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Parents voicing strong opinions on sex ed

By CARLTON JOHNSON
Staff Writer

Sex education and what is taught in the classroom, especially to Big Spring Independent School District students, is a serious issue no matter which side of the issue you take.

Several parents made that point very clear to members of the district's Health Advisory Council (HAC) during Thursday's public forum.

Of the four curriculum options discussed for implementation into the seventh- and eighth-grade curriculum for the 1997-98 school year, Sex Respect seems to be the overwhelming favorite of parents who have reviewed the material.

BSISD Assistant Superintendent Murray Murphy said the council could decide on one curriculum for both seventh- and eighth-grade students or may select a separate curriculum for each grade.

"I would encourage Sex Respect for the seventh-grade students and Choosing the Best for eighth graders," parent Suzanne Haney said. "Sex Respect is a wholesome curriculum and children are not animals as some people like to think. Children can take pride in studying this curriculum."

Haney also believes sex education should not be taught to students in a coed setting, and that abstinence is the only sure method of protecting children.

"We cannot rely on the theory of safe sex," Haney said. "We need to teach abstinence. Too much has been offered in the way of sex education. We need more health and abstinence education."

Corky Mitchell, education coordinator for Rape Crisis/Victim Services, would not endorse any particular curriculum, but said abstinence is the only safe way to avoid sexually transmitted diseases and pregnancies.

"In the early years, it was a task of the home to teach appropriate behavior in social settings," Mitchell said, adding that the questions to be asked are where adolescents get their information and where would they prefer to get it.

According to Mitchell, students want separate co-educational settings, not separate from each other, but from parents.

"If it can't be said in mixed company, it should not be said," he said. "Poor communication can result in abusive relationships later. Separation promotes poor communication where children's limitations and intentions are concerned."

Adults need to take the mystery out of sex education.

"The best program (sex education) is one that gives all of the facts and leaves nothing to the imagination," Mitchell said.

He added one thing that adults have to remember is that eventually young people have to decide on their own.

Spencer Wolf said he is pleased with the Texas

Legislature's passage of Senate Bill 1, or a forum like Thursday's would not have been possible.

"Our students have been desensitized as to what they should and should not do," Wolf said. "Today, we have diseases that are devastating to the human body. Whatever you do, be sure to promote the health of our students."

One of the most emotional cases made for having a properly taught sex education curriculum was made by nurse practitioner Olga McCallister, who said she cares about what happens to students because of the business she's in and because children are her future.

"My curriculum is based on having Jesus Christ as my Savior," McCallister said. "The reality is that we have families in Big Spring that are barely surviving moment by moment and their next thought is what they will eat for their next meal."

"I see the outcome of a lack of education in my clinic everyday," McCallister added. "Education lies with the family, unfortunately, for whatever reason, families have given up that responsibility. As a result, as adults, we must make a decision one way or another as to which direction we need to go."

According to McCallister, our children are dying, if not physically, then emotionally.

Her recommendation, regardless of the curriculum selected by the council, is that sex education in the classroom be taught by a trained health care provider.



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BSISD Health Advisory Council member and nurse Estella Ruiz listens to one of the 17 speakers that addressed the council concerning sex education as part of the district's health curriculum. The council will meet Monday to discuss last Thursday's public forum on the issue.

A first look at the new Furr's

Just a taste of what will come Feb. 12

By CARLTON JOHNSON
Staff Writer

Several hundred Big Spring residents wasted no time getting a sneak preview of the new Furr's Cafeteria during Saturday's spirit-filled walk-through of the facility.

Local residents were able to observe every aspect of what will take place on a daily basis in the cafeteria — from where salad is prepared, to the 2,600-pound capacity ice machine and to where fresh bread is baked.

The walk-through was scheduled from noon until 3 p.m., but anyone waiting, even a few minutes past noon, found it difficult to find a parking spot.

Several of Furr's corporate officials including Vice President of Field Operations Jim Hale and Marketing Representative Donna Luna were on hand to welcome Big Spring residents as they toured the facility.

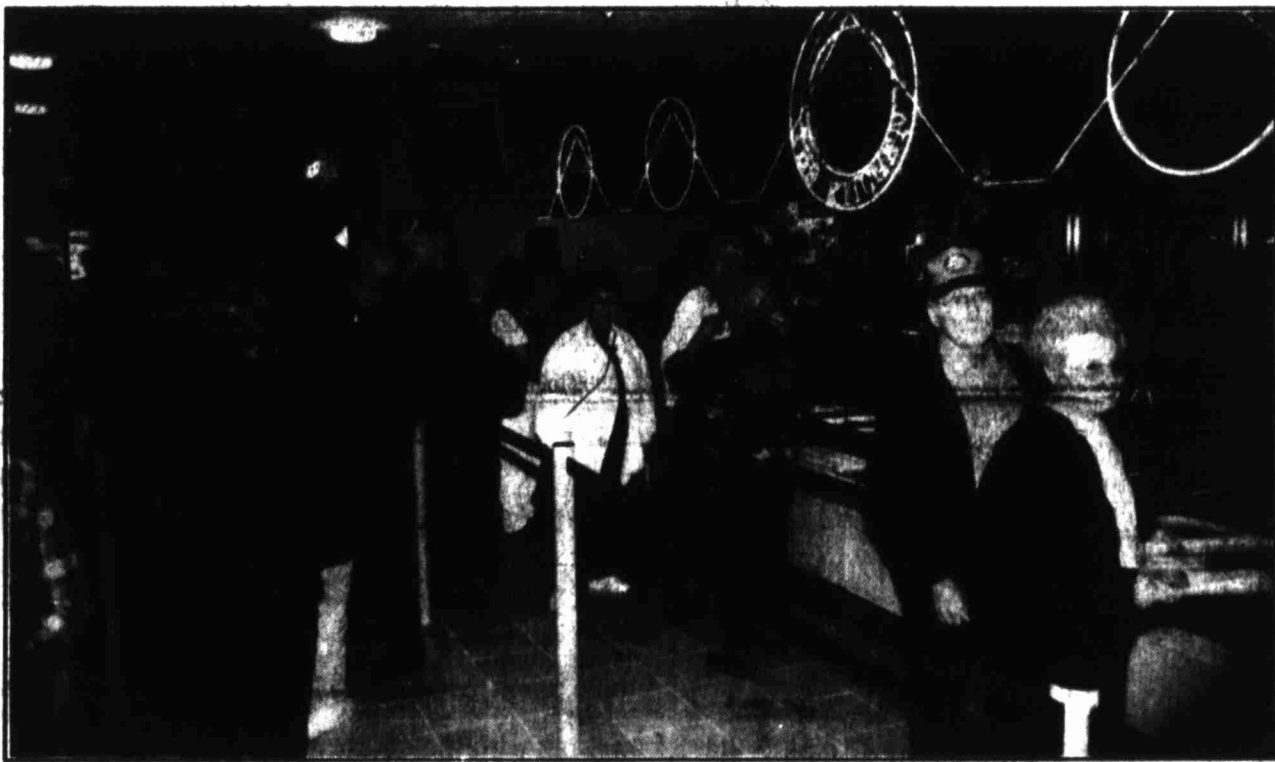
Luna has spent several hours in the last two months working on details of Wednesday's grand opening of the facility and was happy to be in Big Spring to see some of those plans taking shape.

"Things have turned out wonderful," Luna said. "It's great to be here."

During tours, which included the entire store as well as the patio area, Furr's officials and employees served residents fresh baked pie as well as coffee and tea. They also sat around with residents answering their questions about the new facility.

"This is very nice," Hale said. "It's a most unusual setting for our new cafeteria. It's lively and will be a fun place for people to come to."

Furr's brought in extra help



HERALD photos/Jonathan Garrett

Saturday the public got its first look at the new Furr's Cafeteria. As people came out and enjoyed pie, coffee and tea, tours were given to all who wanted to see the cooking area. The restaurant will open Wednesday, Feb. 12. See related stories and photos, pages 6A-7A.

from Midland, Odessa and as far away as Roswell, N.M., to help with the walk-through and grand opening preparations.

As Hale walked through the

facility, he said about 80 percent of the dining room is non-smoking and a large part of the dining room has pull curtains that can be used to turn two

sections into private meeting rooms.

The 9,000-square-foot store

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Symphony conductor saying San Angelo problems are separate

By JOHN A. MOSELEY
News Editor

Gene Chartier Smith, conductor of the Big Spring Symphony, said late Friday that the San Angelo Symphony's decision that he leave his position as its conductor on May 31, has no bearing on his association with the orchestra here.

"The situation regarding my forced retirement from the San Angelo Symphony may or may not be coming to a conclusion soon," Smith said in a prepared release. "To the citizens of Big Spring I would like to communicate sincerely the following message: I very much enjoy my relationship with the city, the symphony board and the orchestra musicians, individually and collectively."

"I firmly want to continue that relationship as long as I am physically able to effectively perform as your conductor," the release stated. "I have not intention of subjecting those mar-

velous musicians to a feeble old man." My continued efforts with the Big Spring Symphony and Chorus are, certainly, at the discretion of the Symphony Board of Directors. This situation in San Angelo impacts Big Spring only in the area of freeing up additional personal time for me to devote to the Big Spring Symphony."

Smith said he was elated with the success of the symphony's concert — "The Nutcracker Ballet" — in December and that he was looking forward to the Youth Concerts on Feb. 21-22.

"My strongest thanks to all of you in Big Spring who support your symphony," Smith's statement concluded, "and I trust that you are proud of the quality of your orchestra."

Jim Shelton, president of the Big Spring Symphony's board, indicated that it would try to keep Smith as its conductor.

"We were aware of some problems," Shelton said Friday morning before learning of Smith's reactions to the San Angelo orchestra's announcement. "We aren't sure if it's going to affect us. We have concerts in February and May and a planning session in March. The board is going to discuss this in March."

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SMITH

Investigators seeking assistance determining grass fire's cause

By CHRYS GOFF
Staff Writer

Fire department officials are investigating the possibility arson was the cause of a grass fire that was reported Feb. 1 on the corner of 15th and Virginia where grass around the city of Big Spring's water department was set on fire.

Residents Jonathan Casey and Josh and Melissa Beatty called the fire department. They told

investigators they were just walking down the block when they saw the grass starting to go up in flames.

Authorities think it could have been set purposely because the fire was divided. "We can never be to sure on an incident like this, with the grass is so dry it just burns right up," said firefighter Ken Mayhall.

Approximately 200 gallons of

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City near selecting director for housing programs

By CARLTON JOHNSON
Staff Writer

After searching for almost three months, the city of Big Spring is about ready to announce a replacement for former Housing Assistance Program director Marva Scurllark.

Assistant City Manager Emma Bogard completed her interviews of four finalists Friday and says she expects to make an announcement sometime Monday.

Scurllark was fired in November after an audit found there was a misappropriation of funds as well as a failure to follow personnel policies and procedures.

Scurllark had held that position for 2 1/2 years.

Bogard said 21 applications were submitted to her office by people interested heading the federally-funded program.

According to Bogard, the city will definitely be looking for someone with experience supervising housing programs. Qualifications will include, but

not be limited to a four-year degree in business, public administration or some other related field.

"Experience in a housing program will be given preference over a degree," Bogard said. "That will also depend on the amount of experience a particular applicant has."

The city will also like the position to be filled by an applicant with supervisory management experience as well, Bogard added. The salary for the housing director's position will remain in the \$24,000 per

year range. The controversy in the department stemmed from a large amount of travel expenses and the lack of documentation for those expenses.

As far as the city is involved concerning the termination of the former director, Bogard said Scurllark did not use any of the administrative remedies available to her, meaning she did not file an appeal of her termination within five days of the action.

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TODAY'S WEATHER

▲ Highs
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Today: Cloudy with a chance of rain. High in the upper 40s. Low in the upper 20s.

Monday: Partly cloudy. High in the upper 50s. Low in the 30s.

Extended outlook: Tuesday and Wednesday, mostly cloudy. Highs near 60. Lows in the 30s. Thursday, fair. High around 60. Low in the upper 20s.

OBITUARIES

Colonel Sparkman

Funeral service for Colonel Sparkman, 87, of Caddo, Okla., is scheduled for 2 p.m. today at the First Baptist Church in Stanton with Hoot Leonard and Tommy Hursh officiating. Burial will be in Evergreen Cemetery under the direction of Gilbreath Funeral Home.

Mr. Sparkman died Thursday, Feb. 6, in Durant, Okla., after a lengthy illness.

He was born on Sept. 9, 1909 in Kenefic, Okla., and lived in Stanton from 1932 to 1937. He married to Mozelle Saunders on Sept. 9, 1937, in Lenora. They lived in Dalhart, Amarillo and Elk City, Okla., before moving to Caddo, Okla., in 1964. He Sparkman was a farmer, rancher and auctioneer.

Survivors include his wife, Mozelle Sparkman of Caddo, Okla.; two daughters, Sandra Tyner of Oklahoma City and Carolyn Sue Dawson of Arnett, Okla.; two sisters, Nannie Bell Sirois and Georgie Eldridge, both of Houston; seven grandchildren; and six great-grandchildren.

daughters, Barbara Glaze and Jennie Gillespie, both of Fort Worth, and Frances Bryan of Odessa; eight grandchildren; 16 great-grandchildren; and two great-great-grandchildren.

Mary Sayers

Funeral service for Mary Sayers, 66, of Big Spring, are pending with Myers & Smith Funeral Home.

Sayers died at her home Saturday, Feb. 8, 1997.

Linda Thompson

Linda Thompson, 51, of Big Spring, died Thursday, Feb. 6, 1997, at her home following a long illness.

Graveside services will be at 1 p.m. Monday at Trinity Memorial Park with the Rev. Dr. Clyde N. Craven officiating.

Mrs. Thompson was born on April 19, 1946, in Bakersfield, Calif. She had been a resident of Big Spring for 40 years. She was a Catholic and a homemaker.

She is survived by one son, Roy Burklow of Arlington; two daughters, Kim Burklow of Arlington and Krystal Thompson of Big Spring; her mother, Mary Schauer of Camarillo, Calif.; three sisters, Joanna Caldwell of Camarillo, Calif., and Patty Nation and Carolyn Busby, both of Somis, Calif.; three brothers, Murphy, James and Henry Schauer, all of Camarillo, Calif.; five grandchildren; and very special friends and caregivers, Dolly, J.C., Carrie and Sherida Woodard, all of Big Spring.

Arrangements are by Myers & Smith Funeral Home.

Raymond L. Overton

Raymond L. Overton, 67, of Midway, died at 9:50 p.m. Friday, Feb. 7, 1997, at his residence following a long illness.

Graveside service will be at 4 p.m. Monday at Trinity Memorial Park with the Rev. Emmitt Barnard officiating.

Mr. Overton was born on May 26, 1929, in Stanton. He was a lifetime resident of Glasscock and Howard counties. He was a veteran of the U.S. Army, having served in the Korean War. He was a tool pusher for Harding Well Service for 18 years. After retiring, he ran the hot oiler for Parners Well Service. He was a Baptist. He married Fannie Riffe on Dec. 9, 1953, in Garden City.

He is survived by his wife, Fannie Overton of Midway; four sons and daughters-in-law, Ricky and Cindy Overton of Midway, Royce and Mattie Overton of Houston, Randy and Kelly Overton of Coahoma and Raymond E. and Susan Overton of Midway; his mother, Fannie Overton of Big Spring; one brother, Glen Overton of Big Spring; two sisters, Cora and Ruby Pike, both of Big Spring; 21 grandchildren; and nine great-grandchildren.

He was survived in death by his father, James Overton, and one brother, Maurice Overton. Pallbearers will be grandsons, Russell, Randy, Raymond, John and Richard Overton, and a

nephew, Bendie Kyle. The family will receive friends at Myers & Smith Funeral Home from 2 p.m. to 4 p.m. today.

The family suggests memorials to Nurses Hospice, 700 N. Grant, Odessa, Texas 79761. (PAID OBITUARY)

Stanton City Council sets Monday meeting

STANTON — The Stanton City Council will meet in regular session at 7 p.m. Monday in council chambers.

Among the items listed on the council's agenda are:

- Consider and take action on the 1995-96 audit by Stallings & Herm.
- Consider and take action on a Water Improvement grant for 1997-98.
- Consider and take action on calling for a 1997 city election, and on appointing Nancy Haggard as election judge.

Martin Commissioners meet Monday morning

STANTON — The Martin County Commissioners' Court will meet in regular session at 9 a.m. Monday in the Martin County Courthouse to consider several items.

- Agenda items include:
- Considering a road report.
 - Road improvements and repairs.
 - Appointment of representatives for surplus property.
 - Paying current bills.
 - Officials' reports

Howard Commissioners set meeting for Monday

The Howard County Commissioners' Court will meet at 10 a.m. Monday in regular session in the commissioners' courtroom on the second floor of the Howard County Courthouse to consider the following items:

- Office space for County Extension Agent Don Richardson.
- Permission for Road & Bridge Administrator Eddy Jameson to go out on bids for two motor graders.
- Reports on renovations to the courthouse and county library.

Big Spring's council to meet on Tuesday

The Big Spring City Council will meet in regular session at 5:30 p.m. Tuesday in the council chambers at City Hall to discuss and consider the following items:

- Final reading of a resolution authorizing the mayor to execute an indemnity agreement with Cornell Corrections.
- Consider first reading of a resolution authorizing the mayor to execute a contract with Robbie Cooksey, D.O., for medical director of emergency medical services.
- Consider awarding bids for Phase I and Phase II roof repairs on city buildings.

Furr's

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has a dining area that can seat about 325 people and there is also the patio area out front capable of seating another 75 people.

According to Hale, Furr's never considered any other site to build its innovative new facility.

"Big Spring was good to us before and was always the choice," Hale said. "It's good to be back. About a year and a

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half of planning went into this plan once we decided to build. Many, many meetings went into this plan."

Hale said between 45 and 50 people will be employed at the store on a regular basis, but about 60 to 65 employees will be in the store as it begins serving the Big Spring community on Wednesday.

If things work out well, according to Hale, all of the current employees could stay on.

Local residents aren't the only ones excited about the new cafeteria.

Furr's chartered a bus to bring half of its corporate staff to Big Spring for lunch at the facility Friday. The other half of the corporate staff will have lunch at the facility Monday.

Luna added that at 6 p.m. Monday, Furr's will have an invitation-only open house and dinner for chamber of commerce officials, members of the media and those in attendance at Furr's ground-breaking ceremony last summer.

Grand opening ceremonies for the cafeteria, billed as the cafeteria of the 21st Century, is scheduled to begin at 10:30 a.m. Wednesday.

Regular operating hours for the facility will be 11 a.m. to 9 p.m. seven days a week. Furr's new carry-out market will operate with the same hours.

Hale pointed out that Wednesday's grand opening will be almost three years to the day after Furr's left Big Spring in 1994.

Smith

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"He (Smith) has a desire to still conduct the Big Spring Symphony," Shelton added. "We will try to keep him here if he doesn't move."

Thursday evening, the San Angelo Symphony's board announced that Smith would be ending his career as its conductor earlier than had originally been anticipated.

Smith had been scheduled to retire following the Symphony's 50th anniversary Fourth of July Pops Concert, which will close the 1998-99 concert year.

But, symphony president Elaine Bridges said the decision of Smith's last day as conductor had been prompted by a letter from his attorney, Charla Edwards, inquiring about the status of his employment contract.

He had been working with the San Angelo Symphony without a contract since May of 1996.

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As far as the investigation of the program, that is out of the city's hands, according to Bogard.

"We've turned over everything we had to the Texas Rangers," Bogard said. "What they will do with it, we don't know."

In order to avoid a repeat of what has happened in the department, Bogard said the city's finance department will

play a major role in the program's future.

"Things will have to go through the city's finance department as do other programs," she said. "The program will be closely monitored."

One of the problems with the program under Scurlock, Bogard said, was that it was a stand-alone department using federal funds.

Bogard said that won't be the case in the future.

"What we're trying to do now is get the person with the best abilities, background and education," Bogard said. "We don't have a particular deadline in mind at this time for getting a new director in place, but we hopefully we will have that and several other questions answered by Monday."

Currently there are about 300 families and individuals in Big Spring that receive rental assistance through the program.

Cause

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water was used to extinguish the fire and officials said that wasn't much compared to the amount they use to put out most grass fires.

"I was just sitting in my chair when I was awoken by sirens," resident Jimmy Webb said. "It looks like someone set it because it was burning clear across the corner of the house on 16th Street and split up, down to 16th Street."

Firefighters Robert Moler and Mayhall agreed, saying it is very possible the fire was started on purpose.

Fire Marshall Burr Lee Settles Jr. said there was a witness that saw some children setting the grass on fire, but the witness did not know the children's names. She could only identify them if she sees them again.

Anyone having additional information in the case is asked to contact Settles at 264-2303.

POLICE

The Big Spring Police Department reported the following activity between 8 a.m. Thursday and noon Saturday:

- CAROL GARCIA, 19, of 806 E. 14th, was arrested on local warrants.
- MARY SUE JACKSON, 47, of 1806 Rannels, was arrested for disorderly conduct involving fighting.
- SHARI ANNE BOUNDS, 21, of 1201 Sycamore, was arrested for disorderly conduct involving fighting and resisting arrest.
- WILLIAM MARK EDWARDS, 39, of 809 E. 16th, was arrested for public intoxication.
- ROGER LEE EDWARDS, 40, of 2904 Cherokee, was arrested for hindering a police officer.

• WILLIAM RILEY BOUNDS, 32, of 538 Westover #209, was arrested for public intoxication.

• CHAD BRITTON STRICKLAND, 29, of 407 E. 7th, was arrested for forgery.

• TONY ARISTA, 40, no known address, was arrested for public intoxication.

• HARVEY GUERRO, 17, no known address, was arrested on local warrants.

• CATHY BULLOCK, 46, of 1310 Donley, was arrested for public intoxication.

SHERIFF

The Howard County Sheriff's Office reported the following activity between 8 a.m. Thursday and 8 a.m. Friday:

• TERESA DAWN WEISS, 34, of Dallas, was arrested for burglary of a habitation. Bond was set at \$5,000.

• ANTONIO E. GARZA, 20, of Coahoma, was arrested for family violence.

• JAMES WILLIAM LEFFLER III, 24, of Highland Heather #6, was arrested for driving with an invalid license, and released on a \$1,500 bond.

• EDWARD ORLANDO RAMIREZ, 34, of 2209 Rannels, was arrested for aggravated assault with a deadly weapon, pled guilty in court and was sentenced to eight years in the Texas Department of Criminal Justice-probated and was ordered to pay court costs.

• EDWARD MENDEZ III, 22, of 1804 Nolan, was arrested for driving with an invalid license, and released on a \$1,500 bond.

• AURORA DOMINGUEZ, 45, of 2627 Langley, was arrested for driving while intoxicated, and released on a \$1,500 bond.

• ANDY YBARRA, 25, of 1315 Mesa, was arrested for public intoxication.

• RONALD EDWARD ROBEY, 49, of HC 69 Box 40, was arrested for driving while intoxicated, and released on a \$1,500 bond.

Dessie L. McMichael

Funeral service for Dessie L. McMichael, 85, of Fort Worth, formerly of Lake Thomas, will be at 10 a.m. Monday, Feb. 10, 1997, in the Rosewood Chapel at Nalley-Pickle & Welch



McMICHAEL

Funeral Home with the Rev. Dr. Randy Cotton, pastor of Trinity Baptist Church, officiating. He will be assisted by her grandsons, Marcel Glaze and Michael Edwards. Interment will follow at Trinity Memorial Park.

Mrs. McMichael died on Thursday, Feb. 6, 1997, in a Fort Worth nursing home.

She was born on May 18, 1911, in Quitman and married Neiman Marcus McMichael on May 6, 1933, in Abilene. He preceded her in death on Sept. 19, 1972.

Mrs. McMichael came to Big Spring in the late 1950s. She then moved to Lake Thomas in the early 1960s, where she and her late husband owned and operated Neiman Marcus Hydroponic Tomato Green House until retiring in 1972. She moved to Fort Worth in 1994.

She was a member of Knapp Baptist Church and had been a member of the American Women's Business Association.

Survivors include three

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Dessie L. McMichael, 85, died Thursday. Services will be at 10:00 AM Monday at Nalley Pickle & Welch Rosewood Chapel. Interment will follow at Trinity Memorial Park.

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Linda Thompson, 51, died Thursday. Graveside services will be 1:00 p.m. Monday at Trinity Memorial Park.
Raymond L. Overton, 67, died Friday. Graveside services will be 4:00 p.m. Monday at Trinity Memorial Park.
Mary Sayers, 66, died Saturday. Services are pending.

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Bush urges Republicans to drop opposition to pact

HOUSTON — In a welcome boost for the Clinton administration, former President Bush urged a reluctant Senate to ratify a chemical weapons treaty he helped bring to life in the closing years of the Cold War.

"I have a certain feeling of fatherhood for that" treaty, Bush told reporters Saturday in a joint appearance with Secretary of State Madeleine Albright at his home.

"It is vitally important that the United States be out front, not to be dragged kicking and screaming" into codifying a treaty that will ban not only the use but also the development, production and stockpiling of poison gases, he said.

Opposition in Congress is led by Sen. Jesse Helms, R-N.C., chairman of the Senate Foreign Relations Committee. He has the treaty bottled up in committee, both because he fears it cannot be adequately enforced and because he wants to force administration concessions on other issues.

Winning Senate ratification is among President Clinton's top second-term priorities. He pledged last fall: "I will not let this treaty die."

Bush and Albright talked to reporters in his driveway, with the former president's wife Barbara and their dog Millie looking on. Over a breakfast of bacon and eggs, Bush and Albright discussed foreign policy and agreed that a bipartisan approach is needed to matters such as arms control.

Afterward Albright returned to Washington to attend a memorial at Andrews Air Force Base, Md., for Pamela Harriman, the U.S. ambassador to France who died Wednesday.

Neighbors upset over plans for medical waste plant

AUSTIN — Some Bastrop County residents are upset over plans to build a medical waste treatment plant near their homes. Austin-based Hill Country Autoclave Inc., wants a permit from the state to build a plant that would steam-sterilize up to 20 tons of medical waste daily.

Those who own nearby land, some whose families have had the land for more than a century, are concerned.

"They're going to be transporting blood in from three counties. That's a lot of blood," said Edward Doyle Sr., whose family owns 144 acres next to the site. "We just feel that in some way that's hazardous. What if there was a tornado and it blew that stuff asunder, loose in the atmosphere?"

The site of the proposed plant is adjacent to St. Mary's Colony, a community settled by freed slaves after the Civil War. The plant would be the second treatment plant to obtain a permit in Texas. BFI Medical Waste Systems in Conroe, near Houston, has been operating more than a year.

Grand jury probes hazing allegations in death of freshman

COLLEGE STATION — A grand jury is investigating allegations of hazing in connection with the death of a Texas A&M freshman who died of an asthma attack while cleaning his fraternity house.

Phi Gamma Delta members told authorities they thought dust, wallpaper and paint fumes at the house prompted the asthma attack. Freshman William "Trey" Walker III died on Jan. 8.

Investigators and a Brazos County grand jury are investigating a report, however, that pledges were subjected to a "hosing down" outside the fraternity house on Jan. 8.

The grand jury began investigating the accusations on Friday. In late January, the national chapter of Phi Gamma Delta suspended the fraternity pending the outcome of the investigation.

Dairy farmer too busy to slow down at 88

CORSICANA (AP) — Katie Worthy is one dairy farmer who's too busy to slow down.

A church-going, animal-loving, world-traveling grandmother, Worthy says the key to her longevity is hard work and clean living.

"You never heard of me being in a what we call a honky tonk. Trash!" she said, her light blue eyes blazing. "I don't have any desire to go to any club where there's drinking, smoking, all that sort of stuff. I don't drink and I don't smoke."

At 88, Worthy has energy to burn. She still works on her farm, doing everything from feeding the animals to planting cotton, corn and hay.

"Anything that anyone falls up to do, I fill in," she said. "I

have operated every machine on this farm, except the big combine."

That practical attitude is her guide. When dairy operators in Texas recently joined farmers in other states in dumping their milk to protest a drop in milk prices, Worthy remained neutral.

"I just let them settle it," she said. "I don't like to be in fusses. I imagine both sides are doing as well as they can."

Not that she hasn't fought when she needed to. Years ago, she successfully led an effort to get gravel on the dirt road that ran by her farm.

Her determination also led her to fight to get her daughter into a Corsicana elementary school where she felt she would

get the best education. When she couldn't convince school officials, Worthy bought a second house in the district.

Worthy's only daughter, Mary Ann McColpin, 58, a retired teacher, says her mother has always been active.

"She was never much in the house," she said. "She was always outside with her chickens or her garden ... depending on what needed to be done. She would work all day long, but she still took time for me."

Sandi Carroll, a family friend, has known Worthy for many years. One of her favorite stories is about the time Carroll's brother got his truck stuck in a mudhole and couldn't get it out. Worthy jumped into the driver's seat and drove it right out.

That was about two years ago. "He still talks about it," Carroll said. "He says, 'I would ride with her through any mudhole in the state of Texas.'"

Worthy was born in Bell County, just outside of Belton. She married Jimmy Worthy in 1928 and moved into the farmhouse where she lives now.

The couple had been married 54 years when Jimmy Worthy died in 1982.

"We loved each other and we both had been on a farm all our lives and we just kept on farming," she said.

During the Depression, Worthy recalls how they had to sell buttermilk, butter and eggs twice a week to pay for the land. "I tell you, it was work," she said.

Group seeks to make I-35 international trade route

The ASSOCIATED PRESS

Interstate 35 could become a "river of trade" benefiting all the U.S. states between Mexico and Canada, according to a group seeking an international designation for the highway.

North America's Superhighway Coalition met with state leaders in Tulsa on Friday in an effort to gain support for the I-35 project. The group wants Congress to designate the highway an international trade route and fund necessary improvements.

"The single most important thing is to get a new category of highways," said Jim Francis, the group's project coordinator. Neal McCaleb, Oklahoma Secretary of Transportation, said I-35 already is carrying a heavier truck load since passage of the North American Free Trade Agreement in 1994.

As trade among the United States, Mexico and Canada continues to expand, I-35 will face even more wear and tear, he said.

"We've got to do something to

get ready for that in Oklahoma," McCaleb said. The interstate stretches from the Mexico border, through Dallas, Oklahoma City, Kansas City, Des Moines, to Duluth, Minn.

Oklahoma state Sen. Keith Leftwich said investment and trade along the superhighway would have a multi-million dollar impact on Oklahoma.

"It is time for Oklahoma to take advantage of our strengths to encourage economic growth and right now Oklahoma is faced with a tremendous oppor-

tunity," he said. The coalition's 20-year vision for what it calls the "river of trade" includes automated systems to check truck cargo.

Bob Ehinger, who is examining technological improvements that can be made on the road, said a system of checkpoints would help prevent long delays at U.S. Customs points.

For example, the line of tractor-trailers stopped at a Laredo, Texas, check point has been known to stretch 11 miles into Mexico where they may spend hours or entire days waiting.

Grand jury indicts Texas woman in child's 1961 death

BELLEVILLE, Ill. (AP) — Backed by friends and family and sobbing into a tissue, Mary Rae Morgan learned she had been indicted in the 1961 death of her 4-year-old stepdaughter.

A grand jury returned the murder indictment Friday just minutes before a hearing scheduled to determine whether prosecutors had enough evidence to hold the 56-year-old West Columbia woman. She has been in custody since her arrest on a Texas highway Dec. 6.

That hearing was canceled because of the indictment, but Morgan's lawyer proceeded with an emotionally charged effort to get her \$1 million bond reduced.

During the hearing, lawyer Randall Kelley dramatically surrendered Mrs. Morgan's passport to the British consul from Chicago. Morgan is a British citizen, and Kelley wanted to prove she would not try to flee if released.

St. Clair County Circuit Judge Jan Fiss delayed his decision until next week.

The indictment charges Morgan with murder and two counts of involuntary manslaughter — one for causing death during an assault and another for killing by means of corporal punishment.

Prosecutors accuse her of stomping Michele LeAnn Morgan to death Aug. 9, 1961, in their rural Mascoutah farmhouse. Morgan lived there while her husband, Billy Morgan, was stationed at Scott Air Force Base.

Despite evidence of extensive trauma and a military panel's ruling that Michele had been beaten, her death had been classified as a case of pneumonia.

St. Clair County authorities dug up the body and sought charges in December after Michele's brother, a Missouri prison inmate, accused Morgan of trying to drown the girl before violently stomping on her stomach in a fit of rage.

Morgan has told authorities she vaguely remembers Michele falling off of a wood pile while chasing rabbits.

Judge denies former regent's trial for new trial

BRYAN — A judge has rejected a request for a new trial on official misconduct charges for former Texas A&M Board of Regents chairman Ross Margraves.

State district Judge J.D. Langley on Friday denied the motion that contended, among other things, that a witness for the state lied on the stand.

Jurors in September found Margraves guilty of using taxpayer money to fly with his wife to Baton Rouge, La., to watch his son's college graduation.

Look Who's 50! Robert Neal Henry Happy Birthday!

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EDITORIAL

Quote of the Day

"To govern is to choose." -Pierre Mendès-France

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OUR VIEWS

Local, area hoops team in 2nd season

It's time for high school basketball's second season - the playoffs.

While some teams have already guaranteed themselves a berth in the playoffs, others are still working to extend their respective basketball seasons.

The highest-flying of the area's teams are Stanton's Buffaloes, ranked No. 5 in the state in Class 2A and waiting to start their run to the regional tournament with an eye on the championship tournament in Austin.

Big Spring's boys, fresh from a road win at San Angelo Lake View to guarantee a playoff berth, hit the road Friday for an 8 p.m. game against El Paso Parkland in Alpine while Grady's boys have also guaranteed themselves a playoff berth.

Coahoma and Forsan's boys teams, currently tied in the standings, will battle one another Tuesday night in Forsan for bragging rights as well as playoff seeding in Class 2A while Class A Garden City is hoping for the right combination to make it into post-season play.

On the girl's side of the ledger, Big Spring's Lady Steers, who seem to have ownership rights on District 4-4A, will play either Hereford or Frenship in bi-district. Their opponent was to have been determined Saturday night in a one-game playoff.

If it's Hereford, the squads will tangle Tuesday at 7:30 in Wolforth while a Big Spring-Frenship game will be Tuesday at 7:30 in Lamesa.

Two other area girls teams, Sands and Garden City, have also earned themselves a berth in post-season play with an eye toward Austin.

No matter which team you cheer for, now is the time to really get behind them as the competition toughens and the pressure builds.

Support your local team and recognize their season-long efforts by being in the stands when they take the court in playoff action!

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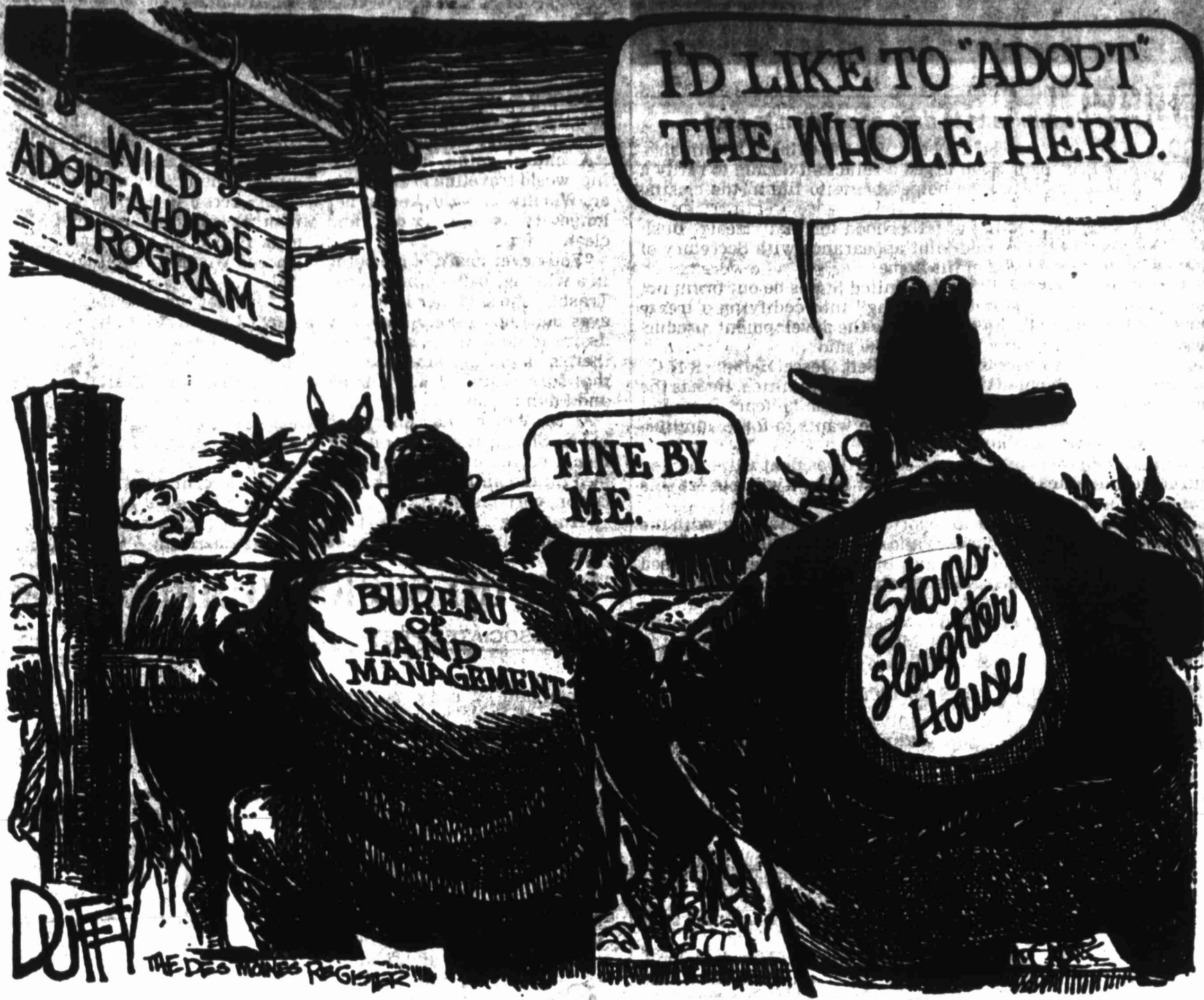
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Texas' property taxes are costly to all at all levels

A Dallas policeman told me he is worried he can no longer afford his home, because his property taxes have increased much faster than his salary has.

A state senator from El Paso told me Arlington lost a major semiconductor plant and hundreds of jobs because Texas property taxes would cost the company \$40 million more than taxes in Maine.

I hear the concern everywhere I go. High property taxes are threatening the Texas dream. That is why I have outlined a plan to substantially cut school property taxes.

School property taxes have doubled during the last ten years, yet overall property values declined. As school districts struggled to keep pace with growing enrollment, many raised tax rates dramatically. Now, as the economy improves, property is being reappraised. Higher appraisals on top of already high tax rates spell disaster for Texans who are trying to make ends meet.

Too many senior citizens are strapped by property taxes that are higher than their original mortgage payments. Too many young Texans cannot afford to buy homes because property taxes price them out of the market. Too many working families cannot save for their retirement or their children's

college education because property taxes devour their income. Rents keep rising as landlords pass on their property tax increases.

The problem will only get worse unless we act now. That is why I have proposed the Property Tax Cut Act for 1997 that will not only provide significant property tax relief for Texans - nearly \$3 billion a year - but also will fundamentally change the way we pay for our schools.

My plan raises the homestead exemption by \$20,000, and cuts school property tax rates by 20 cents in every school district. The net result is a 40 percent school tax cut for the owner of the average home valued at \$61,500. For a \$100,000 home, school taxes will drop 30 percent.

To help pay for my plan, I propose returning to taxpayers \$1 billion in savings from leaner, more efficient state government. I have submitted a balanced budget that shows we can meet basic state needs, fully fund our schools and give taxpayers \$1 billion over two years in property tax relief.

Part of the plan will be funded by a 1/2 cent increase in the state sales and motor vehicle sales tax. This is fair. The savings homeowners will realize in school property tax cuts far exceed the amount they will pay in higher sales tax.

The average Texas family makes \$35,000 a year and owns a home valued at \$61,500. That family will pay \$333 a year less in property taxes under my plan, and \$71 more in sales taxes, for an overall savings of \$262. Texans earning \$12,000 a year who own a \$40,000 home will pay \$290 a year less in

school property taxes under my plan, and \$38 more in sales tax, for an overall savings of \$252.

One of my concerns about the current property tax system is that it is blind to an individual's ability to pay. Under my tax cut plan, more than 411,000 low income Texans will see their school property tax bills drop to under \$35 a year. Basic necessities, including food, medicine and utilities, will remain exempt from sales taxes.

My plan also proposes changing the way we tax business. Under our current system, some businesses don't pay a dime to support our schools and others are taxed so heavily that it threatens to drive them from our state. My plan would abolish the corporate franchise tax and school property tax on business inventory and replace them with a simple 1-1/4 percent levy on all forms of business that bring in more than \$500,000, after certain expenses and all capital investments are subtracted. Only revenues generated in Texas will be subject to this tax.

The \$500,000 exemption recognizes that small business is the backbone of our Texas economy. Tax policy should encourage small businesses to grow. By allowing a deduction for capital investment, we invite businesses to invest and create jobs in Texas.

Tax policy must be fair. I realize some businesses that don't have to pay any school taxes now are going to yell - loud. But everyone gets benefits from this plan - lower property taxes and a fair way to meet the growing needs of our schools - and everyone ought to pay something. I am urging

businesses to look beyond their balance sheets and support this plan for the future of Texas.

Like you, I want schools taxes to stay low once they have been rolled back. My plan includes safeguards to prevent local district from arbitrarily hiking their rates. School districts may not raise taxes through rate increases or reappraisals without compelling justification.

Finally, all the money raised in this plan will be placed in a school trust fund and spent only on our schools. I have also asked the Legislature to dedicate all lottery proceeds to the school trust.

My plan makes the state of Texas the primary funder of our public schools, as it should be. Texas has for too long shirked its responsibility by relying too heavily on local property taxes to pay for schools. Our current system has sparked years of court battles over school funding - battles that are not over unless we act. Our current system is too tied to a revenue base that cannot keep pace with the tremendous enrollment growth in Texas. My plan reduces reliance on property taxes and takes us a giant step closer to ending "Robin Hood."

This is a plan that is capable of growing to meet our schools' growing needs. It will carry us, year after year, into the next century. We must act boldly now or face a crisis later. Change is never easy. But I believe the people of Texas elected me to take on the tough challenges. I hope you will join me. Contact your state legislators. Make your voices heard for lower taxes and a fairer way to fund schools.



Gov. George W. Bush Guest Column

YOUR VIEWS

Council's failure to act increases cost to taxpayers

To the Editor:

On the Jan. 28 Big Spring City Council's agenda I had placed the item "Consider adding additional utility crews to Distribution and Collections Department." My reason was my concern over the mounting cost of repair and the repairs being done without replacing new water lines. There is some money available in the Public Utilities Account that can be used for more manpower. Because of illness, I missed the meeting on the 28th. Rather than table this discussion until my return, a motion was made, seconded and voted on not to even discuss or consider this growing problem. By voting 5-1 the council showed its lack of interest in solving the infrastructure problem.

Several years ago a system was started to haul us in the right direction: (1) There would be a crew to repair leaks; (2) A

crew to replace water valves and water lines; and (3) Any grant replacement monies would be contracted out. It is my understanding that this program was based on a 10-year plan. (1) As valves were replaced there would be a smaller area requiring attention, fewer people would be out of water, and less water would be wasted - saving money on water. (2) As more water lines were replaced there would be fewer leaks, saving money on water leaks. I think this is a logical plan and the supervisor who devised it should be commended. There have been great strides made on repair and replacing the valves - as you can see by less water flowing down the street - but the sharp increase in water leaks has delayed the current plan and it is lagged down.

I have been told by city staff that to repair and resal costs an average of \$8,000 per break equals \$20,000 for that week alone. The personnel have been as busy with water leaks to get

water back into the homes and businesses that they are not able to replace water lines. An example - in the 3/4 block area on Pennsylvania over the last three years there has been approximately nine leaks - cost \$27,000 - also the same thing has occurred on Douglas.

When I am told that our sewer lines are in as bad a shape as our water lines, and the citizens have elected us to oversee their

city, I do not understand why there is not more interest or concern in these 60 to 80 year old lines. Unless all the council members get involved we cannot better the conditions of our water and sewer lines and we will never have the economic growth we are all striving for.

Tom Gunn City Councilman Place 4 Big Spring City Council

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State Capital HIGHLIGHTS

by
Lyndell Williams & Ed Sterling
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Texans under 21 caught with alcohol on their breath, in their possession or merely appear to have consumed alcohol, would lose their driver's license under a bill approved by the Senate Criminal Justice Committee last week.

The legislation, sponsored by Sen. Royce West, D-Dallas, hits underage drinkers where it hurts most: it takes away their "wheels," the Dallas Morning News reported.

"What we're trying to do is send a message...that we have zero tolerance for drinking and driving," West said.

In Texas during the past five years, 1,220 alcohol-related traffic deaths have involved drivers between the age of 15 and 20. Half of all traffic fatalities in that age group are alcohol related, compared with 36 percent nationally.

Texas law currently allows drivers under age 21 to operate a motor vehicle with a blood-alcohol level of up to 0.07. A reading of 0.10 is considered legally intoxicated.

Under West's bill, even a trace of alcohol would bring stiff penalties:

- Minors stopped for driving under the influence, depending on first, second or third offense, would face suspension

of their driver's license for 120 days to 180 days; a fine of \$500 to \$2,000; up to 180 days in jail and from 20 to 40 days of community service.

- Police would be allowed a choice of either taking a minor who is not driving, but in possession of alcohol, to the police station for a breath or blood test or issuing a citation of the spot.

- For those who were not driving but have been consuming alcohol or have misrepresented their age, penalties would be similar to those assessed to minors caught driving under the influence.

A Senate committee last week approved legislation which would require doctors who perform abortions to notify a parent or guardian of a minor seeking an abortion.

Abortion opponents cheered the approval of the parental notification bill sponsored by Sen. Florence Shapiro, R-Plano. They said its early consideration in the legislative session could give the bill momentum as it moves to the full Senate.

"It gives us a boost," said Bill Price, president of Texans United for Life. "The pro-life movement in this state has not been successful in passing pro-life legislation. We've never gotten a hearing on a bill like this so early in the session."

"This bill doesn't ban abortion, and the purpose is not to mandate parent-child communication, but to proclaim the right of parents to know their daughter is in distress," Sen. Shapiro told committee members.

A similar bill failed in the

Senate in 1995. But observers believe the new Republican majority in the Senate will assure passage. The measure is expected to face stiff opposition in the House, where Rep. Kenny Marchant, R-Carrollton, is the sponsor.

Affirmative action programs are illegal, state Attorney General Dan Morales advised Texas' universities last week.

In an opinion issued at the request of University of Houston Chancellor Bill Hobby, Morales cited the Fifth Circuit Court of Appeals decision issued last spring that ruled the University of Texas School of Law may not consider race in its admission policy.

"Let us focus our time, energy and creativity on finding alternative ways to promote cultural diversity and equal opportunity in our universities instead of fighting a legal reality," Morales wrote.

Morales warned schools to not consider race or ethnicity in programs affecting students and advised them to use only race-cultural criteria in handling admissions, financial aid, scholarships, recruitment and retention programs.

- More than 2,500 people gathered Feb. 3 at St. Leo's Catholic Church in San Antonio to mourn the death of Congressman Frank Tejeda, 51, who died Jan. 30 of complications from brain cancer. Gov. George W. Bush last week scheduled a March 15 special election to fill Tejeda's seat.


- Acting Texas Lottery director Zoann Atwood resigned last week, after less than a month

of the job. Atwood was appointed to the post Jan. 7, after the Texas Lottery Commission fired former lottery director Nora Linares. The commission named Kim Kiplin, who has worked as a general counsel for the lottery since 1993, as acting director.

- Gov. Bush has proposed a \$70 million reading initiative designed to ensure that all Texas school children can read by the third grade. Last week, three democratic legislators filed a bill that would pump \$200 million into public school reading programs over two years.

- The state's Permanent School Fund sold \$3.5 million worth of stock in Seagram Co. after Sen. Bill Ratliff, chairman of the Senate Finance Committee, objected to the "fifth" on recordings marketed by Seagram Subsidiary MCA Inc.

By Michael S. Phillips, M.D.
Diplomate, American Board Obstetrics & Gynecology
PRIMARY AND SECONDARY DYSMENORRHEA



Women who experience menstrual pain known as primary dysmenorrhea need not be concerned, but also should not suffer. Typically beginning within two years of the onset of a girl's period, these cramps range from a dull ache to queasy pressure in the lower abdomen and are often accompanied by bloating or low back pain as the uterus contracts to expel menstrual discharge. Primary dysmenorrhea starts in the teenage years, and is usually easily controlled by a number of methods. Secondary dysmenorrhea usually starts significantly later (mid-20's to 30's) and may be a sign of endometriosis, fibroids, or infection. You need to see a doctor for any persistent pain or discomfort with menstrual periods, whatever your age!

Some women sail through their menstrual cycle without skipping a beat. Others have to skip out on their regular routine to deal with the pain and misery of menstrual cramps. This is not necessary! As a specialist, I concentrate on the treatment and diseases of the reproductive organs of women. If you would like more information about this week's column or would like to schedule an appointment to be seen at our new location in Big Spring (at the Medical Care Plaza, 1300 Gregg St., available each Tuesday), please call our main office at (915) 522-3222.

DNC fund-raising activities set up showdown

SCRIPPS-HOWARD

WASHINGTON — Showdown looms in the Senate over the scope and duration of a probe into the fund-raising activities of the Democratic National Committee.

Demos are vowing to filibuster plans by Governmental Affairs Committee Chairman Fred Thompson, R-Tenn., to spend \$6.5 million on what Demos see as a partisan attack on their party and president.

Sen. Christopher Dodd, D-

Conn., who helped lead the party during the election, serves notice he won't stand for Democratic big-givers being called under the klieg lights to explain why they gave so much to Clinton's re-election effort.

Thompson vows to go to the mat, even if it means tying up the Senate for weeks. The GOP thinks Democrats will eventually cave, rather than be accused of thwarting an investigation of their own president.

It's taps for any possible U.S. deal to sell Saudi Arabia

120 American-made F-16 fighter jets.

The deal-killer now is the monarchy's thwarting of FBI agents trying to investigate the terrorist bombing last summer of a U.S. Air Force high-rise residence in Dhahran that left 19 airmen dead.

House Republicans are having second thoughts about their plan to put liberal interest groups on the spot by requiring non-government witnesses who testify before Congress to disclose government contracts.

YOUR VIEWS

Hillcrest slates 'True Love Waits' for tonight at 6 p.m.

TO THE EDITOR:

Please allow me to share with you what we have scheduled for Feb. 9 at the 6 p.m. worship service at Hillcrest Baptist Church. We are inviting you, the parent, any kinfolk, and you, teen/college student, to attend a special commitment called "True Love Waits."

"True Love Waits" is an abstinence based program geared to reaching today's young adults and conveying to them the scriptural and moral aspect of waiting till marriage before having sexual relations. The world says that today's young adults will have sex before marriage; God says "NO!" The world says our young adults will give in to sexual temptations; God says, "NOT SO!"

What we resolve to do on this evening is to show our young adults that there are at least five elements that can promote

purity. 1. True love for God by obeying His commandments. 2. True love for that future mate by saying now that you'll commit to sexual purity. 3. True love for your current date-life, by saying to that person you choose not to hurt him/her through sexual misbehavior. 4. True love for the possibility of future children. A love that desires to see a child born into a complete, permanent family relationship. 5. True love for yourself. Choosing to avoid the pit-fall of premarriage sex which includes guilt, heart-breaks, broken and hurt relationships, disease, and even death.

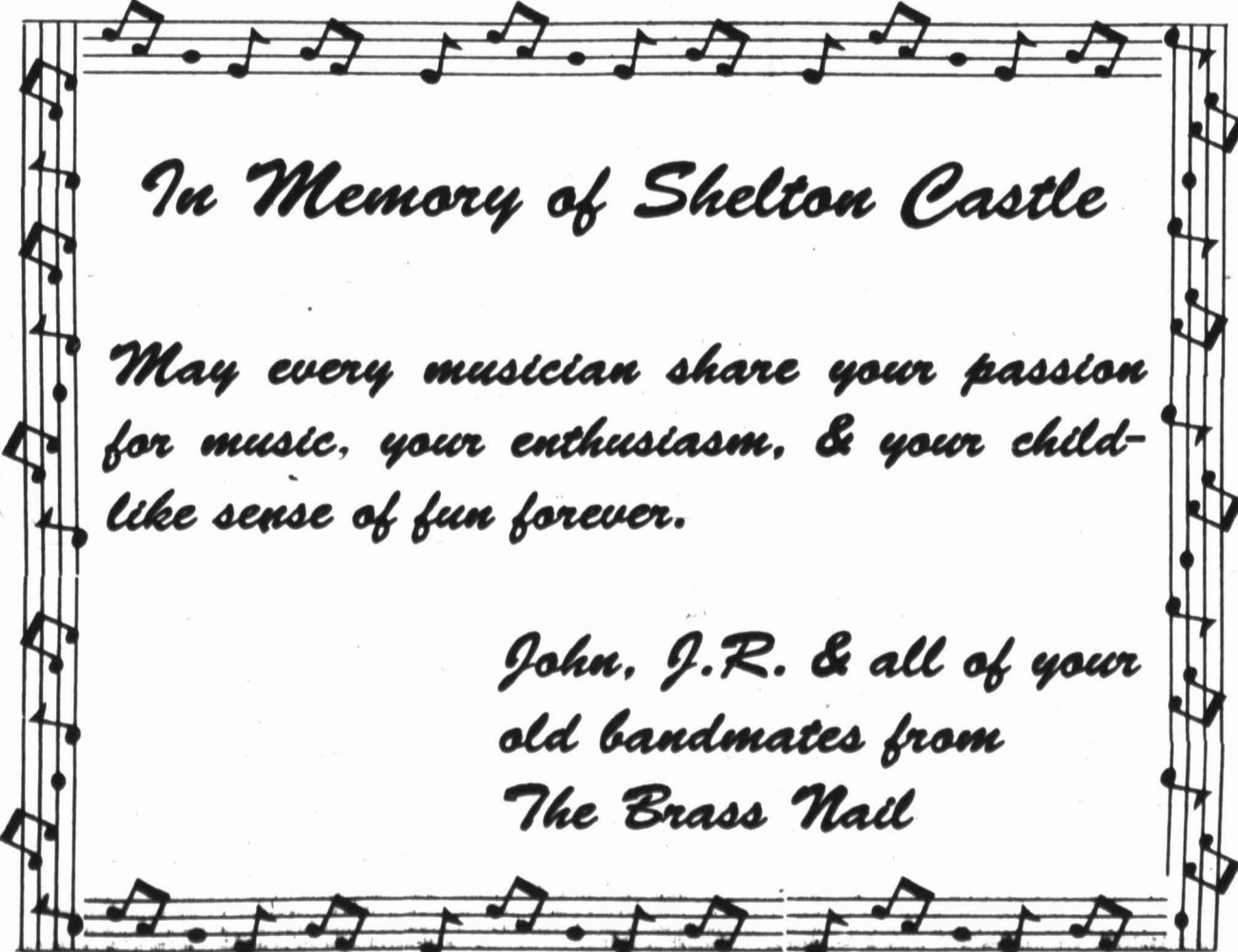
The home and family is such an important part of "True Love Waits." The young adult needs to know that there will be someone there for them when times are tough. They need to know there is someone there praying for them daily. They need to know they have the support needed to make "True Love Waits" a reality.

There will be young adults show up who have already experienced sexual relationships. We won't know who these are and rightfully so. We are advocating that as a virgin, the young adult stays that way and signing a commitment card can encourage them to do so. By the same token, signing a commitment card can signify that a young adult has made a mistake but they are committing from this time forward to practice secondary virginity. They too will wait from this day on till marriage.

Please be here to support our teens to make the change needed for life. Take the one hour needed to show them you care.

All young adults, parents, kinfolk and friends are invited. We invite all area youth groups to attend. This program crosses the denominational line. It is open to all.

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Newest of facilities called 'cafeteria of 21st Century'

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After three years of planning, preparation and construction, Furr's Cafeterias is ready to open what company officials are calling the "cafeteria of the 21st Century" in Big Spring.

Furr's will hold a ribbon-cutting and grand opening this Wednesday at 10:30 at its first new cafeteria to be built in more than a decade. Furr's had been in the local market from Aug. 25, 1966 until the store closed with the closing of Highland Mall on Feb. 13, 1994.

And with the opening, patrons will see a variety of things new to the cafeteria industry.

"This won't be the traditional cafeteria as people know them," explained Danny Meisenheimer, vice president of marketing for the Lubbock-based firm. "It's what we think will be the cafeteria of the 21st Century."

Among the changes from the traditional will be what Furr's is calling a "Carry-out Market," an open food-service line, a bakery and an outdoor patio.

The "Carry-out Market" will feature an abbreviated menu of Furr's most popular items and will have an entrance and exit

separate from the cafeteria itself.

"People will be able to go into the market and order from the menu and take their food with them. It's what people in the food industry are calling 'home meal replacement,'" he said.

The open serving line will allow patrons to look into the kitchen area, watching food be prepared as they move along the serving line.

"You'll get to watch food being prepared... it will be a lot more interactive than the traditional cafeteria line," Meisenheimer said, adding that company officials also think the bakery, where patrons would once again be able to watch food being prepared, would be popular as well.

"This will be the first cafeteria we've had with these features, so Big Spring will find out about them just as we find out about them," he said.

The two store is 9,000 square feet and seats 325 persons inside and another 75 on an outdoor patio, another new concept.

Two 60-foot signs 20 feet in diameter let local residents know they are approaching the facility. The signs are clearly visible up and down FM700 as well as Gregg Street (U.S. Hwy 87).

Company's officials admit thrill of first new opening in long time

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If you didn't know any better, you'd think was Furr's first new cafeteria in a long, long time.

In reality, it is the company's first new facility in more than a decade and the development of the 9,000 square foot facility has served as a stimulant for company excitement.

"We're excited about the new restaurant and the opportunity to construct it in Big Spring," said Jim Hale, Furr's vice president of field operations. "This restaurant combines the excellent Furr's traditions and food with new ideas in layout, interiors and merchandising. Guests will experience a truly

outstanding dining experience. We hope the people of Big Spring and surrounding areas will join in our excitement and come dine with us."

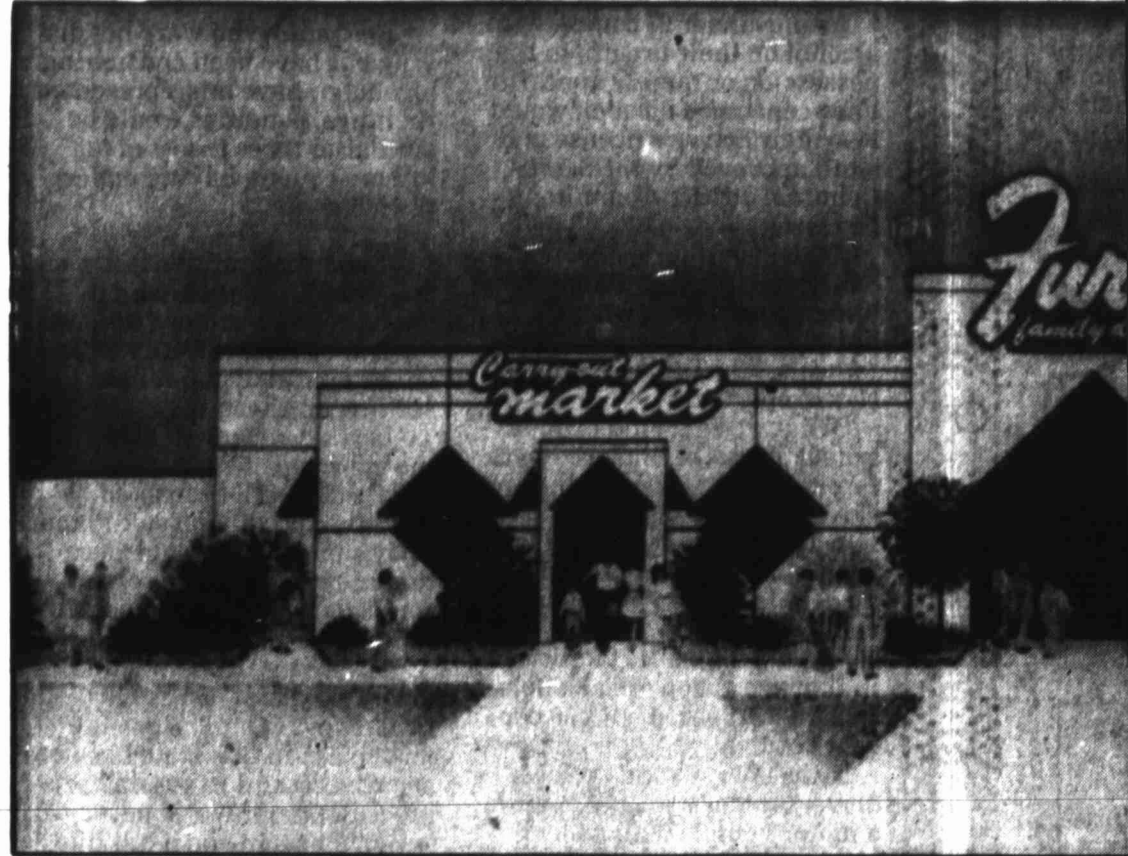
Half of Furr's corporate staff was in Big Spring Friday to dine at the cafeteria and the other half will travel to Big Spring on Monday to eat," explained marketing representative Donna Luna.

Local residents got the chance to see the new facility during a Saturday afternoon open house while Furr's will hold an invitation only open house and dinner Monday night for members of the chamber of commerce, press and those persons who attended Furr's groundbreaking ceremony last summer.



HERALD file photos

Furr's Cafeteria's return to Big Spring (clockwise from left): the company's CEO Kevin Lewis and other executives look over plans during construction; erection of the new sign promised the cafeteria's return; an artist's drawing of what the facility would look like; a crane swings heavy equipment into place early in the construction process; worker Antonio Berzoza swabs hot tar onto the building's new roof; company officials and the Ambassadors take part in groundbreaking ceremonies after Lewis stands in front of the new sign explaining what patrons could expect when the cafeteria finally opened.



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Cafeteria back to Big Spring

Furr's history one of successes

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Furr's Cafeterias has grown from one cafeteria located in downtown Odessa to more than 80 throughout the Southwest.

Begun by Roy Furr (1904-1975), the son of Furr's Grocery Store Co. founder C.W. Furr, the chain provided quality food at reasonable prices.

Roy Furr was an outstanding American and played a major role in the growth of Lubbock and all West Texas. He was recipient of the Americanism Award from Paul Harvey on Nov. 10, 1963 for his contributions to the city of Lubbock, Texas Tech University, local

hospitals and schools and Cal Farley's Boys Ranch.

Part of the success of Furr's is credited to Clifford H. Andrews, who joined the cafeteria chain as a baker in 1947.

After Furr's first unsuccessful attempt in the cafeteria business in Hobbs, N.M., Andrews was rehired to manage the Odessa cafeteria at 700 N. Grant.

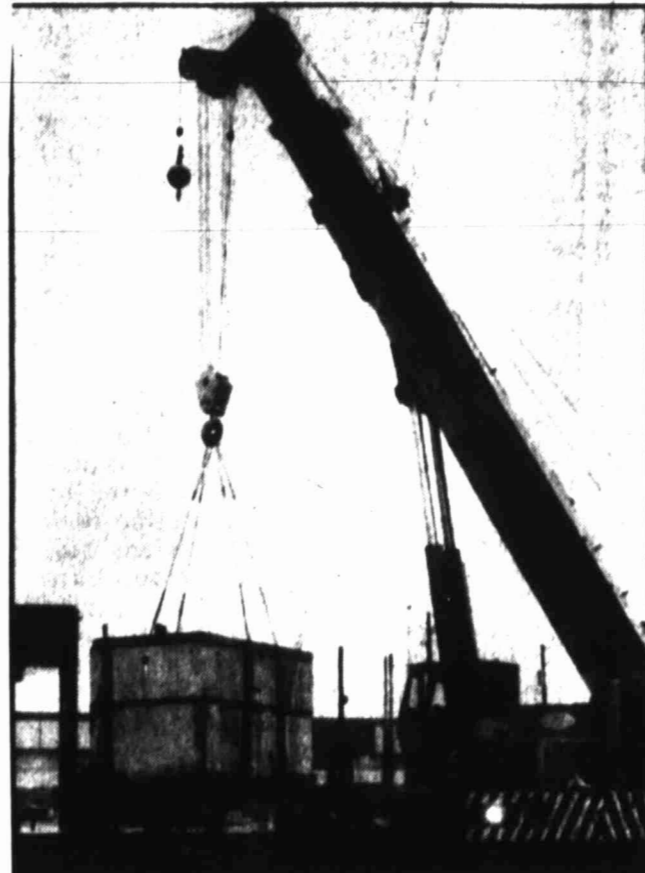
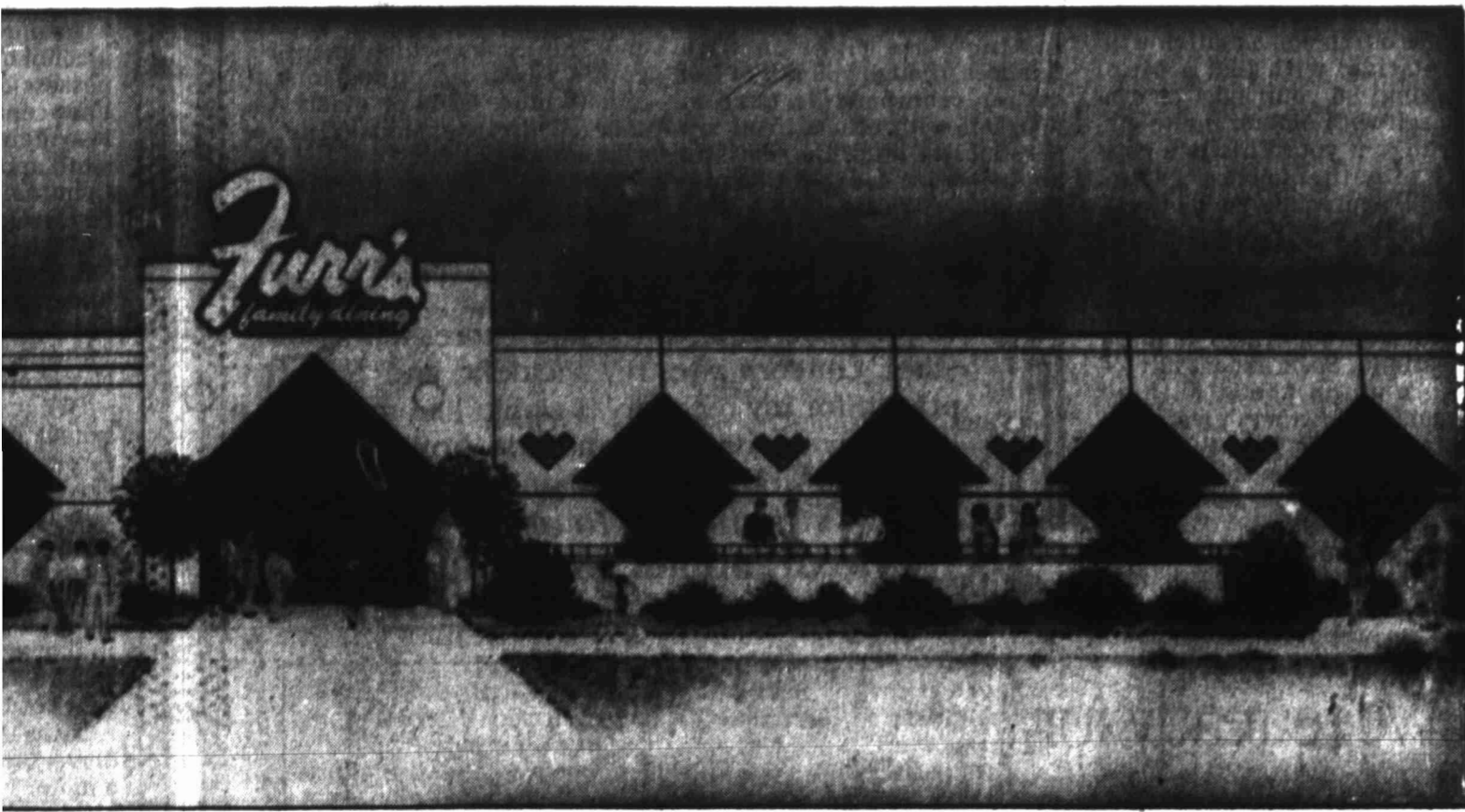
Andrews managed the cafeteria until Roy Furr made the decision to relocate the downtown cafeteria to the grocery store on Andrews Highway.

Furr had decided to get out of the cafeteria business, but

Andrews talked him into rebuilding.

Furr once related the story of how Andrews told him that if he would build a deluxe cafeteria, he would run circles around his grocery store. Furr laughingly commented, "I did and he did!"

Over the years, Furr's Cafeterias have been associated with quality food at a reasonable price. After a series of financial setbacks, Furr's has emerged as a strong, viable company and the Big Spring cafeteria is the company's first new construction in more than a decade.



Grand Opening.



Wednesday, February 12, 1997

The 10,000 square foot facility is the first restaurant constructed by Furr's/Bishop's since 1986. It will accommodate 300 guests inside and 70 on an outdoor patio - the first patio in the Furr's chain. Furr's has added another new feature to this facility, a separate carry-out market for convenient take-home orders.

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romance could beckon. Be sure of yourself, and ask for what you want. Self-confidence is key. If attached, your relationship undergoes a transformation. You will build toward something important. Be attentive. PISCES bolsters your ego.

ARIES (March 21-April 19)
Use instincts with a friend. Working behind the scenes,

and planning a project, seems right on. Laughter, great ideas and a sense of direction make this a special day. Keep your own counsel. Tonight: Move merrily along.***

TAURUS (April 20-May 20)
Emphasize success and a better sense of direction. Events propel you into the limelight. You seem born to be there! You are instinctive with others. Bring friends and family together for a fun afternoon. Tonight: And the party goes on.****

GEMINI (May 21-June 20)
Accept your role in moving a pet project forward. You feel limited by what is going down. In the long run, your understanding brings progress. Get together with a friend. Check out an art show, an avant-garde movie or even a tourist attraction. Tonight: It could be late.****

CANCER (June 21-July 22)
Reach for dynamic ideas. Money discussions with a boss or partner who supports your career bring you to a new level of knowing. Unexpected assistance comes to you. Curb spending. You might be surprised by a friendship. Tonight: Thank someone nicely!****

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22)
Even in a crowd, you know how to single out a special friend and make him feel special. Flirtation and understanding mix, adding to the prevailing atmosphere. Plans could involve a day outing or exploring a new part of town. Tonight: Make it a duo ASAP!****

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22)
Listen to others. Realize they don't view life as you do. There are lessons to be learned by observing and respecting each other's styles. Discussions with a partner involve your handling of the budget. Be open to the variety possible in your life. Tonight: Go out with friends.****

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22)
When working on a project, you get much done with break-neck speed. How you deal with someone makes all the difference in your relationship. Sharing what you are doing makes that person feel closer to you, and changes his behavior. Tonight: Laugh together.****

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21)
Your imagination takes you through twists and turns this

week. Share your thoughts with a family member about a change on the home front that could involve a move, a home office or spring cleaning. Ideas are unusually resourceful. Tonight: Be wherever the fun is.****

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21)
You are stunned by what comes out in conversation with a relative, with just a bit of coaxing. Be your most charming self with others. Invite others to join you. This is a good day to gather with a group. People appreciate your efforts. Tonight: Entertain at your pad.****

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19)
Reach out for others, and ask questions. Seek expert advice before going ahead with an expenditure. Others give you a lot to mull over. Realize what is important, for the sake of your own security. Honesty is key to a partnership. Tonight: Arrange a family talk.****

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18)
You are thinking about how much to spend. Be sure of your-

self in a discussion. You could come off, however, as a bit austere. It is advisable to fully explain yourself and share your different ideas. State when you are not sure of yourself in any situation. Tonight: It's your treat!****

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20)
You seem empowered by what is happening around you. Instincts are right on with finances, though you might feel rather cramped. Be sure of yourself with others. You are personality-plus. Be realistic about your expectations. Tonight: A smile goes a long

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Research on children's cancer raises cure rate

DEAR ABBY: It gave me great encouragement to observe your readers' response to the Rod Carew family's pleas for marrow donors last spring. I was saddened that a match was not found for Michelle, but one never knows how many other lives were saved because of your informative columns.



Abigail Van Buren
Columnist

Cancer is the No. 1 disease killing our children. Some cases — like that of Michelle Carew — resist all of our best efforts. However, the National Childhood Cancer Foundation is helping to raise the cure rate every day. Forty years ago, leukemia was an always-fatal disease. Today, 73 percent of children diagnosed with leukemia are alive and well five years later, and hopefully will go on to lead productive lives.

The National Childhood Cancer Foundation is a non-profit organization. Our goal is to achieve a world in which there are no children with cancer, and the only way to do that is through medical research. We support research projects at more than 100 of the most prestigious pediatric medical centers in the world. The improvements in the response and cure rates of children with leukemia (and a great variety of tumors) have been the most gratifying in the entire history of cancer therapy.

However, the work is far from finished. Research on the cures of tomorrow must be done today or we will remain where we are. Abby, please let your readers know that a donation made to the National Childhood Cancer Foundation gets right to work on projects that are just waiting to be funded. Those wishing to contribute can call 1-800-458-6223 for donation information, or write to NCCF, P.O. Box 60028, Arcadia, Calif. 91066. — MEREDITH BRUCKER, NATIONAL CHILDHOOD CANCER FOUNDATION

DEAR MEREDITH: I am pleased to publicize this fine organization. I cannot imagine a more worthwhile commitment than that of the National Childhood Cancer Foundation: a world where no children (or their families) will suffer from the devastation of cancer. I wish you well.

DEAR ABBY: The letter from "Ashamed and Heartbroken," about her mother having fallen in love with a much younger man, caught my eye.

marriage, my parents were divorced. A few years later, Mother announced that she was going to marry her much younger boyfriend. (He is young enough to be her son.) All of us siblings were skeptical, but we trusted Mother's judgment and accepted her decision. That was more than 20 years ago. Since that time our young stepfather has in some respects been more of a father to us than Dad was. He has always been kind, respectful, supportive and loving to all of us.

Now with the onslaught of years, Mother has been subject to many illnesses and hospital stays. She requires care almost 24 hours a day and her ability to walk is minimal. My stepfather has always been there for her.

Over the holidays, Mother went into the hospital again. I have never witnessed a man so genuinely concerned and loving. Marrying this younger man was the best thing Mother could have done. He is, and always will be, a part of our family, and we love him. — NOT ASHAMED OR HEARTBROKEN IN TORONTO

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Howard County Farm Bureau staff honored

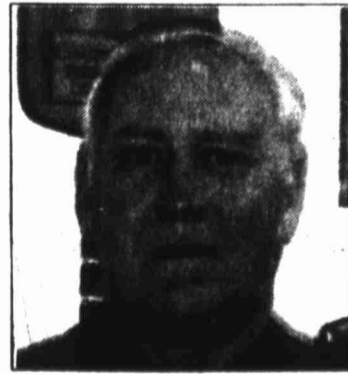
Congratulations to the Howard County Farm Bureau Insurance staff for their outstanding accomplishments in 1996. The agency finished number one in the entire company in collected annuity premium with \$1,597,406.

They were also named the top multi line agency in district 5 this year and attained the master agency designation, one of only six agencies in the state to receive this award.

The Howard County Farm Bureau moved to its new lo-

cation - 1205 E. 11th Place last fall. They have been serving the insurance needs of Howard County for over fifty years.

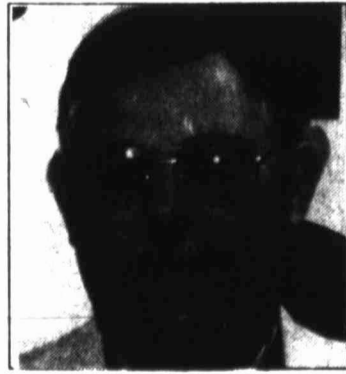
The staff would like to say thanks to all their local customers for making these accomplishments possible.



Ronnie Palmer - insurance agent at Howard County Farm Bureau since recently recognized as a Master Agent for 1996. This award ranks him in the top 5 percent of agents in Texas for multi line sales.

Ronnie also finished #5 in the Southern Farm Bureau Life Co. in collected annuity premium and was also the top agent in District 5 for the year.

Ronnie has been a master agent 5 times. He has finished as a top 10 life agent several times. Congratulations on a great year.



John Burson - insurance agent at Howard County Farm Bureau since may of 1993 was honored with the Master Agent Award for 1996. This is the 3rd year in a row that John has received this honor, ranking him in the top five percent of agents in Texas for multi line insurance sales.

A resident of Howard County for the last 25 years, John has enjoyed great success with Farm Bureau.

He was the top agent in his division in 1994 and 1995. We want to congratulate him on an outstanding year.



Brandon Luce - of the Howard County Farm Bureau Insurance was named rookie of the year for Texas and finished 2nd in the rookie race for all of Southern Farm Bureau Life for 1996. Brandon also received the Master Agent designation ranking him as one of the top agents in the state.

Brandon began with Farm Bureau in Bryan in Feb. of 1995 and transferred to Big Spring later that year. Brandon who grew up in Coahoma and a graduate of Texas A&M said, "it's nice to be home". He also wishes to thank all his customers for making these accomplishments possible.

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Administration tests hot political waters on inflation measure

WASHINGTON (AP) — Though President Clinton's budget merely urges a study of the government's inflation measure, the administration is already sounding out key lawmakers and interest groups to determine how much of a reduction it could include in a budget deal without a political firestorm.

Those consulted in recent days include several influential lawmakers and organizations, all skeptical about changing the formula for the Consumer Price Index. They include Democratic congressional leaders and the politically potent American Association of Retired Persons. The administration is "clearly inclined to do this" and is trying to gauge the reaction, said one Democrat familiar with the discussions.

The AARP's reaction is of particular importance to the administration because of its proven political clout. A delegation from the organization was invited to the White House on Friday to meet with senior economic adviser Gene Sperling and other officials.

The organization insists that only the federal Bureau of Labor Statistics is qualified to adjust the inflation index. But Sperling said the administration would not commit to such a standard. "We're not ruling in or out conceivable hypothetical solutions," Sperling said.

AARP officials took a hard line into the meetings.

"If a change is made (by BLS) on a technical basis, it is appropriate," said AARP lobbyist David Certner. "But if they just legislate it as a way of making a budget deal, they would be cutting Social Security and raising taxes and we would certainly make that

case to the American people."

The debate over the CPI formula is one of many liberal concerns as Clinton begins budget negotiations with Republican congressional leaders. Clinton's call for \$138 billion in Medicare savings is another sore spot; AARP is among groups opposed to Clinton's proposed cap on Medicaid spending.

House Democratic leader Dick Gephardt and Senate Democratic leader Tom Daschle had a lengthy meeting with Clinton Tuesday night to discuss these and other budget concerns, including fears of some Democrats that they will be relegated to the sidelines during budget negotiations.

Conversely, Senate Majority Leader Trent Lott said he spoke to Clinton and voiced Republican complaints that Clinton's budget had too much new spending. "He was maybe a little bit taken aback I felt as strongly as I did," Lott said of Clinton's reaction.

There is widespread, though not universal, agreement among economists that the government index overstates inflation. This is not just an academic debate: Annual cost-of-living increases for Social Security and other federal programs are based on the Consumer Price Index, and federal tax brackets are indexed for inflation.

By trimming the rate 1.1 percentage point, as one recent study suggested, the government could save as much as \$1 trillion over the next 12 years. Such an adjustment would create roughly \$140 billion in budget savings between now and 2002 — the five-year timetable the president and GOP have embraced for balancing the books.

Clinton to meet Yeltsin in Helsinki in March

WASHINGTON (AP) — Mindful of Boris Yeltsin's ailments, President Clinton agreed Friday to shift their summit meeting from the United States to Finland. There, in March, Clinton will try to allay the Russian president's concern over NATO's projected expansion eastward.

"No one has any intention of providing an increased threat to the security of Russia," Clinton said as he met at the White House with Russian Prime Minister Viktor Chernomyrdin, who held two days of talks with Vice President Al Gore in Washington on economic cooperation.

Shifting the summit to Helsinki, which is about 90 minutes jet flight time from Moscow, will make it easier on Yeltsin, who underwent bypass surgery last year and was beset by double pneumonia last month, to travel. But it will not cure his political problems.

The planned expansion of NATO to Russia's border is a red flag to ardent nationalists in the Russian Parliament. Months of American assurances have not mollified them, nor Yeltsin, who share the concerns. They do not relish having former allies joining the Western military alliance as Hungary, Poland and the Czech Republic probably will be invited to do at a 16-nation NATO summit in Madrid, Spain, in July.

The Clinton administration has pledged that NATO's expansion will not be delayed. It is offering Russia assurances that no nuclear weapons will be deployed in new NATO-member countries and is offering to ease some of the restraints imposed in treaties on the location of Russian tanks and other weapons.

Over Yeltsin's objections, nationalists in the Duma, the powerful lower house of

Parliament, have tied up the START II treaty with the United States to sharply reduce long-range nuclear weapons arsenals, another key item on the March 20-21 Helsinki summit agenda, Gore said.

Still, Clinton said he felt "quite optimistic" about seeing Yeltsin in Helsinki because of the good relationship he has had with the Russian leader.

"What I think that the summit in Helsinki could do is to make it clear that no one has any intention of providing an increased threat to the security of Russia," Clinton said.

Gore and Clinton made no reference to Yeltsin's heart and other ailments that scotched a tentative plan to hold the summit in the United States. Gore said the agenda would include arms control, European security and economic cooperation.

Chernomyrdin said more than 40 economic agreements were reached by the two sides during

the talks. Gore said the economic measures would benefit both Russia and the United States and he was "proud of the things we have done."

Chernomyrdin, speaking in Russian, said, "Our meeting here gives us great hope that our summit will be a success."

"My whole vision of the future is a partnership of all of Europe's democracies, obviously including Russia," Clinton said.

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Big Spring's Stefanie Waggoner watches the flight of her tee shot during Saturday play at the Big Spring High School Invitational at Comanche Trull Golf Course.

BSHS teams third, fourth at wet, windy Invitational

By STEVE REAGAN
Staff Writer

Weather and a pair of Lubbock Coronado golfers were the big winners at this weekend's Big Spring High School Invitational.

Rain Friday and near-freezing conditions Saturday caused scores to be a bit on the high side, but Cory Driskell and Suzanne Sowers tamed the Big Spring courses enough to win medalist honors in their respective divisions.

Driskell, an early signee with the University of Texas, shot a two-day total of 147 to win medalist honors in the boys' division, while Coronado's Suzanne Sowers shot a two-day 162 to take top honors in the girls' division.

Paced by Driskell and Jason Scherr, who finished with a 150, Coronado raced away to the boys' team title with a total score of 610, 27 strokes better

than runner-up Plainview. San Angelo Lake View finished third with a 641 score, one stroke better than Big Spring, which finished a stroke ahead of fifth-place San Angelo Central.

Fort Stockton lived up to its billing as the preseason favorite in District 4-4A by taking the girls' division team title with a two-day total of 695. Pampa was second at 728, while host Big Spring was third at 736. Coronado (750) and Hereford (752) rounded out the girls' top five.

"I was very happy with the results," BSHS girls coach Mike Scarbrough said. "There's always room for improvement... but to come in third in these conditions, yes, I'm very happy."

Big Spring's Kelly Hollar was fifth in the medalist competition with a 175 total. Other Big

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Coahoma dismisses past heartache; makes playoffs

By STEVE REAGAN
Staff Writer

COAHOMA — Two years of "almost," two years of "not quite" and two years of "close, but no cigar" crumpled into dust Friday night.

The Coahoma Bulldogs, who lost a playoff spot on the last day of the regular season the past two years, dispersed the Ghost of Lost Opportunities Friday night when their 63-48 victory over Ozona clinched a spot in the Class 2A playoffs.

When the final buzzer sounded, guard Blake Nichols symbolized the team's joy when he slid to his knees, pumped a fist in the air and mouthed a "Yes!" to no one in particular.

"This feels pretty good," Nichols said during the team's post-game celebration. "All year long, we've been talking about going to the playoffs ...

This is what it's all about. It should be fun."

The Bulldogs can be excused for any excess celebration, because they know all about late-season heartbreak. The past two years, the Bulldogs went into the last game of the season needing a win to make the playoffs, only to fall to Stanton.

But the Bulldogs eliminated any need for last-night heroics this season. Coahoma won its first six District 8-2A games en route to Friday's playoff clincher, and now heads into its Tuesday night showdown with Forsan knowing the playoffs are a done deal.

Nichols led the Bulldogs, who rallied from a first-quarter deficit to put the game to bed in the third quarter, with 17 points, while Regi Roberts added 11.

"This is great," Roberts said as he watched his teammates

cut down the nets at Coahoma Gymnasium Friday night. "We got down on ourselves a little bit (after two district losses), but we knew we just had to come back excited. We lost a little bit of intensity there for awhile, but we got it back."

While everyone on the Coahoma side of the gym was happy Friday, no one was happier than senior guard Josh Collum, who was a member of the last two snakebit squads.

"The last two years, I knew we should have made the playoffs, so this feels great," Collum said. "I've been thinking about this game for the last two or three days. I can't even say it, I'm so happy."

The Bulldogs (19-9 overall, 9-2 in District 8-2A play) can clinch the district title when they conclude the regular season at 7:30 p.m. Tuesday in Forsan. That

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HERALD photo/Jonathan Garrett
Coahoma's Aaron Barr slams home a basket during the Bulldogs' win over Ozona Friday night.

Forsan drops game back in 8-2A chase

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ELDORADO — The Forsan Buffaloes squandered a fourth-quarter lead and put their playoff chances in a precarious position when they dropped a 56-53 decision to Eldorado Friday night.

The loss drops the Buffs (7-3 in District 8-2A play) a game behind league leader Coahoma in the district loss column and makes Tuesday's showdown with the Bulldogs even more of a must-win situation for Forsan.

The Buffaloes led 41-37 entering the final quarter, but Eldorado outscored Forsan 19-12 during the period to earn the win.

Daniel Davis and Josh Gaston led Forsan with 16 and 14 points, respectively.

Forsan faces Coahoma at 7:30 p.m. Tuesday in Forsan.

Queens 56
Eldorado 50

The Forsan Queens apparently decided to make their season finale one for the books.

The Queens capped a red-hot second half with a 24-point fourth quarter en route to a 56-50 victory over Eldorado Friday night. The win was the first for Forsan in District 8-2A this season and improved their overall record to 4-25.

Amie Evans and Marlena Light had the hot hands for the

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Queens Friday, scoring 23 and 19 points, respectively. The duo combined for nine three-point goals.

Stanton boys 63
Tornillo 49

TORNILLO — The Stanton Buffaloes capped a stellar regular season with a 63-49 victory over Tornillo.

The win gives the Buffs, ranked fifth in the state Class 2A poll, a perfect 10-0 record in District 6-2A play. Stanton is 28-1 overall.

Marcus Washington scored 14 points and Leo McCallister 10 to lead the Buffs, who broke open a tight game Friday with a 17-6 third quarter.

The Buffs will face either Tahoka or Shallowater in the first round of the playoffs at a time and site to be determined. Stanton will face Midland High School in a practice game at 7:30 p.m. Thursday in Chap Center in Midland.

Stanton girls 67
Tornillo 22

The Stanton Lady Buffaloes screamed out to a 30-10 lead after one quarter, then cruised to a 67-22 victory over Tornillo in the season finales for both teams Friday night.

Randi Simer led the Lady Buffs, who finished the season

with a 17-12 overall record (6-4 in district play), with 27 points.

Garden City girls 53
Irion County 32

MERTZON — The Garden City Lady Bearkats put the caper on an undefeated district record with a 53-32 victory over Irion County Friday night.

The Lady Bearkats trailed 25-24 at the half, but outscored Irion County 21-7 in the third quarter to seal the win.

The Lady 'Kats improved to 6-0 in district play with the victory.

Tiffany Maxie scored 25 points to lead Garden City.

Irion County 63

Garden City boys 51

The Garden City Bearkats suffered their first loss in the second half of District 30-1A play by dropping a 63-51 decision to Irion County Friday night.

The Bearkats trailed by only one point, 42-41, entering the final quarter, but Irion County outscored G-City 21-10 in the fourth to earn the victory.

Kelly Lankford scored 13 points to lead the Bearkats, who fell to 15-10 overall, 2-1 in the second half of district play, with the loss.

Sands girls 75
Ira 36

ACKERLY — The Sands Lady

Mustangs finished the season with a perfect district record thanks to a 75-36 rout of Ira Friday night in Ackerly.

The Lady 'Stangs raced out to a 23-7 lead after one quarter, and were never threatened after that.

Hollie Zant scored 16 points and Shauna Nichols and Mindy Floyd 12 apiece to lead Sands, which improved to 19-8 overall and 6-0 in District 27-1A play.

The Lady Mustangs face Miles in the first round of the Class 1A playoffs at a time and site to be determined.

Sands boys 73
Ira 68

Jerrold Beall scored 24 points to lead the Sands Mustangs to a 73-68 victory over Ira Friday night.

The game was close throughout, with the Mustangs holding onto a slim two-point lead heading into the final quarter.

Sands finished the season with a 6-20 overall record, 2-4 in district play.

Grady girls 82
Westbrook 68

LENORAH — With their playoff chances slipping away, the Grady Wildcats erupted in the second half to take an 82-68 victory over Westbrook Friday night to clinch a trip to the postseason.

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Dierker knows he faces many doubters

By MICHAEL A. LUTZ
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HOUSTON — For about the first month, Larry Dierker had to wake up each morning and remind himself that he is managing the Houston Astros instead of talking about them as the team's color commentator.

Others may take longer to get used to the idea. How can this jovial former major leaguer who has spent the last 18 years interviewing players be expected to step into the tough role of big league manager with no managing experience?

Dierker knows the critics await.

"The biggest problem I'll have with people questioning the credibility of our staff are those who are used to the conventional method of finding managers," Dierker said.

There was nothing conventional about the Astros' hiring tactics after they fired Terry Collins last December.

There was a split-second of disbelief in the room when general manager Gerry Hunsicker announced that Dierker would be coming out of the broadcast booth to lead the Astros.

It even took Dierker awhile to feel like the manager.

"But after you have discussions over trades and then you make the deals and talk to the media about it, pretty soon

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you're in the middle of the job and doing it," Dierker said.

Dierker senses he had the respect of the Astros players who were with the team last season.

"The main players here, we talk baseball a lot and they know I have a pretty good understanding of the strategy of the game," Dierker said. "The guys coming in will get their impressions from what I say and do and I think that will work out too."

But you wonder how the players will react to Dierker if the Astros struggle and how Dierker will deal with his new responsibilities.

"I'm going to endeavor not to change my personality," Dierker said. "I really don't feel that different. I feel you can be friendly with your players and have the respect you need to be an authority figure. As a father, you can be friends with your children and still be a parent."

Dierker is anxious to begin learning his way around the dugout as the manager.

"I've got a couple of weeks to get to know everybody and to get into the routine of managing games and giving signs. I think it will naturally evolve and I'll be in the swing of things."

Dierker's laid-back personali-

ty may get him through this without ulcers when those inevitable catcalls begin.

"There are some things you learn only from experience but my feeling is that players' ability and effort will be worth more than my strategy," Dierker said. "I'm not concerned about messing up because you can overcome that with good play and if you don't play well, you won't win anyway."

Hunsicker went through the roster of former Astros players to fill out the coaching staff that includes former manager Bill Virdon, former players Vern Ruhle, Alan Ashby and Jose Cruz.

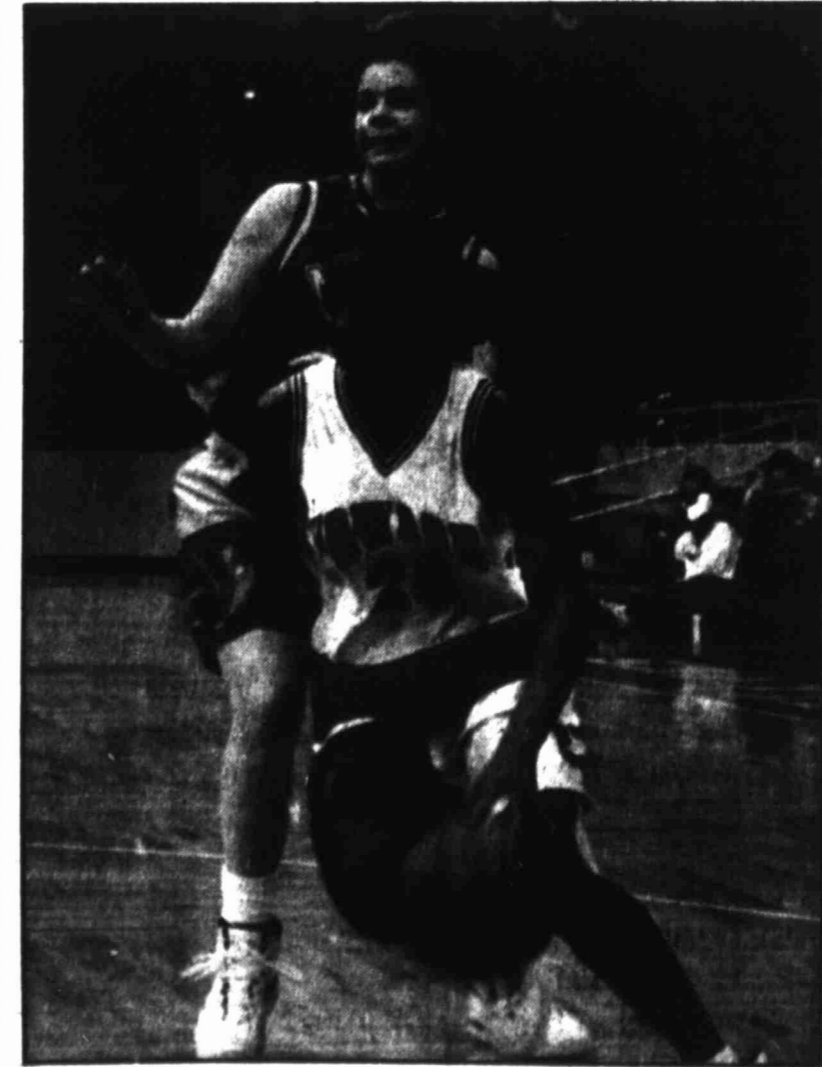
The Astros' staff at least has game experience.

"With Bill Virdon standing right there, it's not as if we don't have experience," Dierker said. "We probably have more experience in terms of major league games played than most staffs."

Dierker had Collins' list of team rules before him but he hasn't decided what his own rules will be.

"There is no discipline you can impose on a person that will make much difference if he doesn't have self-discipline," Dierker said. "It's a situation where you get the right players and it's more than ability, it's their desire, discipline and self-discipline."

HEADED FOR A SHOWDOWN



HERALD photo/Tim Appert
Howard College's Shawnta Johnson (20) dribbles away from a New Mexico Junior College defender during their game Thursday in Big Spring. Howard faces Midland College in Midland Monday. Times are 6 p.m. for the women and 8 p.m. for the men.

New blowout record reached

PENELOPE (AP) — You could see the healing begin for the Penelope Wolverines. The horror had just begun for the Chester Yellowjackets.

Still smarting from their state record-tying 150-18 loss to Avalon last month, Penelope allowed the Eagles the first 25 points in their rematch Friday night before losing 73-22.

But just 150 miles southeast of Penelope, Chester High School was obliterated 144-6 Friday night by Goodrich in Goodrich's tiny gym in the East Texas Piney Woods. The loss set the new state high school standard for futility in a game.

After suffering the 150-18 defeat on Jan. 15, tying a 34-year-old record for most lopsided loss with a 132-point deficit, Penelope coach Ronald Jones thought things could only get better. And they did — a little.

After the Wolverines allowed the Eagles to score the game's first 25 points, Avalon coach Bobby Carpenter called off his full-court press and substituted freely the rest of the way.

"I was proud of our kids. They played hard," Jones said. "We don't have much talent, but that doesn't mean you can't let everybody play and let everybody be an important part of the ballclub."

SPORTS EXTRA

BOWLING

Local leagues

GUY'S & DOLLS

RESULTS - Jim's Again over A Bye, 8-0; Lucky's Braves over Fifth Wheels, 6-2; Heater's Mechanical over Big Spring State Park, 6-2; Federal Oil tied Heatersmen Beauty Salon, 4-4; hi sc. game and series 2-0; W.A. Burchell, 214 and Ken Seeler, 548; hi ndop game and series, W.A. Burchell, 254 and Jim Galtner, 620; hi sc. game and series (women), Velma Campbell, 198 and 558; hi ndop game and series, Velma Campbell, 224 and 982; hi sc. team 1899; hi ndop game and series, Alta game and series, Jim's Again, 879 Copy, 2-2 and hi 573; hi ndop team game and series, VFW, 653 and series, Jim's Again, 880 and 2427.

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STANDINGS - Team One, 117-51; Team Two, 112-55; Team Eight, 94-74; Team Seven, 88-79; Team Eleven, 85-82; Team Six, 81-87; Team Nine, 80-85; Team Five, 77-91; Team Twelve, 76-82; Team Three, 74-94; Team Ten, 71-87; Team Four, 61-117.

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RESULTS - VFW over Health Food Store, 6-2; Kuykendall over Alley Cats, 6-2; A & B Farms tied Petty Farms, 4-4; Guy's Restaurant over Federal Oil, 6-2; 10 over Dale Chicks, 6-0; hi sc. game and series, Bernadine Bealy, 209 and 578; hi sc. ndop game and series, VFW, 650 and Campbell, 224 and 982; hi sc. team 1899; hi ndop game and series, Alta game and series, Jim's Again, 879 Copy, 2-2 and hi 573; hi ndop team game and series, VFW, 653 and series, Jim's Again, 880 and 2427.

STANDINGS

Head Hunters Beauty Salon, 122-90; Jim's Again, 120-72; Fifth Wheels, 118-74; Big Spring State Park, 116-76; Lucky's Braves, 104-88; Federal Oil, 98-104; Heater's Mechanical, 76-115.

MEMORIAL

RESULTS

- Fina Engineers tied Rook's, 4-4; Bob Brook Ford over Team Fifteen, 8-0; B.S.I. over B.S.B.S., 6-2; Fred's Contracting over Walker L.P. Gas, 6-0; Hagen RV Repair over Hult's Ranches, 8-0; Parks Agency over O'Daniel Trucking, 9-2; Parks C.C. over Mason Roofing, 8-0; Trio Fuels over Team Steyn, 8-0; hi sc. game and series, Terry Ward, 279 and 665; hi sc. team game and series, Parks Agency, 1128 and 2971; hi ndop game and series, Terry Ward, 289 and Fred Van Steenburg, 717; hi ndop team game and series, Parks Agency, 1225 and 3208.

STANDINGS

- Parks Agency, 126-42; O'Daniel Trucking, 110-58; Team Fifteen, 106-62; Fred's Contracting, 104-64; Parks C.C., 96-72; Rook's, 96-72; Mason Roofing, 90-78; Walker L.P. Gas, 88-80; Hagen TV Repair, 86-82; Trio Fuels, 82-86; Hult's Ranches, 76-90; Fina Engineers, 74-94; B.S.I., 72-88; Bob Brook Ford, 68-102; B.S.B.S., 52-118; Team Sixteen, 0-168.

VA COUPLES

RESULTS

- Team One over Team Four, 8-0; Team Ten over Team Three, 6-2; Team Nine over Team Twelve, 6-0; hi sc. team game and series, Team Two, 785 and 2064; hi sc. game and series (man) Abe Yanez, 2112 and John Jackson, 609; hi sc. game and series (woman) Leslie Johns, 215 and 552; hi ndop team game and series, Team Two, 885 and 2424; hi ndop game and series (man) Dutch Barr, 231 and Byron Absher, 631; hi ndop game and series (woman) Leslie Johns, 245

WEDNESDAY STRIKERS

RESULTS

- Joe's Crew over Team Six, 6-2; A & J over Budweiser, 6-2; Magic Painting over Quality Glass, 6-2; hi sc. game and series, Manuel Beza, 278 and 983; hi sc. team game and series, A & J, 939 and Team Six, 2898; hi ndop game and series, Manuel Beza, 288 and Armando Gutierrez, 682; hi ndop team game and series, A & J, 1092 and Joe's Crew, 3004.

STANDINGS

- A & J, 116-52; Joe's Crew, 98-70; Quality Glass, 98-82; Team Six, 84-84; Budweiser, 82-86; Magic Painting, 38-130.

MEN'S CAPPOCK

RESULTS

- Team 14 over W.G.A.S., 6-0; Team 11 over Chili Peppers, 6-2; Team 10 over Bud Light, 6-0; Willie's Boys tied Nasty Boys, 4-4; Just Piddin over Tough As Nails, 6-2; Burgess Auto over Bates Spivey Inc., 6-0; Patterson Const. over Rowden Const., 6-2; W.G.A.S. tied Tom Cruz, 278 and 745; hi ndop game and series, Jack Acuff, 254 and Florencio Hewitt, 711; hi sc. team game and series, Team 10, 913 and 2564; hi ndop team game and series, Team 10, 924 and 2587.

STANDINGS

- Team 10, 8-0; Burgess Auto, 8-0; Team 11, 6-2; Patterson Const., 6-2; Just Piddin, 5-2; Team 14, 6-2; Willie's Boys, 4-4; Nasty Boys, 4-4; Rowden Const., 4-4; Chili Peppers, 2-6; Tough As Nails, 2-6; W.G.A.S., 2-6; Bud Light, 0-8; Bates Spivey Inc., 0-8.

MEN'S CAPPOCK

RESULTS

- Rowden Const. over Chili Peppers, 6-2; Team 14 tied Burgess Auto, 4-4; Tough As Nails over Nasty Boys, 6-2; Bates Spivey Inc. over

Team 10, 6-2; Team 11 over

Patterson Const., 6-2; Bud Light over Willie's Boys, 6-2; Just Piddin over W.G.A.S., 6-2; hi sc. game and series, John Foster 287 and 670; hi ndop game and series, Jack Acuff, 253 and Jarrod Burgess, 682; hi sc. team game and series, Bud Light, 640 and 2287; hi ndop team game and series, Bates Spivey, Inc., 684 and Burgess Auto, 2478.

STANDINGS

- Team 11, 12-4; Burgess Auto, 12-4; Just Piddin, 12-4; Team 10, 10-9; Team 14, 10-9; Patterson Const., 9-8; Rowden Const., 8-8; Tough As Nails, 8-8; Bud Light, 6-10; Willie's Boys, 6-10; Bates Spivey Inc., 6-10; Nasty Boys, 6-10; Chili Peppers, 4-12; W.G.A.S., 4-12.

DOUBLE TROUBLE

RESULTS - Carlos tied Fina, 4-4; J's Body Shop tied Arrow Refrigeration, 4-4; Gibco Pump over Don's Truck & Tire, 6-2; Bob's Custom Woodwork over Cellular One, 8-0; hi sc. game and series (man) Richard Rowden, 258 and David Cruz, 689; hi ndop game and series (man), Richard Rowden, 2809 and David Cruz, 689; hi sc. team game and series, Carlos, 787 and Fina, 2180; hi ndop team game and series, Carlos, 982 and Gibco Pump, 2450.

STANDINGS

- Don's Truck & Tire, 114-52; Fina, 100-68; J's Body Shop, 95-71; Carlos, 84-68; Gibco Pump, 80-80; Cellular One, 78-92; Arrow Refrigeration, 69-99.

WEDNESDAY NITE TRIO

RESULTS

- A Timeless Design over Slow Starters, 6-2; Golden Corral over Conoco, 6-2; Powder Pistol over Security State Bank, 6-2; TEP over Fifth Wheels, 6-2; Saunders Company over Western Auto, 6-0; Three Spares over Walmart Fun Bowlers, 6-2; Arrow Refrigeration over Big Spring Music, 6-0; Loan Stars over Jen's Place, 6-2; Charlotte's Bowling Bowling Stones, 6-2; Snyder ESP (unopposed), 8-0; hi sc. game and series (man) Jim Nipp, 247 and 710; hi ndop game and series (man) Gary Ledbetter, 287 and Jim Nipp, 818; hi sc. game and series (woman) Peggy Huckabee, 209 and Joyce Davis, 588; hi ndop game and series, Peggy Huckabee, 253 and Kay Hendricks, 704; hi sc. team game and series, TEP, 624 and Big Spring Music, 1631; hi ndop team game and series, TEP, 756 and Golden Corral, 2002.

STANDINGS

- Powder Pistol, 100-58; Golden Corral, 95-85; Charlotte's, 84-88; Conoco, 84-86; TEP, 82-87; A Timeless Design, 92-86; Western Auto, 89-87; Big Spring Music, 88-70; Arrow Refrigeration, 88-70; Saunders Company, 86-72; Security State Bank, 83-74; Loan Stars, 82-78; Slow Starters, 81-79; Bowling Stones, 77-81; Three Spares, 74-86; Jen's Place, 70-90; Snyder ESP, 68-92; Fifth Wheels, 60-97; Walmart Fun Bowlers, 59-97.

DOUBLE TROUBLE

RESULTS - Gibco Pump over Cellular One, 6-2; Bob's Custom Woodwork over Don's Trucking & Tire, 6-2; J's Body Shop over Fina, 6-2; Carlos tied Arrow Refrigeration,

4-4; hi sc. game and series (man) James Rawls, 255 and 648; hi ndop game and series (man) James Rawls, 289 and 672; hi sc. game and series (woman) Cruz Cruz, 180 and Evelyn Williams, 808; hi ndop game and series (woman) Cruz Cruz, 239 and 621; hi sc. team game and series, J's Body Shop, 748 and 2092; hi ndop team game and series, Gibco Pump, 687 and 2440.

STANDINGS

- Don's Truck & Tire, 112-46; Fina, 95-84; J's Body Shop, 91-87; Carlos, 90-84; Gibco Pump, 84-89; Bob's Custom Woodwork, 80-80; Cellular One, 78-84; Arrow Refrigeration, 66-95.

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BULLDOGS

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should prove to be enough incentive, Roberts said. "We're excited right now, but all we're thinking about is winning district," he said. "And, it's Forsan. We'd love to beat them."

The Bulldogs will face either Hawley or Jim Ned in the first round of the Class 2A playoffs.

Girls game For 2 1/2 quarters, the Coahoma Bulldogettes gave two-time defending state champion Ozona all it could handle. The rest of the game, however, the Lady Lions gave Coahoma more than anyone could handle.

The Lady Lions proved why they're considered favorites for a state title three-peat when they shook off a torrid first half by Coahoma to take a 79-61 victory in the season finales for both teams Friday night.

Before they fell before Ozona's second-half charge, the Bulldogettes treated the home fans to one of the best first halves of basketball seen anywhere this season.

Coahoma started the game hot and only got hotter as the first half went along. The Bulldogettes scored on seven of their first eight possessions,

and when Cassie Tindol catted a three-pointer to give Coahoma a 19-15 lead with 3:07 remaining in

My month-long battle with 'Old Tom'

From April 5-May 11, spring turkey hunting is allowed for gobblers only. The bag limit is four gobblers, if a person has all four of their tags. Hens and jakes (young males) are not legal for the spring hunt.

A hunter must have a valid hunting license and a \$5 permit for turkeys.

Many South Texas counties have different hunting dates, so hunters should consult the 1996-97 Texas Parks and Wildlife Outdoors Annual. This publication, available at most license vendors, lists by county the dates and bag limits.

Texas hunters are allowed to hunt turkey with a shotgun or rifle. But purists vow that the only sportsman way to hunt for a gobbler is with a shotgun.

Many of the shotgunners will dress in camouflage and sit against a tree or in a bush while calling. It always helps for a hunter not to leave colors exposed that could possibly be construed as a turkey, especially white, red and black.

The hunter should be aware that by April, rattlesnakes are moving about. Also, rainstorms often form and sudden temperature changes are the norm. So, dress warmly before going into the field.

To be in the right place takes a good deal of scouting, thus enhancing your chance of harvesting a big tom. One of the most important points of scouting is to find where the birds are roosting. Upon locating their roosting place, determine if the toms are roosting with the hens.

If so, you can set up at a place away from the roost to do your calling. These gobblers are hard to move if with hens, but sharp yelps, clucks and crackles should bring a gobbler within range.

If you see a gobbler strutting along and on the other side of a stream you cannot cross, you should hit your caller very strong. You may get him to fly to your side.

During strong winds, and we have plenty of wind in West Texas, it is difficult for gobblers (and other turkeys) to hear a call. If you're up wind from the gobbler, call with gusto.

Near noon, generally the woods will fall silent, so yelp real sharp — this may excite an old tom to gobble a bit.

Should you get a tom hung up out 70-80 yards away, then use



Boyce Hale and granddaughter Diana display "Old Tom."

soft clucks or purrs. This may get him to move closer.

Once a gobbler moves within shotgun range, and before you fire, be sure of your target and what lies beyond. As a safety measure, never stalk a gobbling turkey — it may be another hunter.

The second method of turkey hunting is with a rifle. This method is used by many hunters with rifles ranging from the old reliable .22-cal. to the more powerful .220 Swift and those in between.

Rifle hunting can be from an elevated or ground blind. Or shots can be made from the difficult hold of "Off Hand."

The .220 Swift and 22-250 rifles are capable of shooting a five-shot group of less than half-inch at 100 yards. And this makes head and neck shooting desirable. To pick off a gobbler at 100 yards by shooting him in the head — to say the least — is giving him a fighting chance. Using this method is either an instant kill, or the gobbler flies away to be hunted another day.

I recall one hunting season a few years ago when I hunted on a ranch in Howard County. It was a beautiful spring, and for 30 days I hunted the same gobbler. I would see him almost every day in the same general area, and to his advantage, he would see me first. Try as I might, I could not get a clear shot. This went on day after day.

To help, I purchased a large camouflage netting and made myself a blind positioned on a hill above a pipeline right of way. Then I baited an area on the ROW with shelled corn.

For days, I saw only jakes and hens feeding on my corn.

But one afternoon near the last day of hunting and while glassing the area, I saw "Old Tom," but he didn't get close enough for a shot. I saw him a couple of times after that, but as usual — no shot.

On the last day of hunting (May 1, 1994), I got to my blind early and just in time to see three turkey hens feeding on my corn.

I immediately began glassing the area, searching every bush and cactus until, at last, I spotted a dark object that I thought was a turkey under a cedar bush. After a long wait, this dark spot moved and, sure enough, it was Old Tom.

I estimated the distance to be 150 yards and after thinking about a long shot, I decided to give it a go. I got my 22-250 in a firing position and waited for Old Tom to move a bit so I could get a clear shot. The coast was clear when he walked into a small opening. I raised my rifle and, carefully aiming, fired.

Down went Old Tom.

As quickly as I could safely descend the hill, I ran to where Old Tom had fallen. Examining my prize, I could not locate a wound in his head or neck. But further examination revealed that the bullet had struck Old Tom in the back and ricocheted, but had broken his back before doing so.

I properly tagged and field dressed Old Tom, and I hoped that he had sired may chicks, so I would have another chance to harvest one of his offspring some day.

Boyce Hale, a local outdoors enthusiast and hunting safety instructor, writes a weekly column for the Big Spring Herald.

LOCAL BRIEFS

Freshmen split finales

Big Spring's freshmen boys' basketball teams split their season finales against Sweetwater Monday.

In the "B" game, Josue Pena scored 11 points to lead Big Spring to a 39-35 victory. Chris Spence had 8 points and Kyle Britton 7 for Big Spring.

Sweetwater won the "A" game by a 48-30 victory. Lance Brock scored 8 points to lead Big Spring.

Goliad girls fifth

Goliad's girls' basketball team won the consolation title at last weekend's junior high tournament in Andrews.

Big Spring lost its tournament opener, 31-19, to Sweetwater, but rebounded with a 48-8 win over Pecos and a 21-19 victory over Monahans to win the consolation trophy.

Brittany Bryant and Paige King led Goliad with 18 points each in all three games. Bryant also had 29 rebounds, while King had 18 boards. Tejal Patel led the team in steals with 10.

King was selected to the all-tournament team.

Baseball boosters meet

The Big Spring High School baseball boosters meet at 7:30 p.m. tonight at the high school library.

All interested persons are

invited to attend.

Tennis program continues

The Big Spring Junior Development Tennis Program continues its spring session Monday at Figure 7 Tennis Center.

The sessions, which begin at 5:30 p.m., are open to children in grades 1-6.

For more information, contact 264-9229.

Golf tourney on tap

The Big Spring Chicano Golf Association will hold a golf tournament today at Comanche Trail Golf Course.

Tee times are between 10 a.m.-noon. For more information, contact Gilbert Rodriguez at 263-7741.

PUBLIC NOTICE

NOTICE TO CONTRACTOR OF PROPOSED TEXAS HIGHWAY MAINTENANCE WORK
Sealed Proposals For: CSJ NO. 8010 73 001 Installation of Landscaping on IH.20 in Howard County. Will be received by the Texas Department of Transportation located at: 4250 N. CLACK, ABILENE, TEXAS UNTIL RESPECTIVE BID OPENING TIME ON WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 19, 1997 then publicly opened and read. ALL PROSPECTIVE BIDDERS ARE ADVISED THAT THERE

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Bidding proposals, plans and specifications will be available ON AND AFTER MONDAY, JANUARY 27, 1997 at the District Office at: 4250 N. CLACK, ABILENE, TEXAS TELEPHONE: (817) 676-6852 A TWENTY-FOUR HOUR NOTICE WILL BE REQUIRED FOR CONTRACTORS WISHING TO PICK UP BID PROPOSALS AT THE ABILENE DISTRICT OFFICE. Usual Rights Reserved. 1206 February 2 & 9, 1997

PUBLIC NOTICE

The Farmers Co-op State of Authority is accepting bids for hauling the listed material and bulk material. All bids should be mailed to P.O. Box 188, Ackerly, TX. 79718. Bids will be accepted until March 1st, 1997. The Board of Directors reserves the right to reject any or all bids. Jeff Watkins, Mgr. 1213 February 9, 1997

Longhorns outrun OSU

STILLWATER, Okla. (AP) — Reggie Freeman scored 25 points Saturday and Al Coleman had a big second half that helped carry the Longhorns to a 90-73 victory over Oklahoma State.

Texas (13-7, 7-3 Big 12) swept the season series from the Cowboys and reached 90 points each time. The Longhorns beat Oklahoma State 92-58 on Jan. 4.

Oklahoma State coach Eddie Sutton wanted to make Texas play at a more deliberate pace, but the Longhorns proved too athletic for the Cowboys (12-10, 4-6).

Coleman scored 18 points, 12 in the second half when the Longhorns shot 61 percent from the floor. They came in shooting 39 percent in road games, but made 53 percent Saturday — their best mark of the year, home or away.

Adrian Peterson scored 25 and Chianti Roberts had 19 for Oklahoma State. The 17-point home loss was Sutton's worst in his seven years with the Cowboys.

Oklahoma State trailed by six at halftime and got within twice early in the second half. Then Freeman scored seven points in a 15-5 run that gave Texas a 55-43 lead with 14 minutes remaining.

Oklahoma State cut it to eight a short time later. Peterson missed a 3-pointer that would have brought the Cowboys within five, and Coleman scored on a driving shot at the other end. Freeman had a dunk and Coleman made two free throws to make the spread 14.

Texas led by as many as 20 later on.

Freeman scored eight points during a 13-5 run early in the game that gave the Longhorns a 17-9 lead.

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Rangers' slugger undergoes surgery

FORT WORTH (AP) American League MVP Juan Gonzalez underwent surgery Saturday at Harris Methodist Hospital to repair a torn ligament in his left thumb.

The operation by hand specialist Dr. Bobby Wroten, who was assisted by Rangers orthopedic consultant Dr. John Conway, went as expected. The Texas Rangers outfielder could be sidelined through mid-May.

Gonzalez' thumb was placed in a hard cast, which will be removed in seven to 10 days. The thumb then will be placed in a second cast that will allow greater mobility.

He will be re-examined this week and will undergo rehab at the Rangers' spring training camp in Port Charlotte, Fla.

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QUICK TRIVIA

◆ Scholars believe the first people to live in Peru were Indians who came through North America about 12,000 years ago.

◆ Our national motto, "In God We Trust," probably originated from verse four of the Star Spangled Banner, "And this be our motto: 'In God is our trust.'"

Do you have a good story idea for the *life!* section? Call 263-7331, Ext. 235.

Valentine's Day is Friday, are you ready?

By KELLIE JONES
Features Editor

Valentine's Day is fast approaching so now you've been officially reminded to call your favorite florist and order something for your sweetheart. It's definitely not a good idea to wait until the last minute (like Feb. 14) to place your order because chances are, you'll be out of luck.

So, what do you send? Roses are the most popular choice by far. Which color or type to send depends on the message you are trying to convey. Here's a few examples taken from *First*

Magazine's Feb. 10 issue and Debbie Sheppard, owner of Dakota's Flowers. Sheppard got her list from the American Floral Service.

- Red - I Love You
- Pink - I Adore You or perfect happiness
- A single full-bloom rose - I Still Love You
- Small tea rose - I'll remember always
- Thornless rose - Love at first sight
- White - Innocence, purity, you're an angel
- White and red roses together (or roses that are both white and red, commonly called fire and ice) - We Make a Great Team, unity
- Deep pink - Thanks for being you
- Dark crimson - mourning
- Bridal - happy love

• Withering roses - You have made no impression, transient impression, fleeting beauty

- Yellow - I'm glad I met you (First), jealousy, decrease of love (according to AFS)
- Rosebud - youth, beauty, a heart innocent of love
- Rosebud moss - confession of love
- White rosebud - girlhood
- A bouquet of full-bloom roses - gratitude

According to *First Magazine*, "you should put your roses in a sink of warm water. Re-cut each stem under water and make the cuts diagonal. Let the flowers soak half an hour before arranging. Remove leaves that will be under water when they are in the vase. Add floral preservative according to directions. Change the vase water every day and add more

preservative if you have it. Always display the roses in a cool place away from direct sunlight."

Some other gift ideas include teddy bears, balloons, English ivy planted in coffee mugs that have a Valentine theme or mugs filled with heart-shaped candy. Roses aren't the only flowers to send for Valentine's Day, most women (and men) don't really care what kind of flowers they receive because it's the thought that counts. Daisies, tulips and carnations are some examples.

Another idea that also helps out the Big Spring State Hospital is the Volunteer

Service Council's fifth annual Valentine fund raiser.

Remember someone special with two carnations arranged in a bud vase, a balloon bouquet, or bear and balloons, \$8 each. Delivery service is provided by BSSH volunteers.

Want something really special? Volunteers will deliver a singing telegram and carnation for \$20.

Something new this year is a volunteer-operated Valentine stand located at the front of the campus. Everyone is welcome to come out and shop for Valentine gifts, cash and carry.

Call 268-7533 or 268-7535 to place your Valentine order or

to volunteer your talent and time. Proceeds from this fund raiser go to the patient benefit fund to be used for special activities and needed clothing and grooming items.

Of course, you can always do something romantic like plan a surprise candlelight dinner or reserve a hotel room and have champagne and fruit ready for enjoying. Since Valentine's Day falls on Friday this year, it's the perfect way to start a romantic-filled weekend for two.

Put out the "do not disturb" sign, let the answering machine take your calls and find a babysitter (if applicable). You don't have to go out and spend a lot of money to show someone you love and care for them.



HERALD photo/Jonathan Garrett
Viola Méndozza (above) is the head designer at Dakota's Flowers. She is shown arranging a big basket of flowers that comes with a balloon stating "I Love You." Below, Debra Lusk of Faye's Flowers arranges a full-bloom bouquet of roses that signifies to the recipient "gratitude." Top right: G.T. Coats Jr. of Timeless Designs hands a basket full of beautiful flowers including daisies to Jackie Knight. This arrangement is full of a variety of flowers including daisies.



HERALD photo/Jonathan Garrett
Teddy bears are perfect for your child or the young at heart for Valentine's Day like these at Faye's Flowers. It's important to get your order in early to your florist to avoid the rush on Friday and not risk the chance of businesses being out of what you want.



HERALD photo/Jonathan Garrett
Balloons, candy, plants and coffee mugs can send just the right message to your sweetheart on Valentine's Day as seen here in this display at Dakota's Flowers.



VA Medical Center salutes veterans, thanks for donations

National salute to hospitalized veterans is Feb. 9-15. In conjunction with National Salute Week, high-ranking officials from major service organizations, military personnel, athletes and entertainers will be visiting the patients hospitalized in the Big Spring VA Medical Center to let them know they are remembered protecting our country and



Fred Cox
VA Medical Center

ensuring the freedoms enjoyed by their fellow citizens. Patients will be treated to special Salute Week parties sponsored by veterans organizations from throughout West Texas. Recently, a group from Hobbs, N.M. presented each patient with gifts, Valentine candy, and coupon booklets for use in the local VA Canteen store and/or cafeteria. I have received calls from campfire leaders, Girl Scout Troop leaders, and classroom teachers interested in bringing Valentines to patients. Last week, residents of our nursing home care unit received a preview of what is to come this week from 30 Head Start three, four and five-year-old children. They were serenaded and given

handmade Valentines personally delivered by the youngsters. We expect to receive approximately 10,000 Valentines this week from organizations and individuals across the nation. This is a result of efforts by Ann Landers to get her fellow Americans to remember those forgotten by so many - our hospitalized veterans. An excerpt of a letter received recently reads as follows: "I am pleased to inform you that the Committee on Approvals of the Commission on Cancer has granted a four-year approval to your Hospital Cancer Program. This indicates approval of the organization of your cancer program. All elements appear to be in place and

functioning to provide educational, multidisciplinary exchange on cancer patient management, to encourage quality control and audits, and to monitor the success of primary and secondary treatment through long-term follow up." This letter was signed by M. Margaret Kemeny, MD, Chairperson of the Committee on Approvals of the American College of Surgeons. "We are highly pleased with the results of this survey," stated Medical Center Chief of Staff Darryl H. Powell, MD. According to Powell, "It took a lot of hard work on the part of a fine team of dedicated employees to achieve this success." Powell further stated this is

the first year in which a hospital cancer program could be awarded a four-year approval. Five members of the VAMC Cancer Committee who worked extremely hard in preparation for the Cancer Program Survey received special contribution awards from Medical Center Director Cary D. Brown. They are Nomie Finn, MD, Dee Speck, Jennan Swafford, RN, Beverly Rice and S.K. Vasanawala, MD. Cancer support group meetings are the first Tuesday of each month in room 213 at the Big Spring VAMC at 7 p.m. The meetings are open to anyone in the community with a diagnosis of cancer. In addition, they are open to family members

and acquaintances of individuals having cancer who might wish to share their experiences to help other people. To receive more information about such meetings, contact Beverly Rice at 268-5077. Congratulations are in order to Shawn and Tina Hill on the recent birth of their son, Hunter. (In her other life, Tina is the Community Relations Office Secretary.) Many thanks to the Non Commissioned Officers Association for recently donating another van to the medical center. It is the second received from that organization in less than a year.

WEDDINGS

Partain-Underwood

Connie Rae Partain and Ed H. Underwood, both of Tindale, were united in marriage on Jan. 25, 1997, in Tindale with Justice of the Peace Jamie Cowart officiating.

She is the daughter of Tony R. Mize, Freeport, and Catherine Mize, Cleveland, Texas.

He is the son of Joe E. Underwood, Andrews, formerly of Big Spring, and Sharon Henson, Tyler.

Maid of honor was Neena Bryan and best man was David Harris.

Following the ceremony, a reception was held in the home of the groom's mother on the Bracken Ranch near Tyler.

The groom is a 1988 graduate of Andrews High School and is employed by Tyler Pipe Company, Tyler.

The couple will make their home in Tyler.

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

HUMANE SOCIETY



Pictured: "Nosy" and "Rosy" say: Let us be your Valentine! Both pups are two to three months. "Nosy" is a chubby male Chow/Collie mix with a fluffy white coat and brown markings; "Rosy" is a small female terrier mix with a light tan short-haired coat; these cuties are playful, full of fun and will provide hours of amusement.

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

Valentine Special: All dogs are \$35 and cats just \$25 from today until Feb. 16.

"Carmen" and "Santiago" very large female and male Pyrenees mix, both with tan coats with black trim, one year old, this pair needs a lot of room to roam.

"Rattle" small Terrier mix, light brown and white coat, docile and well-mannered.

"Derby" male Pit mix, brown short-haired coat, very friendly and loves attention.

"Huggy Bear" German Shepherd and Chow mix, three year old neutered male, playful and loves the water.

"Lucille Ball" small spayed female Collie/Shelti mix, red and white fluffy coat, white spots on feet, big brown eyes, agreeable and very well-behaved.

"Ringo" spayed female red Chow mix; beautiful animal with a sweet disposition; one of our friendliest shelter residents.

"Holly" friendly Lab/Dalmatian mix, two year old spayed female, black short-haired coat with spots on chest and feet, obedient and loves to fetch, is full of energy.

These, plus many more dogs and cats are awaiting adoption. Adoption fees for dogs are just \$45 and cats are \$35. This includes spaying or neutering, vaccinations, wormings and rabies shots. Also covers feline leukemia tests for cats. All pets come with a two-week trial period.

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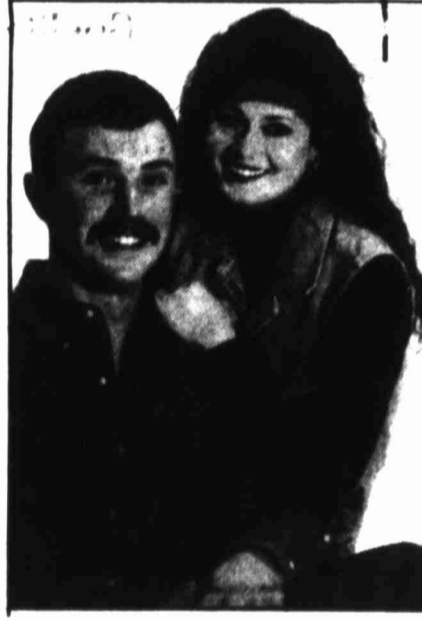
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GETTING ENGAGED



Karen Renee Johnson and Shane William Ward will exchange wedding vows on March 8, 1997, at Midway Baptist Church with Don Snipes, pastor of Baptist Temple, officiating.

She is the daughter of Wayne and Joyce Johnson. He is the son of Ronnie Ward, Midland, and Cindy and Rick Harvey, Kingwood.



Libby Martin and John Ed Ezell will be united in marriage on March 8, 1997, at the First Baptist Church of Coahoma with Elwin Collum, pastor, officiating.

She is the daughter of Benny and Vera Martin, Big Spring. He is the son of Johnnie and Jo Anne Ezell, Coahoma.

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STORK CLUB

Alexa Leigh Spaeth, girl, Jan. 27, 1997, 2:29 p.m.; six pounds 11 ounces and 19 1/4 inches long; mother is Tashia Spaeth.

Grandparents are Mark and Denise Spaeth, Big Spring, and Anita Spaeth, Ager, Mass.

Great-grandparents are Allen and Betty Spaeth, Melrose, Minn.; Francis and Marilyn Uphus, Melrose, Minn.; and David Meadors, Greenville, Pa.

Great-great-grandmother is Ina McClimans, Greenville, Pa. Paid announcement

Mario Vicente Segura, Jr., boy, Jan. 22, 1997, 8:45 p.m.; parents are Mario and Hermelinda Segura.

Grandparents are Mr. and Mrs. Julain Segura, Spur; and Mr. and Mrs. Luz Lucio, Stanton.

Gabrielle Nicole Torres, girl, Jan. 24, 1997, 4:35 a.m.; parents are Arturo and Sylvia Torres, Snyder.

Grandparents are Carl and Belen Reyna, Bangs, and the late Jose and Dominga Torres, Chihuahua, Mexico.

Charles Neal Dykes, Jr., boy, Jan. 26, 1997, 11:27 a.m., seven pounds 12 ounces and 20 1/2 inches long; parents are Charles and Joanna Dykes.

Grandparents are Nena Grenon, Sybil and Lewis Clark, and Bill Dykes, all of Big Spring.

Tyler Ray Straub, boy, Jan. 28, 1997, 8:55 a.m., eight pounds four ounces and 20 3/4 inches long; parents are Martin and Kala Straub, Stanton.

Grandparents are Raymond and Jean Straub, Stanton, and Ivy and Kaye Swink, Aspermont.

Emello Miguel Garcia, Feb. 3, 1997, 3:28 a.m., six pounds nine ounces and 19 1/2 inches long; parents are Martin and Elizabeth Garcia.

Grandparents are Raymond and Faith Harsh, Big Spring, and Felix and Maria De La Jesus Garcia, El Paso.

Carl Dean Price, boy, Feb. 4, 1997, 7:07, eight pounds 14 ounces and 23 1/4 inches long; parents are Randy and Michele Price.

Great-grandmother is Barbara Johnson, Coahoma.

Sunday deadlines

All Sunday items (weddings, anniversaries, engagements, birth announcements, Who's Who, military) are due to the Herald office by Wednesday at noon.

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IN THE MILITARY

Marine Pfc. Anthony H. Burton, son of Lana K. Grey, Big Spring, and Gary D. Burton, Forsan, is halfway through a six-month deployment to the Persian Gulf with the 11th Marine Expeditionary Unit (MEU) embarked aboard the ships of the USS Essex Amphibious Ready Group (ARG).

The 1995 graduate of Big Spring High School joined the Marine Corps in May 1995.

The 15th Air Force Reunion is April 22-26 in Las Vegas. This is to celebrate the 50th anniversary of the U.S. Air Force. Flag-waving patriotic programs in addition to air show at Nellis Air Force Base will be presented. Contact: 15th Air Force Association, P.O. Box 6235; March AFB, Calif.; 92518.

Navy Petty Officer 2nd Class Todd E. Wombwell, son of Dottie Leffler, Big Spring, is halfway through a six-month deployment to the Western Pacific Ocean and Persian Gulf with Carrier Airborne Early Warning Squadron 117, embarked aboard the aircraft carrier USS Kitty Hawk.

So far, Wombwell has visited Bahrain, Hong Kong and Singapore.

The 1981 graduate of Brookfield High School of Brookfield, Mo., joined the Navy in May 1983.

Navy Senior Chief Petty Officer Matthew K. Nelson, a 1979 graduate of Big Spring High School and the grandson of Hattie Williamson, Big Spring, is halfway through a six-month deployment to the Western Pacific Ocean and Persian Gulf with Commander, Cruiser Destroyer Group Five, embarked aboard the aircraft carrier Kitty Hawk.

So far, Nelson has visited Bahrain, Hong Kong and Singapore.

He joined the Navy in November 1979.

NEW IN TOWN

Rodney and Lifa Jones, sons Keeman and Cody and daughter Kayleigh, Lawton, Okla. He is the general manager for Furr's Cafeteria.

Tim Alexander, Lubbock. He is the carry out manager for Furr's Cafeteria.

Carl Mock, Albuquerque, N.M. He is the kitchen manager for Furr's Cafeteria.

Kerry and Sharon Fritz, and daughters Shiloh and Brittany, Snyder. He is employed by the Howard County Sheriff's Department.

Vivian Bartoo, Dallas. She works for The Record Shop.

Ruben Gonzalez, Midland. He is employed by the Big Spring Correction Center (Cornell Corrections).

Andrea Ellis, daughter Tiffanie and son Matthue, Canadian, Texas. She works for the Big Spring YMCA. Johnnie McComas, Odessa. He is retired.

ON THE MENU

SPRING CITY SENIOR CITIZENS CENTER LUNCH

MONDAY - Charbroiled steak; potatoes; Brussels sprouts; pea salad; milk/rolls; pudding.

TUESDAY - Catfish; black-eyed peas; steamed broccoli; salad; milk/cornbread; fruited gelatin.

WEDNESDAY - Beef tips; noodles; carrots; fruit salad; milk/rolls; cobbler.

THURSDAY - Pork chops; sweet potatoes; mixed vegetables; Waldorf salad; milk/rolls; cake.

FRIDAY - Enchiladas; Spanish rice; pinto beans; tossed salad; milk/cornbread;

fruit.
BIG SPRING SCHOOLS BREAKFAST (All Schools)
MONDAY - Cereal choice; graham cracker; sliced fruit; milk.
TUESDAY - Pancakes on stick or breakfast bagel; fruit juice; milk.
WEDNESDAY - Cereal choice; fruit muffin; chilled fruit; milk.
THURSDAY - Breakfast pouch or breakfast pizza; fruit juice; milk.
FRIDAY - Pop-tart or cereal bar; sausage; chilled fruit; milk.
LUNCH (Elementary and Secondary First Choice)
MONDAY - Corn dog; potato rounds; green beans; mixed fruit; milk.
TUESDAY - Italian spaghetti; vegetable dipper; glazed carrots; applesauce; hot roll; milk.
WEDNESDAY - Chicken strips; whipped potatoes; gravy; English peas; apple; hot roll; milk.
THURSDAY - Nacho grande; salsa; Spanish rice; pinto beans; pineapple tidbits; milk.
FRIDAY - Hamburger; salad; French fries; pork & beans; Valentine treat; milk.
LUNCH (Secondary Second Choice)
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MONDAY - Fried chicken; potato rounds; green beans; mixed fruit; hot roll; milk.
TUESDAY - Deli sandwich; lettuce & tomato; vegetable dip; glazed carrots; applesauce; milk.
WEDNESDAY - Chef salad; crackers; apple; milk.
THURSDAY - Stromboli; potato wedges; pinto beans; pineapple s'bite; milk.
FRIDAY - Pizza pocket; salad; French fries; pork & beans; Valentine treat; milk.

STANTON SCHOOLS
BREAKFAST
MONDAY - Waife s'ix or assorted cereal; buttered toast; fruit juice; milk.
TUESDAY - Donut; sausage patty or assorted cereal; buttered toast; fruit juice; milk.
WEDNESDAY - Oatmeal; buttered toast or assorted cereal; buttered toast; fruit juice; milk.
THURSDAY - Breakfast bar or assorted cereal; buttered toast; fruit juice; milk.
FRIDAY - Cinnamon roll or assorted cereal; buttered toast; fruit juice; milk.
LUNCH
MONDAY - Pizza; French fries; fruit; milk.
TUESDAY - Baked chicken or hot dog with chili; corn on cob; buttered new potatoes; bread; milk.
WEDNESDAY - Chalupas or burrito; Spanish rice; salad; fresh fruit; milk.
THURSDAY - Barbecue riblet on bun or corn dog; tator tots; ranch style beans; peanut butter bar; milk.
FRIDAY - Hamburger; French fries; lettuce; tomato; onion; pickles; cherry sundae cup; milk.
ELBOW SCHOOL

WEDNESDAY - Beef taco or corn dog; Spanish rice; lettuce/tomato salad; pineapple cup; fruit drink; milk.
THURSDAY - Cheeseburger or hamburger; French fries; hamburger salad; mixed fruit; cookie; fruit drink; milk.
FRIDAY - Holiday.

COAHOMA SCHOOLS
BREAKFAST
MONDAY - Cereal; fruit; toast; milk.
TUESDAY - Cinnamon roll; ham; fruit; milk.
WEDNESDAY - Scrambled eggs; toast; jelly; fruit; milk.
THURSDAY - Breakfast pizza; juice; milk.
FRIDAY - Cereal; fruit; graham crackers; milk.
LUNCH
MONDAY - Pizza; French fries; fruit; milk.
TUESDAY - Baked chicken or hot dog with chili; corn on cob; buttered new potatoes; bread; milk.
WEDNESDAY - Chalupas or burrito; Spanish rice; salad; fresh fruit; milk.
THURSDAY - Barbecue riblet on bun or corn dog; tator tots; ranch style beans; peanut butter bar; milk.
FRIDAY - Hamburger; French fries; lettuce; tomato; onion; pickles; cherry sundae cup; milk.

BREAKFAST
MONDAY - Cereal; graham crackers; juice; milk.
TUESDAY - Oatmeal; pop tart; juice; milk.
WEDNESDAY - Pancake; sausage; juice; milk.
THURSDAY - Blacouts/sausage; juice; milk.
FRIDAY - Rice; cinnamon toast; fruit; milk.
LUNCH
MONDAY - Chili-mac; peas; peaches; hot roll; milk.
TUESDAY - Chicken and rice; stir fry veggie; fruit; hot roll; milk.
WEDNESDAY - Chili and beans; corn; peaches and cream; cornbread; milk.
THURSDAY - Steak; potatoes; broccoli/cheese; fruit; hot roll; milk.
FRIDAY - Mr. Rib sandwich; fries; salad/pickles; fresh fruit; milk.

GARDEN CITY SCHOOL
LUNCH
MONDAY - Chicken strips; gravy; mashed potatoes; green beans; fruit cup; rolls; low fat variety milk.
TUESDAY - Ground beef nachos; pinto beans; salad; cake; low fat variety milk.
WEDNESDAY - Tuna casserole; green peas; sliced carrots; cherry cobbler; low fat variety milk.
THURSDAY - Chicken pot pie; tossed salad; cheese sticks; cookie; low fat variety

milk.
FRIDAY - Tuna; pimento cheese; peanut butter sandwiches; baked beans; potato rounds; lettuce; tomato; pickles; apple; low fat variety milk.
WESTBROOK SCHOOLS
BREAKFAST
MONDAY - Cereal; toast; orange; grape or apple juice; milk.
TUESDAY - Oatmeal; toast; apple; orange or grape juice; milk.
WEDNESDAY - French toast; little smilies; juice; milk.
THURSDAY - Pancake pup; orange juice; milk.
FRIDAY - Cinnamon roll; juice; milk.
LUNCH
MONDAY - Pizza; buttered corn; spinach; mixed fruit; sliced bread; milk.
TUESDAY - Spaghetti; black-eyed peas; spinach; mixed fruit; sliced bread; milk.
WEDNESDAY - Summer sausage; potato wedges; green beans; hot rolls; syrup; honey; applesauce; milk.
THURSDAY - Taco; taco sauce; lettuce; tomato; cheese; pinto beans; cornbread; pineapple s'bite; milk.
FRIDAY - Stew with vegetables; cheese or peanut butter sandwiches; Jell-o; milk.
SANDS SCHOOL
BREAKFAST
MONDAY - Hot oatmeal; milk; juice; toast.
TUESDAY - Donuts; milk; fruit juice.

WEDNESDAY - Cereal; toast; milk; juice.
THURSDAY - Hot cakes; sausages; syrup; milk; juice.
FRIDAY - Sausage & egg burrito; jelly; milk; juice.
LUNCH
MONDAY - Hot dogs with chili; ranch style beans; French fries; cake; milk.
TUESDAY - Chicken strips; mashed potatoes with gravy; green beans; hot rolls; milk.
WEDNESDAY - Fish with tartar sauce; macaroni with cheese; French fries; cobbler; butter bread; milk.
THURSDAY - Sliced turkey with gravy; sliced potatoes; black-eyed peas; hot rolls; fruit; milk.
FRIDAY - Spaghetti with meat sauce; corn; bake beans; batter bread; pudding; milk.

FORSAN SCHOOLS
BREAKFAST
MONDAY - Donuts, juice and milk.
TUESDAY - Pancakes and syrup, sausage, juice and milk.
WEDNESDAY - Hash brown, biscuits, eggs, juice and milk.
THURSDAY - Breakfast pizza, juice, milk.
FRIDAY - Cereal, pop tart, juice, milk.
LUNCH
MONDAY - Barbecue wieners, whipped potatoes with gravy, green beans, hot rolls; milk.
TUESDAY - Frito pie and cheese, ranch style beans, salad, crackers, cookies and cream and milk.
WEDNESDAY - Hamburgers, French fries, salad, pickles and onions, brownies and fruit and milk.
THURSDAY - Hot dogs and chips, salad, pork and beans, relish and onions, ice cream and milk.
FRIDAY - Braised beef tips, whipped potatoes, green beans, hot rolls, butter and honey, fruit salad and milk.

WHO'S WHO

Hank Wennik recently attended the International Modeling and Talent Association Convention in Los Angeles, Calif. and came in fifth place in the drama monologue out of several thousand contestants. He is currently living in Los Angeles to pursue his acting career.

WENNIK

Wennik is a 1994 graduate of Big Spring High School and while there, he participated in theater arts, Meistersings and Rhapsody. He is the son of Joe and Donna Wennik of Big Spring.

Jason Lentz and Courtney Munn of Big Spring were named to the Dean's Honor Roll for the fall 1996 semester at Abilene Christian University.

To make the honor roll, a student must complete at least 12 semester hours for grades and earn 3.45 or higher grade point average.

Texas A&M University's Corps of Cadets has named its Commandant's Honor Roll students for the 1996 fall semester, recognizing 437 cadets for outstanding academic performance.

The Commandant's Honor Roll recognizes cadets who have maintained at least a 3.0 grade point ratio on a 4.0 scale during the most recent grading period while maintaining a course load of at least 12 credit hours.

Among those recognized were: Steven Ray Meek and William Colin Woodall, both of Big Spring.

Hilary Twining, a graduate of Big Spring High School and the daughter of Nancy Twining, Big Spring, and Sam Twining, Austin, is among a group of Austin College students spending January serving as political science interns.

Students serve as interns to Texas Legislators and/or state officials. They also attend a number of seminars conducted by legislators, state officials, lobbyists and news reporters.

Austin College's four-week January Term, in which students take only one course, provides students the opportunity to study in depth one subject—often outside their regular area of study. Many students spend the month in career exploration through individualized study at business sites or in study trips abroad. This month Austin College students can be found in Australia, Italy, China, Germany, Honduras, and Canada.

Twining was also named to the Dean's

List at Austin College for the 1996 fall term. Only those students who earned grades which placed them in the top 20 percent of the student body academically were named to the list. All those on the fall list earned grade point averages of 3.64 or higher on a scale of four.

Two hundred fifty-three West Texas A&M University students were named to the President's List, and 816 students earned mention on the Dean's List for the 1996 spring semester.

Students earning President's List recognition achieved a semester grade point average (GPA) of 3.85 (of a possible 4.0) or better with a minimum class load of 12 undergraduate hours.

Students on the Dean's List achieved GPAs of at least 3.25 with a minimum of 12 undergraduate hours.

Area students include: Bobbie M. Womack, sophomore Kinesiology-PE major, Big Spring; and Ryan J. Seidenberger, freshman Plant Science/Agronomy major, Garden City.

More than 3,300 Texas Tech University students qualified for academic honors lists at the end of the fall 1996 semester.

Students on the President's List earned a 4.0 (A) grade point average while enrolled in 12 or more semester hours of classwork. Students who earned 12 or more hours with a grade point average of 3.5 to 3.9 qualified for the Dean's List.

Area students making the honor rolls included the following: Stefan Shane Balderach, Marie Isabel Resendez Cardenas, Adrian DeLaRosa, Laura Jean Elrod, Alton Clark Fields, James Wesley Glass, Sawmte Fae Henry, Kirk Thomas Klatt, Kirstie Ann Mosies, Matthew Christopher Reinert, Amy Belle Stiehl, Jamie Ruth Glass, Walker, Lenae Michelle Moore, and Jason Wesley Phillips, all of Big Spring, and Brandi Rachelle Greesett, Coahoma.

More than 1,600 students at Texas Tech University received degrees during 1996 fall commencement exercises. Keynote speaker at the exercise was Queen Noor of Jordan.

Graduating students included the following: Stefan Shane Balderach, Alan Ray Corsey, James Wesley Glass, Abelardo Hilario III, Kenny Lee Lowery, Brandi Denise Nelson and Hayley Ann Oliver, all of Big Spring.

Duemani Reddy and Ramnath Subbaraman of Big Spring were named to the Texas Academy of Mathematics and Science Director's Honor Roll for fall semester 1996.

Reddy is the son of J.M. and Bri Ranjeni Reddy. Subbaraman is the son of Shanika and Sriramamurthy Subbaraman.

To be named to the Director's Honor Roll, undergraduates must complete at least 12 academic hours during the semester with a perfect grade point average of 4.0.

The Texas Academy of Mathematics and Science is a two-year program at the University of North Texas that offers talented students a chance to complete their freshman and sophomore years of college while earning a high school diploma. Students enter the academy after their sophomore year of high school, live in a UNT resident hall and take UNT classes with college students.

Reddy and Subbaraman both attended Big Spring High School before enrolling in TAMS in August 1996.

Don't bother with 'John Wayne'

By TRICIA LEE

Book Review
God Bless John Wayne. Kinky Friedman. November, 1996. Bantam Books, New York. 249 pages. \$5.50

If you avoid barroom language, coarse jokes, Jewish schtick, or ridicule of people, you probably won't want to read Kinky Friedman's *God Bless John Wayne*. However, you will miss some truly funny writing in which many sentences are written like one-liners from a comedy act. You will also fall to read Friedman's accurate and picturesque descriptions of various sites and areas of New York City.

Writing in the first person, Kinky is a Texas living in New York, and working as an independent private eye. He describes his living situation as that of a messy bachelor living in a small, unkept apartment with only his cat and cockroaches for company. His one-sided conversations with his cat give the reader the opportunity to "hear" this thinking process, but frankly didn't add much to his characterization or the plot. Much of Kinky's time at home is spent lighting or smoking his cigar, talking on the "blower" (phone), or listening to the sounds made by the lesbian dance class that practices upstairs.

Kinky's cases seem to depend on a small circle of friends,

most of whom have lifestyles as eccentric as his own. In *God Bless John Wayne*, Kinky reluctantly takes on the task of finding the biological mother of his best friend, Ratsco. Complications soon muddy the



search when Ratsco disappears, then is charged with the murder of his half-brother. After he is found and arrested for the crime, attempts are made on Kinky's life, leaving him to contemplate who is after whom, and what importance the search for Ratsco's mother holds.

While Friedman's writing is overloaded with adjectives which often unnecessarily cloud the meaning of a simple object, he balances much of this with quotes of well-known and respected authors which he uses to describe pertinent situations. It's obvious that Friedman is a well-educated man and has the ability to write compelling descriptions and an average plot, but the rather crude and boorish language will limit his audience.

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Spotty production results in decent season

STANTON (AP) — Timely late summer showers on the High Plains turned what could have been a disastrous Texas cotton crop into an average one statewide, though the results varied wildly from field to field.

"We're about 70 miles from a bumper crop," said Donald Long, manager of the Farmers Cooperative Association gin in Stanton, 20 miles northeast of Midland.

He ginned about 11,000 bales this winter, a quarter of what he processes in a normal season. But, after four years of drought, Long and others near the Permian Basin are starting to forget what a normal year is like.

In 1995, Texas farmers harvested 4.46 million bales, an

average number for the nation's No. 1 cotton patch.

Despite the fickle rains, Texas cotton growers produced 4.35 million bales last year, according to estimates by the Texas Agricultural Statistics Service.

"The big rains in September sent up all kinds of red flags," said James Supak, cotton expert for the Texas Agricultural Extension Service in College Station. "There could have been an early frost, but it was warm and sunny after that, so the crops were able to utilize the water and turn all that into a good yield."

The High Plains region of West Texas, which normally produces about half the state's cotton, outdid itself with 3.1 million bales, or 75 percent.

The region set a production record of 615 pounds per acre planted, although about 800,000 acres normally reserved for cotton didn't go into production last spring because of drought and harsh May wind storms.

"After that, some of those people chose not to go back into cotton or couldn't go back," Supak said of the late planting that took place in June. "Yet the cotton that survived probably made some records."

Speaking of records, the 18.6 million bales produced nationally in 1996 ranks as the third-best production year in United States history. Texas easily remained the U.S. cotton king, besting California's output of about 2.8 million bales.

Timely rains in the region

around Lubbock and northward allowed producers to make three bales per acre, more than twice their average yield in some cases.

The rain fell too late farther south, where Long says many farmers could be down to their last year in the business if it continues to stay dry this year.

"It was kind of a feast or famine year here," said Shawn Wade, spokesman for Plains Cotton Growers. "I talked to a friend of mine down there (Permian Basin area) who said that this was the first year he didn't make any cotton and didn't gin any either."

"What that means for him is 18 months between paychecks, and that's pretty tough."

Many Rio Grande Valley growers, still fuming about the

boll weevil eradication program they abandoned last year and intrigued by high grain sorghum prices, planted just 220,000 acres, 139,000 fewer than the year before.

However, limited weevil infestation and timely rains helped Valley farmers harvest 170,000 bales, compared to just 70,000 in 1995.

All those production successes don't mean much to Long, who has worked in cotton for 40 years and vividly remembers the devastating 1950s drought as a youth.

"This is the worst I've ever seen it," he said. "Back then, if you didn't make a crop you could come back next year and make up for it. It takes years to get over it now."

BUSINESS IN BRIEF

ECONOMY
WASHINGTON (AP) — Reports on the eve of an important interest-rate meeting suggested a moderating economy that could persuade Federal Reserve policy-makers to stand pat.

A survey by the National Association of Purchasing Management found the previously robust manufacturing sector had slowed during January while a Commerce Department report showed construction spending fell in December for the first time in six months.

The Commerce Department also reported separately Monday that personal incomes outpaced consumer spending in December. Consumer spending represents two-thirds of the nation's economic activity.

GM SALES UP

DETROIT (AP) — Rebates and other sales incentives, coupled with the fallout from a weak Japanese yen, appeared to push U.S. consumers toward passenger cars in January.

The largest automaker, General Motors Corp., said Monday its U.S. car sales were up 6 percent over January 1996. Overall sales were down slightly compared with a year ago, when GM posted strong truck sales.

Chrysler Corp. also saw an increase in its car sales over last year, while Honda, Nissan and Subaru all posted big gains.

MERCURY MOVE

CHICAGO (AP) — Mercury Finance replaced its chief executive in a move aimed at placating creditors of the auto lender, which is struggling to stay in business after disclosing phony bookkeeping had inflated reports of profits.

Federal agents, meanwhile, searched on Monday the company's Lake Forest, Ill., headquarters seeking financial records related to the scandal.

And Mercury Financial stock, which plummeted 86 percent Friday, fell further Monday and was the most active issue for a second straight session on the New York Stock Exchange.

APPLE LAYOFFS

SAN JOSE, Calif. (AP) — Apple Computer Inc., struggling to stanch the flow of red ink, is expected to lay off up to 3,000 employees and shed unprofitable businesses in its latest reorganization.

The troubled personal computer company likely will announce its plans before its annual shareholders' meeting later this week, industry observers predicted Monday.

Apple, which revamped its operations last year, decided to do so again last month after losing \$120 million on falling sales in the October-December quarter — usually the strongest period for personal computer companies.

GREAT WESTERN

LOS ANGELES (AP) — Great Western Financial Corp. will pay \$17.2 million to settle much of the litigation claiming it duped elderly investors into switching from federally insured savings accounts to mutual funds that lost value in 1994.

The company, parent of the nation's second largest savings and loan, admitted no wrongdoing in settling twin class-action suits in Los Angeles state and federal courts. The settlement won tentative approval Monday. Similar class actions in Florida and California remain.

INVESTMENTS

UNITED NATIONS (AP) — Global investments will shift from the United States and Western Europe to the developing economies of Asia, Latin America and Eastern Europe in the next five years, according to a French government study.

NEW NAME, SAME SERVICE...



Members of the Ambassadors recently helped a Big Spring financial institution celebrate a name change. The new name is First Banking Center of Big Spring State National Bank of West Texas, but the service and location (1500 Gregg) is the same. Pictured are President O.L. Cooper (scissors), Vice President of Operations Debbie Scott and Vice President of Lending Ron Brooks.

Local youths place at Fort Worth show

HERALD Staff Report

Two local youths were recently honored at the 101st edition of the Southwestern Exposition and Livestock show in Fort Worth.

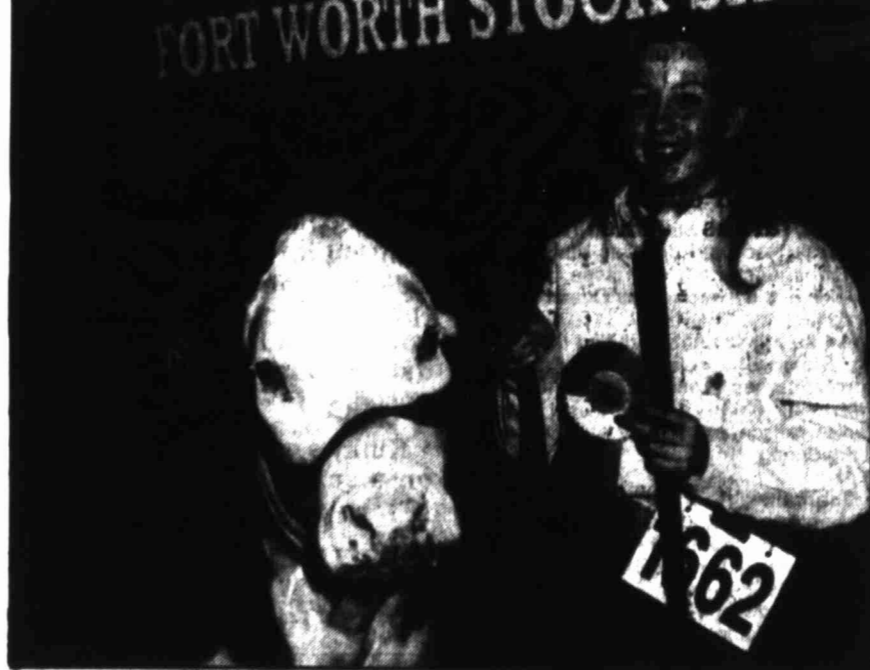
Katie Jo Yates of the Martin County 4H Club exhibited a Reserve Champion steer in the Junior Hereford Division, and Howard County 4H club member Trevor Bibb exhibited a first place light weight steer in the junior Polled Hereford Division.

The show's junior division hosted more than 8,000 entries by Texas youths as the culmination of year-long agricultural educational projects in various areas of livestock production.

Junior show premiums exceeded \$61,896.

Junior entries were part of the overall count of more than 20,000 head of cattle, sheep, swine, horses, mules, pigeons, llamas, goats, poultry, doves and rabbits.

Total prize money at the 101st show was in excess of \$750,000.



Martin County 4H Club member Katie Jo Yates and Howard County 4H Club member Trevor Bibb are pictured with their prize-winning steers, which recently placed at the 101st Southwestern Exposition and Livestock Show in Fort Worth.

Lawmakers discussing second mortgages for Texas homeowners

AUSTIN (AP) — Consumers, organized labor, builders and others Tuesday said the state's homestead law is too valuable a protection to risk as lawmakers debate allowing second mortgages.

"It's hard to see where the protection of billions of dollars of wealth in home equity has hurt our economy. But it has kept generations of Texans in their homes when bad times hit," said Joe Gunn, president of the Texas AFL-CIO.

The state Constitution prohibits the forced sale of a borrower's homestead to repay debts except for the original mortgage, property improvements or taxes.

As a result, Texas is the only state where lenders don't offer home equity loans or other forms of second mortgages.

Measures have been introduced in the House and Senate that would allow second mortgages on home equity for a variety of purposes.

Backers argue that a homeowner's equity is his own money, and that the homeowner should be able to do with it as he pleases.

Appearing at the Travis County Courthouse, where

foreclosures were taking place Tuesday, opponents said the state's unique homestead protection should be preserved.

"The argument for changing the law sounds simple and alluring: People should have the right to borrow money against their greatest asset ... But the reality is more accurately stated this way: Bankers should be able to foreclose on the home of any person who can't pay their debt for any reason," said Lyle A. Johansen of the Texas Association of Builders.

While advocates of second mortgages say they could be used to pay for college educations, medical bills or starting businesses, Tom "Smitty" Smith of the group Public Citizen said there's a downside to that.

"Bankers make home loans sound like money just hanging off of trees, but these home loans still have to be repaid. And if they change Texas' 150-year-old homestead protections, you lose your home if you have a medical crisis, if your company closes down or if you can't pay your loan for some other reason that is not your fault," Smith said.

"If this bill passes, those of you who can get a loan to send your kid to school today will have to put up your home. If you want to start a business, you'll also have to hock your home," he said.

State Comptroller John Sharp last year estimated that Texans could save \$382 million a year if allowed to take out second mortgages. He said consumers could save \$225 million a year in interest payments and another \$99 million a year in federal income tax deductions, while interest costs to business would drop \$58 million.

The Senate in 1995 approved, 21-10, second mortgage legislation. It died in the House.

Sen. Jerry Patterson, R-Pasadena, has introduced legislation and a proposed constitutional amendment that would let voters decide if they want the option of borrowing against their equity.

"This is a fundamental property rights issue. Homeowners should have the right to use their money in any way they see fit," he said.

Rep. Steven Wolens, D-Dallas, also has introduced legislation in the House to allow second mortgages for limited purposes.

Despite unpredictable weather, planting season is here

With this on again off again winter we have been experiencing no one actually seems to be in the mood for any Spring plantings yet, but now is the time to make those plans for a n y changes or additions to your home landscape.

It is a new, or an older, well established landscape, always begin with a plan. Draw out the outline of your home on a sheet of paper



Don Richardson County Agent

and place your existing trees and other plants in the appropriate places.

Then look it over and see what might be changed about it. If you have an older home some of the plants may have outgrown their attractiveness or usefulness. Some of these can be salvaged by selective pruning of the plant. Others might need to be totally replaced, especially if they are causing problems with water or sewer lines, breaking up driveways or patios or just simply overwhelming your home.

Adding new plants or replacing them can be a challenging situation in West Texas, but there are a lot of attractive plants now becoming available that are well adapted to our area. All decisions on plant

spacing should be based on a plant's MATURE height and MATURE width.

An example is if you are planting a line of Dwarf Yaupon Holly, and its width is listed as three feet, then you would space the plants with three feet from the center of one plant to the center of the adjacent plants. We have some particularly outstanding plants for our area and many of them are native to Texas and adapted to the Permian Basin area.

For groundcovers, Liriope, Monkey Grass and Vinca are hard to beat. Other good choices include Creeping Juniper, Gray Santolina, Asiatic Jasmine (can occasionally winterkill), Japanese Purple Honeysuckle, Ajuga and English Ivy.

For Deciduous Vines, Madame Galen Trumpet Vine or Boston Ivy are the better choices for our area, but Silver Lace Vine, Chinese Wisteria and Virginia Creeper does okay most of the time. Semi-evergreen vine choices include Lady Banksia Rose, Sweet Autumn Clematis, and the Cross Vine. Carolina Yellow Jasmine has performed particularly well in our area, however. Evergreen vines recommended include Coral Honeysuckle or English Ivy.

Dwarf shrub choices include Autumn Sage, Dwarf Crape Myrtle or the Crimson Pigmy Barberty. The Dwarf Glossy Abelia is a good semi-evergreen shrub and choices for evergreens include Japanese Garden Juniper, Shore

Juniper, Dwarf Indian Hawthorn, Carissa Holly, Dwarf Chinese Holly, Dwarf Nandina and Dwarf Yaupon Holly.

Small deciduous shrubs that have done well locally include Semi-Dwarf Crape Myrtle, Purple Leaf Japanese Barberty, Dwarf Burning Bush and the Flowering Quince. Semi-evergreen varieties include Edward Goucher Abelia and the evergreen best bets are Compact Pfitzer Juniper, Compact Nandina and the Dwarf Buford Holly. The Oregon Grape and Japanese Aucuba might be choices for more shady areas.

We have complete lists of other recommended varieties of trees and shrubs for our area, so give our office a call at 264-2236 and we will get one to you.

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- Emington, Cyndi, P.O. Box 3304 or 300 Tulsa, Big Spring.
- Bingham, Shawn, 507 E. 6th, Big Spring.
- Cain, Pamela Darlene, 1214 McEwen, Dallas.
- Gutierrez, Oralia, P.O. Box 22, Big Spring.
- Hamlin, Duncan, Rt. 1, Box 554, Big Spring.
- Hodnett, Angela Amy, P.O. Box 847, Coahoma.
- Hodnett, Carla, J., 6902 E. Cr 96, Midland.
- Kelley, Michael S., 605 E. 13th #1, Big Spring.
- Machado, Melinda M., 2509 Chanute, Big Spring.
- Mack, Jacob, 2610 Albrook, Big Spring.
- Martinez, Rosalio, 1401 N. 4th, Lamesa.
- Molina, Belinda, 701 Lancaster, Big Spring.
- Perez, Amy D., 625 McEwen, Big Spring.
- Spear, Wretha, HC 61, Box 274, Big Spring.
- Thorpe, Shawntina Marie, HC 69, Box Dh 920, Big Spring.

- County Clerk's office:**
- Marriage Licenses:**
John Edward Jackson, 51, and Irene Rodriguez Cabre, 46.
Juan Jose Hinojosa, 32, and Lena Lynn Acosta, 31.
David Allen Stroman, 24, and Aida Millan, 29.
Daniel Paul Lopez, 18, Jennifer Diann Wright, 19.
Jimmy Lee Anderson, 25, and Cristi Dorsey, 25.
Kie Ray Rupard, 63, and Deborah Marie Livrone, 44.
Roverto Rios, 42, and Jan Kathleen Sevey, 41.
Jamie DeLaRosa Rodriguez, 20, and Leticia Ann Hilaro, 24.
Marosleno Olivariz, Jr., 41, and Bonnie Louise Cantwell, 47.
Ruddy Alvarez, 36, and Veronica

County Court records:
Warranty deed:
grantor: Rita Brown
grantee: Donald McKinney, Glyn Mitchell, Burnie Mason, Jarrell Barbee, Ceal Drake, Leo Reeves and Betty Barr as trustees of First United Methodist Church of Coahoma.
property: All of lot 7 and 8, blk. 7, Saunders Addition.
filed: Jan. 27, 1997

grantor: Donald McKinney, Glyn Mitchell, Burnie Mason, Jarrell Barbee, Ceal Drake, Leo Reeves and Betty Barr as trustees of First United Methodist Church of Coahoma.
grantee: Bill Milligan, Johnny Justice and Billy Darden as trustees of First Baptist Church of Coahoma.
property: All of lot 7 and 8, blk. 7, Saunders Addition.
filed: Jan. 27, 1997

grantor: Vicki L. Walker
grantee: Ella Louise Hyden
property: All of lot 10, blk. 4, Mital Acres Addition.
filed: Jan. 27, 1997

grantor: Ruby Nell
grantee: Dorothy Ann File
property: A 0.256 acre tract out of the west 1/2 of section 34, blk. 32, T-1-N, T&P, RR Co.
filed: Jan. 27, 1997

grantor: Belton A. and Nona Faye Brunson
grantee: Robert L. and Billie Rene Gilbert
property: tract 1 - A 4.75 acre tract of land out of the southwest 1/4 of section 32, blk. 32, T-1-S, T&P Ry. Co., tract 2 - All that certain 0.01 acre tract of land in the southwest 1/4 of section 32, T-1-S, T&P Ry. Co.
filed: Jan. 28, 1997

grantor: Diane Marie Gamett, independent executrix of the estate of Novis W. Womack, deceased.
grantee: Kenneth and Patricia Branham
property: Lots 10-12, and the east 1/2 of lot 3, blk. 14, Boydstun Addition.
filed: Jan. 28, 1997

grantor: Mary Lennelle Shaffer
grantee: G.C. Broughton, Jr.
property: North 1/2 of section 43, blk. 34, T-1-S, T&P Ry Co.
filed: Jan. 29, 1997

grantor: Ronald R. and Joanne Sayles
grantee: Ronald R. Sayles and George Williams, doing business as G&R

Properties
property: Lot 5, blk. 7, North Belvue Addition.
filed: Jan. 29, 1997

grantor: Leslie and Floy Faye Lloyd
grantee: Donald E. Haskins
property: Lot 6, save and except the east 42 1/3 feet thereof, with the west line of said excepted tract parallel with the west line of said lot, blk. 13, McDowell Heights Addition.
filed: Jan. 29, 1997

grantor: Russell Jay and Connie Renee Kennedy
grantee: The McIntire Family Trust "B"
property: Being all of lot 8, blk. 18, Kentwood (Unit No. 2).
filed: Jan. 29, 1997

grantor: Robert L. Aaron, Sr.
grantee: Dennis L. Noggler
property: tract 1 - a tract of land containing 334 acres of land out of the northwest 1/4 of section 45, blk. 31, Tap. 1 N, T&P Ry. Co., tract 2 - One acre tract of land out of a part on the northwest 1/4 of section 45, blk. 31, Tap. 1 N, T&P Ry. Co.
filed: Jan. 30, 1997

Warranty deed with vendor's lien:
grantor: Jewell Adelle Wheeler, by her agent and attorney-in-fact, Pamela Wheeler Volmer
grantee: Ricky Prater
property: Lot 17, blk. 1, McEwen Addition.
filed: Jan. 27, 1997

grantor: Don Newsom, individual and as independent executor of the estate of Marilyn Newsom, deceased
grantee: Gerald Lee Jr. and Laurie Harris
property: West 1/2 of lot 13 and all of lots 14-16, blk. 19, Edward Heights Addition.
filed: Jan. 29, 1997

grantor: Chuck Rosenbaum
grantee: Lloyd Mauldin, Jr.
property: The south 50' of the southeast 1/4 of blk. 20, College Heights Addition.
filed: Jan. 29, 1997

grantor: Chuck Rosenbaum
grantee: Pete Rosenbaum
property: Lot 4, blk. 30, Original Town of Big Spring.
filed: Jan. 29, 1997

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HERALD Staff Report

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Proposed payment limit threatens to close some Texas pharmacies

McALLEN (AP) — A state limit on Medicaid payments previously ruled unconstitutional would close pharmacies across Texas if allowed to take effect, according to drugists and their attorney trying to block the plan. A state district judge in Austin is hearing testimony through Thursday on whether the Texas Pharmaceutical Association and others should get a permanent injunction against implementation of a lower fee schedule. "We're contending it will close up pharmacies all over Texas," said Austin attorney Dean Davis as the hearing


began Monday. The state last March lowered its formula for the amount the Texas Health Department pays pharmacies to fill prescriptions for Medicaid recipients. It dropped from an average of about \$6.50 for each prescription to \$3 in cities and rural areas. The Texas Legislature in 1995 ordered that the fee for filling Medicaid prescriptions drop to market rates. Judge Scott McCown had ruled the new limits unconstitutional and granted the pharmacists a temporary injunction. State-paid fees cover pharmacists' costs of doing business

with the Texas' 2.1 million Medicaid recipients. They are paid in addition to the cost of the medications. Carlos Solis of McAllen, president of the Rio Grande Valley Pharmacy Association, said up to 20 percent of the Valley's independent drug stores would close within six months of the lower rate taking effect. "If pharmacies close, how will the Medicaid population, as well as the general population, have access to pharmaceutical services?" Solis told the McAllen Monitor.

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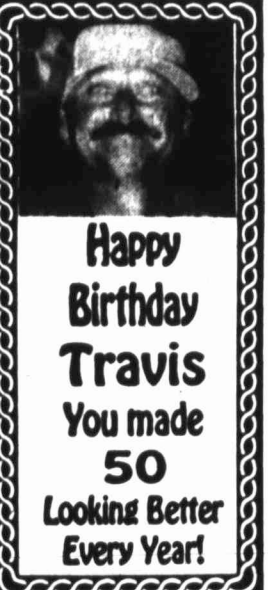
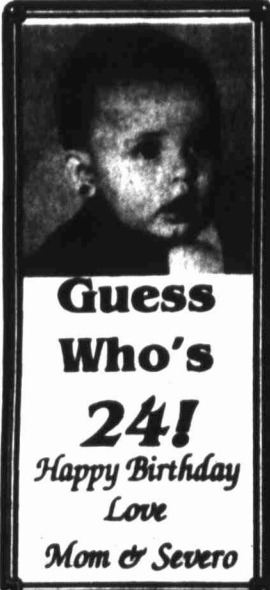
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