Stenholm to discuss USDA plans

By CARLTON JOHNSON

Staff Writer

On Monday, Big Spring residents will again get a chance to talk to Congressman Charles Stenholm about the issues surrounding the local USDA Research Station.

Stenholm will be at St. Paul Lutheran Church in Big Spring at 1:30 p.m. to give area residents ar. update on the future of the USDA Research Station and other important information from Washington.

Just a couple of weeks ago, Stenholm appeared at a Town Hall Meeting in Coahoma where he STENHOLM discussed issues regard-

ing funding for the station. Dan Upchurch of the Lubbock Agricultural Research Station will also be in Big Spring with Stenholm to discuss the various issues with area producers.

Stenholm is not pessimistic, but admits that while Congress works on the federal

budget, there could be problems for the research station, and not just the Big Spring station, but for research all over the country.

During a Conservation Research Program seminar at the Dora Roberts Community Center last October, Stenholm discussed the research station with some 100 area farmers, but was angered at the fact that the USDA was proposing changes in management of the station — changes of which Stenholm had not been informed.

The research station is important for a variety of reasons, but non more important than wind-erosion research, according to Lenorah farmer Myrl Mitchell, who will be one of many producers at Monday's meeting.

Mitchell said some of the issues that could come up at the meeting include the prospect of Farm Service Agency office consolidations and Conservation Research Programs.

Dozens of area farmers have a particular interest in the meeting because the Big Spring station's personnel and programs could be moved to Lubbock.

Mitchell says that would be a mistake for

two reasons — budget and location. At a time when tighter budgets have forced consolidation of several offices,

Mitchell says a move would most certainly mean more money would have to be spent. As far as location is concerned, facilities are already in place and the research sta-

tion in Big Spring is well known as a result of Bill Fryrear's work in wind erosion. Fryrear has been research leader at the station for almost 24 years. "Bill (Fryrear) has done a tremendous job

in the area of dry-land research and winderosion and a great service to the producers of this area," Mitchell said. According to Mitchell, the research sta-

tion is vital to area producers. "Wind erosion is not as bad as conserva-

tionists think it is, because we do a much better job of farming than we used to," Mitchell said. "We are better at rotating our crops and we get better results because of our tillage methods.'

According to Mitchell, the one thing that will get the attention of farmers, already a tight-knit group, "is when someone (government) begins talking about taking food off

Suspects in Mize robbery held by Alabama officers

By CHRYS GOFF

Staff Writer

Two men and a woman are in custody in Mobile, Ala., in connection with the Jan. 22 robbery of Big Spring resident Wanda

Early Saturday morning the Howard County Sheriff's Department was contacted by the Mobile County, Ala., Sheriff's Department advising that their narcotics and vice units had arrested two men - Denny Leon Roberts, 20, and David Houston Summers, 19 — and a woman, 17-year-old Catherine Lynn Edwards. They also reported recovering the vehicle stolen from Mize's home.

The three suspects have been charged with aggravated robbery and extradition procedures are pending.

They and Big Spring resident Jonathan Shane Allen are charged with robbing Mize in her home on Jan. 22.

Mize told deputies that she heard a noise and came out of a back room to find three white males in their early 20s standing in her living room around 7:50 a.m. Jan. 22.

The men tied Mize up, moved her to a back bedroom and demanded her car keys. The three were in her home for about an hour before finally taking off with her 1993 Mercury.

Allen was taken into custody by Abilene Police Department later that day after police received a call from merchants at the Abilene Mall, reporting that a man in his early 20s was trying to use a credit card belonging to Mize.

High schools getting visits from HC reps

By CHRYS GOFF

Staff Writer

Representatives of Howard College are scheduled to visit Big Spring High School and Sands High School Wednesday, allowing seniors to apply for admission without ever leaving their campuses.

In recent years, officials from the college's student services, financial aid, guidance and counseling offices have visited high school's in the county, discussing the importance of higher education with sophomores and juniors.

However, this is the first time the students have had an opportunity to apply for admission during the visits.

Forsan High School was the first to host the Howard College contingent on Feb. 12.

Big Spring High School's session is slated for noon Wednesday, while Sands High School's session starts at 1 p.m.

Visits will also be made to schools in Coahoma, Lamesa, Greenwood, Stanton, Garden City, Sterling City, Grady, Water Valley and Westbrook. Times for sessions on those campuses have not yet been set.

They will be talking to all the students about financial aid, testing, how much it is

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Museum offers culinary treat

'80 Bites' event among leading money makers

By JOHN A. MOSELEY

News Editor

Whatever your culinary tastes, chances are the Heritage Museum's fourth annual "Around the World in 80 Bites" fund raiser will offer something to please your palate Saturday.

The event has become one of the museum's biggest money making projects with money not only coming from ticket prices — set at \$7.50 for adults and \$4 for children — but from donations and the voting for "World's Greatest Chef" honors.

Museum Curator Angie Way said she expects about 40 food exhibitors. "We'll probably have more than enough cooks to fill the museum," she said, noting that there are always last-minute additions to the list of people interested in cooking.

Friday afternoon, Way and her staff were busy putting together a final list of participants. "Today is supposed to be the last day to commit to cooking," she added, "but we'll get two or three more on Saturday and probably five or so more on Monday. That's always been



Dressed in Iranian costumes, kindergarten students passed out Iranian food during last year's "Around the World in 80 Bites"at the Heritage Museum. This year's event, set for Saturday, promises to be better, says Curator Angie Way.

the pattern.

Way continued. "Last year "It really seems to get a little everyone was talking about bigger and better each year," how good the food was and

what an enjoyable time they'd

"This year I think we'll have as good a food as we've ever had and we're shortening it to just two hours instead of three."

Way explained that shortening the event was primarily to make it easier for those cooking. "Trying to keep food fresh and warm for three hours is just a little too difficult on the

As of Friday afternoon, the list of cooks for the fund raiser included numerous individuals, as well as quite a few local restaurants.

Among the individuals committed to cook were: the Rev. Flynn Long, Debbie and Julie Gunn, Polly Mayes and Janet Middleton, Bob and Frances Porter, Mary Lou Traczyk, Ida Lou and Harold Raney, Rachel Clinton and Alex Newsom, Aarika and Kristen Thixton, a group from the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-Day Saints and kindergarten students from Elbow Elementary School.

Businesses scheduled to profood included: vide Jumburrito, Golden China, Rip Country Fare Griffin's Restaurant, Wal-Mart Bakery, Wal-Mart Deli, Green House Catering, the Carriage Inn, Henry's Bar-B-Que, Hunan Restaurant, Taco Villa and Sonic Drive-In.

Way noted that as tasters

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also the subject of a pointed

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look beyond Clinton and the

Democrats," said a GOP leader-

"Some of our members don't

internal GOP debate.

Trustees to award building

By JOHN A. MOSELEY

News Editor

If bids for air conditioning and heating improvements fall within the estimated \$2.5 million range, the Big Spring Independent School District may be able to accomplish even more than it hoped when voters approved a \$12.5 million bond issue last year.

BSISD trustees are scheduled to award bids on the projects when they meet at 5:15 p.m. Tuesday in the district's board room at Big Spring High School.

District officials expressed satisfaction with the bids they received for construction of the new junior high school following last week's bid opening.

Superintendent W.A. "Bill" McQueary noted that the apparent low bids fell within the \$10 million range the BSISD board and its architect, Huckabee & Associates Inc. of Stephenville, anticipated.

"We had six very competitive bids," McQueary said, noting that the bids might allow trustees to approve all of the 18 alternate bids. "They certainly were within the range of what we expected. Hopefully, they'll give us a little 'wiggle' on the air conditioning and heating projects."

All six bidders were asked to submit a base bid on the school project and to submit bids on 18 alternate bids that the board could choose to add to the pro-

The apparent low bidder on the project was Monterey Construction Co. Inc. of Wolfforth, which submitted a base bid of \$8,888,000. With alternative bids totaled, Monterey Construction's bid \sim 1s still the lowest at \$9,564,400.

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Some in GOP want their fund raising kept out of review Democrats. Behind the scenes,

WASHINGTON (AP) - When Tennessee Sen. Fred Thompson announced plans for an investigation of 1996 campaign fundraising tactics, Republicans cheered an opportunity to highlight what they consider major abuses by the Democratic Party and the Clinton White House.

Increasingly, however, many of Thompson's GOP colleagues are concerned that his investigation will cast aspersions on Republicans, too. Indeed, several Republican senators have complained privately to colleagues in recent days about Thompson's refusal to limit his investigation to the presidential

election, according to several GOP senators and leadership aides.

Among those raising objections in recent GOP meetings, according to the sources, were the current and two past chairmen of the National Republican Senatorial Committee, which funnels millions of dollars to Senate campaigns.

"I think there is some nervousness out there on the part of some Republicans," Arizona GOP Sen. John McCain said in an interview.

Thompson has fiercely resisted efforts to limit the scope of his Government Operations Committee investigation. He including the use of big, unreghas promised Democratic members they will be free to raise tions in House and Senate races questions about Republican fund raising.

The main subject of the hearings will be questionable Democratic fund raising to support President Clinton's re-election campaign. Thompson assuaged some of the Republican worries Thursday when the first 52 subpoenas issued by the committee were overwhelmingly focused on Democratic practices. But Thompson also wants

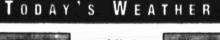
authority to review congressional fund-raising practices, ulated "soft money" contribuand the involvement of taxexempt organizations in last year's campaigns. Republican National Committee channeled millions of dollars to tax-exempt conservative groups late in the 1994 and 1996 campaigns for efforts that helped

Thompson has requested a \$6.5 million budget so that he can hire a giant team of investigators. Publicly, most of the objections to the budget and broad jurisdiction sought by

ship aide who discussed the internal Republican debate on condition of anonymity. "Once GOP congressional candidates. it gets started, no one can predict how it will play out. ... Some of our members believe he is determined to tar a Republican to prove he is being

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Today: Sunny. High in the 60s. Low in the mid 30s.

Monday: Sunny. High in the upper 60s. Low in the upper 30s.

Extended outlook: Tuesday, sunny and dry. High near 70. Low in the lower 40s. Wednesday, cloudy with a chance of showers. High in the mid 60s. Low in the upper 30s.

BI-DISTRICT PLAYOFF

Members of the Sands Lady Mustangs display their bidistrict championship trophy after defeating Miles, 76-41. Friday in a Class 1A playoff game in Sterling City. Head coach Leland Bearden is at far right. See related story, page 8A.



OBITUARIES

Georgia Ola Self

Funeral service for Georgia Ola Self, 85, of Coahoma will be at 2 p.m. Monday, Feb. 17, 1997, at Nalley-Pickle & Welch Rosewood Chapel with the Rev. Elwin Collom, pastor of the First Baptist Church of officiating. Coahoma, Internment will be at Trinity Memorial Park.

Mrs. Self died Saturday, Feb. 15, at a local nursing home.

She was born on July 16, 1911, in Throckmorton. She married Oscar E. Self in 1928 in Vincent. He preceded her in death. Mrs. Self lived in Coahoma for 52 years. She worked in restaurants and cafes for many years as a waitress and was a member of the First Baptist Church of Coahoma.

Survivors include: three daughters, Eula Bell Fowler of Coahoma, Dorothy Faye Rucker of Houston and Carolyn Holley of Mesquite; four sons, Everett Self of Green Forest, Ark., Robert Henry Self and Johnny Self. both of Coahoma, and Weldon Self of Slaton; three brothers, Marshall Henry of Setter Creek, Calif., Mutt Henry of Melrose, N.M., and Arvil Henry of Big Spring; four sisters, Edith Massey and Estelle Alexander, both of Amarillo, Callie Lee Whorton of Alamogordo, N.M., and Gene Terry of Clovis, N.M.; 31 grandchildren; and 36 great-grandchildren.

Memorials may be made to the Family Hospice of Big Spring or the Building Fund at the First Baptist Church of Coahoma.

Museum

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roam through the museum tasting each cook's wares, they will have an opportunity to drop quarters into jars, thereby casting their vote for the best food. The cook with the most quarters at the end of the evening is declared "World's Greatest

In past years, the event's patrons have feasted on foods whose origins included Italy, Russia, Sweden, Germany, Mexico, Greece, Egypt, China, England, Scotland, Finland and, of course, Texas.

Tickets for those wishing to be tasters are currently on sale at the Heritage Museum. For additional information, contact Way at 267-8255.

Visits

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general, said Terri J. Newton, HC's director of communications. "We want to make it as convenient for the students as possible, they are used to the high school setting, and they are more at ease there, that is why we visit them (at the high school).

Anyone needing additional information can contact Dr. Amy Burchett at 264-5028 or Newton at 264-5011.

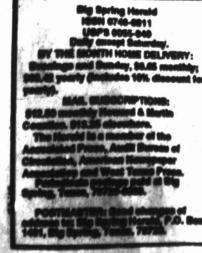
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Georgia Ola Self, 85, died Saturday, February 15. 1997. Sevices will be 2:00 PM Monday, February 17, 1997 at Nalley-Pickle & Welch Rosewood Chapel. interment will follow at Trinity Memorial Park.



Bids

Continued from page 1A Monterey's bid was slightly less than N.C. Sturgeon Inc. of Midland's base bid of \$8,929,761 and overall bid of \$9,703,661 including alternates.

The highest base bid submitted, \$9,522,000, came from J.W. Cooper Construction Co. Inc. of Odessa, but with all 18 alternate bids totaled into the package, Cooper's \$10,362,000 bid was slightly lower than the \$10,364,500 total of CSS Inc. of Gatesville, which submitted a **\$9,496,000** base figure.

The other two bidders - BFW Construction Co. Inc. of Temple and Lee Lewis Construction Inc. of Lubbock - submitted totals with alternates of \$10,327,000 and \$10,005,500, respectively. BFW's base bid was \$9,410,000 and Lewis' was \$9,170,000.

Coahoma board to meet Monday

COAHOMA — The Coahoma Independent School District Board of Trustees will meet at 6 p.m. Monday in the board room of the administration building. Among the items listed on the

board's agenda are: · Progress of baseball field lighting project.

 Board training. · Coahoma City Council members' request to address the board concerning the softball

 Approval of school auditors for the 1997-98 and 1998-99 school years.

 Consideration of asbestos abatement contract/ashestos vearly maintenance contract.

Consider the semester exemption pilot project. Consider a maintenance.

agreement contract for the · Fiber optic cable projects.

 Consider a request for a personal day for Gary Fox and Mary Rowell. Approval of election judges.

· The first reading of a board policy update.

Consider changing the March board meeting date.

Approval of the district's 1997-98 goals and discuss the "Next Step Process."

 The review of contracts for administrative and professional

Forsan ISD trustees reschedule meeting

FORSAN - The Forsan Independent School District Board of Trustees meeting has been changed from Monday to 7 p.m. Thursday in the Forsan ISD boardroom.

Sands students win **UIL** contest awards Special to the HERALD

Several students from Sands Junior High School competed in the Region 17 non-University Interscholastic League Solo competition in Lubbock recent-

The students and the awards they won include: Adolio Alaniz, eight grade, Division II. excellent; Sarah Clark, seventh grade, Division III, good; Aubrey Foster, seventh grade, Division I, superior; Leanne Miller, seventh grade, Division I. superior; and Chance Nichols, seventh grade, Division I, supe-

In addition, Phil Castro took part in the UIL Solo competition in Lubbock and received a Division I superior rating.

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Probe

Among the most vocal Republicans raising concerns, according to several Senate sources, are the two most recent past chairmen of the National Senatorial Republican Committee - Sen. Phil Gramm of Texas and Sen. Alfonse D'Amato of New York.

Also, the new chairman -Sen. Mitch McConnell of Kentucky - joined others in voicing reservations about Thompson's investigation at a GOP luncheon this week, the sources said. Gramm declined comment on grounds the luncheon discussion was private; spokesmen for McConnell and D'Amato did not respond to requests for comment.

The GOP's senatorial committee raised \$5.5 million in soft money under Gramm in the 1994 election cycle, and nearly five times that - \$26 million in 1995-96 under D'Amato's leadership. Most of this money was spent on ads boosting GOP candidates.

No evidence of improper fund raising by the senatorial committee has emerged in the intense recent media focus on the issue.

But D'Amato is considered vulnerable next year, and several conservative colleagues raised concerns at Wednesday's GOP steering committee luncheon that Democrats on Thompson's committee would try to embarrass the New York senator, the sources said. One predicted GOP senator Democrats would turn a spotlight on D'Amato's raising huge sums of money from banking interests while serving as chairman of the Senate Banking Committee.

McConnell is the GOP's point man in opposing the leading campaign-finance proposal before Congress, a bipartisan measure sponsored in the Senate by Republican McCain and Democratic Sen. Russell Feingold of Wisconsin.

The measure, supported by Thompson, would outlaw softmoney contributions, which go to a party rather than a specific candidate. It is an area in which Republicans enjoy a significant advantage over Democrats.

Senate Majority Leader Trent Lott, R-Miss., has pointedly refused to make campaign finance reform a legislative priority. But several Republicans oppose the McCainwho Feingold measure and other proposed changes have raised concerns in recent meetings that there could be a public groundswell for action if the Senate hearings draw attention to the ways both parties take advantage of loopholes in federal campaign laws.

BRIEFS

THE HERITAGE MUSE-UM'S AROUND the World in 80 Bites is Feb. 22. Chefs are welcome to prepare a favorite exotic recipe for the special evening. As one of the featured cooks, you provide food samples for at least 300 people. The event is from 5:30 to 7:30 p.m. Tickets are \$7.50 for adults and \$4 for children. Chefs will receive two free tickets and a chef's pass.

Food tasters will select the "World's Greatest Chef" with the winner to be presented an award in their honor. All chefs must reserve their place by Feb. 15 and forms can be obtained by calling the Heritage Museum at 267-8255. Tickets will go on sale for the food tasters Feb. 15.

THE BIG SPRING SYMPHO-NY continues its season entitled "Celebrate the Symphony" with a performance Saturday, Feb. 22 with "Music for the Young at Heart." Performance time is 8 p.m. in the city audi-

advance at Blum's Jewelers, Dunlap's, the Chamber of Commerce or First Bank of West Texas. The Symphony office is open in the afternoons from 1 to 3 p.m. during the week of the concert for your convenience or call 264-7223. THE BIG SPRING BAND Retired Teachers Association.

Boosters will have a meeting 7 p.m. Tuesday, in the BSHS Band Hall. There will be a special solo and ensemble performance by band members. For more information call Cyndi Marsh at 263-6705.

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LOCAL HUNTERS EDUCA-TION INSTRUCTOR Boyce Hale announces that a class of gun and bow safety will be held in the Chamber of Commerce conference room on March 13-15, beginning at 5 p.m.

Hale reminds us that anyone born on or before Sept. 2, 1971, is required to successfully complete this course before they can legally hunt in Texas. The cost is \$10 and is a life-

time certification. For further information call 267-6957 or preregister at Dibrell's Gun Shop at 1307

THE INTERNATIONAL LIT TLE LEAGUE will have a baseball meeting open to the public for positions available for coaches and board members. If you're interested please attend the meeting on Tuesday at 6:30 p.m. at the Big Spring Training Center.

MOBILE MEALS PROGRAM, also known as Meals on Wheels, needs volunteers to deliver meals.

If you can spare one hour per week to deliver eight or 10 meals we need you. About 85 to 50 meals are prepared packaged and delivered within the end limits of Big Spring. If you can volunteer, please call 263-4016 before 3 p/m.

SPRINGBOARD

IF YOU HAVE ANY CHANGES IN A SPRING-BOARD ITEM OR FOR MORE INFORMATION, CON-TACT GINA GARZA, 263-7331 ext. 238, BETWEEN 8 A.M. AND 2 P.M. All Springboard items must be submitted in writing. Mail to: Springboard, Big Spring Herald, P.O. Box 1431, Big Spring, Texas 79720; bring it by the office at 710 Scurry; or fax it to 264-7205. TODAY

•Good Shepherd Fellowship Church, 610 Abrams, has services at 11 a.m. and 7 p.m. Everyone is welcome to attend. •Alcoholics Anonymous, 615 Settles, 11 a.m. closed meeting and 7 p.m. open meeting. MONDAY

 Big Spring Evening Lion's Club, 6:30 p.m., 1607 E. Third. Call Jan Noyes, 267-5811.

•Project Freedom, Christian support group, 7 p.m. Call 263-

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Settles, noon to 1 p.m. open meeting and 8 to 9 p.m. at the VA Medical Center on fourth **•Big Spring Howard County**

10:30 a.m. coffee and social hour and 11:30 a.m. lunch, Cactus Room of Howard College. ·Encouragers support group, 6 p.m., First Presbyterian

Church, Seventh and Runnels, enter through north door. Bring your favorite covered dish and bring the recipe to exchange with others. Also bring a favorite poem, story, or inspirational reading to share. Call 398-5522 or 399-4369. Survivors of Suicide support

group, 7:30 p.m., Memorial Hospital and Medical Center, Midland. Rev. Dr. Alan Williams, chaplain Memorial Hospital and Medical Center, will be the guest speaker. Call (915)685-1566. TUESDAY

•Comanche Lake Duplicate, 1 p.m., Dora Roberts Civic

·Most Excellent Way, a chemical dependency support group, 7 p.m., Living Water Church, 1008 Birdwell Lane. Call 267-1424 after 5 p.m. or 263-3168 between 8 a.m. and 5 p.m.

•Good Shepherd Fellowship Church, 610 Abrams, 7 p.m.; Spanish services. •Al-Anon, 8 to 9 p.m., 615

Settles. •Narcotics Anonymous, 6:30 p.m., St. Mary's Episcopal Church.

 Alcoholics Anonymous, 615 Settles, noon to 1 p.m. open meeting and 8 to 9 p.m. closed

p.m., Marcy House.

meeting, 7 p.m., BSHS band

POLICE

The Big Spring Police Department reported the follow- 19, of Rt. 1, Box 334, was arresting activity between 8 a.m. ed for criminal mischief, bond Friday and 12 p.m. Saturday

 ANDREW GARZA, 22, address not given, was arrested for violating his parole.

 ANTHONY ARISTA, 37, 607 W. Sixth, was arrested for public intoxication.

· JOHNNY CANTU, 24, of 1503 Lincoln, was arrested for assault.

 JAMES LEWIS WELCH II, 22, of Abilene, was arrested for public intoxication. STACY JEAN WELCH, 28, of Abilene, was arrested for

public intoxication. DELEON VIRGINIA ANDRADE, 38, of 104 W. 18th, was arrested on local warrants.

 SUSPICIOUS INVESTIGA-TION in the 400 block of E. Second, 800 block of Scurry, 1000 block of E. 12th, 300 block of Washington, the 600 block of Edwards and Circle, 500 block of E. 17th, 1200 block of Wright and 1900 block of E. I-20.

· CRIMINAL MISCHIEF in the 1000 block of Birdwell, Coahoma High School, 1300 block of Birdwell and the 500 block of Birdwell.

· THEFT OF GAS at the Town and Country in Coahoma. BURGLARY OF A VEHI-CLE in the 4400 block of 11th Pl.

 BURGLARY OF A HABI-TATION in the 700 block of N. Gregg and the 700 block of W. DOMESTIC DISTUR-

BANCE in the 100 block of E. 13th. • FORGERY in the 1900 block

of East FM 700. • DISTURBANCE/FIGHT in

the 100 block of E. 16th and the 700 block of 11th Place. • THEFT in the 1700 block of

E. Marcy.

SHERIFF

The Howard County Sheriff's Department reported the following activity between 8 a.m. Briday and 12 p.m. Saturday

•Big Spring Art Association, 7 • SHAWTINA MARIA THORPE, 29, of HC 69 Box DH Big Spring Band Booster No. 20, was arrested for issuing bad checks, bond was set at

· LEWIS E. HENRY, 34, of 606 State St., was arrested for failing to appear in court, bond was set at \$500.

 CASEY JAMES HENRY. was set at \$1500.

The Family of Lydia Knappe would like to thank all the people who expressed their love and compassion during our time of grief. Thank you for the beautiful flowers, the meal and for the donations sent in her memory. We would also like to thank you for your words of encouragement, your phone calls and cards helped us through the difficult times. Your prayers and visits during mother's time in the hospital were a blessing to us all. A special thanks to the doctors and staff for their support and care.

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Lineres drops suit against lottery panel, to sue Glech

AUSTIN — Former lottery director Nora Linares said she has abandoned plans to sue the Texas Lottery Commission on Friday, and will instead sue the lottery operator.

Linares' lawyers contend that the operator caused her to lose

An agreement ending a dispute with the three-member commission, exonerating Linares of any wrongdoing, saying her firing Jan. 7 was not based on anything she had done.

In return, Linares agreed to drop any future demands that she be returned to her \$82,687-a-year job with back pay. Linares' lawyers concluded that Gtech Holdings Corp., the state's prime lettery contractor, has damaged her and that "an appropriate cause of action for damages should be asserted against Gtech,' the settlement states.

Astronauts outfit aging telescope with powerful new eyes

SPACE CENTER, Houston — Working through cycles of night and day as they sped around Earth, astronauts outfitted the aging Hubble Space Telescope today with two powerful new eyes to enhance its view of the universe.

Spacewalkers Mark Lee and Steven Smith, in bulky space suits and breathing heavily, went about their business with a minimum of chatter. They removed two scientific instruments from the Hubble and replaced them with two others more powerful and up to date.

Tobacco company hopes dismissal could become trend

AUSTIN — A judge's dismissal of most of West Virginia's lawsuit against tobacco companies portends what could happen in a similar Texas lawsuit, a tobacco company lawyer says.

"The key here is clearly what we've been saying all along in Texas. Philip Morris has said that these claims are thinly disguised attempts to circumvent the law," Philip Morris lawyer Jack Maroney said Friday.

But a spokesman for Texas Attorney General Dan Morales dis-

"That's a different state and a different case and shouldn't have any effect here," said spokesman Ward Tisdale.

In the West Virginia case a judge ruled Thursday that state agencies have no direct cause of action against cigarette manu-

In Texas, the \$4 billion federal lawsuit by Morales seeks damages for state and federal Medicaid funds spent on tobacco-related illnesses.

Dimmitt couple killed when train slams into their car

SUDAN — A Castro County couple was killed Friday when a freight train slammed at 55 mph into their car at a railroad cross

ing in this small South Plains town. James Ervin Welch, 64, and Rita Joy Welch, 63, both of Dimmitt, were killed at the crossing on FM 1843 at U.S. 84 in

southeastern Sudan shortly after noon Friday, police said. No one aboard the Burlington Northern Santa Fe train was

The impact slammed the 1992 Chrysler Fifth Avenue 81 feet into a telephone pole, Lamb County Justice of the Peace Carolyn Harmon said.

The Welches, neither wearing a seat belt, were ejected from the car, the Texas Department of Public Safety said.

'He just did not see the train, unfortunately," Harmon said.

Rancher lives different kind of dream

The ASSOCIATED PRESS

John Erickson grew up dreaming of becoming a rancher. He got his wish, but it's a dog that keeps the bills paid on Erickson's Texas Panhandle

In addition to being a rancher, Erickson, 53, is the author of 45 books, including the "Hank the Cowdog" series, a set of children's books about a cowdog who defends the ranch against all kinds of critters while solv-

ing mysteries. It's not the career to which most Perryton residents aspire.

"I have always enjoyed writing, but I never sat around dreaming of becoming a writer. I dreamed of becoming a rancher," Erickson said.

"We figured writers came from everywhere else," he said of the rural town.

The books Erickson couldn't fathom interesting readers outside of the rural reaches of the

Panhandle can be found in read newspapers. And that's rejected by New York publishmore than 10,000 school libraries. He's sold more than 2 million copies of Hank books.

'When it started showing up in schools around Dallas ... Dallas is a way cosmopolitan place," Erickson said. "I was surprised they could relate to the stories. I wasn't writing for a suburban audience.'

The cowdog's current adventure, "The Case of the Dancing Cowboy," is now in newsstands. "The Dancing Cowboy" is an

11-part book that began publication in the Austin American-Statesman on Jan. 21. The book is available to any newspaper at "It's an unprecedented gift to

children's literacy," said David Pego, director of educational services at the American-Statesman. "Hank fans have come out of the woodwork this month. I hope this will be repeated in other newspapers. It's encouraging children to

office if he tried to withdraw.

He also spoke movingly of not

"I've got a little old sergeant

that works for me over there at

the house, and he's got six chil-

dren, and I just put him up as

wanting to endanger U.S. sol-

wouldn't they?" he asked.

diers in Vietnam.

what we - as an industry need."

"The Dancing Cowboy" is Erickson's version of recycling. The story is half of a Hank book he didn't like. Instead of throwing it all away, he kept half.

The story was too short to publish as a book, so he's offered it through newspapers hoping children might get interested in reading both newspapers and books.

"We got nothing out of it," Erickson said. "We're like everyone else in print. There's children today who can't read or don't want to read and that has serious implications."

Hank first appeared in The Cattleman magazine, when Erickson wrote a series of 12 stories on humorous anecdotes about ranching. Two of the 12 were fictitious accounts of Hank the Cowdog.

Erickson wrote for 15 years with his manuscripts routinely ers - before he started his own publishing company, Maverick

Books, to print the 1982 book "The Devil in Texas." He had several short stories published, but "The Devil" was his first book. He would never

have published it had he not

been working so hard to pro-

mote his stories. Erickson went to rodeos, Future Farmers of America banquets, Lions Club meetings and similar functions to read his books. The stories that got the biggest reaction — from adults and children - were

"They told me, 'You should do

those involving Hank.

more with the dog," "he said. Hank the Cowdog has become its own industry. Aside from traveling to schools across the nation, Erickson writes the books, records audio books and contributes to a quarterly "Hank Times" newsletter as part of the character's fan club.

Anguished LBJ called Vietnam 'biggest mess I ever saw'

AUSTIN (AP) - Almost a year before he began the largescale buildup in Vietnam. President Johnson called the war "the biggest damn mess I ever saw" and lamented: "I don't think it's worth fighting for, and I don't think we can get

Johnson made the complaint in a May 27, 1964, phone conversation with his national security adviser, McGeorge Bundy. Tapes of the conversation, and another the same day with his close friend and political mentor, Sen. Richard Russell of Georgia, were released Friday by the LBJ Presidential Library.

They show that six months after he became president, Johnson agonized over what to do about Vietnam and was tormented by the prospect of sacrificing U.S. soldiers to a war he considered pointless.

"It's just the biggest damn mess I ever saw," he said. Although he believed public

the United States Army and Air Force and Navy every time I think about making this decision," he told Russell. "Thinking about sending that

father of those six kids in there ... and what the hell we're going to get out of his doing it? It just makes the chills run up my

war, Johnson also worried that Congress might run him out of then chairman of the Senate Armed Services Committee. "They'd impeach a president, "We're in the quicksands up to though, that would run out, our neck, and I just don't know what the hell to do about it."

> At the time, the government's stated Vietnam strategy involved sending a few thousand U.S. advisers to help train the South Vietnamese to fight the North. The first U.S. soldiers sent officially for combat arrived on March 8, 1965, and their numbers swelled to more than 500,000, of whom 58,000

Minutes after talking with Russell, Johnson repeated his

anxiety to Bundy. "The more that I stayed awake last night thinking of

this ... it just worries the hell

"It does me, too," said Russell, out of me," he said. "It's damned easy to get in war. But it's going to be awfully hard to ever extricate yourself if you do get in."

Again he brought up the sergeant as an example.

"What in the hell am I ordering him out there for?" he asked. "What the hell is Vietnam worth to me? What the hell is Laos worth to me? What is it worth to this country?"

While historians have written about Johnson's anguish over escalating U.S. involvement in Vietnam, the tapes offer an intimate portrait of just how painful the dilemma was, said Harry Middleton, director of the library.

"He was clearly tormented by it," Middleton said.

opinion was already against the Fort Worth officials scramble to deal with flood of paroled sex offenders

officials who spent much of the past year on a crusade to shut down halfway houses have painted themselves into a cor-

With Tarrant County's last halfway house for paroled sex offenders County about to shut down, where will they put 92 recent parolees?

"We as local officials have a responsibility to help solve said Fort Worth Councilman Bill Meadows. "Sure, we could say it's not our problem, it's the state's. But we need to take responsibility. We got what we asked for, and we

got it sooner than we expected." The halfway house is set to close down in two weeks. State law requires prison officials to send parolees back to their home counties.

Any sex offender seeking parole must file a "home plan" telling officials that family members have agreed to house him or that he has been accepted into a halfway house.

A sex offender convicted before 1996 who has accumulat-

ed "good time" that equals their sentenced time must be released. Many of those offenders also live in halfway houses. State Sen. Mike Moncrief, D-Fort Worth, plans to have a con-

ference call with state, county

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week to discuss the crisis.

Moncrief said last week that several short-term options have been discussed.

One option was for Sheriff David Williams to lease unused county jail space to the state to house the parolees, but Williams rejected the idea, saying his department lack jail space and staffing to house parolees.

Other ideas included having the state administer a halfway

FORT WORTH (AP) - Local and Fort Worth officials next house without a private contractor or appealing to Correctional Services to keep the remaining house open past March 1.

> "I don't want a Scotch tape and baling wire solution," Moncrief said. "This requires a real solution. We need to look at the big picture of sex offenders statewide. Just like we didn't want them all dumped on us, we can't expect another county to take ours when the (remaining house) closes.

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OUR VIEWS

Felony DWI case was long overdue

ats off to new 118th District Attorney Hardy Wilkerson for last week's successful prosecu-

tion of a felony DWI case. While we didn't check to see how long it had been since such a prosecution was attempted, we'll tell you that we share the excitement of all those involved in law enforcement in and around the county courthhouse that an habitual DWI offender was taken off the streets and placed behind bars.

A national survey in 1983 indicated that after 8 p.m., one in every 10 vehicles on the highways of this nation was driven by a drunk driver.

By the early 1990s, that number, despite an overall drop in the consumption of alcoholic beverages, had grown to a shade better than two in every 10.

Other communities have worked aggressively to get drunk drivers off the streets. Our state legislators, years ago, gave us the tools to pursue those repeat offenders so that not only could we get them off the streets, we could put them behind bars as well.

It's taken us a while to get there, but Wilkerson has made it clear that he intends to be an active and aggressive prosecutor who will work with law enforcement to keep drunks off the roadways. Bravo.

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was a lesson that continued when I became a member of the Cub Scouts and simple a

enough lesson.

As the

flag is raised or the Star-Spangled Banner played, you stand at attention. You stand quietly and you remove your hat or cap and place your hand over your heart as you show respect not only for the flag, but for those men and women who have given their lives in defense of our right to gather and live in a free land.

John H.

Managing Editor

Walker

taught me to respect the flag. It

It's a lesson the YMCA

Raiders learned. I know, because I watched them across the arena Thursday night as the strains of Francis Scott Key's composition came through the public address system at the Dorothy Garrett Coliseum.

I thought it was neat to watch the young girls, wearing their pink YMCA shirts as they stood with their hands over their hearts ... some of them singing

.. but all of them looking intently toward the huge American flag hanging from the ceiling of the arena.

It was clear that the group of young ladies had been taught and had learned - to respect the flag.

But while the Raiders were in my line of vision just to the left of center, Odessa College's cheerleaders were in my line of vision just to the right of cen-

And it was quickly evident that OC's cheerleaders hadn't learned the same lesson as the Raiders.

In clear contrast to the youngsters, there were the OC cheerleaders ... elbowing one another, laughing, poking each other in the back and doing just about everything as they stood on the coliseum floor - except

respecting the flag.

While OC's cheerleaders were the most flagrant in their disrespect for the flag, they weren't the only ones without class Thursday night — and they haven't been the only classless ones in the coliseum this year.

For the record, proper etiquette requires that men and boys remove any headware during the presentation of colors -which means either the physical displaying of the flag by a color guard or the static display of the flag while the National Anthem is played.

It also requires that men and women place their right hands across their hearts while persons in uniforms salute the flag.

The singing of the National Anthem, which is no easy task, is also proper.

Just about any time the flag is presented or the anthem played, you'll find hats and caps still atop heads ... you'll see folks walking up through the stands toward the concession stand ... you'll see people in deep discussion and you'll see people, even at the scorer's table, with their arms at their

Thankfully, those people are in a minority, for there are many more who stand erect, back straight, head back, hand over heart as the flag is presented.

Those men and women and, yes, children like the YMCA Raiders, understand that we 1402 are honoring the flag and the memory of those who have ' ' fought in its behalf when we pause for a few moments before

the players are introduced. Maybe Odessa's cheerleaders act better at home than they do on the road ... maybe not.

Had I been cutting up on the floor, I know my folks would have caught my attention by saying something like, "We raised you better than that,' but then again, maybe that's why they call Odessa the "Big O," as in zero.

(John H. Walker is managing editor of Herald. Letters in response may be sent in care of this newspaper.)

State Capital HIGHLIGHTS

yndeil Williams & Ed Sterling **Texas Press Association**

Moving to prevent a "time erunch," Lt. Gov. Bob Bullock announced the creation of a special Senate committee to consider legislation dealing with property tax relief and public school finance

While tax legislation must originate in the House, the Senate should not postpone discussion of a subject that is multi-faceted and complex," Bullock said. "Action now will decrease the chances for a logiam near the end of the ses

"A proposal of this magnitude emands thorough study and deliberation, this will provide

that opportunity for Senate members and those who are interested in the legislation. Hopefully, it will help lawmakers avoid a time crunch in the final stretch.

The committee will be chaired by Sen. Ken Armbrister, D-Victoria. Sen. Teel Bivins, R-Amarillo, was named vice chairman of the 11member committee. Also appointed were Sens. Gonzalo Barrientos, D-Austin; John Carona, R-Dallas; Robert Duncan, R-Lubbock; Rodney Ellis, D-Houston; Troy Fraser, R-Horseshoe Bay; Chris Harris, R-Arlington; Greg Luna, D-San Antonio; Drow Nixon, R. Carthage; and Florence Shapiro, R-Plano.

Meanwhile, Bullock said last week he knows of no one who has coerced contributions to his re-election campaign.

University of Texas officials denied coercing colleagues into contributing money to Bullock or any other politician.

UT System officials were interviewed in response to a report in the San Antonio Express-News inwhich a UT-San Antonio vice president alleged that his superior coerced him to give to Bullock.

The report showed that higher education officials had contributed \$170,850 to Bullock since 1992, including 22 contributions from UT-Austin totaling \$10,150 and contributions of \$59,500 from regents and former regents over the past four years

Chancellor William Cunningham and UT-Austin President Robert Berdahl did, however, tell the Austin American-Statesman they made calls several years ago to fellow UT executives, suggesting they make donations.

Bullock and Rep. Paul Sadler, D-Henderson, last week anked state Comptroller John Sharp to write an alternative to Gov. George W. Bush's property tax relief plan, but Sharp said he

wasn't going to do it.

"Our role right now is to be supportive in a technical sense. My fear is if you put something else on the table, you might confuse the issue," Sharp said. Bush's plan would levy a 1.25 percent tax on businesses with more than \$500,000 in sales. The tax would be on earnings above that amount, after the costs of raw materials and capital investments are subtracted from the gross.

Sharp said he would help to make Bush's plan work if it is approved by the Legislature.

A bill that would suspend the driver's licenses of those younger than 21 caught with alcohol in their possession or in their systems passed the Senate without objection.

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

Under West's bill, an under

age drinker caught with even a trace of alcohol could face fines, community service and jail time.

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

And, 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.

 College students would find it easier to get credit for courses when they transfer under a bill passed by the Senate last week. Sen. Bivins, the measure's sponsor, said it would not only make life easier for college students but also save tax dollars because students would not have to retake the same courses.

The Senate also passed a

school uniform bill authored by Sen. Harris. The measure would require a petition by parents for a school to consider requiring uniforms. After development by a campus-level committee, the uniform plan would have to be approved by the school superintendent and voted on by parents before going to the school board for a

·A state law requiring motorcyclists to wear helmets would be repealed for adults under a bill the Senate State Affairs Committee approved. The committee voted 9-2 to repeal the 1989 state law requiring motorcyclists - age 18 or older- to wear head protection. The bill now goes to the full Senate for consideration.

 The Senate Nominations Committee ignored protests from environmentalists and voted 7-0 to confirm Barry McBee's 1995 appointment as chairman of the Texas Natural Resource Conservation Commission.

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Government is notifying legal immigrants of cuts in Social Security benefits

WASHINGTON (AP) — The legal immigrants alike. federal government is notifying hundreds of thousands of low-income elderly and disabled legal immigrants that they are losing Social Security

Letters going out to the immigrants result from last year's welfare overhaul requiring cuts in assistance that take effect in August and September.

Immigrant-advocacy groups are worried.

"One of our greatest fears is that the United States will have a rash of suicides among the very old and disabled immigrants who are left without any source of income or medical care." Catholic Charities official Sharon Daly told a House subcommittee this week.

Between now and the end of March, the Social Security Administration is mailing out 900,000 letters informing legal immigrants of their status under the Supplemental Security Income program.

The Republican-crafted welfare law President Clinton signed last year will cut off disability benefits to as many as 500,000 of the 803,000 noncitizens now drawing assistance.

SSI provides an average of \$425 a month in aid for poor people who are elderly, blind or disabled. Until now, this of the elderly born in this help has gone to citizens and

"For many individuals, this is the sole means of support," said SSA spokesman Phil

Gambino. Seeking to put a face on the cuts, immigrant advocates point to individual hardship

71-year-old Cuban -Awoman whose U.S. citizen husband died in 1995, leaving her in poverty. Her lack of English and deteriorating physical and mental condition make taking the citizenship exam a virtual impossibility, and her ailing daughter is unable to care for

-A 53-year-old woman who fled Vietnam's communist regime in 1975, relocating to California with her husband and three children. After hospitalization for mental illness. she lost touch with her entire family.

Authors of the welfare law acknowledge the human impact of the policy changes. But they say it was imperative to rein in SSI's costs, which have swelled in part because of the growing numbers of noncitizens on the program's rolls. The number of immigrants on SSI grew fivefold between 1982 and 1994.

Nearly one in four elderly noncitizens received SSI in 1994, compared with one in 25

Clinton's intervention keeps American flying of the Allied Pilots Association,

WASHINGTON (AP) - A strike by American Airlines pilots was just four minutes old Saturday morning when President Clinton intervened to prevent the shuttering of the nation's largest domestic carrier at the start of a busy holiday weekend.

While the pilots continue to fly, a three-member emergency board named by Clinton will take 30 days to propose a settlement. The union and the airline then have 30 days to reach an agreement. Failing that, Congress could impose a settle-

"This dispute needs to be resolved as soon as possible," the president said in a statement authorizing the emergency board.

It was not known when the board will meet. Negotiators for the airline and its pilots can continue their independent talks during the "cooling off" period while the board meets, but a strike is not allowed.

Early Saturday, negotiators for American Airlines and its pilots were getting ready to go home to wait for the emergency board to come up with a way to settle their dispute.

American officials said fewer than 100 flights worldwide were affected by the strike that had threatened to spoil a holiday weekend for more than 40,000 travelers.

"If it hurt us at all it was less than a bad storm at one of our hubs," said Al Comeaux, an airline spokesman.

The White House announced Clinton's decision after four days of marathon talks produced few results. Four minutes earlier, James Sovich, president had ordered local strike leaders around the country to shut down the airline.

While airline executives praised the president for staving off a potential financial disaster, union officials questioned his decision.

"There is no deal, there is no contract, there is no labor peace," Sovich said. "I prefer that it not have occurred.'

Sovich's strike announcement elicited loud cheers at a meeting of union members and their families in Dallas-Fort Worth, the airline's headquarters. Boos greeted the news of Clinton's decision.

American's chief executive officer, Robert Crandall, thanked the president "for his wisdom in preventing a strike that would have been very harmful to American's many constituencies and to the nation as a whole.'

Clinton said he acted in hopes of speeding an agreement and because he believed a strike "would have an immediate and adverse impact on the traveling public."

In addition to stranding passengers, an administration study said the strike would have cost about \$100 million a day and forced layoffs of 90,000 airline workers.

Clinton acted under the Railway Labor Act, designed to protect the economy against labor strikes. A president had not invoked that law in an airline strike for more than three

Unions have called two strikes against American in the last four years, but Clinton interceded in both. In 1993, the company agreed to his request for binding arbitration after flight attendants voted to walk

With a strike looming, White House adviser Bruce Lindsey broke away from reporters about 11:45 p.m. Friday to take calls from both parties. He was told the union rejected American's final offer. He then went to the president's office in the White House residence to break the news.

"If you're going to act, the time to do it is now," Lindsey told Clinton.

The president quietly took the executive order and signed it. The three members of the Presidential Emergency Board appointed by Clinton are:

-Chairman Robert R. Harris of Maryland, a former chairman of the National Mediation Board who led a special board that resolved a national railroad dispute in 1991. That board was appointed by Congress.

chairman of the National Mediation Board.

—Anthony V. Sinicropi, an arbitration specialist and professor emeritus at the

University of lowa. American's pilots want raises totaling 11 percent through 2000 and increased stock options. The company has offered 6 per-

cent and smaller stock options. Another sticking point is who would fly smaller jets on commuter routes.

The union wants its members to fly the shorter routes and offered lower pay scales for those flights if the company accepted other demands. American's parent company. AMR Corp., said it wants its American Eagle subsidiary, with lower-paid pilots from another union, to continue fly-

ing the commuter routes. The average American Airlines pilot makes \$120,000 a year. The average American Eagle pilot makes about \$35,000 -Helen M. Witt, also was a year.



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he worked as a senior Commerce Department official, privy to classified trade briefings. John Huang regularly met and dined with Chinese Embassy officials.

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When Huang left Commerce to begin a controversial stint as the Democrats' top fund-raiser among Asian-Americans, he kept his Chinese contacts. Several embassy and consular Rolodex at Democratic National Committee headquarters.

Republicans Congress speak of "potential economic espionage" in questioning whether Huang had improper contact with Chinese officials or with his former employer, the Indonesian conglomerate Lippo Group.

Huang has denied wrongdoing. Telephone messages seeking comment from his attor-

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WASHINGTON (AP) - While neys, Ty Cobb and John C. Keeney Jr., were not returned. Records from a few days in October 1995 indicate the kind of activities congressional

investigators are focusing on:

Commerce telephone logs show Huang called Lippo Bank in Los Angeles on Oct. 10 and twice on Oct. 11. On that day, his expense report showed a \$5 Embassy.

The next day Huang, who was cleared for top secret official information, was scheduled to receive an intelligence briefing from the CIA's liaison to the Commerce Department, according to Commerce documents.

On Oct. 12, Huang took a taxi ride from the residence of the Chinese ambassador back to his Commerce office. He called Lippo Bank two more times within the next seven days. Rep. Gerald Solomon, R-N.Y.,

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has asked Commerce to explain why Huang went to the Indonesian Embassy and Chinese ambassador's residence. "I am troubled" by the expense reports, Solomon said.

After leaving Commerce in December 1995 to raise money for the Democratic National Committee, Huang kept on hand the telephone numbers of taxi ride to the Indonesian at least 11 officials of the Chinese Embassy or consulates, as well as business cards of Chinese businessmen.

The Democratic Party eventually returned more than \$1 million raised by Huang because it came from foreign sources or was otherwise inappropriate.

A Justice Department investigation into improper fund raising reportedly is considering evidence that officials of the Chinese Embassy attempted to direct contributions to the Democrats.

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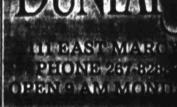
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Zaire's government cracks down under military, political

KINSHASA, Zaire (AP) — The away, but in the Zairian capital, President Mobutu Sese Seko's government is assuming a warlike stance as both military and political pressures close in.

The government, complaining of "enemy propaganda" and claiming the Zairian army is making great progress in a month-old counteroffensive. issued decrees Friday night banning protests and cracking down on the news media.

front line is hundreds of miles May appear increasingly unlikely, with the government saying voting can't occur while part of the country is occupied by Laurent Kabila's rebels.

the eastern war zone. Kabila is claiming new progress in his march westward toward the presidential compound at Gbadolite. On Saturday, he threatened to attack the largest refugee camp in the area unless refugees he said were being armed by Zaire cleared out.

terness toward Mobutu, whose neglect of the army is blamed for the rebels' advances, opposition newspapers are openly poking fun at his prostate cancer.

One cartoon Friday in L'Observateur showed the gravely ill president, dressed in striped pajamas and a leopardskin hat, speeding away from Kabila's forces in a hospital bed on wheels, a look of panic on his face. In a corner, with a smug smile, stood Etienne

Tshisekedi, the militant opposition leader who has called for talks with Kabila.

Tshisekedi is the only politician to openly support negotiations, but diplomats and politicians say that privately, many within Mobutu's circle also are urging him to talk rather than continue a war his ill-equipped, untrained army has little chance of winning.

"As far as I'm concerned, the only way to get a solution to this problem is through negotiations. We don't need war. We don't want war. We just want a change in this life," said busi-nessman Luke Mkaal, chatting on a crowded Kinshasa street corner as dozens of others nodded in agreement.

"People in this country are tired. They support Kabila, even though they don't know what he will give them.'

The feeling is that anyone would be better than Mobutu, whose 31 years in power have left mineral-rich Zaire among

the world's poorest countries. The personal pillaging and inefficiency for which Mobutu and his cronies are famous is evident throughout the oncegracious city of crumbling colonial buildings and slums. Government ministries, even the all-important defense ministry, are housed in shells of buildings with broken stairways, cockroaches skittering on moldy carpets and bare bulbs dangling over rusted typewriters with torn ribbons.

Inmates in lock-step at Japan's prisons

Japan's toughest criminals were hard at work, bending obediently over buzz-saws and hammering together stools. Then a prison guard barked an order to stop. factory Instantly,

machines fell silent. With each hollered command, the inmates in gray uniforms lined up meekly in formation and marched in lock-step to the lunchroom.

At their assigned seats, the prisoners sat silently with their backs straight and eyes closed. No one took a bite until a guard gave the order.

How do you get criminals to nals. behave like this? Japanese prison officials say they have the answer: unbending disci-

"The stricter the rules are, the safer life in the prison is," said Koichi Watanabe, deputy warden at Fuchu Prison in west Tokyo, the largest and oldest prison in Japan.

Strict is putting it mildly. Prisoners cannot talk or look aside while working, eating or failing to observe international

TOKYO (AP) - Some of marching; exercise is forbidden standards," the New York-based in cells; tobacco is banned; TV times and programs are decided by guards; inmates' faces must be visible while they sleep. Conversation is restricted to a few short breaks and 3> hours after dinner; prisoners are subject to several strip searches a

> Compared to American prisons, where drugs, violence and rape are taken for granted, Japanese prisons seem to be tranquility. islands of Uncrowded, clean, orderly and for the most part safe, it's hard to believe they're full of crimi-

> But the system that has achieved these results has increasingly come under attack from human rights proponents and inmates as secretive places where Draconian regimentation and dehumanizing punishments grind prisoners into submis-

> "Order is achieved at a very high cost: the cost of violating fundamental human rights and

Human Rights Watch said in a 1995 report.

Critics say the prisons suffocate inmates in an avalanche of pointless rules. Trivial infractions, they allege, are met with brutal punishment, including beatings and spells in "protective cells," where prisoners immobilized leather in restraints have to lap up their meals like dogs and defecate through slits ripped in their

pants. While prison officials deny abuse, they make no apologies for the strict discipline. They are proud of the efficiency of their institutions.

"Even though there has been criticism that Japanese prisons have too many rules, without them it would be chaos,' Watanabe said.

But corrections officials are secretive when it comes to precisely how they keep their charges in line. Prison rules are confidential, and a rare tour of Fuchu Prison granted to The Associated Press omitted solitary confinement and protective cells, which officials say are used only to calm "berserk" inmates and not for punish-

Though the visit was limited, it left no question that Japanese prisons are tightly run places.

The times that prisoners get up, eat, talk and sleep are rigidly set. Almost all inmates work 40-hour weeks at one of 29 factories, making shoes, ceramics, wooden toys, books and other

Signs with detailed lists of instructions are everywhere. In the health clinic waiting room, inmates are ordered to sit in silence and are forbidden to cross their arms or legs. A sign in the communal bath features a diagram showing inmates precisely how short their sideburns should be.

Prisoners are also isolated from each other and the outside world. Telephones are off limits; letters to and from prisoners are read and censored — or simply confiscated; visits are videotaped or monitored by guards.

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North Korean defection brings Cold War to Beijing

War has resurfaced on Beijing's chilly streets.

North Korean agents, waiting in cars with darkened windows and lurking under trees, gaze every few minutes down the street to the South Korean consulate where the most senior North Korean official ever to flee the secretive Stalinist state hides out.

Inside the white building. South Korean officials ply the 72-year-old defector, Hwang Jang Yop, with food, books and probably questions, hoping to tap his wealth of information about the North's inner work-

China is caught in the middle. Its police have guarded the South Korean consulate since Hwang got out of a taxi Wednesday, walked in, and asked for asylum.

The drama, including at least

BEIJING (AP) — The Cold two attempts by North Koreans to breach the police cordon and get to the South Korean compound, has further strained the relationship between the two Koreas and presented a dilemma to Beijing.

> Allowing Hwang to travel to South Korea, as he and Seoul have requested, would infuriate North Rorea, China's ally, with whom **throught during** the 1950-1953 Korean War.

> But forcing Hwang's return to North Korea, which insists he was kidnapped, could upset the flowering trade ties — worth about \$20 billion a year between China and South Korea. Beijing would also likely look heartless by sending Hwang back to almost certain punishment.

China, angry that the defection was not kept secret in the first place, appeared to be opting instead for a third option:

China's Foreign Ministry said Saturday the crisis could take "a very long time" to resolve. Signaling its desire not to get caught up further in their rivalry, it called on North and South Korea to resolve the crisis themselves.

China-South Korean talks Beijing on Saturday, and anoth-20-member delegation arrived from Pyongyang on Friday, South Korean media reported.

Chinese security forces laid spikes to puncture car tires on roads around the consulate Saturday and moved in a truck with a water cannon, an armored vehicle and extra men

 preparing for a long wait. Chinese officers with AK-47 rifles and helmets patrolled in

the early hours, part of extra security measures China put in place after a North Korean car sped toward the police cordon, stopped a few feet short and drove away on Friday night.

North Korea threatened retaliation after Hwang defected. South Korea put its 650,000member military on higher began Friday. A North Korean alert and tightened security at **ition** perhaps sent to seek airports, government facilitie Hwang's return, arrived in foreign embassies and ports to prevent terrorist attacks.

Hwang is a member of North Korea's highest decision-making body, the Central Committee of the ruling Worker's Party, and a leading ideologue who once tutored leader Kim Jong Il.

More than any previous defector, Hwang would be able to reveal to the rival government in Seoul the inner workings of Pyongyang's communist leader-

Exchanging of hostages is resumed in Tajikistan

DUSHANBE, Tajikistan (AP) killed, but it was not clear A rebel warlord released exchange for supporters flown from neighboring Afghanistan, a Tajik security official said.

Dzhobirov, Shamsullo Tajikistan's deputy security minister, said 28 rebel gunmen were to be reunited with warlord Bakhram Sadirov in exchange for the freeing of 11 hostages.

The ITAR-Tass news agency said the exchange resumed at midday at a remote location in the former Soviet republic in Central Asia.

Three hostages — two Russian journalists and their driver — were freed late Friday after talks between Sadirov and Russian Vice Premier Vitaly Ignatenko, ITAR-Tass reported. They had been held for 10 days.

Eight of the remaining hostages are U.N. personnel. The others are two Russian journalists and Tajikistan's security minister.

Hostage journalists reported Thursday that a U.N. military observer had been shot and



whether they were speaking more hostages Saturday in under duress and Ignatenko said he was told that no one had been killed or injured. Ignatenko spoke to Sadirov

twice, and said the latest talks gave hope that "it all ends peacefully," the news agency reported. Interfax correspondent

Suraye Sobirova, ITAR-Tass reporter Galina Gridneva and their driver were allowed to leave Sadirov's base Friday.

They were apparently freed after six of the rebel fighters were reported heading to Sadirov's base.

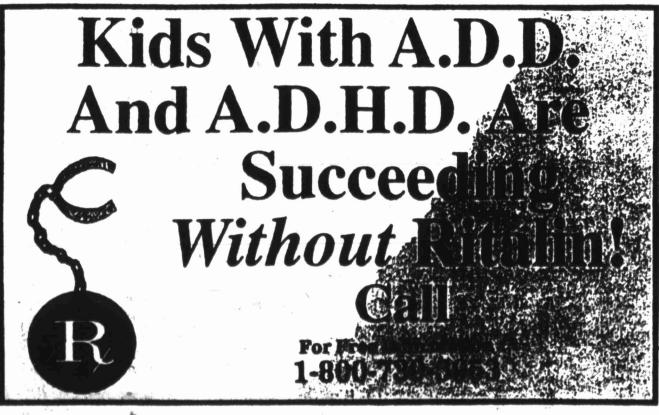
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usually starts significantly later (mid-20's to 30's) and may be a sign of endometriosis, fibroids, or infection. You need to see a doctor for any persistent pain or discomfort with menstrual periods, whatever your

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But Prather, an expert in black history and a self-termed urban archaeologist, knew how to excavate. And as she sifted the detritus from the long-ago Fifth Ward printing shop, something called to her. It was a weathered crimson volume, and it said, "The Red Book" in an 80-year-old typeface.

Peering inside, Prather entered another world: the bustling, driven, idealistic life of black Houstonians in 1915.

Nearly unknown and extraordinarily rare — the printer's wife and the Central Library may possess the only originals - the Houston Red Book was the brainchild of black editor and pioneer Emmett J. Scott. "A Compendium of Social, Religious, Profèssional, Educational and Industrial Interests of Houston's Colored Population" is how Scott billed it, and he didn't much overstate

the scope. Inside, the crisply printed volume swarms with names, addresses, statistics, photos, biographies and essays on the state of African-Americans in Houston.

'This book came out 50 years after slavery," explains Prather, who had heard of the volume but never saw one until that day at the printer's in 1987. "It means, 'Hey, we have arrived. We are ex-slaves and look what we've done.' I think it's a very braggadocious book."

Prather, who reprinted a few copies of the Central Library's Red Book but has no more left, thinks Houston's African-American elite probably paid for entries, much like members of the traditionally white Blue Book or Social Register. But the 192-page Red Book's message is considerably more complex than the Blue Book's. Mingled with photographs of exquisitely dressed black citizens, their schools and houses, and catalogues of their achievements, essay after essay in the Red Book tells why its images mat-

"Simply with a desire to give true inspiration through a permanent record of achievement to those of the race who appreciate its value," the publishers wrote, "this book is dedicated to those who stand for the uplift."

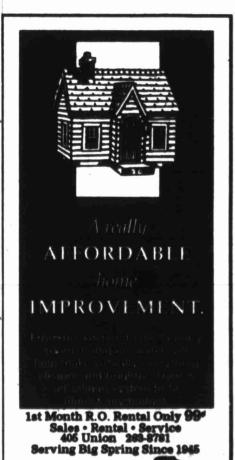
The result is a dense, paradoxical portrait of hundreds of achievers whose parents were slaves. Achievers like James S. Rutledge, a railway postal clerk whose descendants still live in

Born on a Hempstead farm in 1876, Rutledge made his way to Houston in 1904, got a coveted job as a railway postal clerk, and helped found the all-black National Alliance of Postal Employees in 1913.

Stolid and strong-featured, Rutledge personifies self-confidence in his Red Book photos. In the group picture of the postal unionists, he stands with feet planted apart, looking slightly upward as if at some far-off beacon.

Yet the reality Rutledge lived was pitted with obstacles, his great-niece, Gladys Rutledge Edwards says.

"I would still like to know how he approached someone to get that job" in those segregated times, Edwards says.



"His route ran from Houston to Albuquerque, New Mexico,' she adds. "I've been told there were places they had to hide him in some parts of Texas. No one could know he was a black mail clerk on that train - there was no knowing what could have happened to him."

Such details, though, would never surface in the resolutely optimistic Red Book.

Instead, the volume's writers stressed a world getting better each day. "Despite the existence of a few critics, carpers and cranks, racial prejudices between the white and black races in the South are dying out," the introduction says. "No longer does either race desire to carry or be carried on the back of the other."

This optimism was more than just denial in a day when segregation and discrimination split Houston in two. For one thing, the achievements of the black community were exhilarating. Prather says. Of all the Red Book's photographs, the most symbolic to her is that of the Colored High School, built in 1893 near Antioch Baptist Church.

"It was one of the first high schools for Negroes in the state of Texas," Prather says. "It was one of the few opportunities for Negro children to get an educa-

Next door stood the Colored Carnegie Library, organized in 1907 and also depicted in the Red Book. Emmett J. Scott, the Red Book's editor, by 1910 had been asked by Booker T. Washington to work at the Tuskegee Institute. With what must have been a masterful mix of boldness and tact, Scott approached industrialist Andrew Carnegie during a visit to Tuskegee, and asked his help in building a library for Houston blacks.

Carnegie agreed, on the condition that the community buy the land and pay 10 percent annually for its upkeep.

In addition to their successes, Prather adds, men like Rutledge and Scott lived in a more rarefied world than most African-Americans of their time.

"There was pain and horror and suffering all around them, but you have to come back to who was writing the book," Prather says. "The Red Book is reflective of the best and the brightest" of the 1915 black community. Segregation also had made the

black community almost an island unto itself. For the lucky ones inside that enclave, life offered most of the same pleasures it did the white communi-

Society ladies could be fetchingly immortalized by photographer C.G. Harris, who took all of the Red Book's pictures.

And Red Book subjects seemed to take a special pride in forswearing bitterness against whites.

The five-page biography of "J.B. Bell, Capitalist," noted: "He is the owner of a large seven-passenger Cadillac, the (photo) of which appears in these pages, and he and his wife are generous dispensers of their hospitality with the same. A noted instance of their generosity with their automobile is proven in the fact that they have, on several occasions, loaned it to the family of Dr. G.A. McDonell, a white gentleman, now in modest circumstances, but one to whom Mr. Bell feels that he owes a great deal for his start in life, having once been in his employment."

Only in a few instances does the Red Book betray the harshness of life in those days. In a section called "Negro Health Problem," the author notes matter-of-factly, "General sanitation is a condition over which we have little or no control. As a rule, if there is a marshy place in the larger cities, where drainage is almost impossible and where malaria, typhoid fever and tuberculosis are constantly present, we are assigned to that region with the promise that when we are once established, the city will extend its sewers. Once we are there our petitions are lost off the files and we are forgotten."

But the passage is nearly buried in an essay otherwise brimming with recommendations for healthy living. Likewise, the Red Book's essays themselves are overshadowed by its rich images: women in Sunday clothes and nurse uniforms, men posing before big Victorian houses or in offices like A.G. Perkins' & Co., a black-owned law firm.

"I'm very thankful for my accomplishments," Edwards, who grew up in an achievement-oriented family, and has one son who is a dentist

and another trained in law. "But I think if I had known more about my family, that they accomplished all that against those odds,"she says. "maybe I would have striven even hardConcho River yields unique booty of pearls

SAN ANGELO (AP) -Spanish explorer Francisco Vasquez de Coronado was convinced that somewhere in the American Southwest the Seven Cities of Gold existed.

Years of searching cost the lives of hundreds of Indian guides and soldiers, who found little gold and lots of hardship along the way.

Fast forward about 430 years to 1969, and you'll find Bart Mann and Jack Morgan sloshing through Fisher Lake in West Texas, spending their days prying stunningly-colored pearls from thousands of native shells.

"We didn't know what we had when we found them," Morgan said. "We just kept them up in a bunch of fruit

The lavender and pink pearls were no secret to folks around the Concho River, which runs from the west through San Angelo before flowing into the Colorado. Area ranchers and others had noted the pearls for years, although no one really capitalized on them until Morgan and Mann.

Soon after their find, they began crafting their collection into jewelry, a unique array based on the funny-shaped stones they had stuffed into their jars.

The artistic Mann created the pieces while Morgan handled the business end. The men sold their wares at shows from Seattle to the Bahamas.

Eventually, Morgan said the

coast-to-coast jetting became tiresome.

"We decided that we'd either quit or open up a store,' Morgan said. "I opened the store (Bart Mann Originals), and it was his job to keep making the jewelry."

Their creations quickly developed a national cult following. Before his death in 1974, Mann created a number of designs around the pearls, from bunches of grapes and corn cobs using dozens of the tiniest ones to golden mussel shell earrings.

Unlike traditional pearls, Concho pearls are rarely perfectly round. Their draw is their color. Most are pink, though the hues range into lavenders and deep purples.

"It's the chemical makeup of the creeks and rivers," Morgan said. "There's lots of caleche and mineral content."

The "baroques," randomly shaped pieces that don't begin to resemble traditional pearls, are the most bizarre. The most popular are naturally shaped like wings that become ornaments for hummingbird pen-

Others are even more distinctive.

"There's a pearl here that for all the world looks like a child's top. It absolutely looks like it's been turned on a lathe," said Mark Priest, who joined Morgan in 1976. "That pearl's loose, and it's not for sale. Someone would have to want it really bad."

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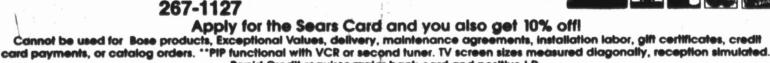
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Forsan falls into 3-way tie for second

HERALD Staff Report

WALL - The Forsan Buffaloes will end up playing some extra games this season. Whether or not they're in the state playoffs, though, is still up in the air.

The Buffaloes fell into a three-way tie for the second and final playoff spot from District 8-2A by dropping a 46-42 decision to the Wall Hawks in the regular season finale for both teams Friday night.

Forsan ended the season with a 21-10 record, including a 7-5 mark in district games. That leaves the Buffs in a three-way tie with Ozona and Winters for the league's second playoff spot.

Ozona and Winters will play each other Monday, with the winner of that game facing Forsan at a site and time to be determined Tuesday night to determine the second place fin-

If Forsan wins Tuesday night, it will face Jim Ned, ranked fourth in the state Class 2A poll, in the first round of the state playoffs.

Friday night, the Buffs and Wall entered the second half tied at 24-24, but the Hawks edged ahead on an 11-8 third quarter, and held on down the stretch to take the victory.

Robert Hillger led Forsan with 11 points, while Stephen Osburn had 10 points for the

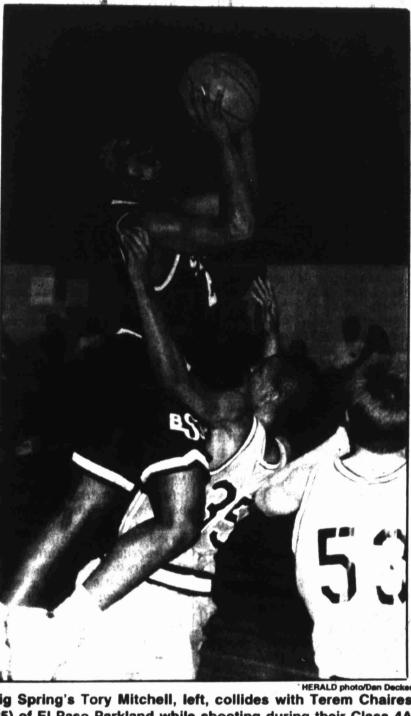
Bulldogs, Buffaloes open playoffs Thursday

The Coahoma Bulldogs champions of District 8-2A, will open the state basketball playoffs at 7:30 p.m. Thursday in Sweetwater against Hawley.

The Bearkats finished second in District 7-2A behind Jim Ned, while Coahoma won District 8-2A with a league record of 9-2. Overall, the Bulldogs finished the regular season with a 20-9 record.

Also Thursday, the Stanton Buffaloes, ranked fifth in the latest Class 2A boys' poll, opens its playoff run with a bidistrict contest against District 5-2A runner-up Tahoka. That game will be played at 7:30 p.m. at Scurry County Coliseum in Snyder.

Stanton finished the regular season with a 28-1 record.



Big Spring's Tory Mitchell, left, collides with Terem Chaires (35) of El Paso Parkland while shooting during their Class 4A playoff game Friday in Alpine.

Late Big Spring charge falls short vs. Parkland

Special to the Herald

ALPINE - George Quintero scored 30 points to lead the El Paso Parkland Matadors to a 92-77 victory over the Big Spring Steers in a Class 4A bidistrict playoff game at Sul Ross University Friday night.

The Matadors led throughout the game, but had to hold off a late Big Spring rally that saw the Steers close to within three points of the lead twice in the fourth quarter.

'We got into a big hole in the first half," BSHS coach Gary Tipton said. "We made a run at them in the final period closed to within three twice but we couldn't stand prosperity and let it slip away. Parkland played better than we did tonight; they deserve the win. We played well and represented our school well. I'm proud of my team and their performance.

Tipton said that the Steers needed to do two things to win against Parkland: They had to handle the Matadors' press and they had to win the battle for rebounds. The results were mixed, he added.

"We handled their press, but we didn't convert. The shots just didn't go in," Tipton said.

"As for rebounds, we came close but we didn't win it."

Parkland held a 16-7 edge in rebounds early, and that helped them attempt 41 first-half shots compared to only 29 for Big Spring.

They beat us on the boards in the first half, and that's where we dug our hole," Tipton

The Steers also hurt themselves at the free throw line. converting only 9 of their 21 chances

But the Steers didn't go away. Trailing by only eight at the half, Big Spring made things even tighter in the second half, twice pulling to within three points in the fourth quarter before finally falling short at the end.

We had to take too many chances at the end," Tipton said. "But the game was a lot closer than the final score indicated."

Justin Myers led the Steers (14-15) with 19 points, followed by Greg Wollenzien with 15 points, John Smith with 13 points and Chad Warren with

Joining Quintero in double figures for Parkland were Deante Munn with 20 points, and Jose Duarte and Milk Dilks, both of whom scored 11

This was the final game for Myers, Smith and fellow seniors Sky Massingill, Paul Foresyth, Aaron Bristow and Ben Hilario. Tipton said he would remember them as a group of players who confounded the preseason prognostica-

"In the preseason poll ... this team was picked to finish fifth in district," Tipton said. "You take that, and they end up 7-3 and in second place in district, and that's something to be very, very proud of.'

Parkland advances to the area round of the playoffs and will face Canyon Randall at a time and site to be determined.

PARKLAND (92) - Marrissey 1 0-0 2; Haymond 1 0-0 2; Jauregui 2 4-4 8; Duarte 5 0 0 11; Chaires 4 0-0 8; Munn 7 5-7 20; Dilks 5 1-3 11; Quintero 11 5-6 30; totals 36 15-20 92.

BIG SPRING (77) - Smith 6 0-1 13; Myers 7 4-5 19; Mitchell 3 0-0 6; Warren 4 0-2 10; Massingill 1 0-0 2; Wollenzien 7 1-5 15 Bristow 2 2-2 6; Foresyth 2 2-6 6; totals 33 9-21

Score by quarters Parkland

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 Parkland 5 (Duarte Munn, Quintero 3), Big Spring 2 (Smith, Myers); Turnovers - Parkland 19, Dig Spring 23; Rebounds — Parkland 48 (Chaires 12), Big Spring 47 (Warren 7, Wollenzien 7); Total fouls — Parkland 22, Big Spring 18; Fouled out - Chaires, Myers

Li falls in finals of WT Championships

HERALD Staff Report

SAN ANGELO - Hsiao-Hsuan Li of Big Spring High School finished second in Boys A singles Saturday at the West High Championships in San Angelo.

Li advanced to the finals of the tournament before dropping a 6-4, 2-6, 6-2 decision to topseeded Jeremy Earl of Lubbock Coronado. Li won his first round match by default, defeated Blake McElmurry of Odessa Permian in the quarterfinals and downed Jason Soto of San Angelo Central 6-3, 6-3 in the semifinals to set up with match with Earl.

"It was a hard-fought battle that could have gone either way," BSHS coach Ralph Davis said of the boys' final. "That kid from Lubbock was just too 'on' for Hsiao-Hsuan."

Earl advanced to the finals with a 6-0, 6-1 victory over Jeff Castle of Big Spring. Castle had reached the semis with a 6-2, 3-6, 6-3 victory over Ty Cokes of

SPRING SPORTS ROUNDUP

Odessa in the first round and a Tennis Center. 7-6, 4-6, 6-4 victory over teammate Jeff Moss in the quarterfi-School nais.

Angelo, in other Big Spring results,

Monica Villarreal advanced to the Girls' A singles semifinals before dropping a 6-2, 6-1 decision to Melissa Hodges of Odessa Permian.

Also, Kaegan Welch and Devon Swafford recorded a major upset when they downed the third-seeded Flores-McKnight team from Lubbock Coronado 0-6, 6-2, 6-4 in the Boys A Doubles quarterfinals. Welch and Swafford eventually fell in the semifinals.

And Brent Schroeder and Sterling Hellman advanced to the consolation semifinals of the Boys B Doubles before bow-

Big Spring hosts its annual spring tournament next Friday and Saturday at Figure 7

BSHS girls sixth at Snyder with

SNYDER — The Big Spring High School girls' golf team, after posting consecutive thirdplace finishes to open the season, hit a figurative bump in the road Saturday as they placed sixth in the Snyder Invitational.

Host Snyder won the tournament for the first time ever, posting a one-day total of 327. Friday's first round was rained

Midland Lee placed second, 30 shots back of Snyder, while Abilene was third and Fort Stockton fourth.

Big Spring's team total was 380. Individual scores were: Stefanie Waggoner, 91; Kelly Hollar, 95; Alicia Wood, 96; Ashlie Simmons, 98; and Tatum Weeks, 109.

Snyder's Daysha Weaver and

Keisha Gafford tied for medalist honors with 77.

"I was disappointed because we didn't play very well," BSHS coach Mike Scarbrough said. "Of course, every team is orduo a bad tournament, and I... guess this was our's. It was windy and cold, but you can never use the weather as an

The Lady Steers return to action Friday and Saturday at the Sweetwater Invitational.

BSHS boys fourth at Stockton

FORT STOCKTON — For the second straight week, the Big Spring High School boys' golf team earned a fourth-place finish. They followed last week's finish at the Big Spring Invitational with an identical placing at this weekend's Fort Stockton Invitational.

San Angelo Lake View won the event with a team score of 314-316=630. Andrews placed

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Founder • of CGA recalled

Staff Writer

The Chicano Golf Association lost one of its founding fathers last week when Natividad "Nate" Nunez

Nunez who died Sunday at Scenic Mountain Medical Center, came Big Spring in 1971 and



helped found the CGA in 1972 along with long-time members such as David Gomez Sr. Charley and Albert Gonzales Jimmy Marin and Gilbert

"He saw a lot of potential in the Hispanic community for golfing," said friend and fellow CGA member Billy Pineda "Back in the '70s, golf was not as popular as it is today, but he cared about it."

Under the direction of Nunez and others, the association grew from less than 15 mem bers in 1972 to a peak of 125 members. And not just Hispanics belong to the organi zation. Pineda said.

"Without him, the associaion may not have become as strong as it is now," Pineda said. But Nunez was not just pas-

si**onate ab**out golf, hi**s friend**

"He was an ... advocate for sports," Pineda said. "He was just an outstanding guy. You'd see him all the time at high school games, junior high games ... He was well-liked in the community. Everywhere he went, he made friends."

This year's CGA membership drive tournament, scheduled for today at Comanche Trail Golf Course, will be par tially dedicated to Nunez's

Tee times are between 10 .m.-noon, and refreshments will be served. For more information, contact the golf course and 264-2366.

Inside-out duo shoots Lady 'Stangs into area round of Class 1A playoffs

Sands girls blast Miles; claim bidistrict crown

By STEVE REAGAN

Staff Writer

Gillespie,

STERLING CITY — The definition of conundrum is "a puzzling problem.' An example of a conundrum

faced the Miles Lady Bulldogs Friday night. If the Lady Bulldogs concentrated on Sands' interior players, Andrea Gillespie burned

them from outside. If Miles

extended its defense to cover

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Floyd

scorched them inside. And Miles never figured out

how to cover both. Gillespie and Floyd did the inside-out routine to perfection Friday night, leading the Lady Mustangs (20-8) to a convincing 76-41 bidistrict playoff victory er Miles at Sterling City

ligh School Gillespie, a junior guard, cored 20 points and was 6-for-9 from three-point range to lead the Lady 'Stangs' outside tack. When she was covered ore often than not the ball ay into Floyd's

I think this is one of the most balanced teams I've ever had. If we continue to play good defense and work offense, we've got a tood chance. Leland Bearden

responded with a 26-point performance.

Joining the duo in double figures was Shauna Nichols, who scored 10 points.

Sands' girls are not tall -Floyd, the tallest, barely clears 5-foot-7 in height — but they could definitely shoot Friday night. Beginning early in the first quarter, when the score was tied 4-4, the Lady Mustangs went on a tear on the offensive

end of the floor. They quickly put distance between them and Miles using the aforementioned combo of Gillespie and Floyd. Gillespie scored 9 points - all on threepointers - and Floyd contributed 8 points from close range in the first quarter to give Sands a 20-8 advantage

Things didn't get any bette

for the Lady Bulldogs (17-9) in the second quarter. Gillespie started Sands off with yet another three-pointer, Floyd added five more points from inside, and the Lady Mustangs extended their lead to 38-16 at the half. The game, for all practical

purposes, was over.

"I was extremely nervous going into the game, but I felt like it all came together once the game got going," Gillespie said. "We didn't expect a game like this. We played Miles earlier in the year and won by only two points."

One of the advantages in the Lady Mustangs' favor was their playoff experience. This is the fifth straight year they have qualified for the postseason under head coach Lelend Bearden, and they've never lost a bidistrict game in that time.

Bearden has made a living taking small, good-shooting teams to the playoffs, and he thinks his current bunch could stick around the postseason for

"I think this is one of the most balanced teams I've ever had," Bearden said. "If we continue to play good defense and work on our offense, we've got a good chance."



Andrea Gillespie, right, of Sands shoots one of her six threepointers against Miles Friday night in Sterling City. Gillespie cored 20 points as Sands won 76-41.

By STEVE REAGAN died at age

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TUESDAY COUPLES RESULTS - Strike Force Four over oys, 6-2; Fred's Contrac over KC Steakhouse, 6-2; Big Spring Instrument over Big Spring Mobile Home Park, 6-2; The Bold & The Stanton, 6-2; Ups & Downs over Federal Oil, 6-2; Double R Cattle over The Four of Ue, 6-2; Vogue Beauty 94; Arrow Refits Salon over A Timeless Design, 5-3; Parks Agency, Inc. tied Neal's MENS MAJOR RESULTS - Fr (men) Don Ewing, 247 and O.D. O'Daniel, 604; hi hdop game over Parks C.C., 6-2; Walker L.P. and series (men) O.D. O'Daniel, 264 Gas tied Hull's Ranches, 4-4; and Larry Bob Conway, 685; hi sc. B.B.B.S. over Fina Engineers, 6-2; game and series (women) Wakenda Team Fifteen over B.S.I., 6-2; Mason Dunlap, 207 and Joyose Davis, 536; Roofing tied Trio Fuels, 4-4; O'Daniel hi hdop game and series (women) Wakenda Dunlap, 26 4 and 705; hi Parks Agency over Rocky's, 89-0; hi sc. team game and series, K.C. ec. game and series, Terry Ward, 258

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Motor Co. Stanton, 106-70; Parks Agency, Inc., 106-70; Fred's O'Daniel Trucking, 114-62; Team Design, 95-81; The Bold & The 112-64; Parks C.C., 98-78; Rocky's, Beautiful, 94-82; KC Steafhouse, 91- 96-80; Mason Roofing, 94-82; Walke 85; Strike Force Four, 87-89; Neal's L.P. Gas, 92-84; Hagen TV Repair 83-93; The Four Of Us, 79-97; Ranches, 80-94; Fina Engineers, 76-Federal Oil, 75-101; Big Spring 100; B.S.I.,74-102; Bob Brock Ford, Mobile Home Park, 72-104; Big 70-108; B.B.B.S., 58-118; Team Spring Instrument, 59-117; Vogue Stateen, 0-176. Beauty Salon, 55-121.

LADIES MAJOR BOWLING 6-2; Amigos, 2-6; Norwest Bank Team, 8-0: Pack-N-Senders, 0-8: Stillders, 2-6; Federal Oil, 4-4; Richard, 211 and Don Ewing, 558; hi Mitchell Co. F.C.U., 4-4; Big Spring sc. game and series (worr and series, Pin Blasters, 788 and Big Wilson, 613.
Spring Music, 2288; hi hdcp team STANDING: game and series, Federal Oil, 969 and Rocky's, 2683; hi sc. game and 80; Team Seven, 93-83; Team Davis, 761; hi hdcp game and series,

MEN'S CAPROCK RESULTS - Nasty Boys over Team PINPOPPERS 10, 6-2; Rowden Const. over Just RESULTS - 10 over Alley Cats, 6-2; Piddling, 6-2; Burgess Auto over Chili VFW over Petty Farms, 6-2; Federal Peppers, 8-0; Willie's Boys over Oil tied Kuykendall, 4-4; A & B Farms Patterson Const., 5-3; Team #14 over tied Dixie Chicks, 4-4; Health Food Tough As Naile, 6-2; W.G.A.S. over Store over Guy's Restaurant, 6-2; hi Team #11, 6-2; Bates-Spivey Inc. sc. game and series, Bernadine over Bud Light, 6-2; hi sc. game and series, Marcus Phillips, 257 and Terry and series, VFW, 636 and 1818; hi Davis, 678; hi hdcp game and series, hdcp game and series, Dawn Platte, Marcus Phillips 259 and James 239 and Patricia Zant, 620; hi hdcp Rawls, 659; hi sc. team game and team game and series, A & B Farms, series, Rowden Const., 816 and 829 and VFW, 2301. 2332; til hdop team pame and beries, STANDINGS - VFW, 1.13-55; Health Rowden Const., 849 and 2433. Food Store, 108-62; 10, 105-63; A & STANDINGS - Rowden Const., 22- B Farms, 98-70; Guy's Restaurant,

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DOUBLE TROUBLE

SPORTS EXTRA

over Arrow Refrigeration, 6-2; hi sc. over Arrow Refrigeration, 6-2; hi sc. game and series (man) Alton Fields, 216 and J.M. Ringener, 585; hi hdop game ands eries (man) Jenathan Lindsey, 235 and 654; hi sc. game and series, Evelyn Williams, 204 and 572; hi hdop game and series (woman) Mary Rawls, 224 and 645; hi sc. team game and series, Fina, 782 and 2088; hi hdop team game and series. Fina, 886 and 2340. series, Fina, 886 and 2340.

STANDINGS - Don's Truck & Tire, 120-54; Fina, 104-72; Jr.'s Body Shop, 97-77; Bob's Custo Woodwork, 96-80; Carlos, 94-76; Gibco Pump, 94-72; Cellular One, 72-94; Arrow Refrigeration, 71-105.

RESULTS - Fred's Contracting over Team Stateen, 8-0; Hagen TV Repair akhouse, 733 and White Motor and 7 16; hi sc. team game and tion, 733; hi hdop team game series, Parks Agency, 1021 and and series, The Four Of Us, 887 and 2997; hi hdop game and seres, Kyle Lacey, 289 and Doug Greer, 746; hi

ontracting, 102-74; A Timeless Fifteen, 112-64; Fred's Contracting, Goods, 86-90; Cowboy's, 92-84; Trio Fuels, 86-90; Hull's

RESULTS - Team Six over Team RESULTS - Adventures By Gall, 8-0; Nine, 8-0; Team Four over Team Toy's, 0-8; Gene's Dream, 2-6; Pin Eight, 6-2; Team Two over Team rs, 6-2; Barber Glass & Mirror, Five, 6-2; Team Three split Team Seven, 4-4; Team Ten split Team Eleven, 4-4; Team Twelve over Team K.C. Kids, 2-6; Tank Safety Gauge & One, 8-0; hi sc. team game and Inc., 6-2; Campbell Cement series, Team Twelve, 639 and 1886; Construction, 6-2; Day & Day hi sc. game and series (men) Gene Music, 4-4; Here Comes Trouble, 4-4; Yanez, 189 and Carolyn Coatney, Max-L Tires, 7-1; E.P. Driver 503; hi hdop team game and series, Insurance,1-7; Unearned Points, 0-8; Team Six, 816 and 2370; hi hdcp Just Us "4", 8-0; Green House game and series (men) Gene Photography, 8-0; Neighbors Auto Richard, 239 and Davis Klaus,621; hi Sales, 0-8; Rocky's, 8-0; Cline hdcp game and series (women) Construction, 0-8; hi sc. team game Denise Richard, 233 and Belia

STANDINGS - Team Two, 118-58; Team One, 117-59; Team Eight, 96series, Renae Carr, 268 and Joycee Eleven, 90-86; Team Six, 89-87; Team Twelve, 84-92; Team Nine, 80-Irene Calvio, 286 and Paige Griffin, 96; Team Five, 79-97; Team Three, 78-98; Team Ten, 75-101; Team

Food Store, 106-62; 10, 105-63; A & lasty Boys, 18-14; Patterson Const., Federal Oil, 62-106; Dixie Chicks, 44-

WEDNESDAY STRIKERS J, 7-1; Joe's Crew over Quality Glass, 6-2; Team Six over Budweiser, 6-2; hi sc. game and series, Cory Elliott, 225 RESULTS - Cellular One over Jr's and 613; hi sc. team game and Body Shop, 6-2; Fina split Gibco series, Team Six, 910 and 2626; hi Pump, 4-4; Bob's Custom Woodwork hdcp game and series, Ray Gutierrez,

South Carolina 97, Cincinnati 83 game and series, Team Six, 1007 and 2917. Toledo 83, Cent. Michigan 65 Xavier, Ohio 87, George Crew, 104-72; Team Six,90-86; Quality Glass, 88-88; Budwelser, 84-

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TRANSACTIONS

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GUYS & DOLLS RESULTS - Big Spring State Park över Jim'a Again, 8-0; Hester's Mechanical over A Bye, 6-0; Lucky's Braves tied Federal Oil, 4-4; Fifth Wheels tied Headhunters Beauty Salon,4-4; hi sc. game and series (men) Ed Booth, 193 and 492; hi hdop game and series (men) Ed Booth, 236 and Bill Main, 601; hi sc. ame and series (women) Fern twis, 188 and Anne Sigmon, 494; hi hdop game and series (women) Fem Lewis, 235 and Mary Ellis, 616; hi sc. team game and series, Headhunters Beauty Salon, 655 and Big Spring State Park, 1813; hi hdop team game and sries, Lucky's Braves, 807 and

Big Spring State Park, 2359. STANDINGS - Headhunters Beauty Salon, 132-60; Big Spring State Park, 124-76; Fifth Wheels, 122-78; Jim's Again, 126-80; Lucky's Braves, 108-92: Federal Oil. 92-108; Hester's thanical, 82-118.

WEDNESDAY NITE TRIO **RESULTS** - Fifth Wheels over Walmart Fun Bowlers, 6-2; Charlotte's Raiders over Big Spring Music, 8-0; Saunders Company over Arrow Refrigeration, 8-0; Powder istols over Three Spares, 6-2; A Timeless Design over Western Auto,6-2; Security State Bank over Conoco, 6-2; TEP over Loan Stars, 6-2; Golden Corral over Jan's Place, 8-80; Slow Starters (unopposed), 6-0; Snyder ESP (postponed) Bowling Stones (unopposed); hi sc. game and series (man) Jackie Lecroy, 268 and 722; hi hdcp game and series (man) Jackie Lecroy, 290 and 788; hi sc. game and series (woman) Peggy Huckabee, 190 and 517; hi hdcp game and series (woman) Angle on, 248 and Peggy Huckal 679; hi sc. team game and series, Western Auto, 589 and Charlotte's Raiders, 1636; hi hdcp team game and series, Western Auto, 715 and Security State Bank, 2007.

STANDINGS - Powder Pistols, 106-60; Golden Corral, 103-65; Charlotte's Raiders, 102-66; TEP, 99- p.m. 69; A Timeless Design, 98-68; Pl Conoco, 96-70; Saunders Company, 94-72; Western Auto, 91-73; Security 94-72; Western Polic, State Bank, 89-77; Big Spring Music, 88-78; Arrow Refrigeration, 88-78; ow Starters, 87-79; Loan Stars, 84-84; Bowling Stones (unopposed), 77-81; Three Spares, 76-92; Jan's Place, 70-98; Fifth Wheels, 69-99; Snyder ESP (postponed), 689-92; Walmart Fun Bowlers, 61-103.

BASKETBALL

College scores

Holy Cross 72, Lafayette 71 Massachusetts 78, Maryland 61 Mount St. Mary's, Md. 84, Rider 75 stern 78, Vermont 65 Penn St. 61, Northwestern 55 Providence 84, Pittsburgh 70 St. John's 73, Rutgers 58 Toweon St. 80, Maine 70

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Pickings are good in free agency, if the price is right

THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Whip out those checkbooks. The NFL's free agent season is under way.

Need a cornerback? There are plenty to pick from led by Pittsburgh's Rod Woodson, a member of the league's 75-year

Looking for a linebacker? Derrick Thomas has been a good one in Kansas City for a long time.

How about a running back? Terry Allen rushed for 1.353 yards and 21 touchdowns at Washington last season.

Those three were among 319 unrestricted free agents, available to the highest bidder starting Friday. Well, they are sort of available.

The problem is fitting the ones teams want under a salary cap that increases by just \$701,000 to almost \$41.5 million for 1997. What's involved is some creative massaging of the cap, sometimes cutting highpriced players to free up money, and then re-signing them to lower priced contracts

The full free agent class totals 505 players but the main attraction are the unrestricted free agents, available to the highest

That group is headlined by 11 members of the Super Bowl champion Green Bay Packers including MVP Desmond Howard, and 13 Pro Bowl play-

Kick returner Howard expects a hefty hike from last season's \$300,000 and might be too expensive for Green Bay's taste, since the Packers must also concentrate on retaining regulars like nose tackle Gilbert Brown, linebacker Wayne Simmons, defensive end Sean Jones and Pro Bowl center Frank Winters, who are all on the unrestricted list, along with kicker Chris Jacke.

Many teams are expected to deal with their own free agents first before shopping for fresh

The New York Giants, for Agreed to terms with INF Chad one, reached a contract agree-Fonville on a one-year contract.
PHILADELPHIA PHILLIES ment Friday with starting Agreed to terms with RHP Mike defensive tackle Keith Grace, INF Scott Rolen and OF Hamilton and free agent punter Magee Jr. on one-year con-Scott Player. Hamilton, a fixture in the starting lineup since 1993, was an unrestricted free agent. Contract terms were not immediately available, but reports say the five-year veteran will get \$10 million over live

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The Washington Redskins are also committed to re-signing defensive tackle Sean Gilbert. their franchise player, and cornerback Tom Carter, their transition player.

Washington was the only team in the league to designate players in both categories. Franchise players are guaranteed a minimum offer matching the average of the top five salaries at their position and transition players get an aver- want to be successful.' age of the top 10 salaries at their position.

Winters, Thomas, Allen and Woodson are among the Pro Bowl players available for nothing more than cold, hard cash. In fact, two of them signed Terry McDaniel re-signed with and Hogan Park Golf Course. the Raiders and linebacker Chad Brown moved from Pittsburgh to Seattle.

The others are running back Jerome Bettis, fullback Larry Centers, defensive end William Fuller, linebacker Sam Mills, cornerback Darrell Green and special teams player John Henry Mills. Offensive tackle Gary Zimmerman, also a Pro Bowler, is unrestricted, but has announced his retirement.

Signings were expected to continue today with quarterback Jeff George hooking up with the Oakland Raiders.

Agent Leigh Steinberg said Friday that the quarterback agreed to terms with the Raiders on a five-year, \$26 million contract.

"It's pretty much done," Steinberg said. "We're just finetuning the language. Jeff is the process of flying to Oakland. Hopefully, we'll have everything done by (today). They've scheduled a news conference."

George, who sat out most of last season after being released by Atlanta after an ugly sideline scene with coach June Jones, was atop the list of available quarterbacks.

The move by George could leave the Chiefs for San Francisco backup Elvis Grbac, who is looking for fulltime work, or perhaps Houston's Chris Chandler, who was given permission by the Oilers to talk with the Chiefs. Other quarterbacks for sale include Heath Shuler, a washout at Washington, Rodney Peete. released in a cost-cutting move by Philadelphia and Rick Mirer, expected to be traded by Seattle.

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second, 10 shots back of Lake View, while host Fort Stockton was third, another 10 shots

Big Spring ended the tournament with a team total of 666. Individual scores were: Sammy Rodriguez, 77-79=156; Rudy Gamboa, 83-84=167; O.J. Hernandez, 81-86=167; Dusty Palmer, 87-85=172; Heath Bailey, 94-87=181; and Blake Weaver, 88-96=184.

BSHS coach Gary Simmons said the team's youth — the top five players are sophomores showed this weekend.

"We're just inconsistent right now," Simmons said. "We've got a lot of room to improve. We didn't play very well at Fort Stockton. We've got a lot of big numbers we have to avoid if we

The Steers return to action next Friday and Saturday at the Tall City Invitational in Midland. Varsity action will be held at Midland Country Club and Greentree Country Club. while junior varsity play will Friday - Oakland cornerback be held at Ranchland Hills CC

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His sentiments were echoed by Floyd.

"I feel like we've got a better chance (than in the past)," she said. "In the past, we've had some standout players, but this year we don't. So everybody has had to work well together. Tonight, we did that.'

Candy Day scored 16 and Nellie Garcia 14 points to lead Miles.

The Lady 'Stangs will face Robert Lee in an area-round playoff game at 6:30 p.m. Tuesday at Forsan.

SANDS (76) - Reed 2 0-0 4; Zant 1 2-2 5; Nichols 4 2-2 10; Daniel 2 0-0 5; Gaskins 1 2-2 4; Gillespie 7 0-1 20; Floyd 10 6-8 26; Fryar 1 0-0 2; totals 28 12-15 76.

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Little-known driver starts 30th 500 DAYTONA BEACH, Fla. (AP) \$10,326,804 in four years. major impact.

- While Dale Earnhardt and Dale Jarrett get most of the attention in Sunday's Daytona 500, few in a crowd of 150,000 will notice Dave Marcis.

Marcis, 55, has five victories in three decades on the NASCAR Winston Cup circuit. His only distinction is that this will be his 30th consecutive start in what they call The Great American Race.

"It's probably a number that will never be broken because today's drivers don't have to drive that many years to make a living," Marcis said. "They get pretty wealthy if they're decent and in good equipment.

"They don't have to drive 30 years. I'm still doing it to make years," Marcis said. "I'm a living." Marcis, who starts the race from the 24th position on the

grid, has earned \$5,050,459 in his career. Jeff Gordon, the 25year-old heir apparent to Earnhardt's throne as the king

With rapidly escalating purses, it is not inconceivable that Gordon will bank more than \$50 million before he calls it But he might never have the

impact on the sport that so few realize Marcis has had. On Friday, the audience at

Daytona International Speedway watched a spellbinding episode of the International Race of Champions, during which most of a 12-car field raced a few feet apart for 100

They drove identically prepared cars — identically prepared by Dave Marcis.

"I've been doing it for 20 extremely proud of the series."

Because IROC is an all-star series matching drivers from different disciplines of auto racing in just four events each year, its visibility pales in comparison to the Winston Cup cirof stock car racing, has won cuit. There, Marcis also has a

Nowhere has that been more evident than here. In July 1994, Earnhardt had commitments that precluded testing prior to the Pepsi 400. Enter Marcis.

"I did all the testing and set up the car," Marcis said. "Dale came down here, ran it three laps, and put it in the garage."

"Then he went out there and put it on the pole. It's a good feeling to know that I have a good feel for a car and that someone like Dale respects my years and my knowledge."

It doesn't end there, however. Earnhardt's teammate, Mike Skinner, won the pole for the race Sunday. He credits Marcis. "He's been a huge asset,"

Skinner said. "He's taken me out drafting. He's shown me the way around this race track."

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When is a snake not exactly a snake?

Spring told a story about a water moccasin, and the story has remained a vivid memory for him ever since childhood.

When he was about 8 years old, he and his family lived in Mineral Wells. One day, on a family picnic at the home ranch, John, his brother and a cousin asked their daddies if

they go to the stock tank and shoot turtles and frogs.

Their parents warned them to be careful because water moccasins had been s e e n



Outdoors

around the tank. "We'll be careful," the boys promised.

As they approached the water tank, John screamed that a snake was up his pant leg. and velled for his brother to "go get Daddy." His brother replied, "Grab your pant leg and hold onto the snake, and I'll get Dad."

John grabbed his pant leg with both hands and squeezed with all his might. Holding back tears, he was afraid to

After what seemed like hours (actually only a few minutes), his dad and an uncle arrived at the scene.

"Did he bite you?" Mr. Key asked his son.

"I don't think so, but do something to get this snake out of my pants," John pleaded.

His dad told John to hold on tight and he would cut the pant leg off rather than run the risk of the snake striking. Mr. Key proceeded to cut the pant leg off from around the lump that held the snake, thinking John must have been lucky to have grabbed the snake by its head.

In the meantime, John's uncle Hap had his knife and was helping cut the pant off knife on a nearby rock. John, seeing this, quivered at the thought of being cut on if the armadillo?" he asked. "You snake had actually bitten him.

Carefully, John's dad readied

Recently, Dr. John Key of Big John released his grip, his pring told a story about a father took charge of the leg portion containing the snake.

To make sure about the snake, Mr. Key laid the cut-off pant leg on the ground. And, to the surprise of everyone, a green, slimy form emerged.

The crowd all burst out laughing and continued so for a good while. As the laughter subsided, John said, "A frog up your pant leg really does feel like a snake.'

EDITOR'S NOTE. The following first appeared in the March 1, 1987 Big Spring Herald.

Several years ago, the armadillo gained some notoriety in a TV commercial as the critter who stole the "National Beer of Texas." Although this commercial had nothing to do with deer hunting, deer hunting had something to do with an armadillo.

Recently, I was hunting with my brothers, Charlie and Crockett, on the Glasscock Ranch in Val Verde County.

We had hunted for most of the day and we had not seen a deer. Disgusted, we decided to return to the pickup, but before we did, I suggested that I walked to the east side of the

As I proceeded, I spotted an armadillo rooting in a dry wash. I thought to myself, "Why not catch this beer-stealing critter?"

Leaning my gun on a mesquite tree. I slipped to within a few feet of the armadillo and made a mad dash toward

He bounded when he saw me, and around and around we went. Before long, I was tired, and I realized that if I was going to catch him, it would have to be soon.

I made one last effort. When I got close, I dived. Dust rose about us, and when it settled, I had the armadillo.

I don't know why, but I just sat there. I was startled when my brother Charlie asked. "You have a running fit?"

"Hell. no. Can't you see After cutting, he laid the open caught an armadillo?" was my sarcastic reply.

"You did all that to catch an

must be nuts."

To be truthful, I did feel like

himself to grab the snake. As a nut. Lady Raiders shoot down Baylor

Thompson scored 25 points to lead No. 16 Texas Tech to a 79-60 win over stubborn Baylor in a Big" 12 Conference game Saturday afternoon.

Behind 43-26 at halftime, Baylor launched a rally that had the Lady Bears snapping at the heels of Texas Tech (16-6, 8-4 Big 12) for much of the second half.

A 12-2 run to open the second half, keyed by Nicole Palmer's two 3-point field goals, brought Baylor (8-14, 2-10) within hailing distance of the Lady Raiders. Tasia Wright's field goal capped the run, trimming the Baylor deficit to 45-38.

LUBBOCK (AP) - Alicia the teams played at a frantic pace. Kacy Moffitt's lay-in for Baylor, with Tech's Crystal Boles drawing her third foul, kept Tech's lead to 52-44 with 13:34 to go.

For the last six and a half minutes Tech's field goal accuracy, balanced attack and rebounding strength enabled the Lady Raiders to pull away.

Baylor was in a hole from the opening tip as the Lady Raiders opened the game with a 13-0 run before the Lady Bears scored a free throw with 15:39 remaining in the first half. Tech led 16-2 before Amanda Moore scored Baylor's first field goal with 13:22 to play in the half.

For the next three minutes



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Major leaguers begin reporting for spring training

THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Forget the snow and slush. It's time to break out the bats and balls.

Baseball players started reporting Friday at training camps across Florida and Arizona, the start of 7 1/2 weeks of spring training that lead up to season openers on April 1.

"Spring training is a refresher course," New York Mets manager Bobby Valentine said at Port St. Lucie, Fla. "It's when you set the foundation."

Valentine, who replaced Dallas Green last August, wants his players to have clean chins and unadorned ear lobes. Beards and earrings are out.

So is the two-mile morning run Green instituted.

"We will sweat the hardest at the end of the day," Valentine said Friday. "The conditioning program is the last thing we do. I want the fatigue to set in after they leave. I want them to leave tired and inspired."

At Peoria, Ariz., Seattle Mariners pitcher Randy Johnson said he will go slowly in spring training after surgery Sept. 12 to repair a bulging disk in his back.

Hoping to throw off the top of the mound in a couple weeks, the 1995 AL Cy Young Award winner sounded cautiously optimistic about returning to

Rodrigues wants big-league contract

PORT CHARLOTTE, Fla. (AP) - Ivan Rodriguez is asking the Texas Rangers for a \$38.75 million, five-year contract with options that could make the deal worth \$85 million over 10 years.

"It's difficult for me to imagine that we would do an \$85 million deal," Rangers president Tom Schieffer said. "But want to be sure I understand

Rodriguez avoided arbitraion by agreeing Jan. 19 to a \$6.65 million, one-year contract. He'll be eligible for free agency after this season.

getting a longterm deal done

his pre-surgery form.

"The biggest concern I have is, will I be able to be the same Randy Johnson who was able to dominate a game periodically? That is something I still don't know but am more optimistic about than I was a month ago," he said. "I am not as fearful, and the desire in my heart probably is greater now. I'm sure a lot of people are skeptical, but I'm very confident that in time I will be back to my form."

The 33-year-old left-hander plans to start throwing from ing, then say that. If we're a halfway up the mound

before this season, Rodriguez had set Saturday - the first scheduled workout of spring training — as a deadline.

"I don't want to say anything," he said Friday. "I just want to see what happens. I want to go out, play my game and do my job in spring training, which is to get ready for the season."

General manager Doug Melvin wants to keep talks going through Feb. 28, the opening of the exhibition sea

'I get the impression that Both sides had talked about they want to test the free-agent market," Melvin said.

Tuesday.

"I have been throwing for 15 to 20 minutes from between 90 and 120 feet three days a week, and my arm is fine," Johnson said. "I possibly could throw off the top, but I haven't been on a mound for six months, and it might flare up my back again. That would be a setback.'

At Fort Myers, Fla., the Boston Red Sox picked up right where they left off, criticizing the team's management. "If we're a club that's rebuild-

club that's on our way, then

say that. But don't lie," Mo Vaughn said Thursday after arriving early. "They (fans) don't want to be lied to and neither do the players. We'll see what happens."

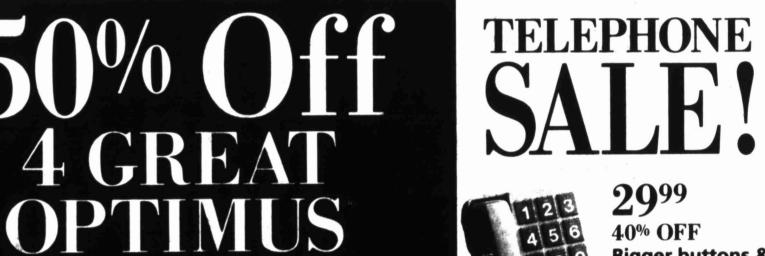
Vaughn questioned whether the Red Sox are equipped to contend for the AL East title.

"We might get some (help) later, but right now, we're a team that's got some inexperience. No doubt about it," he said. "We lost some veterans that can play. Right now, we're a team with inexperience, and that's what we've got to go with."

During the offseason, the Red Sox lost pitcher Roger Clemens to Toronto, designated hitter Jose Canseco to Oakland and outfielder Mike Greenwell to the Japanese leagues. They also fired manager Kevin Kennedy, who was popular with the play-

"It's definitely going to be a tremendous loss," Vaughn said of the departed players. "Anybody who says it's not is crazy. But I can't bring them back. If I could, I would.'

The World Series champion New York Yankees arrived at Tampa, Fla., wondering if they can repeat. New York has four starting pitchers coming off injuries and must re-work its bullpen following the departure of World Series MVP John Wetteland.



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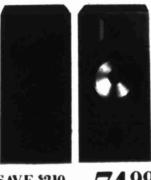
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Area students have been busy the last several weeks competthe last several weeks competing in band and vocal contests.

Right Coshoma Junior High School students had the chance to learn what it's going to be like when they compete at University Interscholastic League competitions in high school. They entered the Vocal Solo and Encemble Contest in Solo and Ensemble Contest in San Angelo earlier this month and received a First Division rating on their Class III solos. This was a non-UIL contest conducted at the same time as the high school's solo and ensemble competition. The same procedures and guidelines are followed. It's a chance to give young singers a chance to know how the competitions will be conducted when they enter high school.

Those who competed include Tiffany Hancock, Natalia Leslie Phinny, Tucker. Marianne Mullins, Leslie Martin, Kayla Smith, Jackie Molina and Amber Johnson.

Their high school counterparts also performed well, receiving First Division ratings on their vocal solos during the San Angelo contest. Jill Allen advanced to the state solo and ensemble contest in San Marcos this summer. She sang a Class I solo.

Class III solo winners were Lauren Hamilton, Kim Elmore and Ashlee Smith and the Class II soloists were Daniel Clark

and Randy Overton. In Big Spring, Runnels Junior High and Goliad Middle School recently had all-region band tryouts in Andrews. All of the area 4-A middle school bands had been working on the allregion music and 200 students showed up for the competition.

According to Big Spring High Harris, each individual plays the music for three judges and then rank is determined of all the players on that particular instrument. Some of the students placed first chair, meaning they were the best on that

instrument that day. Tejal Patel was first chair on the flute out of 26 flute players. Also making the band on flute was Ashley Thomas, fourth chair, and Chelsea Churchwell,

eighth chair. Valeria Aguirre was unanimously chosen by the judges to be first chair on the coronet, out of 29 players. Corrina Lava received third chair; Cameron Felty, fifth chair; Aaron Schooler, sixth chair; Athena Hale, seventh chair; Billy Morgan, ninth chair and Jim Walters, 13th chair. Half of the all-region band is made up of Big Spring players.

Drew Mireles received first chair on baritone and Shasta Fuqua received a second chair rating. They competed against seven other baritone players. Oscar Bustamante was first chair on percussion out of 20 students trying out and Tye Beckworth was fourth chair and Devin Collier, fifth chair.

Landon Atkins originally tied for first chair on trombone but a tie breaker placed him second. Jason Martinez was sixth chair and Matt Lovely eighth chair from a total of 20 players. Sixteen saxophone players tried out for seven positions on the band with Isaac Kremsky making second chair; Kevin Walker, third chair and Austin

Harris said, "Probably the largest and most competitive section to try out for is the clarinet section. There were 40 people trying for 13 chairs." Eloy eal was fourth and Vanessa Rodriguez received 13th chair. Ricky Yanez made third chair out of six tuba players trying

Harris added, "The most important thing about allregion band is working on difficult music to become a better musician. We are very proud of everyone who can even work of this music. The idea of allregion band is taken from the idea in athletics of all-district team. The only difference being that the all-region band comprised of the best area musicians will actually get together for a performance. As a treat or reward, the students that made the band will go back to Andrews and perform a concert for parents, friends and fami-

The all-region band concert is scheduled for March 1. The students rehearse the night before and the morning of the concert under the direction of Lubbock Montery High School Band Director Andy Sealy. The students are preparing for the UIL concert and sight-reading contest in April. Everything done in preparation for all these contests is through the efforts of all three band directors including Harris, Frank Truex and Dean Boyles.

Other Runnels and Goliad students attending the try-outs included: Gena Baeze, April Ward, Chelsea Helsley, Erica Jaime Pineda, Ybarra, Adalinda Calderon, Ryan Moses, Michael Roffers, Kelly Navarro and Nathan Smith. Harris commented, "They also worked hard and improved and will make the Big Spring bands

The Big Spring High School Band had their UIL Sete and Ensemble contest in Monahans Feb. 1 consisting of bands from 1-A to 4-A districts. The students received either superior or excellent ratings by the judges

One judge said one of the flute trios from Big Spring was the best she had heard all day. The trio consisted of Josna Adusumilli, Licia Doll and Farrah Schooler. They received a superior rating. Aduşumilli also received a superior rating for her oboe solo and Madera Grav received a superior rating for her flute solo. Angela Sturm was unable to attend the contest because she was performing at the all-region orchestra concert. Harris said Sturm will get a chance to compete at the 5-A competition later on.

Another flute trio received a superior rating and consisted of Madera Gray, Maria Hinojos and Lori Maines. A clarinet trio with Dusty Clayton. Amador Gonzales and Stefanie Waggoner was also rated superior. Flute quartet Tramaine Anderson, Licia Doll, Farrah Schooler and Stephanie Talbot received a superior rating.

Other winners included: Clarinet quartet, excellent rating: Jennifer Davidson. Stephanie Castaneda, Grady Pedigo and Nick Puentes.

 Mixed clarinet quartet. excellent rating: Dusty Clayton, Kristin Barrera, Jeanie Tedford and Stefanie Waggoner.

 Saxaphone quartet, superior rating: Jessica Cobos, Tim Pator, Matt Quisenberry and

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 Brass sextet, superior rating: Lupita Barraza, Jessie Bravo, Matt Holt, Matt Fleharty, Melissa Mouton and

Arthur Olague.

• Brass sextet, superior rating: Michael Correa, Glen Craven, DJ Graves, Amanda Hensley, Joe Rainwater and Quin Tyler.

 Percussion ensemble, superior rating: Pokey Graves, Jeff Moss and Michelle Steward.

Some of the ensembles will perform at a band booster meeting Tuesday at 7 p.m. in the Big Spring High School Band Hall. Those who received a superior rating advance to state competition May 24.



These Coahoma High School students recently won First Division ratings on their vocal solos at Region II Solo and Ensemble contest in San Angelo. Seated, left to right, are: Kim Elmore, Ashlee Smith, Jill Allen and Lauren Hamilton. Back row, left to right, are: Daniel Clark and Randy Overton.



These students from Coahoma Junior High recently competed at Vocal Solo and Ensemble Contest in San Angelo. Pictured on the front row, left to right are: Tiffany Hancock, Jackie Molina, Marianne Mullins and Leslie Martin. Back row, left to right are: Leslie Phinny, Amber Johnson, Natalia Tucker and Kayla Smith.



Members of the Goliad Middle School Band also competed at the all-region tryouts. Pictured left to right in the front row are: Ryan Moses, Austin Adams, Athena Hale, April Ward, Gena Baeza, Jamie Pineda, Tegal Patel, Ashely Larson, Erica Ybarra and Chelsea Churchwell. Back row, left to right are: Michael Roffers, Billy Morgan, Landon Atkins, Jim Walters, Chelsea Helsley, Adalinda Calderon, Shasta Fuqua and Nathan Smith.



These members of the Big Spring High School band recently competed at the UIL Solo and Ensemble competition in Andrews. Some of the ensembles will perform at a band booster meeting Tuesday at 7 p.m. in the high school band hall. Pictured left to right are: Sandra Gainey, Matt Holt, Ashlie Simmons, Matt Fleharty, Joe Rainwater, Quin Tyler, David Moore, Arthur Olagae, Amanda Hensley, Michael Correa, Lupita Barraza, Glen Craven, Jason Ball and Jesse Bravo.

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Maybe a wagging tail is the truest Valentine's gift of all.

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Members of the Runnels Junior High Band recently competed in all-region band tryouts. Pictured on the front row, left to right, are: Devin Collier, Ty Beckworth and Oscar Bustamante. Second row, left to right: Cameron Felty, Isaac Kremsky, Kevin Walker, Eloy Leal, Vanessa Rodriquez and Drew Morales, Back row, left to right are: Ricky Yanez, Valeria Aguirre, Aaron Schooler, Jason Martinez and Matt Lovelady.

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WEDDINGS

Willberg-Halfmann

Paint Rock, and Russell James Halfmann, St. Lawrence, were united in marriage on Jan. 25, 1997, at St. Joseph's Catholic Church in Rowena with Monsignor Larry Droll officiat-

She is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Ralph Willberg, Paint Rock.

He is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Wayne "Tex" Halfmann, St. Lawrence.

Organist was Ethal Jansa, and vocalist was Darren Kozelsky. The bride was given in mar-

riage by her father. Maid of honor was Kristy Willberg, sister of the bride,

Paint Rock. **Bridesmaids were Christy** Carlton, Stephanie Hoelscher, cousin of the bride, both of San Angelo, Angie Hohensee, College Station, and Jill Frey, Ballinger.

Kelsey Willberg, sister of the bride, was the flower girl, and Dustin Droll, nephew of the groom, was the ring bearer.

Chad Halfmann, St. Lawrence, was the best man. Brady Weishuhn, Vancourt; Eric Seidenberger, Curtis Wilde, both of St. Lawrence, and Scott Sonnenberg, San Angelo, served as groomsmen.

Joey Halfmann, brother of the groom, St. Lawrence; Paul Schwertner, cousin of the bride, Stephenville, and Neal

Cindy Leach, Deer Park, and

Roger Stafford, Pasadena,

exchanged wedding vows on

Jan. 4, 1997, in the Second

Baptist Church in Pasadena

with Dr. Rick Davis, pastor of

First Baptist Church in

She is the daughter of Mr.

He is the son of Jo Ann

The couple stood before twin

candelabras twined with

English ivy and calla lilies and

Greek pedestals topped with

Nathan King was the gui-

Vocalists were Shelly Brasel,

Given in marriage by her

Nathan King and Guy VanSise.

father, the bride wore a white

floor-length gown with a skirt

covered in satin and topped

with tulle lace covering the

bodice and trimmed in sequins

and pearls all coming to deep

points in front and back. The

hip-length veil of tulle was

attached to a circlet of white

She carried a bouquet of red

Matron of honor was Ava

Flower girl was Lauren

Smith, niece of the bride, and

ring bearer was Brandon

Best man was Barry Stafford.

brother of the groom, Wichita

Chad Hudspeth, Steven

Following the ceremony, a

The bride's table was covered

in a white satin cloth with gold

and crystal appointments and

red and gold silk flowers and

reception was held in the fel-

Naron and Johnny Thomas

Smith, nephew of the bride.

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served as ushers.

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tarist and Adam Manning and

Guy VanSise were the pianist.

Stafford and the late

Stafford, Sand Springs.

white cascading roses.

and Mrs. Kenneth Leach, Deer

Midlothian.

Leach-Stafford



MRS. RUSSELL HALFMANN Niehves, cousin of the groom,

Norton, all served as ushers. Candlelighters were Jamie Hoelscher, San Angelo, and Kelly Schwertner, Miles, both of cousins of the bride.

Following the ceremony, a reception was held in the St. Joseph's Parish Hall.

The bride is a 1993 graduate of Paint Rock High School and a 1996 graduate of Angelo State University in Early Childhood.

The groom is a 1993 graduate of Garden City High School, and is a self-employed farmer in St. Lawrence.

Following a wedding trip to Ruidoso, N.M., the couple will make their home in Garden

MR. AND MRS.

ROGER STAFFORD

grape clusters, scalloped bead-

ing and rope. The four-tiered

white cake was accented with

royal blue and gold silk flow-

ers, wedding bells and a

Precious Moments bride and

The groom's table featured a

white satin cloth with red and

gold bows and beading. It fea-

tured a German chocolate cake

with an Arkansas Razorback

The bride is a 1992 graduate

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Jacinto

of La Porte High School and

University in Pasadena. She is

currently employed by The

Mustard Seed Day Care Center

The groom is a 1985 graduate

of Coahoma High School, 1987

graduate of Howard College

and a 1991 graduate of San

Angelo State University with a

Following a wedding trip to

Antonio

Fredericksburg, the couple will

make their home in Pasadena.

groom cake topper.

motif.

attended

in Pasadena.

Sanders-Wolske

Tammy Sanders, formerly of Lubbock, and Matthew Wolske, both of Big Spring, were united in marriage on Jan. 25, 1997, in a gazebo on the ocean in Montego Bay, Jamaica with Ambrose Hind and Dean Harris, grandfather of the bride, officiating.

She is the daughter of Sue Sanders and Terry Sanders,

He is the son of David and

Marcia Wolske, Hobbs, N.M. Given in marriage by her father, the bride wore a white satin gown rimmed with pearls and lace. It was sleeveless and backless with a four-inch train. The headpiece was worn on the

lace and pearls. She carried a bouquet of red

forehead and trimmed with

On Feb. 1, the couple repeated their vows at a reception with Rev. Harris in attendance. At that time, the maid of honor was Traci Sanders, sister of the bride. Lubbock. The best man was David Crozier, Lubbock. The reception was at the Southcrest Baptist Church in Lubbock.

The wedding cake was a three-tiered white on white cake decorated with red frosting roses. The table featured

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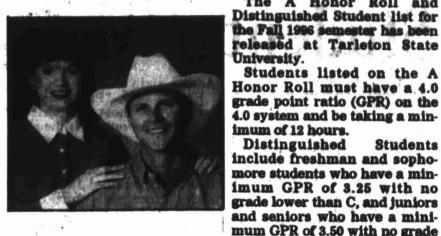
The bride is a 1991 graduate of Rule High School. She attended Lubbock Christian University.

The groom is a 1988 graduate of Hobbs High School, and a 1994 graduate of Texas Tech University with a Mechanical Engineer degree. He is employed by Power Resources, Inc. and is a plant engineer.

Following a wedding trip in Montego Bay, Jamaica, the couple made their home in Big Spring.

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GETTING **ENGAGED**



Tracey Woodroff Owen and Craig Connell Wallace, Jr., both of Lubbock, will exchange wedding vows on April 5, 1997, at the First United Methodist Church in Lubbock with Chris Kiesling,

associate pastor, officiating.
She is the daughter of Dr.
and Mrs. Ray Owen, Big Spring.

He is the son of Dr. and Mrs. Craig Wallace.

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and 18 3/4 inches long; parents are Kori Lewis and Colbie

Grandparents are Doris and

Hershal Lewis and Bertie Ford,

Lucero Hilario, 8:53 a.m., Feb.

7, 1997, girl, five pounds 11 1/4

ounces and 18 1/2 inches long;

Grandparents are Ruben and

Israel Saiz, 7:10 p.m., Feb. 7,

1997, boy, five pounds 13

ounces and 19 3/4 inches long;

parents are Maria Louisa Saiz

and Mark and Pam Nairn,

Briana Nicole Mendoza, 8:51

a.m., Feb. 11, 1997, five pounds

14 1/2 ounces and 18 1/2 inches

long; parents are Jennifer

Velasquez and Santos Mendoza,

Mrs. Santos Mendoza, Sr. and

Mr. and Mrs. Oscar Del

Debra Cheyenne Coate, 10:36

a.m., Feb. 11, 1997, seven

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Matthew and Christina Coate.

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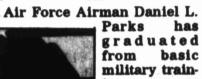
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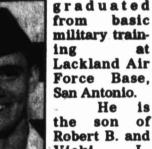
IN THE MILITARY

Army Staff Sgt. Demetra A. Kossligk has arrived for duty as a recruiter with the U.S. Army Recruiting Station. Bellingham, Wash.

She is the daughter of Pearley H. Crawford, El Reno, Okla., TaNashia DaShawn Ford, and the granddaughter of Sallie 1:34, Feb. 10, 1997, girl, five B. Green, Big Spring. pounds eight and 1/2 ounces

She is a 1980 graduate of Big Spring High School.





PARKS

San Antonio. He is the son of Robert B. and Vicki L. Big Parks. Spring.

Army Pfc. Ricardo Conzales Bosque, Big Spring, and Mr. termed Intrinsic Action which and Mrs. John Saiz, Sr., took place at Camp Doha, Kuwait. The soldier is part of the 1500 member Task Force 1-5 Black Knights from Fort Hood. Tyler Lee Nairn, 2:28, Feb. 6,

1997, boy, seven pounds 15 ounces and 20 inches long; par-He is an automated logistical specialist with the 1st Cavalry ents are Melissa Rodriguez and Division and is the son of Faustion and Maria Gonzales of Grandparents are Ruben and Elva Rodriguez, Big Spring, Big Spring.

He is a 1994 graduate of Big Spring High School.

Navy Hospitalman Donna C. Spindler, daughter of Joseph and Vera J. Spindler, Coahoma, recently graduated from the Basic Hospital Corps School at Naval Hospital Corps School, Great Lakes, Ill.

The 1994 graduate of Coahoma High School joined the Navy in July 1996.

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ANNIVERSARIES

Bettle

Clayton and Alta Mae Bettle celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary with a reception on Feb. 8, 1997, at the Big Spring Country Club hosted by Dr. and Mrs. Curtis Beaird, Jr., and grandsons, Curt and Clay Beaird.

He was born in Big Spring. and she was born as Alta Mae Gage in Austin. They were married on Feb. 12, 1947, in the home of Mr. and Mrs. Tommy Gage with Dr. P.D. O'Brien officiating. They have one daughter and son-in-law, Kay and Curtis Beaird and two grandchildren, of Belton.

Mr. Bettle is currently retired. He was previously the co-owner of Bettle-Womack Construction Co. for 38 years. They are affiliated with the First Baptist Church.



CLAYTON BETTLE

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NEW IN

Sheila Burdette and daughters Lauren and Alex. Burkburnett. She is a RN at Scenic Mountain Medical

Robert Rose, Cleveland, Ohio. He does accounting and construction work.

Denver and Freda Cashatt, Mt. Pleasant. He works for Trackers Sports Network out of Las Vegas, Nev., and she works for Affolter Contracting Const.

Jana Velsquez, Austin. She is employed by Sherry Wegner Insurance Agency. Jim and Leah Finley, Wichita

bachelor of science degree. He Falls. He is employed by the is currently the youth minister City of Big Spring. at the Second Baptist Church in Pasadena.

Dearly and Connie Brandner. Bismarck, N.D. He is an electronic tech., and she is employed by Scenic Mountain Medical Center.

Greg and Christy Sims and daughter Haley, Lubbock. He works for Red Mesa Grill. Dan and Judy Jeter, Lubbock.

He works for Southwest Builders.



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WEDNESDAY - Beef and

THURSDAY - Country fried

steak; mashed potatoes with

gravy; green beans; hot rolls:

FRIDAY - Pizza; salad; cern;

MONDAY - Cinnamon rolls,

TUESDAY - Muffins, juice

WEDNESDAY - Texas toast,

THURSDAY - Breakfast pizza,

FRIDAY - Cereal, toast, juice,

MONDAY - No School -

TUESDAY - Pizza; buttered

jelly/peanut butter, juice and

burritos; salad; black-eyed peas;

cheese enchiladas; pinto beans;

salad; cornbread; fruit; milk.

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President's Day. TUESDAY - Meat loaf; macaroni and cheese; squash; cucumber and tomato salad; milk/roll; pudding.

WEDNESDAY - Chicken; rice; mixed vegetables; spinach salad; milk/cornbread; fruited gelatin.

THURSDAY - Beef stew; cauliflower and peas; tossed salad; cornbread; milk; peaches.

FRIDAY - Turkey and dressing; sweet potatoes; green beans; fruit salad; milk/roll;

BIG SPRING SCHOOLS BREAKFAST (All Schools)

MONDAY - In-service Day. **TUESDAY - Pancake on stick** or breakfast bagel; fruit juice;

WEDNESDAY - Cereal choice; fruit muffin: chilled fruit: milk. THURSDAY - Breakfast pocket or breakfast pizza; fruit

juice; milk. FRIDAY - Pop-tart or cereal bar; sausage; chilled fruit;

LUNCH

(Elementary and Secondary First Choice)

MONDAY - In-service Day. TUESDAY - Grilled chicken sandwich; potato rounds; corn on cob; peaches; milk.

WEDNESDAY - Chili dog; carrot sticks; potato wedges; grapes; milk.

THURSDAY - Pepperoni pizza; green beans; pasta salad; applesauce; milk. FRIDAY - Cheeseburger;

HUMANE SOCIETY



Pictured: "Apache Princess" very large spayed female calico with pretty golden eyes; beautiful long-haired coat of white, black and yellow; affectionate and would love to keep you warm on cold winter nights!

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neutered orange and white male, very independent. "Yahtzee" friendly male 8month-old adolescent, yellow

tiger stripe coat and golden eyes, serene personality; he likes to cuddle, "Patch" large adult yellow

and white spotted male, calm, friendly and laid-back, loves

people. "Moody" neutered male gray tabby with bobbed tail, very pretty markings, a real play-

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salad: French fries; pinto eans; lemon pie; milk. LUNCH

(Secondary Second Choice) MONDAY - in-service Day. TUESDAY - Smoked sausage tortilla; potato rounda; corn-on-

the-cob; peaches; milk. WEDNESDAY - Chef salad; crackers; grapes; milk. THURSDAY - Salmon pattie;

green beans; pasta salad; applesauce; hot roll; milk. FRIDAY - Chicken fried steak; French fries; pinto beans; hot roll; lemon pie; milk.

STANTON SCHOOLS BREAKFAST

MONDAY - Pancakes or assorted cereal; buttered toast; fruit juice; milk.

TUESDAY - Biscuit; Canadian bacon or assorted cereal; buttered toast; fruit juice; milk.

WEDNESDAY - Cheese 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 - Fish nuggets or

fries: fruit cup: oatmeal cookies: milk. chicken nuggets: macaroni/cheese; mixed vegeta-

bles; pears; hot roll; fruit drink: milk. TUESDAY - Riblet or beef goulash; mashed potatoes; green beans; fruit cobbler;

French bread; fruit drink; milk. WEDNESDAY - Nacho grande or baked potato; pinto beans; lettuce/tomato salad; pineapple

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Book Reviewer

chunks; cornbread; fruit drink;

THURSDAY -Pizza or chicken and dumplings; peas; carrot/celery stix; peaches; cornbread; fruit drink; milk.

FRIDAY - Sloppy Joe or grill cheese: French fries: baked beans; applesauce cake; fruit drink; milk.

COAHOMA SCHOOLS BREAKFAST

MONDAY - Cereal; fruit; toast; milk.

TUESDAY - Donuts; ham; juice: milk. WEDNESDAY - Breakfast

bagel with ham and cheese; chilled fruit; milk. THURSDAY - Texas Toast:

sausage; fruit juice; milk. FRIDAY - Cereal; fruit; toast; milk.

LUNCH **MONDAY** - Chicken nuggets with gravy; or chicken patty on bun; sweet potatoes; mixed veg-

etables; bread; milk. TUESDAY - Spaghetti with meat sauce or corn dog; salad; corn; garlic toast; milk.

WEDNESDAY - Pizza; French THURSDAY - Submarine sandwich or hot dog with chili; oven fries; pickle spears; milk.

FRIDAY - Hamburger; French fries: lettuce; tomato; onion; pickles; milk. ELBOW SCHOOL

BREAKFAST MONDAY - No school. TUESDAY - Pancake and sausage on a stick; juice; milk. WEDNESDAY - Sausage; biscuit; peaches; milk.

THURSDAY - German sausage; sliced bread; fruit;

FRIDAY - Steak fingers; biscuits; juice; milk.

hot roll: milk.

LUNCH MONDAY - No school.

TUESDAY - Chicken failta: salad; fruit; milk. WEDNESDAY - Pizza; corn;

salad; milk. THURSDAY - Hamburgers; onion rings; hamburger salad;

fruit; milk. FRIDAY - Sliced roasted turkey; peas; sweet potatoes;

GARDEN CITY SCHOOL

LUNCH MONDAY - Pigs-in-blanket; potato rounds; ranch style beans; peanut butter bars; pear halves; low fat variety milk.

TUESDAY - Beef stew; cheese sticks; cole slaw; fruit delight; saltine crackers; low fat variety

WEDNESDAY - Hamburger; French fries: lettuce: tomato: pickles; chocolate chips cook-

ies; buns; low fat variety milk. THURSDAY - Roast turkey; gravy; creamed potatoes; corn; apple betty; hot rolls; low fat variety milk.

FRIDAY - Fish sticks; macaroni and cheese; green beans; fruit cup; sliced bread; low fat variety milk.

WESTBROOK SCHOOLS BREAKFAST MONDAY - Student Holiday.

TUESDAY - Oatmeal; toast; jelly; juice; milk WEDNESDAY - Biscuits;

sausage; fruit juice; milk THURSDAY - Hash browns: toast; jelly; fruit juice; milk. FRIDAY - Cereal; toast; jelly; fruit juice; milk.



Announces Our We will have Heart Shaped Balloons throughout our lobby. Pop a Balloon & receive

.25%-1% gr Caling. LUNCH

MONDAY - Student Holiday. TUESDAY - Chicken strips; creamed potatoes; green beans;

biscuits; syrup; honey; milk. WEDNESDAY - Turkey roast; gravy; scalloped potatoes; broccoli; hot rolls; cranberry sauce;

applesauce; milk. THURSDAY - Nachos; meat; cheese; corn; tossed salad; ginger bread with whipped top-

ping; milk FRIDAY - Hamburgers; lettuce; tomatões; onions; pickles; potato rounds; chocolate pudding; milk.

SANDS SCHOOL

BREAKFAST MONDAY - Breakfast pizza; luice: toast.

TUESDAY - Cinnamon rolls: juice; milk.

WEDNESDAY - Cereal; fruit; milk; juice.

THURSDAY - Scrambled eggs; toast; bacon; milk; juice. FRIDAY - Oatmeal; toast;

milk; juice. LUNCH MONDAY - Chili burgers: pork and beans; French fries;

cake; milk.

potatoes; salad; teddy grahams; pineapple chunks and mills

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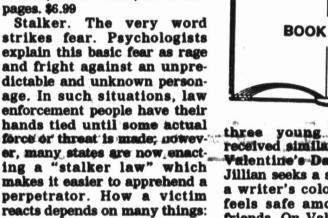
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ONDAY ONLY REGULAR PRICE ITEM IN STOCK IN THE BIG SPRING MALL



Valentine. Tom Savage. February, 1997. Onyx, Penguin Books, New York, N.Y. 446 **BOOK REVIEW**

'Valentine' is a chilling novel



issues or living, and basic personality style. As a successful novelist. Jillian Talbot has a life that is full: she has a vocation she loves, many friends that surround her, and a comfortable and luxurious place to live in the village. Her boyfriend, Nate Levin, and she have been going together for several months. One day she finds a garish Valentine with a rather ominous message in the mail, but Jillian believes Nate is playing a trick on her, and thinks no more about it. However, the Valentine cards keep on coming, and the words become

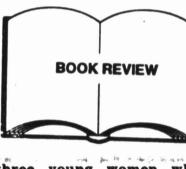
personal support groups,

knowledge of stalker, safety

Coincidentally, Jillian has been working on a novel about a stalker, but finds the threats to her own life so overwhelming that she is unable to write at all. Angry that someone sion at a party.

more threatening and frighten-

could invade her world in this way, Jillian hires a detective who uncovers the murders of



received similar messages. As Valentine's Day approaches, Jillian seeks a secret refuge in a writer's colony where she feels safe among a few old friends. On Valentine's Eve, a new young man joins the group. While he and Jillian are relaxing at the party, Nate has found out where Jillian has gone and is frantically trying to find her.

As Valentine's Day begins at dawn, the killer makes himself known. With viciousness and cruel anger, he strikes out at Jillian.

Describing this harrowing and macabre scene with such detail and clarity, Tom Savage is able to keep the reader in suspense to the last paragraph of the book. Valentine presents Jillian's character with such strength that it forces the readers to evaluate on a personal level how a similar situation might affect them. It's a certainty that anonymous or threatening Valentine cards will probably never be a laughing matter again!

Rating: (***) Good for discus-

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DEAR ABBY: This letter is in response to the woman whose husband had recently confessed to an affair. She signed herself,



Abigail Van Buren Columnist

assure her that there are many

that have.

My husband and I had been married only four months when he got re-involved with a woman he had an affair with during his first marriage. When my husband broke it off, she got so upset she told her husband, and it was mayhem after that!

I told my husband that the affair had not changed my love for him, but it HAD deeply wounded me and affected my trust in him. I was willing to stay and work it out only if he was willing to go to counseling with me and work to earn my trust. He was more than willing, and we found a wonderful counselor who helped us achieve our goal — to heal and strengthen our relationship.

"I Love Him" expressed concern that her husband would grow tired of her pain. She's correct in that she does need someone else to confide in. Her pain is a very heavy load for her husband to carry alone, and the pitfall in confiding in friends is that they are usually not as objective as a counselor would be.

If I may offer a bit of advice. as part of a couple who has successfully navigated this trauma: Find a good counselor with whom you both feel comfortable, be honest with the counselor and each other, and be patient with yourself and your

Also, if you have children, on't take for granted that you can shield them from your pain and stress. Make sure that they, too, have a counselor they can talk to. -STRONGER **BECAUSE OF IT IN ATLANTA**

DEAR STRONGER: That's excellent advice from someone who's walked a mile in her moccasins. Your maturity and perseverance in your marriage are to be admired. And so is your generosity in speaking out about such a personal matter.

DEAR ABBY: I am so happy that I asked you to help me find my deceased wife's relatives so that I could give them her family album. Because of your column, I was able to locate a man named Hemenover who was raised together with my wife by Mrs. A. Hemenover of 1300 San Pablo Ave. in Oakland. So I have dispatched the album to him. He is 80 years old. I hope he can identify some of the people in the pictures. I also came up with two great-grandchildren, and some valuable information about my wife's background, too. (She had told me almost nothing about her fami-Abby, the C.I.A. should put

you under contract!

The response of your readers was swift, gracious and sincere. From coast to coast, they sent information and offered their help and encouragement.

I have talked to several of the Hemenovers. Abby, you have fired up a great new interest in their family background - an amazing feat, and all in less than one month!

An observation: When my daughter suggested I contact you, she said, "Some people read sports, editorials, finance and funnies, but EVERYBODY reads Dear Abby." She was correct. So thank you very much for being there and bringing my search to a successful conclusion. - GAYEL CHEW, MEDFORD, ORE

DEAR MR. CHEW: I have often said that my readers are the most generous and caring people in the world — and your letter illustrates that I wasn't exaggerating. I'm pleased that your problem was so quickly and happily resolved. Thank you for a dandy day-brightener.

DEAR ABBY: The letter about church bulletin bloopers in a recent column reminded me of a funny thing that happened in our church some time ago. It made me glad that I had learned to speak our language by rote as a child. Just imagine the agony foreign-born adults must undergo in learning how to speak English, with all the inconsistencies in pronouncing words with similar spellings with "ough" in them, for exam-

In this instance, a priest visiting from India was saying Mass, and typically the priest reads the Gospel aloud. This Gospel reading was about a woman who was preparing to bake bread when Jesus came to visit. Naturally, she suspended her preparations then, and the priest continued to read "... she put her 'duff' on the table."

I don't think the priest ever understood why that was greeted with such laughter. — R.F. GOTTSACKER, EDINA, MINN.

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tions. Also, be aware of just row. how animated you are when expressing emotions and anger. Others might not have the fortitude you do. Ingenuity is high, and you can devise creative your abilities. If you are single, romance will be a big part of your life. Count on enjoying yourself immensely. If attached, the two of you need to work on your communications, though other aspects of your relationship will be spicy and

The Stars Show the Kind of Day You'll Have: 5-Dynamic: 4-Positive; 3-Average; 2-So-so; 1-Difficult.

fun. GEMINI is attracted to

ARIES (March 21-April 19) Pressure comes from diverse 21) sources, and you feel pulled from one direction to another. Creatively speaking, you come rom a point of imagination. recus on communications, and

clearly express your needs. Ultimately, you get what you want. Tonight: Hang out!**** TAURUS (April 20-May 20)

Be more in tune with your 19) material needs. Your high energy comes out when comparing prices, and it could make all the difference in how much you spend. Be more image-conscious; consider how others see you, especially on a professional level. Tonight: Indulge.**** GEMINI (May 21-June 20)

Be spontaneous. Worry less about other people's reactions. Remain more anchored about what you want. Another might not understand you. Still, express empathy with him. You melt barriers with your sunny personality. Tonight: As you like it!****

CANCER (June 21-July 22) The back seat may be the most secure place to be. There is enormous pressure between home and a public commitment. There is little you can do. Evaluate the situation, and don't arrive at any conclusions early!**

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22)

Emphasize friendship. You Trabbits out of hats. Use agic well, to fulfill desires. The impossible is likely to become real. Matters are subject to fast changes. You could wind through some twisting turns, but you will love the final ending. Tonight: Keep partying.****

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22)
Do things for yourself, and stay mellow. Don't lose your cool over a money issue. You feel that someone is stretching

HAPPY BIRTHDAY FOR you to your limits. Don't get rattled; rather, pull back and Pick and choose your words think about options. You will carefully. They could evoke like the result more. Tonight: strange or unexpected reac- Get a head start on tomor-

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22) You engage in a very difficult argument. Worse yet, you could get yourself locked in to a position where you cannot change solutions to old problems. Trust course. Take time for loved ones. Express your innate creativity. A little wink won't hurt, either. Tonight: Go for a drive with a loved one.**** SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21)

You might be more off-kilter than you realize. Take stock, and understand your needs. Indulge and nurture yourself. Do not expect another to be particularly helpful, except where it adds to the quality of your home life. Some exercise helps. Tonight: Rest up!***

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec.

You are disappointed by how others act around you. You see anger on a new level. Consider a change of course, when you see another's colors. Try a discussion to find out what is going on here. Tonight: Hang out in another's space.****

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan.

Pull back, and look at what is going on. Others display their true colors. You might not want to discuss your reactions. Instead, make a decision on your own. Consider what you want from a work situation. Make important choices. Tonight: Get chores done.***

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18) You have the planetary configuration of a magician. Think about what you want, especially if you see a situation that angers you. Stay direct about your goals, and know you have what it takes to achieve them. Allow your charm to come out. Tonight: Remain focused.****

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20) Use special care with money matters and partnerships. The less connected the two are, the better off you will be. Instincts are right on about a parent or a domestic matter. Take time for just yet. Be careful with your personal needs, and squeeze in temper. Tonight: Hit the sack a nap or two. Invite others over. Tonight: Order in!*** **BORN TODAY**

> Rep. Sonny Bono (1935), actor LeVar Burton (1957), basketball player Mark Price (1964)

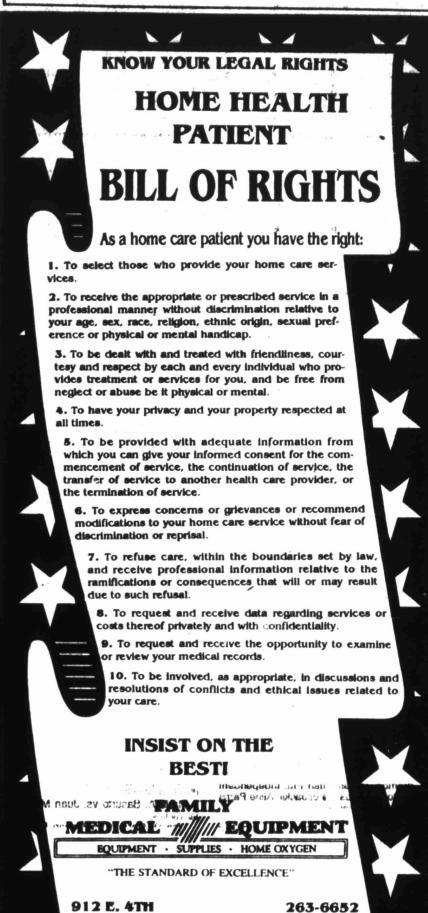
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Michelle Steward (left), Jeff Moss (middle) and Pokey

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grantor: Bernice Davis grantee: Terry and Rhonda Smith property: A 0.46 acre tract of land out of the northeast 1/4 of the southeast 1/4 section 14, bik. 33, T-1-8, T&P RR. Co. filed: Feb. 3, 1997 ast 1/4 of the southeast 1/4 of

grantor: Evelyn Ming-Ming Chow Yee grantee: Perry and Teresa Wigington property: All of lot 18, blk. 1, Highland South No. 6. filed: Feb. 3, 1997

grantor: John D. and Marva Branham property: Lot 13, blk. 1, Stardust fled: Feb. 4,1997

grantor: John D. and Marva Branham grantee: Pat M. Howell property: Lot 7, blk. 2, Stardust Addition filed: Feb. 4, 1997

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grantor: Charles Norman Rainwater grantee: Helen Clare Rainwa property: tract 1 - All of lot 1, blk. 4, Highland South Addition, and tract 2 - lot 2 and south four feet of lot 1, blk. 4, Highland South Addition. flied: Feb. 5, 1997

grantor: Frances Wheat, Lawrence Reagan Wheat and Lee Eliee Wheat Kall grantee: George W. and Susan L.

property: Being the south 1/2 of lot no. 4, blk. 25, Original Town of Big Spring. filed: Feb. 6, 1997

grantor: Donya Brewer and Rex Denton, beneficiary: H.E. Tubb, executor and trustee of the will of Jewel Forrest Tubb,

property: A 10 acre tract of land out of section 105, blk. 29, W&NW, Ry. Co. filed: Feb. 6, 1997

grantor: Ron Lackey grantee: W.S. Morris property: Lots 4-9, blk. 66, Original Town of Big Spring. fled: Feb. 6, 1997

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Warranty deed with vendor's lien: grantor: Angella Kim McDaniel grantee: Jeffrey Glenn McDaniel property: A 1.10 acre tract out of the S, TAP RR Co. fled: Feb. 4, 1997

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grantor: Maria Luz Salas and Daniel

grantee: Anita and Raoul Robies property: A tract of land in the south corner of tract 35, Wm. B. Currie Subdivision of th southeast 1/4 42, blk. 32, T-1-N, T&P Ry. Co. filed: Feb. 6, 1997 east 1/4 of section

grantor: A.E. Kelley grantee: Martin K. and Sandra K. property: Lot 11, blk. 3, Ridgelea Terrace Addition.

grantor: Texas Utilities Electric Company grantee: West Texas Centers for Mental salth Mental Retardation

property: Lots 1-3 and 7-9, blk. 30, riginal Town of Big Spring. filed: Feb. 7, 1997 **District Court filings:**

Billie Floyd Anderson vs. Laurel Faye

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Lisa Jean Chavarria vs. Daryi Maurice Lanelle E. Pratt vs. Clifton Anthony

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Filings: Patricia Don Moland vs. George Moland, Sue Lendermon vs. Rex Fiscus, dis-

Ricardo Árguello vs. Sylvia Arguello, Charles Ray Burke vs. Jonetta Burks,

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Bennett Memorial Hospital, judgment-ANC. Grady and Iris Ann Cunningham vs. Metropolitan Property and Casual, judgment-ANC.

Margaret Reyes vs. Eladio L. Zubiate, family law. Ascension G. Hilario vs. Michelle Leos.

family law. David and Janet Higgins vs. Freddy Max Gipson, Jr., Et Al, judgment-IDO.

Paul Cano vs. Christopher Digges Odum, dismissed-IDM.
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Howard County, Et Al vs. Linda Alcantar Raymond Hall vs. Mary Lou Hall, grant-

Carrie L. Headrick vs. Bobby Sonja M. Cross vs. Venson Earl ownsend, dismissed-family. Rose Parnell vs. Joseph Parnell, family

Dianne Lopez vs. David Ovalle, family

General Motors Acceptance Corp vs. Lauria H. Mullins, judgment-ANC, Edlia Martinez vs. Abel Martinez, family

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Wilson Construction Company, I. vs.
James Cowen and Apache Bend Apt., dis-missed-ANC.

Arina Holguin vs. Rudy Holguin, granted

Kelly Lea Ferrell vs. Brian Kelth Ferrell, granted-div.

Norwest Bank, Texas Big Spring vs. Harry L. Money, judgment-ANC. Felipe Cruz vs. Maria Cruz, granted-dv. Katrina Lee Barnett vs. Lynn Richard

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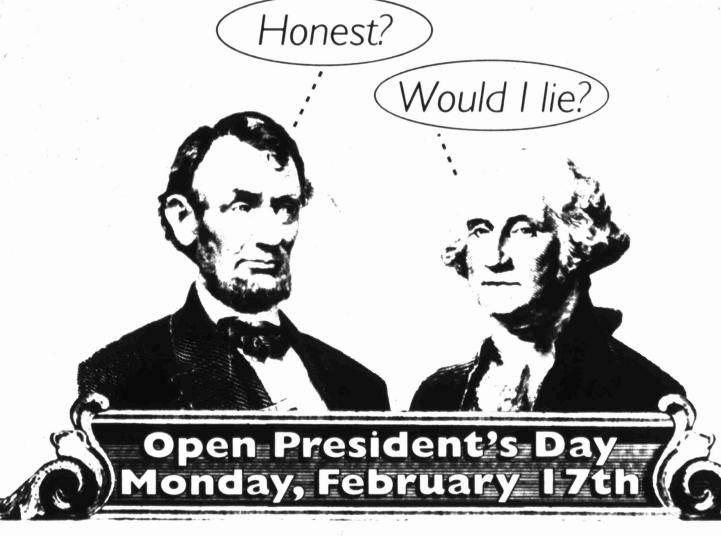
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Big Spring High School Band members recently went to the UIL Solo and Ensemble contest where the students received ratings of superior and excellent. All of these students play woodwind instruments. Pictured in the front row, left to right are: Madera Gray, Lori Maines, Maria Hinojos, Farrah Schooler, Licia Doll, Angela Strum, Stephanie Talbott and Tramaine Anderson. Second row, left to right are: Jennie Tedford, Josna Adusumilli, Nick Puentes, Grady Pedigo, Amador Gonzales, Stefanie Waggoner, Stephanie Castaneda, Dusty Clayton and Jennifer Davidson. Back row, left to right are: Kristin Barrera, Juanita Valdez, Jessica Cobos, Tim Pator, Matt Quisenberry, Melissa Mouton, DJ Graves, Brianda Ortiz and Rachel

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Company leaving mark with hand-crafted buckles

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SAN ÁNTONIO (AP) -Forget the big Stetson hats, the brush popper shirts and the

Wrangler jeans. When Joanne Berg fixes her eyes on a cowboy, her eyes zoom in on one spot: His belt buckle.

"It's like an identity badge," Berg says. "If you're talking to a cowboy, one of the first things you do is look at his buckle to see what he's wearing, what he has won, what big rodeo he's been in."

Berg knows belt buckles, cowboys and rodeo. A former Miss Rodeo Australia and women's calf roping champion

WELCOME BACKI

WASHINGTON (AP) -

Under pressure from farmers.

the Agriculture Department on

Wednesday relaxed the new eli-

gibility rules it proposed last

fall for the nation's biggest

The action brought immedi-

ate criticism from agribusiness

and lawmakers, who cautioned

that millions of acres of pro-

ductive farmland could remain

idle under the new regulations.

But Agriculture Secretary

Conservation

Dan Glickman insisted that the

Reserve Program would be tar-

geted to environmentally sensi-

tive acreage. Even though land

is eligible for the program

doesn't mean USDA will accept

amounts of productive farm-

Farmers are paid not to farm

the land for 10 years and get

federal help to plant grass and

About two-thirds of the

nation's crop land, or about 240

million acres, would be eligible

for the program under the

rules issued Wednesday, up

from about half under the stan-

dards proposed last fall.

land are over," he said.

'The days of enrolling vast

land-idling

it, he said.

trees on it.

land conservation program.

in the Land Down Under, she's married to Bob Berg, the Australian 1979 World Titles Bareback Champion. A couple of years ago, the Bergs said goodbye to kangaroo country and staked a claim in Bandera, the Cowboy Capital of Texas, where they run a Western-wear company.

And this year, for the third

year in a row, Bob Berg has

handcrafted the belt buckles that will be awarded to the top contestants at the San Antonio Stock Show & Rodeo. Each of the buckles has a

solid silver base, overlaid with

hand-cut designs and lettering

Despite cold, wet, snowy weather, several hundred residents welcomed Furr's Cafeteria

back to the Big Spring area Wednesday. Pictured are Furr's President and CEO Ken Reimer;

Big Spring Mayor Tim Blackshear; Lisa Jones (scissors) and her husband Furr's Manager

Rodney Jones; and Furr's Chairman Kevin Lewis, during the ribbon cutting ceremony.

Farmers benefit from USDA decision

ronmental benefits of taking already are required to follow

farmers.

conservation rules, and wind

erosion was added to the envi-

ronmental factors on which

USDA will evaluate bids by

Grain companies want as

much reserve land put back

into production as possible,

which would drive down crop

prices, and environmentalists

want the program targeted

toward preventing water pollu-

tion by retiring land along

cerned about the very broad

eligibility criteria that USDA

has set forth in regulations for

the Conservation Reserve,"

said Ken Cook, president of the

Environmental Working

Association said too much pro-

ductive crop land would be eli-

Glickman said it was neces

sary to expand the eligibility

rules to get a "quality pool" of

Farmers will have from

March 3 to March 28 to sign up

for the program at local Farm

Service Agency offices.

Detailed information will be

land to enroll in the program.

gible for the program.

The National Grain and Feed

'We continue to be con-

streams and rivers.

to relax land-conservation rules

expire this fall.

the land out of production.

Congress capped the program

last year at 36.4 million acres.

About 33 million acres are cur-

rently idled under the program,

including 22 million acres

enrolled under contracts that

The department predicted the

new rules would lead to an

additional 2 million acres of

land being retired in the

Dakotas, Nebraska and Kansas,

an increase of more than 20

Crop prices are unlikely to be

affected, however, because

there won't be any major shifts

in where the idled acreage is

located, said Brian Willot, an

agricultural analyst at the

The Senate Agriculture

Committee chairman, Sen.

Richard Lugar, R-Ind., was

sharply critical of the depart-

ment for easing the eligibility

standards. The action could

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The rules proposed last fall

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dard that much of the land now

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University of Missouri.

the program, he said.

Approximately 1,600 people passed through Furr's doors after the store officially opened.

in three different colors of gold. These buckles aren't huge. The biggest one, which will be awarded to the "All-Around Cowboy" in the rodeo competition, measures about 5 inches across and 4 inches high.

Joanne says big doesn't mean better. "If you can fry your breakfast on it, it's too big to wear," she says.

Belt buckles haven't been big for long. Men wore suspenders until pants with loops came into fashion in the 1880s and 1890s. Early buckles were strictly functional, usually in the "Ranger" style, a threepiece set with a buckle, a loop

and a metal tip. Then came Tom Mix. Hopalong Cassidy and Gene Autry.

"The silver screen had a lot to do with the popularity of belt buckles and other Western stuff," says Donald Yena, a Western artist and collector from San Antonio. "And the early rodeos, especially the big ones out West, helped get them started. They don't have anything to do with the old American West, as far as I know."

Belt-buckle pioneers include Edward H. Bohlin, a Swedish immigrant who came to the United States around 1910. Bohlin learned to cowboy in Montana and later set up a sad-

dle shop in Wyoming. In 1922, he moved to Hollywood and hit

"He did all of that silver gear for the Lone Ranger and Roy Rogers and Hopalong Cassidy," says James Nottage, vice president and curator of the Autry Museum of Western Heritage in Los Angeles. "You can name almost any of the Hollywood Western performers and they had Bohlin material."

Local hardware company honored by national firm

HERALD Staff Report

It wasn't very long ago that Harris Lumber and Hardware Inc. celebrated more than 30 years of being in business in Big Spring, now the company can celebrate being one of the best in its field.

Harris Lumber owners Bert and Ernestine Harris and Gay and Steve Herren were recently presented a plaque by ACE Hardware recognizing the local dealer as a premier dealer, and saluting the store's commitment to its customers.

In order to receive the recognition, Harris Lumber has to meet 20 high performance retail standards, including excellent customer service, merchandise assortment, trained store personnel, convenient hours and participation in the ACE retail program.

Presented by ACE Hardware Corporation, a cooperative owned by Bert Harris, along with some 5,000 other ACE dealers, the plaque honors Harris Lumber and Hardware for consistent excellence in practicing high retail stan-

It also attest to commitment to a process which the company calls ACE 2000, whose goal is to have ACE dealers become the best independent lumber and hardware retailer in the industry by the year 2000.

The engraved plaque, bearing the store's name reads: "This store's mission is to provide the best possible service and satisfaction to you, its customer, by offering a wide selec-

tion of quality products at a good value, adhering to the highest retail standards, supporting this community and our country, and encouraging sound environmental practices.

"We've really worked hard to provide legendary customer service ever since this store was opened in 1965," Bert Harris, chairman of Harris Lumber said. "Our employees are really the ones responsible for this award."

Harris added, "They are knowledgeable and their goal is to satisfy the needs of our customers, with the attitude that there's no hardware or doit-yourself problem we can't solve. In addition, we thank all of our loyal customers who have made the store their place over the years, plus the new customers who appreciate the service, selection and convenience that we offer. We pledge to continue the service

Commenting on the award, ACE senior vice president of retail operations and market. ing William A. Loftus said, "Bert and Steve have identified customer service and satisfaction as their number one job. I'm convinced their positive attitude and commitment to build an even stronger program to exceed customer's expectations will serve them and their customers well for

Founded in the early 1920's, ACE Hardware Corp. is a dealer-owned cooperative headquartered in Oak Brook, Ill., and has more than 5,000 stores in all 50 states and in 55 countries and territories.

which earned us this award."

the future."



Harris Lumber and Hardware Inc. owners Bert and Ernestine Harris (left) and Gay and Steve Herren, are pictured with Doug Newland of ACE Hardware with the plaque they recently received recognizing the Big Spring ACE dealer as a premier

Eligible land will be rated Subsequent changes make eliavailable at FSA offices March according to the cost and envi- gible land where farmers 3. Week full of opportunities for area farmers

opportunities to local cotton producers

to obtain absolute latest information about a lot of thongs important their industry eginning

Richardson **County Agent**

Charles olm will be at the St. Paul heran Church in Big Spring bring us an update on the

This week offers a lot of future of the Big Spring **Experiment Station and other** important information from

Washington. This is an important concern for the entire community and everyone is encouraged to attend. The Lutheran Church is located at 810 Scurry St., but parking is available from the **Gregg Street entrance.**

Also, the Howard County Spring Cotton Update will be 11:30 a.m. Thursday at the Dora Roberts Fair Building. This program features a presentation by Holland Cottonseed Company about their new varieties of cotton and what they expect from them.

A complimentary tamale and bean lunch from the Hollands,

and the latest information on soil testing and fertility (with emphasis on land previously planted to grain sorghum in 1996) by Extension Agronomist Dr. Bryan Unruh from Fort Stockton, will also be present-

Another portion of the program will include a presentation on weed control, planting and varieties of cotton by Extension Agronomist Billy Warrick from San Angelo.

Extension Entomologist for Martin and Midland Counties Doug Paxton, will bring an update on the local insect situation, and for producers needing them, two hours of CEUs will be awarded to those attending

If you cannot make the midday meeting in Big Spring, the same program will be presented at 8 a.m. Thursday in Stanton at the community center and again at 7 p.m. at Greenwood High School in Midland County. CEUs can also be earned at these meeting.

More hours of CEUs will be available at the big West Texas Ag Expo coming up March 27 the Dorothy Garrett Coliseum, including one hour in the often hard to obtain area of laws and regulations. This is one of the major agricultural events in West Texas, so make plans to be a part of it.

This week finds the Howard county young 4H and FFA

Showmen off at the big San Antonio Livestock Show. These kids have done a great job with their projects this year and we wish them all continued success as they progress through the show season.

Speaking of stock shows, I realize it is hard to rationalize that with the height of the show season going on, now is the time to select next year's prospects, but it is! Any youngster needing assistance in obtaining a steer for next year's program should contact our office as soon as possible and discuss their needs with us. We have some good sources to help you with and will be glad to do so. Call us at 264-

BUSINESS IN BRIEF

DOLLAR STRONG

WASHINGTON (AP) Teasury Secretary Rober Rubin's musings about how iong the dollar has been strong seem to have had the same impact on global financial markets as Alan Greenspan's comments about "irrational exu-

First, a bit of turmoil fol-lowed by business as usual The high-flying dollar was jos tled after Rubin signaled a change in administration poli-

But after one of the wides one-day swings in some time the dollar ended the day Monday about back where is began before all the excitement started.

WESTINGHOUSE

NASHVILLE, Tenn. (AP) -Westinghouse Electric Corp took another step toward making its CBS network a power in cable TV with a deal to buy The Nashville Network and Country Music Television.

Gaylord Entertainment Co. owner of the Grand Ole Opry agreed Monday to part with the two country music cable channels for \$1.55 billion. Since buying CBS in late 1995, Westinghouse has taken sever al big steps to create a presence in cable television.

FDA ON NICOTINE

GREENSBORO, N.C. (AP) — The U.S. Food and Drug Administration is acting with out authority to regulate nico tine as a drug, a tobacco indus-try lawyer told a federal judge. Richard Cooper, an attorney for R.J. Reynolds Tobacco Co.

and a former FDA counsel. told U.S. District Judge William Osteen on Monday the DV 18 TRYIUS toward banning tobacco. Osteen heard arguments en

motion by five cigarette make ers and an advertising firm to decide, without a trial, that the agency lacks such authority. The FDA wants to use the authority to enforce new sales and advertising regulations aimed at curbing teen-age smoking.

TRUCK FREEZE

WASHINGTON (AP) highway safety group is calling for a continued freeze on the size of big trucks, and changes in the way drivers are paid, as part of massive highway legis ation being developed in Congress.

Keeping the ban on triple trailers in most states, and paying drivers by the hour instead of the mile, should be part of the new Intermodal Transportation Surface. Efficiency Act, Joan Claybrook of the group Citizens for Reliable and Safe Highways said Monday.

OUT OF CUBA

WASHINGTON (AP) Twelve foreign companies have pulled out of Cuba or refrained from doing business there as a result of U.S. legislaion seeking to discourage out side investment in Cuba, State Department official said. Beyond economic costs, the Helms-Burton legislation also has prompted increased attention by Europeans and others on human rights issues in Cuba, Michael Ranneberger, the State Department's coordi-

U.S. TIMBER

UNITED NATIONS (AP) in a major shift, more than 80 of the world's major environ-mental groups lined up beside the U.S. timber industry to oppose a Canadian-led plan for global treaty to manage the Now is not the time to nego

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Ranch management school stresses reality over theory

FORT WORTH, (AP) — Maria Muzquiz takes her education more seriously than the average college student, and it's no wonder.

There's much more at risk than grades for the 23-year-old student in Texas Christian University's ranch management program.

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If she cuts class, Ms. Muzquiz might miss a lesson on, for example, when and how to give vaccinations to a herd of young cattle. That missed lesson could lead to lost profits and an end to her family's 59,000-acre ranch in northern Mexico near the Texas border.

"I feel that responsibility in a big way," said Ms. Muzquiz, who inherited the burden in 1995, when her father died and she was left to tend the ranch.

"He managed it really well. but he didn't keep anything on paper. He kept it all in his head. ... If I hadn't come up here I think that ranch would have just gone to nothing. We would have had to sell it or liquidate the cattle, or we could

have just run it inefficiently." Most, if not all, students who enroll in TCU's unique ninemonth program are under similar burdens.

Or, as ranching program director James Link said: "Here, a mistake is gonna hurt you ... emotionally or academically. But it isn't going to be nearly as bad as when you get out there and lose a family farm or lose your job because of your incompetence.'

Link said the school was set up for that reason 41 years ago by ranchers who noticed a gap in the labor force — there weren't enough ranch managers who had both practical on-the-range experience and the business acumen to avoid financial pitfalls.

Although traditional agriculture schools such as Texas A&M taught the science of agriculture, managerial skills. economics, marketing and accounting, they weren't tying the knowledge together in a practical way.

'We can't afford to be in

research and we can't afford to dwell on theory," Link said. "We've got to cut to the chase."

Spend any length of time talking with teachers in the program and you're likely to hear the theme echoed over and over: reality matters.

"That's what we work on here," said Gary Wilson, an 11year instructor at the school. Theory is theory. We try to teach reality.'

Reality, as in which breed of cattle can be economically raised in a given climate? How many cows can be fattened on 100 acres of a given grass? How should fences be built to protect an area from overgrazing? How soon must a calf be vaccinated? What vaccine is most economical?

Obviously, there's more to ranching than rounding up

In fact, there are no riding or roping classes at Cowboy U. most of the students grew up on ranches - and much of the actual coursework has little to do with handling animals.

Featured subjects include how to manage labor, comply with government regulations, balance the books, pay taxes and invest profits - classes right out of a university school of business management.

Incompetence in any one of those areas can bankrupt a ranch.

"We're making these students put an economic analysis on everything they do, because too many people have gone broke in our business thinking of it as a vocation when it's really a business," Link said.

That's not to say the 22 students enrolled in the program wile away all their hours in the classroom. By May, they'll have traveled thousands of miles in the school's fleet of trucks to talk with ranchers all over the region.

The school couldn't be betterlocated for its proximity to nearly every type of ranchland imaginable, from grasslands along the Gulf Coast to the West Texas desert to the plains of Oklahoma and Kansas.

Lectures often come not from professors but actual ranchers in the field.

Back in the classroom, Link and three other teachers who work with students all are required to keep an active hand in ranching, a requirement that helps keep the focus on reality.

Link, who has taught at the school 20 years, also leases land and runs cattle in Texas and his native Kansas.

"I've bought the cattle. I'm paying the interest. I'm paying the feed bill. If one of them dies, it's coming out of my pocket. I've got a very strong vested interest in that market.' he said, pointing to the commodity price ticker on his desktop computer.

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dents are expected to take all they learn and tie it together in one major project.

They're asked to draw up specific plans and strategies, from the bottom up, for making their own ranches back home more profitable. Link then reviews and grades — the plans as if he were a banker considering a loan to the student's "ranch."

Former students who have earned Ph.D.s in other areas say the ranching school's final project is more difficult.

Maybe that's another reason the ranching students seem so much more serious about their

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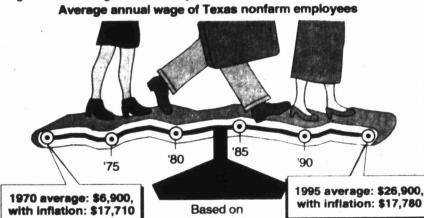
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Keeping an eye on Texas

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Texas workers on a treadmill

When inflation is factored in, the wages paid to Texas employees haven't increased in 25 years. Workers made an average of \$6,900 in 1970, and in 1995 took home about \$26,900. But, when adjusted to account for the higher cost of living, salaries today are about the same as they were in 1970.



1983-84 dollars SOURCES: John Sharp, Texas Comptroller of Public Accounts, September Fiscal Notes U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics and U.S. Bureau of Economic Analysis.

Wheat fields showing more promise for '97

the vast farmland around Wheeler County, there isn't a hint at the bounty beneath the snow-covered terrain this time of year.

Come spring, many are hopeful that the barren landscape will yield an amber bounty for the first time in four seasons.

"We've had the best wheat we've had in several years this fall and winter," said Dean Tipps, a 46-year veteran of farming the eastern Texas Panhandle. "We've had the moisture and everything. It's done great."

There's not much to see now. Wheat stalks ceased growing once the soil got cold enough, and ranging cattle gobbled up much of the stubble that sprouted late last year.

When the crop begins greening up this month in preparation for harvest time in May, farmers are optimistic that three years of subpar production will end with a flourish.

"Our wheat conditions are a lot better than they were a year ago," said Rodney Mosier of

WHEELER, (AP) — Spying the Texas Wheat Producers Association. "We've seen a light dusting a snow, though the crops still are in need of a good rain. Recently, we're just starting to see wheat being stressed (by dry weather)."

Where normal production in years past has been more than 100 million Texas bushels, growers have barely pushed 75 million recently. Just enough snow and rain has kept falling this year to keep everyone hopeful, yet tentative.

Texas usually ranks about fifth nationally in wheat production, most of it coming in the Panhandle and the Rolling Plains of central West Texas. Dallam County, in the northwestern corner of the Panhandle, is the traditional

This time last year, farmers knew that drought had pretty much done them in. Now. they're ready to reap a profit for the first time in years.

"Right now, about everything is holding its own," Mosier

the hottest summer temperatures, paid some of the highest retail rates. Legislative update Electric rates The Texas Legislature, which convened January 14, will consider _ deregulating wholesale and SOURCES: John Sharp, Texas Comptroller of Public Accounts, retail sale of electricity to Texas households and businesses.





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Chamber division schedules retail development seminar

HERALD Staff Report

How to succeed in business and do it profitably will be the focus of a Feb. 27 seminar sponsored by the Big Spring Area Chamber of Commerce's Retail Development Division (RDD).

The RDD has contracted with Herbert W. Penning Jr. to present the seminar from 6 p.m. to 9 p.m. at the Dora Roberts Community Center.

"How can I make more money without spending a whole lot more?" will be the topic of the seminar, with Penning giving participants 10 ways to succeed.

Penning is a college instructor; an executive in the Eddie Bauer Management Team; and author of the Retailer's Notebook, a newsletter focusing on issues and programs to stimulate sales growth and promote forward planning for

Penning's background includes sales and inventory flow planning, market evaluation and opportunities, customer and special service plans, special event planning and merchandise presentation and adjacencies. He has advised and counseled retail clients on all aspects of their business, from start-up to well established stores.

The goal of Penning's presentations and programs is to raise the awareness level of the participants so they can profitably succeed in an overstored, highly competitive business environment.

According to the RDD, this will be a return performance for Penning, who was in Big Spring several years ago for a seminar entitled "Sell - Don't Just Clerk."

Private on-site consultations are available for \$50 and will be taken on a first reservation basis. Forms are available at the chamber of commerce office.

The cost of the seminar for chamber members will be \$15, and \$30 for non-members. Advanced reservations must be made by calling the chamber at 263-7641.

Caring workers key to good food processing

workers such as Linda Crites. food processing provides more than just a paycheck. One slip in quality or an overlooked area could harm more than mere profits.

"What we have here is going to end up on someone's table,' said Crites while looking at a bag of dehydrated vegetables at Basic Vegetable Products.

Crites feels a big responsibility to make sure nothing is wrong with anything that leaves the plant. Knowing she has done her job well gives a sense of pride and accomplish-

While Crites calls herself "a cog in the wheel," she knows the commitment it takes to do

CERES, Calif. (AP) - For the job well. "Every job is important," she said.

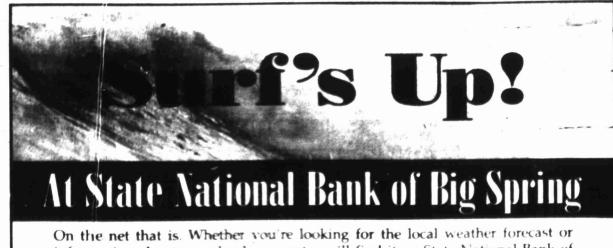
She started working at Basic Vegetable Products in 1979 on "the belt" in process control and defects. The company dehydrates peppers, carrots and celery for use in soups and salad dressings and other dish-

Crites checked vegetables for proper cuts, weight and made sure no foreign matter got mixed in with the product.

She worked her way up the ladder, becoming a quality service technician, then worked in the bacteria lab before

becoming a supervisor. "When I left the lab, we were doing up to 400 tests per day on the product," Crites said.

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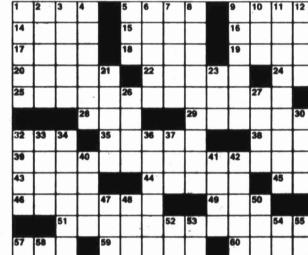
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