wells, Calif., two weeks ago, extended her winning streak to 19 consecutive matches. Graf earned her 97th WTA Tour title and her first while wearing a dress — she switched from skirts because of Florida's windy spring weather.

The sixth-seeded Rubin, doomed by 26 unforced errors and five double faults, fell to 0-5 in finals.

"There have to be more opportunities for me," she said. "If I keep working, eventually I'm bound to get one."

As consolation, the Lafayette, La., native received a check for \$105,000 and will be ranked a career-best No. 7 next week.

The temperature on the surface of the hard court measured 120 degrees under a cloudless afternoon sky, but the match was too short for heat to become a factor.

Graf took a quick 3-0 lead, converting her first break-point chance when Rubin double-faulted. The first set took just 24 minutes, with Graf committing one unforced error to Rubin's 12.



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# Rangers must be healthy

## PREVIEW

PORT CHARLOTTE, Fla. (AP) — The Texas Rangers kept the team doctors busy last season and vowed it wouldn't happen again.

They came to spring training determined to put their injury-prone past behind them. But they couldn't even get out of spring training healthy.

Shortstop Benji Gil is out six-to-eight weeks following back surgery. No. 2 starter Roger Pavlik has a sore elbow. Juan Gonzalez had an excellent spring but has a nagging groin injury.

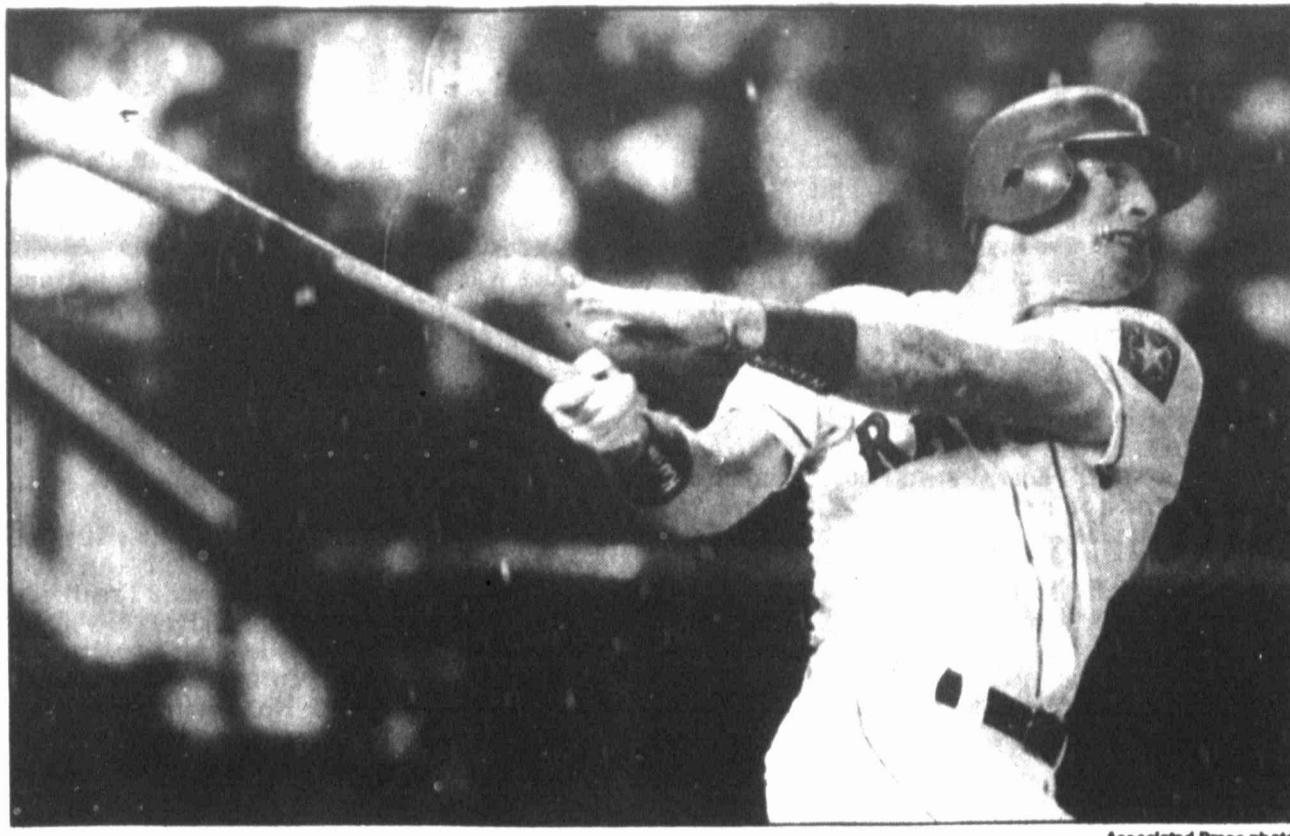
"We almost made it home," general manager Doug Melvin said. "But we're leaving camp with more positives than negatives. We've basically got our everyday lineup intact except for Benji."

The Rangers could be forgiven if they panic at the hint of a repeat of last year's casualty list, which included power hitters Gonzalez and Dean Palmer.

Gonzalez missed several games last week because of the groin injury. Melvin is building his hopes around Gonzalez being the everyday right fielder.

"Our club will revolve around our big guys and their performance," Melvin said. "Juan, Will (Clark), Palmer and Mickey Tettleton need to go have big years."

Gonzalez played in 90 games



Texas' Mickey Tettleton, who was forced to play a variety of positions last season because of injuries to teammates, hopes to remain the team's designated hitter this season.

last season, 83 as the designated hitter because of a back injury.

"He's played extremely well in right field and that's where we need him," Melvin said. "He's thrown out three or four runners and has really made the adjustment."

Palmer tore a bicep last season and played in only 36 games, but hitting coach Rudy Jaramillo is convinced he's ready for a full season.

"He started real strong last season and had a good two-strike approach," Jaramillo said. "He's stronger now than before and he's got great bat speed. He's in the best shape he's ever been."

Tettleton has had a spotty spring, but Melvin expects another solid season from Tettleton as the DH. Tettleton hit 32 homers last season.

"That's Mickey, he's a streak

hitter," Melvin said. "He's a productive hitter. When he's not hitting, he still gets on base because he's got good plate discipline. A lot of guys don't hit for a week and also don't walk."

Darryl Hamilton replaces Otis Nixon in center field. Melvin doesn't expect Hamilton to match Nixon's 50 stolen bases.

"Darryl is a good on-base guy but I don't see a lot of steals, maybe 25," Melvin said. "He's not flashy, just fundamentally sound."

The Rangers signed Ken Hill in the offseason after Kenny Rogers signed with the New York Yankees. He's expected to head a rotation that also includes Pavlik, Kevin Gross and Bobby Witt.

"People keep talking about our pitching last year but the reason we didn't win was

offense, we were 11th in the league in offense and runs scored," Melvin said. "Our biggest improvement was in pitching. We still have to improve our pitching but there is a perception that when we lose it's because of our pitching."

Kevin Elster would be Gil's replacement at shortstop, joining Palmer at third, Mark McLemore at second and Clark at first. Gold Glove Ivan Rodriguez returns at catcher.

Gonzalez is moving from left to right field, and Rusty Greer takes over in left.

"We've got a good solid club right now," Clark said. "The main thing wrong with the Rangers the past few years is staying healthy. If we can stay healthy, we will be all right. Injuries are a part of baseball but we really had a rash of injuries last season."

# Ex-Ranger Rogers gets demoted to the bullpen

TAMPA, Fla. (AP) — After sending \$20 million to get Kenny Rogers, the New York Yankees are sending him the bullpen.

Rogers, who left Texas as a free agent to sign a four-year deal with the Yankees, was relegated to the bullpen Saturday.

"It's not something we want to do," manager Joe Torre said. "With the arms we have available, we feel he is probably the best equipped to handle it."

Rogers has struggled after being hit by a line drive Feb. 25 while throwing batting practice. Entering Saturday, Rogers was 1-3 with an 8.40 ERA. He was 17-7 last season with Texas.

Scott Kamieniecki, another possible starter, likely will remain in Florida for a rehabilitation stint. The right-hander had bone chips removed Oct. 31 from his throwing elbow.

"He's not at the level he should be," Torre said. "Velocity wise, he's a little below where he normally is. He just needs to stretch it out and get more work."

Andy Pettitte, Jimmy Key, Dwight Gooden and Melido Perez will join opening day starter David Cone in the rotation.

Pettitte will pitch Wednesday night in Cleveland and Key will face the Indians the following day. The left-hander, who has

made a remarkable recovery from rotator cuff surgery last August, also is to pitch in the home opener against Kansas City on April 9. Key has allowed only four runs in 19 innings this spring.

Steve Howe, added to the roster Saturday, apparently has won the left-handed reliever battle. He is 2-1 with a 2.25 ERA.

Paul Gibson and Rich Monteleone were reassigned to the Yankees' minor league complex.

Second baseman Pay Kelly was placed on the 15 day disabled list. Kelly, who has missed most of the spring with tendinitis in his right shoulder, has appeared in only six games.

Infielder Robert Eenhoorn and outfielder Matt Luke were recalled from Columbus. Catcher Marc Ronan refused assignment to Columbus, opting to become a free agent.

# Astros need to transform off-season acquisitions into in-season results

## PREVIEW

KISSIMMEE, Fla. (AP) — Gerry Hunsicker has done his job. Now it's up to manager Terry Collins and the Houston Astros' players to do theirs.

Hunsicker, who became general manager last November, set his priorities quickly and has accomplished most of them.

He wanted an everyday third baseman and he got Sean Berry. He wanted to keep Craig Biggio and Hunsicker got that done too, with a little help from Biggio, who re-signed \$22.36 million over four years, less than he could have gotten elsewhere.

"All a general manager can do is put a team on the field that has a chance to win," Hunsicker said. "I certainly feel this club is capable of winning the Central Division. I'll be disappointed if we're not in contention all year."

The Astros should score enough runs. Their chances of winning depend on the starting rotation turning around after a spotty performance last season.

Big bucks starters Doug Drabek and Greg Swindell, both 10-9 last season, are in the final years of their contracts and have not pitched well consistently. Darryl Kile has a no-hitter and All-Star appearance, but also was 4-12 last year, the worst season of his career.

Closer John Hudek missed much of last season after surgery to remove a rib that

was constricting blood circulation to his pitching arm. He'll start the season on the disabled list because of a pulled chest muscle on his left side that apparently is not related to his previous injury.

"It's obvious that pitching is going to be the key," Swindell said. "Doug and I haven't pulled our load. At times we have, but we need to be consistent throughout the whole year."

Swindell had a 4.47 ERA last season and spent part of the season in the bullpen. Drabek's ERA was 4.77, the highest of his career.

"History has shown this team is capable of scoring runs," Kile said. "We have a great offensive team and great defense so as a pitching staff we have to go out the pitch the way we're capable of doing."

"We've got a Cy Young guy (Drabek) and a guy who won 100 games (Swindell), young guys in Shane Reynolds and Mike Hampton, and me, so we're capable of winning."

With Bagwell and Biggio on the right side of the infield, Berry will open at third and Orlando Miller at shortstop.

There'll be a lefty-righty platoon of James Mouton and Derrick May in left field, Brian

Hunter in center and Derek Bell in right.

The Astros also are hoping technology will get Bagwell through a complete season without another broken bone in his hand. Bagwell has been sidelined for three years with broken bones from being hit by pitches.

He's now wearing a shock-absorbent brace over his left hand, and he says it will keep him in the lineup this season.

"I really do have confidence that it will help me," Bagwell said. "In my mind, I'll be all right if I do get hit again. The first year we didn't do anything, the next year we did something and this this year we really researched it."

Bagwell took a hit on the brace late last season. The brace went flying, but Bagwell was unscathed.

"That helped the confidence," Bagwell said. "I know it works."

Biggio and Bagwell have vowed to be more vocal this season in the clubhouse. But they plan for everyone to be vocal.

"If anyone feels at any time that somebody isn't pulling his weight or going about business the right way, anybody can say anything to anybody," Biggio said. "Jeff and I won't hesitate to say something and Derek Bell won't either."

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Sunday, March 31, 1996

## One year later: Fans still mourn Selena's death

CORPUS CHRISTI (AP) — For Jorge Rangel, March 31, 1995, was a day much like the one when John F. Kennedy was assassinated. With the same vividness and sorrow, Rangel remembers the moment he learned Tejano music queen Selena had been shot.

"My initial reaction was one of disbelief," said Rangel, 48, an attorney in this town where the singing sensation grew up. "Once I got past the disbelief I just said, 'What a loss.'"

It was a feeling shared by millions of Hispanics from Corpus Christi to Los Angeles, Miami to Mexico City. One year after the tragedy, that sense of loss has not dissipated. "It's a wound that will be there for the rest of our lives," said Selena's father, Abraham Quintanilla.

On that fateful afternoon, the news screamed from televisions and radios throughout the city: 23-year-old Selena Quintanilla Perez — the seductively beautiful singer who climbed to stardom as the Madonna of Tejano music — had been shot.

The suspect, former fan club president Yolanda Saldivar, was holed up at the Days Inn motel where she allegedly shot the woman she called her best friend. Hundreds of fans flocked to the scene, holding vigil across the street in the chill of a light drizzle.

### The mourning begins

A short time later, their fears were confirmed: Selena was dead. The mourning began. Radio stations filled the airwaves with nonstop Selena music, while a procession of cars filed by her home south of downtown. Fans stopped to leave roses and notes on the chain-link fence — symbols of love for the star they called "one of us."

As night fell, they lit candles in remembrance of the Grammy award-winning singer, who died two weeks shy of her 24th birthday and just prior to completing her first English album, which she had hoped would bring her fame on a broader scale. But on this night, Selena's mourners sang softly in Spanish the songs that had made her adored.

Twelve months later, the mourning persists but has been tempered with unbridled jubilation at the conviction of Selena's killer and bittersweet joy at the success of her first English singles.

### Her killer sentenced to life

To the cries of "Culpable! Culpable!" — Spanish for guilty — Ms. Saldivar was convicted of murder on Oct. 23 and later sentenced to life in prison.

Valdez argued Ms. Saldivar, who managed Selena's clothing boutiques in Corpus Christi and San Antonio, deliberately shot Selena because she was about to be fired for embezzling \$30,000.

The embezzlement case is pending and will be forwarded to Valdez within the next three weeks.

"Dreaming of You," a collection of new English songs

intended for Selena's crossover album and earlier Tejano hits, was released in July and debuted at No. 1 on Billboard's album chart.

The album's instant popularity was a testament to the commitment of Selena's fans and a feat the singer had long hoped to accomplish.

### Tejano Music Awards

At the Tejano Music Awards show last weekend, "Dreaming of You" won top honors as best overall album of the year, and the single "I Could Fall in Love" won in the Tejano crossover category.

Selena won four other awards, including female vocalist of the year and female entertainer of the year. She also was honored with a special video tribute.

In Corpus Christi, the auditorium at the city's convention center will be renamed in honor of Selena around her April 16 birthday. The city also is constructing an overlook along the bayfront as a memorial and plans to build a statue of Selena to be placed in a garden near the convention center.

The makers of a major motion picture about Selena are scheduled to begin filming in May. Casting calls earlier this month in San Antonio, Los Angeles, Chicago and Miami drew thousands vying for the parts of Selena at ages 8 and 18.

As an immediate tribute, radio stations throughout the state planned to play Selena's music and testimonials from fans and other Tejano artists on the anniversary of her death. Some cities also organized candlelight vigils.

Selena's father said he has received dozens of invitations from organizations planning to honor her. However, he said the family would mark the day only by covering Selena's black granite gravestone with white roses, her favorite.

Thousands of fans were expected to make the trek to Corpus Christi this weekend to remember their idol. Already, an estimated 100 people per hour visited her grave last weekend, covering the gravestone with flowers and notes.

### Will popularity of Tejano music last?

Selena's death tore through the heart of the Tejano recording industry but simultaneously inspired a new awareness about the music genre. The question now is: will it last?

"What she contributed to the Tejano music industry this past year probably would have taken us three to four years to achieve that same type of public awareness," said Rudy Trevino, executive director of the Texas Talent Musicians Association and co-founder of the Tejano Music Awards.

Selena was the undisputed queen of Tejano, a mixture of traditional Mexican music and accordion-based polkas. Her added influences of pop, R&B, the Colombian-rooted "cumbia" and love ballads made her popular among all age groups, from children to grandmothers. "Her messages are pretty uni-



versal, and her songs are universal. That resulted in a tremendous cross-generational commitment to her," said

Joseph Kotarba, a University of Houston sociology professor specializing in pop culture.

At age 15, she was named female vocalist and entertainer of the year at the Tejano Music Awards, the first of a string of such honors. Seven years later, she won a Grammy Award for best Mexican-American performance for her "Selena Live" album.

Her popularity, however, was restricted mostly to the Latino community. It wasn't until right before her death that Selena began recording her first English album, with the hope that it would propel her into the pop mainstream.

Suddenly, Selena and her music were everywhere. Magazines with her face on the cover sold out immediately. Television networks that aired specials about the slain star saw ratings skyrocket. Request lines at Tejano and English radio stations were swamped with callers requesting her songs.

"Our local record sales have continued to increase more so than when she was alive, not to mention the merchandise," said Robin Flores, program director for Tejano radio station KRIO-FM in San Antonio. "All these

things just show signs of her getting more and more popular, ala Elvis and Marilyn."

In addition to her own success, Selena's death also conferred the achievements of most important thing, the other Tejano artists in the past human element." — Abraham Quintanilla, Selena's father.

"Once the public became aware of this particular kind of music, there was a lot of interest to find out what other artists sounded like," he said.

One beneficiary of the increased interest was Tejano singer Emilio Navaira, who released his first English album in September. "Life is Good" debuted at No. 13 on Billboard's country chart and has sold more than 250,000 copies.

The first single off the album, "It's Not the End of the World," was released in both English and Spanish and hit the top 20 on both charts, according to his publicist.

But others said while Selena's death contributed to the growing popularity of Tejano, the music genre already had taken off.

"It's hard to say how much of that growth was fired by Selena specifically," said Kotarba. "It's all part of a more general formula for the growing popularity of Spanish music — a part, but not the cause."

### QUOTES FROM FANS AND FAMILY

Selena's relatives and fans remember the slain Tejano music star one year after her death:

"People still feel the same way; it hasn't blown over. It touched a lot of people. You can see it in their faces." — Debra Ramirez, Selena's cousin and manager of her Corpus Christi boutique.

"For our parents, it was Elvis. For our generation, it's Selena. She'll always be in our minds no matter what. She'll always live on." — fan Judy Beltran of Corpus Christi.

"There's a vacuum within the community. She touched quite a few people." — Nueces County District Attorney Carlos Valdez, who successfully prosecuted Selena's murderer.

"She was a symbol of hope, of what is good in young people. The message that her life sent out is that you can accomplish these things and, at the same time, be true to your roots, be true to your values." — Jorge Rangel, a Corpus Christi attorney who chairs the committee appointed to develop plans for Selena memorials.

"She was building bridges, and she was not only bringing Tejano music to the forefront but bringing a better understanding of our culture in this country." — Rangel.

"Selena will live in the history books." — Rudy Trevino, executive director of the Texas Talent Musicians Association and co-founder of the Tejano Music Awards.

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### KEY EVENTS

April 16, 1971 — Selena Quintanilla is born in Lake Jackson, Texas, the youngest child of Marcella and Abraham Quintanilla, a Dow Chemical worker.

1980 — Selena's father opens a Tex-Mex restaurant, at which his children perform as a band for customers.

1982 — Abraham Quintanilla moves the family from Lake Jackson to Corpus Christi after the restaurant fails. The children's band is named Selena y Los Dinos, slang for Selena and The Boys.

1983 — Selena y Los Dinos release their first singles under Freddie Records in Corpus Christi.

March 1987 — Selena wins female vocalist and performer of the year awards at the Tejano Music Awards.

1988 — Guitarist Chris Perez of San Antonio joins Los Dinos. The band releases two albums: "Preciosa" and "Dulce Amor."

1989 — Selena signs with EMI Latin.

1990 — The album "Selena y Los Dinos" is released under the new label.

1991 — Yolanda Saldivar, a registered nurse from San Antonio, contacts Selena and offers to start a fan club.

April 2, 1992 — Selena and Perez marry.

January 1994 — Selena opens her first clothing boutique — Selena Etc. — in Corpus Christi, followed by a second store in San Antonio. Saldivar quits her nursing job later this year to help oversee the businesses.

February 1994 — Selena wins Grammy Award for best Mexican-American performance for her "Selena Live" album.

January 1995 — Selena's "Amor Prohibido" album goes platinum, selling more than 500,000 copies. Albums by Latin American artists are considered platinum once they sell 100,000 copies.

February 1995 — A concert by Selena and fellow Tejano star Emilio during the Houston Livestock Show and Rodeo draws 61,000 fans, an Astrodome attendance record.

March 31, 1995 — Selena, 23, is gunned down by Saldivar after meeting her at a Corpus Christi motel to discuss the financial management of her boutiques. She dies of extensive bleeding at 1:05 p.m. After a 9-hour standoff, Saldivar surrenders to police.

April 3, 1995 — Selena is buried in Corpus Christi.

June 7, 1995 — Selena is inducted into the Latin Music Hall of Fame.

July 18, 1995 — Selena's "Dreaming of You" album is released, featuring her first English songs, and debuts at No. 1 on the Billboard chart.

Oct. 23, 1995 — Saldivar is convicted of murdering Selena. She later is sentenced to life in prison.

March 23, 1996 — Selena y Los Dinos win six Tejano Music Awards.

March 31, 1996 — First anniversary of Selena's death.



Herald file photo  
Selena fan Mary Hernandez stands solemnly during a candlelight memorial for the slain Tejano star shortly after her death last year.

## Understanding the rules of no-rules fashion

I've spent a lifetime following basic fashion rules that made the often-intimidating world of couture make sense to me.

Prints should complement each other, not clash. Textures should work together, not against each other. The purse, belt and shoes should match.

In short, adhere to the simple rules of good taste and you will always be stylish.

Until four weeks ago, that is, when the spring fashion magazines announced my whole concept of style is wrong for spring 1996.

"There are no rules!" is the fashion-industry battle cry. "The only rule is anything

goes!" they've proclaimed. "Come on," I say to my fashion-forward friend, Kim.



Mickey Guisewite  
Columnist

for spring. Only uncoordinated separates. Free your mind of

convention," she implores. "Follow me."

On the way to the mall my friend enthusiastically explains the no-rules look to me. "The idea of nothing working together is what works. It's taking everything you've ever known to be true and saying 'Ha! I don't care! Plaids with plaids work! Granny's sling-back pumps and a spandex mini work! It all works! There are no rules! Anything goes!"

As we walk into the women's department, I must admit my friend's evangelism is beginning to work on me. I feel like a personal power convert victoriously running across a bed of

hot coals chanting my mantra, "Anything goes! Anything goes! Anything goes!" as I reach for my first non-outfit, a tangerine ankle-length jersey skirt and a bright blue oversized t-shirt.

My fashionable friend scrunches her brow with disapproval. "Hmm. Anything but that. Top's too baggy."

It seems perfectly uncoordinated to me, but maybe she's right. I grab a shiny blouse with fluorescent fruit all over it.

"Or that," she admonishes. "The tangerine and fluorescent fruit are fighting. Try something pastel."

I grab a light yellow velour

sweater.

"The weave's all wrong."

I hesitantly pull out a soft green sherbet shell.

"Not divergent enough."

I meekly produce a beige Lycra body suit.

"Completely banal."

Getting this no-rules fashion look is proving to be trickier than I thought. Two weeks and seven mall trips later, we have carefully assembled a series of pieces that create my carefree no-rules statement: A lime green shantung mini-skirt, skin-tight lemon yellow t-shirt, black tights, black flats and a chainlink low-slung belt.

I later decide I will return

everything and do something completely unconventional: This season I will break all the rules by wearing the perfectly matched outfits I already own.

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Editor's Note: Beginning this Sunday, readers will see a change in the columnists who appear on the front page of the *Life!* section due to recent changes in the newspaper's management. Barbara Morrison's column will now appear on the first Sunday of the month followed by Mickey Guisewite on the second Sunday, Tumbleweed Smith on the third Sunday and Kellie Jones on the fourth Sunday. Smith's column will still appear in the other Sunday editions of *Life!* and it will run on page 3B.

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Sutton-Ryan



MRS. GEORGE BRINTON RYAN

Amanda Beth Sutton and George Brinton Ryan, both of Dallas, were united in marriage on March 30, 1996, at the Frost Chapel, First Baptist Church in Shreveport, La., with the Rev. Terry Bertrand officiating and assisted by Rev. Nolan Logan.

She is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Jack Douglas Sutton, Shreveport, La.

He is the son of George Alden Ryan, Big Spring, and the late Virginia Wilson Ryan.

Jere Saur was the organist, and vocalist was DeAnza Duron.

Given in marriage by her father, the bride wore an Italian satin gown with imported hand beaded French Alencon lace detailed with seed pearls. The cathedral length train was adorned with an Alencon lace border. The cathedral veil was scattered with seed pearls and held by cabbage roses.

She carried a bouquet of cream tea roses.

Matron of honor was Anne Link Sutton, sister-in-law of the bride, Shreveport, La. Bridesmaids were Colleen Brock Bara, of Troy, Mich.; Melissa Ann Cooper, of Nashville, Tenn.; and Laura Elizabeth Martin, of Waco. Amber Michelle Foster, of Bossier City, La., served as the junior bridesmaid.

Rice girls were Rana Alassal, Megan Miley, and Jennifer Netherton, all cousins of the bride from Shreveport, La.

George Alden Ryan, father of the groom, served as best man.

Groomsmen were Eugene Bouchillon, of Plano; Gerald Ridgely, Jr., of Dallas; and James Trester, of Plano. Junior groomsmen was Thomas Walter Netherton, cousin of the bride of Shreveport, La.

Kristopher Ryan, of Dallas; Kory Ryan, of Austin, both brothers of the groom; and Jack Sutton, Jr., brother of the bride of Shreveport, La., were the ushers.

Following the ceremony, a reception was held in the Shreveport County Club with entertainment by Present Memories Combo.

The bride is a graduate of St. Vincent's Academy, Shreveport, and of Southern Methodist University with a BBA in Accounting. She is a CPA with Cheshier & Fuller, Inc.

The groom is a graduate of Big Spring High School and of The University of North Texas with a BS and MS in Accounting. He is currently a CPA and Managing Principal of Ryan & Company, Dallas.

Following a wedding trip to Maui, Hawaii, the couple will make their home in Dallas.

ANNIVERSARIES

Cofer



THE COFERS, THEN AND NOW

Mr. and Mrs. Oliver Cofer will celebrate their 50th wedding anniversary on April 14, 1996, with a family dinner in Fort Worth, hosted by Vicki and Wade Trostle and Steve and Rita Cofer.

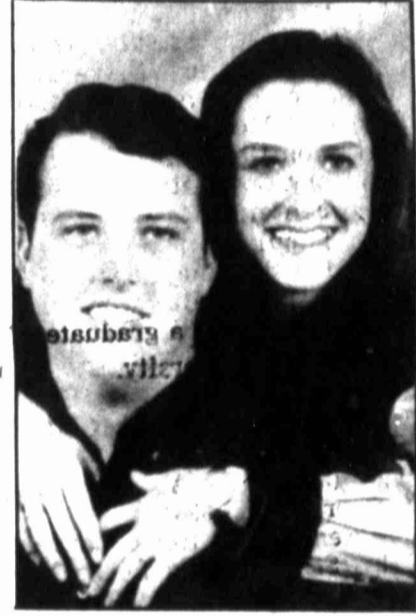
He was born in Grand Saline, and she was born as Bonnie Marie Burlinson in Mexia, Texas. They met in April of 1945 on the campus of North Texas State College in Denton. They were married on March 31, 1946, at the First Methodist Church in Van with E.H. Dickerson, pastor, officiating.

They have two children, Vicki Ann Trostle, Fort Worth, and Steve Cofer, Austin, and two grandchildren. Mr. and Mrs. Cofer have lived in Alvin and Terrell during their marriage as well as in Big Spring for the past 48 years.

Currently, Mr. Cofer is retired. He was the advertising director at the Big Spring Herald. He is affiliated with the Methodist church, and she is affiliated with the Baptist church. They enjoy reading, crossword puzzles and traveling.

All photos must be picked up within 30 days of publication or they will be discarded.

GETTING ENGAGED



Debra McMillan, Big Spring, and Heath Hendrickson, Lubbock, will exchange wedding vows on May 18, 1996, at Trinity Baptist Church in Big Spring with Randy Cotton, pastor, officiating.

She is the daughter of Lane and Pam McMillan, Big Spring, and Janie McMillan, Midland.

He is the son of Fred and Wanda Hendrickson, Big Spring.



Barbi Lynn Hudson and Jason Scott Cox, both of Lubbock, will be united in marriage on June 15, 1996, at the First United Methodist Church in Sterling City.

She is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Frank Price, Sterling City, and Mr. and Mrs. Jerry Hudson, San Marcos.

He is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Duane Cox, Garden City.



Jana Renae Jones and Thomas William McQueary will unite in marriage on June 8, 1996, at the First Baptist Church of Big Spring with Rev. Thomas Williams, uncle of the bride of Houston, officiating.

She is the daughter of Bill and Linda Battle, Big Spring, and Doug and Jeanie Jones, Duncan, Okla.

He is the son of Bill and Barbara McQueary, Big Spring.

Brockman-Miller

Emily Brockman, Midland, and Shane Miller, Midland, formerly of Big Spring, were united in marriage on March 2, 1996, at the Ranchland Country Club in Midland with Dr. Claude Craven officiating.

She is the daughter of David Brockman, Levelland, and Ghal Jackson, Midland.

He is the son of Larry and Marie Miller, Midland, formerly of Big Spring.

Given in marriage by her father, the bride wore a white satin gown with a sweetheart neckline with a v in the in the back. The waist line was accented with a satin bow and bodice was accented with sequins and pearls as were the short puffed sleeves. The gown had a chapel length train.

She carried a bouquet of fresh flowers with star gazers and carnations.

Maid of honor was Meredith Miller, groom's sister, Big Spring.

Flower girl was Danielle Jeter, groom's niece, Big Spring, and ringbearer was Travis Jackson, bride's brother, Midland.

Bruce Strickland, groom's cousin, Big Spring, served as best man.

Following the ceremony, a reception was held in the Ranchland Country Club.

The wedding cake was a



MRS. SHANE MILLER

three-tiered cake with fresh flowers and the table featured star gazers.

The groom's table had a horseshoe German chocolate cake.

The bride graduated from Lee High School and currently works for Dr. Keith Wilkerson as a dental assistant.

The groom is a graduate of Big Spring High School and attended Howard College. He is employed by Clearwater Pools, Midland.

Following a wedding trip to Las Vegas, Nev., the couple will make their home in Midland.

TAKE TIME OUT FOR YOURSELF READ THE BIG SPRING HERALD

Readers Corner

The ?!Huh!? page has been renamed Readers Corner to better reflect that Herald readers are the ones submitting the stories, poems or pictures found on this page.

Submissions for the next Readers Corner page should be at the Herald office by April 15. The next Readers Corner page is scheduled for April 24.

Stories and poems should be about a page and a half in length. Photos should be in focus and not too light or too dark; please identify the subject and who took the photo.

If space is limited, submissions may be held over until the following month. For more information, call Kellie Jones, 263-7331 ext. 112.

Official registration for new students at Bauer Magnet School, Grades 1-5, will be held on Wednesday, April 3, 1996 from 8:00 a.m. to 12:00 noon in the principal's office.

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Rodriguez

Moises and Elizabeth Gaitan Rodriguez celebrated their 60th wedding anniversary on March 21, 1996, with a surprise anniversary party hosted by their family members.

He was born in Larado, and she was born as Elizabeth Gaitan in Alpine. They grew up in Sterling City, and he was a friend of her brother. They were married on March 12, 1936, in the Catholic church in Sterling City with W.B. Everitt officiating. The couple have nine children, Robert (deceased), Adelaida Paredes, Odessa; Senalda Orona, New Braunfels; Moses Jr., Sterliu City; Mary Mireles, San Angelo; Johnny Rodriguez, Abilene; Marianne Basurto, Hilda Rodriguez, both of Big Spring, and David Rodriguez, San Angelo. They also have 26 grandchildren and 28 great-grandchildren. Mr. and Mrs. Rodriguez have lived in Sterling City until 1984, and in Big Spring during their marriage.

Presently, he is retired, and she is a homemaker. Previously, Mr. Rodriguez worked for the Texas



MR. AND MRS. RODRIGUEZ

Department of Highways for 18 years. He occasionally shears sheep. They are affiliated with Sacred Heart in Big Spring and belong to the Knights of Columbus.

This was their comment about their 60 years of marriage, "To us we're very happy thanks to God that he allowed us so many years together."

Teeters

Rev. Monroe and Snowie Teeters will celebrate their 50th wedding anniversary with a reception on March 31, 1996, at Berea Baptist Church in Big Spring, hosted by their children and grandchildren.

The former Snowie Bratcher of Draw and Monroe Teeters of Roscoe were married on March 8, 1946, at Redwine Baptist Church near Tahoka. They have two children, Sharon Huddleston, Springtown, and Dennis and Susie Teeters, Lamesa. They also have eight grandchildren, Brian, Trina, Mason and Erik Huddleston, all of Austin, Bethany Huddleston, Springtown, and Caleb, Summer and Nathan Teeters, all of Lamesa.

Snowie is a homemaker and attended Howard Payne University in Brownwood.

Monroe is a pastor and also attended Howard Payne University.

During their 50 years of mar-



THE TEETERS

riage, they've pastored at Pleasant Valley, Knatt, Greenwood, Key, Friendship, Wink, Early, El Paso, Amarillo, Coahoma, Johnson City, Tarzan and Pig Spring.

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# Greyhound racing on the coast

Corpus Christi has gone to the dogs. Greyhounds, that is. Greyhound racing has become a popular event in the city by the sea.



Tumbleweed Smith  
Columnist

The races take place at an eight million dollar track right in front of a big refinery complex. The lights on the refinery's tall stacks provided an exciting backdrop for racing. The facility opened four years ago.

I went there knowing next to nothing about greyhounds or racing or betting on the dogs. In fact, my only experience with animal racing of any kind was a July 4th weekend in Brady where we trudged through an afternoon of dull horse racing. There was a 30 second race about every 40 minutes. Most of the time was spent trying to figure out how best to pass the time between races.

Not so in Corpus. The action is almost continuous. When a race finishes, there are light shows, music, parades of dogs and other things to hold your attention. Thirteen live races take place every show and

races come in via satellite from other tracks around the country and are shown on about 100 TV sets scattered around the giant clubhouse. You can watch the races inside the clubhouse or outside in a grandstand. The race track has a variety of places to dine and drink.

The enormous racing facilities is open year round with racing every night. Matinee races are held every day except Monday. Race results and activities at the park are carried on radio, TV and newspaper in Corpus.

Some of the names of racing dogs are intriguing: Dakota Speedy, Antenna Ears, Dutch Russell, Mohawks Power, Wildcat Pearl, Izza Jet, Open Throttle.

More than two and a half million people have been to the Corpus Christi race track and have won more than 170 million dollars.

The dogs race around a quarter mile track chasing a mechanical rabbit named Breezy. They reach speeds of up to 45 miles per hour.

Just prior to a race, the dogs are taken by handlers to the center of the race track so spectators can get a look at them. Some people think the dogs that relieve themselves have a better chance to win the race.

The dogs are taken to a starting box. When the big stadium lights come on, the dogs bark

their excitement. In a few seconds the announcer says "Here comes Breezy!" and the race is underway.

Greyhounds come in just about every color except grey. They are blue, black, brown, brindle, red and fawn or a combination of these colors. The name greyhound originates from three possible sources. Ancient Greeks may have called greyhounds "Greekhounds" or maybe even "Gazehounds," since they relied on sight rather than smell in hunting. The name may be derived from the Latin "gre" or "gradus" meaning degree, relating to the care in breeding.

Greyhounds usually start racing at 17 months and continue until their fifth year. They race every three to seven days; resting, exercising and eating (up to two pounds of meat a day) between races.

The Corpus Christi Greyhound Race Track has an adoption program for retired racing greyhounds. The dogs placed for adoption are between two and five years old and apparently make good pets. They are quiet, intelligent, affectionate, clean and are able to adapt well to other animals and children.

People adopting a retired greyhound pay a \$25 fee. The Adoption Coordinator can be reached at 1-800-580-7223.

## WHO'S WHO

Western Texas College's agriculture department sponsored a meats judging contest on March 19. Two area high school students were recognized for their individual achievements. Sands High School student Katie Gaskins placed fourth with score of 533. Katie also was fourth in the placings, with a score of 243, and she came in second in the Retail I.D. category, with a score of 214. Coahoma High School student Jason Henry placed tenth, with a score of 520. Students judged pork, lamb, ham, beef ribs, and beef retail cut class to determine quality and yield grading.

Debra Buchanan Reed, a Big Spring native, has joined the School of Human Ecology at Louisiana State University. Her interests are developing clinical and community nutrition intervention programs in multi-ethnic populations and developing an international study course in food and nutrition in Honduras.



REED

She has served as a dietitian and researcher at University of Texas Health Sciences Center, Houston; Baylor College of Medicine and M.D. Anderson Cancer Center.

She was also an instructor at Southeastern Louisiana University from 1992-1994 and was a research assistant professor at Tulane University School of Public Health and Tropical Medicine. She also serves on the Health Services Advisory Committee for Head Start centers in a five-parish area of Louisiana.

Reed is the daughter of Jack and Mildred Buchanan of Coahoma. She is a graduate of Texas Tech University.

Three area students have been awarded a Carr Academic Scholarship at Angelo State University for 1996-97.

Karen D. Best from Coahoma High School in Coahoma, Clay H. Thomas of Forsan High School in Forsan, and Aaron P. Gibson of Grady High School in Lenora.

Over 300 Carr Academic Scholarships for 1996-97, ranging in value from \$1,500 to \$6,000, have been awarded to qualified high school seniors.

As a general rule, students must rank in the top 15 percent of their high school class and present either a combined math and verbal score of 1140 on the SAT or a composite score of 25 on the ACT.

## ON THE MENU

**BIG SPRING SENIOR CITIZENS CENTER LUNCH**  
MONDAY - Baked chicken; potatoes; brussel sprouts; tossed salad; milk/rolls; cake.  
TUESDAY - Catfish; rice; green beans; coleslaw; milk/rolls; fruit.  
WEDNESDAY - Smothered steak; potatoes; broccoli; salad; milk/rolls; apple crisp.  
THURSDAY - Hamburgers; beans; lettuce/tomato/onions; fruited gelatin; milk/bun; cobbler.  
FRIDAY - Closed.

**BIG SPRING SCHOOLS BREAKFAST**  
MONDAY - Cereal choice; graham crackers; fruit juice; whole/low-fat milk.  
TUESDAY - Pancake/sausage on a stick; chilled fruit; whole/low-fat milk.  
WEDNESDAY - Cereal choice; fruit muffin; fruit juice; whole/low-fat milk.  
THURSDAY - Sausage & biscuit; chilled fruit; whole/low-fat milk.  
FRIDAY - No School.  
**LUNCH**  
(Elementary)  
MONDAY - Barbecue on a bun; French fries; catsup; black-eyed peas; pears; milk.  
TUESDAY - Chili mac; green beans; mixed fruit; jello; hot rolls; milk.  
WEDNESDAY - Turkey & dressing/gravy; sweet potatoes; corn; hot rolls; pumpkin pie; milk.  
THURSDAY - Ham & cheese sandwich; carrot sticks; apple; Easter treat; milk.  
FRIDAY - No School.  
**LUNCH**  
(Secondary)  
MONDAY - Barbecue on a bun or Chicken strips; gravy; French fries; catsup; black-eyed peas; pears; hot rolls; milk.  
TUESDAY - Chili mac or deli sandwich; lettuce & tomato; mayonnaise/must; green beans; mixed fruit; jello and milk.  
WEDNESDAY - Turkey & dressing/gravy; sweet potatoes; corn; hot rolls or chef salad/dressing; crackers; pumpkin pie; milk.  
THURSDAY - Ham & cheese sandwich; carrot sticks; apple; Easter treat; milk or manager's choice.

**COAHOMA SCHOOLS BREAKFAST**  
MONDAY - Cereal, fruit, toast, milk.  
TUESDAY - Waffles; syrup; sausage; fruit; milk.  
WEDNESDAY - Glazed donuts; fruit; sausage; milk.  
THURSDAY - Texas toast; jelly; ham; juice; milk.  
FRIDAY - Closed, Easter holiday.  
**LUNCH**  
MONDAY - Steak fingers; gravy; creamed potatoes; peas; bread; milk.  
TUESDAY - Taco salad; fruit; chips; milk.  
WEDNESDAY - Chicken-n-dumplings; corn-on-the-cob; mixed vegetables; bread; milk.  
THURSDAY - Cheeseburger; French fries; lettuce; tomato; onion; pickle; milk.  
FRIDAY - Closed.

**FORSAN SCHOOLS BREAKFAST**  
MONDAY - Apple fritters; juice; milk.  
TUESDAY - Sausage and eggs; biscuits; juice; milk.

WEDNESDAY - Muffins; juice; milk.  
THURSDAY - Texas toast; jelly; juice; milk.  
FRIDAY - Closed.  
**LUNCH**  
MONDAY - Ravioli; green beans; cheese wedge with crackers; graham crackers; pineapple slices; milk.  
TUESDAY - Taco; ranch style beans; cheese and salad; pears; milk.  
WEDNESDAY - Steak sandwich; French fries; salad; juice bar; milk.  
THURSDAY - Corn dogs; pinto beans; spinach; corn bread; fruit pies; milk.  
FRIDAY - Closed.

**ELBOW SCHOOL BREAKFAST**  
MONDAY - Pancake & sausage on stick; juice/milk.  
TUESDAY - Breakfast patties; biscuits; juice/milk.  
WEDNESDAY - Early birds; biscuits; juice/milk.  
THURSDAY - Cheese toast; juice/milk.  
FRIDAY - Closed.  
**LUNCH**  
MONDAY - Beef fajita; corn; fruit; macaroni & tomatoes; milk.  
TUESDAY - Corn dogs; beans; spinach; cornbread; milk.  
WEDNESDAY - Taco salad; pinto beans; cheese; fruit; salad; milk.  
THURSDAY - Barbecue wieners; fried okra; fresh fruit; sliced bread; milk.  
FRIDAY - Closed.

**GARDEN CITY SCHOOLS LUNCH**  
MONDAY - Pizza; corn; salad; cookie; milk.  
TUESDAY - Roast beef; brown gravy; baked potatoes; cobbler; rolls; milk.  
WEDNESDAY - Burritos with chili; cheese; salad; fresh fruit; milk.  
THURSDAY - Chicken strips; gravy; mashed potatoes; peas; butter bread; cake; milk.  
FRIDAY - Closed.

**SANDS SCHOOLS BREAKFAST**  
MONDAY - Hot cakes; syrup; juice; sausage; milk.  
TUESDAY - Cereal; milk; juice.  
WEDNESDAY - Fruit danish; milk; juice.  
THURSDAY - Hot oatmeal; toast; milk; juice.  
FRIDAY - Holiday.  
**LUNCH**  
MONDAY - Spaghetti w/meat sauce; salad; black-eyed peas; butter bread; fruit; milk.  
TUESDAY - Sliced turkey; gravy; June peas w/corner; cobbler; hot rolls; milk.  
WEDNESDAY - Beef & bean chulupas; salad; butter corn; crackers; pudding; milk.  
THURSDAY - Steak fingers w/gravy; mashed potatoes; green beans; hot rolls; fruit; milk.  
FRIDAY - Holiday.

**WESTBROOK SCHOOL BREAKFAST**  
MONDAY - French toast sticks; little smokies; juice; milk.  
TUESDAY - Biscuits; sausage; juice; milk.  
WEDNESDAY - Cereal; toast; juice; milk.  
THURSDAY - Hot pockets; juice; milk.  
FRIDAY - Holiday, no school.

**LUNCH**  
MONDAY - Salisbury steak; creamed potatoes; English peas; biscuits; syrup; honey; milk.  
TUESDAY - Fish sticks; corn; lettuce wedge; peaches; bread; milk.  
WEDNESDAY - Turkey & dressing; giblet gravy; sweet potatoes; green beans; cranberry sauce; fruit salad; sliced bread; milk.  
THURSDAY - Plain burritos; French fries; carrot sticks; pear halves; milk.  
FRIDAY - Holiday, no school.

## STORK CLUB

Kyla Shae Clanton, girl, 8 lbs., 1 ounce, March 20, 1996, 12:27 p.m.; parents are Randy and Tricia Clanton.

Grandparents are Charles and Oleta Clanton and Wayne and Darla DeVore, all of Big Spring.

Timothy Don Ybanez Rios, boy, March 14, 1996, 12:26 p.m.; parents are Rosalinda Rios and Timothy Ybanez.

Grandparents are Joe and Debbie Rios, Suzanne and Don Smith, and Gilbert Ybanez.

Kayla Elisabeth Sigmon, girl, March 24, 1996, 7:45 p.m.; parents are Kathy and Scott Sigmon.

Grandparents are Dub and Patsy Darnell, Sand Springs, and Dewey and Anne Sigmon, Big Spring.

Elizabeth Briana Marie Carlile, girl, March 8, 1996, 3:55 a.m.; parents are Allen and Rebekah Carlile, Bossier, La.

Grandparents are Arvill and Donna Henry, Big Spring, Linnie Wilson, Louisiana, and William Pestoff, Indiana.

Alexander Damion Hughes, boy, March 27, 1996, 11:30 a.m.; parents are Genettia Ann and Norman Medford Hughes.

Grandparents are Leelan and Jane Marrow, Big Spring, and Phyllis Colton, Long Beach, Calif.

Devin Ray Roberson, March 25, 1996, 6:47 a.m.; parents are Anne and Nick Roberson.

Grandparents are E.C. and Sarah Roberson and Freddy and Mary Rodriguez.

Matthew Allan Gonzales, boy, March 21, 1996, 7 p.m.; parents are Tom A. Gonzales and Elidia Flores.

Grandparents are Johnny and Betty Flores and Daniel and Juanita Gonzales.

Harley Dayne Gray, boy, March 21, 1996, 3:30 p.m.; parents are James and Christina Gray.

Grandparents are Kenneth and Darlene Stallings, Big Spring, Brenda Daffern, Lumberton, and Earnie Gray, Lexington, Okla.

## HUMANE SOCIETY



Pictured: "Coppertop" female calico with golden highlights, pretty green eyes, young spayed female, very petite, frisky and likes to play.

**Special Note: All dogs and cats presently available for adoption at the shelter have received their vaccinations, including rabies.**

Spring special continues. All adult dogs are half-price!

It's tick season and the shelter is currently in dire need of volunteers to help with dipping dogs on weekends. If you can help, please call the shelter; lifting required.

"Gizmo" lovely spayed female gray tabby, long-haired, calm and laid back.

"Lobo" neutered male gray tabby with dark stripes, white mustache, notch on left ear, affectionate.

"Nomi" female chocolate full-

blooded Siamese, pretty blue eyes, currently nursing 5 kittens, excellent mother, would make a dedicated companion.

"Mortisha Adams" small adult black female, sleek coat and striking green eyes.

"Homer" very large mature spayed male; creamy white and yellow coat; pretty golden eyes; outgoing and affectionate.

"Cherokee" young neutered male, part Siamese; sweet masked face with large blue eyes, very gentle and inquisitive.

"Jasmine" gray tabby spayed female with black ring around eye, pretty short hair coat.

"Miss Ceallie" 6 month spayed female, golden/green eyes, very soft orange, gray and white calico coat, four white feet, very alert, affectionate and purrs constantly!

"Tabitha" 9 week female, cream colored coat with unusual brown tiger stripes on back and legs, white feet and pretty light blue eyes, very playful.

"Fred" one-year-old male dog with all his shots. He looks like a full-blooded pointer.

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# Women's college basketball is a lot of fun to watch

By MARY RANDLE  
Prime Columnist

I said I wasn't going to do it again!  
After the Lady Raiders (Texas Tech ladies basketball team) won it all, I said I wouldn't watch that much basketball again, my adrenaline and blood pressure levels just got too high.  
Here I was again, but Texas Tech was out. In the years I hadn't watched, the game had gotten faster, the girls taller and prettier, and the three point shooting could be awesome.

After I picked Virginia to win, they promptly blew a 17-point lead and lost. So much for

my expertise.

I began to watch the players realizing women athletes have a lot of problems men don't. Men, who seem to get taller and taller, can just shave their heads, sweat profusely, and nobody seems to care.

The women all seemed to take good care of their hair. After all, they are young women, and are aware they are "on." They look neat almost all the time, even though they were sweating a lot. They have bra straps to contend with, as well as trying to keep their shirttails in tow.

"True" basketball fans have always complained that the women's game is too slow and that they lack intensity. Ha! Mr. John Wooden, the ex-

UCLA men's coach, whose teams turned out some of the finest players in the game stated recently he doesn't watch men's basketball anymore. The men just hand on the rim and show off, while he views the women's game as basketball should be played. Quite a compliment for the women's teams.

Running up and down a basketball court at full steam, concentrating on keeping the other teams from scoring, on stealing the ball, not fouling, or fouling deliberately requires great physical stamina and a lot of intensity.

That's why the game is for the young and physically fit plus. Listening to some of the athletes comment on the advantages of team sport, i.e. having

a goal, and achieving it together, you can see the plus side of athletics for women.

Until recently, schools usually spent most of their sport budgets on the men; after all that's where the return on your investment was. Who would pay to see women play basketball, slow, and with no big name stars?

The government and Title 9 are changing the rules. Schools that had never fielded women's teams suddenly were trying to catch up.

Southern teams have dominated women's basketball for several years because they poured money into women's sports early and have been reaping the rewards. Appearance of Tennessee,

Vanderbilt, Georgia, Louisiana Tech and Virginia in the "Sweet Sixteen" group reflects this.

Who won last year? UCON, the University of Connecticut. They are back again this year, playing with an intensity you could scrape off the wall, and one tall girl touted to be USA Olympic team material.

Then there's Stanford on the West Coast, one of the first women's teams to outdraw, by one thousand fans a game, their men's teams.

It took them five years to bring home a NCAA national championship. Straight A students and five hours each day practicing on the court are part of their formula.

This brings us back to Texas Tech. Now we begin to see why the Tech win was so big. They broke into the favored few, and Sheryl Swoopes became the biggest name in the game.

Only two people in basketball history have had shoes named after them, and she is one. Her shooting record in Dallas bettered the men's (at the time.)

She is six feet tall, pretty and graceful, but best of all, she is from West Texas. I was so excited when Tech won, I got the commemorative t-shirt.

If you haven't watched women's basketball, try it, a lot of people are. In fact next year, one contest grand prize is tickets to the Final Four, men's or women's, your choice.

## Nothing beats the remedies offered by Dr. Mom

By WANDA DENSON  
Prime Columnist

My mother practice medicine without a license. She had a storehouse of treatments for everything from "stomach bugs" to reviving near-frozen baby chickens. Her patients included every warm body living on our farm.

Castor oil was a staple in her cache of home remedies. And every time I suffered from a stomachache, out came that bottle of castor oil. Mom concocted a vile tasting remedy by mixing the oil with freshly squeezed orange juice. The juice was supposed to make the mixture more palatable it didn't. However, I admit it did out the "bug" along with everything else in my stomach.

Mom's remedy for cold viruses was more tasty. At the first sign of a sniffle, she'd put on a pot of chicken soup. Later, if I developed a hacking cough, she'd sprinkle dabs of turpentine on a flannel cloth, lay it across my chest and pin it to my nightgown. She dispensed bits of butter laced with sugar

to soothe my raw throat.

To temporarily numb the pain of a toothache, Mom would apply a drop of oil of cloves to a pinch of cotton and place it on the tooth.

Mom practiced preventative medicine too. Every time I stepped on a rusty nail she'd pour kerosene into a basin and say, "Now soak your foot in this so you won't get lockjaw." I don't know which saved me, the kerosene or Mom's determination, but I never had tetanus.

On those few occasions when treatment of an illness or accident was beyond Mom's expertise, Daddy made the long trip to town to fetch the doctor. Doc as he was fondly called, sometimes made the trip out to the farm in his horse-drawn buggy.

Utilities weren't available in our rural area at that time so Mom would hold a kerosene lamp near while Doc assessed his patient, then she assisted him with his choice of treatment. Afterward he'd join us for a meal or at least a mug of coffee and a piece of Mom's fresh peach cobbler.

Our only source of heat was a

potbellied wood stove that stood in the front room. On cold winter nights after baking our bodies around it we had to go into bitter cold bedrooms. Shivering, I'd crawl between icy sheets. My feet always found warmth though because Mom had placed towel wrapped heated sadirons between the sheets to prevent me from "catching pneumonia."

Long before researchers confirmed it, Mom was convinced that too much exposure to sun rays could be harmful. So she never went outside in the daytime without her sunbonnet.

She made bonnets for me and my two sisters also, but I'd take mine off as soon as she was out of sight.

Another of Mom's preventative measures was insisting that we eat vegetables and drink milk because, "they are good for you." Every year she canned enough vegetables from her garden to feed 5000. Jars of vegetables lined the shelves in our storm cellar. They were stored there to keep them cool during hot summers. Our choices of milk were whole

milk straight from the cow, clabber, or buttermilk that was left after churning butter.

Noting the longevity of certain home remedies, researchers set out to determine whether or not they were medically valid. They've discovered scientific evidence of similar ingredients in some home remedies and modern medicine. However, they caution us to consult our doctor about the safety of some.

There's no doubt home remedies are making a comeback and many medical experts have their own favorites that they use along with traditional medical therapy. Doctor Red Duke frequently recommends one during his segment on television news. And several of our own local doctors have been known to suggest a home remedy.

Today, with all the high-tech medicine available, when I hear a doctor recommend a home remedy, my mind goes back to a time long ago when many of us learned about home remedies firsthand from our mothers.

There are many overlooked heroes in every day life. All one has to do is really LOOK to find them.

Since writing my last column, I took a fall on a concrete floor and wound up with a fractured thigh (almost in the hip) and a damaged knee.

During the painful week I spent in the hospital, including surgery, I had ample opportunity to observe some of these heroes. I'd like to tell you of one in particular who went beyond the call of duty to help make my stay less painful, miserable and exhausting.

This was a male nurse. Being a little old fashioned I've had a problem accepting male nurses, but there are so many now in the nursing profession.

Barry Butcher is an "Agency nurse" out of Lubbock Health Care Professionals and was on duty at Scenic Mountain Hospital. He is 30 years old, married and the father of three girls and one boy — ages 15 months to eight years. He is a native of Lubbock, married Angela Franklin, a nurse, in 1986. He served in the Army 1986-1989, went to nursing school at South Plains College, Lubbock. He also volunteers for Hospital Missionary Team duty.

He is sometimes called rent-a-nurse and travels to a lot of hospitals in west, south and north Texas and eastern New Mexico. He feels nursing is what God wants him to do. I

## The Legend of the Dogwood Tree

On a rocky old hillside There grew a large tree The tree was a dogwood The place Calvary.

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The tree there in its sorrow cried out in great distress 'why was I, to be the one far something cruel like this!'

And Jesus in his agony,

sensed the pity of the tree said, 'This will be remember, this will no more be.

'your tree will now grow slender your branches bent and twisted, you will never more be used again as a cross of 'crucifixion.'

cross shaped blossoms on your tree with a crown of thorns in the center

and all who see the blood stained flowers, They all, will then remember.

Bernice Reed Jones

## Ah! Remembering the good old days

Do you ever feel a little—well—behind the times? I do, on occasion, and it depresses me. It always happens when I go to the library.

All those years I taught English, I was an authority on the card catalog. Now there is a daunting notice at the Howard County Library which reads, "Effective March 1995, the card catalog will no longer be updated. Check the ON-LINE CATALOG."

That means (Sigh!) use the computer. So Martha Vierra, to who I used to explain the card catalog, now has to explain the intricacies of the computer to me.

Just the other day I was going through some sheet music that belonged to my husband. I commented to my daughter, "Here's a copy of Stardust with a picture of Hoagy Carmichael on the front."

She could not comprehend my enthusiasms. "Mom, I don't know who Hoagy Carmichael is."

My son-in-law, a nice young man of whom I approve highly, also makes me feel out of date. And not just because he, too, has never heard of Hoagy Carmichael.

You see he is very helpful with domestic chores. It is great that he is, considering my daughter's busy schedule of career and motherhood, but I am not used to seeing a man load the dishwasher, do laundry, or diaper the baby.

It all goes back to my upbringing. By today's standards, my father would be considered a male chauvinist. He was a wonderful dad, but he never did any "women's work."

My husband had some of the same tendencies. Paul never offered to help me with the dishes. I was not disappointed because it never occurred to me that he would.

However, he did most of the yard work, looked after the maintenance of the cars, and took care of matters like income tax. He also opened the car door for me.

I was happy with the set-up and a little leery of the

Feminist Movement. I used to say if I had any more rights, I would have to paddle the kids at school—a task traditionally assigned to the principal—and mow the lawn at home. And I didn't want to do either one.

Let me hasten to say this is not meant to be a serious discussion of the Women's Movement. It's just that sometimes I am a bit nostalgic for the way things used to be. That may be one reason I am a great fan of the old Perry Mason mysteries.

Those were the days when a mystery could be solved by a monogrammed handkerchief. The popularity of Kleenex makes that unlikely today. And the economy can no longer afford those gas-guzzling, chrome-laden convertibles.

I must admit that some of the attitudes are definitely sexist. Della Street, the lovely secretary, is always the one to serve coffee. Female characters seem to be noted more for their beauty than their brains.

However, there were those of my generation who would not have been insulted if a handsome hunk like Paul Drake had greeted them with, "Hi, Beautiful."

How times change!

## IN THE MILITARY

Army Pvt. Michael D. Webb has graduated from basic military training at Fort Leonard Wood, Mo.

Webb is the son of Andra and stepson of Lynn Adams of Big Spring.

Air Force Airman Gary B. Barbee has graduated from the Avionics guidance and control systems apprentice course at Keesler Air Force Base, Biloxi, Miss.

Barbee is the son of Steve D. Barbee, Dublin, and Debra F. Mathis, Big Spring.

The airman is a 1995 graduate of Dublin High School.

Navy Petty Officer 2nd Class Thomas R. Taylor, son of Mary Lou E. Taylor, Big Spring, is in the Western Pacific Ocean near the island of Taiwan aboard the aircraft carrier USS Independence.

The 1982 graduate of Big Spring High School joined the Navy in December 1994.

The 351st Bomb Group, based at Polebrook, England, during World War II, will be having its 21st Annual Reunion from May 27 to June 1, 1996, at the Holiday Inn, Chattanooga, Tenn.

Please contact Clint Hammond, P.O. Box 281, Mechanicsburg, Pa. 17055 or call (717)766-1489.



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## Backing up files correctly could save your business

By CARLTON JOHNSON  
Staff Writer

Being able to retain information is an invaluable asset to any business, especially where computers are concerned because lost files are not easily replaced.

The computer products experts at Quill Corporation, a leading direct marketer of

office equipment, suggest measuring the cost of losing your data in terms of lost business, time and dollars. If you lost a month of work, or all of your financial records, would your company survive?

And there are other benefits of backing up files, such as:

•When transporting large files to another department or location becomes necessary,

backing up those files onto a tape cartridge makes the move quick and efficient.

•When old records are taking up space on your hard drive, backing the data on tape cartridges for storage, on-site or off-site, can be done after hours, and usually without human supervision. Backing up will free space on your hard drive for your more current,

active information.

In addition, a wide range of other, once-in-a-lifetime events can deny you access to your data or computer such as viruses, accidental deletion, floods, earthquakes, hurricanes, tornadoes, fires and theft. These natural catastrophes suggest another law of backup - always store the backup data off-site.

Quill suggests having a back-

up of every file on your computer. This includes programs, "help" files and all the data files you've created. It also means some of the "system" files you probably never look at, but which are necessary to start up your computer.

Backup means having a usable, readable, portable copy of all the files you might ever need, stored somewhere other

than the location of your computer. This usually means in another building or, at the very least, in a safe rated for fire, water and smoke protection.

Most people back up at least some of the files on conventional 1.44 MB disks. That's fine for shorter files and partial backups, but floppies are impractical for real world, "let's get serious" backups.

## Leasing phones could be costly

By CARLTON JOHNSON  
Staff Writer

In 1984, before the breakup of Ma Bell, about 55 million consumers leased their telephones.

Recently, the Federal Trade Commission and the Federal Communications Commission launched a campaign to alert consumers who may have continued their leases unwittingly that those phones could be costing them hundreds or thousands of dollars more than if they purchased their phones outright.

The agencies said that more than five million customers have continued to lease their phones since 1984. This amounts to more than \$4 per month for the standard rotary dial model, about \$6 per month for the standard push button model, and more for other models.

"Most phones pay for them-

selves in four to six months, and they often come with one-year and two-year warranties from the manufacturer," Jodie Bernstein, director of the FTC's Bureau of Consumer Protection. "Our greatest concern is consumers who may be leasing their phones without knowing it."

Mary Beth Richards, Deputy Chief of the FCC's Common Carrier Bureau, said, "For over a decade, consumers have had their choice of phones in all shapes and colors. And these choices also mean the opportunity for real savings. At the same time, consumers need information in order to make the best choices. As competition enters more and more communications markets, consumers will have an increasing need for this information and we are speaking out today to help meet that need."

The agencies suggested that

consumers might want to check their phone bills. If the bill has a charge for "leased equipment," that means the consumer is leasing a phone. Some telephone lease companies send consumers separate bills for the lease charges, and others include the charges as part of their monthly phone bill, they said.

Phone leases may still be appropriate for some consumers with short-term needs and there is the convenience of changing phones and having repair service included in the overall charge, the agencies added. But this convenience comes at a cost, and a chart included in the "Focus on Phone Leasing" brochure issued by the agencies as part of their awareness campaign shows that leasing a standard push button phone for a year can cost consumers almost three times as much as buying.



Retail outlets like Radio Shack stock a variety of telephones available for purchase by phone customers.

## Flexible air pollution permitting a success

AUSTIN (AP) — The state says its flexible permitting of air pollution control devices is a success, calling it a landmark public-private partnership that will work far better than traditional regulatory techniques.

The Texas Natural Resource Conservation Commission has received 11 binding commitments from plants over the past year that will result in the permanent reduction of 116 million pounds of pollution by the turn of the century, officials said Thursday.

The TNRCC couldn't have required such a reduction by law, deputy executive director Bill Campbell said.

"It wouldn't have happened in the traditional regulatory

framework," Campbell said. "These companies have voluntarily come into the alternative permit process for more operating flexibility."

Traditional permits prescribe specific pieces of air pollution control equipment. A company couldn't alter its environmental plan without a full state review that could take six to nine months.

The chemical and refining industries approached the state in 1993 to seek an alternative process, Campbell said.

"We felt like there was some validity to their concerns, but they're expected to continue making environmental improvements," he said.

The permits allow companies

to determine their own pollution control devices as long as they keep emissions below set caps.

Some environmentalists don't oppose allowing companies to formulate their own pollution control standards, but they would like to see those standards tightened, especially in urban areas.

"The reductions may not have been big enough to adequately protect the most disproportionately affected people in Texas — the predominantly low-income minorities that live near some of these plants," said Neil Carman, clean air program director for the Lone Star chapter of the Sierra Club. The state's authority to con-

trol emissions is limited, Campbell said, by grandfathered permits and plants that were operating before the state's clean air law in 1971.

"If a company has an old permit, they have a relatively inefficient way of pollution control, and we don't have a way to cause them to update the equipment unless there is clear evidence of problems at the facility," Campbell said. "This is basically an approach to provide an incentive in terms of greater operating flexibility."

Industry officials are pleased with the new process.

"This represents a big step in environmental regulation," said Cindy Morphew, vice president for environmental affairs

of Texas Mid-Continent Oil and Gas Association. "Flexible permits allow industry to lower emissions and maintain cost effective operations."

The pollution controls should be more aggressive, especially in populated areas, Carman said.

"It sounds really good on one hand that they're making their reductions," said Carman, a former state air quality inspector. "But there are still health problems and the air stinks (near some plants)."

Flexible permit applications are subject to the same public comment and hearing procedures as all other air permit matters of the TNRCC.

## Dallas/Houston, now two area codes

AUSTIN (AP) — The Texas Public Utility Commission has made final its decision to split both Houston and Dallas into two area codes.

On Wednesday, the three-member commission signed an order setting up "donut-shaped" area codes in the state's largest cities.

The new area codes — 972 in Dallas and 281 in Houston — will ring the current 214 and 713 codes, which will remain mostly within the cities' limits.

PUC spokeswoman Leslie Kjellstrand said Board Chairman Pat Wood had suggested the 281 area code be used for wireless telephone services in Houston, like paging and cellular phones, and another area code be requested for new land lines.

But Ms. Kjellstrand said the commission decided that would be confusing and troublesome for consumers.

"They are trying to do what's in the best interest" of everyone involved, Ms. Kjellstrand said.

The final order also asks Southwestern Bell Telephone Co. to seek two more area codes, one for Dallas and one for Houston, to serve only wireless customers.

That request could face legal challenges after the Federal Communications Commission denied a similar request in 1994 as discriminatory.

## How tobacco plant uses stems and other debris questioned

CHESTER, Va. (AP) — Deep in the heart of tobacco country, the world's largest cigarette maker meshes stems and other plant debris into paperlike sheets, soaks them in steaming nicotine and turns them into smokeable tobacco.

How the Park 500 factory squeezes the most cigarettes from tobacco debris is at the center of new allegations, in federal affidavits unveiled last week, that Philip Morris controls every drop of nicotine along the way.

Philip Morris, maker of best-selling Marlboro cigarettes, vehemently denies the charges and has fought back by opening some portions of a factory long shrouded in mystery. "There is a terrible, terrible lot of confusion about reconstituted tobacco," contended Philip Morris engineering chief Dick Merrill.

Cigarettes once were made entirely of rich tobacco leaves, and the stems, dust and other debris were sent to landfills.

Philip Morris and other tobacco companies learned to turn that debris into a cheap filler called reconstituted tobacco that today is used in almost every cigarette. Basically, they mesh tobacco debris into paperlike sheets, much as paper mills create newsprint.

The process washes natural nicotine out of tobacco fibers. The issue is how Philip Morris puts the nicotine back.

Philip Morris told Congress it doesn't adjust the nicotine, or even measure it, except once in raw tobacco and once in finished cigarettes. Scientists say nicotine is the chemical that hooks smokers, but tobacco companies contend it is not addictive.

Sealed documents from Philip

Morris' now-settled libel lawsuit against ABC-TV, obtained by The Associated Press in January, accused Philip Morris of running a "nicotine extract factory" where employees repeatedly measured nicotine as the tobacco brewed.

The Food and Drug Administration had not seen such testing in a visit to the Park 500 factory. So the FDA investigated again. And former Philip Morris research director William Farone told the agency last week:

"By controlling the ingredients that go into making reconstituted tobacco, the industry controls the chemical and physical properties ... including its nicotine content."

When whole tobacco leaves are set aside for cigarettes, their stems and other dusty debris go to Park 500. There, hot water separates plant fibers

from nicotine, sugars and other "solubles" naturally in tobacco.

The pure plant fibers, the consistency of wet sawdust, are cut up in huge grinders. Jets spray the waterlogged mix over huge screens that are dried into light brown, paperlike sheets.

The chocolate-brown "solubles" drain into huge pipes for separate processing. Leftover fiber is screened out. Excess water is evaporated until the "concentrated extract" contains 48 percent nicotine and other solubles and 52 percent water — something openly measured on the factory floor.

The paperlike tobacco cannot soak up any more nicotine extract than 48 percent, explained Merrill, the Philip Morris engineer.

## BUSINESS HIGHLIGHTS

FAST TRACK

### IRS can ease tax burden with extension

Two kinds of people have special problems as the tax deadline approaches - those who are unable to fill out their forms on time, and those who are unable to pay on time.

If you're having trouble finishing the paperwork, the Internal Revenue Service says you can have until August 15 to file your return. To get an automatic four-month extension of time to file, fill out and mail in Form 4868 by the regular April 15 tax deadline. Make a reasonable estimate of your tax liability for 1995 and enter it on line 6 of the form.

You need not send money with the form in order to get an extension. But if you expect to owe tax when you file your return, the IRS says it's a good idea to make a payment with your extension request. This is because you will owe interest on any tax paid after April 15. In some cases, a late payment penalty may also be due. By accurately filling out Form 4868 and mailing it by the deadline, you will get out of the much larger late filing penalty. This penalty can amount to as much as 25 percent of the unpaid tax. To order an extension form, call 1-800-TAX-FORM (629-3676).

The Business Services Office of the Texas Department of Commerce is inviting city, county, and chamber of commerce leaders to a business incentives workshop on Wednesday, April 3 at 9 a.m. in the Permian basin Regional Planning Commission Conference Room, located at 2910 La Force in Midland.

Hosted by the Permian Basin Regional Planning Commission, the five-hour workshop is divided into two sessions to inform local community leaders of Commerce's Business Services programs, which include Texas Manufacturing Assistance Center, Smart Jobs Fund, Texas Capital Fund and the Enterprise Zone Fund.

### Postal Service grilled about savings

In a sharply worded criticism while testifying before Congress, the chairman of the independent Postal Rate Commission accused the U.S. Postal Service of breaking its 1995 promise that automation savings would be passed on to the customer.

The U.S. Postal Service Board of Governors, at its March meetings, rejected a proposal by the Postal Rate Commission that would have reduced postage rates for customers that use pre-addressed and bar-coded envelopes to pay their bills.

"This latest move by the Postal Service is another example of why we need greater scrutiny and accountability, not less, in the system for setting first class mail rates," said Marc Maurer, president of the National Federation of the Blind. The Coalition to Make Our First Class Mail FIRST CLASS, which includes the National Federation of the Blind, is the nation's largest organization of first class mail users.

Maurer added, "The Postal Service is one of the few monopolies that ultimately has the power to set its own rates."

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### Training proves valuable in leadership development

Late last week my co-workers, Keith Klement and Dana Tarter scheduled a training meeting for 4H members interested in the various contests offered in 4H. I was able to attend this meeting as well and my compliments to these agents for presenting the training. They involved local leaders and resource people in providing opportunities for those attending the meeting to become more acquainted with the leadership development opportunities offered through Method Demonstrations, Illustrated Talks and Judging Contests.



**Don Richardson**  
County Agent

We appreciate those parents and individuals who made time to have their youngsters at this program to see that their children received this type training opportunity. This time of year has kids involved in every kind of activity you can think of. We had a lot of calls from parents and 4H members explaining that they were interested in such activities but had conflicts with the meeting date. This is common place with out times these days and certainly after raising two active kids and being married to a school teacher for over 30 years, I DO UNDERSTAND these things! We especially appreciate Mrs. Chris Gaskins and Ms. Robin Romine for attending this meeting and sharing their time and experiences in promoting these activities to local youngsters.

There was a time when 4H had the hold on weekends for many of its activities but not so these days. The infamous House Bill 72 (no pass no play

one!) took care of this! Schools have had to take over weekends to get around the 10 Day absentee rules to allow students to participate in athletic, band, scholastic and other related events. This takes its toll on participation in extra activities such as 4H, especially in a county such as Howard, with four different school districts and each in a different classification with its own district and area track meets, band contests, UIL events, proms, etc. Try to schedule an event that doesn't conflict with some of these activities in the Spring!

Regardless, 4H still provides its opportunities for those able to take advantage of them and are encouraged to do so. May 4 is the date for our district leadership contests and April 20 is the date for all livestock and horse judging contests. Monday evening, April 1, Livestock and Horse Judging training will be held at the courthouse with the agents beginning at 7 p.m. Any youngsters wanting any additional information on Method Demonstrations or Illustrated Talks should schedule an office visit with one of the agents this coming week. Almost any subject matter of interest to a youngster can find a place in a contest in 4H. We encourage all youngsters to participate in these activities and take advantage of opportunities 4H can provide through such educational activities as Roundup. I guarantee that once a youngster experiences 4H Roundup at Texas A&M (State Contest for Senior 4H Members) he or she will be hooked on these activities forever!

For more information on how your child can participate in this type of program though 4H we invite you to contact the Howard County office of the Texas Agricultural Extension Service at 264-2236 or 264-2238.

**County Court Records:**  
Order(s) of dismissal: Karen Trawick Ward, Johnny Rodriguez, John Paul Kay, Dennis Heffington (2), Eldidio Ortega, Joseph David Watkins, Vedal Rubalcada (2), Sirldo E. Nieto, JR., and Joe Rangel Gomez.  
Judgment & sentence DWI: Ricky Ray Winters \$287 court cost and 90 days in jail, Donald Craig Zellers (2nd offense) \$300 fine, \$252 court cost and 90 days in jail, and Adam Wayne Edmondson (2nd offense) \$750 fine, \$287 court cost and 90 days in jail.

**Revocation of probation & imposition of sentence:** Anthony Arista.

**Probated judgment DWI:** Raymundo Hernandez \$450 fine and 180 days in jail, Felipe Saiz \$400 fine and 180 days in jail, Martha Merworth Adams \$450 fine and 180 days in jail, Elizabeth Galan \$450 fine and 180 days in jail, Billy Ray Walton \$500 fine and 180 days in jail, Cindy Bingham \$450 fine and 180 days in jail, Moises Torres \$450 fine and 180 days in jail, Flydie Mae Clemmons \$500 fine and 180 days in jail, and Michael David Ray \$450 fine and 180 days in jail.

**Probated judgment possession of marihuana under 202s:** Cindy Bingham \$100 fine and 180 days in jail.

**Probated judgment unlawfully carrying a weapon:** Floydie Mae Clemmons \$100 fine and 180 days in jail.

**Order granting essential license:** Dennis M. Richardson.  
**Judgment & sentence criminal mischief over \$50/under \$500:** Ricky Ray Winters \$192 court cost and 90 days in jail.

### Chamber builds membership by 60 businesses

HERALD Staff Report

The three-day Big Spring Area Chamber of Commerce membership drive ended late Thursday afternoon with 60 new members on the rolls.

"Since we had a goal of 50, I'm extremely excited about the success of the drive," said Linda Walker, executive vice president of the chamber.

"We had a good volunteer effort to man the phone bank and to contact non-members within the community," she added.

Walker said that even though efforts were made to contact as many individuals and businesses as possible, she knows some were missed.

"There's just no way you can make contact with everyone. I know we left over 100 call-backs for the decision-maker in the business while never making contact with them. If there is someone we missed, please call us at the chamber at 263-7641 and we'll get with you."

## Conseco acquires Life Partners

INDIANAPOLIS (AP) — Conseco Inc. announced its 14th merger in as many years Tuesday, acquiring insurance holding company Life Partners Group Inc. for \$600 million in stock while assuming \$240 million in debt.

The deal, which Conseco said will boost its before-tax earnings to about \$500 million annually, is the first for the Carmel-based insurance and financial services holding company since it dropped its \$3 billion merger bid for Kemper Corp. 16 months ago.

It's also the first ever in which Conseco or one of its affiliates has not used new debt to finance a merger, company spokesman Jim Rosensteel said. Tighter standards on the industry by state regulators and debt rating companies are discouraging the use of debt financing, he said.

"It's clear the rules of the game have changed," Rosensteel said. Such deals now "require a preponderance of equity capital."

Life Partners Group shareholders would get \$21 in Conseco stock for each of their 28.6 million shares. Life Partners Group closed up \$4.50 per share at \$20.25 Tuesday. Conseco closed up \$3.125 per

share at \$66.125. If either company's shareholders turn down the deal, that company will have to pay a \$20 million termination fee.

The merger will leave Conseco with shareholders' equity of \$1.9 billion and a debt-to-equity ratio of 32 percent. Pending approval from regulators and stockholders in both companies, the deal should close by midyear.

The merger also will leave Conseco with \$29 billion of invested assets under management and combined annual collected premiums of \$2.8 billion.

"Clearly, as the financial strength of the company improves, we will be in position to do more acquisitions," Rosensteel said. "But that is not what's driving this acquisition."

Conseco already owned 2.4 percent of the outstanding shares in Life Partners Group and was a minority partner when the Englewood, Colo.-based company was created six years ago with the purchase of Massachusetts General Life and Philadelphia Life from I.C.H. Corp., said spokesman Roy Winnick of Life Partners Group.

The 1990 deal was led by Dallas-based buyout artist

Thomas Hicks and his Hicks, Muse, Tate & Furst Inc. investment firm. Conseco put up \$2.5 million of the \$30 million in equity in that \$530 million deal, Winnick said.

Conseco, which had sought a new strategic direction when it tried to buy Kemper mutual fund business and network of brokers, now is returning its focus to life insurance with Tuesday's deal.

Life Partners Group will provide Conseco with a network of 25,000 agents, compared with Conseco's current corps of 15,300 agents in the retirement annuity, educator and seniors markets.

"There is a fundamental reason we are taking this major strategic step: We view product distribution as the key to our continued growth," Conseco Chairman Stephen C. Hilbert said. "LPG's universal life, traditional life and deferred annuity businesses will complement Conseco's current products."

Besides Massachusetts General and Philadelphia Life, Life Partners Group has a third operating subsidiary, Lamar Life.

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In addition to the owners the agency employs 3 inside sales people and 2 outside sales staff with 42 years combined experience in the travel business industry. Staff members ready to serve you are Tootsie Grantham, Jennifer Ridgway, Denise Iden and Edna Young.

Barbara Couch has worked for places and Pleasures for 3 years before the purchase of the agency. Barbara and staff are committed to the growth and welfare of Big Spring and Howard County. She was honored with the "Best of Big Spring" Award in September 1993.

Vaughn and Helen Martin have always enjoyed traveling and seeing the world. Helen is active at the agency with computer programming of airline tickets, car

rentals, cruises and other services for delivery and payment to the various companies.

Tootsie Grantham has worked at Places and Pleasures for more than a year. She has traveled to Mexico, the Caribbean, Europe, Asia, Canada and many of the states in the U.S. Professionally she has completed Sabre Training Schools and the College of Disney Knowledge.

Jennifer Ridgway has recently moved to Big Spring from Dallas. She is a graduate of the International Aviation and Travel Academy with extensive experience in corporate travel. She has also traveled extensively and wants to share her travel information with the people of Big Spring.

Places and Pleasures is open from 8 am to 6 pm Monday through Friday or other hours by appointment. The agency offers ticketless travel for Southwest Airlines and the delivery of corporate tickets available. With the firm's motto, "Our Service is Free and Our Advice is Priceless," the firm's goal is to be the "Travel Store for West Texas." The firm is located at No. 2 Coronado Plaza and the phone number is 915-263-7603.

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HAPPY BIRTHDAY FOR SUNDAY, MARCH 31:

You will accomplish a lot this year professionally. Career opportunities drop on you as the result of your diligence and creativity. Realize what you want, and aim for exactly that. Some of you might become involved with your community and its politics. You are more aware of your stature. If you are single, romance is likely to bloom through a professional connection. If attached, include your partner more often in your work activities when possible. VIRGO helps you relax.

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

ARIES (March 21-April 19) You are pushing your energy levels. Be smart; honor this as a day of rest, and play the pussycat with naps. You might decide to vanish or perhaps indulge in a favorite pastime. Change plans if necessary to fulfill your innermost needs. Tonight: Get your ZZz's. \*\*\*

TAURUS (April 20-May 20) You have been waiting for the green light for a while. Despite a partner's flak, now is the time. Be a kid again: Be frisky and carefree. Invite friends to join you in a long-discussed fun event. Let your imagination take the lead. Tonight: Pretend tomorrow isn't Monday! \*\*\*\*

GEMINI (May 21-June 20) You know what is best for you. Oddly enough for a sign that loves to roam, you decide today is an excellent home day. Don't feel like you have to do anything but enjoy. A special friend or loved one could be quite enticing and seductive. Tonight: SHHH ... don't tell! \*\*\*\*

CANCER (June 21-July 22) Communications are active. Romance flickers for those who have an open heart and are willing to share their feelings. In any case, intimate discussions lead to closeness. Do not let your need for structure or routine interfere with the day's good vibes. Tonight: Enjoy a candlelight dinner. \*\*\*\*\*

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22) Curb a tendency to be possessive or to act out of insecurity. Acknowledge friends for their suggestions, though leaping on the bandwagon and joining them could be a bad ride. Take some time to organize finances. Tonight: Curtail spending. \*\*\*

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) Be playful, and enjoy your happy-go-lucky self. Reverse course with a family member. Indulging in an argument and getting stuck in being right

will not help. Let your imagination flow. Be open to another person's way of showing love. Tonight: Just ask. \*\*\*\*\*

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22) A change in plans may initially upset you, but you can handle it. Be direct about your feelings and expectations. Another responds and supports you in making life more to your liking. Consider reorganizing things. Tonight: Get a good night's sleep. \*\*

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21) Focus on what you want. You have a strong intuitive feeling about which way to go. Discussions with a friend could develop into something more. Be willing to express your views and be vulnerable. The response may delight you. Tonight: Prepare to receive. \*\*\*\*\*

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21) Take the lead by bringing family and friends together. Though you are willing to share, be financially responsible and don't go overboard. As usual, moderation is important for you, Sagittarius. Enjoy the limelight. Tonight: You are a force to be dealt with. \*\*\*\*

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19) This may be a perfect day for a trip or family outing. Get together with others, but do something a bit unusual. Let your imagination take you on an adventure. Listen to and evaluate information. An exotic visitor plays a major role. Tonight: Try a new restaurant. \*\*\*\*\*

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18) Getting close to another fits your style. Sharing opens a new door in a relationship. Instincts are right on, so listen carefully to a special friend who shares his ideas. If you allow yourself to be vulnerable, you will have a huge grin on your face before the day is over. Tonight: Be frisky. \*\*\*\*\*

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20) Others are full of great ideas that you cannot resist. Join friends, and be willing to be a little far out. Music, emotions and a more spiritual tie mix and make this an unusual day. If you are single, you could meet someone special. Tonight: Pretend there is only Sunday night. \*\*\*\*\*

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THE Daily Crossword by Matthew Higgins

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5 Inside info  
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14 "Westside Story" song  
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40 "You've -- get up."  
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43 "Guys and Dolls" creator  
44 TV's Howard  
45 Tendon  
46 "Coal Miner's Daughter" singer  
51 Clairvoyant's letters  
54 Double curve  
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Card of Thanks  
Don Ellis would like to thank each and every one for their time and donations towards his medical expenses. Special thanks to the cooks and servers, all the merchants who donated for the auction, Judy and Jerry Mann, the auctioneers; the American Legion Post 506 and the Ladies Auxiliary.  
Sincerely,  
Don Ellis

Disfigured daughter bears marks of thoughtlessness

DEAR ABBY: I am the mother of an adorable three-year-old daughter. "Michelle" is affectionate and bright for her age. The problem: Michelle has a large red birthmark that covers her cheek, extending almost to her jaw. Her pediatrician told me that she'll have to wait until she's older to have the birthmark removed. Abby, you would not believe some of the comments adults



Abigail Van Buren  
Columnist

have made in her presence! People can be unbelievably cruel and thoughtless. I don't want my daughter's self-image destroyed before she even reaches kindergarten. My mother-in-law sent me a column you printed in 1991 on this subject. Would you please run it again? --MICHELLE'S MOM  
DEAR MOM: I certainly will, and I hope it's helpful.  
DEAR READERS: A reader asked, "What do you think the parents of a facially disfigured child would want to hear when running into a friend who has never seen the child before?" My reply, "Only a person who has walked that path is qualified to answer that question. I hope someone who has will write and let me know. The answer would be helpful to many readers -- as well as to this columnist."  
I was unprepared for the volume of mail I received. Some

excerpts:  
FROM ASHLAND, KY.: "Don't say, 'Oh, my God! What happened to your child's face?' Brace yourself, then find something positive to say about the child's bright eyes, lovely hair, or the outfit the child is wearing. But don't mention the child's abnormality."  
FROM LAKE JACKSON, TEXAS: "Do not ignore the child. A child with a deformity can see, hear and feel. Bend down and say, 'Hi ya, little fella -- what's your name?' Ask his mother if you may pick him up and hold him. The child will feel accepted and the mother will bless you a hundred times in her prayers."  
FROM YAKIMA, WASH.: "Don't try to comfort his mother with the 'news' that they are doing remarkable things with reconstructive surgery these days. Be assured that the parents are well aware of what can be done; they also know that it must be done in stages as the child matures. And the child probably has had many surgeries already."  
FROM SHELBY, OHIO: "Treat him as you would treat a normal 3-year-old -- not ignoring the deformity, but not making an issue of it, either. This is not hypocritical; neither is it acceptance of it. It puts it in its proper perspective. Forget the 'I'm so sorry' stuff. The mother knows you're sorry -- and so is she!"  
FROM LONG ISLAND: "Thank you, Abby, from the bottom of my heart for opening the door of opportunity for these letters. The public needs to be educated!"  
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# Historic big spring gave birth to community, county, and region

HERALD staff report

No roundup of attractions in the Big Spring area would be complete without a look at the title feature itself - the big spring in Comanche Trail Park.

According to research conducted by Heritage Museum curator Angie Way, this entire area was once covered by a shallow sea, evidence of which remains in the limestone around the edge of the spring.

The same sea life which helped produce pools of oil in the area also became embedded in that same limestone, which forms the bed of the spring. Once 50 feet deep, the spring attracted buffalo, Native Americans, Spaniards and early pioneers.

The spring was originally a source of drinking water for Comanche Indians. On Oct. 3, 1849, Capt. Randolph B. Marcy discovered the "big spring," noting, "It appears to have been a favorite place of resort for the Comanches, as there are remains of lodges in every direction."

Marcy recommended the spring as a stop on the way to California. Many Army scouting parties, including one led by Robert E. Lee, followed Marcy's advice.

The spring now looks relatively small compared to nearby Comanche Trail Lake, and you won't see settlers bathing in it or drinking out of it. However, as part of the park, it is still a popular site for those wishing to feed birds, watch ducks land on the water or just enjoy a relaxing afternoon.

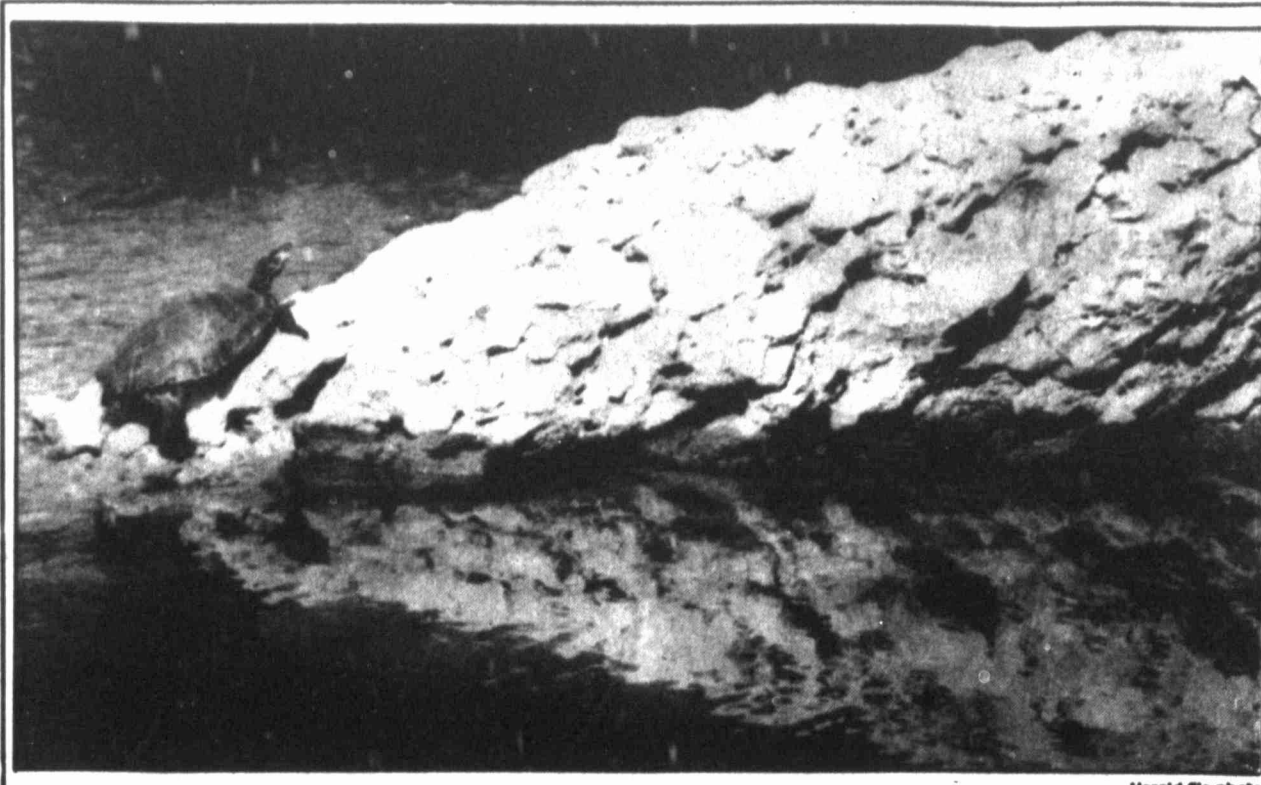
A walkway and observation deck were built by the spring for just such activities. However, in February 1995, the walkway was vandalized and set on fire. Damage was estimated at around \$5,000, and the deck was torn down. Efforts to raise

money to fix the walkway included a parking lot concert at Wal-Mart in the spring of 1995 and a one-act youth theater play staged in August 1995.

Questions about what to do with the area - rebuild the deck, plant flowers and trees or leave the area as it once looked - plagued City Council and concerned citizens.

While some felt the spring should be left in its natural state, others argued the deck would encourage visitors to stop and enjoy the scenery.

Moore Development for Big Spring, Inc., and the Big Spring Chamber of Commerce are exploring ideas and funding for developing the area around the big spring. Digs in the area have uncovered sites that may have archeological importance. Whether the area will be beautified as a visitor attraction or pursued as an archeological site remains to be seen ... but one thing is certain, a visitor to the spring can easily find themselves transported 150 years back to the time of the Comanches and Capt. Marcy.



A turtle crawls from the water and onto a rock in the area around the spring, located in Comanche Trail Park. The spring area in the park has long been a social gathering point and is now being studied as a possible archeological site by the Texas Department of Parks and Wildlife.

## Parks an important part of Big Spring's plans

By CARLTON JOHNSON Staff Writer

One of the priority task forces formed during the creation of Big Spring's Comprehensive Master Plan was Parks & Recreation - an area task force members said would have to be addressed by the entire community.

Task force member Dianne Toone said, "As far as parks and recreation is concerned, we need to get a lot of community input and figure out what the community's priorities are."

"The whole point is to see what the Big Spring community as a whole wants to see happen in the area of parks and recreation."

Several of the areas mentioned by Carter & Burgess (the firm hired to put the master plan together) Senior Vice President Bart Bradford during public meeting of the plan committee included the following conclusions:

- Big Spring needs a long-term parks and recreation plan.
- Big Spring is deficient in neighborhood park areas. There is also a shortage of picnic areas and playground equipment.
- Topography is an asset in Big Spring.
- Air quality is basically good and environmental problems are very small.
- Other areas from which the Parks and Recreation task force sought community input included the shortage of community facilities, the need for a sports complex, and whether or not Big Spring needs a recreation center.



ferent because the park will be built by members of the community.

The community playground will be built on a 200-foot by 200-foot site at Comanche Trail Park with the actual playground taking up a 100-foot by 100-foot section of the land.

The unique aspect of Kids' Zone is it was named by kids and designed by architects after they consulted with area kids as to what they wanted in the park.

Several fundraisers have taken place to help benefit Kids' Zone and when time comes to build this spring, it's estimated that 200 people will be able to build the park in four days.

Plainview built its park in 1991. It is estimated to have a value of \$250,000 but donated materials and volunteer labor from the community cut the cost to \$66,000.

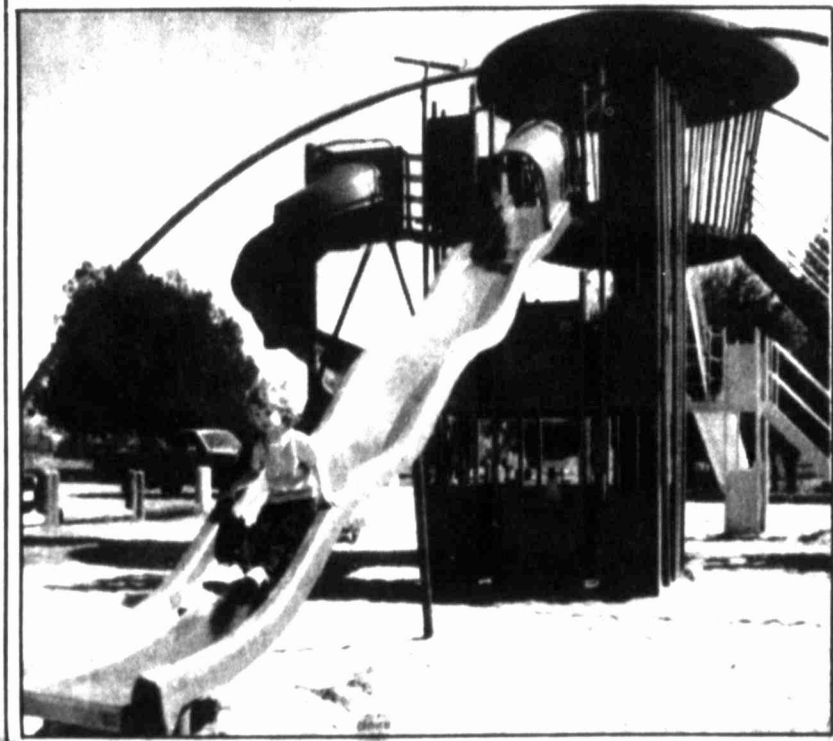
Another solution to creating more community/neighborhood parks in Big Spring could also take place in 1996 with construction beginning on the city's northside on Earnest S. Morgan Park.

Morgan Park was the brainchild of City Councilwoman Stephanie Horton and the second time was a charm concerning funding for the park.

The city of Big Spring was notified last September by the Texas Parks and Wildlife Commission that the matching grant project was approved for a Texas Parks and Recreation grant in the amount of \$71,500.

The fund was established to assist states, cities, towns, counties and other local governments in defraying the costs of purchasing park land and developing outdoor recreation facilities.

Horton first presented the idea to the City Council in July 1994 to turn the old abandoned northside swimming pool into a



Playground equipment, such as this multi-slide located in Comanche Trail Park, is a vital part of the community's long-range plan for parks and recreation.

community park. The total cost of the project is \$143,000, with the city's portion of the project being "in kind," meaning the city will not have to spend a lot of money.

### From the editor:

Welcome to the Big Spring Herald's 1996 Progress Edition - "101 Reasons to Live in Crossroads Country."

Just what is "Crossroads Country?"

To us, it's home. It's the area around the I-20, U.S. 87, Texas 350, Texas 158 crossroads. It's Big Spring, Coahoma, Forsan, Colorado City, Stanton, Gall, Ackerly, St. Lawrence, Garden City and more.

We felt it important to take a look at the reasons people settle here ... and that's where we came up with the topic, "101 Reasons to Live in the Crossroads Country."

We look at the past, present and future - from Capt. Randolph B. Marcy's first sighting of the big spring to long-range plans.

Ours is a region with a wonderful past and a bright future, where many things come together - community celebrations in Stanton and St. Lawrence, an Indian Pow-Wow in Big Spring to celebrate our heritage, a community theater in Colorado City, a community concert series in Coahoma and Big Spring's symphony ... youth activities, education, schools, sports, retirement

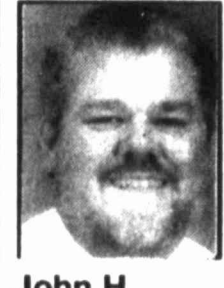
facilities, recreational facilities and more.

As promised, there are 101 reasons in this special section.

We would be remiss if we didn't thank those who assisted us with research as well as those we interviewed.

And in the newspaper business, where space is all we have to sell, we'd certainly be remiss if we didn't take the time to thank the advertisers for their generous support of this project.

On behalf of the staff of the Big Spring Herald, I hope you enjoy our 1996 Progress Edition - "101 Reasons to Live in Crossroads Country" - and that you experience many occasions where you discover it to be a helpful companion.



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According to the task force, everyone in the community has some interest and experience with this issue and recognizes the need for parks, feeling that the condition of the facilities and the activities within are a reflection of the community.

Big Spring's park system is comprised of the several areas including local parks (open areas), Comanche Trail Golf Course, Comanche Trail Amphitheater, Mount Olive Cemetery, Moss Creek Lake, and City Services, which includes investigation of and administrative needs of the park service.

According to the Carter and Burgess report on parks and recreation in Big Spring, these resources are an important factor in the quality of life and health of the citizens of the community, and are a subtle factor in the economic development efforts of a city.

Toone added, "As citizens of Big Spring and as a community we have to all come together to find out what we want done."

As a result of the Comprehensive Plan Committee, Big Spring is in the process of building a community park without the use of tax dollars.

This park will be called Kids' Zone.

The project began as an idea of committee member Katy McAteer, who saw similar projects in other towns like Plainview.

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# Heart of West Texas Museum has something for almost everyone

HERALD staff report

COLORADO CITY - It may be difficult to pinpoint the heart of West Texas itself, but a museum dedicated to all things West Texan is easy to find.

Just head east to Colorado City, find the large white house at 340 E. Third Street, and there stands the Heart of West Texas Museum.

The museum has been housed in a number of buildings for several decades - even acting director Elizabeth Connell and aide Dorothy Forbes aren't sure how long ago it was first started. "In the 1950s," Connell said. "No, I think it's been around for at least 50 years," mused Forbes.

The lower rooms of the museum contain offices, including a collection of books that took a year to compile. The books feature historical documents and laser copies of photographs spanning many decades.

Old outfits, some looking nearly new, adorn mannequins throughout the museum. Connell refurbished and preserved several old christening outfits by using appropriately old-fash-

ioned methods.

"Back then they didn't have bleach. They used to soak clothes in buttermilk," she explained. She soaked the dresses in buttermilk, rinsed them and let them dry in the sun to remove the yellow stains of age.

Portions of several rooms are set up to look like replicas of old-time life - a general store, a drugstore, a music room. The music room even features what must be one of the oldest entertainment centers one could find anywhere - a television set with a tiny screen and a pull-out record player underneath, all set into a large wooden cabinet.

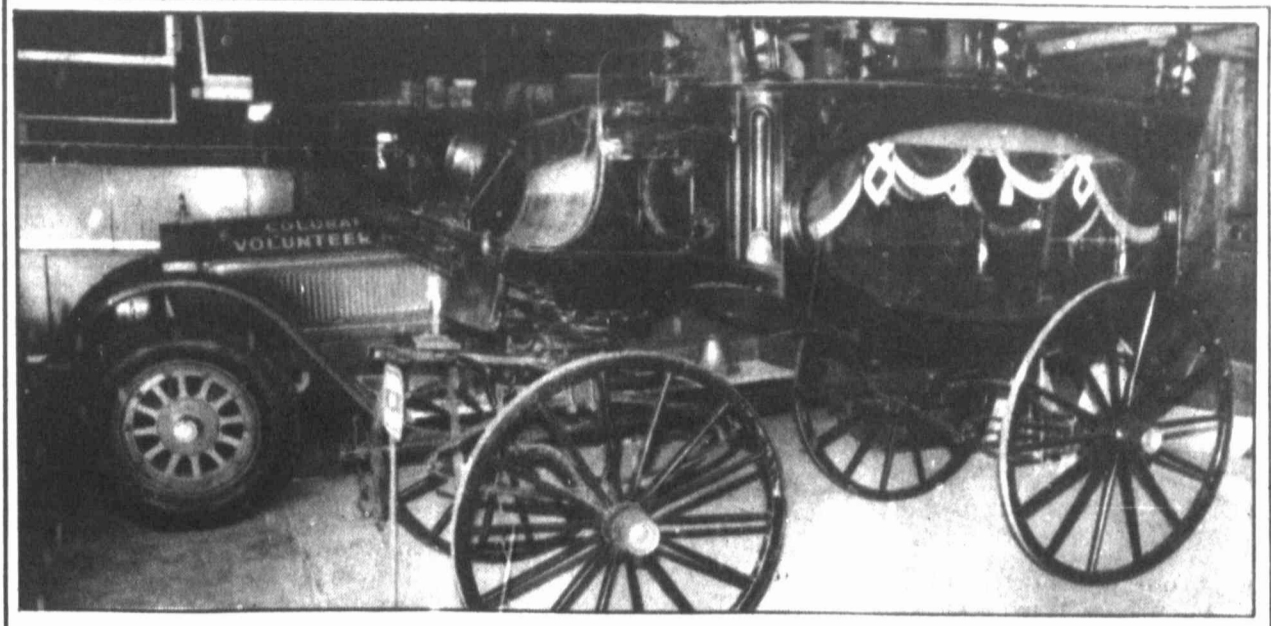
Upstairs are the former living quarters, furnished much as occupants long ago might have chosen to. A large parlor - the room where the deceased used to be displayed - now holds

meetings, bridal showers and other special occasions for which Forbes and Connell cook the food. "That's how we make our money," Forbes said.

Behind the museum is a bright red caboose. Nearby is a garage area with a climate-controlled room the staff calls the Charlie Thompson room.

"The public isn't allowed in here," Forbes said as she carefully opened the door. The room houses a variety of items, including medical goods, but most of the shelf space is taken up by old toys donated by Thompson. A saddle once belonging to Pancho Villa also sits in the room.

Nearby in the garage are stacked more artifacts and three attention-getters - two old red fire engines and an elaborate horse-drawn military hearse dating back to at least 1877.



A horse-drawn hearse, like those sometimes seen in western movies, is part of the extensive collection at the Heart of West Texas Museum in Colorado City.



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Hayli McCollough gets a big hug from Clifford the Big Red Dog during a book fair at the St. Mary's Episcopal School.

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A pioneer family is shown as part of mural painted in 1937 by world famous artist Peter Hudt. The mural is on an inside wall of the current Howard County Library, located at Fourth and Security. Because of high costs, the mural will remain after the building becomes part of the Howard County Office Complex.

Stanton's Old Sorehead Trade Days an activity with something for all

By SARA SOLIS Staff Writer

STANTON The Old Sorehead Trade Days in Stanton may have a funny name, but the revenue they produce for Stanton and the neighboring communities is no joke.



Stanton's trade days, which began in 1993, are held three times a year, once in the spring, the date of which varies in relation to Easter, the second Saturday in June and the second Saturday in October. This year's spring trade days will be held March 30 and 31.

Kathryn Burch, Texas Agricultural Extension Service Martin County extension agent, said between 350 and 400 vendors from all over Texas and New Mexico bring their arts, crafts and antiques to show and sell at the trade days. She said each show "draws a crowd of between 25,000 and 30,000 people."

Burch said approximately \$1.5 million is generated from the trade days annually for Stanton and the surrounding communities. She said this includes dollars spent at hotels and motels, of which Stanton has none. Burch said a lot of trade day's visitors lodge overnight in Big Spring or Midland.

Aside from the arts and crafts show the Old Sorehead Trade Days also offers numerous food booths and entertainment. There will be music Saturday and Sunday on the courthouse lawn from area bands, and youth groups come and do skits as well as dances and karate, Burch said. "We've had some scouts come over and do Indian dancing...It's a great place for kids to get exposure."

Burch said they center the trade days around the downtown area and the courthouse square in order to play off the nostalgia of the town as well as providing direct impact to their local businesses. She said the trade days was a brilliant idea developed by the Texas Agricultural Extension Service Community Development Committee. The committee realized

Stanton needed a gimmick to help out Martin County retail merchants. Burch said the consensus was that "they needed to have Christmas three to four times a year." The Old Sorehead Trade Days was a way to make that happen. Stanton used a similar event held annually in Canton, Texas as their model. "We put it (trade days) right down the middle of Main Street so that our merchants would get the impact of the people coming here."

Burch said in order to make use of the little notoriety Stanton already had from its "Well come to Stanton, home of 3,000 friendly people and a few old soreheads" billboards, the trade days included sorehead in its name.



A woman checks out a rolling pin during Stanton's Old Sorehead Trade Days. The annual get-together, which takes up most of the community's downtown area, takes place over a two-day period.

Sidewinders gymnastics gets national attention

By RODERICK RICHARDSON Herald Sports Writer

Fifteen years ago, the Sidewinders gymnastic team worked hard to be known locally. Today, they are receiving national attention.

Last year, the Sidewinders took fourth place in the YMCA national competition and is dominating the state competition winning 16 of the six 2.5-point stunts.



The Sidewinders' coach, Russ McEwen, said he is proud of his team's success. "We are very fortunate and look forward to this year's season," he said. "Last year was our highest finish. We expect to be better this year."

The governing body of competition, the United States Artistic Gymnastics Federation, said...

what level you are, and the level change from 1 to 10. Above 10 are the kids you see compete on television.

The girls who hold this prestige are Casey McKim, a 16-year-old from Odessa, 10-year-old Hadley White, also from Midland, and Stephanie Stewart, a 13-year-old from Big Spring.

What started out to be a program for girls in ages 8 to 10 of Big Spring later branched out for girls around this area. "We have about eight girls who come back and forth between Midland and even to Odessa," said McEwen.

The group started off basically with the moving mats that are installed under the football goals in gymnasiums. "But according to McEwen, a local business funded the facilities the team now uses at the YMCA."

The Sidewinders' primary purpose in training was to not only teach and the sport of gymnastics, but to instill strong values and responsibility in them.

In order to see these gymnasts in action, one must visit the YMCA to watch them compete for they do not do halftime shows.

"We used to do basketball halftime shows years ago but not anymore," said McEwen. "Now our performances are so complicated, we could have trouble getting the equipment into the court."

For more information call the Big Spring area at 267-8834.

Partners in Progress working for Big Spring

By SARA SOLIS Staff Writer

Various Big Spring business, city and industry organizations combined to form Partners in Progress. The group committed to building the tax base, in providing the appearance of the city, and county and opening lines of communication between city, county and industry.



Partners in Progress, a Big Spring Area Chamber of Commerce Committee, was conceived in late 1992, but was inactive until last spring when it was reactivated, said Linda Walker, chamber executive vice president.

Walker said 28 local entities committed to a long-term program at a May 16, 1996 meeting. She said members showed a concern for the decreasing tax base and appearance of the city and county. The organizations represented all agreed they need to cooperate together to create jobs and bring new industry to town.



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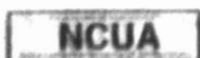
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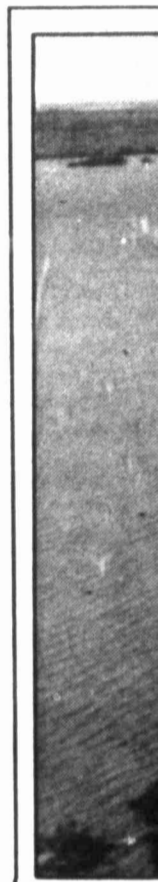
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Lake O.H. for water well ahead

# Colorado River Municipal Water District provides recreation, water lifeline

By JOHN H. WALKER  
Managing Editor

In 1946 a group of community and business leaders, at the urging of then-Texas Utilities president J.B. Thomas of Fort Worth, gathered at the Settles Hotel in Big Spring.

The purpose of the meeting was to explore ways in which cooperating communities in the region could work together to ensure there was adequate water.

Thomas' reasoning was that if there was adequate water, business and industry could be attracted to the region and it would grow and prosper.

By early 1949, the group, known as the Colorado River Municipal Water Association, had garnered enough support that the 51st Texas Legislature, just prior to adjourning, passed a law creating what we now

know as the Colorado River Municipal Water District.

Nearly 50 years later, the district, through its three reservoirs and numerous well fields, has provided water to member cities Big Spring, Snyder and Odessa as well as to a number of contract customers, such as Midland and San Angelo. In all, more than 400,000 West Texans are served by CRMWD.

Because of the reservoirs, CRMWD wound up being the catalyst behind much of the recreational areas in the region.

Its lakes J.B. Thomas, E.V. Spence and O.H. Ivie have a combined capacity of more than 1.26 million acre-feet of water. And while the primary purpose of the lakes is to supply a source of water for residential and commercial use, they are also well known for fishing, camping, boating, water skiing and swimming.

The district has approximately 85 employees and operates under a \$25 million budget. Day-to-day operations are the responsibility of general manager John Grant, who reports to a 12-member board of directors.

Despite the fact it was created by the Texas Legislature, the district receives no tax monies from any level — local, state or federal — and operates solely from the revenues generated by the sale of water and

the recreational and user fees at the lakes.

The district's three lakes include:

• J.B. Thomas, located southwest of Snyder, not far from the headwaters of the Upper Colorado River. The lake, which has a capacity of 204,000 acre-feet, was completed in 1952 and was named for the man responsible for the creation of the district.

Thomas is well-known as a fishing and recreation lake and has a number of campsites available. Catfish, crappie and an occasional bass can be caught in the lake.

• E.V. Spence, located on the northwest edge of Robert Lee, was completed in 1969 and has a capacity of 488,000 acre-feet. The first water was delivered from Spence to the member cities in 1970. The lake was

named for the district's first general manager, Col. E.V. Spence, who served from the district's inception to his death in 1965.

It, too, is well-known as a fishing and recreation lake. Catfish, bass, crappie and an occasional walleye are among the catches reported. Additionally, the lake is well-known to boaters and water skiers.

There are a number of camping areas, as well as motels.

• O.H. Ivie, located south of Ballinger at the confluence of the Colorado and Concho rivers, is the newest addition to CRMWD. Named for O.H. Ivie, who served as general manager from April 1965 until October 1995, the lake has a capacity of 554,000 acre-feet.

Ivie was completed in March 1990 and, despite calculations that it would take four or five

years to fill, was completely full and spilling water in February 1992.

It is from Ivie that water is now supplied to contract customers Midland and San Angelo, as well as member cities Big Spring and Odessa through the Ivie pipeline.

Despite its young age, Lake Ivie is nationally known as a bass-fishing lake. A weekend rarely goes by that there's not a tournament on the huge lake. Record-sized fish are hauled in with regularity. Most common catches are bass, crappie, and yellow, white and blue cat.

There are also campsites and motels.

For more information on CRMWD or any of its recreational facilities, call (915) 267-6341. Office hours are 8-12 and 1-5 p.m., Monday through Friday.



Lake O.H. Ivie, near Ballinger, with the Freese Dam in the right background. This Colorado River Municipal Water District facility serves not only as a recreational facility, but as a daily source for water for CRMWD member cities Big Spring and Odessa as well as contract customers Midland and San Angelo. The lake has a capacity of 554,000 acre feet and was filled to capacity in 1992, well ahead of schedule.

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# Signal Peak is probably the most unique landmark in area

By STEVE REAGAN  
Sports Editor

It is perhaps the most notable natural landmark in the Crossroads Country, and its likeness adorns City of Big Spring stationery and city vehicles.



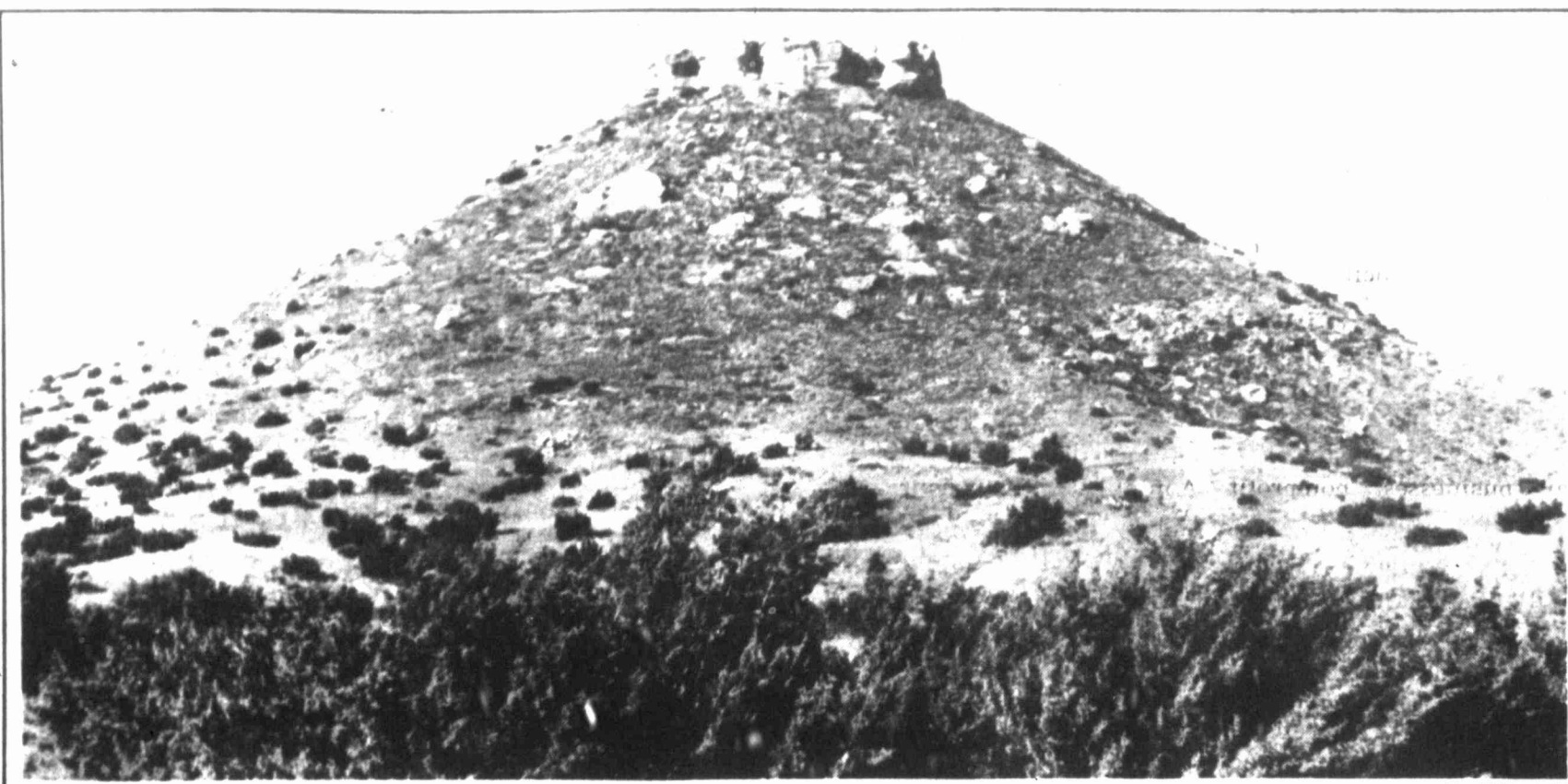
And while probably about 99 percent of area residents and visitors have noticed the unique profile of Signal Peak, not many have actually visited the site.

Signal Peak, noticed by many, traversed by few, is the stuff of legend - literally.

The hill, located south of Moss Lake in southeastern Howard County, also goes by the name of Twin Buttes or Twin Sisters, in reference to it and a similarly shaped peak to the east.

Signal Peak is readily identifiable by its flat, mesa-like top and conical bottom, which makes it resemble an upside-down funnel more than anything else.

It received the Signal Peak



Signal Peak, located south of Moss Lake in southeastern Howard County, also goes by the name of Twin Buttes or Twin Sisters, in reference to it and a similarly shaped peak to the east. It received the Signal Peak moniker because of the belief, never substantiated, that it was used by Comanche Indians as a platform to launch smoke signals.

been used by the Comanche to grind corn.

The Comanche were a nomadic tribe, and it is believed that they used Signal Peak as a sort of way station on their annual north-to-south migration from Colorado to Mexico.

According to early Howard County documents, the Kuhdi branch of the Comanche would summer in Colorado, then work their way south, resting at Signal Peak before heading south to Mexico, where they conducted many raids in the 1800s.

Since the turn of the century, Signal Peak has rested on private property, and has been technically off-limits to the general public.

But until about 30 years ago, that technicality didn't stop many people from visiting the site.

One long-time resident, who declined to be identified, recalled that it used to be a favorite pastime to picnic at Moss Lake, then hike over to Signal Peak.

"If you wanted to go, you just walked over," the person said. "No one really cared if you did or not."

Recently, however, the off-limit signs have been enforced, and public inspection of the peak is rare.

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Although the smoke signal claim has never been validated, it is accepted that Comanches

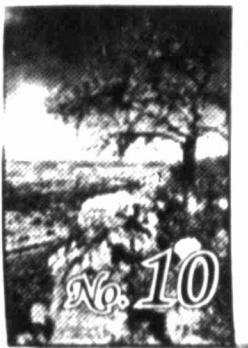
or other Native Americans used the peak as a sort of way station back in the mid-to-late 1800s.

Explorations of the site have unearthed arrowheads and other Indian artifacts, along with hollowed out areas on the peak which are believed to have

## Comanche Warrior Triathlon ready to go again

By KELLIE JONES  
Features Editor

Summer is the time to strap on your tennis shoes and participate in the Comanche Warrior Triathlon.

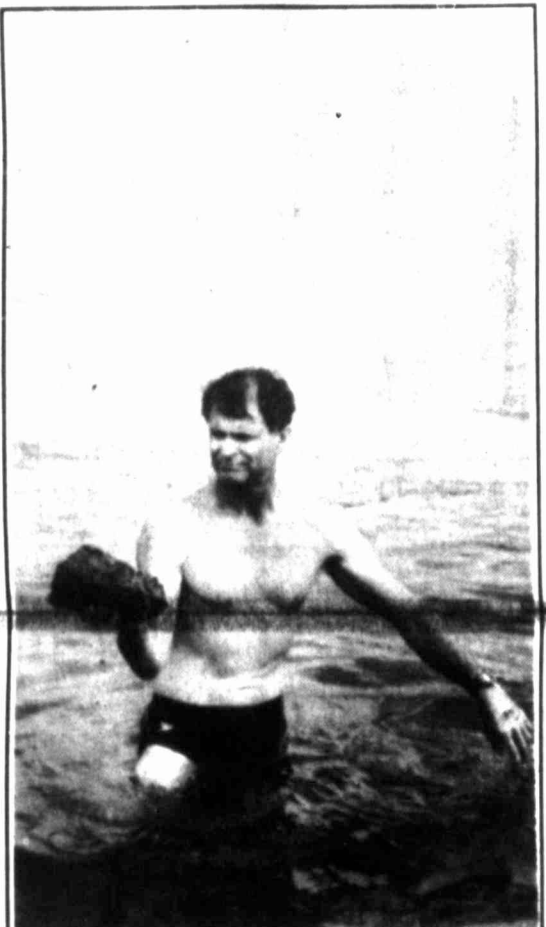


This year marks the fourth annual event scheduled for the weekend of July 27 and 28.

The KBST raft race is July 27 with the triathlon that Sunday starting at 7:30 a.m. at Comanche Trail Park.

The three components include a half-mile swim, 20 mile bike ride and 4.3 mile run. Race Director Donna McMahon said she is adding another event this year, a 10K (6.2 mile) run.

"We are hoping by adding the 10K, that more people will get involved. Some people just like to run and if they come out and see



Vic Keyes removes a rock from Comanche Lake in preparation for the Comanche Warrior Triathlon. For several weekends before each triathlon, volunteers clean up the lake and other areas where the events take place.

how much fun it is, then they might want to come back next year and participate in all the events," McMahon said.

She added there will be a catered pasta dinner on Saturday night and is considered a carbohydrate feed to prepare the athletes. A Hawaiian Ironman Competition contestant will be the guest speaker at the dinner.

Other festivities are in the planning stages and might include bands and a barbecue after the race.

Athletes from all over Texas have signed up for the triathlons in the past including some from Austin, El Paso, San Antonio, Dallas, and even Mexico.

The first year there were about 60 participants with 70 signed up in 1994 and 76 in 1995.

Before the event, volunteers take to Comanche Trail Lake cleaning it out of rocks, fish hooks and trash.

The course is set up at the park, Big Spring State Park and along state and local highways.

In addition to swimming the lake, participants wind up atop Scenic Mountain and as far out as the Elbow Community

## Heritage Museum chronicles community history, culture

By DIRK FILLPOT  
Staff Writer

Some say a town's culture is found in its beginnings, which for Big Spring would be the railroad construction in 1881. However, Angie Way, Curator of the Heritage Museum of Big Spring, knows that the town's culture lies with its citizens.

It is this culture that she says she tries to incorporate into the museum.

A majority of the museum's exhibits have been collected and donated by Big Spring area residents, including the museum's newest exhibit of antique phonographs, Way said.

The phonograph collection include two-minute phonograph reels whose manufacturing dates back to the early 1900's, said W.B. Hardy.

Hardy said he collected antiques before compiling his phonograph collection, which he began 20 years ago.

Another exhibit

collected by a local resident is a doll collection. Way said. The estimated 1,200 dolls in the exhibit include American Presidents, English royalty, storybook characters, television characters, and dolls in international cultural dress.

The oldest doll in the collection is a French-style doll dating back to the late 1700's.

Claudine Terrazas, who originally collected the dolls, told the Herald in 1978 that her collection started when she went to her childhood home to discover that her mother had thrown her dolls away. Her doll collection took more than 25 years to amass.



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## Leadership Big Spring develops leaders

By KELLIE JONES  
Features Editor

Leadership Big Spring began in 1983 and is sponsored by the Big Spring Area Chamber of Commerce.

It is designed to find and develop future leaders for the city. It is also to get people interested in the community, develop their leadership skills and to educate them about the variety of businesses and industries that make up the town.

The goals set by the chamber include: identifying and motivating potential leadership, acquainting potential leader-

ship with community needs and problems, offering alternate processes for dealing with those needs and problems and challenging potential leaders to community involvement and decision making.

Each participant can miss only one class of the nine month long program. They are also required to attend at least one chamber, city council, commissioners and school board meetings. They also write a one-page summary of each meeting they attend.

Day-long tours often make up the program including learning more about the school district, retail businesses, non-profit organizations, the media, agriculture, farms, industries along with both the city and federal prisons.

This year's leadership class will participate in a community project. Leadership Co-chair-

man Charlie Marmolejo said the group wants to help with the Kids Zone playground project.

"Each of us will donate \$5.50 and the money will be used to purchase a bench at the playground. Leadership Big Spring, Class of 1995-96' will be on the bench," Marmolejo said.

Other projects in the past have included helping out with Christmas in April or giving a \$250 scholarship to another Big Spring resident to attend the program.

Last year's class decided to add another part of Leadership Big Spring and that was to ride with Big Spring police officers. A minimum of four hours with an officer is required but often, the person decides to ride for a longer period of time.

Participants in the program end each class year with a special graduation ceremony, generally in late May or early June.

### LEADERSHIP GRADUATES



Members of the 1994-1995 Leadership Big Spring class of the Big Spring Area Chamber of Commerce are shown just prior to their graduation ceremonies at the Big Spring Country Club.

### KIDS' ZONE EFFORT



Students look at Kids' Zone T-shirts, designed to help raise money for the proposed Kids' Zone Playground in Comanche Trail Park. More than \$75,000 is being raised to build the facility.

### HAPPY GRADUATE



Beth Boone, right, receives the "Most Jovial" award from Leadership Big Spring co-chair Beverly Warren during the 1994-1995 graduation ceremony.

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A jogger takes advantage of the availability of Scenic Mountain, with its view and varied terrain, to get in shape. Hundreds of people utilize the park on a daily basis for walking and jogging, making it one of the community's natural health and fitness centers.

### Big Spring State Park: An ecological wonderland

By SARA SOLIS Staff Writer

Wildlife and vegetation abound at a unique location inside the Big Spring city limits. The Big Spring State Park offers visitors a look at several different ecological regions, their native plants and animals, a tremendous view, as well as recreational opportunities.

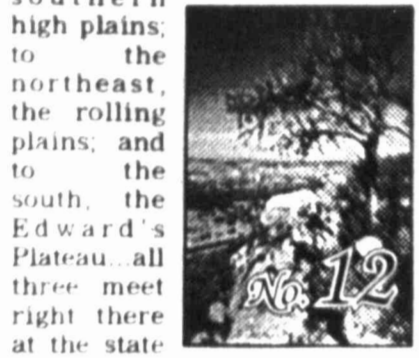
The park, dedicated by the City of Big Spring in 1934 and 1935, opened its gates to visitors in 1938.

Ron Alton, park manager, said three different ecological regions are represented on the park's 382 acres with an elevation of 2,810 feet.

He said the park caps one of the limestone bluffs at the northern edge of the Edward's Plateau. The plateau is formed from thick beds of limestone, deposits of an ancient sea that once covered much of Texas, and culminates at the park in a series of bluffs rising 200 feet above the rolling plains.

"We're at the confluence of

three different ecological regions, to the northwest the southern high plains; to the northeast, the rolling plains; and to the south, the Edward's Plateau, all three meet right there at the state park."



He said as a result, the park is an ideal place to see a variety of animal and plant life. "It's a wildlife mecca," Alton said.

"Wildlife, such as cottontails, jackrabbits, ground squirrels and roadrunners are common, particularly early or late in the day," he said. A small prairie dog town also lies on the park grounds. "The people right here in town, they love it (the prairie dog town) that their kids are able to see them," he said. Alton said the park supplements the prairie dog's native diet of

mesquite beans with cracked corn. "Many of the area's numerous and varied bird species can also be observed" at the park, he said.

Domestic livestock have not grazed the park land for over 50 years and as a consequence, vegetation typical of the semiarid region blankets the park, Alton said.

Plant varieties include mesquite, shin oak, skunkbush, sumac, redberry juniper and prickly pear and other cacti.

The park offers camping facilities for both tents and trailers, a lighted group picnic pavilion, which may be reserved, and a playground. Alton said campers enjoy stargazing or watching the sun set off the 200 foot bluff, marking the northern most limit of the Edward's Plateau.

Dramatic views from the CCC-built loop road is one of the featured attractions at the park. Alton said he enjoys watching storm clouds roll in from the park's peak. He said DPS and weather observers have been known to come to the park to

observe weather conditions. "It's a great place to watch a tornado," he said, as long as the park doesn't lie in its path.

Two hiking trails are available to visitors, a two-third mile round trip nature trail and a two and seven-tenths mile paved walking/driving path. Alton said, of the annual 180,000 visitors the park receives, about half are walkers. "The majority of our visitation is the walkers."

Other facilities available at the park are restrooms with no showers, picnic sites with shade shelters, a Texas State Park store, and a seasonal interpretive center, displaying area Indian artifacts and fossils.

Saturday evenings during June and July the park holds guided nature walks, highlighting century old rock carvings and culminating with historical tales at the park's pavilion.

The park is open from 8 a.m. to 8 p.m. during day light savings time, and 8 a.m. to 10 p.m. the rest of the year. Entrance fees for the park are \$3 per car or \$1 per walk-in.

### Lady Hawks big winners

By STEVE REAGAN Sports Editor

The closest thing to a sports dynasty in this area resides at Dorothy Garrett Coliseum.

Just be sure you get there early, or you might miss out.

Howard College's Lady Hawks basketball team has made the Western Junior College Athletic Conference - a league composed of seven teams in West Texas and Eastern New Mexico - their private playground the past few years. Coached by Terry Gray, the team was closing in on its fifth WJAC title in a row in mid-February.

Success is no stranger to the HC women, who have had winning seasons in 16 of the last 18 campaigns.

The program, founded in the mid-1970s, really took off with the arrival of Royce Chadwick in 1989.

Chadwick's first team went 27-5, but things really began to cook during the 1990-91 season, when they matched their record from the previous year and started their streak of titles.

In 1992-93, the Lady Hawks amassed their most impressive record to date, ending the regular season with a 32-0 record and a No. 1 national ranking.

That team advanced to the national tournament and won the consolation crown.

Another national tourney appearance followed in 1993-94. Chadwick won over 80 percent of his games before leaving in 1994 for Stephen F. Austin University.

Gray, Chadwick's assistant, moved up and proceeded to continue the Lady Hawks' success. His first team finished the season with a 30-6 record, its fourth straight Region V crown and its third straight national tournament appearance.



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### Center offers variety to seniors

By KELLIE JONES Features Editor

The senior citizen population is growing in Big Spring and many of them lead very active lives.

The Spring City Senior Center is one place where you can find the older crowd dancing the night away or sharpening their pool playing skills.



The center is located at 1408 East 4th Street in Big Spring. It offers a variety of activities and services for its members.

Several past and present members of the center have suggested donations of books, records, and other items to help support the center's activities.

The center is open for anyone over 60 years of age with 40 hours of community service. Classes include art, dancing, and more.

Classes are held on Wednesdays and Thursdays. There are also special events throughout the year.

Adults over 60 are encouraged to participate in the center's activities. There are also pool games and other social events.

There are also social events and parties throughout the year. These include luncheons and dinners.

Those who have dancing skills can be shown off every Friday night from 7:30 to 9:30 p.m. at a country and western dance.

On Thursday evenings at 8:30, you can brush up on your creative skills by taking an art class. Pottery painting is also offered on Fridays at 9:30 a.m.

A meeting place to visit friends and catch up on the latest news is another reason the

center is so popular. Several of the seniors are artistically inclined and enter their work into the Howard County Fair each year.

Everyone brings their own supplies and a little spare change to help with the utility bills.

The class members can work with oils, pastels, watercolors or acrylics with Southwestern art being the most popular.

The center often has fund raisers throughout the year to help with expenses. Director Bobbie Leonard said the center relies

on donations to help pay the bills and provide those little "extras" for the seniors.

Each art teacher passes around a coffee can during the class to collect money to pay for their electricity.

Fund raisers have included fashion shows, raffles, selling cook books and having a booth at the Howard County fair.

In the past, the fashion shows have included one in both the fall and spring to show seniors what is in style that season. Volunteers model the clothes from various local dress shops.

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A judge checks out a home canning entry during the annual Howard County Fair.

## Howard County Fair big annual area event

By CARLTON JOHNSON  
Staff Writer

One of Big Spring's biggest highlights each year is the annual Howard County Fair.

The Howard County Fair Board of Directors work year-round to prepare for the next fair. The day the fair closes, work begins on the next one.

Attendance is always plentiful at the fair so the hard work that goes into getting it ready sometimes goes unnoticed.

Arnold Marshall, a member of the board of directors for almost 24 years said it's extremely important for Big Spring and the surrounding area to have a fair because it's a way to identify the local area and the things it has to offer.

Local residents show off everything from sheep and cattle to canned goods and baked goods to arts and crafts and antiques.

People have come from as far away as England.

Following a recent fair Marshall said, "It behooves every individual to give back to the community. It makes sense to leave a place better than it was when you found it. I'm just proud to be a part of the Howard County Fair Association that provides fun and entertainment for the city, county and surrounding area."

The fair board of directors set Sept. 2 through Sept. 7, 1996, as the date for the 1996 Howard County Fair.

At its recent meeting at Wesley United Methodist Church board president Danny Wright and board member Dick Helms reported on the recent Texas Association of Fair and Expos Convention in Dallas.

Several of the topics covered, including entertainment, volunteers and advertising techniques for fairs and expos, may be helpful at this year's fair.

A three member nominating committee was also formed to present the new slate of officers for the 1996 fair.

The board is seeking input and suggestions for ways to improve and expand the fair.

Wright said, "If anyone has an idea for an act, a musician or something we haven't had here in Big Spring, we would like for them to send it in."

## High school playoff games bring revenue, variety

By SARA SOLIS  
Staff Writer

Big Spring is the home for several high school athletic play-off games each year. While direction of play-off game recruitment and organization is currently in a transition period, everyone seems to agree that athletic play-offs are a valuable means of bringing outsiders into town and promoting Big Spring as a great place to live and play.

Ron Logback, assistant business manager for Big Spring ISD, said play-offs end up in Big Spring as a result of a decision made by the two prospective outside teams. "It depends on whether the two teams can agree upon a neutral site in which to play," Logback said. Therefore, the number of play-off games Big Spring hosts varies year to year, he said.

He said, in 1994 Big Spring hosted three or four football games, basketball and volleyball in their facilities. "Our facilities are available as long as they (the play-off games) don't conflict with our own high school use of the facility," he said. In 1995 Big Spring hosted the football play-off game between Denver City and Abilene Wylie, Logback said. He said the average football play-off game brings in 800 people representing the two competing teams, with basketball bringing in around 400. He said attendance depends a lot upon the distance the two teams are traveling. Hosting a 3-A school football play-off can bring up to 1,500 people to town, he said.

He said Big Spring has hosted

two to three baseball play-offs in the past as well. "We do have good facilities to play baseball and football ... two of the best playing fields in the area," Logback said.

The high school gymnasium and the Dorothy Garrett Coliseum at Howard College are available for basketball play-off games. "A lot of times they'll use our gymnasium because it's less expensive (than renting the Dorothy Garrett Coliseum) and smaller schools don't need the larger seating capacity available at the coliseum," Logback said. He added, "Our basketball gymnasium is pretty good for a medium size school."

Stan Feaster, director of the Dorothy Garrett Coliseum, said "When the high school athletes come in we make them feel important, and we should because they've reached the next level in competition." Feaster said coliseum refreshments are also an asset at the play-off games. "We have some awesome popcorn," he said.

High school basketball games draw up to 3,500 fans per game.

Logback said the problem with hosting play-off games is that the school district, as a public entity, operates on tax dollars. "Our first obligation is to our tax payer. They cannot suffer an additional tax burden



Big Spring High School's Lady Steers play Andrews in a regular season basketball game. High school playoff games are very popular and an economic boon to the community.

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YMCA youth basketball is just one of the many activities available to youngsters, both boys and girls, in the Crossroads Country.

### Youth sports offer variety of activities

By RODERICK RICHARDSON  
Herald Sportswriter

The 1996 year in youth sports will be a year of growth, rebuilding and most of all fun.

In girls softball, the Big Spring Lady Steers softball club will finally represent BSBS in District 4-4A for the 1996-97 year.

The BSBS school voted the team in Feb. 8 after three years of evaluation from both the school district and Big Spring United Girls Softball Association. Last year's 8-11 Lady Steers look forward to improving their record to finish the season on as high a note as they started.

Coahoma's girls softball team who won the district championship last year, had a rough season opener against Lubbock Monterey in a double header Feb. 17 as 17 players attempt to

adapt to the new field line.

"We have a new field line in varsity softball. We just played on the old field off the day before," said softball coach Jeanne Ruedel.

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work extra hard."

There are some teams or players that don't represent schools in competition. The Big Spring YMCA right now has fifth and sixth grade basketball leagues which will soon end its season. Teams such as the Mavericks, Spurs, Pistons and Hawks give it all they have just for the enjoyment of the game.

Gretchen Kassner, YMCA senior programming director, says that though these teams are out to win, they come out the season with a new outlook in competition.

"All that the YMCA emphasizes is that everyone who participates is a winner," said Kassner. "We try to teach that winning isn't important. The sports shows true basic skills, and the kids are out there just to have fun."

Another sport the YMCA will introduce is indoor soccer.



### PLAYING ON MONKEY BARS



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Michelle Villa swings over toward the next bar before reaching for it as she was climbing on the playground bars during physical education class at Coahoma Elementary School.

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By STEVE REAGAN  
Sports Editor

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Big Spring and the surrounding area offers several camps, grounds, and never been so

Local residents know just how become.

Worthy, owner of Big Spring as president of the Association of Camps. He says camps come a long way

Worthy's almost every could ask for TV, a game pool and a corner. He says parks are in the and estimates of yearly visitors.

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By SARA SOLIS  
Staff Writer

Howard College draws students to Big Spring from all parts of Texas and the world to learn, work and play in a comprehensive community college setting.

The college, which celebrated the 50th anniversary of its conception this past November, comprises the main campus, located on 120 acres on Birdwell Lane in Big Spring, as well as campuses in Kerrville, Fredericksburg, San Angelo, Snyder and Lamesa. The college also offers education courses of the Federal Correctional Institution in Big Spring.

The SouthWest Collegiate Institute for the Deaf became a part of the Howard College family in 1980 and is "The only com-

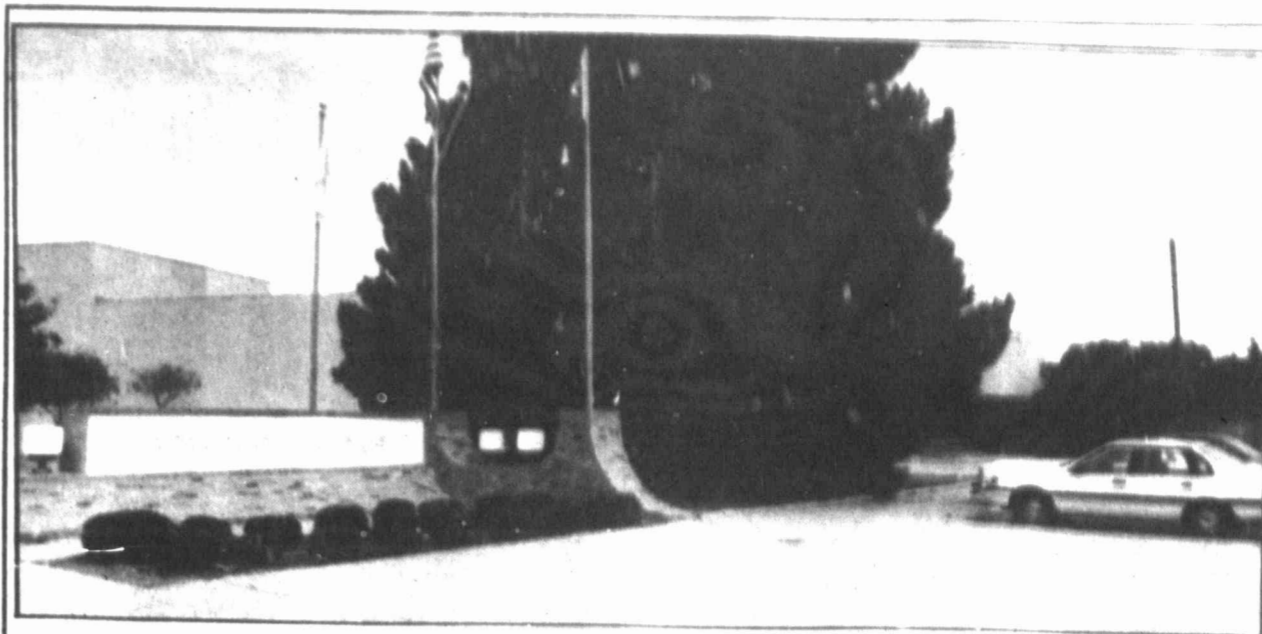
munity college for the deaf in the world," Terri Newton, communications specialist, said. SWCID, also located in Big Spring, offers deaf students courses in development/preparatory studies, college transfer programs and vocational/technical training.

Newton said Howard College offers students a very friendly and relaxed atmosphere in which to further their education. "Our college, employees, staff and students, we're a community."

The college offers an associate's degree in arts, science and applied science as well as several certificate programs and adult and continuing education courses. Newton is especially proud of the Dental Hygiene program.

"We're the only one in all the Permian Basin area that offers this program," she said. Newton said 100 percent of students who graduated from the college with a degree in dental hygiene pass their state licensing exam.

The college is in the process of networking their computer systems and enabling students and staff access to the internet campus-wide. The college is also experimenting with offering telecourses, whereby a student may enroll and complete a course offered at UTPB, Midland College, or Odessa College



The main campus of Howard College is located on Birdwell Lane in Big Spring. The two year, taxpayer-supported college, also has campuses in San Angelo, Kerrville, Fredericksburg, Snyder and Lamesa as well as the SouthWest Collegiate Institute for the Deaf. Some 3,000 students attend Howard College at all of its facilities.

without ever leaving the Howard College campus. Newton said telecourses are for "those courses that are too small to really offer on each

campus, but that are needed, for instance a foreign language or calculus III."

Newton said Howard College is interested in preparing their students for real jobs in society. She believes leadership programs are integral in preparing students for future employment

## Camping opportunities abound

By STEVE REAGAN  
Sports Editor

Camping has come a long way from the pitch-a-tent-start-a-fire days.

Now, camping has become about as civilized as you could want.



Big Spring and the surrounding area offers several camps, grounds, and "roughing it" has never been so easy.

Local resident Jerry Worthy knows just how easy it has become.

Worthy, owner of Texas RV Park of Big Spring, also serves as president of the Texas Association of Campground Owners. He says campgrounds have come a long way from the "mom and pop operations."

Worthy's business offers almost every convenience you could ask for, including cable TV, a game room, swimming pool and a convenience store.

He says peak times for his park are in the spring and fall and estimates his total number of yearly visitors in the hundreds.

RV parks such as Worthy's attract four types of visitors to Big Spring:

- Tourists.
- Temporary workers.
- Recreational vehicle owner groups who meet at regular intervals at different places.
- People seeking temporary housing.

Aside from offering the above-mentioned services, area campgrounds also act as *de facto* members of the local chamber

of commerce, guiding visitors to points of various points of interest. And these visitors pump money into the local economy.

"We think they spend \$150 a day in Big Spring," Worthy said, "and some spend much, much more. In fact, we had a guy in here a while back who ended up buying a car (in Big Spring)."

Other area facilities:

• Suburban East RV and Mobile Home Park, five miles east of Big Spring on I-20. Services include full hookups, groceries, outdoor pool, cable TV and hot showers.

• Whip-In Campground, seven miles east of Big Spring on I-20. Services include full hookups, cable TV, supplies, laundry and hot showers.

Also, Big Spring State Park has two camping sites with water and electricity, 11 developed sites with picnic area and grill, and nine primitive sites.

## Chamber and Extension Service join hands on Junior Leadership

By CARLTON JOHNSON  
Staff Writer

Each year the local Texas Agricultural Extension Service Office coordinates the Junior Leadership Big Spring program through the Big Spring Area Chamber of Commerce.

The county extension staff has already completed plans with chamber executive vice president Linda Walker and the program began on Feb. 20.

Each year the chamber and extension office works with school administrators and or teachers involved with leadership activities at all county high schools.

The program is limited to high school juniors who must be nominated by school officials or who have applied through the extension office. The nominees are screened and the top 25 students selected.

"Participants are expected to attend and participate in a series of programs involving local community leaders and businesses," County Extension Agent Don Richardson said.

He added the underlying purpose of the program, in addition to offering leadership training opportunities to local youth, is to expose them to the opportunities for education and employment opportunities available.

"Through these opportunities, it is hoped local youth will develop a more positive attitude about their community and hopefully continue their education and choice of employment in our area, becoming productive future community leaders," he said.

Young people who may not be aware of the program may contact the extension office in the northeast section of the Howard County Courthouse or call 943-2236.

The Junior Leadership program is an extension of the adult program of Leadership Big Spring.

The tentative list of activities included orientation, a program with the chamber, a meeting with the Big Spring City Council, a visit to the West Texas Ag Expo, a tour of the Federal Correctional Institute, county government, visiting the Big Spring Health Fair, Big Spring Police Department participation in a Howard College program, Western Container, Big Spring State Hospital, and Texas Stone

Security in Garden City.

Richardson said, "Hopefully through Leadership when they finish their education they will want to make Big Spring their home."

The Junior Leadership graduation will be May 21.

Richardson added, "We want to let them know what Big Spring has to offer. We want to give them a better appreciation for how their community operates."

Walker said, "The Junior Leadership Program is a program of the chamber and Don (Richardson) has been the chairman of the program since it began."

She added, "I believe the program is very beneficial to our youth because it gets them into the community. The master plan tells us we need more mentoring programs like this for our youth."

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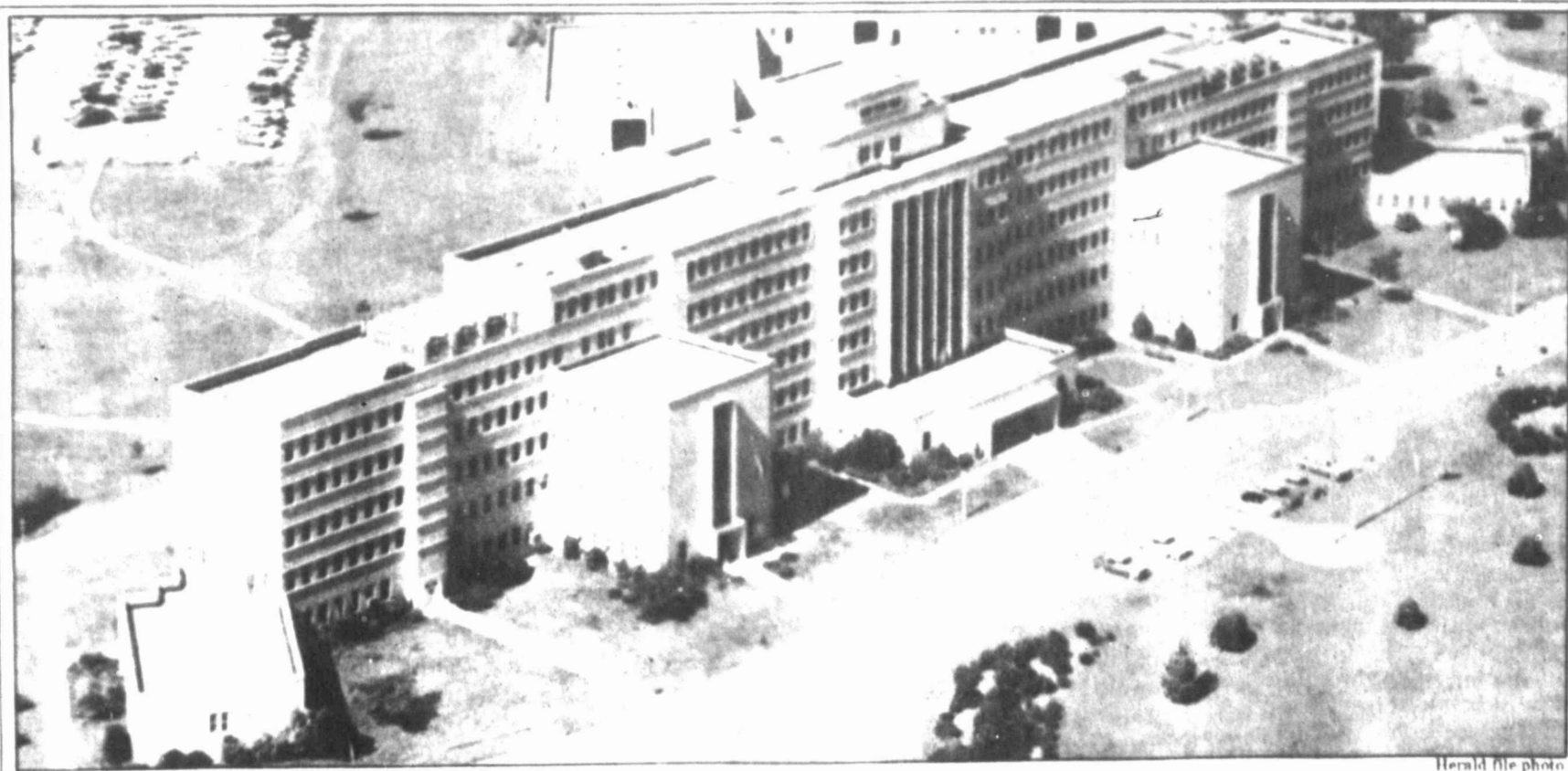
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This photo shows the Big Spring Veteran's Administration Hospital as it looked in 1958. The facility, which was opened in July 1950, was built at a cost of \$6 million. It now services a 47-county area in Texas and two counties in southeast New Mexico, which have a combined 80,000 population of eligible veterans.

## VA Medical Center provides support for thousands of vets

HERALD staff report

When the VA Medical Center was built 46 years ago, the mental and physical scars of World War II were still fresh enough to need the center's attention. The Korean War was soon to follow.

Now, many years, patients and a few wars later, the VA Medical Center is keeping pace with its large treatment area and numbers of patients.

Former U.S. Marine James Waters was the first documented patient to visit the Veterans Administration Medical Center in Big Spring in July 1950. The \$6 million facility was built with a 250-bed space capacity.

The center's current director, Cary Brown, came to work in August 1994. He began expanding upon the work of his immediate predecessor, Conrad Alexander, to reach more veterans in its 49-county service area.

The center's area covers 47 counties in West Texas and two in southeast New Mexico. There are at least 80,000 eligible veterans in the service area, and the center currently reaches 10 percent of them.

The VA Medical Center offers more than a hospital or clinic for veterans. It has organized such activities as stand-downs for homeless veterans, providing food, shelter and clean clothing.

Local veterans' organizations such as the American Legion, Disabled American Veterans and others work with the medical center to coordinate special activities and volunteer services.

A gift shop, run by the American Legion women's auxiliary, opens before each Christmas to allow VA Medical Center inpatients to pur-

chase gifts for their families and have the gifts wrapped and sent.

Brown is pleased with the progress of the total primary care units in the last year. These units allow each patient,

whether inpatient or outpatient, to see the same physician each time. "There's a push nationwide for the VA to do this, but we've already started," Brown pointed out. "We're one of the first."

The medical center also opened two community primary care clinics, in Fort Stockton and Abilene, to serve veterans who live too far to travel easily to the local center.

"If the budget allows, we have approval to open five more clinics," Brown said. The other five clinics would be in Stamford, San Angelo, Monahans, Odessa and Hobbs, N.M. in order to better serve those veterans.

The Big Spring center has also opened a gynecological outpatient clinic and expanded surgery capabilities to allow orthopedic and more trolgy surgeries. Construction is ongoing to improve the center's infrastructure and expand ambulatory care.

Brown said the center is becoming even more involved with customer service by reducing waiting times for patients, and is employing college students as part of a community career development effort.

The VA Medical Center is located at 300 Veterans Blvd. and can be reached by calling 263-7361.

## St. Mary's offers alternative education to local youth

By SARA SOLIS  
Staff Writer

Knowledge cannot be divined from God. St. Mary's Episcopal School was founded upon this assertion and it is the driving force behind the school's effort to offer an alternative elementary education to the children of Big Spring and surrounding areas.

St. Mary's School first opened in 1950 under the direction of the church rector at the time, Rev. Don Hungerford. The school started with 15 kindergarten students and a very old bus. Bebe McCasland, St. Mary's school administrator for the last 15 years, said. The school offers programs for children age 3 through fifth grade.

Since 1981 the school has been located at 118 Cedar in Big Spring. McCasland said the school's current site was donated by a generous member of the community. The campus was put up for public auction and a donor offered to bid on it for the

school, she said. The facility housed by St. Mary's used to be Park Hill Elementary School before enrollment figures plummeted in 1976 with the closure of Webb Air Force Base.

St. Mary's School is a non-profit, funded through tuition payments, donations and an endowment fund created in 1981. McCasland said the school was lucky to survive the base closure as well as the bust in the oil industry. "We have survived for 46 years due to the generosity of people in this community," she said.

In addition to classrooms, a chapel, a library, and a music/computer lab are available for student use. She said the school uses computers in

conjunction with classroom work. These (computer) programs are to heighten what they are learning in the classroom.

According to McCasland, the school provides students a "Quality education in a safe environment with individualized instruction, small classes and accelerated learning." The school also offers a bus service for a fee to those parents who need it and an after school enrichment program, which extends the school day to 3:30 p.m.

McCasland said she is very proud of the chapel, which is a classroom that was remodeled in 1986-87. "We had a donor who felt it was a need," she said. Before the chapel was created, students convened in the cafeteria for religious service, she said.

Donors were likewise responsible for the building of two more classrooms in 1992-93. It's nice to have growing pains because people realize the need and quite often it can be met," she said.

"The teachers are the heart beat of this school," McCasland said. They receive less pay than public school teachers and yet they still choose to teach in this environment. She said all St. Mary's teachers have a bachelor's degree. "I think our people in Big Spring are getting a tremendous bargain."

McCasland said the school is happy to have a very active parents organization called the "Friends of St. Mary's." The organization sponsors fundraisers for the school and supplies teachers and classrooms, "as they perceive a need," she said.

McCasland said the school is "under the wing" of St. Mary's Episcopal Church, in that the church helps to oversee the school's operation. The priest is automatically the headmaster of the school and the church is also represented on the school board, she said. The school's current headmaster is Rev. James E. Liggett Jr.



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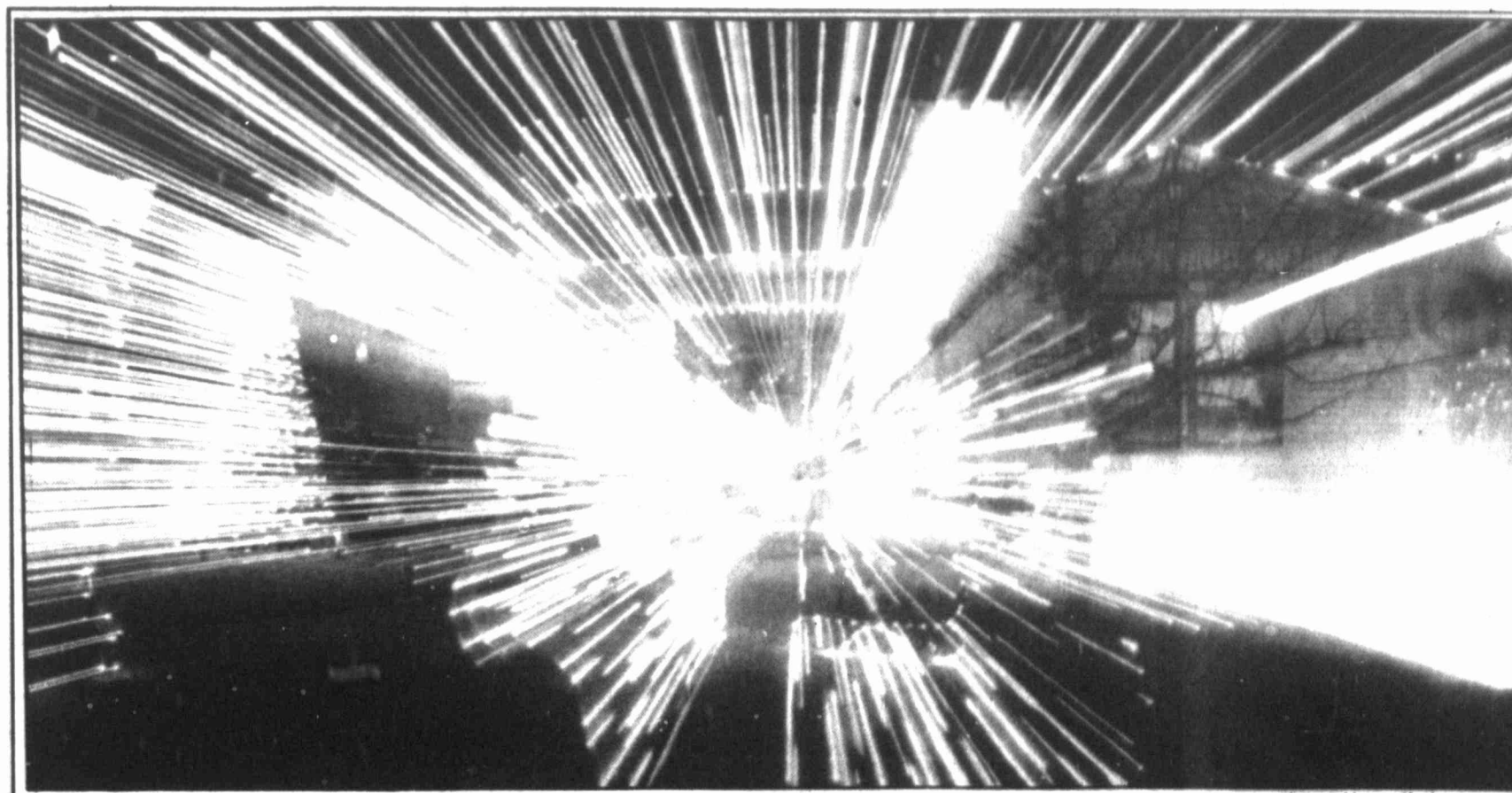
By JOHN H.  
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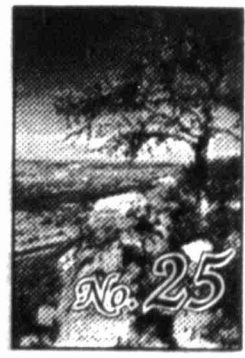
Herald photographer Tim Appel's special treatment of the Christmas lights on a house helps illustrate the effect lights can have during the holiday season. Big Spring's Trail of Lights is entering its third year with a growing list of volunteers and participants.

## "Trail of Lights" brightens Christmas holidays

By JOHN H. WALKER  
Managing Editor

What helps make Christmas more festive, that is, if you don't have a living room of elves climbing all over a fat, jolly, bearded man?  
Christmas lights!  
Now entering its third year, the Big Spring Area Chamber of Commerce's "Trail of Lights" has been a rousing success almost from the start.  
"I think people really enjoy the light," said Paulette Mason who, along with her husband, Randy, co-chair the almost year-

around project. "I know I think the lights add to the season."  
Thousands and thousands of lights were strung this past holiday season and more are planned this Christmas. The lights will be turned on on Saturday, Dec. 7, following the annual Big Spring Herald Community Christmas Parade.  
"We really want people to get



involved," Randy said. "We're looking to try and add as much as we can."  
One of the more popular activities, the Christmas tree forest will be back again this year as will the Christmas singers on the courthouse lawn.  
"We were really surprised at the number of people who came down for the lighting ceremony last year," Paulette said. "This year, with a semi-lighted parade, we think there will be even more people around."  
In addition to lighting much of the downtown area, including a star atop the Settles Hotel, Trail of Lights has spread to

homes and businesses throughout the community and has worked to pull people into the community.  
"We had quite a few visitors from outside the community last year," explained chamber executive vice president Linda Walker. "We know our billboards (one north of town and one near Midland) drew a lot of those people in and we know they spent quite a few hours with us."  
The Trail of Lights planning committee meets monthly at the chamber. For more information, call 263-7641.

## Dora Roberts Rehab Center has helped many people

By RODERICK RICHARDSON  
Herald Sportswriter

For 36 years, Big Spring stood taller, worked harder and played better thanks to the Dora Roberts Rehabilitation Center.

Established in 1962, the Center was originally named the Howard County Rehabilitation Center created for the need for physical therapy. Dora Roberts, of a big ranch family from For-

sal labor into their list the center can continue to fully serve the community.

"We were always into speech pathology and physical therapy," said executive director John Yater. "Occasionally, something new comes along."



Through the years of Dora Roberts, Big Spring decreased in size, but the quality of the center has not. According to Yater, the Roberts Center continues to expand its services in order to adapt to what the doctors think is needed.

From its start, the center always supplied Big Spring with treatments to help the citizens overcome what ails them. Right now the center is offering occupational and physical therapy, cardiac rehabilitation, audiology and speech pathology.

By attempting to work in prenatal family care and work hardening for the injured man-

"We try to be on the cutting edge of technology in order to adapt to the needs of the community," said Yater.

## Symphony a special perk

By JOHN H. WALKER  
Managing Editor

If you're looking for something somewhat out of the ordinary for a smaller community, try the Big Spring Symphony.

In fact, Big Spring is the smallest community in the state to have its own symphony orchestra.



The Big Spring Symphony will enter its 17th season this fall and, as always, a variety of music is planned.

The symphony grew from a meeting of volunteers in 1981 who, according to a file story

from the Herald, "were short on symphony experience, but their enthusiasm and optimism were boundless."

Over the years, the organization has brought the Fort Worth Symphony to town as well as performing July 4th concerts in the Amphitheatre.

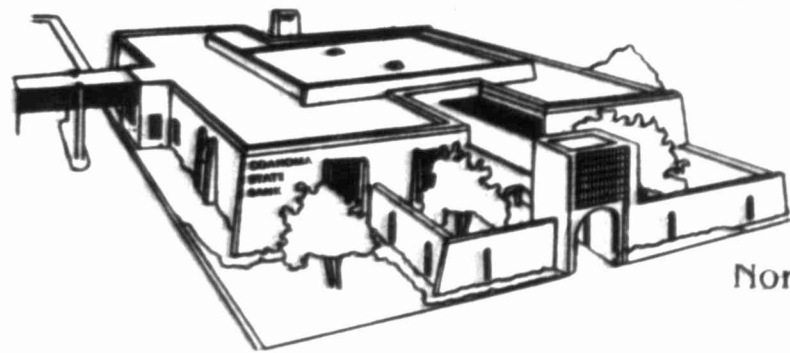
One of the most ambitious undertakings the group has attempted was the 1990 appearance of Jody Nix and The Texas Cowboys. The concert, which had to be moved to Dorothy Garrett Coliseum and was followed by a dance, drew more than 1,000 persons.

For the past few seasons the orchestra has had a regular conductor, Gene Clatter Smith. Professional musicians are hired from those who play for the symphony orchestras in San Angelo, Midland, Odessa and Lubbock, as well as others.

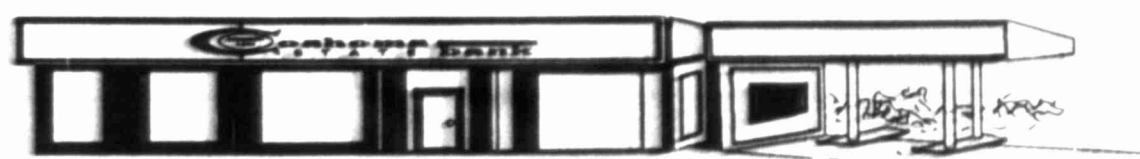
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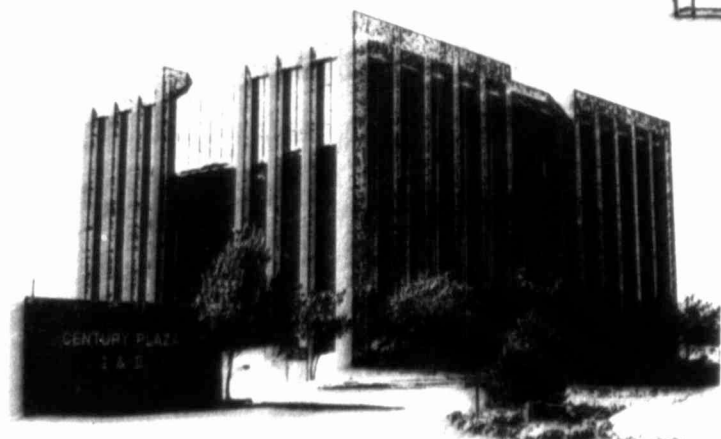
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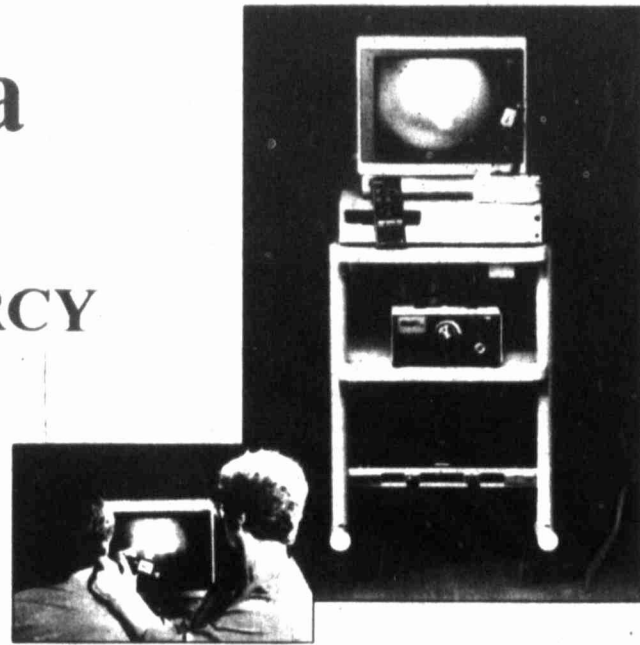


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# Big Spring's City Auditorium an opulent venue

By KELLIE JONES  
Features Editor

Elvis Presley, Wayne Newton, Agnes Moorehead and Hank Williams, Jr. have all performed in the Big Spring City Auditorium.

The auditorium was built after residents passed a \$200,000 bond issue on June 6, 1931.

Voters supported the auditorium along with a city hall, jail and fire station in one complex to take up part of a city block from Third to Fourth streets.

The city officials involved in the project included former mayor J.B. Pickle and city commissioners L.L. Bugg, C.E. Talbot, J.L. Webb, H. Hinman and Joseph Edwards along with former City Manager E.V. Spence.

A historical marker on the front of the building states the auditorium and the rest of the complex was finished on Sept. 6, 1932. The facility seated 1,412 and was for cultural productions, both professional and local.

In 1988, the Dora Roberts Foundation financed a complete renovation of the building and added air conditioning. The facility now seats 1,492.

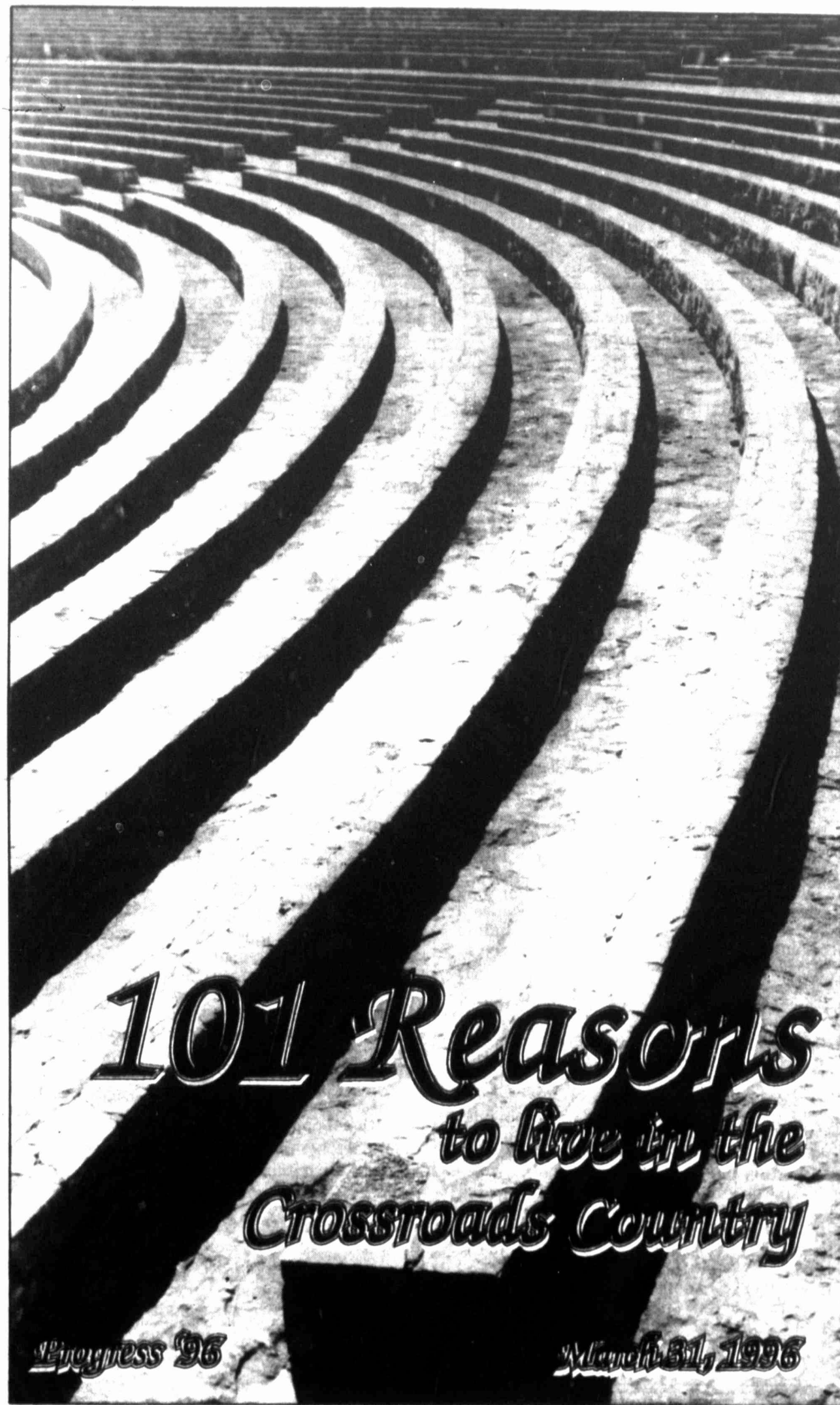
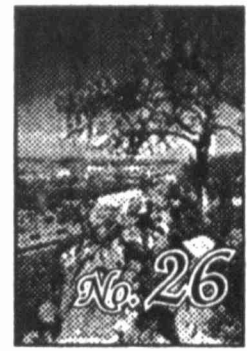
The facility has recently undergone some additional renovations including repairing the roof, repainting the archway over the stage, painting trim work as well as repainting the dressing rooms and rest rooms. Some of the lighting was also repaired and the heating system will also be fixed.

There is a replica of the Statue of Liberty on one corner of the auditorium lawn. It was donated by Mr. and Mrs. Tom Good in memory of their son, Jake. The Boy Scouts of America dedicated the replica as a pledge "of everlasting fidelity and loyalty," reads the plaque.

The statue was put up in 1950 on the 40th anniversary of the crusade to strengthen the arm of the actual Statue of Liberty in New York.

There have been famous performers in the fields of dance, drama, opera and symphony and have included not only Presley, Moorehead, Newton and Williams but the Marine Band, Big Spring Symphony, Tom Ewell, Ferrante and Teicher, Herb Shriner, Earl Wrightson and Lois Hunt, Arthur Felder, William Bendix, Mindy Carson, Lyle Talbot, Charles Laughton, Celeste Holm, Basil Rathbone, Robert Massey, Martin Gabel, Percy Grainger, Richard Ellsasser, Jose Greco, Freddy Martin, Carlos Montoya, Woody Herman, Mantovani and Bob Crosby.

Assistant City Manager Emma Bogard said the auditorium is available for anyone who needs a place to house their program such as band or choir concerts and plays.



# Martin County Old Settlers 63 years old

By SARA SOLIS  
Staff Writer

Martin County Old Settlers will celebrate their 63rd reunion this July.

Kathleen Lewis, 74, is a Martin County old settler herself and the secretary of the Martin County Old Settlers Reunion. She said the reunion has been held consecutively since it began except for one year during World War II. The reunion, which celebrates Martin County old settlers, is held annually the second Saturday of July. This year the reunion will be held on July 13.

Recently, the reunion has had to compete with the Old Sorehead Trade Days for attracting visitors, Lewis said. "We've had a real hard struggle since they started the trade days."

She said, traditionally lots of class reunions are held the same weekend as the Old Settlers Reunion and folks enjoy meeting one another and visiting. "Class reunions meet all over town," she said.

Lewis said the reunion holds a parade at 10 a.m. and it features floats entered by local merchants as well as the school reunions meeting that year. "Anyone who wants to enter a float can," she said. The Old Settlers Reunion parade is the primary parade for the city of Stanton each year, she said.

In the evening a Barbecue is held at the community center. Lewis said the barbecue is catered and costs \$5 a plate. Following the barbecue there is a short business meeting and then the deceased from the previous year are recognized, she said.

She said visitors from all over attend the reunion. "Last year we fed nearly 900 people," Lewis said. Some of the people who attend the reunion don't go to the barbecue, so there were probably even more who actually attended the reunion.

She said the annual planning of the Old Settlers Reunion is done informally. "We don't have a named committee, we just say 'everyone come and help us.'"

After the parade, tours of the old Stanton jail are offered. The jail, located on the northwest side of the court house, is a two-story building built in 1908, Pickens said. As well as serving as a jail the building also housed the sheriff and his family.

A dance, sponsored by the chamber, closes out the reunion. Pickens said they try to get a local band to play at the dance. The dance is free to the public and is held in the Stanton Community Center. "In the pavilion if the weather is nice."



# Health Fair works to keep residents informed

By SARA SOLIS  
Staff Writer

The annual Health Fair at Dorothy Garrett Coliseum attempts to keep Howard County residents healthy and informed about available health services.

The health fair, sponsored by the Big Spring Area Chamber of Commerce, will be held this year on April 20, from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.

Marcie Lykken, the chairman of the chamber health task force, said the health fair will celebrate its 11th anniversary this year. A number of health services are represented at the health fair. She said they are looking for 60 different vendors to fill the Dorothy Garrett Coliseum. Vendors through out the Permian Basin will be represented, Lykken said.

Lykken said the health fair offers all kinds of health screenings and information to visitors. The health fair used to be held in the Big Spring mall before it out grew the facilities there.

Last year 44 businesses took part in the fair. Past health fairs have featured a variety of free

tests for fair visitors including blood pressure, vision, glaucoma, stress, glucose, cardio-respiratory, hypertension, and diabetes.

At past fairs the police department has fingerprinted children and offered information on drugs, alcohol and strangers. In the past the Howard County Sheriff's Department has even had a vehicle on display at the fair.

Even the Texas Agricultural Extension Service participates in the health fair. Last year they provided information on how to keep cholesterol levels low and gave diet ideas for diabetics.

Lykken, who works for Warren Chiropractic in Big Spring, said, Warren Chiropractic will be performing spinal screenings at the health fair this year. She said the Texas Department of Health has given immunizations at past health fairs.

Demonstrations are also held periodically throughout the day. "We've had jazzercise and country western line dancing demonstrations, and drug dogs" to name a few, Lykken said. She said the fair has sponsored speakers in the past, but due to lack of a public interest "we nixed that this year."

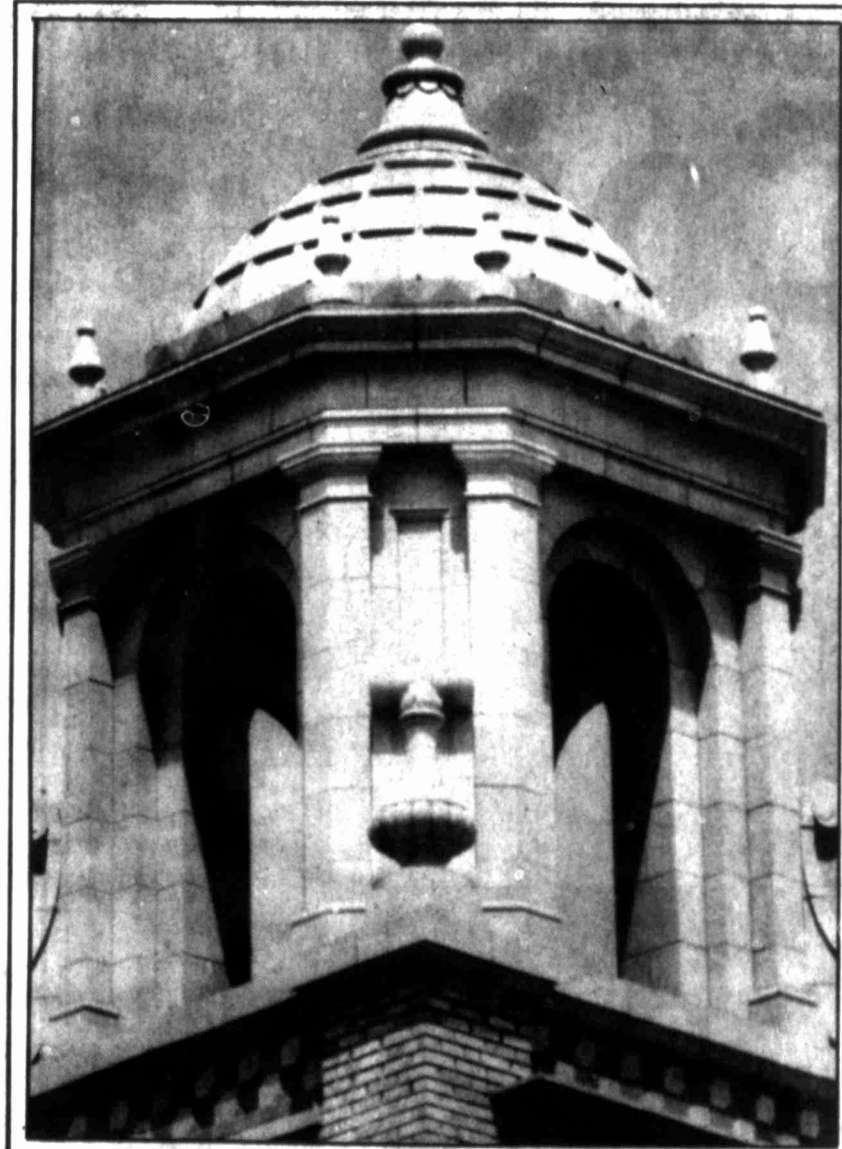
Lykken said Scenic Mountain Medical Center is planning on having a different demonstration every two hours through out the day.

She said the emphasis of this year's health fair is eating healthy. "We're asking local restaurants if they'd like to come and promote something they serve in their restaurant that's healthy," Lykken said.

Lykken said she has been active on the chamber task force for the past four years. "I think health is a very important issue and this is a good community service thing to do."

Businesses participating in the health fair on a regular basis include Allison Breast Screening, Midland; American Cancer Society; American Medical Transport; Angelo OB-GYN Associates; Bennett Chiropractic; Best Home Care; Big Spring

Police Department/D-FY-IT; Big Spring Specialty Clinic; Carriage Inn; Comanche Trail Nursing Center; Downtown Lion's Club; Fish Ophthalmology Clinic; Friends of Unity; Healthcare Services & Equipment, Odessa; Hartin Enterprises; Howard County Mental Health Center; Howard County Library; Howard County 911; Interim Healthcare, Abilene; Jazzercise; Methodist Hall-Bennet Clinic; Methodist Malone & Hogan Clinic; Nurse Finders; and Nurses Unlimited; Outreach Health Service, Abilene; Permian Basin Regional Council on Alcohol and Drug Abuse; Planned Parenthood; Quality Water Company Inc., Odessa; Scenic Mountain Medical Center; Schooler Shaklee Enterprises; Stanton Care Center, Stanton; Teen Challenge of West Texas, Midland; Texas Agricultural Extension Service; Texas Department of Health; The Aerobic Connection; The Most Excellent Way; Total Home Health Care; United Nursing Service; Veterans Administration Medical Center; West Texas Alternative Therapy; Warren Chiropractic; and the Big Spring YMCA.



HERALD file photo  
The cupola of Big Spring's City Auditorium is a well-known structure. The auditorium has been used for a variety of programs and is considered to be a beautiful facility.



HERALD file photo  
Members of the Boy Scouts of America practice first aid while Cub Scouts look on. The local Scouts are part of the Buffalo Trail Council, Lone Star District. Their eastern district headquarters are located at 610 Scurry in Big Spring.

# Boy Scouts make a difference in area

By KELLIE JONES  
Features Editor

Did you know 85 percent of student council presidents, 85 percent of Federal Bureau of Investigation agents, 65 percent of Air Force graduates, 72 percent of Rhodes scholars and 26 of the first 29 astronauts were all involved in Boy Scouts during their lives?

The Buffalo Trail Council of the Boy Scouts recently moved into its first permanent home since the group was organized 85 years ago.

The Welch family's generosity gave the group its home at 610 South Scurry when they donated the old River-Welch Funeral Home.

Boy Scouts Executive Director Warren Wallace said the scouts had been looking for a new home because of flooding and

moving. The scouts headquarters were located in the Howard County Library and in October 1995, their room flooded. The library is also moving to the old Bluebonnet Savings Building so it prompted officials to search for a new home.



Tommy Welch had said at the time of the deed signing ceremony, "Our family couldn't think of a better use for this building than to see it given to the Boy Scouts."

"The memories we have of this facility and the memories of many area families will be

honored knowing it is being used for such a good purpose to help shape the lives of young boys through scouting," Welch commented.

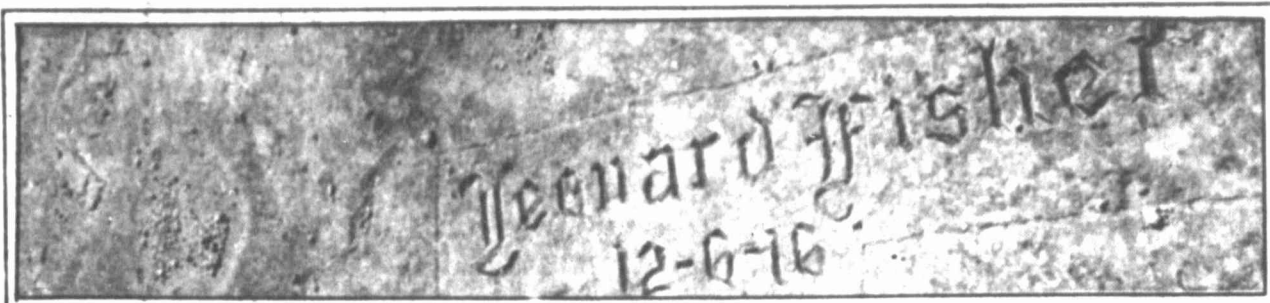
Several improvements are being made including a new roof.

A museum, storage facility and meeting rooms are all part of the renovation project.

The highest rank of the organization is the Eagle Scout and they are now required to do a community service project in order to obtain the title. They have improved the trail at the state park, cleaned out drainage ditches, improved the wildlife drinking ponds at the state park and conducted neighborhood vacation Bible schools.

Any church, service or civic club or PTA can sponsor a troop to get started by contacting Wallace at 263-3407.

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HERALD file photo  
The name of Leonard Fisher, carved on Dec. 6, 1916, is but one of many names carved in the stone atop Scenic Mountain. A variety of carvings are located all over the mountain.

## More to Scenic Mountain than park

By CARLTON JOHNSON  
Staff Writer

There is more to Scenic Mountain than just its designation as Big Spring State Park.

The 370-acre park is a 200-foot-high, limestone capped mesa overlooking the city of Big Spring.

The park rests on the northern margin of the limestone terrain that characterizes the Edwards Plateau near where it meets the caprock escarpment of the Southern High Plains.

Domestic livestock have not grazed on Scenic Mountain in more than 50 years and as a result rocky hillsides have a unique vegetation cover sheltering many small forms of wildlife.

Walking down the Scenic Mountain nature trail will give wildlife enthusiasts a glimpse of the native animals that make the mountain their home.

The most numerous of the animals on Scenic Mountain are cottontail rabbits, jackrabbits and ground squirrels.

Some of the outstanding features of the mountain include the prairie dog town established in 1970. The "dogs" as they are commonly referred to are usually most active just after sunrise and just before sunset.

One of the reasons for the continued local enjoyment of the mountain is its history. Long before it was Big Spring State Park, it was a place where people loved to visit just to carve their names in the rock.

Several hundred initials and dates still remain on the differ-

ent rock formations.

One carving that remains is of an eagle, sailor, rifle and a Texas longhorn that may have been carved in the 1930's when the park was originally built.

Another feature of Scenic Mountain that serves as a reminder of the history of the mountain is the Civilian Conservation Corps that serves as a cave.



The buildings in the park were built in 1935 by the Corps that was established by President Franklin Roosevelt to employ the dozens of young men left jobless as a result of the Great Depression.

Scenic mountain was one of several Texas sites the CCC built on.

Legend has it that there is a cave underneath the mountain. Most of the rumors began as tall tales and grew and grew.

Thomas R. Richardson, the first superintendent of technical service on the Scenic Mountain project, paid the most attention of to the unusual cave lengths and diligently tried to unearth the cavern.

CCC workers were also fascinated when they discovered a hole which dropped 20 feet through solid limestone rock. Workers were attracted to this spot when they noticed a large

stream of water from a heavy rain was never reaching a gorge toward which it was rushing. The water was pouring down the side of this hole which it had never filled.

Workers on the mountain also notices that the heavy dump trucks rumbling along the rock cap on the north rim of the mountain produced a hollow sounding noise.

Some workers reported hearing the sound of rock chips falling as they listened at the base of the crown. A tunnel was ordered drilled in the direction of the sound.

Workers pecked away at the solid rock formation for several days but never found a cave. Thus Scenic Mountain has a legendary cave.

History also has it that long before the mountain because a state park, it was an Indian haunt. Many Indians camped at the mountain because of its locating near the historic big spring. It was in the center of the Great Indian War Path where Indians traveled once a year into Old Mexico to steal cattle, horses and Mexican women for slaves.

Scenic mountain was not only used as a lookout where Indians received signals from Signal Peak, but it was also used as a burial ground. It was also a place for them to carve messages in rocks and other formations for Indians who would follow them later.

Another historical note is that Big Spring's first Courthouse was built in 1883 with stone from Scenic Mountain.

## Lake J.B. Thomas offers water, recreation

By SARA SOLIS  
Staff Writer

Lake J.B. Thomas, near Snyder, provides water and recreational opportunities to the people of Big Spring.

The lake, a part of the Colorado River Municipal Water District, was named for J.B. Thomas, who proposed that the cities of Big Spring, Colorado City, Midland, Odessa and Snyder band together to provide a reliable water supply to their citizens. Big Spring and Snyder did, and Odessa joined later and shortly after the 1949 creation by the Texas Legislature, the CRMWD obtained a permit for a 204,000 acre-foot lake - Lake J.B. Thomas.

Martha Hamilton, public information coordinator for CRMWD, said, "We would have been in such trouble in the early 50's if we had not built the lake." She said Thomas, as the president and general manager of Texas Electric Service Company, wanted West Texas to grow for the sake of his business. He knew that an essential ingredient for that growth was an available water source, she said. "He didn't even want the lake named after him," because he felt his motives were profit-based, not humanitarian. However, "I see how indebted we are to him," Hamilton said.

Except on rare occasions Lake Thomas water is not routed to the city of Big Spring. Primarily its water is used by Snyder.

As well as being a resource for drinking water, Lake Thomas also offers numerous recreational opportunities.

"The picnicking is great out

there," Hamilton said. She said there are four different picnic areas at the lake, all offer restroom facilities and all tables are covered. On the south side of Lake Thomas there are two parks, White Island Park and South-Side Park. Both contain numerous picnic tables, barbecue grills, a pavilion, which can be reserved ahead of time, and boat ramps.

On the north-side of Lake Thomas there are two other parks for visitor use; Sandy Beach Park and Bull Creek Park. Both north-side parks are also equipped with picnic facilities.

Camping is permitted at Lake Thomas near the table-sites, however no trailer hook-ups are available.

"The lake provides many great hiking spots; however, no official trails are marked," Hamilton said.

Crappie, white and black bass, yellow, blue and channel catfish inhabit the lake. Although the lake is a favorite fishing spot for many fishermen, due to the current low water level fishing should be done from the shore. All boat ramps are presently inoperable, Hamilton said.

"For the nature lover, Lake Thomas provides many forms of plant and animal life to observe," she said. Salt cedars as well as other vegetation native to the area abound. Waterfowl and cranes are ever-

present. "We have so many cranes out there, you wouldn't believe it," Hamilton said.

She said if people are looking for serenity and peace and quiet, Lake Thomas is the place to be. "I love to go out there," Hamilton said.

Hamilton said the lake hosts the annual Crossroads Chili Cook-Off. Last year was the fourth year it's been held there, she said. "It's a qualifying cook-off." Last year Hamilton said she was one of the cook-off judges. "We had New Mexico residents that came, Odessa, Midland, Snyder, Big Spring and Coahoma" were also represented. Most of them were participating in order to qualify for the chili cook-off in Terlingua, Hamilton said.

The entry fee for the lake is \$2 a day for visitors aged 17 to 65, all other ages are admitted free of charge. Individual annual permits are available for purchase for \$20 a year, with guest permits, valid for the purchaser and up to 10 guests, costing \$50 a year.

As of February 1996, Lake J.B. Thomas is only 7 percent full at 15,000 acre-feet. Despite its low water level, Thomas continues to supply water with one of the lowest chloride levels, 260 parts per million, when compared with levels in other area lakes.

West Texas weather affects the water level of Lake Thomas through evaporation. Evaporation in Big Spring is approximately 75 inches a year including the average rainfall of 18.6 inches.

Hamilton cautions lake visitors to avoid driving their vehicles near shoreline areas due to soft terrain.

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# St. Lawrence plays festival to hilt C-City Opera House dates to 1899

By RODERICK RICHARDSON  
Herald Sportswriter

October is a month of celebration for many towns and cities as "Octoberfest" hits the scene. St. Lawrence takes the festive mentality to the hilt with annual community festival.

The St. Lawrence Community Festival is a chance for the town to not only have a lot of fun, but to improve the community. Each year, usually the first weekend of October, local farmers donate one bushel of

cotton—the main cash crop—each for auction.

The money raised from the sale keeps the maintenance of the local churches, meeting halls, the gymnasium and the cemetery. The community takes in an yearly estimated revenue

of \$20,000.

Alfred Schwartz been a part St. Lawrence since he moved there in 1956. To him festival carries a lot of tradition. The festival usually has a turn-out of approximately 2200 people according to Schwartz, and he hopes it continues to grow.

"These festivals are pretty much part of the German custom," said Schwartz. "People come from all around and they enjoy the German atmosphere. The town works hard every year for this, and the people seem to love it."

The festival started in 1946 when World War II veterans settled the area to raise their families. According to Schwartz, the area was more remote, and the event was more like "a festival of thanksgiving for a good harvest."

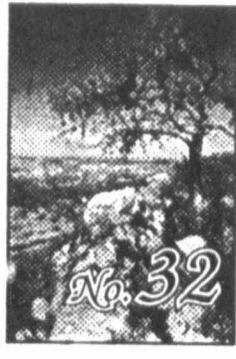
Today, the event is growing and everyone participates in the celebration as second and third generation farmers contribute to the cause.

However, it is not all about auction business. There are booths that display arts and crafts along with games, music and most importantly food.

"Barbecue is served during the festivities," said Schwartz. "Along with homemade cakes, cookies, pies and canned goods."

What the festival is most known for is the sausage made before the event. The sausage is created from a special recipe that's been handed down for generations, and there's plenty to go around—about 8500 pounds of it. The pork and beef is also donated by the citizens of St. Lawrence.

The St. Lawrence Community Festival is approaching its 50th anniversary this year. Schwartz says the town might build the event to bigger proportions, and schedule it in August. However, the matter is still open.



Opera House was built by Colorado City Opera Co. at a cost of \$3,000

by KELLIE JONES  
Features Editor

A good reason to live in the crossroads of West Texas is being centrally located close to many points of interest you can visit in a day.

One such place is Colorado City. The town is full of history and things to do during a day trip east of Big Spring.

The Opera House is home of the Colorado City Playhouse, a community theater group, and located at 337 Walnut behind the post office.

Tandy Curlee, past president of the theater group, said the opera house was built in 1899 and opened a year later costing the city about \$3,000. It was built by the Colorado City Opera Company.

Many touring companies and vaudeville acts came to the town to perform. Silent movies were shown there and high school graduations took place in the building until about 1920. Once movie theaters opened, the popularity of vaudeville acts went down.

A lady by the name of Cassie Bronney bought the place and turned it into a boarding room and a place for people to gather for a family-style lunch.

"It was also rumored to be a house of ill-repute. There was a porch on the south side of the second floor and the ladies would stand out their and advertise their wares," Curlee said.

It closed down in the early

1960's. Around 1969 or 1970, city officials decided to tear down the place. At first, they considered turning it into a museum but the project was too costly. The community theater group, organized to bring the theater to the town, was looking for a place to perform their shows and heard the city was going to raze the building.

Curlee said the group approached the city council and the two entities struck a deal to renovate the Opera House. The first play the Colorado City Playhouse group performed in the opera house was in 1972. They had organized years earlier and had performed their first musical "The Fantastics" at the civic center in 1965.

Curlee added the community loves the theater and has backed it by both attending the plays and by donated money to purchase seats and the main curtain.

Several years ago, the group decided to expand the Opera House at a cost of \$135,000 to \$140,000. The citizens chipped in and raised a little less than half the cost with an unnamed benefactor picking up the rest of the tab.

"The expansion gave us more room back stage so we could have flying scenes in our play. We could also do bigger productions because there is more room back stage for a lot more people to stand there and wait until their scene," Curlee continued.

Several years ago, the West Texas Chamber of Commerce



sponsored a competition and was opened to all theater groups in Texas. The Colorado City Playhouse group won the contest against such big competition as groups from El Paso and other large cities. The Loving Cup is displayed in the lobby of the Opera House.

The organization has performed such musicals as "Oklahoma," "The King and I," "Hello, Dolly," "My Fair Lady," and "Annie Get Your Gun."

The latest performance, "Crimes of the Heart," wrapped up in early February.

There have been at least 100 productions put on at the Opera House since it was reopened by the Colorado City Playhouse in 1972.

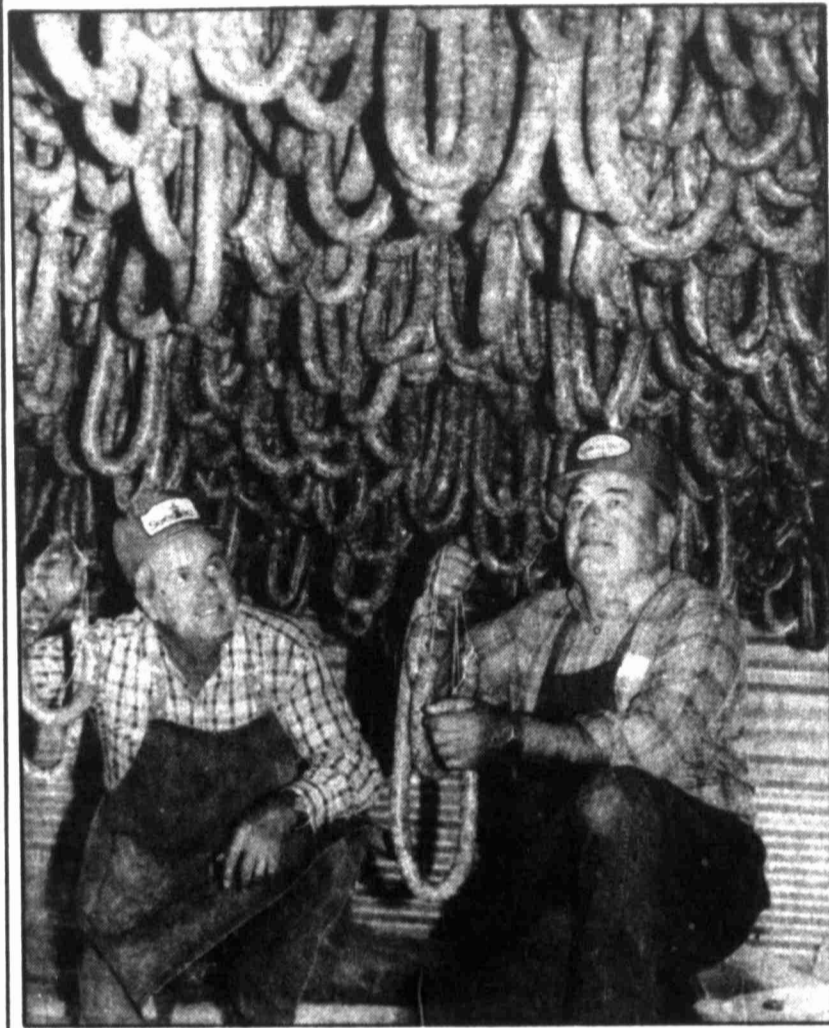
The "Texas Almanac" has compared the productions at the Opera House to Dallas theater on a smaller scale.

The town of Colorado City is the county seat of Mitchell County and was established by the movement of the railroad to the west in the late 1880's.

The city has two state prisons. One is named the "80 John Wallace Unit" after Daniel Webster Wallace who was the founder of the first black school in Mitchell County. He got his nickname "80 John Wallace" because he was reportedly the first black man in town to own land, 80 acres to be exact.

The second jail facility is named after the county's first sheriff, Dick Ware. Ware was sent to Colorado City as a Texas Ranger to bring law to the town. He was then elected sheriff in 1881 and was in that position until 1892.

Ware was the lawman who shot Sam Bass, a well-known outlaw whose gang was notorious for robbing banks. At the time of the shoot-out, Ware was a U.S. Marshal in Coleman.



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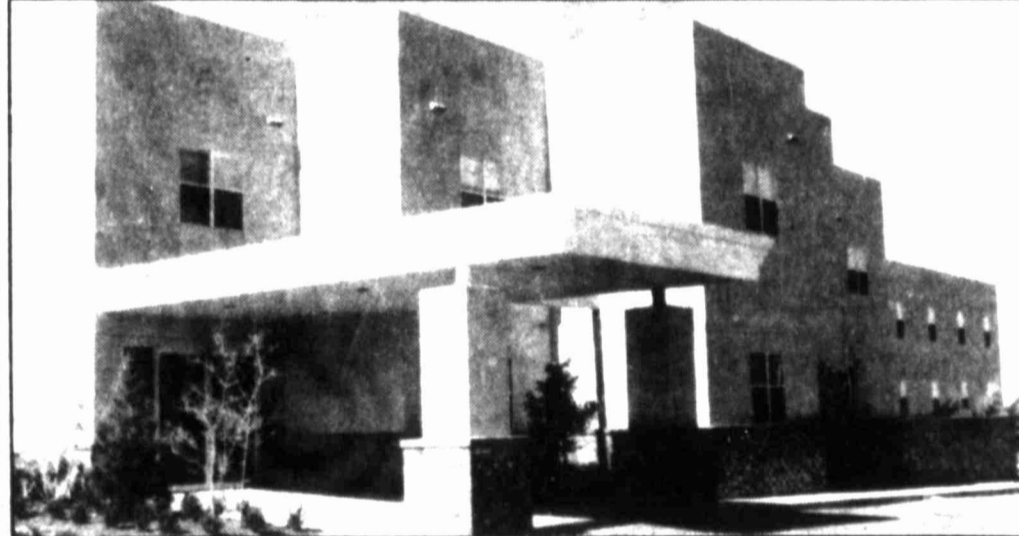
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# Hunting enjoyable in Crossroads Country

By RODERICK RICHARDSON  
Herald Sportswriter

Hunting  
What was once a necessity is now done primarily for recreation. Though the reasons of hunting are changing, the love of the activity hasn't.  
The constant love of hunting is seen clearly for Travis Pate of Dibrell's Gun Shop in Big Spring as he says that hunting season is Dibrell's big money maker.  
"Hunting season starts with doves in September and ends with quail," said Pate. "That time is most important to us because 70 percent of our sales comes during that time from guns and ammunition."  
Pate can relate to why people go out and hunt, because he is

an avid hunter himself. "I'm basically a white-tail deer hunter," said Pate. "I've hunted dove and quail before, but white-tail has been my favorite."  
Some of the reasons Pate stated on why he likes to hunt is his love of the outdoors and the challenging aspects of it. It is the search for that "big trophy," that awesome specimen of an animal in which one can achieve his or her personal perfection rate.  
"I always try to get the big one," said Pate. "I shot a 14-point deer that had a score of 158."  
Pate was referring to the standards of the Boone and Crockett record book in which many hunters when hunting in North America go by. The determina-

tion of the score depends on the length and diameter of the horns. The length of the ears, diameter of the eyes and other parts of the deer are also a factor. It takes a net score of 170 to make the record book.  
"That one usually gets away. I've gone five years without killing the big one," said Pate. "I've turned a lot of deer down I could have killed because they weren't in my standards. I kill two or three for meat, but that's all."  
There are other hunters who

look for the big game but hunt with a different approach. Mike Staton of Sweetwater has stalked many game from white-tailed deer, hogs and antelope. Unlike Pate, Staton is an archer and haven't used a rifle for hunting in eight years.  
"There's no challenge in using a gun [for hunting], or not much of a challenge," said Staton. "Going out with a bow makes it harder. It brought the challenge back into the sport."  
Hunting might have its rewards, but the rewards have a heavy price on them. It costs from \$400 to \$5,000 per hunter to satisfy their thrill depending on the location.  
If one doesn't want to go that route and will settle for quail, there might be plenty of them right here - if it rains.



# Community luncheons work to keep Big Spring informed

By SARA SOLIS  
Staff Writer

Big Spring Community Luncheons offer networking opportunities for area businesses.  
According to Linda Walker, executive vice president for the Big Spring Area Chamber of Commerce, the luncheons, sponsored by the chamber, are done on a quarterly basis. Each luncheon focuses on a different area of importance to local businesses, she said. She said in the past, luncheon programs have included govern-



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ment affairs, retail development and cooperative advertising.  
"It's an opportunity to learn about different facets in what is going on in Big Spring," Walker said. She said the luncheons are open to the public. "Any one can come."  
Generally, the chamber invites a local organization or club to host the event, which increases attendance and offers further insight into community activities. She said the next scheduled luncheon will be held in early April and the Rotary Club will be the host organization. The April luncheon will focus on what is happening in retail development in Big Spring, Walker said.  
Walker said the luncheons help to strengthen the community's direction towards a com-

mon goal - the betterment of Big Spring. She said generally between 250 and 380 people attend the luncheons. The location of the luncheon fluctuates between the Dorothy Roberts Community Center and the East Room of the Dorothy Garrett Coliseum.  
She said the luncheons have been held on and off for the past 11 years. After a short hiatus where no luncheons were held, they were reinstated last year by Walker. "We ended up doing only two last year," she said.

Walker, who returned to the Big Spring Chamber staff last February, said it took some time to get the luncheons reorganized.  
Last year the luncheons focused on the issue of transportation and the proposed Interstate 27 being routed through Big Spring. "We formed a coalition with San Angelo" and two speakers from a consulting firm there came and spoke about the possibilities I-27 would present to the city of Big Spring.  
She said the other '95 luncheon discussed the "At Your Service" co-op advertising campaign.  
"It's (the community luncheons) a networking opportunity for our members," Walker said.

# Retirement facilities offer variety for residents

By STEVE REAGAN  
Sports Editor

As America gets grayer, facilities for retired persons are going to be more and more in demand. Fortunately for this area's senior citizens, Big Spring has a variety of choices to offer.  
Retirement facilities are nothing new to Big Spring. The city's Senior Citizen Center (267-1628) and the Kentwood Older Adult Activity Center (263-3513) have been around for years, offering a wide variety of activities and programs for older residents.  
In 1979, the first housing facility for retirement-age residents opened in Big Spring. Canterbury South, a 120-apartment complex, opened its doors on Sept. 1, 1979. Director Pat Johnston, who has been with the facility since its inception, now oversees a two-building, 179-apartment complex (Canterbury North opened in 1985) that boasts of full capacity.  
"We don't even have a broom closet to lease," Johnston laughs. "We stay full all the time."

and birth day parties.  
• Twice weekly "sit-ter-cize" classes, in which residents perform exercises while seated.  
• Weekly Bible studies and worship services.  
• Weekly study club.  
• Library services which provide large-print books for residents every Monday.  
• Willing Workers, a group that makes items for local nursing home residents.  
• Monthly blood pressure and hearing checks.  
Johnston said that while no medical personnel are on staff, an emergency call system has

been installed in every apartment.  
Johnston says perspective renters usually must wait six months to a year before an apartment becomes available. Apartments range in size from efficiency to two-bedroom, and there are 11 apartments designed specifically for disabled residents.  
In contrast to Canterbury's assisted-living program, Carriage Inn, which opened its doors in 1994, is a 100 percent self-pay retirement living facility.  
Executive Director Marae Brooks said the 54-apartment facility is currently at about 50 percent capacity. Apartments are leased at about \$700 a month, and no government subsidies are available.  
Brooks said Carriage Inn offers an alternative for those tired of keeping up a home.

The facility does have an activity director, who oversees events such as bible study, exercise classes, bingo and a game room. Planned activities away from the facility are also a regular attraction, Brooks said.



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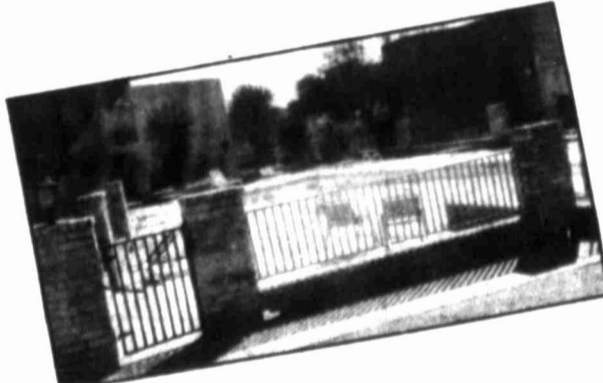

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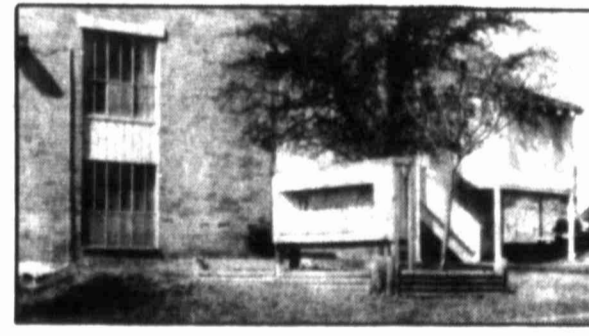
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## Potton House a cherished landmark

By CARLTON JOHNSON  
Staff Writer

One of Big Spring's most cherished landmarks sits at 200 Gregg Street - Potton House. Potton House is a reminder of the early history of Big Spring, which gained a lot of its early growth because of the coming of the railroad to this part of the country.

When Potton House was built in 1901, Big Spring was coming into its own as a town.

Potton House was built by English settlers Joseph and Mary Potton, who came to Big Spring so that Joseph could work for the railroad. He was a master mechanic for the Texas and Pacific Railroad.

The house was actually an investment by Mr. Potton and was leased until his retirement from the railroad in 1912.

The Pottons may also be called one of Big Spring's pioneer families. They were civic leaders and the owners of Big Spring's first car.

Potton House remained in the Potton family even after Joseph and Mary died as their daughter, Mrs. Henry Hayden and her family occupied it in later years.

The house was also maintained through the years by the Potton grandchildren.

Potton House was purchased

in 1975 with a grant from the Dora Roberts Foundation and the Tourist Development Council of the city of Big Spring.

Potton House is also listed in the National Register of Historic Places. It was chosen so because of its architecture - a sturdy Pecos sandstone exterior and red stone walls.

Rising above the red stone walls is the typically steep Victorian roof with zinc embellishments on the gables and a tin gutter along the eaves.

The front pediment of Potton House contains a Paladian window above which the date 1901 notes construction of the historic structure.

The cast iron columns on the porch, which also support the roof, also protected the Potton family and neighborhood children when the sought relief from the hot West Texas sun.

One of the conversation pieces of the Potton House property is the iron fence in the yard.

Separate from the main yard was a back yard into which you

could enter between wrought iron gates. In this area was a large barn which housed the horse, the buggy and a compartment for wood and coal. This area was later used as a garage.

There was also a cistern and the outhouse which the city removed, but along with the barn is part of the restoration.

As you approach the front door of Potton House, with its beautifully beveled glass, you may also note the address above the transom and turn the metal knob to hear the door bell ring.

The windows are painted green and yellow, or "spinach and cream" as they were called.

The goal of Potton House is to have the house restored to its original state, exactly as it was when Joseph and Mary lived there.

Part of the purchase, when the house was bought, was much of the family's furniture. Some of the period pieces in Potton House include a brass bed, armoire, a grandfather clock brought from England, and a Listz Knabe piano purchased by Mr. Potton.

According to Big Spring's Heritage Museum, the community is indeed indebted to this pioneering family for its preservation of the family home and also to historians who have preserved Potton House and an historical site.

## Antique stores are advantage for Big Spring

By KELLIE JONES  
Features Editor

You can take a trip back in time when you visit downtown Big Spring.

There are several antique stores located within walking distance of each other on Main, Scurry and Runnels streets.

The Antique Dealers Association was formed in 1993 and is comprised of the owners of local antique stores. The association's vice president, Vicki Dahmer, said the group has one common goal, to have Big Spring known as an antique town and center of Texas.

"We can pull our money together and there is more power in numbers," Dahmer said about why the association was formed. "We all know each other and we can help each other out. We work together to attract tourists to Big Spring. We can have people in our stores from all over the country in just one day."

The Big Spring Area Chamber of Commerce supports the group by sending out pamphlets, complete with a map, to a variety of places throughout the country.

The association also places advertisements in antique trader magazines and newspapers to attract more people to the area.

"We hope when a person comes to Big Spring, they find what they've been looking for for the past 15 years and they'll come back."

"Antique stores are a different business. We have a lot of repeat customers. We are like the welcome wagon of the town because we have a personal connection with the customers. We find out what and why they collect," Dahmer added.

The antique store owners purchase items from estate sales, auctions and they also go on

trips. People also bring in things they want the store to sell for them.

Dahmer said the antique business is a great way to attract tourists and is especially important for Big Spring because there isn't a lot of industry to help support the community.

Unique items are easy to find downtown such as militaria at Antique Korner or old oil and gas advertisement memorabilia at Main Street Emporium.

The Heritage Museum is part of the association because many times, people who are shopping for antiques are usually interested in history as well.

Here is a list of the antique shops and museums in Big Spring that are part of the association:

•Big Spring Antique Mall, 110 Main Street, is open Monday-Friday from 9 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. and on Saturdays from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m.

•Main Street Emporium, 113 Main Street, Tuesday-Thursday

4:530 p.m., Friday 11 a.m. to 5 p.m., Saturday 9:30-5:30 and Sundays from noon to 5 p.m.

•Dahmer Antiques has two locations, 204 Main and the other on I-20 East. They are open Monday through Saturday 10 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. and some Sundays.

•Record Shop Annex, 217 Main Street, is open Monday-Saturday from 10 a.m. to 5:30 p.m.

•Alamo Antiques, 114 East Second, is open Monday through Saturday from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m.

•Antique Korner, 224 Main, is open Monday through Saturday from 10 a.m. to 5:30 p.m.

•Country Store Downtown Antiques and Doc's Den, 209 Runnels, call (915) 267-8830 for hours.

•Heritage Museum, 310 Scurry, Tuesday-Friday from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. and Saturdays from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m.

•Potton House Museum, 200 Gregg, Tuesday-Saturday from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m.



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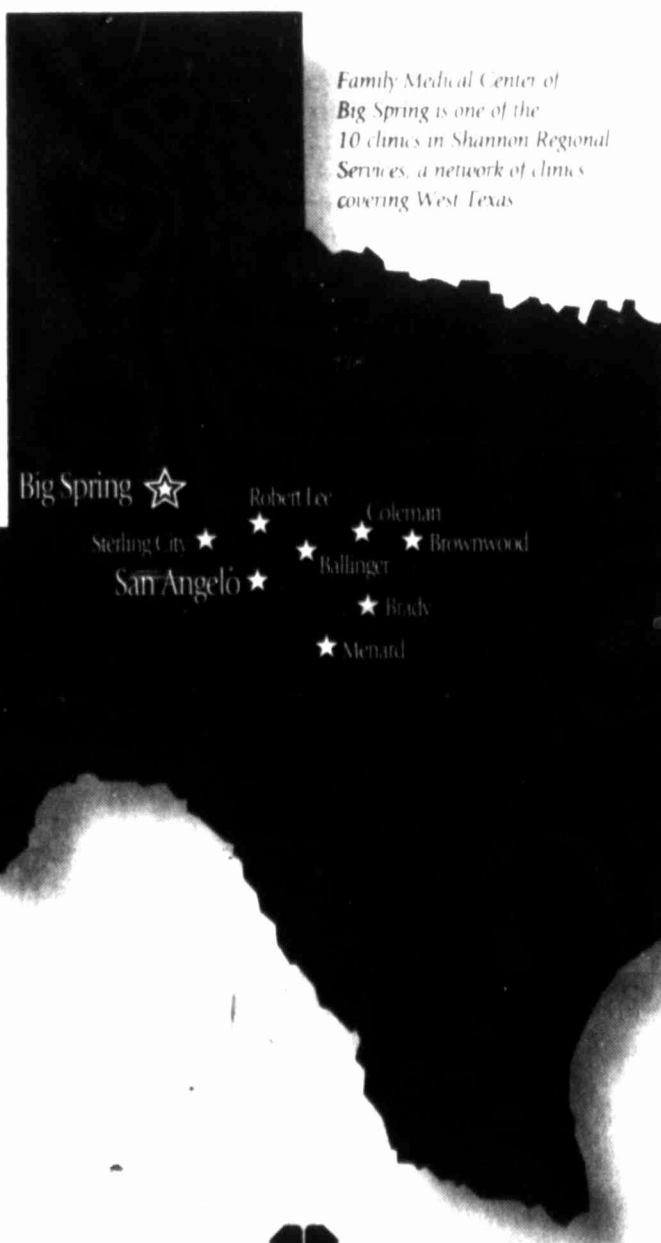


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# 4-H can help youths prepare for life

By STEVE REAGAN  
Sports Editor

Let's say you're a teenager and you want to learn how to speak to a room full of strangers.



4-H can help you. But what if you want to learn the ins and outs of proper nutrition? 4-H can help there, too.

The making and buying of clothing?

Yep. How about raising livestock? Ditto.

For about 200 Howard County youngsters - and about 500,000 state-wide - 4-H offers tips and knowledge to tackle a variety of life skills.

4-H is the youth development program of the Texas Extension Service, and its purpose is to "teach young people a lot of different things by having them participate in hands-on training," said County Extension Agent Dana Tartar.

When one thinks of 4-H, livestock shows and prize-winning calves come to mind, but that's only a small part of the overall program, Tartar said.

More than 70 programs are available through 4-H, including:

- Food and Nutrition, which teaches how to choose a healthy diet, and basic food preparation techniques.
- Public Speaking, which helps youngsters overcome the very understandable fear of addressing a crowd of strangers.
- Consumer Shopping, where 4-Hers learn making responsible choices as consumers. "They learn to make wise consumer decisions, on everything from radios and TVs, to tires for your car," Tartar said.

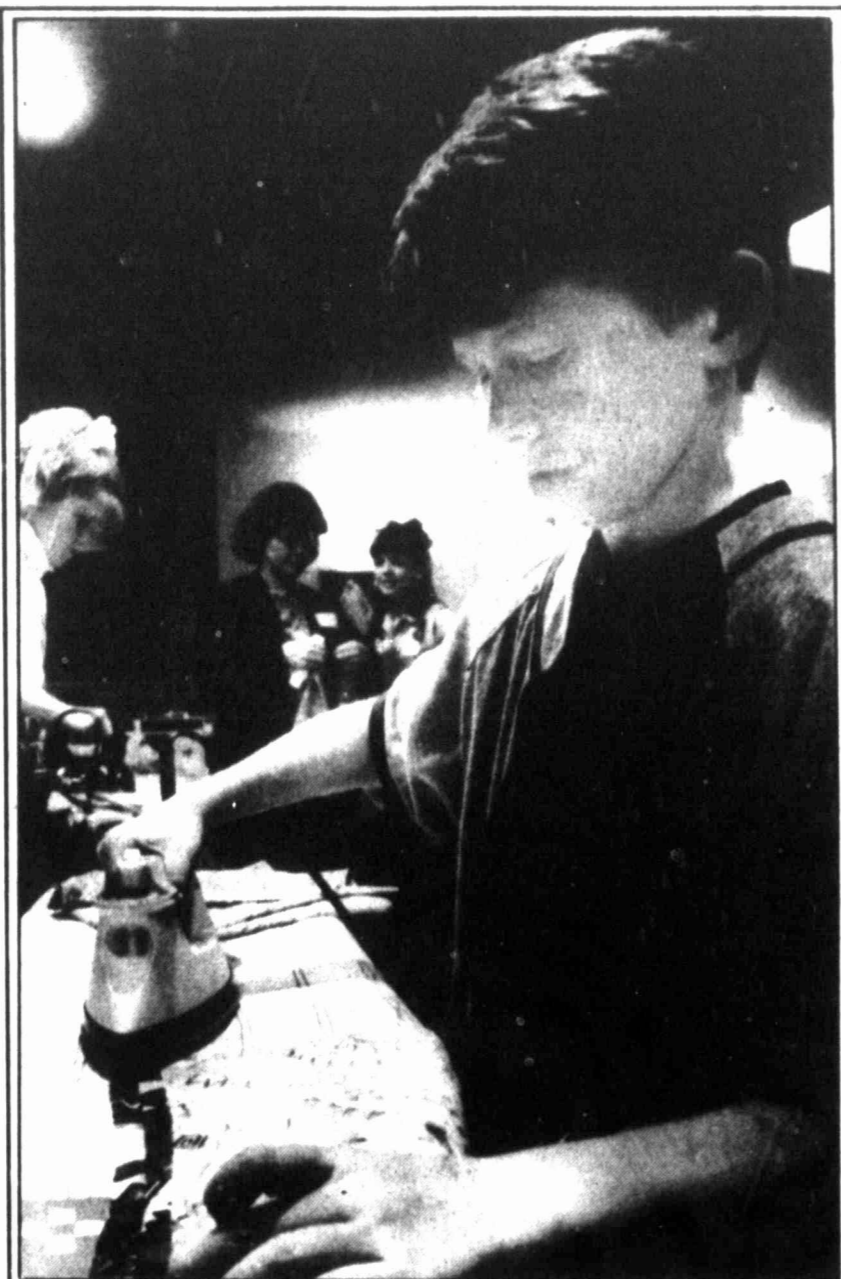
Leadership, in which youngsters develop proper leadership skills, which they in turn help pass down to younger 4-Hers.

Aside from working on these projects, Howard County members also get to compete against other 4-Hers across the state.

"All of these things ... give kids the ability to demonstrate the skills they've learned," Tartar said.

"And for many of the contests they participate in, they can advance to district competition."

4-H is open to all youths from the third grade up to age 19 (children ages 5-8 are eligible for Clover Kids, a 4-H offshoot), and there are no membership fees or limit to how many programs they can participate in.



Clay Hart irons his creation at the March 1993 4-H Clothing Jam-Bo-See.

# Baseball time means springtime and fun for all

By RODERICK RICHARDSON  
HERALD Sportswriter

As the weather gets warmer, Big Spring's appetite for sports will call for baseball, and the citizens will be satisfied in both high school and collegiate level.

The Howard College baseball team is looking to improve from last year's 33-17 record; a year of frustration for Hawk coach Brian Roper because it could have been better.

"We had a disappointing year," said Roper. "We had a lot better team than what we've shown. We just had problems defensively."

This year Roper and the Hawks hope to change that starting with a strong squad of sophomore pitchers. Roper believes that right-handers Ben Phillips and Scott Menkenzie along with left-handers Caleb Brown and Mark Uberecken could be one of the keys to having a successful season.

"As the saying goes, if the pitching goes, we go," said Roper.

"But if we continue to keep good work habits and practice hard, I'm confident that we can accomplish great things."

Howard's experience goes beyond the pitcher's mound. The Hawks have outfielders Brady Mills and West Davis, and first baseman Tyson Lindekugel to contribute to the team. Sophomores Chad Polk and Matt Schuldt are also key players as they hold the catcher/designated hitter positions.

Howard still has to overcome last year's defensive problems in order to better its record, but Roper is optimistic having a successful season.

"We just have a couple of positions we have questions about defensively," said Roper. "Once we get some things situated defensively, I think we're going to be okay."

"I think we have a very talented team, and I believe we'll be contenders of the Region V championships."

In contrast to Howard's shaky season, the Big Spring Steers surprised District 4-4A last year by taking the district runner-up title with a group of inexperienced varsity players.

After becoming state finalist in 1994, Big Spring had to bring JV juniors into the 1995 lineup. The Steers were picked to be fifth in district. Not only they were district runner-up champs, they marched deep in the playoff brackets to be stopped by Arlington-Heights in the opening regional round.

"I have to say that last year was probably a season of over-achievers," said baseball coach Bobby Doe.



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# Big Spring's rodeo is big fun

By STEVE REAGAN  
Sports Editor

One of the oldest continuous rodeos in the United States will have its 63th renewal June 26 when the Big Spring Cowboy Reunion and Rodeo kicks off at the local Rodeo Bowl.



The Big Spring rodeo has survived a depression, droughts and increasing competition from other rodeos to remain one of the top events of its type in Texas.

As for the cowboys, they've survived some of the toughest stock around.

The local rodeo began in 1933, and hasn't missed a beat during the years that have followed.

"All the famous cowboys have come through Big Spring," said Susan Lewis, publicist for last year's event. "We have the reputation for having a good rodeo and a fair rodeo. Rodeo is very real and very regulated, and part of the attraction has been the acts that have long been a part of the rodeo."

Rodeo combines the hard-edged competition between man and animal with entertainment, and one of the best-known rodeo entertainers in the world calls Coahoma home.

Quail Dobbs has been a rodeo clown for close to 30 years, and is one of the most-decorated people in the business, having worked several National Finals Rodeos and twice being named Coors' "Man in the Can," given to the top barrelman in the sport.

But Dobbs does more than just dodge bulls. He also keeps the crowd entertained with a steady stream of jokes and gag acts.

Besides Dobbs, other entertainers who have performed in Big Spring include trick riders, tandem teams and country-western singers.

The rodeo, a Professional Rodeo Cowboy Association-sanctioned event, attracted more than 12,000 people and 300 contestants last year.

Rodeo legends such as seven-time all-around champion Ty Murray, Tuff Hedeman and Coahoma bullrider Wacey Cathey have competed in Big Spring at

one time or another.

Rodeo events include bull riding, calf roping, barrel racing, saddle bronc and bareback bronc riding and steer wrestling.

Bull riding is perhaps rodeo's signature event, pitting all-too-fragile looking cowboys against bulls weighing in excess of 2,000 pounds. If the cowboy can stay aboard the animal for eight seconds, he stands a good chance to finish in the money.

If not, he gets a mouthful of dirt, and condolences from his fellow competitors.

Like bull riding, bareback and saddle bronc riding require the contestant to stay aboard his mount eight seconds. In bare-

back, a "rigging," a handhold made of leather and rawhide secured to the horse with a cinch, is all the cowboy has to grasp upon while riding.

In both events, extra points are awarded - or deducted - for how stylishly the cowboy completes his ride.

Timed events like calf roping, steer wrestling and barrel racing pit the cowboy against the clock. The faster a contestant can tie down a calf, wrestle a steer to the ground or successfully navigate a barrel course, the better his or her chance at having a nice payday.

This year's rodeo will be June 26-29 at the Rodeo Bowl just off FM 700 in west Big Spring.

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# Comanche Trail Park is community's back yard

By RODERICK RICHARDSON  
Herald Sportswriter

Whether people want a place to relax, a spot to play games or a taste for culture, the Comanche Trail Park offers entertainment for everyone. One aspect the park is known for is the beautiful scenery. Comanche Trail Park has a spring and lake for scenery seekers or for many of the water activities such as fishing, boating or canoeing. Something that cannot be found in any park in the West Texas area.

If that is not enough water for everyone, Comanche Trail opens a swimming pool for the summer which hosts "Splash Day" at the end of May. Splash

Day is one of the towns annual highlights.

"Splash Day is the opening day for our swimming pool," said Emily Bogard assistant city manager. "It's really to kick off the summer. We offer prizes and every-

In sports, there is a softball field in the park itself, and also a 18-hole golf course. In relation to sports, the park has a hike/bike trail that surrounds the lake.

For the social aspect, the park offers the pavilion for family gatherings and company picnics. There is also an overnight trailer camp and an amphitheater which held several concerts and plays.

"[Comanche Trail Park] is a quality place for recreation, relaxation and family involvement," said Bogard. "We have a variety of things for people. It's the biggest activity in town for the whole family."

Comanche Trail Park was established during the Great Depression from a government grant by the Workers Program of America (WPA). At that time the amphitheater, the pavilion and the state park was created.

Today, the park is trying to

expand its activities by presenting a remote control race car track promoted by its own race car organization. The club hopes to host remote control

race car tournaments some time this year.

Although there are new things in and planned for the park, efforts are continuously under

way to preserve the traditions of the facility.

"We are really going to try to promote a greater use of the amphitheater," said Bogard.



## Longhorn collection a sight to behold

By CARLTON JOHNSON  
Staff Writer

Anyone interested in "Old West" and the culture and folklore it carries with it should love the collection of Texas Longhorn horn collection at the Heritage Museum.

The museum's permanent Longhorn exhibit could be the largest and finest collection of Texas Longhorn horns anywhere.

The museum was able to acquire the collection of horns in the mid 1980's. The collection was started by the late H.C. Read in 1929 and continued by his son, Earle.

The first set of horns in the collection, while not the best of the bunch, was presented to Read in 1929 by a man the family knew as "Dr. Tanlac, who would come to Big Spring and set up his stage and medicine show every spring.

The exhibit contains a total of 54 sets of horns, with two of the sets having previously been donated to the museum by Ted O. Groehl Sr.

The largest set in the collection has a point-tip spread of ten feet, six inches. It also includes the "horn chair," donated by

Read, which won first place at the World's Fair in New York.

Read didn't immediately begin collecting horns following the gift from Dr. Tanlac. In fact, it was several years until Read actually purchased his first set.

The set was estimated to have an approximate value of \$60,000 several years ago, but Read believed because of the passage of time and because of the scarcity of good horns, the value was closer to \$75.

The point-tip spread of a set of longhorns is not the only determining factor in the cost of a set. There is also coloring, the peculiar twists of a set and their overall general condition.

There are also several exceptional water buffalo horns, buffalo horn mounts and many other old relics in the Read family.

The longhorn, it is rumored, could smell water for 20 miles and commanded a reputation as

being one of the meanest and fiercest animals around.

Earle Read spoke to the Herald in 1965 and recalled drovers herding the graceful, yet powerful, animals from Texas' open ranges and ranches into Big Spring to be shipped northward by railroad car.

Each set of horns is mounted in ornamented handtooled leather holders. Some have glossy ivory or black exteriors, while others exhibit shades of black, brown and gray.

The horns range between five and nine feet in length when measured tip to tip. The largest set measures eight to 10 inches in diameter and weighs about 65 pounds.

Each set of horns has its own features, but each is polished to perfection by an ancient method.

A notice at the entrance of the exhibit simply reads "The Longhorn Exhibit," but other items along with the horns boldly recreates the colorful history of the Old West.

The Read horn collection is sure to please anyone visiting the museum to admire the remnants of the wild beast that roamed and ruled the prairie - the immortal Texas Longhorns.



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## Railroad still vital to Big Spring

By JOHN H. WALKER  
Managing Editor

There are two reasons the city of Big Spring was founded — the spring and the railroad.

Railroad schemes have flourished in West Texas for nearly 150 years — from the time of the organization of the Texas Western on Feb. 16, 1852 until the outlandish 1995 proposal by a Midland-Odessa group to build a railroad to Lubbock.

In between, West Texas was developed and flourished along the route of what was then the Texas & Pacific Railroad.

From the early days, Big Spring was made a division point on the line in what was first known as the Pecos, and later, as the Rio Grande Division for the run from Fort Worth to El Paso.

On March 1, 1871, Congress granted a charter to Texas, Pacific Railroad Company, which in 1872, was changed to Texas and Pacific Railway Company. Its purpose was to provide transportation as needed for the military.

By March 6, 1881, a work crew had pushed to Big Spring, although any operations were still two months away. It was on May 28, 1881 that the T&P began regular service to the town.

Before the railroad arrived in West Texas, the 1881 tax rolls in the 17 counties in which it had trackage was \$19.8 million. Only six years later those values had surpassed \$70 million.

Over the years, the T&P constructed a number of shop facilities in Big Spring, including a roundhouse for the turning of the great steam locomotives.

As times changed, so did the railroad. It became the Missouri Pacific and, while its first diesel-electric locomotives had paint schemes of varying colors, people in Big Spring and West Texas are more familiar with the Mo-Pac blue engines.

It was during the Mo-Pac era, when the passenger trains were known as "Eagles," such as the "Delta Eagle" and the "Texas Eagle" that the providing of passenger service became too costly.

In the 1960s, the last Texas Eagle stopped in Big Spring and now, just a third of a century later, there's not even any sign of the passenger station.

In the late 1980s and early 90s, Mo-Pac blue started to disappear, just as the railroad had done when it was swallowed into Omaha, Neb.-based Union Pacific.

What does the future hold for Big Spring?

The much-discussed merger of Southern Pacific in UP will mean an addition 11 through trains a day for Big Spring at the outset. It will also mean the addition of about 50 good-paying jobs for engineers, conductors and trainmen. While many will relocate to Big Spring, others will simply lay over at motels, resulting in increased sales tax receipts and restaurant sales.

## Lake Spence offers recreation for region

By SARA SOLIS  
Staff Writer

Lake E.V. Spence, located just outside Robert Lee, is one of three lakes owned and operated by the Colorado River Municipal Water District and offers water sport facilities.

Lake Spence, named in recognition of Col. E.V. Spence, CRMWD's first general manager,

is currently at 32 percent of its 488,760 acre-foot capacity. It was the second major reservoir constructed by CRMWD and was completed in 1969, four years after Spence's death.

Col. Spence was a former city manager of Big Spring and earned his rank in the U.S. Army Corps of Civil Engineers. He became CRMWD's general manager in 1951 and served in that capacity until his death in 1965.

Lake Spence water is currently used by the city of Robert Lee and has supplied Big Spring, Midland and Odessa in the past with water.

"The chlorides are high in (Lake) Spence, so if we use it we usually blend it" with well field water, CRMWD spokesperson Martha Hamilton said. She said this past year the lake didn't get much inflow from rain, which could have helped decrease the chloride levels. "At this point we're not using any of it (Lake Spence water) ... It's just there if we need it," she said.

The lake offers four park sections for visitor use; Wildcat Creek Park; Paint Creek Park; Rough Creek Park; and Lakeview Park. There are picnic facilities and most table sites are covered and have an adjacent grill, Hamilton said. All park areas are equipped with restroom facilities and three RV dump stations are located at the lake.

"Nestled in the hills of northwest Coke County, this picturesque lake offers some of the best striped bass fishing in

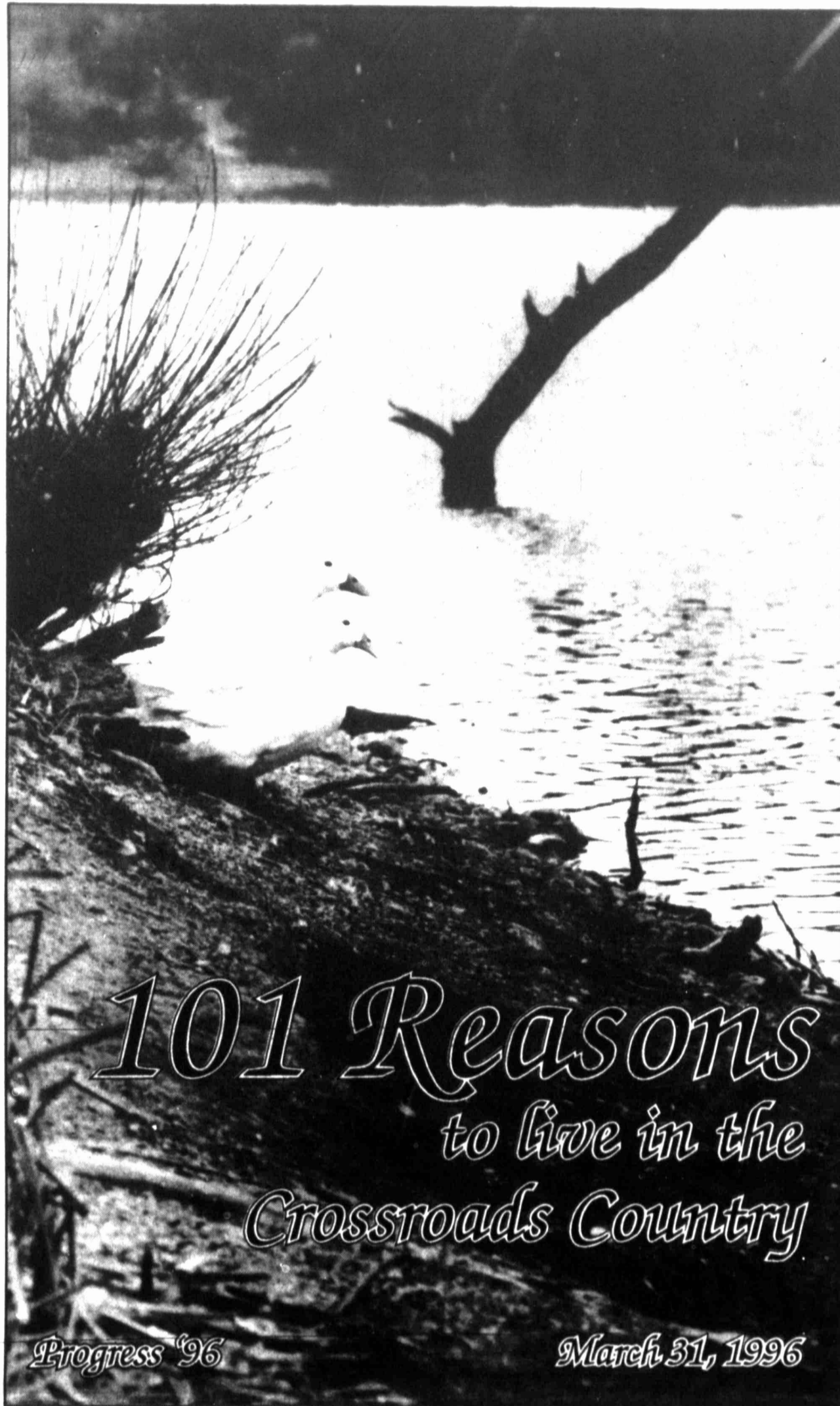
Texas," reads a brochure developed by CRMWD a number of years ago. The lake also contains black and white bass, crappie, catfish and drums for avid fishermen. The lake attracts boaters, swimmers and skiers, as well.

Lake Spence's long shape makes it a choice spot for sailing, boating and jet skiing.

Hamilton said the lake is surrounded by cottonwood and salt cedar trees as well as other plant life native to the area. Wildlife is plentiful also at the lake. White tail deer, cranes and sea gulls inhabit the area. An observation point is situated above Lakeview Park with a covered sitting area for visitors interested in relaxing and enjoying a panoramic view of the lake.

Camping at the lake is allowed, however there are no trailer hook-ups for water or electricity, Hamilton said.

She said, there is an entry fee of \$2 per day for those between the ages of 17 and 65 and individual annual permits may be purchased for \$20 a year; permits are valid from Jan. 1 through Dec. 31. Guest permits are also available for \$50 a year; valid for the purchaser, purchaser's spouse and up to 10 guests.



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## Golf a popular hobby for many

By KELLIE JONES  
Features Editor

Golfing is a hobby of many West Texans and you don't have to look any further than Big Spring to find two of the best courses around.

The Big Spring Country Club course was built in 1960. If you aren't a member of the club then you can golf on the course with a member or reciprocate the fees to another country club you belong to.

Lanny Turrentine and his son David oversee the pro shop and course. Lanny is a Professional Golfers Association professional with a class A1 rating and is the golf pro. David is the assistant golf pro with the PGA and has a class A8 rating. The two started at the country club in 1988 and 1992, respectively.

The pro shop offers a full line of equipment, club fittings, video lessons as well as women and junior teaching clinics. They also have a full summer tournament schedule.

David said, "Our course is very comparable to others in the area. We have the best greens and a full 18-hole facility."

The championship tees offer 6,920 yards of golf at a par 71. The regular men's tees have 6,156 yards of playing with a par 71 and the ladies' tees have 5,465 yards with a 74 par.

David added the hardest hole is the 14th with a 435 yard shot from the tee to the hole and it is a par four. There is water on the right side and the golfer is hitting into a prevailing southwest wind.

Perhaps the easiest is the 11th with a par five. There is 516 yards between the tee and hole with the golfer driving the ball downwind.

So far this year, David said there hasn't been anyone hit a hole-in-one but there were three or four last year at various holes on the course.

There is a total of four par three holes, 11 par four holes and three par five holes.

The course is open from 8 a.m. to sundown Tuesday through Sunday with the entire country club closed on Mondays.

Green fees are \$13 on weekdays and \$20 on weekends. The country club is located south of town on Driver Road.

The other great golf course in town is located at Comanche Trail Park.

It's been said by lots of golfers in town that the Comanche Trail course is one of the best kept secrets in West Texas.

There are four par three, 11 par four and three par five holes at the facility. The course opened in 1934.

Golf pro Al Patterson said the hardest two holes for golfers are three and 10.

"On the third hole, you are hitting into a prevailing wind on a par four hole and it is 409 yards long. The 10th hole is a par three but long with 247 yards."

## Drive-Through Nativity worth a special trip

By JOHN H. WALKER  
Managing Editor

What began as a local program at a local church has grown into something magnificent and unique — Big Spring's First Church of the Nazarene and its Drive-Through Nativity.

In the first nine years, as estimated 50,000 persons have experienced Texas' largest drive-thru nativity. The production is put on around the church and church grounds at 1400 Lancaster and features live animals in some of the scenes and a cast of more than 150 persons.

A variety of scenes can be viewed from vehicles as they follow the trail around the church property.

The entire production is staffed and produced by church members, who volunteer hundreds of hours in order to make the nativity a reality.

Animals included in the production are sheep, goats, donkeys, cattle and camels.

Additionally, there are almost a mile of luminarias to light the drive path.

As persons follow the tour, they can listen to a cassette tape narrative.

In 1994, there were 14 scenes — the prophetic

message, the annunciation, the magnificent Joseph's dream, the carpenter's shop, the travelers, the inn, the shepherds, the manger, King Herod, the wise men, the empty crosses and the return.

The annual production is free, although an opportunity to make a donation is available.



HERALD file photo  
Four young cast members in the annual Drive-Thru Nativity at Big Spring's First Church of the Nazarene.

## Herald Christmas parade offers fun for all

HERALD Staff Report

For years, the Big Spring Herald has sponsored the community's Christmas parade.

It's just one of the ways the newspaper gives back to the community for the more than 90 years of support given the Herald and its predecessors.

"The Christmas Parade is something fun that involves the entire community," explained publisher Chuck Williams. "We have fun getting involved and

planning the parade and that makes it even more meaningful."

In addition to giving local residents an opportunity to view and participate in a parade that celebrates the

spirit of the Christmas season, the parade also serves as a draw to bring area residents to town.

"The parade has always brought people to town," explained Big Spring Area Chamber of Commerce executive vice-president Linda Walker, "but when you couple the parade and the Trail of Lights together, you have a tremendous draw."

This year the parade will be held on Saturday, Dec. 7 at 5:30 p.m.



Photo courtesy CRMWD  
Col. E.V. Spence is shown in this 1954 photo in the Martin County Well Field.

## Inter-Tribal Gathering moves to Coliseum, expected to continue to grow in size, interest

By RODERICK RICHARDSON  
Herald Sportswriter

The Second Annual Big Spring Inter-Tribal Gathering will bring new faces and settings, but maintains its original purpose.

This year, Vicki Purcell is the chairperson of the event, scheduled for from Oct. 25-27. The event will move from the

Howard County Fairgrounds to the Dorothy Garrett Coliseum.

According to Linda Walker, executive vice president of the Big Spring Area Chamber of Commerce, the first Inter-Tribal Gathering was a big success and with some of the changes the chamber will make, Walker expects the event to grow.

"Last year we had a great school attendance," said Walk-

er. "About 4,000 kids showed up at the event. This year, we are going to lean toward the educational aspect, and try to get more schools to come."

"Our primary goal is the educate our area about the Native American heritage."

However, the event will also entertain those who attend. Last year, 75 dancers and 500 Native Americans from as far away as



Canada participated in the gathering. Competitive dancing will be one of the highlights of the evening.

The committee will have

arts-and-crafts displays, and booths where the audience can see the crafts created step by step. Arrowheads, pottery and basket weaving are just a few items that will be made.

To make the event educational in all perspectives, a food booth will be serving ethnic Native-American food.

The Inter-Tribal Gathering placed Big Spring on the map

when it comes to Native American cultural activities. The event also brings the financial rewards that comes with the recognition.

"The Inter-Tribal Gathering brings tourist from all over," said Walker. "We had a count of about 8,000 people last year. That many people can have a big economic impact on Big Spring."

## HC Rodeo delivers excitement, fun

By SAHA SOLIS  
Staff Writer

The Howard College Rodeo Team packs excitement into a popular West Texas sport. The team comprises a men's and women's program and is coached by Mike Yeater. Yeater, who will celebrate his fifth year at Howard College as the rodeo coach and agriculture instructor this year, has a bachelor's degree from South Texas State University in animal science and a master's degree from Tarleton State University. He has been involved in rodeo for most of his life, winning the Reserve World Championship in bull riding

qualification to the National High School Rodeo Association Finals, and a member of the National Men's Team Championship in college. The men's and women's teams have strong rodeo records. In 1994, the men's team had three regional champions and one national champion, team roper John Folmer. Yeater expects good things this year. The 1995-96 men's

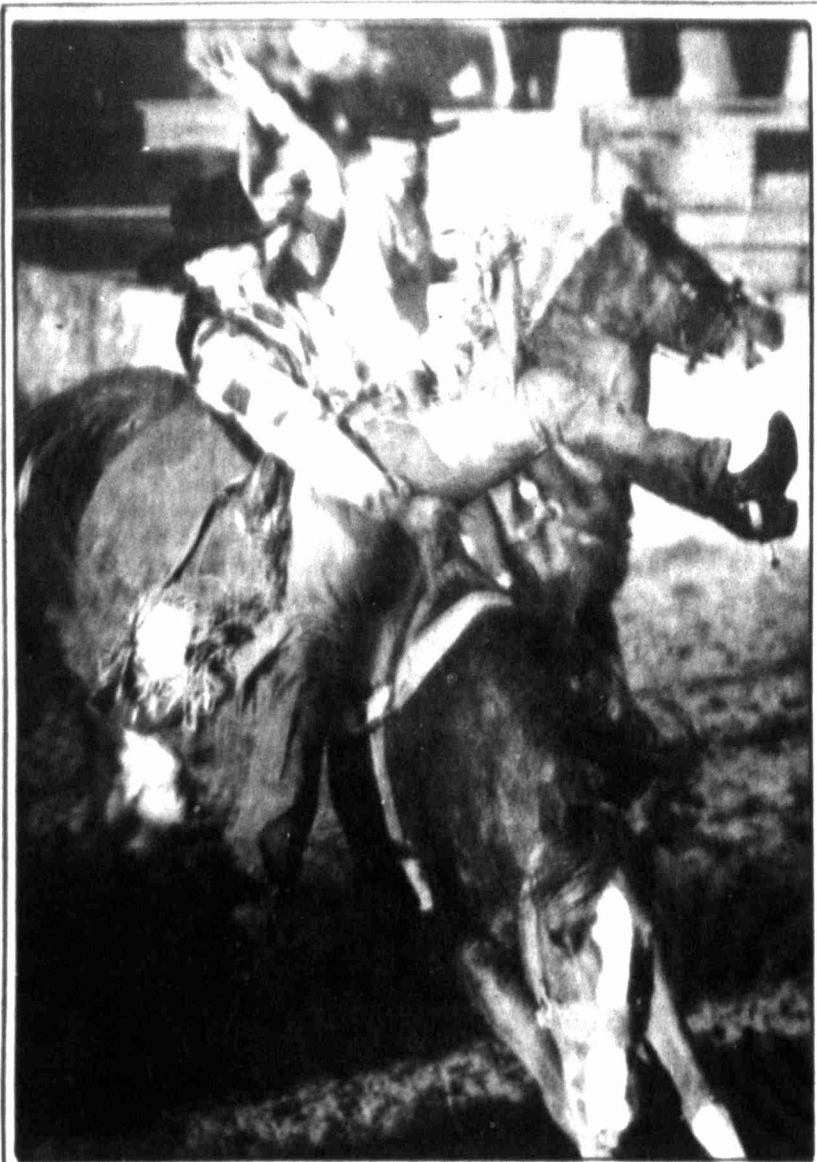
team will have experience on their side this year, with several of the team members returning as sophomores. Last year the Howard College women's rodeo team finished in third place just missing qualification for the College National Finals. Four of last year's top point earning women are returning and several freshman girls will be contending for team starter positions. The team has 55 members this year from Alabama, Georgia, Louisiana, North Carolina, South Carolina and, of course, Texas.

The rodeo team is a member of the southwest region of the National Intercollegiate Rodeo Association where there are no classifications for school size. Therefore, junior college rodeo athletes move up to four year universities and end up competing against the junior colleges from which they graduated, resulting in an advantage for the four-year schools.

Howard College hosts an annual rodeo every spring during the college's western week celebration. The annual rodeo will be held April 4, 5 and 6 this year.

Past outstanding Howard College rodeo men include: Boyce Knox, 1993 First SouthWestern Region Bull Riding, Brad Stewart, 1993 First SouthWestern Region Steer Wrestling and 1992 Second SouthWestern Region Steer Wrestling, T.J. Kenney, 1992 Second SouthWestern Region Saddle Bronc Riding.

Past outstanding Howard College rodeo women include: Jamie Bean, 1992 First SouthWestern Region Barrel Racing and 1992 Second in Nation Barrel Racing; Jana Pierce, 1990 Second in United States Breakaway Roping Champion and 1990 NIRA National Finals Breakaway Roping Champion; Jody Heath, SouthWestern Region Barrel Racing Champion, 1990 Third in United States Barrel Racing and 1990 SouthWestern Region All Around Champion Cowgirl.



## Snakes alive! It's a rattler roundup!

By JOHN H. WALKER  
Managing Editor

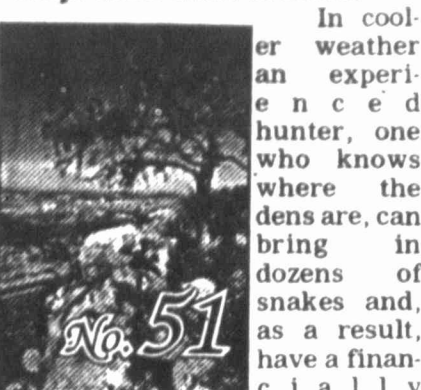
For 33 years, folks have been coming from miles around to the annual Rattlesnake Roundup at the Howard County Fairbarn.

And even though the American Business Club, AMBUCCS, has settled in as sponsor, it has also been put on by the then-Big Spring Jaycees and Coors of Big Spring has also had a hand in co-sponsoring the event.

The event, whose sole purpose is to bring in hundreds and hundreds of pounds of rattlesnake meat - along with the accompanying rattlers, heads and skins and venom - generally fares better in a year unlike this one.

That's because, you see, the warm... make that hot... weather we've already experienced has caused the snakes to begin to stir and move from their dens

although cooler nights still keeps them closer to home.



rewarding day.

Over the past few years, a concern has been voiced that the number and size of snakes in the Big Spring area has declined because of what some term "overhunting."

One experienced snake milker, Ken Darnell, has brought up such things as a limit on the number of snakes one hunter can turn in.

"We should manage the

resource, just like we do any other resource," he said.

Snake hunting is not without its dangers and, since so many Texas communities hold Rattlesnake Roundups, there are a lot of chances to get bitten.

A few years ago in Brownwood, an Irving man died of the toxic effects of the venom. He was hunting alone and did not carry a snake-bite kit.

The local roundup generally attracts between 4,000 and 8,000 persons, depending, of course, on the weather and the choice of activities for the weekend.

In addition to hunting snakes, there are a variety of vendors who travel the roundup circuit, selling anything made of rattlesnake and just about anything that could go with it as well.

And if that's not enough, you can always get in line to purchase a basket of fried rattlesnake meat. It does, after all, taste just like chicken!

## Ag Expo salutes, showcases industry

By STEVE REAGAN  
Sports Editor

Almost everyone realizes that agriculture is important to Howard County. If you want to find out how important it is, however, you might want to visit Dorothy Garrett Coliseum to see the annual Ag Expo.

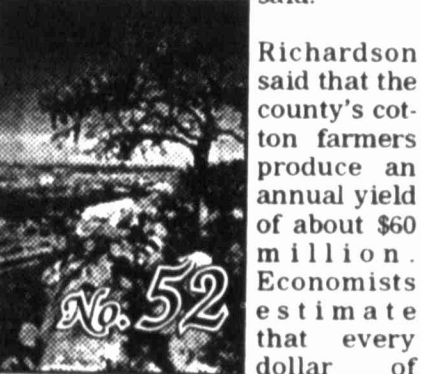
Cotton farming alone is estimated to have an annual impact of about \$180 million to the Howard County economy, but agriculture's importance has not always been recognized.

"It seems like, in the past, it was overshadowed by the air base and the oil industry," said Don Richardson, county agricultural extension agent. "Now that those two have declined, we're now seeing how important agriculture is - we're just now realizing how important it is to our economy."

One way to clue the general public in on agriculture's importance is the annual Ag Expo, which was held on March

21-22 at Garrett Coliseum.

"It's purpose is to acquaint the general public to the importance of the ag industry to the county's economy," Richardson said.



Richardson said that the county's cotton farmers produce an annual yield of about \$60 million.

Economists estimate that every dollar of agricultural-produced income is turned over three times in area businesses.

"That's a \$180 million impact on the county," Richardson said. "When farmers make a crop, they spend money. It could be for a diamond ring, or a new car, or anything."

The Ag Expo offers the public a chance to see this kind of

impact up close, he said.

"If they just go through and take a look at all the equipment, like the tractors... they'll realize what an expensive operation farming is," Richardson said. "They'll see that this stuff is a high-tech and terribly expensive type of project. They'll also see new concepts in marketing - the computer comes to the farm, so to speak."

The first-day highlight is the agriculture appreciation dinner and presentation of the Agricultural Producer of the Year award. The dinner, free to area farmers and ranchers, is sponsored by the Big Spring Area Chamber of Commerce as a "thank-you" for their contribution to the area economy.

Second day events include seminars presented by the Texas Agricultural Extension Service and display booths. Guest speakers this year included Charles Hart, Charles Unruh and Charles Allen, all specialists from the extension service.

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## Boat races offer different variety

By RODERICK RICHARDSON  
Herald Sportswriter

For those who like to get more out of a lake than a risky evening skinny dip, boating has become a successful alternative.



For a financial standpoint, Randy Cooper's Cove Merine a boat storage and repair shop in Colorado City is patiently awaiting for his money making season.

"Our busiest month is March," said Cooper. "June, July and August are the tradition busy months, but in March, people are getting ready for the summer and they bring their boats to us."

Since Cooper is in the business of boating, he doesn't mind taking his power boat out for recreation. "I do it for pleasure," said Cooper. "I do it for skiing, and to get out with friends. I know a lot of people around the Colorado Lake so boating is also for transportation purposes."

But others are out to take boating to the extreme. Big Spring resident Rick Marrow says he done fishing and jet skiing, but there is nothing like dragboat racing. A sport he has been a part of for 13 years.

"It's just a sport I enjoy," said Marrow. "I've raced all kinds of cars and motorcycles, but they don't come close to dragboat."

"I like fishing and jet skiing, but there is nothing like doing 140 in a quarter mile distance. You can't get much better than that."

Marrow also enjoy the sport for the camaraderie from other sport participants.

"There's a fine bunch of peo-

ple that are into this sport," said Marrow. "I've made a lot of good friends in the 13 years I've done this."

Marrow says he traveled around the country competing in dragboat racing events. Examples of locations he raced in are Oklahoma, Louisiana, Houston and Waco, but one of his favorite places to race is his hometown of Big Spring.

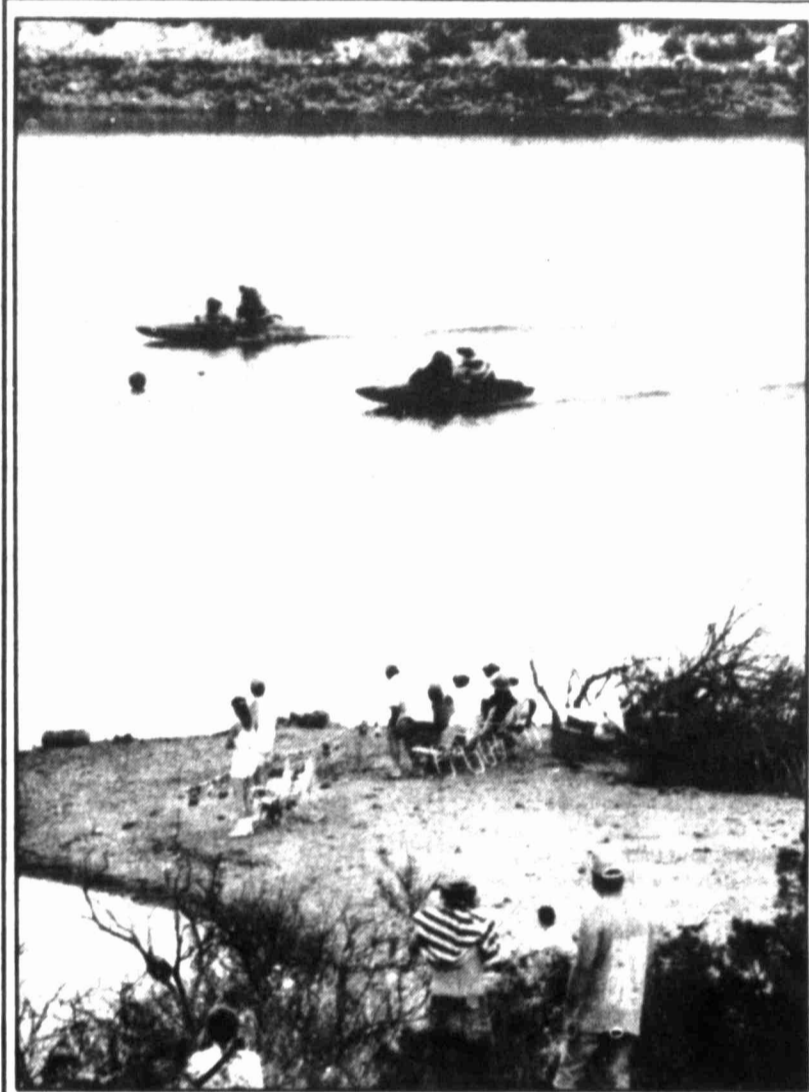
"Big Spring has an excellent facility," said Marrow. "It's kind of an amphitheater for dragboat racing. Moss Lake's water is around hills where everyone can see. The wind isn't a problem. Big Spring is as good a place as any to put on

a race."

There are a lot of people who agree with the statement. That is why Big Spring is hosting the "Duel in the Desert" August 3-4 at Moss Creek Lake. The race will be sponsored by the Southern Drag Boat Racing Association. The SDA is the national's oldest dragboat organization.

Close to 110 boats will enter this event with 46 crew members each, and Big Spring plans to reap the rewards of the race.

"A lot of people are going to be here," said Marrow. "A lot of revenue will come to Big Spring from hotels, convenience and grocery stores."



Spectators watch two boats race on Moss Creek Lake. Boat racing returns this summer with "Duel in the Desert."

## Baseball thrives throughout Howard County

By STEVE REAGAN  
Sports Editor

Depending on who you ask, baseball may or may not still be the national pastime.

In Howard County, however, the sport thrives.

Howard County is home to three excellent baseball programs - Howard College, Big Spring High School and Coahoma High School - as well as four Little Leagues.

Coahoma High School's baseball program is less than 10 years old, and already the Bulldogs have made a name for themselves, having never failed to make the Class 2A playoffs since they began playing competitively in the 1980s.

The Bulldogs' high-water mark came last year when, powered by all-state pitcher Brandon McGuire, they qualified for their first-ever trip to the State Class 2A championships in Austin.

Coahoma opened the 1996 season ranked third in the state 2A baseball poll.

The Big Spring Steers are no strangers to the state playoffs either, having made five straight trips to the postseason.

During that time, the Steers have qualified for the State 4A

championships in Austin twice. The first time, in 1992, ended with a loss in the semifinals. In 1994, however, Big Spring came within a whisker of winning the school's first state championship in team sports.

The Steers, after finishing second in District 4-4A, rolled over Borger, Fort Worth Arlington Heights and Fort Worth Brewer to qualify for the state tournament.

Once in Austin, the Steers shocked top-ranked Brenham to advance to the championship game, where they dropped a 4-0 decision to Belton.

If Coahoma and Big Spring have come close to grabbing the brass ring, the Howard College Hawks have done them one better: In 1991, the Hawks brought a national championship to Big Spring when they captured first

place at the National Junior College World Series in Grand Junction, Colo.

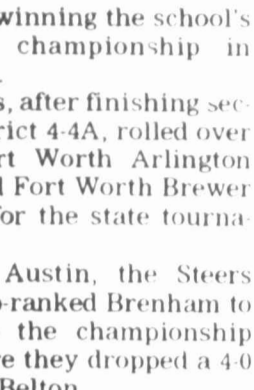
The Hawks, under coach Bill Griffin and led by national JUCO player of the year Frank Rodriguez now a starting pitcher for the Minnesota Twins - captured the title with a 7-2 victory over Manatee Community College of Florida.

Since its inception in 1983, the Howard College baseball team has compiled a 504-206 won-loss record, a winning percentage of 71 percent. Fifty Hawks have been drafted by major league teams.

Howard competes in the Western Junior College Athletic Conference, which is traditionally one of the toughest junior college conferences in the nation.

If you like your baseball on a smaller scale, however, you might want to check out one of the area's four Little Leagues. Little League season runs from March to early June, and is capped off by an annual city championship which involves teams from Big Spring and Coahoma.

Last year, a Coahoma team won that community's first-ever City Little League Tournament crown.



## Weather generally nice ... but changes fast

By JOHN H. WALKER  
Managing Editor

Newcomers to West Texas are quickly told that if they don't like the weather, just wait five minutes, because it will change.

Living on the edge of the Chihuahuan Desert makes for hot summers and arid surroundings but, by and large, the weather in Crossroads Country is generally tolerable.

One thing many people enjoy about the area is the fact that even in the dead of winter, the weather is mild.

If there's one drawback to the weather, it's the blowing dust - especially in times when precipitation is below normal - or every spring, when the ground is turned to plant crops and the

wind blows.

But it is also in the spring that the chance for rain increases and the flowers and trees bloom. It's a time of brisk mornings, warm to hot days and evenings

that can be enjoyed on the patio.

And in the summer, when the heat often breaks the century mark, the weather is still tolerable enough for an evening under the stars. Mix in a West Texas thunderstorm and the light shows at night can be magnificent.



Evening under the stars. Mix in a West Texas thunderstorm and the light shows at night can be magnificent.

In the fall the weather in West Texas starts to turn, just as it does elsewhere. But here, because of our generally southern location, the crispness on the air is a little less pronounced and a little later in the season.

And while most winters don't get by without some ice or snow, they, too, are mild like spring and fall. In fact, there are times that the winter resembles summer more than winter, as evidenced by this year's 95-degree heat in February.

But it is the fact that even though one may have to wear an overcoat today you shouldn't put up all of the shorts and summer clothes that makes the Crossroads Country a residence for all seasons.

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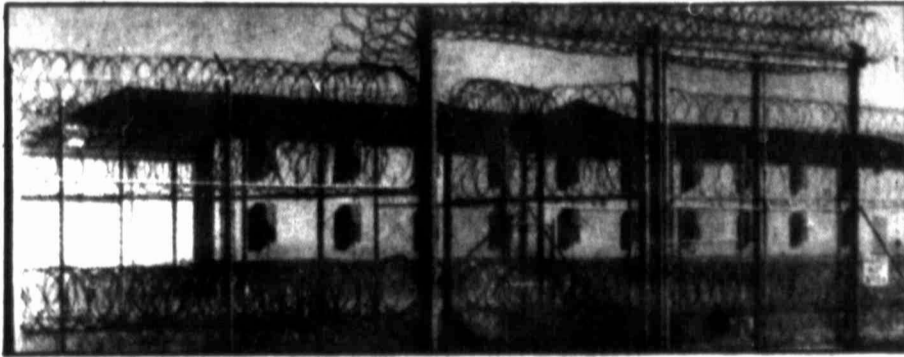
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BSCC-Interstate Unit which is located near Interstate 20 at Exit 176 began operation in May of 1989. Utilizing a vacant hotel building sitting on a 4-acre site, renovation provided a detention facility with 365 inmate beds. It was operated for 18 months by approximately 60 employees until expansion was approved, and BSCC-Airpark Unit was built.

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The newly constructed BSCC-Flightline Unit began operation in February of 1995 and is located on the west side of the McMahon-Wrinkle Air Field near the main runway. This facility has approximately 17 acres inside the security fences, provides 500 inmate beds and added approximately 100 employees. Combined with the Interstate Unit and Airpark Unit, approximately 1,300 inmate beds are contracted with the Federal Bureau of Prisons, and BSCC staff totals approximately 250.

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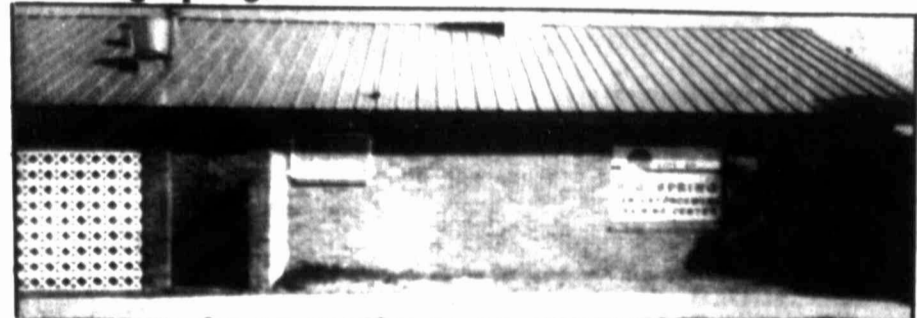
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In February of 1991, BSCC-Airpark Unit located near base housing began operation after renovation of the former Webb AFB Flight Training Center and surrounding 14-acre site. This facility provides 380 inmate beds and added approximately 90 employees to the operation. In addition, the Immigration & Naturalization Service has a cadre of staff located at this facility where the Executive Office for Immigration Review conducts deportation hearings each month for federal inmates housed in Big Spring facilities as well as surrounding cities. Expansion was again approved, and BSCC-Flightline Unit was built.

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The Law Enforcement Training Center is also an integral part of the BSCC operation. Located on the southwest edge of the Industrial Park, it has been operational since September of 1992 with renovation of the former Webb AFB Golf Course Clubhouse. It provides space and equipment for staff training and is utilized by both Big Spring Correctional Center and Big Spring Police Department personnel.

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The Christmas tree recycling project is part of the city's composting program. BSCC inmates operate and participate in the city's composting program. Yard waste and other lumber products are currently being diverted from the city landfill to the composting program. This operation is an effort to preserve much needed space.



The City's trash dumpsters were renovated by BSCC inmates by early 1995. Worn-out dumpsters are repaired as needed, sandblasted and repainted. BSCC initials and a completion date are stenciled on each dumpster repaired under this program.

### Girl Scouts offer area girls opportunity for self-discovery

By SARA SOLIS  
Staff Writer

The Big Spring chapter of the West Texas Girl Scout Council offers girls from kindergarten to 12th grade recreation and opportunities for self-discovery.

April Ferguson, co-service director for the Big Spring area, said the area includes Stanton, Garden City, Big Spring, Coahoma and Forsan. She said Big Spring currently supports one Daisy troop, kindergarten and first graders, eight Brownie troops, first through third graders; five Junior troops, fourth through sixth graders; five Cadet troops, seventh through ninth graders; and two Senior troops, 10th through 12th graders. She said there are also two multi-level troops which comprise girls of all ages, one in Stanton and the other in Garden City.

Ferguson said the Girl Scouts sponsor several annual area wide events. She said they hold a track meet in the fall for all area IV Girl Scouts. Area IV includes Snyder and Lamesa, she said. "It is our biggest event of the year," Ferguson said. Girls participate in various track meet events and compete for awards in their age groups. This year the event was held at the Forsan High School track.

She said the Girl Scouts also sponsor an annual Thinking Day Lock In, which celebrates the founder of Boy Scouts, Baden Powell and his wife, Agnes, who founded the Girl Guides. Thinking Day is Feb.

22, Ferguson said. This year the lock in was held on Friday, Feb. 23 at the Big Spring YMCA. The Girl Scouts spent the night at the YMCA swimming, playing basketball, doing badge workshops and listening to speakers, she said. "The lady from the library spoke to the girls about literacy, how it effects people and what they can do to help out," she said. A representative from the Salvation Army also came and spoke about the homeless, Ferguson said. She said there was an older girls volleyball game they called "the game of the century" that night as well.

And we (the leaders) whipped them," Ferguson said. She said the girls had pizza and also did arts and crafts. "It was a full evening," she said.

Another annual event sponsored by the local chapter is a father daughter dance. This year the dance will be held around Easter. "We are going to have a sock hop," she said. The chapter also hosts some type of mother daughter event during the year, usually a tea, she said. "The little girls get to have tea with their mothers."

Another annual event the Girl Scouts are renowned for is the cookie sale. Ferguson said the cookie sale is the biggest fund raiser for the Girl Scouts. She said they participated in a new product sale for the first time ever this past year. "We sold nuts. It was a great success, generated profits of over \$14,000 and 50 percent of the girls participated."

Ferguson said the West Texas Girl Scout Council camp, Camp Boothe Oaks, is located near Sweetwater. During the summer, girls second grade and older can attend summer camps at camp (BO), she said. She said programs are also offered to older girls to learn how to be camp counselors.



### Borden County courthouse, museum serve county

By SARA SOLIS  
Staff Writer

The Borden County Courthouse in Gail is a local historic landmark.

The courthouse was built under the authority of a federal work program in the 1930's, Borden County Judge Van York said. He said a two story wood frame building, built around the turn of the century, was the first courthouse at the site. It was demolished when the current facility was built.

He said the old courthouse even had a watermelon patch growing in front. "There's a few pictures around here that show they grew watermelons out in front."

The current courthouse is a one-story brick masonry building.

"The interior was remodeled in the late-70's," he said. York,

who has been the county judge for the past 14 years, said the courthouse is used for district court, county court and JP court. "All three use that one court room," he said.

Aside from the court room, the building also houses the county and district clerks, county auditor, county treasurer and county judge.

A free-standing jail is also located on the courthouse square. The jail was built in the 1890's, he said.

"It's a rock jail, they won't let us use it any more, they say it's not modern enough," York said. He said the jail was the first building built on the square.

"I guess they wanted to get rid of the criminals first," he said. The jail can be toured. "Anybody who wants to come (can) ... and we'll take them through it." The courthouse currently uses the jail as a storage facility.

The Borden County Museum is also on the courthouse square. The museum covers the history of Borden County "from Indian artifacts to old ranching and farming equipment and lots of old, old pictures," he said.



An historical marker on the grounds of the Borden County Courthouse tells of the history of the county.

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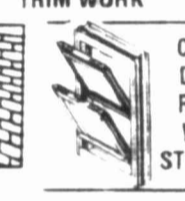


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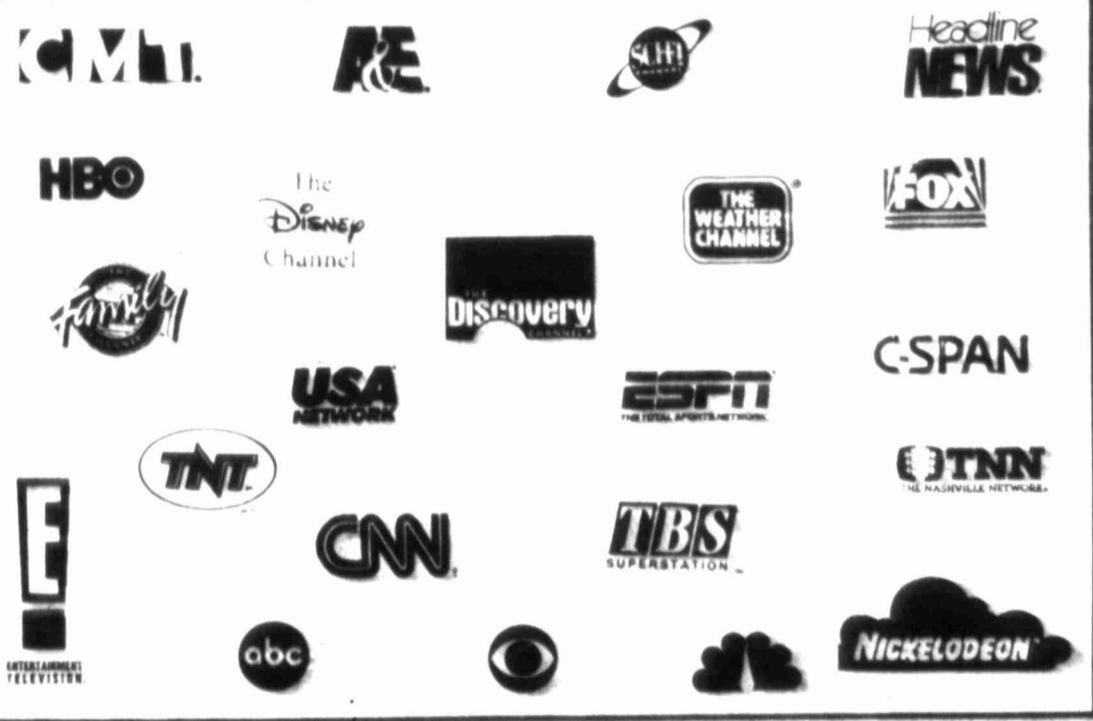


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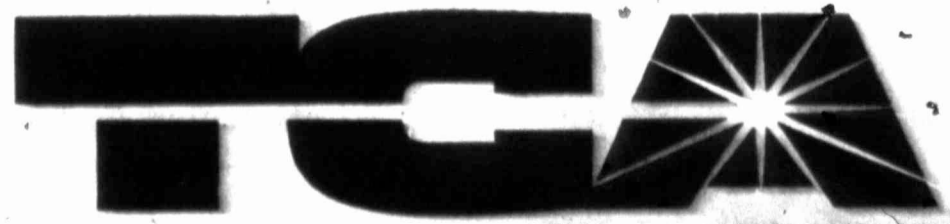
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## Martin Co. Historical Jail is a true area landmark

By STEVE REAGAN  
Sports Editor

When you look up the word "landmark" in the dictionary, it should be accompanied by a picture of the Martin County Historical Jail.



The "old jail," as residents of Stanton call it, looks like the stereotypical historical landmark.

For starters, it is very old, having been constructed back in the 1880s, when Stanton was known as Marienfeld.

Secondly, it is the most distinctive building in Stanton - the jail is a two-story, red sandstone building with a metal shingle roof and a wrought-iron fence enclosing the yard.

And third, it really is a historical landmark, as indicated by the state marker in front of the building.

It is one of the most popular attractions in Stanton, and gives an interesting peek at how the bad guys were incarcerated back in the Old West days.

The jail area consists of a 1874-variety metal cage with seven bunks, a commode and a small sink. If the cramped conditions weren't bad enough for prisoners, there also wasn't any

exercise privileges, meaning that the only exercise they ever got came from walking around the cell.

To further add to the confinement, there was no hot water or bathing facilities.

Breakouts were not a reasonable option for prisoners, either, because the sheriff and his family lived just upstairs from the cell area. It was not until 1952 that Martin County did not have a sheriff living on the premises.

It was in the early '50s that the old jail was phased out of the county's plans. The cell block was still used as the city jail, but the large room upstairs was converted for use as the Martin County Library. The library moved to a new location in 1964, and by the early 1970s, the old jail was almost vacant.

During that time, then-Sheriff Dan Saunders continued its operation as a private museum. Later, the chamber of commerce expressed interest in restoring the old building for use as an office.

The Martin County Historical Commission and private individuals began a restoration project and approval of the jail as a state historical site protected it from any possible demolition.

Restoration of the old jail was completed in 1986.

Today, the old jail is a popular tourist attraction, with the local chamber conducting tours Monday-Thursday. Special tours also are conducted during Old Sorehead Trade Days and the annual Old Settlers' Reunion.

## Big Spring a stronghold for churches with 67

By KELLIE JONES  
Features Editor

West Texas is considered part of the Bible belt and that is evident by the fact there are at least 67 churches in Big Spring to serve a population of approximately 23,900.



If everyone was attending a worship service on Sundays, that would mean there is an average of nearly 357 people per church. The majority of the churches are Protestant with most of those being Baptist, about 24.

Why is there an abundance of Baptist churches? Hubert Wright, moderator of the Big Spring Baptist Association, provided this response, "Big Spring is in the Bible belt and Baptists have been dominate in the South for years."

"Baptists are evangelistic and we do a lot of visiting and witnessing so the churches have spread. We are also mission-minded and have started some Spanish churches." Wright is also the pastor at Midway Baptist Church.

The denominations vary from Adventist to Assembly of God to Catholic to Episcopal to Nazarene to Presbyterian and everything in between.

Here is a list of churches in Big Spring, Howard County and surrounding areas:

- Adventist - Seventh Day Adventist, 4319 Parkway
- Apostolic - New Jerusalem Apostolic for God, 1309 Goliad
- Assembly of God - Evangel Temple Assembly of God, 2205 Goliad; First Assembly of God, Fourth and Lancaster and Templo Assembly of God, 105 Lockhart.
- Baptist - Airport Baptist, 1208 Frazier; Baptist Temple, 400 11th Place; Berea Baptist, 4240 Wasson; Birdwell Lane Baptist, 1512 Birdwell; Calvary Baptist, 1200 West Fourth; Central Baptist, Elbow; College Baptist, 1105 Birdwell; Crestview Baptist, Gatesville Street; East Fourth Baptist, 401 East Fourth; East Side Baptist, 1108 East Sixth; First Baptist, 705 Marcy; First Baptist in Garden City; First Baptist in Knott; First Baptist of Coahoma, 201 South Avenue; First Baptist in Sand Springs; For-san Baptist; First Mexican, 701 N.W. Fifth; Hillcrest Baptist, 2000 FM 700; Iglesia Bautista Central, 2105 Lancaster; Iglesia Bautista La Fe, 408 State; Liberty Baptist, 1209 Gregg;

Luther Bethel Baptist, Gail Route; Midway Baptist, 6200 South Service Road Interstate 20; Morning Star Baptist, 403 Trades; Mount Bethel Baptist, 630 N.W. Fourth; Northside Baptist Mission, 1011 North Scurry; Prairie View Baptist, FM 2230; Primera Bautista Mission, 701 N.W. Fifth; Primitive Baptist, 201 East 24th; Salem Baptist, Interstate 20 and Trinity Baptist, 810 11th Place.

•Bible - Crossroads Community Fellowship, Corner of FM 700 and 11th Place.

•Catholic - Immaculate Heart of Mary, 1009 Hearn, Sacred Heart, 509 North Aylford and St. Thomas, 605 North Main.

•Christian - College Heights Christian, 400 East 21 and First Christian, 911 Goliad.

•Church of Christ - Anderson Street, Green and Anderson; Birdwell Lane, 11th Place; Cedar Ridge, 2110 Birdwell; Church of Christ, 14th and Main; Coahoma Church of Christ, 311 North Second; Sand Springs, nine miles east of Big Spring on Thomas Road and West Highway 80, 3900 West Highway 80.

•Church of God - Church of God of Prophecy, 15th and Dixie; College Park Church of God, 603 Tulane; First Church of God, 1210 East 19th; First Church of God, 2009 Main and

McGee Memorial Church of God in Christ, 1000 N.W. Third.

•Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints - 1803 Was-son Dr.

•Gospel - Big Spring Gospel Tabernacle, 1905 Scurry; Living Water, 1008 Birdwell; Miracle Revival Center, 600 East FM 700 and Spring Tabernacle, 1209 Wright St.

•Episcopal - St. Mary's Episcopal, 1001 Goliad.

•Jehovah Witness - Kingdom Hall Jehovah Witness, 500 Donley.

•Lutheran - St. Paul Lutheran, 810 Scurry.

•Methodist - Bakers Chapel Methodist, 911 North Lancaster; Coahoma United Methodist, Main at Central; First United Methodist, 400 Scurry; Iglesia Metodista, Northside; North Birdwell Lane United Methodist, 2702 North Birdwell and Wesley United Methodist, 1206 Owens.

•Nazarene - First Church of the Nazarene, 1400 Lancaster.

•Presbyterian - First Presbyterian, 701 Runnels and First Presbyterian, 205 North First in Coahoma.

•Other - Power House of God in Christ, 711 Cherry; the Salvation Army, 811 West Fifth; Tollett All Faith Chapel, Big Spring State Hospital and Friends of Unity, 100 A South Main.

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# Harold Davis Fitness Center is tops

By KELLIE JONES  
Features Editor

Getting in shape is easy at the Harold Davis Fitness Center located on the Howard College campus.

There is some type of equipment, machine or weight to fit the needs of the community.

A walking track inside the facility is perfect for those days when it is too hot, too cold or raining, so there's no excuse not to walk every day!

A cardiovascular room is equipped with a treadmill, two stair climbers, several stationary bikes and two benches for a person to use to do sit-ups and crunches. A Nordic Rider and Walkfit were recently donated by a local doctor.

There is a circuit training room complete with weight machines and cardiovascular equipment. When going through the circuit training, you work on one machine such as the leg curl for 30 seconds then switch to an aerobic/cardiovascular sequence of running in place for 30 seconds. There are about 24 stations for a



workout that lasts less than 30 minutes.

The free weights and machine by BodyMasters are located in the strength and conditioning room. This is where people wanting to use resistance training. There are inverted leg presses, a butt blaster and places set up to do bench presses and back strengthening exercises.

This room was made possible through donations of more than \$22,000 from community members. Former fitness center director Roy Green clipped pictures of machines he thought the clients would want then asked different people if they could donate for the equipment.

More than 400 people use the facility. Students at HC can enroll in a physical education course and spend the semester at the fitness center. Residents can join for \$81 for

18 weeks. Often a business will buy a certain amount of memberships to offer to employees as a benefit.

Dr. Guy Owens is the wellness coordinator who checks every potential client's cholesterol level, body fat, glucose and triglycerides as well as a stretching assessment. This check-up is included in the price of the membership.

Owens will then ask the client what their fitness goals are and then set up a way to achieve them. He also helps the client set up a nutrition and stress management plan.

The center is open Monday-Friday from 5:30 a.m. to 8 p.m. and on Saturdays from 9-1. Fitness Center Director Jerry Dudley said any of his 16 employees will show a person how to use the machines and to get started on the circuit training course.

# Girls' softball is big around Crossroads

By KELLIE JONES  
Features Editor

Girls softball is catching on in Big Spring on both the league and high school levels.

The United Girls Softball Association is in its 23rd year of operation with several divisions for girls to play in.

Division I is for girls ages seven to nine; Division II for ages 10 to 12; Division III for 13 to 15 and Division IV for 16 to 19.

Last year, a tee ball division was set up for girls ages five and six with three teams being formed and an expected four teams this year.

The regular softball season runs from mid-April to the end of June. The month of July is slated for all-star practice. The coach of the team that comes in first in each division is allowed to coach the all-star team. Last year, the local UGSA teams brought home three state titles.

The Division I all-star team has come in first place three years in a row and Division III

won its first state title last year and Division IV has a chance to make it three state titles in a row this year.

More than 300 girls were involved in softball last year and UGSA Vice President Gilbert Cobos expects that number to increase year after year.

Each team plays the others in their division with about 10 to 15 games played during the regular season.

Cobos expects about five teams in Division I; six or seven in Division II; four teams in Division III and three teams in Division IV for this softball season.

Cobos is also the coach of the high school club ball team. They started in the 1993-94

school year with 18 girls who were all selected to the team. One of the main goals of the club ball team was to show the school district there was interest in softball and then to have the board approve it for University of Interscholastic League competition.

That goal was met in early 1996 and the team will be UIL-sanctioned beginning in the 1996-97 school year.

The team has an 8-12 record last year but significant strides have already been made. They had an 9-3 record at the halfway point earlier this month.

Six of the girls who were on the first team have been returned each year contributing to the continued success of the team.

During the 1994-95 school year, 42 girls tried out for the team with 17 being picked and 44 girls came out for the try-outs last year with 17 being chosen.

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## Gem & Mineral Show a real sparkler

By RODERICK RICHARDSON  
Herald Sportswriter

Need some kind of sparkle in your day? The Big Spring Prospectors Club Gem & Mineral Show has plenty of them.

For 27 years, the gem & mineral show has entertained, educated and distributed to the people of Big Spring stones of many shapes and sizes every first weekend of March and will continue to do so.

"We usually have around 40 to 50 booths displayed by club members who came to show the people the jewelry and stones they've made or collected," said Lola Lamb, secretary of the Prospectors Club. "We also have dealers who are there to sell what they have."

The show also offer working demonstrations to entertain the public and to show how some of the process are done. Some of the working demonstrations the show will illustrate are silverwork, casting and creating arrowheads.

For the kids, a spinning wheel will be displayed with different gems and minerals on it. The kids could spin the wheel to

determine what prize they can win.

There will also be drawings for bigger prizes. This year, there will be two ways of winning something. First, the people attending the event will receive a ticket. The Prospectors Club will call on numbers hourly for winners. The prizes are donated by the people involved in the show.

The other way is for the grand prizes. A blue topaz designed as the star in Big Spring is one of highlighted gems in the event. The topaz was created several years ago to honor Big Spring and the Prospectors Club, but the drawing for this gem isn't free.

However, the drawing for this gem isn't free; it will be a dollar per ticket.

"We charge for the drawing because the admission to the show is free," said Lamb. "Last

year was the first time we had free admission. This is our only fund raiser. We have the drawings instead, because far so long admission was part of the fund raising."

The reason for free admission is to attract more people to the show which had been a problem in recent shows, but money is not the only agenda for this event.

"Our purpose is for enjoyment of the minerals," said Lamb. "It's a depleting natural resource, and what we want to do is educate the value of earth science - especially with the kids."

"A lot of people look at a stone and think it's just a dumb old rock. We're here to teach them that is not just a rock."

Big Spring is not the only town involved. There are dealers from such places as Abilene, Lubbock, Midland and Odessa who come and participate. "They take their displays to us, and we take our displays to their shows," said Lamb.

According to Lamb, the Gem & Mineral Show has an average turnout of 400-600 people and up to 1,000 people.



## Crossroads Country hoops it up

By SARA SOLIS  
Staff Writer

Basketball is alive and well in Howard County.

The Big Spring Steers and Lady Steers basketball teams have a record to be proud of. The Lady Steers won their fifth straight District 4-4A

title this year. They were 9-1 in the district and 17-7 overall. The Lady Steers went on to win their first ever play-off game against Parkland-El Paso at the bi-district playoffs held in Alpine.

The Big Spring Steers basketball team has an impressive history. The Steers have made the boys basketball State Finals twice, in 1931 and 1933. The 1931 team had a 23-2 season and ended with a 27-3 record. They lost to Yancy 31-25 in the first round of the finals.

In 1932 the Steers came up one game short of a return trip to the tournament when they lost to Breckenridge in the third game of the bi-districts. But, in 1933, with two players left from the 1931 state finalist team, in a three game series Big Spring swept two straight against Breck and earned a spot in the

state tournament. They played undefeated Crowell (32-0) at the State Finals in Austin and were defeated 38-33.

Recently, in 1993-94, the Steers surprised everyone by finishing with a 10-2 district record after a 3-14 start. That tied them with Sweetwater for first place, but they went on to lose in the first round of playoffs.

This year the Steers tied for the District 4-4A runner-up spot with Monahans, but lost a one-game playoff.

Coahoma is also the home of a great basketball tradition.

The Coahoma girls basketball team made the playoffs this year by coming in second place for District 6-2A. They had a record of 15-14 overall. District 6-2A includes Forsan, Wall, Stanton, Winters and Jim Ned High Schools. Coach David Cox said the Coahoma girls have been district champions 11 times and bi-district champs eight times in the past. They were district champions as recent as 1988, he said. Cox said the girls basketball team advanced to the regional tournament in 1984 and 1991.

The Coahoma boys basketball team were district champs and regional finalists in 1972-73, 1974-75, and 1980-81. In 1990-91 they were district champions and bi-district champions, but lost in the area round of the playoffs. Coach Kim Nichols said. He said in 1991-92 the team was the district runner-up. Nichols said the last two years the team failed to make the

playoffs by one game. "In 1994-95 we finished third and this year we tied for second," but because the district went by halves instead of overall records we got beat out of going to the playoffs. "I feel like we had a good year, we were inconsistent at times" but overall the team played well. Nichols said.

Nichols said the team will be in a new district next year, District 8-2A. The new district will include Eldorado, Ozona, Forsan, Coahoma, Winters, Roscoe and Grape Creek.

Basketball also features prominently at Forsan High School. The Forsan girls basketball team, the Queens, has been coached by Johnny Schafer for the last 15 years. He said the last time the Queens went to the State Tournament was in 1966. The girls were district runners-up in 1986, 1992 and 1993.

According to Schafer, the Forsan girls were district champs for 12 years in a row from 1960 to 1972, and as recently as 1994. This year the Queens record was 14-15 overall and 1-9 in the district. "This year we were very competitive even though the record doesn't show it," Schafer said.

The Forsan boys basketball team had a 12-17 overall record this year. However, the team has an impressive past record. They made the regional finals in 1965, 66 and 67, advancing to the state tournament in 1966. As recent as 1993 and 1994 the team has advanced past district

## Kennel Club Dog Show a big attraction

HERALD Staff Report

It's happened every January for the last seven years. Big Spring has gone to the dogs ... or to the Big Spring Kennel Club Dog Show, that is.

Each year, some 900-1,250 dogs are shown over the two day weekend at Dorothy Garrett Coliseum as dog owners, breeders and just plain dog lovers from throughout the Southwest and country attend.

The local show is judged by

the standards established by the American Kennel Club.

Many of those who show their dogs in Big Spring will make their way to Madison Square Garden before the year is out to compete in the prestigious Westminster Dog Show.

In Texas, the Big Spring Show

traditionally starts the season, and sets the stage for those who will have successful - and not so successful seasons.

Each year, owners and dogs from as many as 35 states and three foreign countries converge on Big Spring. The show has an obvious impact on the local community. Even though many of those showing dogs travel and live out of their motorhomes, many also stay in local motels, eat out and go shopping.

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### Hawks' men play exciting basketball

By RODERICK RICHARDSON  
Herald Sports Writer

A key player suffering from an injury will hinder any team performance in a season.

How about having five key players injured?



That's what the Howard College Hawk basketball team had to face in what

Hawk coach Tommy Collins calls a "very roller coaster season."

The injury plague started before the season did. All-American hopeful Walter Williams, who didn't see much playing time last year due to injury, suffered a stressed fracture of the foot.

Guard Jermal Bradley broken a bone in his hand and was out for the season, and Hawk guard Rod Jones was out for several games with a pulled hamstring muscle. Guard Andre Blackmon hurt his ankle during Howard's final non-conference game when it faced Grayson. Guard Aaron Curry also missed games due to injury.

Howard surprised the entire conference as it found itself on top of WJCAC's standings as the Hawks went to a 3-0 record. One of those victories was a 101-88 slaughter over conference favorite New Mexico JC.

But the games were draining the Hawks as they had to come back from behind each game including the 16-point hole they climbed out of to beat Odessa 86-80. Williams broke his leg that night and was out for the season.

### Hike/bike trail in the works at Comanche

By KELLIE JONES  
Features Editor

If you like to run, jog or rollerblade, then the proposed hike and bike trail is right up your alley.



Moore Development of Big Spring and the Texas Department of Transportation are working together to

build the trail that would connect Comanche Trail Park and the Big Spring State Park together.

Moore officials are making plans to write a grant for about \$280,000 with the funding coming from the TxDOT.

The trail would go from the city park down Wasson Road, FM 700 around the state park, Vietnam Memorial back around to Randolph Road and end up back at the city park after passing by Marcy Elementary.

The trail could be used by walkers, joggers, runners, rollerbladers or bicyclists. It would be eight to 10 feet wide.

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## Living Christmas Tree a tradition

By CARLTON JOHNSON  
Staff Writer

First United Methodist Church's Living Christmas Tree began in 1979 and has become a part of Big Spring's annual Christmas celebration.

This coming December, the Living Christmas Tree will be a part of Big Spring's Christmas festivities for the 18th year.

Production Coordinator Marcy Lykken said, "It really is

a community event and takes hundreds of volunteers to bring together. Many different denominations from around town are represented among the many singers.

Preparing for the annual event, which takes place on the first weekend after Thanksgiving as established by the ministerial alliance, is a year long function.

"We think about a theme and also what songs we want to perform in December," Lykken

said.

Hundreds of volunteers work on the Living Christmas Tree all year long on such items as the stage, greenery, lights, decorations and production and



according to Lykken, the tree is nothing more than a lot of metal pieces bolted together before the project is completely brought together.

First United Methodist Church is currently using its second metal tree structure since the project began.

"The Living Christmas Tree has always been accompanied by a lives orchestra," Lykken said.

Prior to performances, there are two Saturday rehearsals in November and rehearsals each day the week before the event.

Lykken added, "We usually try make our performances at least an hour and 20 minutes to an hour and a half long."

About a week before the actual production, the metal tree is taken from its storage area and assembled. The wooden steps are next and then out comes the decorations.

In the spirit of the season, only the musicians are paid because several of them travel from other towns and cities to participate, no admissions is charged and the project is not a part of the church's budget.

The money that covers the \$12,000 annual cost comes strictly from donations.

First United calls the Living Christmas Tree a gift to the community.

Those who have worked on the tree say it is a lot of fun and several of the volunteers have as many as 10 or more years of service just by being a part of the Living Christmas Tree.

## Big Spring Amphitheater a classic facility, built in 30s

By CARLTON JOHNSON  
Staff Writer

Outdoor theater is a form of entertainment that dates back to the days of Shakespeare and Big Spring is one of two West Texas areas to have an amphitheater. Palo Duro Canyon near Amarillo is the other.

Big Spring has also had the pleasure of having Willie Nelson and Kris Kristofferson perform at the amphitheater.

The theater was built in Comanche Trail Park in 1936 by Franklin Roosevelt's Works Progress Administration and seats approximately 5,900. The theater's stage is 30 feet by 40 feet and has dressing rooms.

By the time World War II began the WPA had moved into Big Spring and built the amphitheater, a golf course, a baseball diamond, picnic tables and cooking stoves, a road network, culverts and foot bridges, and even a monkey house complete with three primates.

All of this was a part of the park FDR's people began.

In 1949 Big Spring residents used the amphitheater to celebrate the Oct. 3, 1949 "discovery" of the historic big spring

by Capt. R.B. Marcy. A key part of that celebration was the Centurama.

The Centurama was a colorful production staged in

Comanche trail park to celebrate the 100-year-old big spring.

During the production, rock archways flanking the stage had to be knocked down so that the covered wagons used in the pageant, could parade across in front of the stage. The show ran three nights, and drew thousands.

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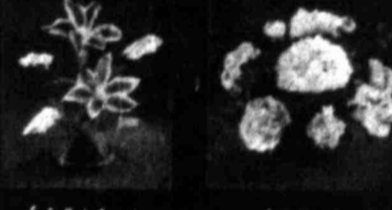
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A tree on the Howard College grounds stands covered in ice. Though no precipitation had fallen at the time of the "icing," a night sprinkler was aided by cold weather to create the West Texas ice sculpture.

## Museum of Dolls a truly rare find

By KELLIE JONES  
Features Editor

Elvis, Barbie, Raggedy Ann, Charlie's Angels and Dorothy call it home. It is the Museum of Dolls located inside the Heritage Museum.

The doll museum was once located at the corner of 3rd and Gregg Street and owned by the late Claudine Terrazas. She had collected dolls throughout her life and decided to open the facility in 1977.

A gift store and a collection of Texas longhorns was also located in the building. It shut down a few years later and would occasionally be open for a tour by Terrazas family.

In October 1994, the Heritage Museum acquired the doll collection and began moving them to their building on Scurry Street. The museum's facade was recreated for the exhibit and quite a lot of the dolls are

now displayed in their original cases. The longhorns also call the Heritage Museum home now.

There are more than 1,500 dolls in the collection and some are still in boxes and museum workers are in the process of going through those to put out on display.

The doll maker Madame Alexander supposedly used Jacqueline Onassis face when making her collectibles and would just change the hair or eye color. There are more than 300 Madame Alexander dolls in this collection.

The doll company often made series of dolls such as characters from famous movies or books such as Wizard of Oz, Little Women and fairy tale characters.

The famous Dionne quintuplets born in Canada in the 1930's were created by the Alexander Doll Company complete with diapers and bids embroidered with their names.

Peggy Nesbit is a doll maker from Great Britain who is compared to the American Madame Alexander. Nesbit made dolls of political figures, historical figures, kings and queens. It is rare to see a collection the size

of the one in Big Spring anywhere in the United States.

It is evident Terrazas, like most doll collectors, knew the value of the dolls are more valuable if the box the collectible originally came in is with the doll.

Many of the collectibles are displayed in their boxes and look as though they have never been played with, much less opened.

There are dolls of Cher, Mork and Mindy, from the movie Star Wars, Charlie Chaplain, Will Rogers, Star Trek, Campbell kids, Snow White and president's wives.

Raggedy Ann and Andy were created by Johnny Gruelle who registered the names of the dolls in 1915. The lucky recipient received a piece of candy in the shape of a heart attached in the place where the normal heart would be. When the candy is removed, the words "I Love You" can be seen stitched in the heart.

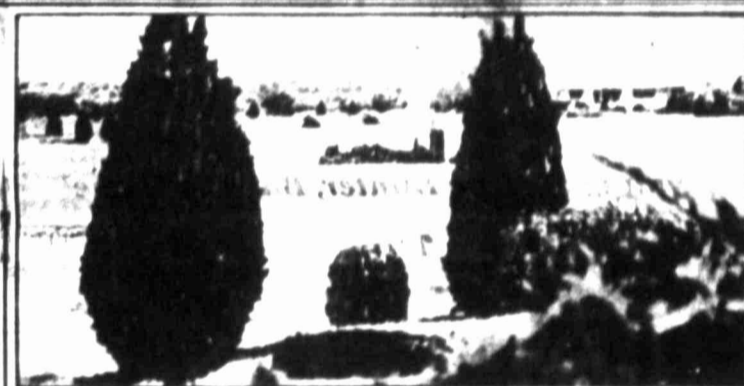
Along with the doll collection, the museum also got several antique toys in mint condition such as Roger the Robot and an old fashioned washing machine with a ringer attached.



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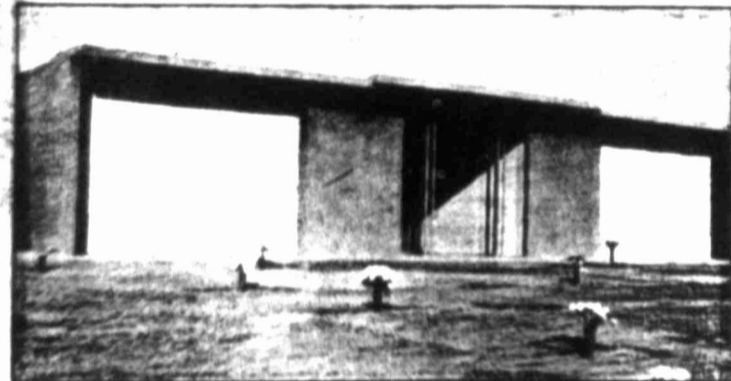
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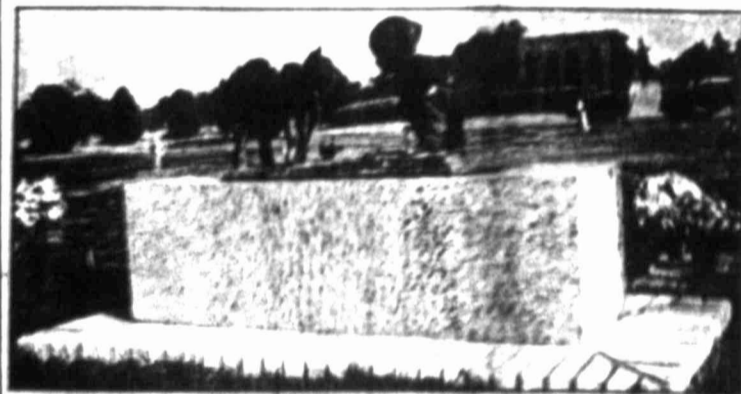
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## Fishing's fun in Crossroads Country

By RODERICK RICHARDSON  
Herald Sportswriter

For those who like to get more out of a lake than a risky evening skinny dip, boating has become a successful alternative.

For a financial standpoint, Randy Cooper of Cooper's Cove Marine a boat storage and repair shop in Colorado City is patiently awaiting for his money making season.

"Our busiest month is March," said Cooper. "June, July and August are the tradition busy months, but in March, people are getting ready for the summer and they bring their boats to us."

Since Cooper is in the business of boating, he doesn't mind taking his power boat out

for recreation. "I do it for pleasure," said Cooper. "I do it for skiing, and to get out with friends. I know a lot of people around the Colorado Lake so boating is also for transportation purposes."



Ron Alton, of Big Spring State Park, is a fan of jet skiing because of the benefits he reaps from it.

"[Jet skiing] is an unbelievable form of exercise, and it's fun," said Alton. "It's a whole lot more fun than a treadmill

and more relaxing. Besides, it gets up to 110 degrees around here. Where else are you able to fall in the water after you're through."

But just like any other sport, boating - whether its skiing, motor boating or fishing - has its hazards. One of the more common hazards Alton runs into at the park is alcohol.

"A lot of people, when out on their boats, say 'Well, I'm not in my car, so it's safe,' and they drink heavily," said Alton. "The park will be the first to say that the same accidents in a car can happen drinking while running a boat."

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## HC athletics offer wide variety for all

By KELLIE JONES  
Features Editor

Big Spring and Howard County residents can't say there isn't enough to do when there are so many games to see with Howard College.

There are girls and boys basketball teams, a rodeo team and baseball team. All have been successful and are full of fun as well as great athletes.

The Dorothy Garrett Coliseum is home for the Howard Hawks and Lady Hawks basketball teams. The complex is 90,000 square feet and can seat 4,000.

The college has provided women's basketball for more than 20 years and they have appeared in several regional and national conference tournaments.

The team's head coach is Terry Gray and led the team to a perfect 9-0 record during the 1994-95 season. Assistant coaches are Terry Robertson and Jan Gray.

Many of the students on the team have gone onto four-year colleges including Stephen F. Austin, Texas A&M, San Diego State, Texas Tech, Baylor and Sam Houston State University.

Tommy Collins heads up the Hawk basketball team with assistance from Bobby Brasel and Ryan Wolf. Collins has coached teams in Mexico and Venezuela.

Watching the Hawks provides

entertainment for the spectators, especially when a player gets a fast break and is able to slam the ball.

College board member Harold Davis was the team's first coach in 1947. The team had an 18-10 record during the 1994-95 season and returned six players for the 1995-96 term.



The players are recruited from all over the country including Louisiana, Texas and New York.

Former All-American players have included Taylor Williams in 1974, Marv in Johnson in 1976 and Johnny McDowell in 1991.

The baseball team is in the Texas Junior College Conference and is considered the best JUCO conference in the country.

The team is coached by Brian Roper who played one season with the Texas Rangers. The pitchers have a 4.2 earned run average overall. The assistant coach is Mike Bard. He played for the Hawks and is the only player to have returned to the college to coach.

They play about 20 fall games and 56 regular season games in the spring along with post-sea-

son tournaments. The team's home field is Jack Barber Field located on the college campus.

Some of the former players who made it to the majors include Frank Rodriguez, Troy Neel, Curt Schmidt, Mark Grudzielanek and Joel Chimelis.

The co-ed rodeo team has 55 members and the women's team placed third last year just missing out on a chance to qualify for national competition.

The men's team has returned several members. The members come from Alabama, Georgia, Texas, Louisiana, North Carolina and South Carolina. They are coached by Mike Yeater and has won several rodeo awards in the past including Reserve World Champion in bullriding.

The teams compete against Odessa College, New Mexico College, Western Texas College, Hardin Simmons University and Tarleton State University. Teams compete in the spring.

Members of the men's team have won several titles including world champion team roping, First SouthWestern Region steer wrestling and national finals in both bull riding and steer wrestling.

The women's team is also successful with titles such as First SouthWestern Region barrel racing, reserve national champions, SouthWest Region champion barrel racing and South-West Regional Champions in 1977 and 1979.

## Howard County Library maintains high-tech link

By RODERICK RICHARDSON  
Herald Sportswriter

Knowledge is power in today's world. As it enters into the Information Age, the Howard College Library maintains a level of high-tech data.

Constructed in 1967, the Howard College Library (also known as the Learning Resources Center) used the very best in technology from its beginning which wasn't much 30 years ago.

"The library was purely a paper environment," said learning resources director David Drake. "We used the card catalog system for book checkouts. We had periodicals and magazines. We also offered some tape recordings and a few 8 mm and 16 mm films."

But as methods of obtaining information improved, so did the library. It did away with the

card catalog to work everything electronically. Howard College is now equip with CD-ROMs to supply students with information in health, medicine, social science, geography and science.

"We also have CD-ROMs for general references," said Drake. "We have several hundred periodicals that one could retrieve from them."

Four years ago, the library joined the rest of the world by adding the Internet to the facility's repertoire; however, the public are not able to use the Internet as freely as Drake wants.

"We can not offer general access to the public," said Drake. "We are waiting on the wiring for it. The librarians can guide the people with their personal computers."

Though the library is located on the Howard College campus, Drake says the facility is open for everyone.

"The library is open for the community," said Drake. "We're here not just for the students, but for all of Howard County. I say approximately 30 percent of our use comes from the outside community."



A front-end loader works behind the former site of Bluebonnet Savings and Loan, which will become the Howard County Library.

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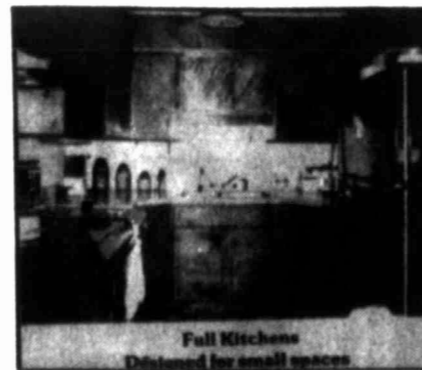
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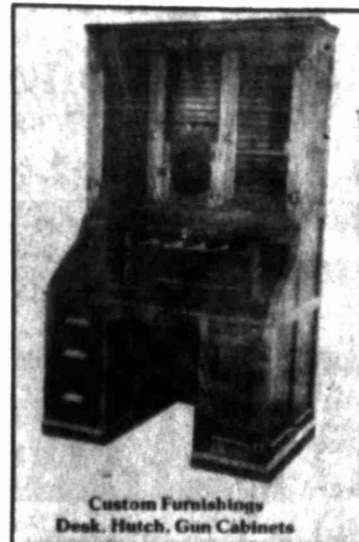
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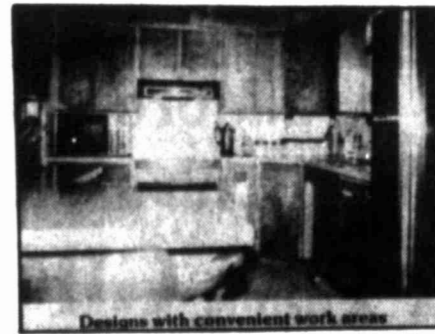
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### Youth Horseman Club provides special activities for all

By KELLIE JONES  
Features Editor

Sportsmanship and horsemanship is the focus of the Howard County Youth Horseman Club.

It also provides a place for young people to go instead of being on the streets looking for something to do.

The club members participate in the annual Howard County Rodeo by riding in the grand entry the last night of the event.

The club was started in 1962

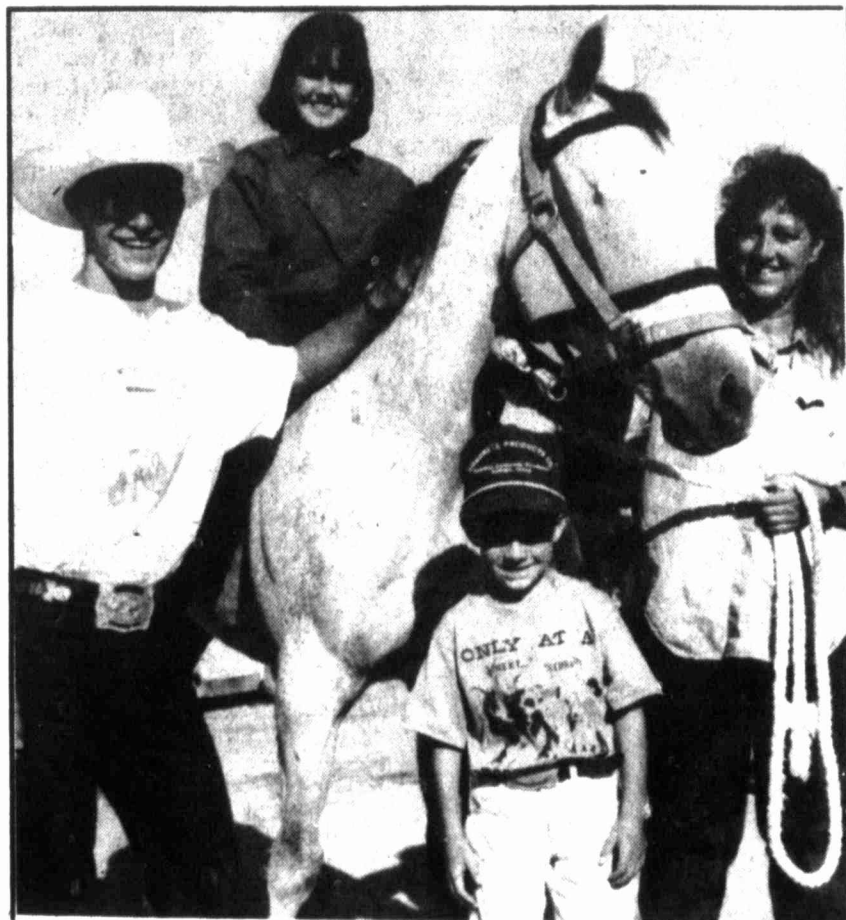
and has about 70 families as members. The group sponsors play days, an auction and horse show during the year.

The play day is a chance for the kids to participate in barrel racing, poles, flags, potato races and straight-away barrels. The cost is \$1 per person per event to enter.

The straight-away barrels is a race with three barrels lined up in a row with the horse and rider weaving through them. The potato race is when the rider goes down the arena on their horse, picks up a ball sitting on a bucket and goes back to the other end and places the object in a second bucket.

Anyone can join the club for a \$10 membership fee per family.

The arena is located at FM 33 and Longshore Road.



Howard County Youth Horseman Club provides a wide variety of equine-related activities.

### Old Washboard Band keeps on playing

By RODERICK RICHARDSON  
Herald Sportswriter

The Old Washboard Band from Stanton has proven without a doubt that you can be young no matter how old you are.

It all started in 1979 when 10 senior citizens decided to play music together as a hobby. Soon it was decided that they should take their act on the road, and performed at their first Lion's Club banquet. Some of the originating members were Finley Rhodes, Fiji Rhodes, Fay Rhodes and Johnie Bess Bryan.

"[The band] started out playing washboards, tambourines, bells and kazoos," said Sally Carroll of the Martin County Senior Citizen's Center. "Soon after a piano came into play, and 10 years later, a guitar and a mandolin came to the scene." The Old Washboard Band

(now known as the Old Sorehead Band) play country & western classics from the 1950s and before.

A few favorites of the band are "Keeper of my Heart," "Maiden's Prayer," and "Under the Double Eagle."

Today, the group has grown to 30 members ranging from age 60 to 88. The band has nine consistent musicians. The number of Soreheads appearing is determine on the location of the gig.

Oh yes, they tour. However, it's not in a circuit that many are familiar with.

"They play in area nursing homes in Colorado City, Mid-

land, and Lorraine," said Carroll. "They also have made plans this year to play in the Ethnic Festival in Ballinger in April, but the band will perform just about anywhere."

One of the group's favorite stops is at the Stanton Care Center where they perform twice a month. Recreation director Roy Hughes feels very fortunate that the group is able to perform.

"It's really good entertainment," said Hughes. "Not only that, but most of the members know someone from the center. They can interact with the people. It gives them something to look forward to. Everyone comes out of their rooms to see them."

"The band sings old songs, so a lot of senior citizens reminisce. Sometimes you can see some of them sing along."

Playing music that people enjoy is what the Sorehead

Band is all about according to keyboard player Babe Lindsey. "[Music] is one of our greatest pleasures," said Lindsey. "Sometimes music gets through people when nothing else will. I'm not saying we're that good, but the people enjoy music and they remember it. Plus, it keeps our minds alert."

Lindsey says that none of the original members are part of the group now. Several of them moved on to other senior citizen homes. On March 8, the band attended the funeral of Bess Bryan.

The Old Sorehead Band consists of Lindsey, Lillian Brantley, Verla Doggett (keyboards), Gene Clements (violin), Joy Morgan (guitar/harmonica), Eddie Crow (drums), Alton Turner (guitar/vocals), Jim Yardley (acoustic bass), Pete Morrison (electric bass/vocals) and Louis Rorten (guitar/vocals).



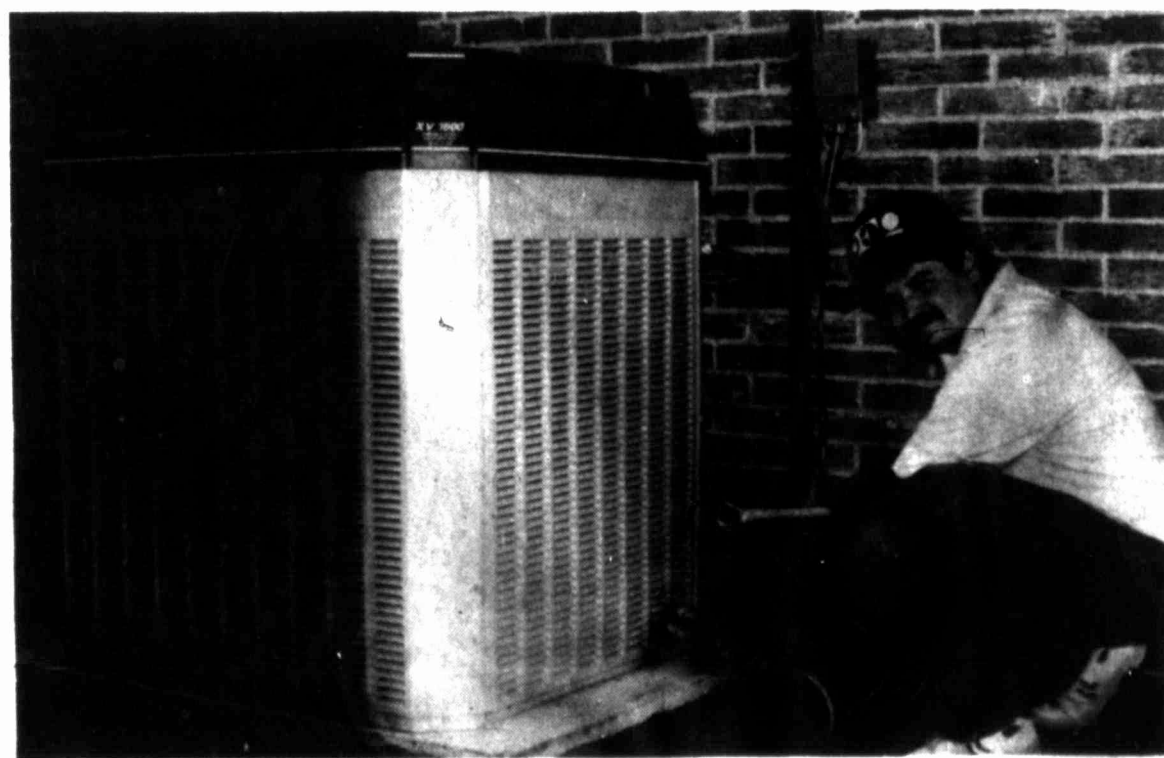
Dancers in tribal dress compete during the first Inter-Tribal Gathering last October. The gathering drew more than 8,000 spectators and is a function of the Big Spring Area Chamber of Commerce.



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### Softball is king in spring and summer

By CARLTON JOHNSON  
Staff Writer

Wind or no wind, small league or large league, softball is the king of spring and summer activity in most West Texas cities including Big Spring.

Organizational meetings are already under way for the 1996 season, but its the history of softball in Big Spring that makes everything interesting.

What every softball team in the area would like to achieve is what the Cardinals, formerly known as Da Boyz, achieved in 1993 and 1994 - consecutive trips to the Triple Crown of Softball World Finals in Steamboat Springs, Colo.

Coach Chuck Martin, organizer of Big Spring's slow pitch league, formed the team back in 1990.

The triple crown has existed for almost 15 years, but Da Boyz was the first Big Spring team to play itself all the way

to the world finals.

The Cardinals played in Class D, where no home runs are allowed, and competed with more than 130 other teams from as far away as Guam and Puerto Rico.



Depending on where you go, softball is bigger in some areas and

Martin said it has indeed been bigger in Big Spring.

Martin took over as president of the league three years ago and said last year Big Spring was able to field a spring and a summer league.

The spring league of 16 teams was divided in to divisions of seven and nine teams, and the summer league was split into two divisions of four teams.

Leagues tend to grow and decline year after year, but Martin says 1996 could be an average year about like last year.

"We could be like last year. We're trying to redo some things so some guys can play on more than one team," Martin added.

The deadline for signing up for the Big Spring Softball League is April 1 and play will begin on April 8.

Martin said another move designed to get more players and more teams involved in the softball league has been to make the registration fee a flat fee of \$300 per team instead of \$250 or \$300 plus a \$10 or \$20 fee per player.

This year's league has scheduled at least two tournaments that will be hosted in Big Spring.

Martin said on average there is about one tournament per month for team in the league to participate in.

### Area's natural beauty another asset

By KELLIE JONES  
Features Editor

"Beauty is in the eye of the beholder" is a saying that is true if you live in Big Spring. At first you may have a hard time thinking of natural beauty but it really isn't so hard to do.

Big Spring is one of the few towns in this area that isn't flat. There are a few mountains, of sorts, to look at and are really beautiful when it snows. The whole town looks so fresh and clean when it is dusted with a light, powdery snow.

Watching the sun rise or set behind the mountains is breathtaking and relaxing. Take a walk through the mountain at the state park in the

spring and you can see flowers blooming and all sorts of interesting insects and animals scurrying about.

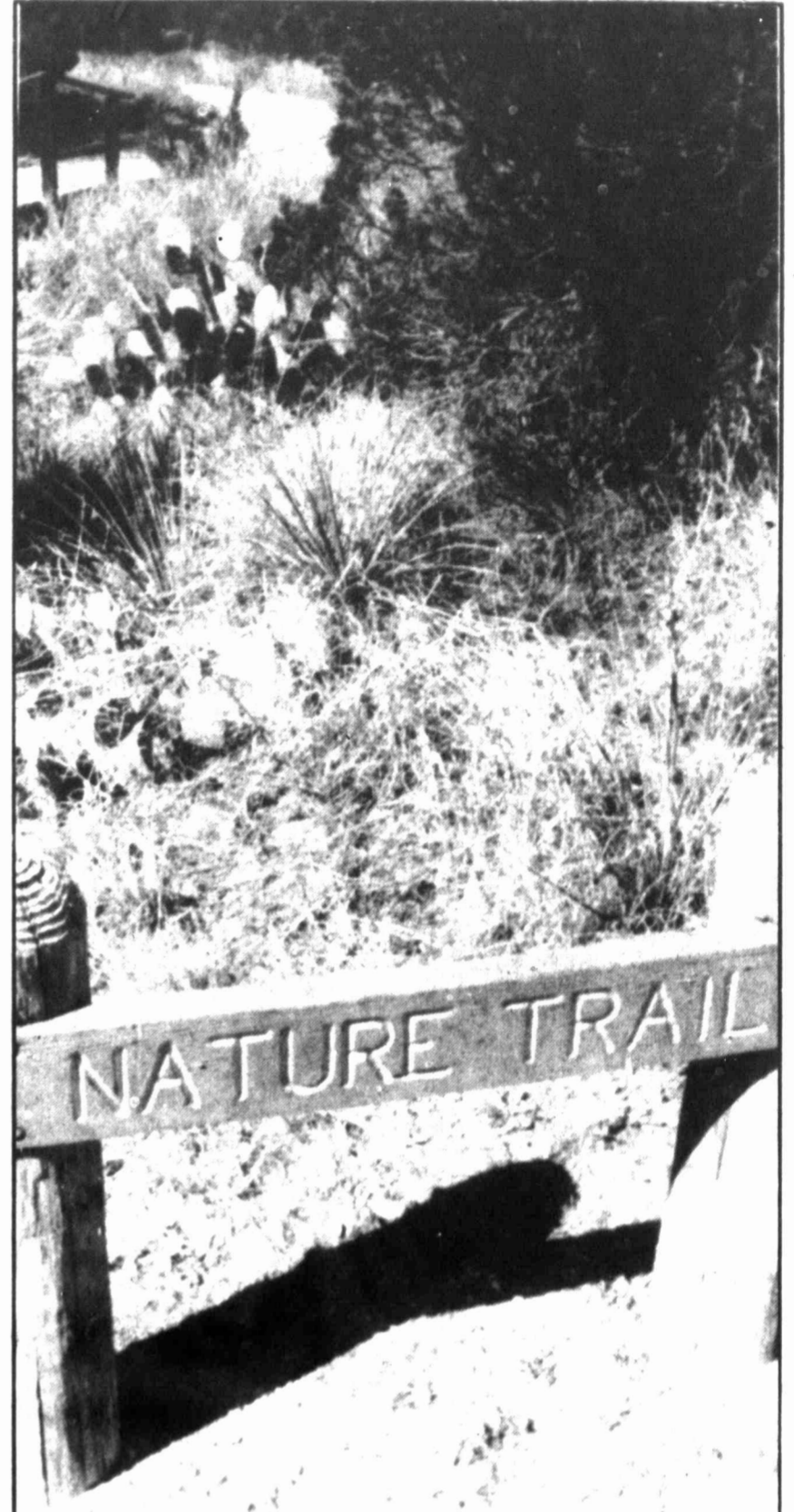
There is no better place to look at the stars at night because there isn't a lot of "big town" light pollution. Spotting the Big Dipper, Little Dipper, Northern Star or Orion is easy when the sky is clear.

Comanche Trail Lake and the Big Spring provide a place for fish and fowl to live. Taking a picnic and some old stale bread to the lake is a great way to spend the weekend. There are ducks and geese at the lake to feed and even some good fishing if your luck is good.

Sitting on the rocks around the spring is a chance to think of the Comanche Indians once camped there.

In a different sort of way, some of the natural beauty of Big Spring is the townsfolk who are friendly and welcome tourists with a smile.

Take a look around, there is a lot of natural beauty in Big Spring and Howard County.



The Nature Trail at Comanche Trail Park shows just a part of the natural beauty that is Big Spring and the Crossroads Country.



These youngsters watch 'n amazement as a snake handler works with a rattlesnake during the annual Big Spring Rattlesnake Roundup. The roundup is held annually at the end of March and is sponsored by AMBUCS.

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## Coahoma concerts professional, fun

By JOHN H. WALKER  
Managing Editor

For Walter Lee, putting on the Coahoma Community Concerts is a labor of love. It has to be, he explains, because someone who didn't enjoy the traditional music would have given up.

But Lee, pastor of Coahoma's First Presbyterian Church, presses on with the series, now in its fifth year.

Lee has been successful in bringing well-known artists to Coahoma, including Austin's Allen Wayne Damron, a perennial favorite at the Kerrville Folk Festival, Ken Gaines, another Kerrville favorite, as well as Tim Henderson, Bill and Bonnie Herne, Rik Palleri and others.

But for something that has evolved into a regular series of performances, the Coahoma Community Concerts had a rather odd beginning.

"When our organist left, we started looking for a new musician for the church," he said. "We found they were few and far between."

Lee recalled that when he grew up, most kids took piano lessons or played the guitar.

"There are very few people now in lifelong music," he explained. "The kids today aren't even having the opportunity to be exposed (to something other than band music at school)."

"With my connections at Kerrville with the Folk Festival, starting the series was a natural."

Lee, who has been involved in the music scene throughout his entire life, says that by-and-large, the concerts have been accepted well.

"There's nobody who comes who is not a proven, accepted, accomplished musician," he said. "They're all professionals and with few exceptions, they catch us while they're passing through on their way someplace else."

Because music is the way the performers earn their living, Lee is frustrated because the average attendance is about 30 persons.

"I can't understand why (there's not a better draw)," he said.

He said Texas artists, such as Damron, are connecting this with other things while others, like Palleri, are on tour.

"Rik is on a six-month tour. He's performing in Kansas, Colorado and New Mexico before he comes here. He's sponsored by Green Mountain Coffee Co. out of Vermont, so part of his expenses are covered. They (the coffee company) give away samples of the coffee at the concert."

Lee admitted there are disappointments. "The small crowds... little offerings. It's a week-end night and you have to realize that these performers are giving up a big night," he said.

There are no tickets sold to the concerts. "We take donations," he explained. "We don't have tickets, just a basket for donations."

## Gail Mountain serves as landmark, home of Borden County celebration

By SARA SOLIS  
Staff Writer

Gail Mountain, which looms approximately 300 feet above the town of Gail in Borden County, serves as a geographical landmark for the area as well as the home of a special Christmas celebration.

"It's (Gail Mountain) an island of the Caprock, as far as I'm concerned," Kenneth Bennett, long-time resident of the mountain as well as Borden County Treasurer and chairman of the

historical commission, said. He said the mountain is private property and lies due west of the town. "An uncle of mine owns 90 percent of the mountain," Bennett said.

Bennett lives at the foot of the mountain in the home where his mother was born in 1919. He said his grandfather settled in Gail in 1901, purchasing the land he lives on in 1914.

The town of Gail erected a 20-foot star on the side of the mountain in 1994, he said. "The Friday after Thanksgiving we have a get-together on the court-

yard and we light it (the star), erected during the Christmas season in El Paso, Bennett said. "It's nice to have a little reminder of the season in this part of the country... and it's a chance for the community to get together." He said they call the celebration, "The Lighting of the Star."

The star is made-up of 740 light bulbs, he said. The 1990 Census population figure for Gail was 799, there's almost one bulb for each resident of Gail, he said.

Bennett said last year at the Lighting of the Star there was a

tractor hay ride and a horse-drawn wagon.

The first year of the celebration the post office held a commemorative cancellation where people could bring their Christmas cards to the post office and have them canceled with a stamp showing a picture of Gail Mountain and the star, Bennett said.

Aside from the star, Gail Mountain is the home for several animal species. Bennett said there are bobcats, coyotes and white tail deer, as well as an occasional Audud and mule

deer. "My son took an Audud off there the year before," he said.

Bennett said several radio towers are also on the mountain. The Department of Public Safety, ambulance and sheriff as well as several oil field service companies and Muleshoe Ranch have radio towers up there, he said.

Bennett said the local kids have always used the mountain as sort of a playground and the Gail High School track teams have used it for cross country training in the past. But for Bennett, "It's (the mountain)

## Cinco de Mayo provides fun for everyone

By KELLIE JONES  
Features Editor

Cinco de Mayo is celebrated on May 5 to commemorate Mexico's independence.

Benito Juarez's forces defeated European invaders at a battle near Puebla, Mexico. In the 1860s, the Catholic church and a part of the Mexican government chose Maximilian of Austria to lead them with approval from Napoleon III. It was discovered there was no throne for Maximilian as well as no support from the Mexicans.

Juarez and a majority of the population were resistant to Maximilian's invasion of their

land and the Austrian leader was defeated. The battle wasn't over on May 5, but many say a spirit was born on that day that lived on.

The independence day is celebrated in Big Spring at the McMahon/Wrinkle Airpark with bands, concessions, dances, and fiestas scheduled each year.

The event is sponsored by the

local League of United Latin American Citizens and La Favorita. There is a carnival, food, toys and more than 35 other booths to check out.

Some of the bands that have performed at the celebration in the past have included Los Galillos De Larry Hilario, Tommy Olague y Sangre Tejana, Tejas, Los Nortenos, Pepe Franco "Cantante E Imitador," and Cnt-mynto.

Mariachi bands, in the past, have also serenaded mothers by the family who requested them. They are hired by the family to arrive at the mother's front door to play some favorite songs. This is done because Mother's Day is often near the same date.



Couples enjoy dancing to live music during the 1993 Cinco de Mayo celebration in downtown Big Spring.

## DRCC a showplace for Big Springers

By CARLTON JOHNSON  
Staff Writer

Ask those people who stood their ground to see Big Spring's Dora Roberts Community Center become a reality if it was worth it and they'll tell you they would do it all again.

Many of Big Spring's community leaders and civic groups who make regular use of the community center say its one of the nicest facilities in West Texas.

That hasn't always been the case, however. In fact, in November 1992, when a group of concerned Big Spring citizens sponsored a "Sock Hop" fundraiser, the building was in various stages of disrepair.

But it was that fundraiser, featuring the music and the clothes of the 50s and 60s, that raised \$26,000 and convinced the group that enough people wanted to save the facility that it could be done.

The center has been in use since it was renovated almost two years ago, and almost 5,000 persons have used the facility on a paying basis since January 1.

One of the principals behind the renovation of the building was Beverly McMahon.

According to McMahon, the community center is now generating enough revenue from rentals and the city subsidy it receives each month to pay for the day to day maintenance.

Former Big Spring Area Chamber of Commerce President Jim Weaver said many people can remember when the center was the Cosden Country Club.

Weaver said the next big goal is to see a wood floor put in the center, which would really give the ballroom some of the look it once had.

"With joint cooperation, the people of Big Spring could really see some nice changes in the center down the line," he said.

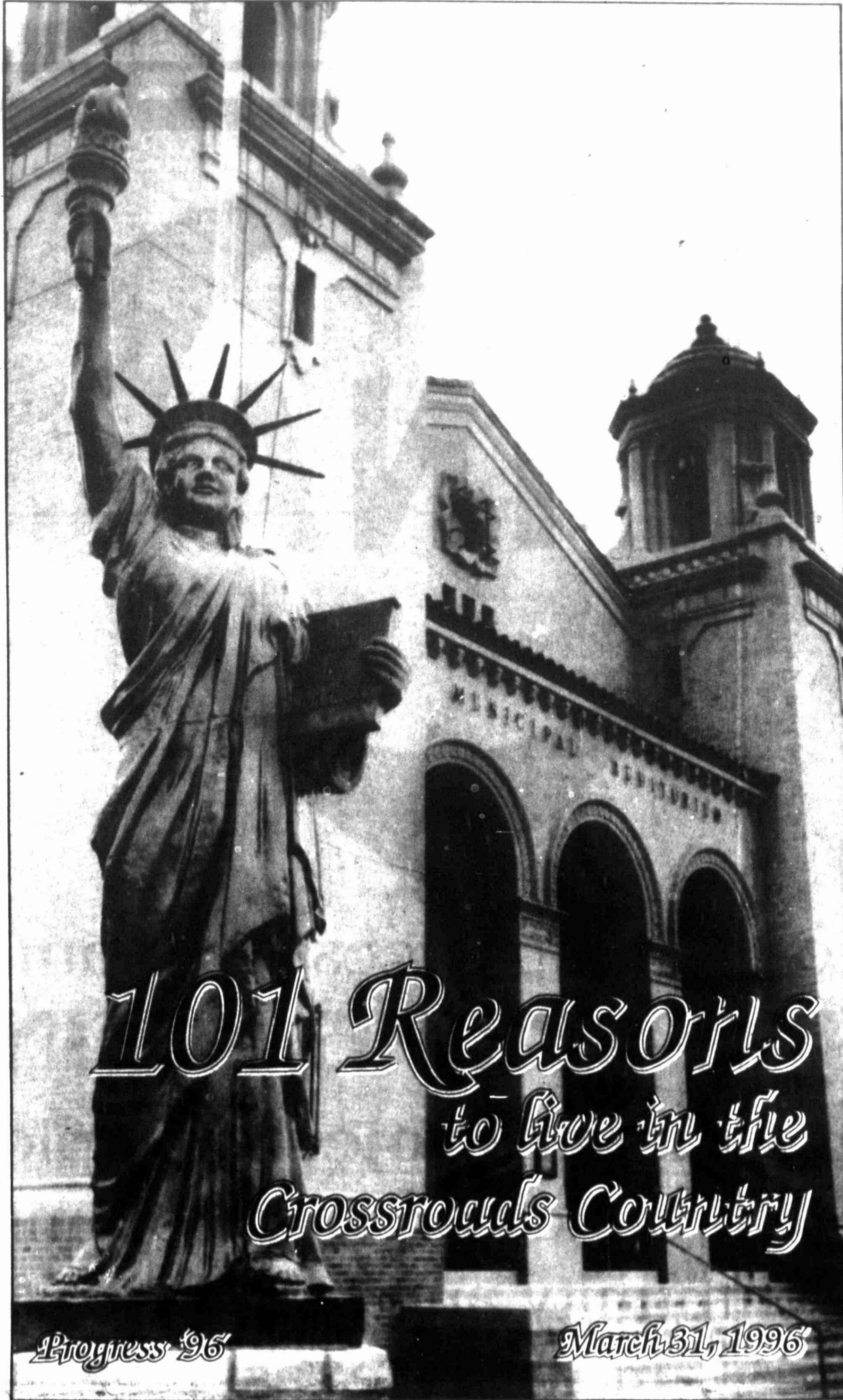
What people were reminded of last fall during the fundraiser was that their community support will always be needed to maintain the community center because of large expenses expected in the future such as repainting, recarpeting, repair and or replacement of heating/cooling units and replacement of upholstered furniture.

More than \$400,000 went into restoring the facility, including a new roof, air conditioning and heating and extensive interior remodeling.

The centerpiece of the community center is the giant ballroom, which rents for \$300 per day and \$150 per day for each day following.

Other rooms for rent in the center include a small party room, \$100 per day; large meeting room, \$75 per day; small meeting room, \$50 per day; dining room, \$25 per day and a kitchen.

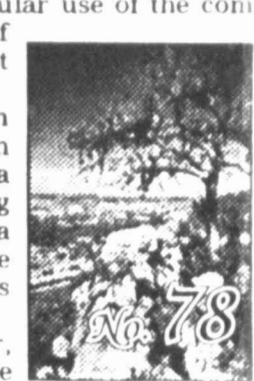
Chairs rent at the center for 30 cents each and tables for \$2.75 each.



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## Lake Colorado City State Park entertaining

By JOHN H. WALKER  
Managing Editor

Water sports and camping are two things you can find in Colorado City, in the eastern part of Crossroads Country.

Lake Colorado City State Park and Champion Creek Reservoir have provided many an hour of entertainment for West Texans and their guests over the years.

Lake Colorado City State Park is located 11 miles south-west of the Mitchell County seat. The park contains more

than five miles of shoreline and encompasses 500 acres.

The park affords numerous activities for swimmers, fishermen, skiers, campers and naturalists.

The lake was built in 1949 on Morgan Creek, a tributary of the Colorado River, when Texas Elec-

tric Service Co. needed a water source to provide cooling water to its power plant.

The lake was also used as a water supply for Colorado City as well as for recreation.

The park includes 50 campsites with water primarily for use by tent campers, 78 campsites with water, electricity and sanitary dump stations, a group facility, swimming, fishing, boating and wildlife observation and photography.

There are two fishing piers, one lighted and one unlit, as well as one covered fishing barge.

## FFA prepares youth for life after school

By RODERICK RICHARDSON  
Herald Sportswriter

The Future Farmers of America organization (FFA) in Big Spring High School are preparing youth for life after graduation whether or not their future environment is agriculture.

"Our sole purpose in the FFA is the development of agriculture, leadership, citizenship and cooperation," said FFA instructor Terry Denton.

To fulfill that purpose, FFA members have livestock projects they have to raise on their own. Popular livestock raised by FFA are cattle, sheep and hogs. The project helps the members learn how to "handle small businesses" by managing money.

There are 80 members ranging from age 15 to 18 representing Big Spring High School.

The current officers are Sarah Wetzel, president; Matt Woodall, vice-president; David Parish, secretary; David Mayes, treasurer and Jordan Rainey reporter. Robin Romine is the other instructor for the FFA.

February 18-25 was National FFA week. Because there were "no local activities" for the week in this area, the organiza-

tion traveled to the Houston Livestock Show to present some of the projects raised by the members.

Junior Andy Hyden won fifth place with his Maine Anjou steer. Hyden earned \$2,000 from showing his calf. Rainey took 34th place and \$600 with his duroc pig.

Sophomore James Newman won 11th place with his limousin heifer, and sophomore Jeff Denton won second place with his shorthorn heifer. According to Terry Denton, Newman and Denton won cash prizes of 30-40 dollars.

Big Spring has several events planned for the year. On April 10, it's off to the Texas Tech Judging Contest where members can test their judging skills observing livestock.



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# Oldest fly-in in Texas held in Colorado City each year

By KELLIE JONES  
Features Editor

The oldest fly-in can be found in the eastern edge of the Crossroads Country in Colorado City. "The annual fly-in breakfast was started in 1962 to call attention to the new airstrip east of town. The annual event has continued on to the old Webb Air Force Base auxiliary field northwest of town, which is the new municipal airport," said J.O. Dockery, chairman of the Colorado City Fly-In Association.

It was originally scheduled for various dates in the spring but the July Fourth holiday provided to be a date with fewer weather problems.

Pilots, their families and many others from all over the

area converge on Colorado City to see other aircraft and sometimes an impromptu airshow or skydiving exhibition.

Dockery said the event is the both the oldest and the largest in the state with such aircraft as a Hercules C-130, Catalina Flying Boat and World War II fighter planes.

Awards are handed out for the oldest pilot, youngest pilot, oldest airplane, most unusual airplane and pilot who traveled the longest distance.

Dockery said in recent years

the oldest aircraft was Tex Edwards' 1937 Grumman Goose from Big Spring.

The most unusual awards have been given to pilots of the flying boats, YAK 18, Lockheed C-130, Grumman Goose and several homebuilt ones.

The pilot who has traveled the longest distance was from Anchorage, Alaska, but that was rare with most traveling about 200 miles. The oldest pilot has been in their 80's with the youngest at age 17 back in 1993.

Dockery has been an avid flyer for 48 years and expects about 100 planes per year.

The breakfast, cooked by "chefs" from Colorado City National Bank, is free for pilots. The meal costs \$3 for others and admission to the event is free. It attracts an average of 1,500 to 2,000 spectators each year.



The annual Colorado City Fly-In began in 1962 to celebrate the opening of the town's airport. This U.S. Air Force cargo plane is one of many people can see during the event each summer.

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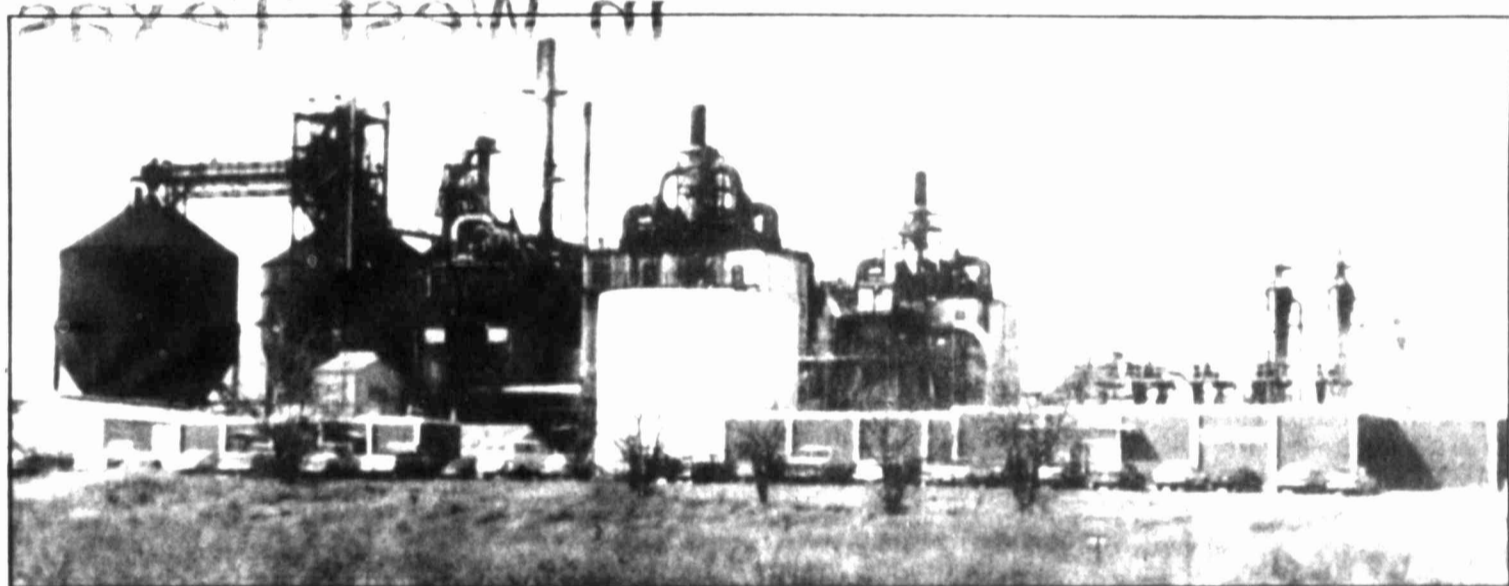
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# Moss Creek Lake serves variety of purposes, people

By SAHA BULLIE  
Staff Writer

Moss Creek Lake in nearby Hamilton Springs is a local swimming and fishing hole.

Floyd Earls, lake manager for the last four years, said the lake is open seven days a week from 8 a.m. to 10 p.m. The cost for entry is \$3 a year. He said with an extra \$1 charge for fishing, it is a great value for overnight visitors.

Earls said the lake offers swimming in one designated area on the south shore. The lake is a favorite spot for quiet peaceful recreation. Earls said many people enjoy camping at the lake. An RV park was created last year and it offers hook ups for electricity, but not water, he said. Earls said the lake is the best kept secret in West Texas.

Visitors come from all around to enjoy the lake's fishing and scenery. There is open camping at the lake, with many picnic tables and benches in which to pitch a tent, he said.

The lake is equipped with approximately 20 picnic tables and shelters with accompanying barbeque grills. He said there are three boat launch ramps and two docks for fishing. The dock on the north side of the lake is equipped with lights, he said.

According to Earls, a local game commission patrol area runs the hill above the lake for an airstrip. They know it from the city, there's some up there now, he said.

When the water level drops, Earls said, the cattle base, porch and camp, including one barn, he said, are at eight points.

There are no designated fishing trails at the lake, but Earls said the whole lake is a fishing trail.

He said the water rule for the lake is it's a no wake lake, which means no skimming high boat speeds. It's just a fishing lake, Earls said.

He said pets are allowed, but a strict leash law is enforced.

The lake is a favorite gathering spot for family reunions and gatherings. Because the lake belongs to the city of Big Spring, it is regularly patrolled by the Big Spring Police Department. Earls said which helps provide the fun of photography at the lake.

Earls said there was an effort to keep the lake from the city, he said. Earls said it should be preserved as the lake as long as there are no glass bottles on the lake. He said the lake is a great fishing spot for many people, which he said is a great benefit.

Earls said the lake was acquired by the city in 1961. He said Hamilton public relations coordinator for the Colorado River Municipal Water District said the water was sold to the city of Big Spring by CRMW. "If the lake water was operated by the city before 1961," she said, "and used to supply the

city of Big Spring with its drinking water. The chloride levels of Moss Creek Lake are relatively high, so the water is currently used for industrial purposes," Hamilton said. She said CRMW sells the water to Power Resources for this use. Aside from rainfall, Moss Creek Lake receives water from a pipeline connected to Lake K.V. Spence.

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# Christmas decorating contest adds life to local holiday season

By RODERICK RICHARDSON  
Herald Sportswriter

For Big Spring residents who always have the Christmas spirit and aren't ashamed to go all out showing it, the Christmas decorating contest is a gift that keeps on giving.

During the Christmas season, citizens of Big Spring give their homes or businesses extra attention and spice it up with holiday cheer. Popular methods of decoration are lights, the Nativity scene and of course Santa Clause paraphernalia. "They're a group of people who like to create pride and enthusiasm in cleaning Big Spring and making it look bet-

ter," said Big Spring Area Chamber of Commerce executive Linda Walker.

The origins of the contest came from the idea of Annie Matt Angel 27 years ago. Today, the contest averages up to 120 entries per year. Each year, volunteers look at each location and judge which house or business has the best Christmas showing in that area.

There are several categories a participant can win. Most inspirational in the religious category and best homemade decoration are two of the awards.

The contest is just one of the ways Big Spring celebrates Christmas visually. "We have the Trails of Lights," said Walker. "The contest was added on to advance the beautification of Big Spring and Howard County."

Roy Peet of Inland Port 213 says his business participated in the contest ever since it was created, and has won first place each year. "I enjoy the store,"

said Peet. "So I might as well decorate it."

Peet, who decorated the Christmas tree in the First National Bank for 18 years, says his efforts are rewarded by the increased number of people coming by the business. "We fix up the windows

inside and make it look festive," said Peet. "And a lot of people come in to see what we done. Some people asked if we had someone from Dallas come here to help us decorate the window. They can't believe we did it ourselves."

Last year the contest was

sponsored by the Spade N' Hoe, Garden Club Council, KBST Radio and the chamber.

"It shows a lot of dedication from the judges," said Walker. "The contest has two full days of just viewing the entries."

Peet thinks the contest brings out the artistic side of every-

one.

"I think the contest gives people who cares a lot about their yard a chance to try their best to outdo each other and show what they got," said Peet. "A lot of people come out to participate. It's a great way to create interest to the public."

## Antique stores bring C-City's downtown area back to life

By STEVE REAGAN  
Sports Editor

Colorado City may be considered a small town, but one thing it is big on is antiques.

The city, trying to capitalize on its heritage, has actively encouraged and promoted its antique industry, resulting in 15 stores.

Chamber of Commerce director Windi Fuller has only been in Colorado City a few months, but she already appreciates the economic impact the stores have for the town.

Although antique stores can't be solely credited, sales tax revenues for C-City are up 38 percent from the previous year. Certainly, the businesses have had some hand in that figure.

Store owners have formed the Antique Association of Colorado City and have worked with the chamber to entice visitors to the town. The chamber has contributed through billboards along the area highways.

The results have been impressive.

"They have said that they have hundreds of people who have stopped by in the past few months," Fuller said.

One of the store owners, Doyle Mitchell of Apache Flats Auction and Trading Post, said that business have been very good.

"We moved back here in October ... and started taking consignments on antiques," Mitchell said. "On nights we have antique sales, people come out of the woodwork - and we have probably 50 percent fewer people on nights where we just have general merchandise."

Mitchell estimates that he has had 500 antique hunters come into his shop in the past few months. Many of them, he said, are attracted by the chamber's billboards. He has had visitors from as far away as Shreveport, La. to the east and New Mexico to the west - all without the benefit of out-of-town advertising.

"I think we've got a good thing going," he said. "I don't know how well the other people are doing ... but I know they're getting a lot of people coming in and out of their stores."

Following is a list of antiques establishments in Colorado City:

- Apache Flats - 100 block of East Second Street, 728-3950.
- Good Ole Days Antique Mall - 157 E. Second St., 728-5304.
- Stepping Back Into the Past - 129 E. Second St., 728-3645.
- Lazy-7 Antique Haven - 116 E. Second St., 728-5732.
- Heartfelt Treasures - 169 E. Second St., 728-2631.
- Lonewolf Furniture - 413 E. Second St., 728-8338.
- House Next Door Antiques - 1048 E. Second St., 728-2572.
- Bob's - 877 E. Second St., 728-2577.
- Ward's Salvage - 151 Walnut, 728-3234.
- Mitchell Co. Heritage House - 426 Chestnut, 728-8841.
- Heart of West Texas Museum - 340 E. Second St., 728-8285.
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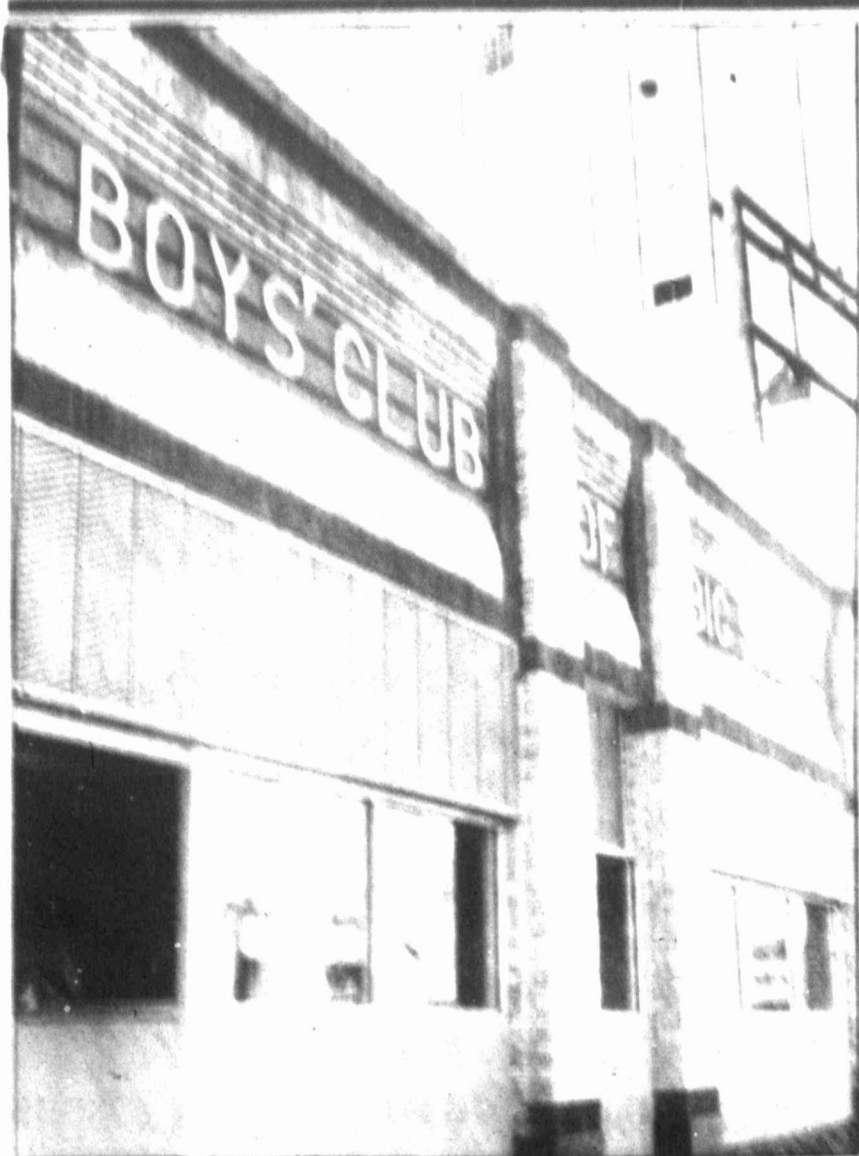
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# Boy's Club gives kids a chance at having fun

By RAHA BOLIB  
Staff Writer

The Boy's Club of Big Spring gives local youth a chance to play and learn in a supervised environment.

Bob Andries, director of the Boy's Club, said the club began in 1946 in Big Spring when he and some fellow employees of the refinery decided to organize one.

"We thought the boys of Big Spring needed a full-time program where they could go and get guidance as well as do the things they like to do," Andries said. The Boy's Club is an agency of the United Way and receives about half of its funding from the parent organiza-

tion. The rest comes from private donations and interest earned on savings accounts, Andries said.

He said the club tries to offer a variety of activities aimed at the guidance of boys. The club house, located at 212 East 3rd, has 6,500 square feet available and comes complete with a study hall, and computers. We also have a wood shop, billiard and pingpong tables and a basketball court inside and outside the building.

He said they offer swimming in the summer at a pool on the north side of town. He said the club staff workers are available to help the boys with their homework.

The boys pay \$1 a year for their membership in the club. "We want to impress upon them the idea of membership ... the privileges and responsibilities that go with it," he said.

Andries said the Boy's Club has an annual membership of 500. "Any boy 6 to 17 can join," he said, however the majority of the members are in the fall in the age group between 10 and 13 years old. "Any boy can come, but because of our fee it is particularly attractive to people who can't afford to pay a higher cost."

The Boy's Club is open on school days from the end of school to 7:45 p.m., during school breaks from 9 a.m. to 3:45 p.m. and during the summer from 9 a.m. to 6 p.m. Most parents bring their boys and drop them off, but some live close enough that they walk over to the club, he said.

Aside from Andries, there are three other paid employees, one full-time and two part-time college students. Andries said working for the Boy's Club is rewarding. "You don't know for sure, but you hope you're helping some of them." He said an indication of the club's success is that after almost 40 years of existence the club is seeing now a lot of second generation Boy's Club members.



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# Big Spring Arts & Crafts biggest, best

By JOHN H. WALKER  
Managing Editor

What is it that Big Spring has that is the largest of its type in West Texas and southeastern New Mexico as well as one of the oldest?

The Big Spring Arts & Crafts Festival, that's what.

The show celebrates its 20th anniversary in October, making it among the oldest in the region. And its 240 booths make it 40 to 50 booths larger than the next largest, the Fourth of Broadway Arts & Crafts Festival in Lubbock.

But who would have ever thought 20 years ago that what began as a chamber of commerce project would have turned into a full-time business?

Certainly not Mel Prather. But that is exactly what has happened to Prather, who now owns and operates Arts & Crafts Shows, a Big Spring-based company that produces an estimated 40 shows a year in an area stretching from Amarillo to San Angelo to Roswell and Las Cruces.

"I moved here in December 1973 and was looking for stuff to fix up my apartment," Prather explained, "but I could-

n't find anything."

In 1976 Prather became the chair of the Cultural Affairs Committee of the Big Spring Area Chamber of Commerce and the decision was made to hold an arts and crafts show.

"In October 1977, we held our first show. It was the same month they closed Webb (Air Force Base) and we probably couldn't have picked a worse time."

The show was a success. So much so that persons wanted to start pulling money from the arts and crafts show to fund other, less successful projects.

After four or five years under the chamber, the show went out on its own.

"We became independent when people started wanting to change it," Prather said. "They wanted to start charging admission, upping booth fees ... things like that."

The fall show was so successful that seven years ago, Prather started the Spring City Arts & Crafts Show.

Between the two shows, they draw an estimated 30,000 people over the combined four days.

"There's a lot of people from around the area who come," Prather said. "People are loyal to the show because of its quality."

But Prather admits he never thought the show — or the business — would be so successful.

"Never," he said. "About 10 years ago, I was looking at

what I wanted to do. I looked at it and thought about it and decided to do it full-time."

The two shows are a large draw for people to come to Big Spring. And with nearly 500 total booths and Prather's penchant for quality, there's a lot of good things to look at and buy.

Prather is glad he made the decision to go full-time, espe-

cially since he wanted to stay in Big Spring.

"Big Spring has a lot of positive things," he said. "There are a lot of people who come to the shows here from other towns and they tell us they think we have a neat city. And we do."

And part of that "neatness" comes from Prather's annual shows.



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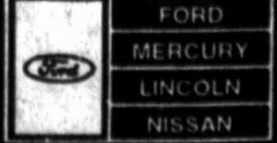
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PHOTO BY APRIL  
Kati Bushong and Kay Wilson look at crafts for sale at one of the vendor booths during the inaugural Colorado City Railhead Trade Days earlier this month. The event also featured various foods and an antique car show.

### Railhead Trade Days off ground in Colorado City

By KELLIE JONES  
Features Editor

The Railhead Roundup in Colorado City recently got a new name and schedule.

The event, once scheduled just in November, is now known as Railhead Trade Days and involves three weekends out of the year.

Minnie Martinez, with the Colorado City Chamber of Commerce, said the event used to be an annual one and is now

in its 24th year.

"We decided to expand the roundup for community development. This helps to bring in more people to town. We have a lot of antique stores downtown



and this helps their business as well," Martinez said.

Not only are there antiques but also arts and crafts, antique cars, unique gifts, food, concession stands, antique booths, children's train ride and a horse and buggy. The chamber hopes to add live entertainment in the future.

The trade days are scheduled for July 20-21 and Nov. 16-17 of this year. Martinez said there were at least 6,000 people in

attendance at the March event. That is a larger number than the population of Colorado City.

Wendy Fuller, also with the chamber, added they want to eventually add a gun and knife show to compliment the trade days. A home and garden show as well as recreational vehicle and boat show are also in the works.

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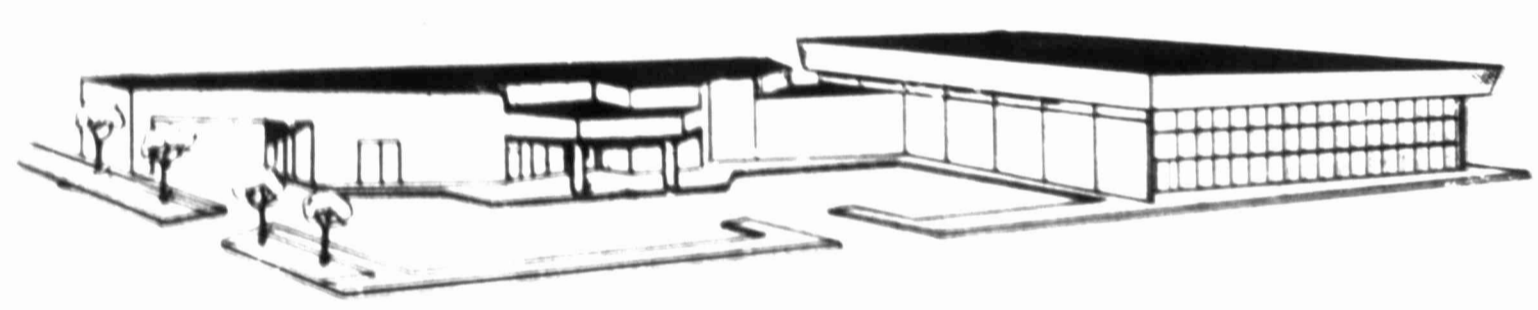
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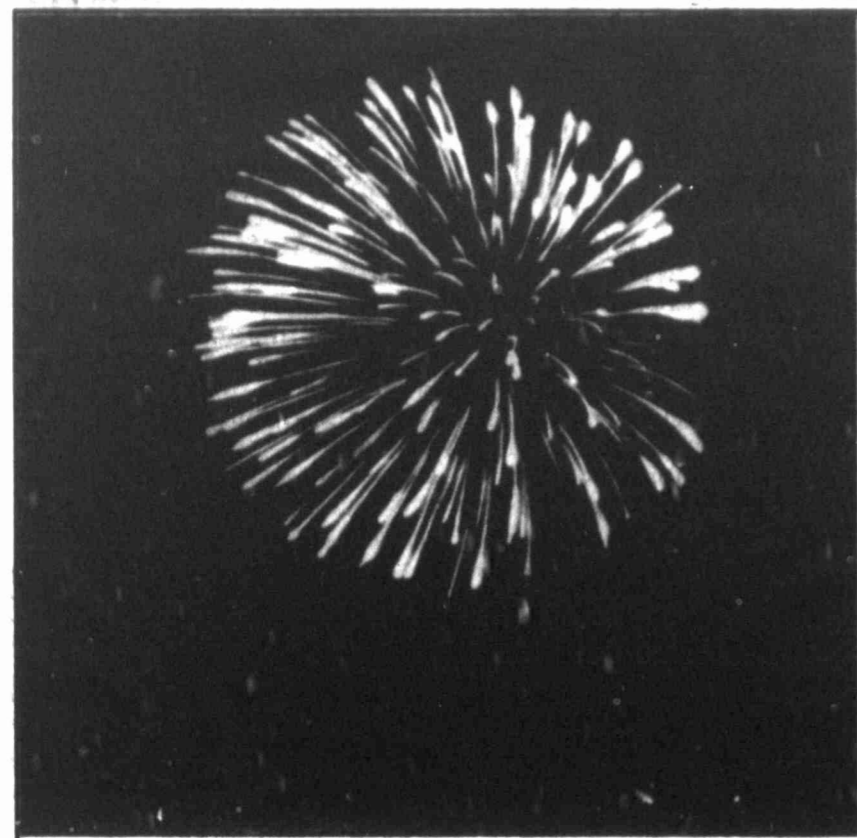
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A burst of fireworks lights up the night sky over Big Spring. The annual July 4 show draws upwards of 10,000 spectators.

## Fireworks biggest, best in all of West Texas

By STEVE REAGAN  
Sports Editor

Community July Fourth fireworks displays used to be about as common as, well, July Fourth. Every town between Seattle and Miami, it seemed, put on an annual fireworks display for the citizenry.

The annual displays are not so common anymore - although Big Spring is a noted exception to the trend. And even the local show has been in jeopardy a

time or two in recent years. For one thing, putting on a decent fireworks show is expensive: Last year's display cost area residents more than \$8,000, and liability costs have driven most



munities out of the fireworks business. Then, there's the threat of fire, which in dry West Texas is more than understandable.

But, somehow, some way, the show has gone on locally without a hitch.

And what a show it is. Last year's estimates stated that up to 10,000 people (one of the largest single-event crowds in local history) lined Scenic Mountain last year to watch the 30-minute display.

Aside from occasional fires, the shows have been relatively safe and uneventful.

Preparation, on the other hand, has become an annual headache for organizers.

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That problem has not halted any shows, but it has made them smaller in recent years - the show cost \$8,000 in 1993 and \$6,000 last year. Despite that, however, the display continues.

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# Community Easter Sunrise service draws denominations together

By CARLTON JOHNSON  
Staff Writer

One of the great traditions in the Big Spring area is the annual community wide Easter Sunrise Service shared each Easter Sunday morning by the area's many residents.

resurrection of Jesus the Christian Messiah. This year's sunrise service is again sponsored by the Howard County Minister's Fellowship and will begin at 7 a.m. Sunday, April 7 at the Comanche Trail Park Amphitheater.

three different pastors from the Big Spring area. The music being planned this year will be coordinated by Robert Brooks, coordinator of last year's 'Hallelujah' Big Spring.

Refreshments will also be served by the Salvation Army. Pastor Carroll Kohl of St. Paul Lutheran Church said he thinks the Howard County Minister's Fellowship has offered what he considers a wonderful service at an extremely good location - the amphitheater.

advantage of it," Kohl said. He added, "I believe our community needs more and more things like this to thank God for the blessings that he's given us." One of the most popular biblical passages related to the religious Easter celebration is the statement from Jesus on his significance to Christians.

John 11:25-26: "I am the resurrection, and the life: he that believeth in me, though he were dead, yet shall he live. And whosoever liveth and believeth in me shall never die." Many symbols, such as eggs, rabbits lilies and crosses remind us the the original Easter events and their true meaning.



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**Big Spring's annual car show draws entrants, spectators from throughout entire region**

By JOHN H. WALKER  
Managing Editor

For 25 years, people have been coming to Big Spring to attend the Early Cars of Big Spring and Big Spring Rod and Custom annual car show. Held annually in March, the show attracts participants from

West Texas, southeastern New Mexico and other regions of the country.

Trucks, classics, customs, antiques, off-road vehicles, motorcycles and street rods are all items of interest at the two-day show at the Howard County Fairbarns.

While the number of entries

generally ranges from 40 to 75, the attendance is always steady, with upwards of 1,000 persons taking



time out from their weekend to view the classics. The show has drawn as many as 2,500.

Most of the entrants are from a 100-mile radius of Big Spring.

Early Cars of Big Spring founded the show in 1971 while Big Spring Rod and Custom joined the effort a few years ago, adding new categories.

The sponsoring clubs generally award about 75 trophies to participants, ranging from best displays in various classes to a "hard luck" trophy.

The hard luck award goes to the owner who had the most difficulty getting to the show.

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4-year-old CraneFest attracts attention to Big Spring's location on North American flyways

By JOHN H. WALKER  
Managing Editor

Now four years old, CraneFest continues to attract attention to Big Spring's location on one of the North American flyways.

Started in February 1993, the event has drawn between 60 and 130 persons each year and is a popular attraction for birders. Attendance hit its peak in 1995 with 130 persons, but has battled cold weather and low attendance at functions other than the banquet two years.

CraneFest is organized

around the sandhill crane, a bird that is brown or gray in color and stands about 3 1/2 feet tall with a six-foot wingspan.

The birds in the Big Spring area migrate from the northwestern United

States and eat seed from harvested crops during the day and rest in the playa lakes at night.

The lakes, including One Mile Lake within the Big Spring city limits, provide protection from predators. In addition to those lakes, the birds rest in lakes throughout the area.

During the day the birds are often seen flying in a 'V' formation or in a field, eating.

Each year CraneFest offers a variety of activities. There are trips to various viewing areas, walks through Comanche Trail

Park and on Scenic Mountain to view birds as well as other wildlife, and a variety of presentations at the Dora Roberts Community Center.

One that has proven popular is the "Birds of Prey" as well as the "Last Chance Forever" shows.

Something that has proven popular with school students has been "Crane Chronicles."

The program challenges fourth and fifth graders in the gifted and talented program to write about CraneFest.



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A portion of a diorama by world famous artist Peter Hurd, located in the Howard County Library, depicts Signal Peak, one of the best-known landmarks in West Texas.

**Lone Wolf Bluegrass flavors Memorial Day**

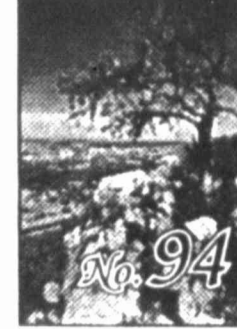
By KELLIE JONES  
Features Editor

Memorial Day weekend is the time and Ruddick Park in Colorado City is the place to be if you want to hear some good bluegrass music.

The event is in its second year and was an idea both the Colorado City Council and the Colorado City Chamber of Commerce worked on together.

Some members of the council and chamber came from other towns and had attended blue-

grass festivals and thought the idea would catch on in Colorado City. They were right because there was a great turnout at the first event last May.



Chamber officials say vendors are already signed

up for this year's event from May 24 to 26. The times are Friday 7-11 p.m.; Saturday from 10 a.m. to midnight and on Sunday from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m.

At least eight bands will provide entertainment but guest bands are also welcomed.

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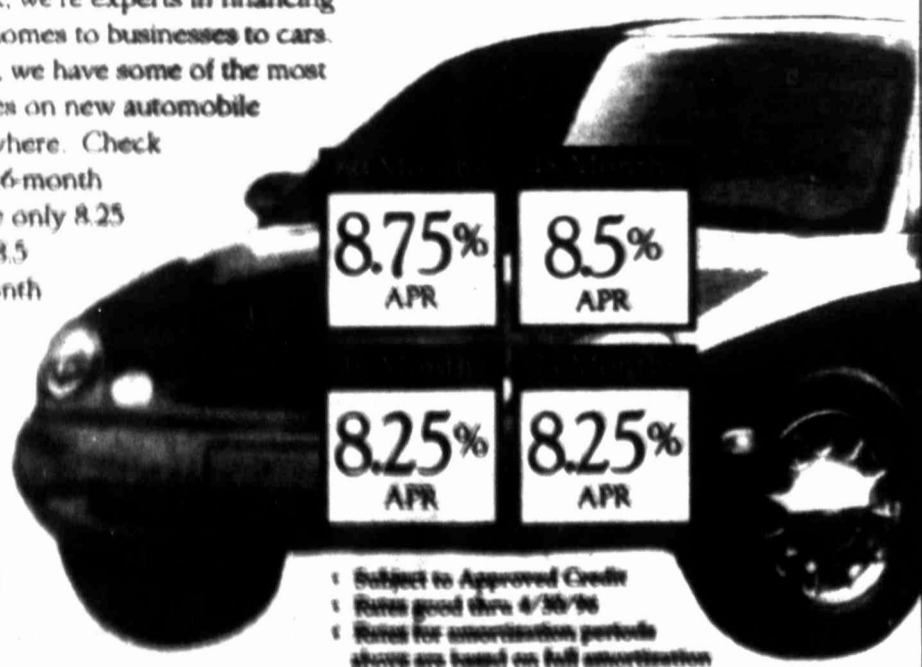
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# Martin County Historical Museum perfect place for history buffs

By SARA SOLIS  
Staff Writer

The Martin County Historical Museum, located in nearby Stanton, is the perfect place for history buffs to visit.

The first Martin County Museum opened in July 1971 in the old jail. It was open only two days a week and the old jail building proved inadequate for several reasons: an abundance of dust was constantly present due to the age of the two-story sandstone building, the stairs to the second floor were too steep for elderly visitors to navigate and after the museum's collection grew, the building became too small to house the exhibits. A new building for the museum was built and opened in December 1978.

A recent addition to the museum is an archival collection housed in the back of the museum in a section reserved for

research. The collection includes oral history tapes; a collection of the Stanton Reporter newspaper that dates as far back as 1913; a complete set of Permian Historical Society Annuals and the Southwest Historical Quarterly from 1978 to 1987. Also included in the archives are old magazines, a picture file and an old recipe file.

According to museum records, in 1881 the Texas and Pacific Railroad followed a route suggested by Capt. Randolph B. Marcy of the U.S. Army and laid tracks from Sierra Blanca to Fort Worth. Every 10 miles along the route housed a house built. The house built in

what is now Martin County, the Grelton section house, was equipped with a well, a cypress tank and a near by pump station. The station supplied railroad engines with water for many years.

Before the railroad, there was little civilization on the plains above the Cap Rock, except for some Indians who used it for a camping ground on their trips to and from Mexico.

On August 18, 1881, four German Catholic priests and one layman of the Carmelite Order arrived at the Grelton section house to establish the first settlement in Martin County. They brought basic farm tools, a mule team and wagon, and seeds to plant. They pitched two tents where the Martin County Court house stands today. One tent was a living quarters and the other was reserved for worship. This was the beginning of a working community, comprising a mission and a monastery,

under the supervision of Father Anastasio Peters.

Eventually a town was surveyed and built and named Marienfeld, or "Field of Mary." Just a few years prior to the town's inception buffalo, antelope, wild game and Indians roamed the plains of what is now, Martin County.

Between 1884 and 1886 the county was organized, officers were elected and a courthouse was built. Ranchers, farmers, merchants and railroad workers came to the town and prospered. However in 1886-87 a drought practically wiped out the inhabitants of the area. By 1888 rain thankfully had come and the remaining town's people began to prosper again.

By 1890 the town and county was predominantly Protestant, thus the town's name was changed to Stanton, in honor of Edwin M. Stanton, the Secretary of War under President Lincoln.

In 1894 the Sisters of Mercy established a convent and boarding school in the old monastery, which had closed a few years earlier. They named the school Our Lady of Mercy Academy and it grew from an initial enrollment of 16 students to 150, operating for 44 years. A tornado in 1938 severely damaged several of the buildings and the school never reopened. To view the artifacts and

records pertaining to the history of Martin County, a county rich in agricultural and ranching tradition as well as the oil production of the Permian Basin, visit the Martin County Historical Museum, located at 207 Broadway in Stanton. Curator, Helen Thrallkill, said the museum is open from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Tuesday through Saturday and there is no charge for admission.



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# Stanton's Monastery widely known

By STEVE REAGAN  
Sports Editor

It took an act of God to push the good Sisters of Our Lady of Mercy out of Stanton. By the time the railroad finally reached Big Spring in 1881, a monastery and convent were already under construction in Marienfeld, later

named Stanton.

The church and school, originally constructed by five Carmelite priests and a German Catholic farmer, was the first of its kind in West Texas and the church became the only Catholic church between Fort Worth and El Paso.

After the drought of 1887 forced the Carmelites out of Stanton, the school came under the care of the Sisters of Divine Providence. Unfortunately, the drought also forced them to relocate.

By 1894, however, the church and school were again a going business, this time under the direction of the Sisters of Our Lady of Mercy, and the building would remain in their hands for the next 44 years.

The grounds were heavily damaged by a tornado in 1938, and the sisters closed the site. Up until that time, however, the sisters educated hundreds of students from all across the United States.

A 1991 letter by former student Irma Helene Multer describes the academy and convent in its heyday:

"The academy, convent and church were an impressive sight on the vast barren plains

of West Texas. The two-story structure of adobe brick and wood was built in an elongated and inverted U-shape. A gravel driveway led from the street around a circular bed of flowers and trees.

"Most of the students, boys and girls, were boarders. They came from many of the neighboring towns - Odessa, Midland, Fort Stockton, Eldorado, Big Spring, Lubbock, San Angelo, Wink and Slaton. One of my classmates was the daughter of an (American) Indian chief from Oklahoma," the letter stated.

Life for academy students revolved around three basic tenets: Academics; discipline; and responsibility.

"High academic standards were maintained at the academy," Multer wrote. "The teachers were highly qualified. In addition to the required high school curriculum, enrichment programs such as music, choral, art, penmanship, etiquette and social behavior were provided."

After the 1938 tornado, the school and convent closed and the site fell into disrepair. For the past 12 years, however, Stanton-area residents have been busy restoring the convent area to its former glory.

The Martin County Convent, Inc., founded in 1984, has collected money from private donations and grants to renovate the site, and hopes to soon be able to conduct public tours of the area.



Stanton's Monastery is currently undergoing a renovation. The former Monastery is the site of a state historical marker.

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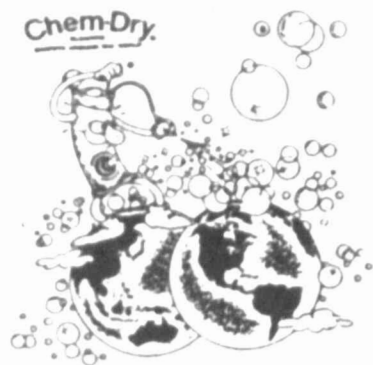


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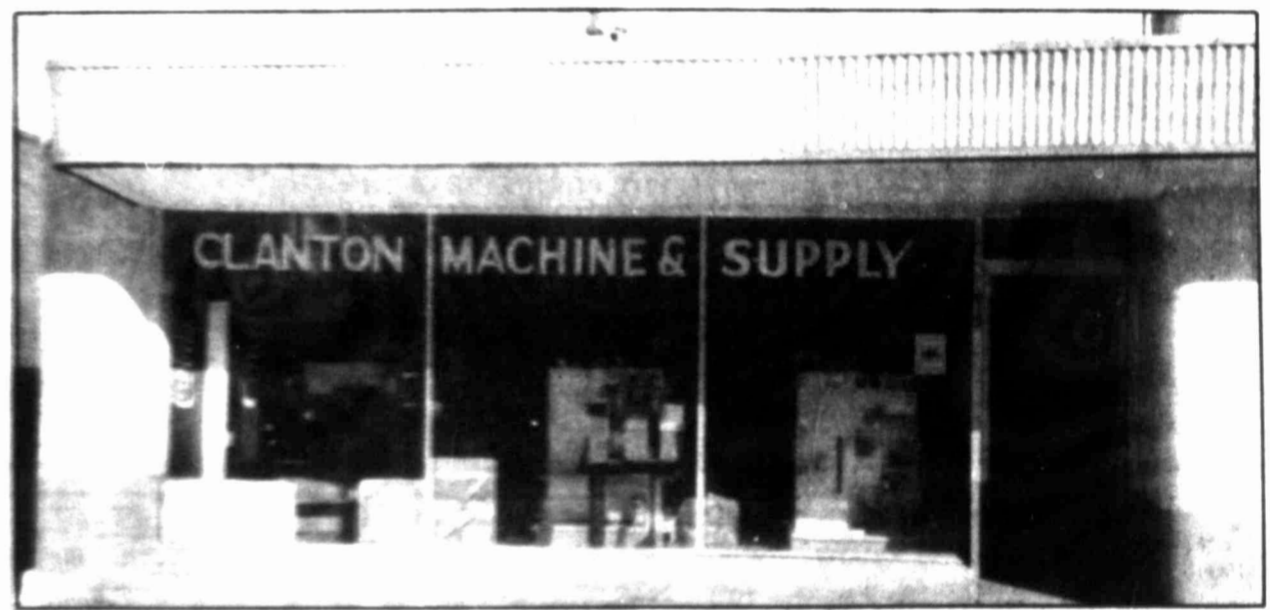
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# Swimming pools sure to keep you cool during summer's hot weather

By RODERICK RICHARDSON  
Herald Sportswriter

Tired of the unpredictability of winter and spring weather? Fear not, because soon, the weather will have one temperature setting - scorching hot.

That's what the people involved in some of the area's city swimming pools are gearing up for.

Big Spring swimmers need not to go far for a chance to cool off. Big Spring's city swimming pool, maintained by the

parks department, is located at Comanche Trail Park.

The pool opens Memorial Day and with the holiday comes the long awaited "Splash Day." Splash Day is one of the summer's big highlights in which people can escape from the heat, socialize, win prizes and be entertained by a local radio station.

The use of the pool last until early September. It is open every day except Monday from 1 p.m. to 6 p.m.

Thursdays from 7 p.m. to 9

p.m., however, the Comanche

Trail Park pool has "Family Nite." During these hours only families are able to attend.

For groups who want to organize a party at the

area, they could reserve the

pool for the private party.

The Big Spring Parks Department is working on creating more activities for the summer and will announce them soon.

In Sweetwater, when its pool opens after Memorial Day it will have a special time for everyone. According to city service clerk Jean Beck, every Wednesday will be Senior's night. During this day, senior citizens will have free admission to the pool.

Tuesdays and Thursdays are called Family Night. On these

days, a family of five or more can enjoy the facilities for only \$3.

For families with infants and toddlers, a nursery will be open for mornings. The opening is determined on the group that is interested, and the group have to supply their own lifeguard. The nursery is 35 cents per head, and it is not a scheduled event.

Forsan didn't have as many activities planned for its swimming pool in the past, but at least it's free plus Forsan cost

deals don't have to pay for transportation.

For years, Forsan has had a special bus to transport students to the pool. This year, they have traveled from the Big Spring Baptist Church at 9 p.m. to the pool to the outdoor pool. High school students are also going to be before turning out for the pool on U.S. Highway 177. During the trip, the students will be given a tour of the pool and taken to the pool.

Hours for the pool will be set for this summer.



A youngster comes off the diving board at a local swimming pool. The pools in the various communities are popular once school is out and the weather gets hot.

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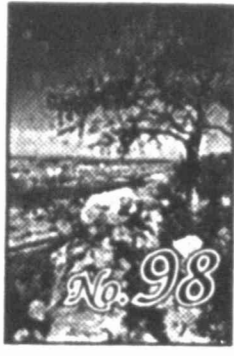
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# Bob Wills' spirit alive and well at Big Spring's legendary Stampede

By STEVE REAGAN  
Sports Editor

There's no truth to the rumor that Bob Wills' ghost haunts the Stampede - but his spirit does live on there.

If Hollywood directors were searching for the stereotypical roadside honkeytonk, they probably couldn't do better than the Stampede, located north of Big



Spring on State Highway 350. The long building may look a bit dilapidated on the outside, but that only enhances the aura of

the place. The Stampede, after all, was meant for dancing. Aesthetic considerations were secondary.

Once inside, however, you know you're in a real, live, no-frills included dance hall. A smooth wooden floor runs the length of the building, interrupted at one end by a bandstand.

Welcome to The Stomp. The Stampede - or "The

Stomp," as it is known to many area residents - was originally built in 1954 by Hoyle and Ben Nix. The brothers were the leadmen for the West Texas Cowboys, a country band that played almost any kind of music, but specialized in Western Swing, made popular by Bob Wills in the Depression.

The Nix brothers, who played for a time with the legendary Wills, always meant the place to

be a family dance hall. Alcohol wasn't allowed and for the longest time, there were no tables. If you wanted a break, you sat on one of the benches surrounding the dance floor.

And, if you didn't come to dance, you had to stand behind a red line the Nixes painted on the floor to keep the dance floor from becoming too crowded.

Rules? There were a few: No hats on the dance floor, and

shirttails tucked in, thank you. "We never had major problems," said Jody Nix, Hoyle's youngest son, in the March 15, 1992 edition of the Herald. "People were pretty well-behaved back then and today."

Musicians from throughout Texas played at the Stampede from one time or another. Even Wills, the father of Western Swing, took a turn or two.

## Big Spring YMCA offers options for health, fitness

By CARLTON JOHNSON  
Staff Writer

As with any community Big Spring has several residents who are interested in maintaining a certain level of health and fitness. Many find just the right level at the YMCA.



The Big Spring Family YMCA offers a wide variety of programs designed to lead to a healthy heart, improved muscle tone, lower blood pressure, increased flexibility, increased circulation efficiency, tension release and stress relief, better sleep and additional life expectancy.

Some of the most popular programs include aqua aerobics, step aerobics and prime time.

Swimming is not a requirement to enjoy the aqua aerobics class, but the class offers a complete workout using the buoyancy and resistance of water to burn calories, strengthen the heart and lungs, and increase muscles tone and flexibility. Exercising in the water reduces stress on joints, connective tis-

sue, lower back and other problem areas. Aqua aerobics is a self-paced class for fitness conscious people looking for a low-impact class.

Step aerobics is a self-paced powerful body workout for advance training. This class is a combination of power, strength, intense cardiovascular workout that maximizes the use of the step for the burning of 30 percent more fat than most normal aerobic activity. The variety in this class format offers new challenges and promotes progression in both cardio and muscle systems.

Prime Time is a self-paced recreational program specifically designed for individuals with arthritis to include the use of water resistance and buoyancy. It helps maintain and improve joint flexibility and muscle strength.

The YMCA can also offer a test battery to help people answer certain questions such as "Where do I start?" The test is to help maximize each individual's workout in the areas where it is really needed.

For anyone new to the YMCA, the facility is open Monday and Wednesday from 6 a.m. to 9 p.m.; Tuesday and Thursday from 8 a.m. to 9 p.m.; Saturday from 6 a.m. to 7 p.m.; Sunday from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m.; and Sunday from 1 p.m. to 4 p.m.

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## Historical markers point out key spots

By **CARLTON JOHNSON**  
Staff Writer

Big Spring has a lot of history to be proud of and one way to preserve it is with historical markers, local and state.

Local historical markers are determined by the Howard County Historical Commission.

To determine whether a proposed marker topic meets the age requirements, the following items must be considered:

Historic persons must have been deceased at least 20 years; historic events must have occurred at least 30 years ago; historic structures must be at least 50 years of age, if being considered for the Recorded Texas Historic Landmark designation; and all other topics - institutions, organizations, festivals, cemeteries, communities, church congregations, etc. - must date at least 75 years.

Howard County's historical markers include:

- Big Spring State Park on route of

old Comanche war Trail. Located at FM 700 at Big Spring State Park.

- Route of Marcy's trail. Located at the Big Spring, Comanche Trail Park.

- Moss Spring. Located at site of Moss Spring, private property.

- W.T. "Uncle Bud" Roberts, 1849-1940. Located on Moss Creek Lake Road.

- The Seventh Earl of Aylesford (Cosmopolitan Hotel). Located at the northwest corner of 3rd and Runnels and the former Swartz/Charde building.

- First permanent building in Big Spring. Located inside business at 119 Main Street, Big Spring.

- The J. & W. Fisher Company. Located at the south end of Big Spring Furniture Co., 110 Main Street, Big Spring.

- First Christian Church of Big Spring. Located at 911 Gollad.

- Potton House. Located at 200 Gregg Street, Big Spring.

- W. P. Soash, colonizer. Located on County Road 54, off FM 1785, six miles northwest of Vealmoor.

- First commercial oil well in Howard County. Located 13 miles south of Forsan.

- Howard County. Formed from Young and Bexar territories. Located 3.3 miles south of Big Spring on U.S. 87.

- Moore School. Located 3.7 miles north on U.S. 87, then one mile west.

- Settles Hotel, 3rd and Runnels, Big Spring. Marker not placed because of condition of the building.

- Masonic Cemetery. Located at Mount Olive Cemetery, north of Big Spring on Texas 350.

- First National Bank. Located at 4th and Main, Big Spring.

- St. Thomas Catholic Church. Located at 605 N. Main.

- Howard County Courthouse. Located on Courthouse Square, Big Spring.

- Opera House Company, located at 311 Main, Tubbs Pocket Park, Big Spring.

- Telephone history. Located at northeast corner of 4th and Runnels, Big Spring.

- Chamber of Commerce. Located at 215 West 3rd Street, Big Spring.

- Ritz Theater. Located at 401 Main, Big Spring.

- Centennial of St. Thomas Catholic Church, 605 N. Main, Big Spring.

- First self-propelled fire engine in Texas. Located at northwest corner of Courthouse Square, Big Spring.

- The Record Shop. Located at 211 Main St., Big Spring.

- Municipal Auditorium. Located at Municipal Building, Big Spring.

- An historical Big Springs Meat Market. Located at 119 Main St., Big Spring.

- Big Spring Hardware Company. Located at 117 Main St., Big Spring.

## Herald records Crossroads history

HERALD Staff Report

The history of a community is chronicled by its newspaper. For the Crossroads Country, that means the *Big Spring Herald*.

The *Herald* is the fourth oldest newspaper between Dallas and El Paso, having been founded as the *Big Springs Weekly Herald* in 1904.

Only San Angelo (1884), Pecos (1887) and Plainview (1889) have older publications while such cities as Lubbock (1922), Amarillo (1924), Midland (1925) and Odessa (1939) are mere babes compared to the Howard County daily. Fort Worth's *Star-Telegram* was founded in 1906.

The *Herald* began as the *Weekly Herald* on Oct. 7, 1904 under the leadership of T.E. Jordan and his brother-in-law, W.G. Hayden. That partnership lasted for 21 years until Jordan bought out Hayden's interests.

Over the years a variety of individuals tried to find their niche in the local market. The current *Herald* is the lone survivor of seven earlier publications.

The *Herald* was purchased by Harte-Hanks Newspapers in 1928 and remained a part of

that group until it was sold in the mid-1980s to Texan Dean Singleton.

Singleton retained the property for a short time before selling to Thomson.

Thomson newspapers, the *Herald's* parent company until the Fall 1995 sale to American Publishing.

As always, the *Herald's* strength lies in the reporting of local news and events.

"We're proud to be considered the primary source of local news and information," said current managing editor John H. Walker.

"Over the years, editors and reporters have come and gone, sometimes because they didn't understand the basic rule of survival in a hometown newspaper - local names, local faces and local events."

Walker said his objective is to make the newspaper a vital part of the daily lives of the citizens of Big Spring, Howard County and the Crossroads Country.

"We're fortunate to have some talented individuals who choose to live and work in Big Spring," he said. "They understand the importance of home town news ... of letting the readers know what that shen was at 11 o'clock last night ... of helping promote a blood drive."

The *Herald* is produced six days a week, Sunday through Friday, and is one of only five afternoon papers published west of Dallas - *Amarillo Globe-Times*, *El Paso Herald-Post*, *Pecos Enterprise*, *Plainview Daily Herald* and the *Herald*.

It is printed on an eight unit Goss Community press and is paginated on a Macintosh-based system utilizing Quark Xpress and Baseview text management software.

"To people who are new to the community, it is strange to have an afternoon paper," Walker said. "We've done a number of surveys and the outcome has always been the same - an overwhelming 'no' when we've asked our readers if they wanted a morning newspaper."

With more than 50 employees, the *Herald* is one of the largest non-government employers in Crossroads Country.

## The list of 101:

HERALD Staff Report

Here is a complete list of the 101 Reasons to Live in Crossroads Country.

The listing was not done in any particular order with the exception of the spring, the reason people came to the area, and the *Herald* - reasons No. 1 and No. 101.

- The list:
1. The Big Spring
  2. Big Spring's parks
  3. Heart of West Texas Museum, Colorado City
  4. Sidewinders Gymnastics
  5. Old Sorehead Trade Days, Stanton
  6. Partners in Progress, Big Spring
  7. Colorado River Municipal Water District
  8. Signal Peak

9. Heritage Museum, Big Spring
10. Comanche Warrior Triathlon, Big Spring
11. Leadership Big Spring
12. Big Spring State Park
13. Howard College Lady Hawk basketball
14. Spring City Senior Center, Big Spring
15. Howard County Fair
16. High school playoff games
17. Youth sports
18. Howard College
19. Camping
20. Junior Leadership Big Spring
21. VA Medical Center, Big Spring
22. St. Mary's Episcopal School, Big Spring
23. Dora Roberts Rehabilitation Center, Big Spring
24. Big Spring Symphony
25. Trail of Lights, Big Spring
26. City Auditorium, Big Spring
27. Martin County Old Settlers
28. Health Fair, Big Spring

29. Boy Scouts of America
30. Scenic Mountain
31. Lake J.B. Thomas, near Snyder
32. St. Lawrence Community Festival
33. Colorado City Opera House
34. Hunting
35. Community luncheons, Big Spring
36. Retirement facilities
37. Potton House, Big Spring
38. Antique stores, Big Spring
39. 4-H
40. Big Spring Cowboy Reunion and Rodeo
41. Baseball
42. Comanche Trail Park
43. Longhorn Collection, Heritage Museum, Big Spring
44. The Railroad
45. Golf
46. Lake E.V. Spence, near Robert Lee
47. Inter-Tribal Gathering and Pow-Wow, Big Spring

48. Drive-Through Nativity, Big Spring
49. Herald Christmas Parade, Big Spring
50. Howard College Rodeo
51. Rattlesnake Roundup, Big Spring
52. Agricultural Exposition, Big Spring
53. Boat races, Moss Lake, Big Spring
54. Youth baseball
55. Weather
56. Girl Scouts
57. Borden County Courthouse, Gail
58. Martin County Historical Jail, Stanton
59. Churches
60. Harold Davis Fitness Center, Big Spring
61. Girls' softball
62. Gem & Mineral Show, Big Spring
63. High school basketball

64. Kennel Club Dog Show, Big Spring
65. Hike/bike trail, Big Spring
66. Amphitheater, Big Spring
67. Living Christmas Tree, Big Spring
68. Howard College Hawks basketball
69. Museum of Dolls, Heritage Museum, Big Spring
70. Howard College athletics
71. Fishing
72. Howard County Library
73. Youth Horsemen Club
74. Old Washboard Band, Stanton
75. Softball
76. Natural beauty
77. Coshoma Community Concerts
78. Dora Roberts Community Center
79. Gail Mountain, Gail
80. Cinco de Mayo
81. FFA
82. Lake Colorado City State Park
83. Colorado City Fly-In

84. Moss Creek Lake
85. Christmas Decorating Contest, Big Spring
86. Colorado City antique stores
87. Boy's Club, Big Spring
88. Big Spring Arts & Crafts shows
89. Railroad Trade Days, Colorado City
90. July 4 fireworks
91. Easter Sunrise services
92. Antique & Custom Car Show, Big Spring
93. Crane Fest
94. Lone Wolf Bluegrass Festival, Colorado City
95. Martin County Historical Museum, Stanton
96. Monastery, Stanton
97. Swimming pools
98. The Stampede, Big Spring
99. YMCA, Big Spring
100. Howard County historical markers
101. Big Spring Herald (After all, it is our section!)

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