

WOT BIG  
SPRING

# HERALD

Reflecting A Proud Community

TUESDAY  
February 25, 1997

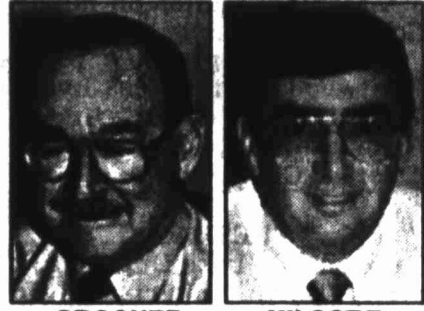
50 cents

## Crooker, Kilgore to meet with County VFD tonight at 7 at Courthouse

By CARLTON JOHNSON  
Staff Writer

For the second time in a little more than two weeks, members of the Howard County Volunteer Fire Department (VFD) will meet with county commissioners discuss problems between the VFD and the county concerning equipment and equipment maintenance.

Commissioners Jerry Kilgore and Bill Crooker will meet with the group at 7 p.m. today in the county courtroom to discuss these two issues and to estab-



CROOKER KILGORE

lish written policies and guidelines for the VFD to follow.

The problems with the VFD began in January when commissioners questioned the

VFD's use of Rescue 10 as a backup unit to assist the Big Spring Fire Department on calls in the county.

On Feb. 11, during a business meeting of the VFD, members voted unanimously to take some type of decisive action in order to get the attention of the Howard County Commissioners' Court, and parked five VFD vehicles at the county barn stating the vehicle were in disrepair and would be moved until they were repaired.

The protest was also in response to commissioners ask-

ing the VFD to get out of the ambulance business and stick to fighting fires, and commissioners' 4 to 1 vote to deny the department's request to sponsor bingo games as a source of revenue for needed equipment.

According to VFD members, the vehicles in question were old dump trucks and not usable for the county's Road and Bridge Department, but were put on line with the VFD.

"We met on Feb. 13 and discussed mutual problems involving equipment and equipment maintenance," Crooker said.

"What Jerry (Kilgore) and I plan to do tonight is address the problem, seek solutions with the Volunteer Fire Department and come up with some written policies and guidelines for the department to follow."

According to Crooker, a lot of the problems are because of a lack of communication between the VFD and the county.

One of the problems includes airpicks supplied to the VFD by the county in case they have to enter a smoke-filled environment because of a fire.

"These packs need to be tested

on occasion, but this has not been done in some time," Crooker said. "We (commissioners) recently gave the VFD permission to do this."

As for the trucks that were parked at the county barn earlier this month, Crooker said they have been returned to the VFD in working order, with the exception of Rescue 10.

"It needs a considerable amount of work and needs to be inspected," Crooker said. "It is being kept at the county barn pending the outcome of tonight's meeting."

## Funding for new dorm at SWCID hits snag

By CHRYS GOFF  
Staff Writer

It looks like plans to build a new dorm at the SouthWest Collegiate Institute for the Deaf have been put on hold following a Howard College Board of Trustees meeting Monday.

Board officials met with Ray E. Williams, chairman and CEO of the D.S.A. Incorporated Construction Management, who told trustees there wasn't enough money to build the type of facility they had planned. Williams' company is in charge of the dorm project that has now been put on hold until more funds become available.

Currently, the college is short \$250,000 of the amount needed for a 60-room dorm. College officials have said they would prefer a 76-room dormitory be built at an additional cost of \$114,098. The total cost for the 76-room project is estimated at \$1,582,489.

"We don't even have enough to start with the basic dorm (60 rooms)," HC President Dr. Cheryl T. Sparks said. "We are at the mercy of what is going to happen in Austin."

College officials would like to have the money come from the Legislature's appropriations bill, but will have to wait until May to get results. If everything goes according to plan, the construction of the dorms would begin in June or July. As a result, the bids will have to be put on hold.

Williams told trustees that a two-month wait until the Legislature approves appropriations should not force the college to seek new bids.



Howard College president Dr. Cheryl Sparks updates college trustees on the availability of funding for the construction of new dorms at SWCID. At left is Linda Conway while Board Chairman Don McKinney is at right.

"Most contractors will hold bids and two months is a reasonable time," he said. "There shouldn't be any cost increase on material between now and May."

Trustees approved the New World Power Corporation tax abatement and guidelines presented by Moore Development Executive Director Danette Toone and grant writer Leigh Corson. Moore representatives are making the rounds to each taxing entity requesting a tax abatement for the power company.

According to Toone, Moore's ideas have brought more than \$87,000 in taxes to the college in five years.

If all taxing entities approve the abatement plan, New World's taxes will be abated for the first five years of operation.

In May, New World starts construction and will provide seven new full-time jobs.

The contractors building the facility are from out of town, but Toone said, "They (contractors) will be here for quite a while and will be staying in local hotels and eating at local restaurants."

The plan is for New World to lease 11,000 acres, most of it is located on the Morgan Ranch south of Big Spring, to build a wind-generated power facility. In turn, TU Electric will buy the power it produces.

The current TU Electric system produces 22,000 megawatts a year and the wind farm will produce 40 megawatts. There is a 15-year contract with TU Electric and the wind farm project is estimated at \$42 million.

The board also accepted the low bids on a tractor and the electrical service upgrade for the administration building. After the building was evaluated by electrical contractors, college officials decided the system needed to be upgraded.

B&B Electric was awarded the bid of \$8,700 and the Case Tractor was purchased from Abilene Ag New Holland for \$10,955. The tractor will be used for grounds upkeep on the campus.

## Commissioners grant abatement to New World Power

By CARLTON JOHNSON  
Staff Writer

Howard County Commissioners unanimously granted a tax abatement to the \$42 million New World Power Texas Renewable Energy project during Monday's commissioners' court meeting, completing the necessary approvals needed from local taxing entities.

Moore Development For Big

Spring Executive Director Danette Toone said the county is the lead entity on the abatement for the project and its approval was the last needed since the Big Spring Independent School District is not asked to abate.

The 67-turbine wind power project is expected begin construction around May 1 on the Mark Morgan Ranch in Howard County, producing several con-

struction jobs during the two year construction period and seven permanent full-time jobs once the project is completed.

Toone added the new reinvestment zone covers most of the southeast side of Howard County, excluding the cities of Coahoma and Forsan.

New World Power will receive a 100 percent tax abatement during the two year construction phase, and for the five years following construction

the abatement will be scaled down 10 percent a year from 100 percent the first year after construction to 60 percent the fifth year.

"At the point where the abatement hits 60 percent, the project will then go onto the tax rolls at its appraised value," Toone said. "This project has been in the works for approximately three years and will be bringing some very specific technology."

## Better Business Bureau warns of contractor scam

By CARLTON JOHNSON  
Staff Writer

Local residents are warned to be on the lookout for a contractor in the area who may be operating a scam.

According to Dick Rowland, president of the Better Business Bureau of the Permian Basin (BBB), phone calls coming into the BBB office indicate a traveling concrete contractor was recently in the Permian Basin area, selling sidewalk, driveway and parking lot repairs with some overstock supplies from a previous major contract.

The contractor in question began in Pecos, but Rowland and the BBB aren't sure which direction the contractor headed after leaving.

"These types of people generally don't stick around," Rowland said. "They do their business in a week or so and then they move on."

Rowland said complaining consumers reported to the BBB

that the contractor will get permission to begin working, tears up the existing concrete, and then realizes he underestimated the amount of material needed for the job and has to go get more supplies to complete the work.

"One caller went into great detail describing how the contractor tore up her driveway and left," Rowland said. "The contractor had the additional money the woman had given him to purchase more supplies, but never came back."

The BBB, according to Rowland, always urges anyone considering hiring a contractor for any type of home or business remodeling to get a written

**The contractor will get permission to begin working, tears up the existing concrete, and then realizes he underestimated the amount of material needed for the job and has to go get more supplies to complete the work. He never returns.**

estimate.

"Be sure the estimate includes a time to start, an estimated time to completion and the total cost of the job," Rowland said. "Also, get some references of other jobs the contractor has done and check them out. This is your home or business we're talking about, and this is the type of problem that you don't need, at any cost."

The BBB has a brochure available, at no cost, which gives other hints on how to avoid problems when looking for a contractor of any type.

"The best advice we can give is to check out a company or individual before you hire them," Rowland said. "Check

references and see what type of permits are required in your area before any work begins, and be sure a contractor is properly bonded and insured before work begins."

The BBB's purpose, according to Rowland, is to give consumers and businesses an outlet to protect themselves against fraudulent business practices.

The BBB is a non-profit organization funded through the voluntary support of local businesses that pay membership dues.

Currently, 725 Permian Basin businesses, including 34 in Big Spring, are member of the BBB. "We are on a major membership effort to get new members, so we can continue to alert consumers about scams like this," Rowland said. "We want to stop scams like this before they get started."

Residents with questions about scams or the BBB may contact Rowland at (915)663-0213 or (800)592-4433.

## County officials plan to install security alarms

By CARLTON JOHNSON  
Staff Writer

Howard County officials plan to install a new security device in the offices of State District Judge Robert Moore, County Tax Assessor-Collector Kathy Sayles and Howard County Clerk Margaret Ray, as a way of protecting the county from possible trouble with irate residents and groups.

According to Ray, whose office did receive a letter last week with a Midland postmark from the anti-government group Republic of Texas in opposition to the authority of Attorney General Dan Morales, the security device is something she has been interested in for some time.

"This device is not because of any group in particular, but we just need security in here as with any other office," Ray said. "We have to have a way to alert the Sheriff's Office in the event of trouble. I want security for

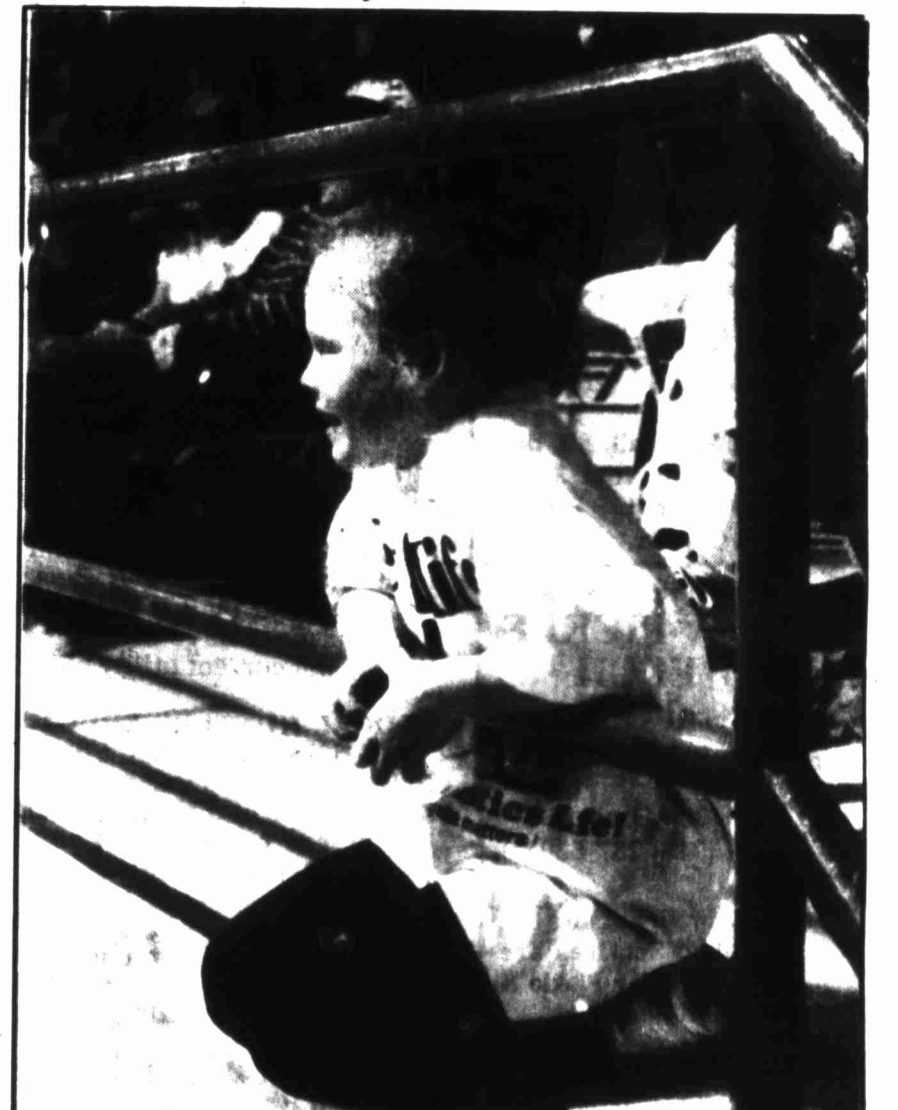
my deputies."

Ray added that Moore approached her with the idea about a year ago, but she has not heard anything else until recently when she found out the buzzer-type devices would be installed in Moore's office as well as the tax office.

"In 1992, we started collecting a courthouse security fee, and since then have collected more than \$12,000 from our filling of documents, which will be used for the devices in the courthouse," Ray said.

"You never know what you'll get on a daily basis," Ray added. "I just want my deputies to be protected. We have had irate people come into our office on occasion and I wanted a way for the deputies to be able to alert the Sheriff's Office without having to run down the hall."

Once the devices are installed, each other the offices will be able to hit a buzzer, which will notify the sheriff's office of possible trouble.



8-year-old Heather Gotcher enjoys the playoff basketball game between Miles and Sands last Friday at Sterling City.

INDEX		TODAY'S WEATHER	
Abby.....	7	45	▲ Highs
Comics.....	8		▼ Lows
Classified.....	6-7		33
Horoscope.....	7	Tonight: Winter weather advisory. Rain mixed with snow. Low in the lower 30s.	
Opinion.....	4	Wednesday: Chance of rain. High in the 40s. Low in the upper 20s.	
Sports.....	5	Extended outlook: Thursday and Friday, partly cloudy. Highs in the upper 50s. Lows in the upper 30s.	
General news.....	3	Saturday, partly cloudy. High in the 60s. Low around 40.	
Vol. 93, No. 115			
Call us at:			
(915) 263-7331			



OBITUARIES

Byron O. McCracken

Service for Byron O. McCracken, 81, Big Spring, is pending with Nalley-Pickle & Welch Funeral Home. He died Tuesday, Feb. 25, 1997, in a local hospital.

BRIEFS

COAHOMA CLEAN AND PROUD, a Keep Texas Beautiful organization, meets Monday, March 3, at 7 p.m. If you are interested in recycling and/or making Coahoma a prettier, cleaner place to live, come to the meeting at First Bank of West Texas' Signal Mountain Community Room. For more information, call Irene at 394-4424.

BIG SPRING HIGH SCHOOL Class of 1967 is planning its 30th reunion for June 21. A number of our classmates are "lost" and cannot be found. If anyone knows the addresses of any of the following people, please contact Deanna Foresyth at 267-5420. Maiden names of females are in parentheses.

Missing classmates are: Linda (Caldwell) Aeron, Rodrigo Armandariz, Larry Amhart, Harolene Cindy Bailey, David Beard, Tommy Bell, Larry Bentley, Gary Beville, Sandra Biffle, Linda Gay Blackwell, Bobby Bowers, William Boysett, Dennis Brewer, Kristine Britlan, Rodney Buchanan, Linda Burnett, Vicki (Holland) Canfil, Frank Chavez, John Cockerham, Jerry Cook, Lonnie (Fullbright) Cox, Janice Elaine Craig, Jimmy Cunningham, Debbie (Douglas) Curry, Jerry Dalton, Allen Daniels, Adele Deming, Gregg Devlin, Benny Dixon, Ronald Dooley, Florentino Doport, Sara (Holloway) Dubose, Frank Fierro, Judy (Aleman) Fierro, Larry Foster, Pam (Faulkner) Franklin, Kevin Fryer, Anice Fulcher, Susie Garcia, Concha Garza, Russell Gary Hamm, Lela (Neill) Harding, Judy Hart, Janie Hartman, Thomas Heaton, Joe Hernandez, Rosemary (Arguello) Hernandez, Felix Hilarlo, Danny Hooten, T.C. Hudgins, Debbie Jones, Mary Juarez, Lucy Keene, Wayne Kennedy, Donna (Smith) Krenek, Glynda (Kilgore) Lang, Jon Lebkowsky, Lawrence Long, Ruben Lopez, Myra (Harris) Mann, Hughlon Marberry, Toni Mayberry, Burma McCarta, Georgia McDonald, Marion Butch McMains, Sally Miller, Tommy Moore, Wanda (Williamson) Moss, Ricky Olsen, Bill Owens,

Barry Olen Parker, Brian Peay, Cooper Proctor, Bobby Ray, Barbara (Crenshaw) Richmond, Eddie Rogers, Carol Russell, Mike Russell, Mike Shaffer, Linda (Teague) Shaw, John Howard Smith, Diane Lynn Smith, Glenda Smith, Grover Smith, David Sowell, Linda Steagald, Ariena (McCartney) Stevens, Steve Stinson, Pamela Sue Sutton, Jerry Tate, Larry Allen Tatum, Cindi (Bool) Taylor, Mary (Forman) Taylor, Diane Todd, Janet (James) Tucker, Gary Turner, Rayfield Turner, Ron Walker, Sally (Wade) Warrick, Albert Weinkave, Carolyn West, Glenda (Case) Wheeler, Donna White, Donna Whitten, Becky Williams, James Worthan, Jerry (Dement) Wright and Marc Zapata.

FORSAN ELEMENTARY (ELBOW) IS having Kindergarten pre-registration 7 p.m. Thursday in the Elbow School Cafeteria. All district residents and accepted transfers please attend. Kindergarten students must be five years old on or before Sept. 1, 1997, to be eligible to attend kindergarten next school year. You should bring your child's birth certificate, immunization record, and social security card (card with the number on it, not just the number).

RAPE CRISIS/VICTIM SERVICES IS currently recruiting individuals who want to make a difference in the community and someone's life. The agency depends on volunteers to be the initial contact and support of victims of crime, such as assault, sexual assault and domestic violence. Those interested must be at least 18 years old, complete an application, interview and 40-hour orientation, be willing to commit to a minimum of three "on call" 12-hour shifts per month and pass a criminal background check prior to becoming a volunteer. Orientation for volunteer advocate trainees is each Saturday in March from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. For more information, contact Ann Farley Addy, assistant director, by calling 263-3312.

ANYONE WHO IS INTERESTED in participating in the 1997 Relay For Life event May 16 and 17 should contact Judi Johnston at 267-1014 (work) or 267-1904 (home). The committee needs help with on-site events. It is now time to assemble walking teams for the relay. Information is available from Jay or Kim Phinney at 267-1480.

THE BIG SPRING FAMILY YMCA is taking registration for Youth Indoor Soccer League. There are no try-outs. The YMCA emphasis is on participation not winning. Fundamentals will be stressed. This is for boys and girls kindergarten through sixth grade. The registration deadline is March 8. For more information call the YMCA at 267-8234.

THE CITY-WIDE LITTLE League Baseball and United Girls' Softball Association sign-ups are now through Saturday at the Big Spring Mall from 10 a.m. to 7 p.m. Saturdays and from 5 to 7 p.m. on weekdays. Ages five and up are welcome and you must have birth certificate and current utility bill.

LOCAL HUNTERS EDUCATION INSTRUCTOR Boyce Hale is teaching a gun and bow safety course in the Chamber of Commerce conference room March 13-15, beginning at 5 p.m. Anyone born on or after Sept. 2, 1971, is required to successfully complete this course before they can legally hunt in Texas. The cost is \$10 and is a lifetime certification. For further information call 267-4367 or pre-register at Dibrill's Gun Shop at 1397 Gregg.

VOLUNTEERS WITH THE VOLUNTEER Income Tax Assistance (VITA) program assist in the preparation of 1996 income tax returns at First Presbyterian Church, Eighth and Runnels, each Monday from 9 a.m. to noon through April 15. This program is available to all older citizens, and others who have income from wages, tips, interest, or dividends, and who may be able to receive an earned income credit, a credit for the elderly or child care credits. Bring all your W-2's, 1099's and your 1996 tax return. This is a free service. For fur-

ther information call 398-5823 or 263-4211 or come to the First Presbyterian Church on Monday mornings.

TACO BELL AND KENTUCKY Fried Chicken is sponsoring a Spring Ring and Easter egg hunt March 29 from 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. in the park located by the YMCA. Children between the ages of two and 10 can hunt. There will be clowns and face painting for children of all ages. Hot dogs and sodas will be served for lunch. The Easter Bunny who visits the mall is also attending the hunt.

THE TEXAS DEPARTMENT OF Health is sponsoring daytime prenatal classes starting Monday, March 3, from 1 to 2:30 p.m. The instructor is Laurie Burks, B.S.N. All expectant parents are welcome. Call 263-9775 to register.

THE ASSOCIATION FOR RETARDED Citizens, Texas Advocates and the Association for the Mentally Ill is sponsoring a meeting Wednesday at 7 p.m. at the Dora Roberts Community Center. Don Rettberg from the Austin ARC will discuss how to set up trusts, how to become involved in advocacy groups and how to gain information about the service needs for family members. More information will be available about the new 23-county MHMR center opening in Big Spring March 1 as well. This is an important meeting for all families who are planning for the financial stability of a family member in the future.

SPRINGBOARD

IF YOU HAVE ANY CHANGES IN A SPRINGBOARD ITEM OR FOR MORE INFORMATION, CONTACT 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  
-Comanche Lake Duplicate, 1 p.m., Dora Roberts Civic Center.

-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 meeting at the VA Medical Center on fourth floor.

-Advocacy meeting for Association for Retarded Citizens, Texas Advocates and Association for the Mentally Ill, 7 p.m., Dora Roberts Community Center.

WEDNESDAY  
-Alcoholics Anonymous, 615 Settles, noon to 1 p.m. open meeting and 8 to 9 p.m. 12&12 Study.

BIG SPRING AROUND THE TOWN

THURSDAY

-Good Shepherd Fellowship Church, 610 Abrams, has services 7 p.m. Everyone is welcome to attend.

-Spring Tabernacle Church, 1209 Wright, has free food for area needy, 10 a.m. to noon.

-Big Spring Senior Citizens Center art classed, 9:30 to 11:30 a.m., 65 and older.

-Support Group for Depression, 7 p.m., Dora Roberts Rehab Center, Third and Lancaster.

-Al-Anon, 8 to 9 p.m., Scenic Mountain Medical Center small cafeteria.

-Alcoholics Anonymous, noon to 1 p.m. open meeting, 615 Settles, 8 to 9 p.m. closed meeting at Scenic Mountain Medical Center cafeteria.

-Masonic Lodge No. 598, 7:30 p.m., 219 Main.

FRIDAY  
-Spring City Senior Citizens country/western dance, 7:30 to 10:30 p.m. Music by CW & Co. Area seniors invited.

-Good Shepherd Fellowship Church, 610 Abrams, 7 p.m. Bible study.

-Alcoholics Anonymous, 615 Settles, noon to 1 p.m. open meeting and 8 to 9 p.m. Big Book Study.

-Signal Mountain Quilting Guild, 9 a.m. to 5 p.m., St. Mary's Episcopal Church. Call 267-1037 or 267-7281. Bring a lunch.

SATURDAY  
-Alcoholics Anonymous, 615 Settles, open meetings at noon, 8 p.m. and 10 p.m.

-West Texas Writers Club, 2 p.m., Midland County Library, second floor, 301 W. Missouri. Meetings are open to anyone interested in writing any kind. Guests are welcome. Membership due are available for \$10.

SUNDAY  
-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 263-5140 or 263-2241.

-TOPS Clubs (Take Off Pounds Sensibly) 5:30 to 6 p.m. weigh in and 6 p.m. meeting. Carriage Inn, 501 W. 17th. Call 263-1340 or 263-9633.

-Daytime prenatal classes, Texas Department of Health, 1 to 2:30 p.m. Call 263-9775 to register. All expectant parents welcome. Class instructor will be Laurie Burks, BSN.

-Volunteers with the Volunteer Income Tax Assistance (VITA) program will assist in the preparation of 1996 income tax returns, 9 a.m. to noon. First Presbyterian Church, 8th and Runnels. This program is available to all senior citizens and others who have income from wages, tips, interest or dividends and who may be able to receive an earned income credit. Bring all W-2's, 1099's and your 1996 tax return. This is a free service.

Texas Lottery

Call 398-5823 or 263-4211 for more information.

-Alcoholics Anonymous, 615 Settles, noon to 1 p.m. open meeting and 8 to 9 p.m. at the VA Medical Center on fourth floor.

-Gospel singing, 7 p.m., Kentwood Center, 2805 Lynn. Call 267-6764. Guest singers from Stanton, Midland and Colorado City.

TUESDAY  
-Comanche Lake Duplicate, 1 p.m., Dora Roberts Civic Center.

-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 meeting at the VA Medical Center on fourth floor.

-VFW Post No. 2013, 7 p.m., VFW Hall.

-Cancer support group, 7 to 8 p.m., VA Medical Center room 213. Call Beverly Rice, 268-5077.

WEDNESDAY  
-Alcoholics Anonymous, 615 Settles, noon to 1 p.m. open meeting and 8 to 9 p.m. 12&12 Study.

THURSDAY  
-Good Shepherd Fellowship Church, 610 Abrams, has services 7 p.m. Everyone is welcome to attend.

-Spring Tabernacle Church, 1209 Wright, has free food for area needy, 10 a.m. to noon.

-Big Spring Senior Citizens Center art classed, 9:30 to 11:30 a.m., 65 and older.

-Support Group for Depression, 7 p.m., Dora Roberts Rehab Center, Third and Lancaster.

-Al-Anon, 8 to 9 p.m., Scenic Mountain Medical Center small cafeteria.

-Alcoholics Anonymous, noon to 1 p.m. open meeting, 615 Settles, 8 to 9 p.m. closed meeting at Scenic Mountain Medical Center cafeteria.

-Genealogical Society of Big Spring, 7:15 p.m., Howard County Library. Call Bernice Cason, 267-8542 or 267-7236.

-Masonic Lodge No. 1340, 7:30 p.m., 2101 Lancaster. Call Preston Harris, 263-7136.

FRIDAY  
-Spring City Senior Citizens country/western dance, 7:30 to 10:30 p.m. Music by CW & Co. Area seniors invited.

-Good Shepherd Fellowship Church, 610 Abrams, 7 p.m. Bible study.

-Alcoholics Anonymous, 615 Settles, noon to 1 p.m. open meeting and 8 to 9 p.m. Big Book Study.

POLICE

The Big Spring Police Department reported the following activity between 8 a.m. Monday and 8 a.m. Tuesday.

-JAUN GILBERTO HERMANDEZ, 19, of Huntsville, Ala., was arrested for interfering with custody.

-RICARDO ARTEMIO URANGA, 37, no address was given, was arrested for driving while intoxicated.

-KAREN ANN RUIZ, 20, of 608 State, was arrested for assault by family violence.

-INVESTIGATING SUSPICIOUS ACTIVITIES in the 3200 block of Ave. C, the block of N. Monticello and Barnes, 800 block of State, 600 block of Goliad, 400 block of Gregg and the 1000 block of Bluebonnet.

-ASSAULT in the 1100 block of Lamesa and the 1900 block of N. Hwy 87.

-THEFT in the 400 block of Gregg.

-BURGLARY OF A VEHICLE in the 700 block of W. Fourth and the 900 block of W. Fifth.

-BURGLARY OF A HABITATION in the 1300 block of Harding.

-CRIMINAL MISCHIEF in the 1200 block of E. 18th and the 1700 block of Settles.

-GAS THEFT in the 800 block of W. I-20 and the 3300 block of W. Hwy 80.

MARKETS

March cotton 73.66 cents a pound, up 45 points; Feb. crude oil 21.02 up 31 points; Cash hogs steady at 75 cents higher at 50.75; slaughter steers steady at 66; April lean hog futures 74.30, down 35 points; Feb. live cattle futures 60.85, up 12 points.

Index 7002.42  
Volume 162,944,100  
ATT 41 -1  
Amoco 85 1/2  
Atlantic Richfield 127 -1/2  
Atmos Energy 24 nc  
Cabot 24 1/2 +1  
Chevron 66 1/2 +1  
Chrysler 35 1/2  
Cifra 1.58-1.62  
Coca-Cola 62 1/2  
De Beers 35 1/2 +1  
DuPont 109 1/2 +1  
Excel Comm. 18 1/2  
Exxon 101 1/2 -1  
Fina 50 -1  
Ford Motors 33 1/2  
Halliburton 65 1/2  
IBM 144 +1  
Laser Indus LTD 12 1/2 +1  
Medical Alliance 16 1/2 +1  
Mobil 127 1/2  
Norwest 51 1/2 +1  
NUV 9 1/2  
Phillips Petroleum 42 nc  
Pepsi Cola 34 1/2 +1  
Polaris 25 1/2 +1  
Rural/Metro 32 1/2  
Sears 54 +1  
Southwestern Bell 56 nc  
Sun 27 1/2 +1  
Texaco 101 1/2 -1  
Texas Instruments 81 1/2  
Texas Utils. Co 40 nc  
Unocal Corp 40 +1  
Wal-Mart 25 1/2 +1  
Ampac 14.87-15.78  
Euro Pacific 26.78-28.41  
L.C.A. 26.24-27.84  
New Economy 17.58-18.66  
New Perspective 19.08-20.24  
Van Kampen 14.50-15.22  
Prime Rate 8.25%  
Gold 353.30-353.80  
Silver 5.14-5.17

MYERS & SMITH FUNERAL HOME & CHAPEL  
24th & Johnson 267-8288  
J. Arnold Marshall, 80, died Saturday. Service 3 PM Tuesday First United Methodist Church.

NALLEY-PICKLE & WELCH Funeral Home  
Trinity Memorial Park and Crematory  
906 Gregg St. (915) 267-6331  
Byron O. McCracken, 81, died Tuesday. Services are pending with Nalley-Pickle & Welch Funeral Home. Mike Tovar, 48, died Thursday. Burial will be at 7:00 PM Friday at Nalley-Pickle & Welch Rosewood Chapel. Funeral service will be at 10:00 AM Saturday at St. Thomas Catholic Church. Interment will follow in Mt. Olive Memorial Park.

Big Spring Home Care  
1015 Gregg St.  
267-6333  
Home care services for the elderly and disabled. Skilled nursing, physical therapy, occupational therapy, and more. Call for a free brochure.

MUSIC FOR THE YOUNG AT HEART



The Big Spring Symphony performed Saturday night for a packed crowd at the Municipal Auditorium. The concert, "Music for the Young at Heart," featured a variety of songs from the "Music Man," "Madame Butterfly" and many other selections.

ALLAN'S FURNITURE  
Best Prices in West Texas  
267-5823  
Big Spring, Texas

Scenic Mountain Medical Center  
1001 W. 12th St.  
263-1211

RECORDS

Monday's high 44  
Monday's low 31  
Average high 64  
Average low 33  
Record high 88 in 1918  
Record low 8 in 1960  
Precip. Monday 0.00  
Month to date 1.40  
Month's normal 0.61  
Year to date 4.06  
Normal for the year 1.23  
\*Statistics not available

WHEAT



# FBI agents locate truck, cancel terrorist threat advisory in North Texas

FORT WORTH (AP) — The FBI has located a U-Haul truck that had been believed to be loaded with bomb components and cancelled a terrorist threat advisory, police say.

Fort Worth police said early today they had been notified that agents located the truck in Atlanta, Ga., determined it was not carrying bomb-making components and cancelled the advisory.

The FBI office in Dallas could not confirm the report, but said agents will hold a news conference later today.

There had been indications earlier today that the episode resulted from a misunderstanding.

By Monday night, FBI agents had identified the two men driving the truck and determined that their cargo was legitimate, but the truck had not been located and agents wanted to interview the men to be sure, according to reports in The Dallas Morning News and several other media outlets.

"It looks as though they were going about legitimate business," a federal law enforcement official told the Morning News on condition of anonymity. "But we won't know for sure until we talk to the two men and examine the truck."

FBI spokeswoman Marjorie Poche refused to confirm the reports, sticking to an agency statement urging the men to call the FBI or local police "at once because of the possibility that the materials in the truck were meant only for innocent use."

The statement said a witness told police that the men were loading diesel fuel into containers in the back of the truck with out-of-state license plates at a Texaco station Saturday. Local police, however, said at a news conference that the witness saw three men at the station in Haltom City, a suburb north of Fort Worth.

Someone else at the station observed that the truck held three blue plastic containers that appeared to be filled with ammonium nitrate fertilizer, the FBI said.

The materials spotted in the truck could produce an explosion big enough to destroy a large building, the FBI noted in an advisory. The same materials were used to destroy the Oklahoma City federal building.

But the bureau urged the men to call the FBI or local police "at once because of the possibility that the materials in the truck were meant only for innocent use."

"This is very soft, very speculative information," said a federal law enforcement official in Washington, requesting anonymity. "These guys may be farmers for all we know."

The FBI released a sketch of one of the men, of average build and in his mid-50s. He was described as having slicked-back, salt-and-pepper hair, being about 5-foot-10 and clean shaven.

The other man, in his mid-30s, was described as clean shaven with short brown hair, about 5-foot-9.

A spool of wire, a small box of what appeared to be red road flares and some type of generator also were spotted in the medium-sized truck, the FBI said.

The FBI released a sketch of one of the men, of average build and in his mid-50s. He was described as having slicked-back, salt-and-pepper hair, being about 5-foot-10 and clean shaven.

The other man, in his mid-30s, was described as clean shaven with short brown hair, about 5-foot-9.

A spool of wire, a small box of what appeared to be red road flares and some type of generator also were spotted in the medium-sized truck, the FBI said.

The FBI released a sketch of one of the men, of average build and in his mid-50s. He was described as having slicked-back, salt-and-pepper hair, being about 5-foot-10 and clean shaven.

The other man, in his mid-30s, was described as clean shaven with short brown hair, about 5-foot-9.

A spool of wire, a small box of what appeared to be red road flares and some type of generator also were spotted in the medium-sized truck, the FBI said.

The FBI released a sketch of one of the men, of average build and in his mid-50s. He was described as having slicked-back, salt-and-pepper hair, being about 5-foot-10 and clean shaven.

The other man, in his mid-30s, was described as clean shaven with short brown hair, about 5-foot-9.

A spool of wire, a small box of what appeared to be red road flares and some type of generator also were spotted in the medium-sized truck, the FBI said.

## TEXAS BRIEFS

The ASSOCIATED PRESS

### Woman, husband, 10-year-old son fight off intruder

DALLAS — With the help of her husband and 10-year-old son, a woman shot and killed a man who robbed them and had begun raping her, police were told.

The assailant dived through a back window of the first-floor apartment and collapsed in a parking lot outside. The man, identified as Kedrian Myers, 18, died a short time later.

The 27-year-old woman told police that family members were getting ready for work and school about 6 a.m. Monday when the man barged through their front door and fired two shots, narrowly missing her husband.

With the couple's three young children hiding in a bedroom, the man demanded and received cash before turning his attention to her, the couple told police.

"Apparently, his original intent was a home-invasion robbery, but once he was in the house, he committed the sexual assault," homicide Sgt. Larry Lewis said.

### Report: Bush ally may benefit from privatization plan

HOUSTON — A Fort Worth billionaire who is a former business partner and major campaign contributor to Gov. George W. Bush stands to benefit from a Bush proposal to privatize state mental hospitals, the *Houston Chronicle* reported today.

A real estate investment trust headed by Richard Rainwater arranged on Jan. 30 to buy 95 psychiatric hospitals from Magellan Health Services Inc. for \$400 million, the *Chronicle* reported.

The hospitals would be operated jointly by the Rainwater trust and Magellan, formerly known as Charter Medical Corp.

The deal came one day after Bush, in his proposed state budget, recommended that the state look into private management of a state mental hospital.

### State agency targets colonies for home-improvement loans

AUSTIN — With an interest in not only putting a roof over Texans' heads but improving the quality of those roofs, a state agency has introduced a home-improvement loan program for poor families.

"What we're talking about here is basic quality of life issues," Larry Paul Manley, executive director of the Texas Department of Housing and Community Affairs, said Monday.

"Just getting people into homes isn't enough," added Linda Nessel, president of the Federal Housing Administration Homeowners Center in Denver.

The federal government is participating in the state program, as is WITH HOME, Inc., a private home improvement lender that would originate and service the loans.

Manley introduced the Texas Home Improvement Loan Program combining private and public money to provide \$13.3 million for low-income families in small towns, defined as areas with less than 50,000 residents.

### Senator says he's embarrassed; ready to move on

AUSTIN — Back to work for the first time since his arrest on sex and firearms charges, Sen. Drew Nixon says he was embarrassed but ready to move on.

Nixon, R-Carthage, missed two days last week after his arrest for allegedly trying to hire an Austin police officer posing as a prostitute.

Police also said Nixon was carrying a loaded, 9mm handgun in his car at the time of his arrest last Tuesday night.

Nixon has been charged with solicitation of prostitution, a Class B misdemeanor. He also faces a charge of unlawfully carrying a weapon, a Class A misdemeanor.

### Cult leader's conspiracy trial begins

HOUSTON — Prosecutors say the leader of a polygamous cult directed the 1988 slayings of three defectors and an 8-year-old witness as part of the sect's belief in blood atonement.

Aaron LeBaron, 28, is charged with conspiracy to commit murder in the deaths of Ed Marston, brothers Mark and Duane Chynoweth, and Duane Chynoweth's young daughter, Jenny.

They were shot to death minutes apart in suburban Dallas and at two sites in Houston.

# Boulder DA seeking experienced investigator to direct JonBenet Ramsey's murder investigation

BOULDER, Colo. (AP) — The parents of JonBenet Ramsey believe they top the police list of suspects in the brutal murder of their 6-year-old daughter, a family spokesman reiterated Monday.

"As I've said all along, it's pretty obvious that from what the police and district attorney have said in recent weeks, they consider the Ramseys at the top of their potential suspect list," Pat Korten said Monday.

Search warrants for the Ramseys' home and automobiles will remain sealed for 90 days or until an arrest is made in the case, a judge ruled Monday after prosecutors asked to keep the details secret.

It has been nearly two months since JonBenet's body was found strangled in the basement of her family's 15-room home here. John Ramsey found her body about eight hours after her mother discovered a ransom note seeking \$118,000.

An autopsy revealed the former Little Miss Colorado may have been sexually assaulted.

Korten said the seals on the search warrants remain because the Ramseys haven't been eliminated as suspects in their daughter's murder.

In addition, the parents have yet to sit down for a formal interview with police, although the two sides remain in contact. "All dealings are through the attorneys," Korten said.

Also Monday, a newspaper reported that Boulder police returned to Atlanta with questions about the alibi for JonBenet's half-brother, John Andrew Ramsey, who was a student at the University of Colorado until the slaying and lived with his parents on the same block as his fraternity house.

The Jefferson Sentinel ONLINE, in a copyright story, quoted an unidentified source as saying police had doubts about the family's claims that John Andrew was in Georgia when the girl was killed. The Jefferson Sentinel ONLINE is the daily electronic edition of the Jefferson Sentinel weekly.

A team of investigators left Boulder on Feb. 13 to make a second trip to the Atlanta area to conduct interviews. They then continued on to an undisclosed location.

John Andrew and his sister, Melinda, 25, are the children of Lucinda and John Ramsey, who were divorced in 1978.

In addition, the parents have yet to sit down for a formal interview with police, although the two sides remain in contact. "All dealings are through the attorneys," Korten said.

Also Monday, a newspaper reported that Boulder police returned to Atlanta with questions about the alibi for JonBenet's half-brother, John Andrew Ramsey, who was a student at the University of Colorado until the slaying and lived with his parents on the same block as his fraternity house.

The Jefferson Sentinel ONLINE, in a copyright story, quoted an unidentified source as saying police had doubts about the family's claims that John Andrew was in Georgia when the girl was killed. The Jefferson Sentinel ONLINE is the daily electronic edition of the Jefferson Sentinel weekly.

A team of investigators left Boulder on Feb. 13 to make a second trip to the Atlanta area to conduct interviews. They then continued on to an undisclosed location.

John Andrew and his sister, Melinda, 25, are the children of Lucinda and John Ramsey, who were divorced in 1978.

In addition, the parents have yet to sit down for a formal interview with police, although the two sides remain in contact. "All dealings are through the attorneys," Korten said.

Also Monday, a newspaper reported that Boulder police returned to Atlanta with questions about the alibi for JonBenet's half-brother, John Andrew Ramsey, who was a student at the University of Colorado until the slaying and lived with his parents on the same block as his fraternity house.

The Jefferson Sentinel ONLINE, in a copyright story, quoted an unidentified source as saying police had doubts about the family's claims that John Andrew was in Georgia when the girl was killed. The Jefferson Sentinel ONLINE is the daily electronic edition of the Jefferson Sentinel weekly.

A team of investigators left Boulder on Feb. 13 to make a second trip to the Atlanta area to conduct interviews. They then continued on to an undisclosed location.

John Andrew and his sister, Melinda, 25, are the children of Lucinda and John Ramsey, who were divorced in 1978.

# La. judge won't toss out lawsuit against tobacco companies

NEW ORLEANS (AP) — A judge refused Monday to throw out a lawsuit accusing the nation's largest tobacco companies of manipulating nicotine levels in cigarettes to keep smokers hooked.

U.S. District Judge Ginger Berrigan rejected arguments by the tobacco industry that the plaintiffs waited too long under Louisiana's one-year time limit to sue, even though their lawsuit is in federal court.

"We think the ruling by the court is incorrect. We're going to be looking at ways to get it reviewed," said Michael York, a lawyer for Philip Morris Inc., the maker of Marlboro, the nation's top-selling brand.

York said the tobacco companies could ask for a rehearing before Berrigan or go to the 5th U.S. Circuit Court of Appeals.

The tobacco industry has suggested that the clock for lawsuits started ticking when the addiction issue became well-publicized, with a 1988 Surgeon General's report labeling nicotine as addictive.

But lawyers for Dianne Castano, whose husband, Peter, died of lung cancer, and pharmacist Ernest Perry, who claims addiction to nicotine, said the issue is when the plaintiffs became aware of the nicotine-manipulation issue.

The lawsuit was filed in 1994, one week after the head of the U.S. Food and Drug Administration told a congressional committee that the tobacco industry had suppressed evidence about the addictive qualities of cigarettes.

"The plaintiffs' earlier knowledge of an inability to quit, or 'addiction,' does not preclude a later claim against (the tobacco industry) for supplying the cause of that inability," the judge wrote.

The suit had been given class-action status at one point by another federal judge, meaning that smokers from across the country could join in. Last year, the 5th U.S. Circuit Court of Appeals ruled that the suit could not be expanded to class-action.

Since then, a consortium of attorneys has filed similar suits in the courts of 17 states. All of the suits contend the industry knew that nicotine was addictive and nicotine levels in cigarettes were manipulated to keep smokers hooked.

In addition, 22 states have sued tobacco companies in an attempt to recover millions of dollars of public funds spent to treat smoking-related health problems.

Defendants in the federal and state suits are Philip Morris Inc., R.J. Reynolds Tobacco Co., The American Tobacco Co. Inc., Brown & Williamson Tobacco Corp. and the industry's lobbying arm, The Tobacco Institute.

The tobacco industry insists nicotine is neither addictive nor manipulated, and says class actions are inappropriate because every smoker reacts differently to cigarettes.

NEW ORLEANS (AP) — A judge refused Monday to throw out a lawsuit accusing the nation's largest tobacco companies of manipulating nicotine levels in cigarettes to keep smokers hooked.

U.S. District Judge Ginger Berrigan rejected arguments by the tobacco industry that the plaintiffs waited too long under Louisiana's one-year time limit to sue, even though their lawsuit is in federal court.

"We think the ruling by the court is incorrect. We're going to be looking at ways to get it reviewed," said Michael York, a lawyer for Philip Morris Inc., the maker of Marlboro, the nation's top-selling brand.

York said the tobacco companies could ask for a rehearing before Berrigan or go to the 5th U.S. Circuit Court of Appeals.

The tobacco industry has suggested that the clock for lawsuits started ticking when the addiction issue became well-publicized, with a 1988 Surgeon General's report labeling nicotine as addictive.

But lawyers for Dianne Castano, whose husband, Peter, died of lung cancer, and pharmacist Ernest Perry, who claims addiction to nicotine, said the issue is when the plaintiffs became aware of the nicotine-manipulation issue.

The lawsuit was filed in 1994, one week after the head of the U.S. Food and Drug Administration told a congressional committee that the tobacco industry had suppressed evidence about the addictive qualities of cigarettes.

"The plaintiffs' earlier knowledge of an inability to quit, or 'addiction,' does not preclude a later claim against (the tobacco industry) for supplying the cause of that inability," the judge wrote.

The suit had been given class-action status at one point by another federal judge, meaning that smokers from across the country could join in. Last year, the 5th U.S. Circuit Court of Appeals ruled that the suit could not be expanded to class-action.

Since then, a consortium of attorneys has filed similar suits in the courts of 17 states. All of the suits contend the industry knew that nicotine was addictive and nicotine levels in cigarettes were manipulated to keep smokers hooked.

In addition, 22 states have sued tobacco companies in an attempt to recover millions of dollars of public funds spent to treat smoking-related health problems.

Defendants in the federal and state suits are Philip Morris Inc., R.J. Reynolds Tobacco Co., The American Tobacco Co. Inc., Brown & Williamson Tobacco Corp. and the industry's lobbying arm, The Tobacco Institute.

The tobacco industry insists nicotine is neither addictive nor manipulated, and says class actions are inappropriate because every smoker reacts differently to cigarettes.

NEW ORLEANS (AP) — A judge refused Monday to throw out a lawsuit accusing the nation's largest tobacco companies of manipulating nicotine levels in cigarettes to keep smokers hooked.

U.S. District Judge Ginger Berrigan rejected arguments by the tobacco industry that the plaintiffs waited too long under Louisiana's one-year time limit to sue, even though their lawsuit is in federal court.

"We think the ruling by the court is incorrect. We're going to be looking at ways to get it reviewed," said Michael York, a lawyer for Philip Morris Inc., the maker of Marlboro, the nation's top-selling brand.

York said the tobacco companies could ask for a rehearing before Berrigan or go to the 5th U.S. Circuit Court of Appeals.

The tobacco industry has suggested that the clock for lawsuits started ticking when the addiction issue became well-publicized, with a 1988 Surgeon General's report labeling nicotine as addictive.

But lawyers for Dianne Castano, whose husband, Peter, died of lung cancer, and pharmacist Ernest Perry, who claims addiction to nicotine, said the issue is when the plaintiffs became aware of the nicotine-manipulation issue.

The lawsuit was filed in 1994, one week after the head of the U.S. Food and Drug Administration told a congressional committee that the tobacco industry had suppressed evidence about the addictive qualities of cigarettes.

"The plaintiffs' earlier knowledge of an inability to quit, or 'addiction,' does not preclude a later claim against (the tobacco industry) for supplying the cause of that inability," the judge wrote.

The suit had been given class-action status at one point by another federal judge, meaning that smokers from across the country could join in. Last year, the 5th U.S. Circuit Court of Appeals ruled that the suit could not be expanded to class-action.

Since then, a consortium of attorneys has filed similar suits in the courts of 17 states. All of the suits contend the industry knew that nicotine was addictive and nicotine levels in cigarettes were manipulated to keep smokers hooked.

In addition, 22 states have sued tobacco companies in an attempt to recover millions of dollars of public funds spent to treat smoking-related health problems.

Defendants in the federal and state suits are Philip Morris Inc., R.J. Reynolds Tobacco Co., The American Tobacco Co. Inc., Brown & Williamson Tobacco Corp. and the industry's lobbying arm, The Tobacco Institute.

The tobacco industry insists nicotine is neither addictive nor manipulated, and says class actions are inappropriate because every smoker reacts differently to cigarettes.

NEW ORLEANS (AP) — A judge refused Monday to throw out a lawsuit accusing the nation's largest tobacco companies of manipulating nicotine levels in cigarettes to keep smokers hooked.

U.S. District Judge Ginger Berrigan rejected arguments by the tobacco industry that the plaintiffs waited too long under Louisiana's one-year time limit to sue, even though their lawsuit is in federal court.

"We think the ruling by the court is incorrect. We're going to be looking at ways to get it reviewed," said Michael York, a lawyer for Philip Morris Inc., the maker of Marlboro, the nation's top-selling brand.

York said the tobacco companies could ask for a rehearing before Berrigan or go to the 5th U.S. Circuit Court of Appeals.

The tobacco industry has suggested that the clock for lawsuits started ticking when the addiction issue became well-publicized, with a 1988 Surgeon General's report labeling nicotine as addictive.

But lawyers for Dianne Castano, whose husband, Peter, died of lung cancer, and pharmacist Ernest Perry, who claims addiction to nicotine, said the issue is when the plaintiffs became aware of the nicotine-manipulation issue.

The lawsuit was filed in 1994, one week after the head of the U.S. Food and Drug Administration told a congressional committee that the tobacco industry had suppressed evidence about the addictive qualities of cigarettes.

"The plaintiffs' earlier knowledge of an inability to quit, or 'addiction,' does not preclude a later claim against (the tobacco industry) for supplying the cause of that inability," the judge wrote.

The suit had been given class-action status at one point by another federal judge, meaning that smokers from across the country could join in. Last year, the 5th U.S. Circuit Court of Appeals ruled that the suit could not be expanded to class-action.

Since then, a consortium of attorneys has filed similar suits in the courts of 17 states. All of the suits contend the industry knew that nicotine was addictive and nicotine levels in cigarettes were manipulated to keep smokers hooked.

In addition, 22 states have sued tobacco companies in an attempt to recover millions of dollars of public funds spent to treat smoking-related health problems.

Defendants in the federal and state suits are Philip Morris Inc., R.J. Reynolds Tobacco Co., The American Tobacco Co. Inc., Brown & Williamson Tobacco Corp. and the industry's lobbying arm, The Tobacco Institute.

The tobacco industry insists nicotine is neither addictive nor manipulated, and says class actions are inappropriate because every smoker reacts differently to cigarettes.

# Texas chief justice says election reforms are needed

AUSTIN (AP) — High-dollar, partisan races for Texas judgeships are lowering Texans' confidence in their courts and damaging the state's reputation, Texas Supreme Court Chief Justice Tom Phillips says.

Delivering his State of the Judiciary Address to lawmakers Monday, Phillips said the Legislature needs to consider comprehensive reforms in the judicial selection system.

"Although serious reforms have been mounted for more than 100 years, the need for change has become more urgent with the increased size of the judiciary and the advent of two-party politics," Phillips said.

Speaking to the three House and Senate committees that deal with judicial affairs, the chief justice said the nation's second-largest state has outgrown its old system of direct, partisan election of judges.

"Our current system may have been acceptable in 1876. At that time, there were six appellate and 26 trial judges in the entire state," he said.

But in 1994, he noted, Harris County voters alone had to make 45 judicial decisions in primary elections, eight in runoff and 59 in the general elections.

"It could have been worse, 16 more judicial races were unopposed," he said. "Sadly, the results of these races are determined far more by party strength than by individual merit."

In 1994, 31 of 40 opposed Democratic district and appeals court judges in Texas were defeated, while all Republican incumbents won. In 1996, Democrats lost only three of 18 opposed judgeships, while Republicans lost eight of 28.

"Thus, the shifting tides of party fortune, which have almost nothing to do with judicial performance, have caused the defeat of almost 10 percent of the state judiciary in the last two years," Phillips said.

Phillips said campaign contributions also raise questions about the impartiality of Texas courts.

"Another major problem with the current system is the perception of unequal justice that inevitably arises when judges and judicial candidates accept campaign contributions from lawyers and litigants who have a stake in current or future court decisions," he said.

"With such a large electorate and with so many contested elections, the sums raised and spent are enormous."

Phillips said candidates for Texas' appeals courts alone raised more than \$50 million from 1988 to 1994.

The judge noted that national experts have pointed to Texas' wide-open campaign financing and said such races "discourage out-of-state investment and job creation here."

Another problem, Phillips said, is a continuing lack of racial diversity among judges.

"Although more than 40 percent of all Texans are minorities, only one-ninth of the state judiciary is Hispanic or African American. ... A successful system must encourage more minority lawyers to seek judicial positions, and once in office, afford them a more reasonable prospect of remaining there."

AUSTIN (AP) — High-dollar, partisan races for Texas judgeships are lowering Texans' confidence in their courts and damaging the state's reputation, Texas Supreme Court Chief Justice Tom Phillips says.

Delivering his State of the Judiciary Address to lawmakers Monday, Phillips said the Legislature needs to consider comprehensive reforms in the judicial selection system.

"Although serious reforms have been mounted for more than 100 years, the need for change has become more urgent with the increased size of the judiciary and the advent of two-party politics," Phillips said.

Speaking to the three House and Senate committees that deal with judicial affairs, the chief justice said the nation's second-largest state has outgrown its old system of direct, partisan election of judges.

"Our current system may have been acceptable in 1876. At that time, there were six appellate and 26 trial judges in the entire state," he said.

But in 1994, he noted, Harris County voters alone had to make 45 judicial decisions in primary elections, eight in runoff and 59 in the general elections.

"It could have been worse, 16 more judicial races were unopposed," he said. "Sadly, the results of these races are determined far more by party strength than by individual merit."

In 1994, 31 of 40 opposed Democratic district and appeals court judges in Texas were defeated, while all Republican incumbents won. In 1996, Democrats lost only three of 18 opposed judgeships, while Republicans lost eight of 28.

"Thus, the shifting tides of party fortune, which have almost nothing to do with judicial performance, have caused the defeat of almost 10 percent of the state judiciary in the last two years," Phillips said.

Phillips said campaign contributions also raise questions about the impartiality of Texas courts.

"Another major problem with the current system is the perception of unequal justice that inevitably arises when judges and judicial candidates accept campaign contributions from lawyers and litigants who have a stake in current or future court decisions," he said.

"With such a large electorate and with so many contested elections, the sums raised and spent are enormous."

Phillips said candidates for Texas' appeals courts alone raised more than \$50 million from 1988 to 1994.

The judge noted that national experts have pointed to Texas' wide-open campaign financing and said such races "discourage out-of-state investment and job creation here."

Another problem, Phillips said, is a continuing lack of racial diversity among judges.

"Although more than 40 percent of all Texans are minorities, only one-ninth of the state judiciary is Hispanic or African American. ... A successful system must encourage more minority lawyers to seek judicial positions, and once in office, afford them a more reasonable prospect of remaining there."

AUSTIN (AP) — High-dollar, partisan races for Texas judgeships are lowering Texans' confidence in their courts and damaging the state's reputation, Texas Supreme Court Chief Justice Tom Phillips says.

Delivering his State of the Judiciary Address to lawmakers Monday, Phillips said the Legislature needs to consider comprehensive reforms in the judicial selection system.

"Although serious reforms have been mounted for more than 100 years, the need for change has become more urgent with the increased size of the judiciary and the advent of two-party politics," Phillips said.

Speaking to the three House and Senate committees that deal with judicial affairs, the chief justice said the nation's second-largest state has outgrown its old system of direct, partisan election of judges.

"Our current system may have been acceptable in 1876. At that time, there were six appellate and 26 trial judges in the entire state," he said.

But in 1994, he noted, Harris County voters alone had to make 45 judicial decisions in primary elections, eight in runoff and 59 in the general elections.

"It could have been worse, 16 more judicial races were unopposed," he said. "Sadly, the results of these races are determined far more by party strength than by individual merit."

In 1994, 31 of 40 opposed Democratic district and appeals court judges in Texas were defeated, while all Republican incumbents won. In 1996, Democrats lost only three of 18 opposed judgeships, while Republicans lost eight of 28.

"Thus, the shifting tides of party fortune, which have almost nothing to do with judicial performance, have caused the defeat of almost 10 percent of the state judiciary in the last two years," Phillips said.

Phillips said campaign contributions also raise questions about the impartiality of Texas courts.

"Another major problem with the current system is the perception of unequal justice that inevitably arises when judges and judicial candidates accept campaign contributions from lawyers and litigants who have a stake in current or future court decisions," he said.

"With such a large electorate and with so many contested elections, the sums raised and spent are enormous."

Phillips said candidates for Texas' appeals courts alone raised more than \$50 million from 1988 to 1994.

The judge noted that national experts have pointed to Texas' wide-open campaign financing and said such races "discourage out-of-state investment and job creation here."

Another problem, Phillips said, is a continuing lack of racial diversity among judges.

"Although more than 40 percent of all Texans are minorities, only one-ninth of the state judiciary is Hispanic or African American. ... A successful system must encourage more minority lawyers to seek judicial positions, and once in office, afford them a more reasonable prospect of remaining there."

AUSTIN (AP) — High-dollar, partisan races for Texas judgeships are lowering Texans' confidence in their courts and damaging the state's reputation, Texas Supreme Court Chief Justice Tom Phillips says.

Delivering his State of the Judiciary Address to lawmakers Monday, Phillips said the Legislature needs to consider comprehensive reforms in the judicial selection system.

"Although serious reforms have been mounted for more than 100 years, the need for change has become more urgent with the increased size of the judiciary and the advent of two-party politics," Phillips said.

Speaking to the three House and Senate committees that deal with judicial affairs, the chief justice said the nation's second-largest state has outgrown its old system of direct, partisan election of judges.

"Our current system may have been acceptable in 1876. At that time, there were six appellate and 26 trial judges in the entire state," he said.

But in 1994, he noted, Harris County voters alone had to make 45 judicial decisions in primary elections, eight in runoff and 59 in the general elections.

"It could have been worse, 16 more judicial races were unopposed," he said. "Sadly, the results of these races are determined far more by party strength than by individual merit."

In 1994, 31 of 40 opposed Democratic district and appeals court judges in Texas were defeated, while all Republican incumbents won. In 1996, Democrats lost only three of 18 opposed judgeships, while Republicans lost eight of 28.

"Thus, the shifting tides of party fortune, which have almost nothing to do with judicial performance, have caused the defeat of almost 10 percent of the state judiciary in the last two years," Phillips said.

Phillips said campaign contributions also raise questions about the impartiality of Texas courts.

"Another major problem with the current system is the perception of unequal justice that inevitably arises when judges and judicial candidates accept campaign contributions from lawyers and litigants who have a stake in current or future court decisions," he said.

"With such a large electorate and with so many contested elections, the sums raised and spent are enormous."

Phillips said candidates for Texas' appeals courts alone raised more than \$50 million from 1988 to 1994.

The judge noted that national experts have pointed to Texas' wide-open campaign financing and said such races "discourage out-of-state investment and job creation here."

Another problem, Phillips said, is a continuing lack of racial diversity among judges.

"Although more than 40 percent of all Texans are minorities, only one-ninth of the state judiciary is Hispanic or African American. ... A successful system must encourage more minority lawyers to seek judicial positions, and once in office, afford them a more reasonable prospect of remaining there."

# Federal judge rules Confederate flag can stay on special Maryland plates

BALTIMORE (AP) — The Confederate battle flag on special Maryland license plates is protected by the First Amendment and cannot be banned, a federal judge ruled Monday.

U.S. District Judge Frederic Smalkin agreed with the Sons of Confederate Veterans that the Motor Vehicle Administration should not have recalled the plates following complaints from blacks, who said the flag is offensive because of its ties to slavery.

"The court just made it real clear you can't discriminate against this group because of its political viewpoint," said David Melton, an attorney who represented the confederate group.

"The flag was simply a symbol of chivalry and honor and the government cannot pick and choose the viewpoint it finds to be correct."

More than 300 nonprofit organizations. About 80 plates had been issued to members of the Sons of Confederate Veterans over the past several years.

After black lawmakers complained, Motor Vehicles Administrator Ronald Freeland recalled the plates on Jan. 2. The Sons of Confederate Veterans filed a lawsuit Jan. 21 asking that the recall be lifted.

Only one logo has been rejected since the program started in 1990, said MVA spokeswoman Marilyn Corbett. It depicted a naked Buddha to represent the Royal Order of the Jesters. The group agreed to a non-logo plate, she said.

Another logo, using the letters "FU" was modified by the Anne Arundel County Professional Firefighters Union, she said.

BALTIMORE (AP) — The Confederate battle flag on special Maryland license plates is protected by the First Amendment and cannot be banned, a federal judge ruled Monday.

U.S. District Judge Frederic Smalkin agreed with the Sons of Confederate Veterans that the Motor Vehicle Administration should not have recalled the plates following complaints from blacks, who said the flag is offensive because of its ties to slavery.

"The court just made it real clear you can't discriminate against this group because of its political viewpoint," said David Melton, an attorney who represented the confederate group.

"The flag was simply a symbol of chivalry and honor and the government cannot pick and choose the viewpoint it finds to be correct."

More than 300 nonprofit organizations. About 80 plates had been issued to members of the Sons of Confederate Veterans over the past several years.

After black lawmakers complained, Motor Vehicles Administrator Ronald Freeland recalled the plates on Jan. 2. The Sons of Confederate Veterans filed a lawsuit Jan. 21 asking that the recall be lifted.

Only one logo has been rejected since the program started in 1990, said MVA spokeswoman Marilyn Corbett. It depicted a naked Buddha to represent the Royal Order of the Jesters. The group agreed to a non-logo plate, she said.

Another logo, using the letters "FU" was modified by the Anne Arundel County Professional Firefighters Union, she said.

BALTIMORE (AP) — The Confederate battle flag on special Maryland license plates is protected by the First Amendment and cannot be banned, a federal judge ruled Monday.

U.S. District Judge Frederic Smalkin agreed with the Sons of Confederate Veterans that the Motor Vehicle Administration should not have recalled the plates following complaints from blacks, who said the flag is offensive because of its ties to slavery.

"The court just made it real clear you can't discriminate against this group because of its political viewpoint," said David Melton, an attorney who represented the confederate group.

"The flag was simply a symbol of chivalry and honor and the government cannot pick and choose the viewpoint it finds to be correct."

More than 300 nonprofit organizations. About 80 plates had been issued to members of the Sons of Confederate Veterans over the past several years.

After black lawmakers complained, Motor Vehicles Administrator Ronald Freeland recalled the plates on Jan. 2. The Sons of Confederate Veterans filed a lawsuit Jan. 21 asking that the recall be lifted.

Only one logo has been rejected since the program started in 1990, said MVA spokeswoman Marilyn Corbett. It depicted a naked Buddha to represent the Royal Order of the Jesters. The group agreed to a non-logo plate, she said.

Another logo, using the letters "FU" was modified by the Anne Arundel County Professional Firefighters Union, she said.

BALTIMORE (AP) — The Confederate battle flag on special Maryland license plates is protected by the First Amendment and cannot be banned, a federal judge ruled Monday.

U.S. District Judge Frederic Smalkin agreed with the Sons of Confederate Veterans that the Motor Vehicle Administration should not have recalled the plates following complaints from blacks, who said the flag is offensive because of its ties to slavery.

"The court just made it real clear you can't discriminate against this group because of its political viewpoint," said David Melton, an attorney who represented the confederate group.

"The flag was simply a symbol of chivalry and honor and the government cannot pick and choose the viewpoint it finds to be correct."

More than 300 nonprofit organizations. About 80 plates had been issued to members of the Sons of Confederate Veterans over the past several years.

After black lawmakers complained, Motor Vehicles Administrator Ronald Freeland recalled the plates on Jan. 2. The Sons of Confederate Veterans filed a lawsuit Jan. 21 asking that the recall be lifted.

Only one logo has been rejected since the program started in 1990, said MVA spokeswoman Marilyn Corbett. It depicted a naked Buddha to represent the Royal Order of the Jesters. The group agreed to a non-logo plate, she said.

Another logo, using the letters "FU" was modified by the Anne Arundel County Professional Firefighters Union, she said.

The public is cordially invited to the

## GRAND OPENING

of

### Scenic Mountain Medical Clinic

Carlos E. Mercado, M.D. & Mara DeLaVega, M.D.  
Board-Certified Family Practice Physicians

Invite you to join them for appetizers  
Ribbon-cutting at 2:00pm

1603 West 11th place  
(Northwest of the hospital)  
Thursday, February 27th  
2:00 pm - 6:00pm

DHS Seminars BRING IN AD FOR DISCOUNT Best in the U.S.

# STOP SMOKING

WRITTEN GUARANTEE

ONLY \$39 Cash or Check V/MC

IN JUST 2 HOURS With Our Hypnosis Plus Program (with or without Patch)

• Become a Nonsmoker Tonight! • Without stress or weight gain!

You know what smoking is doing to your health. Now you can be free from smoking with the easiest, most effective, Stop Smoking Program available without weight gain. You will remain relaxed and aware at all times. You will leave refreshed, confident, and a Nonsmoker!

WED., FEB. 26 • BEST WESTERN  
1-20 & N. HWY. 87, Big Spring, Tx.  
7:00 p.m. - 9:00 p.m. (Registration at the door 6:30 p.m.)  
Leave your cigarettes at the door  
For more information call 616/637-2231

Certified Hypnotherapist  
Motivational Speaker

BRING IN AD FOR DISCOUNT

# WE'VE MOVED!

Come to our new Loop 250 location where you can

- See our larger selection of educational materials, games, teachers' supplies and much more
- Rent our conference facilities that seat 70 with A/V equipment, 7 days a week
- Surf the net in our Computer Center or demo children's videos and educational software
- Use our bigger work areas with laminator, overhead projector and staff assistance

## Grand Opening

prizes, hourly drawings, refreshments, giveaways  
in store demonstrations with publishers' reps  
storytelling with Lynette Hibbons

See you there!

# CREATIVE SCHOOLHOUSE

Loop 250 across from Service Merchandise, Midland

## 697-9804



# EDITORIAL

### Quote of the Day

"It is well that war is so terrible — we would grow too fond of it."  
—Robert E. Lee

Opinions expressed on this page are those of the Editorial Board of the Big Spring Herald unless otherwise indicated.

Charles C. Williams Publisher	John H. Walker Managing Editor
John A. Moseley News Editor	Kellie Jones Features Editor

### OUR VIEWS

## Signs of Boydston gone; Groundbreaking set

It seems like it was just yesterday that a lone workman arrived at the old Boydston Elementary School — also known to many as the old East Ward School — site to begin dismantling awnings in preparation for demolition of the school.

Today, the site is cleared and there's little evidence that a school ever stood on the site.

All that will change, of course, when contractors begin work constructing the Big Spring Independent School District's new junior high school on the site next month.

A groundbreaking ceremony is set for 11 a.m. Thursday, March 6, on the site.

According to Tommie Huckabee, the district's architect, contracts with Monterey Construction Co. Inc. of Wolfforth may be signed that day and construction could begin approximately 10 days later.

BSISD trustees and administrators have proved to be particularly progressive of late — approving construction of a new athletic facility on the Big Spring High School campus, as well as successfully enlisting support for the bond issue that will finance the new junior high school building and provide air conditioning and heating improvements on several other campuses.

It has almost become cliché to mention that schools hold our children's future, and in so doing, hold all our futures.

From all appearances today, we as a community seem to have placed our schools and our children's futures in capable and progressively-minded hands.

Members of the school board and Superintendent W.A. "Bill" McQueary's administrative team should take a collective bow. They deserve congratulations, we hereby offer ours.

### YOUR VIEWS

#### Outdoor column brings tale from Indiana woods back

To the Editor:  
I read in Boyce Hale's column about the snake that turned out to be a frog. It was very interesting indeed. I can imagine the scare the lad got from thinking it was snake, and the surprise to all how it turned out.

Mr. Hale, you sound like a person who has spent lots of time roaming the woods and loves the outdoors.

When I was a lad about 10 years old I loved the woods, as we called them in Indiana. There were big trees with low hanging branches. One could walk through the woods and see strange birds, hawks, owls, and coons perched on these limbs. I was out, as usual, from sun up to sun set seeking out these beautiful creatures. I came across a hollow log and looked up to see a large bird flying over me. Now and then it would dip down as if to tell me something. I figured there must be another one somewhere near. Sure enough I found three birds big enough to be chickens; white and fluffy. This mother bird didn't like the idea of me nosing around her home. I thought these, whatever they were, were very pretty and gathered up the three of them and started off. I had to cross a stream between there and home and wondered if they could swim. I tossed one in the water and found out they were not ducks — the poor thing drowned. I kept hold of the other two to show Dad what I picked up in the woods. Dad took one look at what I had and he said, "Get those buzzards out of here!" So they were buzzards, eh?

I took for the woods gain and back to the big ba do log home. Sure enough the bird was still flying around. I carefully placed the white birds back in the log and then stood off a distance to see what would happen. I watched the water descend and disappear into the log. I hoped she was happy then.

Even though she was a buzzard, she was a mother, and as I have aged, I have learned

that a mother's love is pure and not to be disregarded, even if the mother is a buzzard.

SIG ROGERS  
Big Spring

#### February sun on VA windows paints beautiful picture

To the Editor:  
Last evening my neighbor, Velma Lloyd, knocked at my door. We live at Canterbury South. She said, "Can you come with me?" I have something to show you."

She seemed very excited! Thinking something may be wrong, I put down the potato peeler and followed across the hall. Entering the room she said, "See the VA fireworks?" Fireworks in February? We looked out the south window and stood in amazement! The VA Hospital windows were ablaze with an amazing display of brilliant, flashing, white lights. Beautiful! Astounding! We watched in awe until the suns moving directed its ray elsewhere.

A memorable few moments caught in just the right time space.

GLENNIE GRIFFITH  
Big Spring

The Herald welcomes letters to the editor.

- Limit your letters to no more than 300 words, or about two handwritten pages.
- Sign your letter.
- Provide a daytime telephone number, as well as a street address for verification.
- Faxed or computer-generated letters must be signed and also provide telephone number and address.
- We reserve the right to edit letters for style and clarity.
- We reserve the right to limit publication to one letter per 30-day period per author.
- Letters that are unsigned or do not include a telephone number or address will not be considered for publication.
- We do not acknowledge receipt of letters.
- Letters from our circulation area will be given preference.
- Letters should be submitted to Editor, Big Spring Herald, P.O. Box 1491, Big Spring, 79729.



## There are consequences of letting people of bad character govern

The day after the State of the Union speech my newspaper ran color pictures of three psychopaths — O. J. Simpson, Newt Gingrich and Bill Clinton. You won't find one conscience among the three of them.

It says a lot about the bankruptcy of the American culture that it is obsessed by three individuals who in a normal society would be hardly worthy of notice. But as polls have confirmed, character counts for nothing these days. Just fame, money and position.

There was a time in America when even a divorce could damage or end a public career. Today, almost nothing can damage one. Edwin Edwards, a colorful former governor of Louisiana, once quipped to the press, "The only thing that would hurt me politically would be to get caught in bed with a dead girl or live boy."

In Massachusetts, even that probably wouldn't matter. Rep. Gerry Studds got caught in bed with a live boy and was handily re-elected. Rep. Barney Frank fell in love with a mail-order male prostitute and got re-elected. Sen. Edward Kennedy would have gotten caught with a dead girl, but he left her to drown and then lied about it. He's considered the state's most distinguished son.

Well, liberals who wanted to convince Americans that tolerance was the only virtue required of postmodern man ought to be happy. Americans are about the most tolerant people since the Romans of the fifth century.

It doesn't strike me as virtuous, however, to be tolerant of incompetence, stupidity, greed, vice, lying, irresponsibility and the breaking of oaths and vows. But what do I know? I'm well outside the mainstream, and considering what's floating in that mainstream, I'm darn glad I am.

It does kind of puzzle me, though, why folks think that they can be well-governed by liars, cheats, thieves and profit-gates. It may sound revolutionary in these dumber-down days, but there is a connection cannot expect to be cured." — Ethiopian proverb

"Language used correctly ... expands the brain, increases one's knowledge bank, enlarges the world, and challenges the vision of those who may not have a vision." — Haki Madhubuti

"Bad language brings bad problems." — Ugandan proverb

"Be diligent as long as you live, always doing more than is commanded of you." — African proverb

"He who starts behind in the great race of life must forever remain behind or run faster than the man in front." — Benjamin E. Mays

"Blacks must earn their way to higher achievement." — Thurgood Marshall

"First forget inspiration. Habit is more dependable. Habit will sustain you whether you're inspired or not ... Habit is persistence in practice." — Octavia E. Butler

"What motivates me is a sense of accountability to people who are important in my life. There are a lot of people I can't let down." — Richard D. Parsons

between the quality of government and the quality of the governors.

The system of government is just a mechanism. Whether the mechanism of the Justice Department, for example, is used to pursue justice or commit injustice depends on the character of the people in charge of it. Whether the power of an army defends liberty or snuffs it out depends on the character of its commanders.

The bureaucracy of the Third Reich was not evil. It was just a bureaucracy. It was used to commit evil acts. The government apparatus in any country, including ours, can also be used to commit evil if evil people command it.

Character doesn't matter? Great God, what a stupid belief that is!

Better take a tour of the killing fields and bone yards in Europe and the former Soviet Union, in Cambodia, in Africa and in Asia. Do you think Fidel Castro's character doesn't matter? Hitler's? Stalin's? Pol Pot's? There you can see just what an evil government can do when men of bad character are in charge of it.

What makes Americans think

they alone are immune to the consequences of allowing people of bad character to occupy the seats of government power? Do they think we can't lose our liberty? Do they think our economy cannot be looted and our families bankrupted? Do they think our children cannot be reduced to serfs? Do they think we can never know the firing squad and labor camp?

Wake up, brothers and sisters. Happiness and good government are the exceptions of human history, not the rule. We have been a lucky people and blessed surely beyond what we merit. Millions have died in our own century because of the evil character of men who ran their governments.

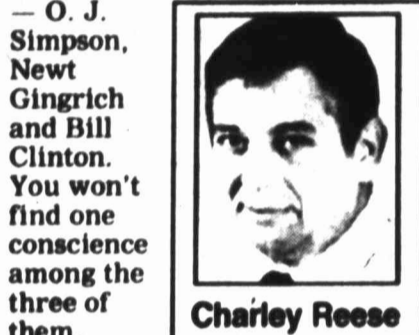
This nonchalant, flippant, cynical attitude that character doesn't matter can land us in a hellish situation if we don't wake up and attend to our civic responsibilities. Self-government means just that — that we have to attend to public business, and we do that by putting not the worst or most mediocre but the best and most outstanding people we can find in public office.

Remember, even God's patience has its limits, and luck changes.

What makes Americans think

they alone are immune to the consequences of allowing people of bad character to occupy the seats of government power?

Do they think we can't lose our liberty? Do they think our economy cannot be looted and our families bankrupted? Do they think our children cannot be reduced to serfs? Do they think we can never know the firing squad and labor camp?



Charley Reese  
Syndicated Columnist

## We should take strength from others' wise words

By BILL MAXWELL  
St. Petersburg Times

Many young African-American readers of this column often ask me to explain how I — a black male born into a migrant farm-working family during the 1940s in the South — managed to become successful. They also ask me to explain how I maintain a positive attitude.

Because we are nearing the end of Black History Month, I thought that now is a good time to share my response to a wider audience.

Actually, I have no secret for my success. I simply do, among other things, what most other successful black people do. Listen to my own heart, trust my perceptions and instincts, hold myself to extremely high standards, avoid hubris, measure my circumstances and environment logically and honestly, emulate those I admire, be as self-reliant as possible, enjoy the beauty of nature, serve others, and surround myself with positive thinkers and self-starters.

I also study the insights and analyze the wise counsel of other people of color. Throughout the years, I have filled many notebooks and journals with the words of thoughtful people. Following is some of the wisdom that I have made a part of my life, that I regularly make the themes of my columns.

"He who conceals his disease

cannot expect to be cured." — Ethiopian proverb

"Language used correctly ... expands the brain, increases one's knowledge bank, enlarges the world, and challenges the vision of those who may not have a vision." — Haki Madhubuti

"Bad language brings bad problems." — Ugandan proverb

"The right mental attitude is more important than knowledge." — Dennis Kimbro

"The pleasure you get from your life is equal to the attitude you put into it." — Anonymous

"People who expect to achieve their goals don't stand around talking about them." — Les Brown

"Your world is as big as you make it." — Georgia Douglass Johnson

"I come from a line of industrious people. I don't mind hard work, for you see I believe it develops character and one of its more sterling traits: dignity." — Monifa Hakim

"It doesn't work in practice. You can't give something to somebody to have. Then they don't value it. Value is associated with hard work." — Richard D. Parsons

"When rungs were missing, I learned to jump." — Williams Warfield

"Never accept the negative thought, 'I can't make it because I'm black.' You can't concede defeat before you even start." — James Earl Jones

The next eight gems are from the book "Message to the Blackman in America", by Elijah Muhammad, a founder of the Nation of Islam. More than any other person, he has given me essential rules by

which to live as an individual and as a member of black America:

"Pool your resources, education and qualifications for independence."

"Make your own neighborhood a decent place to live."

"Recognize the necessity for unity and group operation (activities)."

"Build your own homes, schools, hospitals and factories."

"Stop buying expensive cars, fine clothes and shoes before being able to live in a fine home."

"Build an economic system among yourselves."

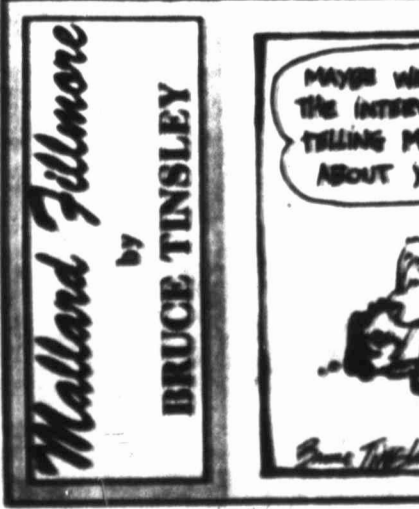
"Observe the operations of the white man. He is successful. He makes no excuses for his failures. He works hard in a collective manner. You do the same."

I wish that my young readers would buy their own notebooks and journals. Then, read widely and listen to wise people. Write down their words and use their wisdom to create solid, honest views of life.

Above all else, learn to make thinking positive second nature. It is one of the most powerful forces we have. Listen to the truth in these gems:

"Good things happen to positive people." — Les Brown

"...as you put out positive energy it comes back to you and if you put out negative energy it'll come back to you too." — Everette Harp



By STE  
Staff W

All of  
that th  
Colleg  
women  
could f  
was bes  
That  
idea.

Deper  
final v  
College  
season,  
Plains  
for first  
system  
affect t  
month

UC  
ato  
Top  
The AS

Purdi  
ited a n  
champi  
Takin  
was re  
coach  
three  
Fortne  
share  
champi  
The  
rewards  
Monday  
The As  
basket  
10th  
Connec  
"I'm  
said I  
Louisi  
ing las  
with t  
"We  
eighth  
incredi  
While  
near th  
(26-0)  
ring ch  
receiv  
votes  
nation

Old I  
ner of  
second  
Stanfo  
with 9  
Old D  
receiv  
No.  
North  
as did  
and re  
remain  
four  
Florida

Ar  
LITT  
Unive  
cials  
contro  
basket  
frozen  
coach  
the ath  
The  
Monda  
of inq  
Colleg  
accusi  
violati  
school  
violat

SPO  
Drox  
Big  
uate  
sopho  
finish  
at lar  
Athle  
track  
Colora  
Owu  
triple  
BSHS  
leap  
Merel  
Young  
of 49  
Owu  
meet  
won th

Hale  
LUB  
head  
Texas  
Ho s



Tonight  
Coshoma vs. Tahoka, 8:30 p.m., Snyder  
Borden County vs. Ruby, 7 p.m., Garrett Coliseum

College basketball  
Winata at Penn State, 8:30 p.m., ch. 30  
Kentucky at Tennessee, 8:30 p.m., ch. 30  
NBA basketball  
Charlotte at Dallas, 7:30 p.m., ch. 29

Got a story idea or  
a sports news tip?

Call Sports,  
263-7331  
Ext. 236

or  
leave voice mail

## WJCAC women's title still in doubt; Three-way tie possible

By STEVE REAGAN  
Staff Writer

All season long, people were saying that the Howard College, Midland College and South Plains College women's teams were so close, you could flip a coin to decide which one was best.

That may not be so far-fetched an idea.

Depending on what happens in the final week of the Western Junior College Athletic Conference basketball season, Howard, Midland and South Plains could end up in a three-way tie for first. If that happens, a convoluted system of tie-breakers would go into effect to determine seeding for next month's Region V tournament in

Cisco.

As things stand now, South Plains holds a half-game lead over both Howard and Midland. If South Plains wins Thursday's game at Midland — and Howard wins its season finale at Frank Phillips — the Lady Texans will claim the WJCAC title and top seeding at the regional tournament. Howard would end the regular season in second place, while Midland would slip to third.

If Midland defeats South Plains, however, and the Lady Hawks win at Frank Phillips, the three teams would end the season in a three-way tie for first with identical 15-3 conference records.

That's where a three-part tie-breaking process would kick in:  
• Step one would be to compare the

teams' "power points," which are awarded to teams based on their victories over high-ranked opponents this season.

WJCAC Commissioner John Green said a team will receive 10 points for defeating the conference's top team, 9 for beating the second place team, 8 for defeating the third-place team, and so on.

Green will make a final power point determination Friday.

If the teams are still tied, head-to-head records will be considered, but that factor is a dead heat among the three teams. If Midland wins Thursday, they'll have beaten SPC twice, while South Plains has defeated Howard twice and Howard has downed Midland twice, giving no team the advantage.

• The final step in the tie-breaker system is a coin flip.

This tie-breaker would only affect seeding for the regional tournament — the three teams would be considered WJCAC co-champions.

The regional tournament, scheduled for next month at Cisco High School, will pit the top four teams from the WJCAC against the top four squads from the North Texas Junior College Athletic Conference.

The top Western team will face the No. 4 seed from the NTJAC (probably Cisco), while the WJCAC's No. 2 seed will face McLennan Community College, the third-ranked team from the NTJAC.

The rest of the draw will feature the WJCAC's No. 3 team facing Grayson Community College, second in the

NTJAC, while New Mexico Junior College, fourth in the WJCAC, will take on Weatherford College, the champion from the NTJAC.

For Howard's men, the situation is much simpler — win, and the Hawks qualify for the Region V tournament as the fourth seed from the WJCAC; lose, and Howard stays home for the postseason.

Howard men's coach Tommy Collins said the Hawks must win Thursday at Frank Phillips to qualify for the regional tournament. The Hawks could lose and tie for the fourth spot, but any tie-breaker situation would go against the Hawks, Collins said.

"We can't beat anybody on a tie-breaker, so we have to get in on our own," Collins said.

## UConn still atop women's Top 25 listing

The ASSOCIATED PRESS

Purdue's Nell Fortner inherited a mess and turned it into a champion.

Taking over a program that was reeling from the firing of coach Lin Dunn and had only three returning players, Fortner guided Purdue to a share of the women's Big Ten championship.

The Boilermakers were rewarded for their effort Monday with the No. 24 spot in The Associated Press women's basketball poll, which for the 10th straight week had Connecticut on top.

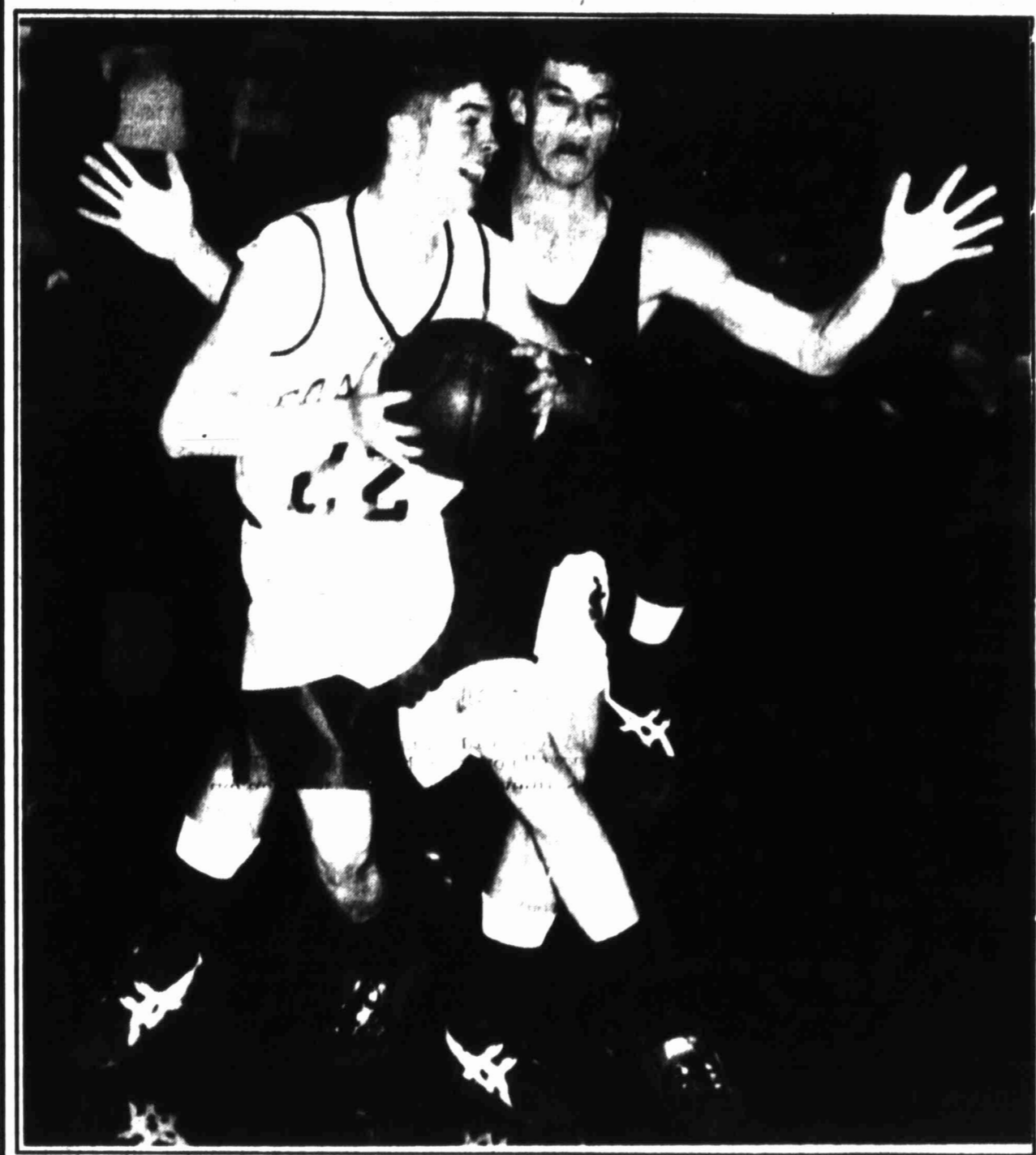
"I'm a little overwhelmed," said Fortner, an assistant at Louisiana Tech before spending last season as an assistant with the U.S. Olympic team. "We were picked to finish eighth in the league, so this is incredible."

While Purdue joined the poll near the bottom, Connecticut (26-0) remained an overwhelming choice for the top spot, receiving 38 of 42 first-place votes and 1,045 points from a national media panel.

Old Dominion (26-1), a winner of 25 straight, remained second with 1,006 points and Stanford (27-1) held on at No. 3 with 973. Three voters made Old Dominion No. 1. Stanford received one vote for first.

No. 4 Georgia and No. 5 North Carolina traded places, as did No. 6 Louisiana Tech and No. 7 Alabama. Tennessee remained eighth, LSU jumped four places to ninth and Florida stayed at No. 10.

## AREA PLAYOFF TONIGHT



Coshoma's Matt Hamilton (22) looks for a teammate to pass the ball during last week's 64-51 bidistrict playoff win over Hawley Thursday. The Bulldogs take on Tahoka in area playoff action tonight at 8:30 in the Scurry County Coliseum in Snyder.

## Big 12 coaches hoping to get six conference teams in NCAA tourney

KANSAS CITY, Mo. (AP) — Maybe there's a reason Danny Nee is the head basketball coach at Nebraska and his assistants are still assistants.

After the Huskers played Minnesota last December, long before the Gophers rated much mention in the national polls, Nee was sure he'd seen a special team.

"I walked off the court and I felt they were a strong and dominating team," Nee said. "I said to my staff, 'This team is one of the top 10 teams in the country.'"

Even though Minnesota beat the Huskers that day 70-56, Nee said his staff did not agree.

Now, of course, they are ranked No. 2 in the country, right behind Big 12 champion Kansas.

"The thing that impressed me about Minnesota was their overall depth and strength," Nee said. "Their overall strength."

The Huskers are the only

team in the country that have played both No. 1 Kansas and No. 2 Minnesota.

In the meantime, Big 12 coaches are hoping to get at least six teams into the NCAA tournament next month.

Kansas, No. 13 Iowa State and No. 19 Colorado are all a cinch to get bids. Texas and Texas Tech, which were both ranked earlier in the season, also could be in good shape.

"I hope that we have a number that would exceed what we had in the Big Eight," said Missouri coach Norm Stewart.

"We picked up four teams (Texas, Texas Tech, Baylor, Texas A&M). Two or three of those teams are playing very well and have got a number of wins."

Completing his 30th season at Missouri, Stewart was the dean of Big Eight coaches and is now the dean of Big 12 coaches. He's never been one to hide his opinion of how the conference was being marketed.

## Arkansas denies losing control of basketball program

LITTLE ROCK, Ark. (AP) — University of Arkansas officials, while denying a loss of control of the school's men's basketball program, have frozen the salaries of basketball coach Nolan Richardson and the athletic director.

The university released Monday its response to a letter of inquiry from the National Collegiate Athletic Association accusing the school of several violations of NCAA rules. The school's response admitted four violations, but denied

Richardson's program is out of control.

The school also said it would forfeit a basketball scholarship this year and next, and would deny scholarships to junior-college transfers for two years.

In the 100-page-plus document sent to the NCAA, the university said it froze salaries for Richardson, athletic director Frank Broyles and four other athletic department employees for a year.

The university, which won the NCAA men's basketball

championship in 1994, did not elaborate on the reason for the salary freeze for the 1996-97 fiscal year.

The admitted violations include improper typing assistance by Kim Wood, daughter of Arkansas chancellor Dan Ferritor, and a separate allegation that she lied to NCAA investigators. Ms. Wood resigned Aug. 26 as academic adviser for men's basketball.

The school also admitted "the inadvertent and technical administrative miscertifica-

tion" of junior college transfer players Jesse Pate and Sunday Adebayo.

The school voluntarily declared Pate and Adebayo ineligible, shortly after the NCAA investigation began. Pate is playing minor-league pro basketball and Adebayo transferred to Memphis.

The university also admitted that Brad Dunn, one of Richardson's assistants whose salary was frozen, improperly transported a friend of a student-athlete about two miles.

## TOURNEY WIN



Manuel Marquez of Big Spring, right, receives a trophy from Dallas Downtown YMCA Director Tom Easterland after winning the Master's Division at the 51st Annual George Lee Invitational Handball Tournament Feb. 14-16 in Dallas.

## SPORTS BRIEFS

### Drexell Owusu wins WAC triple-jump crown

Big Spring High School graduate Drexell Owusu, now a sophomore at Rice University, finished first in the triple jump at last weekend's Western Athletic Conference indoor track and field meet in Colorado Springs, Colo.

Owusu, who won two state triple jump titles while at BSHS, won the event with a leap of 51 feet, 2 1/4 inches. Merek Samsell of Brigham Young was second with a jump of 49 feet, 10 1/2 inches.

Owusu also was fourth in the long jump at the meet with a leap of 23-6 3/4. Cedric Lusk of Tulsa won the event with a jump of 23-9.

**Hale picked to coach Red Raider offensive line**  
LUBBOCK — Former Big Spring High School head football coach Clovis Hale has returned to Texas Tech as offensive line coach. He succeeds Ted Unbehagen, a 10-year Tech

veteran who left to join Houston's staff.

The Lorraine native began his career as a Lubbock High assistant in 1966 before Dykes hired him away at Big Spring. Hale succeeded Dykes at Big Spring before taking over at San Angelo Lake View.

He coached under Hayden Fry at North Texas and Iowa before his first stop at Texas Tech.

Hale coached Tech's offensive line from 1984-86 before serving five seasons at Texas. After a stint with the Detroit Drive of the Arena Football League, Hale has spent the last five seasons at SMU.

### Stallings wins SEC mile run

Stanton High School graduate Jeremy Stallings, now a senior at the University of Florida, won the mile run at the 1997 SEC Indoor Track and Field Championships held at UF last weekend.

Stallings' winning time was 4:04.77 and helped the Gators to a second-place finish behind No. 1 Arkansas. Arkansas won the meet with 147 points, while Florida scored 101 points.

Stallings' next meet will be the USA Track and Field Indoor Championships at Atlanta March 1.

He also will compete at the NCAA Indoor Championships at the RCA Dome in Indianapolis March 7-8.

### Forsan High powerlifters place at two meets

FORSAN — Forsan High School's powerlifting team competed at two meets this past weekend.

At a meet in Kermit, Connie Rios placed first in the girls' division with a total lift of 455 pounds. Jackie Brown placed 10th in the division with a total lift of 380 pounds.

In the boys' division, Daniel Smith was second at 114 pounds with a 710-pound total lift, while Dale Dolloff placed third in the 275-pound class with a total lift of 1,180 pounds.

Competing at Grape Creek, Brian Mims won the 181-pound class with a total lift of 965 pounds, and Chris Rios lifted a total of 635 pounds to take first in the 114-pound class.

Derek Wash was third at 132 pounds with a total lift of 665 pounds, while Chris King was fifth at 148 pounds with a total lift of 645 pounds.

### Weather gets best of Howard baseball series

The four-game baseball series between Howard College and Northeast Texas Community College

scheduled for last weekend was postponed because of inclement weather.

The series has been tentatively rescheduled as a doubleheader at NETCC's home field in Mount Pleasant April 6.

The Hawks open Western Junior College Athletic Conference action Saturday and Sunday when they host El Paso Community College at Jack Barber Field. The series begins with a noon doubleheader Saturday and concludes with a single game at 1 p.m. Sunday.

### Gun and bow safety course to begin March 13

Local hunter education instructor Boyce Hale will teach a gun and bow safety course at the Chamber of Commerce of Big Spring and Howard County conference room March 13-15, beginning at 5 p.m.

Anyone born after Sept. 2, 1971, is required to successfully complete this course before legally hunting in Texas.

Cost of the course is \$10 and covers a lifetime certification.

For more information, call 267-6957 or preregister at Dibrell's Gun Shop at 1307 Gregg St.



# Herald Classifieds

**FIND IT - BUY IT - SELL IT**  
call 263-7331  
Big Spring HERALD  
**SUPER CLASSIFIEDS**

**1984 BUICK LaSalle.**  
Runs good. \$1300. Call  
267-3206.

\$775.00 Good 1983  
Pontiac 2000. 2 door.  
620 State.

Extra Sharp '88 Plero  
Formula 40,500 miles,  
silver, 6cyl., auto trans.,  
tilt, cruise, air, cassette.  
\$7,500. 264-9613

'94 Ford Mustang LX,  
2-door, V-6, Power,  
windows & seats. Tilt,  
cruise & tape. 29K  
\$10,900. Call  
264-6114.

**NEW 1997 FORD  
ASPIRE 3 DR.**  
\$9,950 Plus TAX  
**BOB BROCK  
FORD**

**1993 EAGLE SUMMIT**  
ES 2-door, Auto/air,  
AM/FM cassette, \$3495.  
Will finance. 263-0582  
Mon-Fri. 8-6.

'90 Honda Civic, 3 dr,  
Hatch back, AC,  
AM/FM. \$2,500. Call  
264-6916.

1991 Mercury Sable GS.  
3.8 V6 motor, 74K.  
Asking \$5700. Call  
263-0021 ask for Rick or  
after 6pm call 393-5283.

**BIG SPRING  
CHRYSLER**  
"Home Of Low Prices"  
512 E FM 700 Big Spring  
264-6886

**1992 Jeep Cherokee**  
Sport, 4 dr, Auto,  
AM/FM Cass. Good  
condition. 267-9402.

'86 Jeep Cherokee, 4wd,  
AC. Clean. \$5,000. Call  
264-6916.

1971 JEEP WRANGLER.  
New tires, wheels,  
interior & top.  
Automatic: \$3750.00 a  
possible owner finance.  
2906 Parkway.  
263-8229.

1981 Chevrolet  
Silverado Pickup,  
Shortbed, V8. Call  
264-0623.

**1986 NISSAN King Cab**  
Pickup, 5 speed. Call  
264-0623.

1978 Chevy 1/2 ton pick  
- up, 4x4 Silverado 350  
V8, Automatic. Less than  
45000 miles. \$2350.  
Call Mike 263-5947 or  
267-7466 day.

1993 NISSAN  
KINGCAB, 5 SPEED,  
AIR, CASSETTE,  
76,000 MI. \$6995.00  
268-9954.

**ADOPTION**  
Happily married couple  
wishes to adopt  
newborn, we will insure a  
lifetime of love &  
security. Expenses paid.  
Call Maxine & David  
1-800-968-9332.

**Introducing: KK  
Closet**  
Top Quality Resale  
Ladies Clothing. All  
Sizes. Special This  
Week! Sweaters 1/2  
price. 263-8554. 1700  
Allendale. Open  
1:00-6:00 Mon-Sat

**PERSONAL**  
**START DATING  
TONIGHT**  
Play the Texas Dating  
Game 1-800-Romance  
EXT.5132

**BUSINESS OPP**  
A Major Name Brand  
Vending Rte. avail.in  
Big Spring earn \$4-7K  
per mo. min. inv.  
800-626-5211.

**ABSOLUTE \$\$\$  
MAKER**  
COKE/PEPSI ROUTE  
Great Locations! \$1400+  
Wkly.  
1-800-211-8363 24 hrs.

Guaranteed \$500 per day  
helping US Government  
process HUD/FHA  
refunds, local area. Call  
1-210-697-3208.

**MAKE APPROX  
\$200/DAY!**  
NO INVESTMENT  
REQUIRED  
Need School, Church,  
Athletic, Civic Group, or  
Individuals to operate a  
Family Fireworks  
Center. 06/24 - 07/04.  
Call: 1-800-442-7711.

**HUMAN  
RESOURCES Mgmt**  
Clerk II / III  
Must have diploma or  
GED, plus one year of  
clerical work, SIX  
months of which must  
have been related to  
HUMAN RESOURCE  
functions. Will be  
administering the  
employee insurance  
program. Knowledge of  
insurance programs  
preferred. Interested  
applicants apply in  
person to:  
BSSH - HUMAN  
RESOURCES  
1901 LAMESA HWY  
- ADIN BLDG.  
BIG SPRING, TX.  
79720  
(915)268-7256  
EOE

**PRIVATE PIANO  
LESSONS**, Beginners  
through advance. Years  
of teaching experience.  
2607 Rebecca. Call  
263-3367 or 398-5447.

**ACT TRUCK DRIVING  
SCHOOL**  
JTPA APPROVED/VA  
APPROVED.  
1-800-282-8658 273 CR  
287,  
Merkel, TX. 79536.

**REMODELING**  
Remodeling Contractor  
Doors • Kitchens • Baths •  
Garage Doors/Opens-  
Sals & Service  
613 N. Warehouse Rd.  
267-5811

**RENTALS**  
VENTURA COMPANY  
267-2655  
Houses/Apartments,  
Duplexes, 1,2,3 and 4  
bedrooms furnished or  
unfurnished.

**ROOFING**  
JOHNNY FLORES  
ROOFING  
Shingles, Hot Tar &  
Gravel.  
All types of repairs.  
Work guaranteed!!  
Free estimates.  
267-1116, 267-4280

**FULLMOON  
ROOFING**  
Composition &  
Wood Shingles,  
Tar & Gravel  
300 Completed  
Jobs  
FREE ESTIMATES  
Bonded & Insured  
Call 267-5478.

**SEPTIC REPAIR**  
CHARLES RAY  
Dirt and Septic Tank  
Service. Pumping, repair  
and installation. Topsoil,  
sand, and gravel. 267-  
7878.

**B&R SEPTIC**  
Septic Tanks, Rent  
Port-a-Potty.  
267-3647 or 393-5430

**TREE SERVICE**  
TREE Trimming, Hauling,  
Removal & Pruning.  
"FREE ESTIMATES"  
Call 263-4461 or  
263-0280

**EXPERIENCE Tree**  
trimming &  
removal, more than  
17yrs. experience.  
For quality work,  
Call Lupa  
267-8317 FREE  
ESTIMATE.

**The Big Spring  
Workforce Center** will  
accept applications for  
participation in the Job  
Training Partnership  
Act, Summer Youth  
Employment Program on  
Feb. 27 - March 12.  
Participants will be  
employed in work  
experience situations and  
classroom training (if  
necessary), for 5 - 6  
weeks during the summer  
months. Applicants must  
meet JTPA income  
guidelines and be  
between 14 - 21 years  
old. Limit 1 member per  
family. Appointment is  
required and individuals  
will be served on a first-  
come, first-served  
basis. Call 263-8373 or  
come by 421 Main for  
assigned time. EEO  
employer, and auxiliary  
aids will be made  
available to individuals  
with disabilities.

**GAMCO** needs a full  
time, full charge  
bookkeeper. Experience  
required in computerized  
A/P, A/r, payroll,  
spreadsheets and general  
ledger. Knowledge of  
sales tax reports,  
inventory management,  
order entry and good  
phone and people skills  
would be helpful. Good  
working conditions, pay  
commensurate with  
experience, excellent  
benefits. Apply at 1411  
E. HWY 350, Big Spring  
or fax resume to  
915-267-7480.

**Freemom, Inc.** has an  
opening for a  
receptionist/accounting  
clerk. Mail resume to:  
Freemom, Inc  
Attn: Pete Crabtree  
P.O. Box 2119  
Big Spring, Texas 79721  
No phone calls please.  
You may fax resumes to  
915-263-5269 or send  
them via  
email to  
freemom@ceram-kote.com  
Freemom is an equal  
opportunity employer.  
Visit  
www.ceram-kote.com for  
job openings and other  
information about  
Freemom and Ceram-Kote  
54.

**IMMEDIATE OPENING**  
For experienced Paint &  
Body man. Call  
1-800-526-4197 ask for  
Les Kincheloe. EOE. Price  
Construction. Big  
Spring Texas.

**MAINTENANCE  
POSITION AVAILABLE.**  
The Colorado River  
Municipal Water district  
has an immediate  
opening for a  
maintenance worker in  
our Martin County crew  
based at our Martin  
County Pump Station  
located on FM 1212  
approximately fourteen  
(14) miles West  
Northwest of Stanton.  
Company benefits  
include paid vacation,  
sick leave, retirement  
plan, group insurance,  
and paid holidays. The  
District is an equal  
opportunity employer.  
Application are available  
at the District's office  
located at 400 East 24th  
Street, Big Spring,  
Texas, or call  
(915)267-6341.

**WILDLIFE/  
CONSERVATION JOBS**  
Now hiring Game  
Wardens, Security,  
Maintenance, Park  
Rangers. No Exp.  
necessary. For  
application and info call  
800-299-2470, ext TX  
212 C, 7 days.

**DENTAL HYGIENIST**  
needed for busy 2 doctor  
family practice. Must be  
ethical, caring &  
personable. Send resume  
to 1897 Pecos, San  
Angelo, TX 76901.

**Mitchell County Medical  
Services** is accepting  
applications for Part-  
Time EMTs, for  
emergency service. For  
more information call  
(915) 728-3431, ext.  
351.

**NOW HIRING:** Major  
Well Servicing Company  
looking for operators,  
derrick and floors. For  
interview call 267-5291.

Taking Applications  
Now!!  
We are remodeling, due  
to that we will be adding  
20 additional employees  
in the food service area.  
Positions must be filled  
by the 2nd week in Feb.  
If you are energetic,  
hardworking, honest &  
dependable please apply  
at Town & Country Food  
Stores, 1101 Lamesa  
Hwy only. BOE. Drug  
testing required.

**MASSAGE THERAPIST**  
wanted to take  
appointments Tuesday,  
Thursday & Saturday.  
Apply in person  
2:00-6:00pm. New  
Concepts Wellness  
Center, 612 Gregg.

**WEST TEXAS CENTERS  
FOR MHMR**  
SALARY \$2816.00 PER  
MONTH  
PLUS EXCELLENT  
BENEFIT PACKAGE  
DRUG FREE  
WORKPLACE  
Job opening for  
REGISTERED NURSE.  
Will provide nursing  
assessment, treatment,  
and consultation to  
people with mental  
retardation in the Big  
Spring area. Will work  
closely with other human  
service professionals to  
develop and implement  
individual treatment  
plans. Will supervise  
and provide clinical  
direction to 1 to 2  
LVN's. Office hours 8-5  
with on-call rotation.  
Qualified applicants must  
be licensed in Texas with  
5 years professional  
experience. Bachelor of  
Science in Nursing (BSN)  
preferred. Experience  
with home health or  
mental retardation  
programs beneficial.  
Apply: Suite 281 Birdwell  
Lane, 501 E-F, Big  
Spring, Texas.

**"Supervisors,  
Assistant  
Supervisors, Floor  
Technicians and  
Carpet Technicians"**  
BGM Industries, Service  
contractor is now  
accepting Applications  
for the above positions,  
to work at the WAL -  
Mart SUPER  
CENTER located in  
BIG SPRING  
TEXAS. These  
positions are full time,  
hours from 11:00 pm -  
7:30am. Starting rate  
will be \$6.00 per hour.  
All interested parties  
should apply by call ing  
(800) 743-8088. ENTER  
641-1111

**CERTIFIED NURSE  
ASSISTANT**  
Scenic Mountain Medical  
Center, 153 bed JCAHO  
accredited acute care  
facility has an immediate  
opening for CNA'S.  
Positions available on  
various shifts. Requires  
ability to work at a fast  
pace. Excellent  
interpersonal skills a  
must. May require some  
overtime.  
We offer a competitive  
salary and comprehensive  
benefits package, including  
401(k) Retirement.  
Please submit resume to:  
Personnel  
Scenic Mountain Medical  
Center  
1601 W. 11th Place  
Big Spring, Texas 79720  
or Fax to (915)  
263-6454  
Applications may be  
picked up at the  
switchboard between the  
hours of 7:00am &  
9:00pm and may be  
turned in there also. No  
phone calls please. EOE.

**Mitchell County Medical  
Services** is accepting  
applications for Part-  
Time EMTs, for  
emergency service. For  
more information call  
(915) 728-3431, ext.  
351.

**NOW HIRING:** Major  
Well Servicing Company  
looking for operators,  
derrick and floors. For  
interview call 267-5291.

Taking Applications  
Now!!  
We are remodeling, due  
to that we will be adding  
20 additional employees  
in the food service area.  
Positions must be filled  
by the 2nd week in Feb.  
If you are energetic,  
hardworking, honest &  
dependable please apply  
at Town & Country Food  
Stores, 1101 Lamesa  
Hwy only. BOE. Drug  
testing required.

**MASSAGE THERAPIST**  
wanted to take  
appointments Tuesday,  
Thursday & Saturday.  
Apply in person  
2:00-6:00pm. New  
Concepts Wellness  
Center, 612 Gregg.

**WEST TEXAS CENTERS  
FOR MHMR**  
SALARY \$2816.00 PER  
MONTH  
PLUS EXCELLENT  
BENEFIT PACKAGE  
DRUG FREE  
WORKPLACE  
Job opening for  
REGISTERED NURSE.  
Will provide nursing  
assessment, treatment,  
and consultation to  
people with mental  
retardation in the Big  
Spring area. Will work  
closely with other human  
service professionals to  
develop and implement  
individual treatment  
plans. Will supervise  
and provide clinical  
direction to 1 to 2  
LVN's. Office hours 8-5  
with on-call rotation.  
Qualified applicants must  
be licensed in Texas with  
5 years professional  
experience. Bachelor of  
Science in Nursing (BSN)  
preferred. Experience  
with home health or  
mental retardation  
programs beneficial.  
Apply: Suite 281 Birdwell  
Lane, 501 E-F, Big  
Spring, Texas.

**"Supervisors,  
Assistant  
Supervisors, Floor  
Technicians and  
Carpet Technicians"**  
BGM Industries, Service  
contractor is now  
accepting Applications  
for the above positions,  
to work at the WAL -  
Mart SUPER  
CENTER located in  
BIG SPRING  
TEXAS. These  
positions are full time,  
hours from 11:00 pm -  
7:30am. Starting rate  
will be \$6.00 per hour.  
All interested parties  
should apply by call ing  
(800) 743-8088. ENTER  
641-1111

**CERTIFIED NURSE  
ASSISTANT**  
Scenic Mountain Medical  
Center, 153 bed JCAHO  
accredited acute care  
facility has an immediate  
opening for CNA'S.  
Positions available on  
various shifts. Requires  
ability to work at a fast  
pace. Excellent  
interpersonal skills a  
must. May require some  
overtime.  
We offer a competitive  
salary and comprehensive  
benefits package, including  
401(k) Retirement.  
Please submit resume to:  
Personnel  
Scenic Mountain Medical  
Center  
1601 W. 11th Place  
Big Spring, Texas 79720  
or Fax to (915)  
263-6454  
Applications may be  
picked up at the  
switchboard between the  
hours of 7:00am &  
9:00pm and may be  
turned in there also. No  
phone calls please. EOE.

**Mitchell County Medical  
Services** is accepting  
applications for Part-  
Time EMTs, for  
emergency service. For  
more information call  
(915) 728-3431, ext.  
351.

**NOW HIRING:** Major  
Well Servicing Company  
looking for operators,  
derrick and floors. For  
interview call 267-5291.

Taking Applications  
Now!!  
We are remodeling, due  
to that we will be adding  
20 additional employees  
in the food service area.  
Positions must be filled  
by the 2nd week in Feb.  
If you are energetic,  
hardworking, honest &  
dependable please apply  
at Town & Country Food  
Stores, 1101 Lamesa  
Hwy only. BOE. Drug  
testing required.

**MASSAGE THERAPIST**  
wanted to take  
appointments Tuesday,  
Thursday & Saturday.  
Apply in person  
2:00-6:00pm. New  
Concepts Wellness  
Center, 612 Gregg.

**WEST TEXAS CENTERS  
FOR MHMR**  
SALARY \$2816.00 PER  
MONTH  
PLUS EXCELLENT  
BENEFIT PACKAGE  
DRUG FREE  
WORKPLACE  
Job opening for  
REGISTERED NURSE.  
Will provide nursing  
assessment, treatment,  
and consultation to  
people with mental  
retardation in the Big  
Spring area. Will work  
closely with other human  
service professionals to  
develop and implement  
individual treatment  
plans. Will supervise  
and provide clinical  
direction to 1 to 2  
LVN's. Office hours 8-5  
with on-call rotation.  
Qualified applicants must  
be licensed in Texas with  
5 years professional  
experience. Bachelor of  
Science in Nursing (BSN)  
preferred. Experience  
with home health or  
mental retardation  
programs beneficial.  
Apply: Suite 281 Birdwell  
Lane, 501 E-F, Big  
Spring, Texas.

**"Supervisors,  
Assistant  
Supervisors, Floor  
Technicians and  
Carpet Technicians"**  
BGM Industries, Service  
contractor is now  
accepting Applications  
for the above positions,  
to work at the WAL -  
Mart SUPER  
CENTER located in  
BIG SPRING  
TEXAS. These  
positions are full time,  
hours from 11:00 pm -  
7:30am. Starting rate  
will be \$6.00 per hour.  
All interested parties  
should apply by call ing  
(800) 743-8088. ENTER  
641-1111

**CERTIFIED NURSE  
ASSISTANT**  
Scenic Mountain Medical  
Center, 153 bed JCAHO  
accredited acute care  
facility has an immediate  
opening for CNA'S.  
Positions available on  
various shifts. Requires  
ability to work at a fast  
pace. Excellent  
interpersonal skills a  
must. May require some  
overtime.  
We offer a competitive  
salary and comprehensive  
benefits package, including  
401(k) Retirement.  
Please submit resume to:  
Personnel  
Scenic Mountain Medical  
Center  
1601 W. 11th Place  
Big Spring, Texas 79720  
or Fax to (915)  
263-6454  
Applications may be  
picked up at the  
switchboard between the  
hours of 7:00am &  
9:00pm and may be  
turned in there also. No  
phone calls please. EOE.

**Mitchell County Medical  
Services** is accepting  
applications for Part-  
Time EMTs, for  
emergency service. For  
more information call  
(915) 728-3431, ext.  
351.

**NOW HIRING:** Major  
Well Servicing Company  
looking for operators,  
derrick and floors. For  
interview call 267-5291.

Taking Applications  
Now!!  
We are remodeling, due  
to that we will be adding  
20 additional employees  
in the food service area.  
Positions must be filled  
by the 2nd week in Feb.  
If you are energetic,  
hardworking, honest &  
dependable please apply  
at Town & Country Food  
Stores, 1101 Lamesa  
Hwy only. BOE. Drug  
testing required.

**MASSAGE THERAPIST**  
wanted to take  
appointments Tuesday,  
Thursday & Saturday.  
Apply in person  
2:00-6:00pm. New  
Concepts Wellness  
Center, 612 Gregg.

**WEST TEXAS CENTERS  
FOR MHMR**  
SALARY \$2816.00 PER  
MONTH  
PLUS EXCELLENT  
BENEFIT PACKAGE  
DRUG FREE  
WORKPLACE  
Job opening for  
REGISTERED NURSE.  
Will provide nursing  
assessment, treatment,  
and consultation to  
people with mental  
retardation in the Big  
Spring area. Will work  
closely with other human  
service professionals to  
develop and implement  
individual treatment  
plans. Will supervise  
and provide clinical  
direction to 1 to 2  
LVN's. Office hours 8-5  
with on-call rotation.  
Qualified applicants must  
be licensed in Texas with  
5 years professional  
experience. Bachelor of  
Science in Nursing (BSN)  
preferred. Experience  
with home health or  
mental retardation  
programs beneficial.  
Apply: Suite 281 Birdwell  
Lane, 501 E-F, Big  
Spring, Texas.

**"Supervisors,  
Assistant  
Supervisors, Floor  
Technicians and  
Carpet Technicians"**  
BGM Industries, Service  
contractor is now  
accepting Applications  
for the above positions,  
to work at the WAL -  
Mart SUPER  
CENTER located in  
BIG SPRING  
TEXAS. These  
positions are full time,  
hours from 11:00 pm -  
7:30am. Starting rate  
will be \$6.00 per hour.  
All interested parties  
should apply by call ing  
(800) 743-8088. ENTER  
641-1111

**CERTIFIED NURSE  
ASSISTANT**  
Scenic Mountain Medical  
Center, 153 bed JCAHO  
accredited acute care  
facility has an immediate  
opening for CNA'S.  
Positions available on  
various shifts. Requires  
ability to work at a fast  
pace. Excellent  
interpersonal skills a  
must. May require some  
overtime.  
We offer a competitive  
salary and comprehensive  
benefits package, including  
401(k) Retirement.  
Please submit resume to:  
Personnel  
Scenic Mountain Medical  
Center  
1601 W. 11th Place  
Big Spring, Texas 79720  
or Fax to (915)  
263-6454  
Applications may be  
picked up at the  
switchboard between the  
hours of 7:00am &  
9:00pm and may be  
turned in there also. No  
phone calls please. EOE.

**Mitchell County Medical  
Services** is accepting  
applications for Part-  
Time EMTs, for  
emergency service. For  
more information call  
(915) 728-3431, ext.  
351.

**NOW HIRING:** Major  
Well Servicing Company  
looking for operators,  
derrick and floors. For  
interview call 267-5291.

Taking Applications  
Now!!  
We are remodeling, due  
to that we will be adding  
20 additional employees  
in the food service area.  
Positions must be filled  
by the 2nd week in Feb.  
If you are energetic,  
hardworking, honest &  
dependable please apply  
at Town & Country Food  
Stores, 1101 Lamesa  
Hwy only. BOE. Drug  
testing required.

**MASSAGE THERAPIST**  
wanted to take  
appointments Tuesday,  
Thursday & Saturday.  
Apply in person  
2:00-6:00pm. New  
Concepts Wellness  
Center, 612 Gregg.

**WEST TEXAS CENTERS  
FOR MHMR**  
SALARY \$2816.00 PER  
MONTH  
PLUS EXCELLENT  
BENEFIT PACKAGE  
DRUG FREE  
WORKPLACE  
Job opening for  
REGISTERED NURSE.  
Will provide nursing  
assessment, treatment,  
and consultation to  
people with mental  
retardation in the Big  
Spring area. Will work  
closely with other human  
service professionals to  
develop and implement  
individual treatment  
plans. Will supervise  
and provide clinical  
direction to 1 to 2  
LVN's. Office hours 8-5  
with on-call rotation.  
Qualified applicants must  
be licensed in Texas with  
5 years professional  
experience. Bachelor of  
Science in Nursing (BSN)  
preferred. Experience  
with home health or  
mental retardation  
programs beneficial.  
Apply: Suite 281 Birdwell  
Lane, 501 E-F, Big  
Spring, Texas.

**"Supervisors,  
Assistant  
Supervisors, Floor  
Technicians and  
Carpet Technicians"**  
BGM Industries, Service  
contractor is now  
accepting Applications  
for the above positions,  
to work at the WAL -  
Mart SUPER  
CENTER located in  
BIG SPRING  
TEXAS. These  
positions are full time,  
hours from 11:00 pm -  
7:30am. Starting rate  
will be \$6.00 per hour.  
All interested parties  
should apply by call ing  
(800) 743-8088. ENTER  
641-1111

**CERTIFIED NURSE  
ASSISTANT**  
Scenic Mountain Medical  
Center, 153 bed JCAHO  
accredited acute care  
facility has an immediate  
opening for CNA'S.  
Positions available on  
various shifts. Requires  
ability to work at a fast  
pace. Excellent  
interpersonal skills a  
must. May require some  
overtime.  
We offer a competitive  
salary and comprehensive  
benefits package, including  
401(k) Retirement.  
Please submit resume to:  
Personnel  
Scenic Mountain Medical  
Center  
1601 W. 11th Place  
Big Spring, Texas 79720  
or Fax to (915)  
263-6454  
Applications may be  
picked up at the  
switchboard between the  
hours of 7:00am &  
9:00pm and may be  
turned in there also. No  
phone calls please. EOE.

**Mitchell County Medical  
Services** is accepting  
applications for Part-  
Time EMTs, for  
emergency service. For  
more information call  
(915) 728-3431, ext.  
351.

**NOW HIRING:** Major  
Well Servicing Company  
looking for operators,  
derrick and floors. For  
interview call 267-5291.

Taking Applications  
Now!!  
We are remodeling, due  
to that we will be adding  
20 additional employees  
in the food service area.  
Positions must be filled  
by the 2nd week in Feb.  
If you are energetic,  
hardworking, honest &  
dependable please apply  
at Town & Country Food  
Stores, 1101 Lamesa  
Hwy only. BOE. Drug  
testing required.

**MASSAGE THERAPIST**  
wanted to take  
appointments Tuesday,  
Thursday & Saturday.  
Apply in person  
2:00-6:00pm. New  
Concepts Wellness  
Center, 612 Gregg.

**WEST TEXAS CENTERS  
FOR MHMR**  
SALARY \$2816.00 PER  
MONTH  
PLUS EXCELLENT  
BENEFIT PACKAGE  
DRUG FREE  
WORKPLACE  
Job opening for  
REGISTERED NURSE.  
Will provide nursing  
assessment, treatment,  
and consultation to  
people with mental  
retardation in the Big  
Spring area. Will work  
closely with other human  
service professionals to  
develop and implement  
individual treatment  
plans. Will supervise  
and provide clinical  
direction to 1 to 2  
LVN's. Office hours 8-5  
with on-call rotation.  
Qualified applicants must  
be licensed in Texas with  
5 years professional  
experience. Bachelor of  
Science in Nursing (BSN)  
preferred. Experience  
with home health or  
mental retardation  
programs beneficial.  
Apply: Suite 281 Birdwell  
Lane, 501 E-F, Big  
Spring, Texas.

**"Supervisors,  
Assistant  
Supervisors, Floor  
Technicians and  
Carpet Technicians"**  
BGM Industries, Service  
contractor is now  
accepting Applications  
for the above positions,  
to work at the WAL -  
Mart SUPER  
CENTER located in  
BIG SPRING  
TEXAS. These  
positions are full time,  
hours from 11:00 pm -  
7:30am. Starting rate  
will be \$6.00 per hour.  
All interested parties  
should apply by call ing  
(800) 743-8088. ENTER  
641-1111

**CERTIFIED NURSE  
ASSISTANT**  
Scenic Mountain Medical  
Center, 153 bed JCAHO  
accredited acute care  
facility has an immediate  
opening for CNA'S.  
Positions available on  
various shifts. Requires  
ability to work at a fast  
pace. Excellent  
interpersonal skills a  
must. May require some  
overtime.  
We offer a competitive  
salary and comprehensive  
benefits package, including  
401(k) Retirement.  
Please submit resume to:  
Personnel  
Scenic Mountain Medical  
Center  
1601 W. 11th Place  
Big Spring, Texas 79720  
or Fax to (915)  
263-6454  
Applications may be  
picked up at the  
switchboard between the  
hours of 7:00am &  
9:00pm and may be  
turned in there also. No  
phone calls please. EOE.

**Mitchell County Medical  
Services** is accepting  
applications for Part-  
Time EMTs, for  
emergency service. For  
more information call  
(915) 728-3431, ext.  
351.

**WEST TEXAS CENTERS  
FOR MHMR**  
SALARY \$2816.00 PER  
MONTH  
PLUS EXCELLENT  
BENEFIT PACKAGE  
DRUG FREE  
WORKPLACE  
Job opening for  
REGISTERED NURSE.  
Will provide nursing  
assessment, treatment,  
and consultation to  
people with mental  
retardation in the Big  
Spring area. Will work  
closely with other human  
service professionals to  
develop and implement  
individual treatment  
plans. Will supervise  
and provide clinical  
direction to 1 to 2  
LVN's. Office hours 8-5  
with on-call rotation.  
Qualified applicants must  
be licensed in Texas with  
5 years professional  
experience. Bachelor of  
Science in Nursing (BSN)  
preferred. Experience  
with home health or  
mental retardation  
programs beneficial.  
Apply: Suite 281 Birdwell  
Lane, 501 E-F, Big  
Spring, Texas.

**"Supervisors,  
Assistant  
Supervisors, Floor  
Technicians and  
Carpet Technicians"**  
BGM Industries, Service  
contractor is now  
accepting Applications  
for the above positions,  
to work at the WAL -  
Mart SUPER  
CENTER located in  
BIG SPRING  
TEXAS. These  
positions are full time,  
hours from 11:00 pm -  
7:30am. Starting rate  
will be \$6.00 per hour.  
All interested parties  
should apply by call ing  
(800) 743-8088. ENTER  
641-1111

**CERTIFIED NURSE  
ASSISTANT**  
Scenic Mountain Medical  
Center, 153 bed JCAHO  
accredited acute care  
facility has an immediate  
opening for CNA'S.  
Positions available on  
various shifts. Requires  
ability to work at a fast  
pace. Excellent  
interpersonal skills a  
must. May require some  
overtime.  
We offer a competitive  
salary and comprehensive  
benefits package, including  
401(k) Retirement.  
Please submit resume to:  
Personnel  
Scenic Mountain Medical  
Center  
1601 W. 11th Place  
Big Spring, Texas 79720  
or Fax to (915)



**FULL OR PART-TIME RN** needed for small home health center. Must have home health experience, be willing to work as a team player. Call 915-756-3259 or send resume to Martin County Home Health, P.O. Box 1530, Stanton, TX 79782.

**AVIS LUBE FAST OIL CHANGE 24 HR. JOB HOTLINE 1-800-583-4063 X371**

Now accepting applications PT/FT for Star Stop #6 & S.S. #4. Apply at S.S. HWY 350 & I-20 for both locations.

Part Time Drivers Domino's Pizza, 2202 S. Gregg.

Part time, Evening dishwasher needed. Apply at 2401 Gregg.

**NURSEFINDERS** Now hiring part-time RN for Home health, experience preferred. Certified Home health Aid must have 1 yr experience, Bilingual a plus. For appointment Call 263-7011 ask for Vicki

**IMMEDIATE OPENING** in Brake Department. Prefer Technician with experience and ability to operate brake lathe, etc. Perco Car Care Center 901 E. Third. (915) 267-6451. Big Spring, Tx.

"AVON". Build Home Business! No Minimum Orders or Inventory Required. IND/SALES/REP. 800-236-0041.

**NOW HIRING** only experienced Machinist. Apply at Browne Bros., Colorado City, TX. 915-728-5241.

**Team & Single Drivers Wanted** We offer an excellent benefit package: \$500 Sign-on bonus, competitive wage package, 401k with company contribution, retention bonus, Health/Dental/Life Insurance, and uniforms.

**REQUIREMENTS ARE:** 23 years old with 2 years semi driving experience of completion of an accredited truck driver school, CDL with haz-mat and tanker endorsements, pass DOT and company requirements. We will help train you for a successful future in the tank truck industry.

Apply in person at **STEELE TANK LINES INC., 1200 ST. Hwy 276, Phone # (915) 263-7656.**

**JOBS WANTED** Will sit with sick or elderly. Light house keeping/cooking - OK. Will run errands ect. 267-6856 Linda.

**LOANS** BAD CREDIT? OVER DUE BILLS? Consolidate Now! 1-800-366-9698 ext. 259.

**DELTA LOANS** \$100 TO \$396.88 Let us help! Customer Service is our #1 Priority. Call or come by today! So Habla Espanol 115 E. 3rd 268-9090

**SEANBROOK/ANBRO** \$100.00 TO \$435.00 CALL OR COME BY Security Finance 204 S. Goliad 267-4891 Phone applications welcome SE HABLA ESPANOL

**1ST TIME HOMEBUYERS** 703 S Goliad - 3 bd, 2 ba. Large home for \$18,900; 1102 E 13th - brick 2 bd, 1 bath, 1 gar, \$32,000. Low Down Payment!! Use tax refund, American Realty (915) 520-7577.

**FOR SALE BY OWNER** Owner finance, 2 bedroom, 1 bath, central heat/air. Large bedrooms, nice secluded yard w/shade trees. Call 263-6006.

W... Now 16 HOME SITES LEFT in Coronado Hills !!! Very competitive pricing! Don't be fooled by others misleading ads. Know your true bottom loan & payment up front. Call Key Homes Inc. 1-915-520-9848.

3 bd, 1 bl., fenced backyard \$37,500. Asking \$25,000 down, will finance the rest. Call 263-7625 ask for Jim.

**Large Round Bale Hay** Quantity Discount. Horse & Mule feed special thru Feb. Call 263-3382 or come by 2404 N. Lamessa HWY.

**AKC Registered German Sheppard puppies**, 6 female & 4 males. 263-4030.

**FREE KENNEL CLUB BREEDER REFERRAL SERVICE** Helps you find reputable breeders/quality puppies. Purebred rescue information. 263-3404 daytime.

**REWARD** For return of Sgt. Diamond Tennis bracelet. Was lost 12/28/96 while shopping. 263-1440.

**FOR SALE:** Gray fox waist length coat. Good condition. 264-0185.

**Sports Cards for sale.** Packs, sets, Rookies, & lots more. New & old cards! Call 264-6225.

**APPLY DORMANT SPRAY TO YOUR TREES NOW.** 2008 BIRDWELL 263-6514

**CABLE TV ACCESSORIES.** Free Catalog. Toll free 1-888-841-9534.

**WEDDINGS, ETC.** Cakes, Flowers, Arches, Abras. February Discount 267-8191

**PORTABLE BUILDINGS** Portable Office Building on skids. Call 264-0623.

**ACREAGE FOR SALE** 6 Acres. Net wire fences, 600 concrete blocks, good water but, no well. Wildfire Rd. South of Big Spring. Kenny Thompson Homes 263-4548 \$10,000.

**Drastic Price Reduction** Prime Location, 20 ACRES with water well off of Country Club & Ponderosa Road. 263-0102.

**BUSINESS PROPERTY** FOR LEASE, 1 fenced 1 acre yards with small building. Call 263-5000. Wes-tex Auto Parts, Inc.

**FOR RENT:** Small building or car lot, 810 E. 4th. \$200.00/month, \$100.00 / deposit. Call 263-5000.

**REDUCED NOW!** Office space adjacent to KBST building. call 267-6391.

**HOUSES FOR SALE** CUSTOM BUILT 4/3/2 on approx. 3 acres. Inground sprinkler, cyclone fence. Many extras. 267-6776.

By Owner, Location! Price! Quality! 3br, 2bth, 1 car garage, in Kentwood. Near schools. New ch/a & kitchen appliances, many updates. Fenced yard w/ storage shed. Call 264-9613 for appointment.

**OFFICE SPACE** Salon For Rent: Needed... Beautician, Barber, Nail Tech, Cosmetologist. Plenty of room & parking space. Apply 307 Union. See Chuck 263-3182

Very nice 4 room 900 sf office. Bills paid. Central H/A. 450 per month. See at 307 Union ST. 263-3182.

**UNFURNISHED ARTS** \$99 MOVE IN plus deposit. 1,2,3 bdr. 2 bills paid. HUD okay. 263-7811

**ALL BILLS PAID Section 8 Available BEST RATES DELICIOUS** 3 Bedroom Apartments **NORTHCREST VILLAGE** 1002 N. Main 267-5191

Weekend help needed to assist at Arts and Crafts Shows. Must be able to work Fridays, Saturdays, and Sundays. Must be able to work well with public, be well groomed, able to travel, and do moderate lifting. Mature college students and entry-level individuals considered. Above average salary. Call 263-7690 for appointment.

**COUNTRY LIVING** 1010 Derrick Road, Coahoma ISD. 3/2/2 brick, 1.6 acres, shop, corral, barn, hot tub, fenced. Call 263-7924.

**BEAUTIFUL New 1997** Four bedroom doublewide mobile home. \$2,200 Cash. \$378.75 per month, 9.99% APR. 360 months. Must Sell! (800) 837-8079.

**MUST BE MOVED:** 1997 three bedroom sixteenwide. "Front and Rear" floorplan, with appliances and furniture. Full factory warranty. Never lived in. Asking \$17,900. Will finance. Call (915) 653-2332 before 6pm.

\* 1997 doublewide. #1 home builder in America 5 year warranty. \$1495.00 down, \$233.69 month, 9.25% apr var, 360 months. Homes of America Odessa, TX. 1-915-363-0881 1-800-725-0881

\* 3 bedroom furnished mobile home for sale 550-4033

\* Do you want your baby's room next to the master bedroom? We have it, all new floor plan with lots of room to grow. 5% down, \$249.35 month, 300 months, 9.75% apr var. Homes of America Odessa TX. 1-915-363-0881 1-800-725-0881

\* Invierta su Income Tax en su casa Amueblada de 3 recamaras con \$1450.00 de enganche y solo \$149.00 por mes 120 meses, 13.50% apr var. Homes of America Odessa TX. 1-915-363-0331 1-800-725-0881. Pregunte por Dimas Avalos.

\* New 1997 front kitchen 16 wide, 2 bedroom for only 5% down, \$182.00 month, 9.75% apr. var. Homes of America Odessa, TX. 1-915-363-0881 1-800-725-0881

\* Nice used mobile home, 3 bedroom, with all the goodies included; you get a sofa bed, chair, coffee table, dinette set for 6. All the beds, for only 10% down, \$164.00 month, 180 months, 13.75% apr. Homes of America Odessa, TX. 1-915-363-0881 1-800-725-0881

**CALL MOBILE HOME CREDIT HOTLINE FOR PRE-APPROVAL** 1-800-725-0881.

**BUSINESS BUILDING** For lease 510 East 1st. Large building with offices, overhead door, 300.00 month, 150.00 deposit. call 263-5000.

For Lease 8300sf. building w/3 offices on Snyder Hwy on 4 acres of fenced land. 750.00 month 400.00 deposit. call 263-5000.

**60x90 SHOP** on 5 acres with separate office. Located on Snyder Hwy. 263-6021 or 267-8696.

**OFFICE SPACE** or Retail, located at 4th & Benton. 263-6021 or 267-8696.

**FURNISHED ARTS** Apartments, houses, mobile home. References required. 263-6944, 263-2341.

**OFFICE SPACE** Salon For Rent: Needed... Beautician, Barber, Nail Tech, Cosmetologist. Plenty of room & parking space. Apply 307 Union. See Chuck 263-3182

Very nice 4 room 900 sf office. Bills paid. Central H/A. 450 per month. See at 307 Union ST. 263-3182.

**UNFURNISHED ARTS** \$99 MOVE IN plus deposit. 1,2,3 bdr. 2 bills paid. HUD okay. 263-7811

**ALL BILLS PAID Section 8 Available BEST RATES DELICIOUS** 3 Bedroom Apartments **NORTHCREST VILLAGE** 1002 N. Main 267-5191

Weekend help needed to assist at Arts and Crafts Shows. Must be able to work Fridays, Saturdays, and Sundays. Must be able to work well with public, be well groomed, able to travel, and do moderate lifting. Mature college students and entry-level individuals considered. Above average salary. Call 263-7690 for appointment.

**PONDEROSA APARTMENTS** \*Furnished & Unfurnished \*All Utilities Paid \*Covered Parking \*Swimming Pools 1425 E. 6th St. 263-4919

**NOW AVAILABLE** Largest, about 1000 sq. ft. 1 1/2 bedrooms, full kitchen, full bathroom, central air conditioning, carpeting, tile floors, wood cabinets, granite counter tops, stainless steel appliances, in-unit laundry, hardwood or tile floors, fenced or unfenced yards. Call 263-4919

**LOVELY NEIGHBORHOOD COMPLEX** Swimming Pool Capsets, Most Utilities Paid, Senior Citizens Discount, On Premise Manager. 1 & 2 Bedrooms & 1 or 2 Baths Unfurnished

**KENTWOOD APARTMENTS** 1904 East 25th Street 267-5444 263-5000

**BARCELONA APARTMENT HOMES** \$99 Move In Special w/6 month lease

• 1 & 2 Bedroom Apartments

• Lighted Tennis Courts

• Pool & Sauna

• Friendly Community

**538 WESTOVER ROAD 263-1252**

**UNFURNISHED HOUSES** 1302 Wood St. 2 bedroom, 1 bath. \$275/mo. \$50/deposit. Call 267-4677.

**LARGE 2 bedroom, 2 bath house.** \$325/mo., deposit required. Call 264-9522.

**5 bd., 2 1/2 bth! Well! Patio! Storage! Also Guest House! Furnished! Bills Paid! 2 bd! Den! Double Carport! Fenced!** 267-8745.

**Nice large 1-b. No pets.** \$250., \$150 deposit. Stove/frig. furnished. 263-8126.

**3br, carpeted, large yard, HUD accepted.** See at 501 Union. Call 263-3182.

**CLEAN: Small 2 bd. Range & refrigerator, 6 rings** leave message 263-4642.

**5 Bd, 3 bt, double garage, central heat/ref. air.** \$600 /mo. \$300/dep. 915-728-2848.

**1986 CHEVY 3/4 Ton pickup.** 350 Automatic, tool box, headache rack. Real good work truck and good strong engine! \$2000. Firm. 393-5353 or 300 N. Moss Lake Road.

**2br, 2 bth, C H/A, fenced yard, fireplace, extra nice.** Call 263-4757.

**CLEAN 2 bd. on corner lot.** Near college. Inquire late evenings 394-4241.

**I'm a lonesome man & I'm looking for a m/f friend to come watch TV & eat.** 264-6428.

**Buy, Sell or trade with... HERALD Classified Ads Ask about our special... Call 263-7331**

**PUBLIC NOTICE** On Tuesday, December 10, 1996, the City Council of the City of Big Spring, Texas, passed and approved Ordinance No. 1996-0012, which amended the existing Ordinance No. 1995-0012, which amended the existing Ordinance No. 1994-0012, which amended the existing Ordinance No. 1993-0012, which amended the existing Ordinance No. 1992-0012, which amended the existing Ordinance No. 1991-0012, which amended the existing Ordinance No. 1990-0012, which amended the existing Ordinance No. 1989-0012, which amended the existing Ordinance No. 1988-0012, which amended the existing Ordinance No. 1987-0012, which amended the existing Ordinance No. 1986-0012, which amended the existing Ordinance No. 1985-0012, which amended the existing Ordinance No. 1984-0012, which amended the existing Ordinance No. 1983-0012, which amended the existing Ordinance No. 1982-0012, which amended the existing Ordinance No. 1981-0012, which amended the existing Ordinance No. 1980-0012, which amended the existing Ordinance No. 1979-0012, which amended the existing Ordinance No. 1978-0012, which amended the existing Ordinance No. 1977-0012, which amended the existing Ordinance No. 1976-0012, which amended the existing Ordinance No. 1975-0012, which amended the existing Ordinance No. 1974-0012, which amended the existing Ordinance No. 1973-0012, which amended the existing Ordinance No. 1972-0012, which amended the existing Ordinance No. 1971-0012, which amended the existing Ordinance No. 1970-0012, which amended the existing Ordinance No. 1969-0012, which amended the existing Ordinance No. 1968-0012, which amended the existing Ordinance No. 1967-0012, which amended the existing Ordinance No. 1966-0012, which amended the existing Ordinance No. 1965-0012, which amended the existing Ordinance No. 1964-0012, which amended the existing Ordinance No. 1963-0012, which amended the existing Ordinance No. 1962-0012, which amended the existing Ordinance No. 1961-0012, which amended the existing Ordinance No. 1960-0012, which amended the existing Ordinance No. 1959-0012, which amended the existing Ordinance No. 1958-0012, which amended the existing Ordinance No. 1957-0012, which amended the existing Ordinance No. 1956-0012, which amended the existing Ordinance No. 1955-0012, which amended the existing Ordinance No. 1954-0012, which amended the existing Ordinance No. 1953-0012, which amended the existing Ordinance No. 1952-0012, which amended the existing Ordinance No. 1951-0012, which amended the existing Ordinance No. 1950-0012, which amended the existing Ordinance No. 1949-0012, which amended the existing Ordinance No. 1948-0012, which amended the existing Ordinance No. 1947-0012, which amended the existing Ordinance No. 1946-0012, which amended the existing Ordinance No. 1945-0012, which amended the existing Ordinance No. 1944-0012, which amended the existing Ordinance No. 1943-0012, which amended the existing Ordinance No. 1942-0012, which amended the existing Ordinance No. 1941-0012, which amended the existing Ordinance No. 1940-0012, which amended the existing Ordinance No. 1939-0012, which amended the existing Ordinance No. 1938-0012, which amended the existing Ordinance No. 1937-0012, which amended the existing Ordinance No. 1936-0012, which amended the existing Ordinance No. 1935-0012, which amended the existing Ordinance No. 1934-0012, which amended the existing Ordinance No. 1933-0012, which amended the existing Ordinance No. 1932-0012, which amended the existing Ordinance No. 1931-0012, which amended the existing Ordinance No. 1930-0012, which amended the existing Ordinance No. 1929-0012, which amended the existing Ordinance No. 1928-0012, which amended the existing Ordinance No. 1927-0012, which amended the existing Ordinance No. 1926-0012, which amended the existing Ordinance No. 1925-0012, which amended the existing Ordinance No. 1924-0012, which amended the existing Ordinance No. 1923-0012, which amended the existing Ordinance No. 1922-0012, which amended the existing Ordinance No. 1921-0012, which amended the existing Ordinance No. 1920-0012, which amended the existing Ordinance No. 1919-0012, which amended the existing Ordinance No. 1918-0012, which amended the existing Ordinance No. 1917-0012, which amended the existing Ordinance No. 1916-0012, which amended the existing Ordinance No. 1915-0012, which amended the existing Ordinance No. 1914-0012, which amended the existing Ordinance No. 1913-0012, which amended the existing Ordinance No. 1912-0012, which amended the existing Ordinance No. 1911-0012, which amended the existing Ordinance No. 1910-0012, which amended the existing Ordinance No. 1909-0012, which amended the existing Ordinance No. 1908-0012, which amended the existing Ordinance No. 1907-0012, which amended the existing Ordinance No. 1906-0012, which amended the existing Ordinance No. 1905-0012, which amended the existing Ordinance No. 1904-0012, which amended the existing Ordinance No. 1903-0012, which amended the existing Ordinance No. 1902-0012, which amended the existing Ordinance No. 1901-0012, which amended the existing Ordinance No. 1900-0012, which amended the existing Ordinance No. 1899-0012, which amended the existing Ordinance No. 1898-0012, which amended the existing Ordinance No. 1897-0012, which amended the existing Ordinance No. 1896-0012, which amended the existing Ordinance No. 1895-0012, which amended the existing Ordinance No. 1894-0012, which amended the existing Ordinance No. 1893-0012, which amended the existing Ordinance No. 1892-0012, which amended the existing Ordinance No. 1891-0012, which amended the existing Ordinance No. 1890-0012, which amended the existing Ordinance No. 1889-0012, which amended the existing Ordinance No. 1888-0012, which amended the existing Ordinance No. 1887-0012, which amended the existing Ordinance No. 1886-0012, which amended the existing Ordinance No. 1885-0012, which amended the existing Ordinance No. 1884-0012, which amended the existing Ordinance No. 1883-0012, which amended the existing Ordinance No. 1882-0012, which amended the existing Ordinance No. 1881-0012, which amended the existing Ordinance No. 1880-0012, which amended the existing Ordinance No. 1879-0012, which amended the existing Ordinance No. 1878-0012, which amended the existing Ordinance No. 1877-0012, which amended the existing Ordinance No. 1876-0012, which amended the existing Ordinance No. 1875-0012, which amended the existing Ordinance No. 1874-0012, which amended the existing Ordinance No. 1873-0012, which amended the existing Ordinance No. 1872-0012, which amended the existing Ordinance No. 1871-0012, which amended the existing Ordinance No. 1870-0012, which amended the existing Ordinance No. 1869-0012, which amended the existing Ordinance No. 1868-0012, which amended the existing Ordinance No. 1867-0012, which amended the existing Ordinance No. 1866-0012, which amended the existing Ordinance No. 1865-0012, which amended the existing Ordinance No. 1864-0012, which amended the existing Ordinance No. 1863-0012, which amended the existing Ordinance No. 1862-0012, which amended the existing Ordinance No. 1861-0012, which amended the existing Ordinance No. 1860-0012, which amended the existing Ordinance No. 1859-0012, which amended the existing Ordinance No. 1858-0012, which amended the existing Ordinance No. 1857-0012, which amended the existing Ordinance No. 1856-0012, which amended the existing Ordinance No. 1855-0012, which amended the existing Ordinance No. 1854-0012, which amended the existing Ordinance No. 1853-0012, which amended the existing Ordinance No. 1852-0012, which amended the existing Ordinance No. 1851-0012, which amended the existing Ordinance No. 1850-0012, which amended the existing Ordinance No. 1849-0012, which amended the existing Ordinance No. 1848-0012, which amended the existing Ordinance No. 1847-0012, which amended the existing Ordinance No. 1846-0012, which amended the existing Ordinance No. 1845-0012, which amended the existing Ordinance No. 1844-0012, which amended the existing Ordinance No. 1843-0012, which amended the existing Ordinance No. 1842-0012, which amended the existing Ordinance No. 1841-0012, which amended the existing Ordinance No. 1840-0012, which amended the existing Ordinance No. 1839-0012, which amended the existing Ordinance No. 1838-0012, which amended the existing Ordinance No. 1837-0012, which amended the existing Ordinance No. 1836-0012, which amended the existing Ordinance No. 1835-0012, which amended the existing Ordinance No. 1834-0012, which amended the existing Ordinance No. 1833-0012, which amended the existing Ordinance No. 1832-0012, which amended the existing Ordinance No. 1831-0012, which amended the existing Ordinance No. 1830-0012, which amended the existing Ordinance No. 1829-0012, which amended the existing Ordinance No. 1828-0012, which amended the existing Ordinance No. 1827-0012, which amended the existing Ordinance No. 1826-0012, which amended the existing Ordinance No. 1825-0012, which amended the existing Ordinance No. 1824-0012, which amended the existing Ordinance No. 1823-0012, which amended the existing Ordinance No. 1822-0012, which amended the existing Ordinance No. 1821-0012, which amended the existing Ordinance No. 1820-0012, which amended the existing Ordinance No. 1819-0012, which amended the existing Ordinance No. 1818-0012, which amended the existing Ordinance No. 1817-0012, which amended the existing Ordinance No. 1816-0012, which amended the existing Ordinance No. 1815-0012, which amended the existing Ordinance No. 1814-0012, which amended the existing Ordinance No. 1813-0012, which amended the existing Ordinance No. 1812-0012, which amended the existing Ordinance No. 1811-0012, which amended the existing Ordinance No. 1810-0012, which amended the existing Ordinance No. 1809-0012, which amended the existing Ordinance No. 1808-0012, which amended the existing Ordinance No. 1807-0012, which amended the existing Ordinance No. 1806-0012, which amended the existing Ordinance No. 1805-0012, which amended the existing Ordinance No. 1804-0012, which amended the existing Ordinance No. 1803-0012, which amended the existing Ordinance No. 1802-0012, which amended the existing Ordinance No. 1801-0012, which amended the existing Ordinance No. 1800-0012, which amended the existing Ordinance No. 1799-0012, which amended the existing Ordinance No. 1798-0012, which amended the existing Ordinance No. 1797-0012, which amended the existing Ordinance No. 1796-0012, which amended the existing Ordinance No. 1795-0012, which amended the existing Ordinance No. 1794-0012, which amended the existing Ordinance No. 1793-0012, which amended the existing Ordinance No. 1792-0012, which amended the existing Ordinance No. 1791-0012, which amended the existing Ordinance No. 1790-0012, which amended the existing Ordinance No. 1789-0012, which amended the existing Ordinance No. 1788-0012, which amended the existing Ordinance No. 1787-0012, which amended the existing Ordinance No. 1786-0012, which amended the existing Ordinance No. 1785-0012, which amended the existing Ordinance No. 1784-0012, which amended the existing Ordinance No. 1783-0012, which amended the existing Ordinance No. 1782-0012, which amended the existing Ordinance No. 1781-0012, which amended the existing Ordinance No. 1780-0012, which amended the existing Ordinance No. 1779-0012, which amended the existing Ordinance No. 1778-0012, which amended the existing Ordinance No. 1777-0012, which amended the existing Ordinance No. 1776-0012, which amended the existing Ordinance No. 1775-0012, which amended the existing Ordinance No. 1774-0012, which amended the existing Ordinance No. 1773-0012, which amended the existing Ordinance No. 1772-0012, which amended the existing Ordinance No. 1771-0012, which amended the existing Ordinance No. 1770-0012, which amended the existing Ordinance No. 1769-0012, which amended the existing Ordinance No. 1768-0012, which amended the existing Ordinance No. 1767-0012, which amended the existing Ordinance No. 1766-0012, which amended the existing Ordinance No. 1765-0012, which amended the existing Ordinance No. 1764-0012, which amended the existing Ordinance No. 1763-0012, which amended the existing Ordinance No. 1762-0012, which amended the existing Ordinance No. 1761-0012, which amended the existing Ordinance No. 1760-0012, which amended the existing Ordinance No. 1759-0012, which amended the existing Ordinance No. 1758-0012, which amended the existing Ordinance No. 1757-0012, which amended the existing Ordinance No. 1756-0012, which amended the existing Ordinance No. 1755-0012, which amended the existing Ordinance No. 1754-0012, which amended the existing Ordinance No. 1753-0012, which amended the existing Ordinance No. 1752-0012, which amended the existing Ordinance No. 1751-0012, which amended the existing Ordinance No. 1750-0012, which amended the existing Ordinance No. 1749-0012, which amended the existing Ordinance No. 1748-0012, which amended the existing Ordinance No. 1747-0012, which amended the existing Ordinance No. 1746-0012, which amended the existing Ordinance No. 1745-0012, which amended the existing Ordinance No. 1744-0012, which amended the existing Ordinance No. 1743-0012, which amended the existing Ordinance No. 1742-0012, which amended the existing Ordinance No. 1741-0012, which amended the existing Ordinance No. 1740-0012, which amended the existing Ordinance No. 1739-0012, which amended the existing Ordinance No. 1738-0012, which amended the existing Ordinance No. 1737-0012, which amended the existing Ordinance No. 1736-0012, which amended the existing Ordinance No. 1735-0012, which amended the existing Ordinance No. 1734-0012, which amended the existing Ordinance No. 1733-0012, which amended the existing Ordinance No. 1732-0012, which amended the existing Ordinance No. 1731-0012, which amended the existing Ordinance No. 1730-0012, which amended the existing Ordinance No. 1729-0012, which amended the existing Ordinance No. 1728-0012, which amended the existing Ordinance No. 1727-0012, which amended the existing Ordinance No. 1726-0012, which amended the existing Ordinance No. 1725-0012, which amended the existing Ordinance No. 1724-0012, which amended the existing Ordinance No. 1723-0012, which amended the existing Ordinance No. 1722-0012, which amended the existing Ordinance No. 1721-0012, which amended the existing Ordinance No. 1720-0012, which amended the existing Ordinance No. 1719-0012, which amended the existing Ordinance No. 1718-0012, which amended the existing Ordinance No. 1717-0012, which amended the existing Ordinance No. 1716-0012, which amended the existing Ordinance No. 1715-0012, which amended the existing Ordinance No. 1714-0012, which amended the existing Ordinance No. 1713-0012,



TUESDAY		FEB. 25																				
KIND	TIME	KPEJ	KERA	FAB	KOSA	WFAA	KWES	WTBS	UN	DNR	NASH	TSC	SHOW	NBC	KMLN	AGE	DISC	TNT	FX	ESPN	ABC	BET
6:30	News	Wk. Fortune	Science Guy	News (7:00)	News (7:00)	News (7:00)	News (7:00)	News (7:00)	News (7:00)	News (7:00)	News (7:00)	News (7:00)	News (7:00)	News (7:00)	News (7:00)	News (7:00)	News (7:00)	News (7:00)	News (7:00)	News (7:00)	News (7:00)	News (7:00)
7:00	News	Police Chase	News (CC)	News (CC)	News (CC)	News (CC)	News (CC)	News (CC)	News (CC)	News (CC)	News (CC)	News (CC)	News (CC)	News (CC)	News (CC)	News (CC)	News (CC)	News (CC)	News (CC)	News (CC)	News (CC)	News (CC)
8:00	News	News (CC)	News (CC)	News (CC)	News (CC)	News (CC)	News (CC)	News (CC)	News (CC)	News (CC)	News (CC)	News (CC)	News (CC)	News (CC)	News (CC)	News (CC)	News (CC)	News (CC)	News (CC)	News (CC)	News (CC)	News (CC)
9:00	News	News (CC)	News (CC)	News (CC)	News (CC)	News (CC)	News (CC)	News (CC)	News (CC)	News (CC)	News (CC)	News (CC)	News (CC)	News (CC)	News (CC)	News (CC)	News (CC)	News (CC)	News (CC)	News (CC)	News (CC)	News (CC)
10:00	News	News (CC)	News (CC)	News (CC)	News (CC)	News (CC)	News (CC)	News (CC)	News (CC)	News (CC)	News (CC)	News (CC)	News (CC)	News (CC)	News (CC)	News (CC)	News (CC)	News (CC)	News (CC)	News (CC)	News (CC)	News (CC)
11:00	News	News (CC)	News (CC)	News (CC)	News (CC)	News (CC)	News (CC)	News (CC)	News (CC)	News (CC)	News (CC)	News (CC)	News (CC)	News (CC)	News (CC)	News (CC)	News (CC)	News (CC)	News (CC)	News (CC)	News (CC)	News (CC)
12:00	News	News (CC)	News (CC)	News (CC)	News (CC)	News (CC)	News (CC)	News (CC)	News (CC)	News (CC)	News (CC)	News (CC)	News (CC)	News (CC)	News (CC)	News (CC)	News (CC)	News (CC)	News (CC)	News (CC)	News (CC)	News (CC)

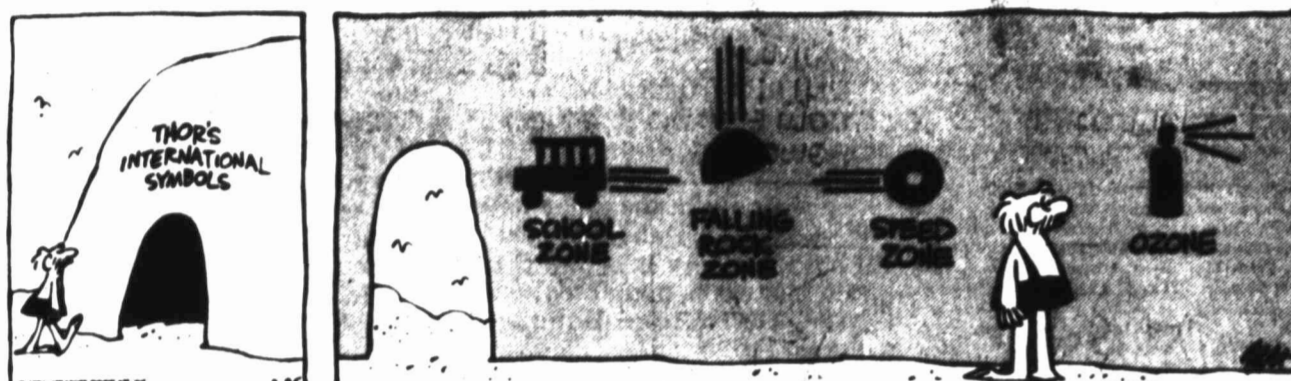
HAGAR



BLONDIE



B.C.



FAMILY CIRCUS



DENNIS THE MENACE



GEECH



THIS DATE IN HISTORY

The ASSOCIATED PRESS

Today is Tuesday, Feb. 25th,

the 56th day of 1997. There are 309 days left in the year.

Today's Highlight in History: On Feb. 25th, 1793, the department heads of the U.S. government met with President Washington at his home for the first Cabinet meeting on record.

On this date:

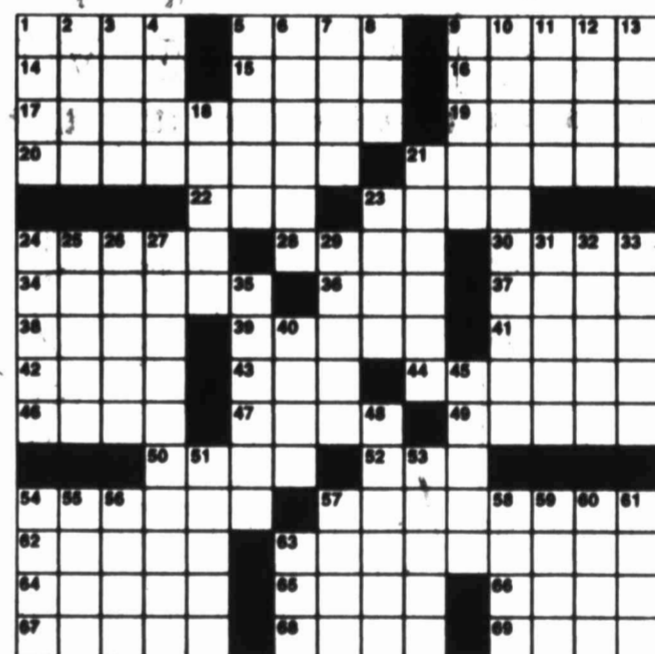
In 1570, Pope Pius V excommunicated England's Queen Elizabeth I.

In 1836, inventor Samuel Colt patented his revolver.

In 1870, Hiram R. Revels, R-Miss., became the first black member of the U.S. Senate as he was sworn in to serve out the unexpired term of Jefferson Davis.

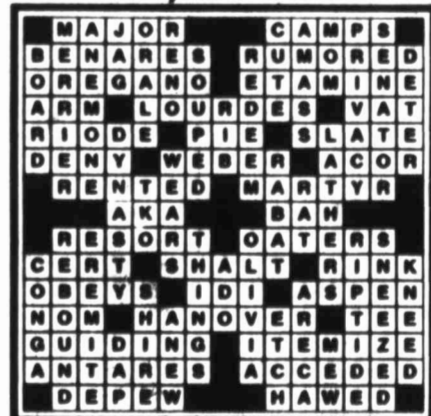
THE Daily Crossword

- ACROSS
- 1 Switch positions
- 5 Use a knapsack
- 9 Sweeper
- 14 Have gumption
- 15 Europe's neighbor
- 16 Zodiac sign
- 17 Stunning sight
- 19 Heroic sagas
- 20 Pioneers, perhaps
- 21 Starchy staples
- 22 Before
- 23 Make money
- 24 Certain soup
- 28 Play area
- 30 Roman poet
- 34 Ichy
- 36 Naughty
- 37 Do followers
- 38 Battle memento
- 39 Cream of the crop
- 41 Vehicle on tracks
- 42 Veer off
- 43 Lend a hand
- 44 Deepen
- 46 Attempt
- 47 Seafaring danger
- 49 Heavenly ram
- 50 Coffee holders
- 52 Curtain
- 53 accessory
- 54 Bowling scores
- 57 Yellow or orange flower
- 62 Fashion shape
- 63 Lulu
- 64 Methods
- 65 Nautical direction
- 66 Diva's solo
- 67 Blank look
- 68 Munich miser
- 69 Try out



by Diane C. Baldwin

Monday's Puzzle solved:



© 1997 Tribune Media Services, Inc. All rights reserved.

WIZARD OF ID



HI AND LOIS



GASOLINE ALLEY



SNUFFY SMITH



BEETLE BAILY



**BIG SPRING HERALD**

Reflecting A Proud Texas Community

915-263-7331 (Fax) 915-264-7205

Chuck Williams Publisher.....Ext. 250  
 John M. Walker Managing Editor.....Ext. 230  
 Jim White Advertising Sales Manager.....Ext. 225  
 Carlos Gonzalez Circulation Manager.....Ext. 240  
 Torly Hernandez Production Manager.....Ext. 256  
 Debra Wilkins Business Office Manager.....Ext. 255

Office Hours are 7:30 a.m. to 5 p.m. Monday through Friday

The Herald is a member of the Associated Press, Audit Bureau of Circulation, Texas Press Association, Southern Newspaper Publishers Association & West Texas Press.

Published alternate Mondays through Friday and Sunday mornings, except Christmas day. All materials copyrighted. Postmaster: Send address changes to Big Spring Herald, P.O. Box 1481, Big Spring, Texas 79721. Periodicals postage paid at Big Spring, Texas. USPS 1431-48.

