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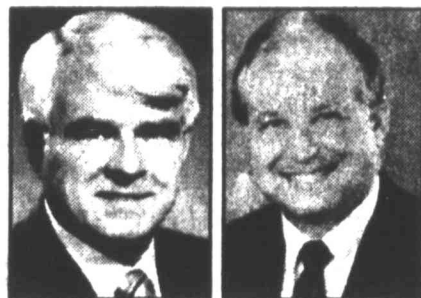
Counts, Junell to hold Town Hall Meeting Monday night at Howard College

By CARLTON JOHNSON
Staff Writer

Local residents will get their second chance within a month to ask questions of one of their elected officials Monday when State Rep. David Counts, along with State Rep. Rob Junell of San Angelo, will be in Big Spring for a Town Hall Meeting at Howard College.

The meeting is scheduled for 7 p.m. in the East Room of Dorothy Garrett Coliseum.

According to Counts spokesman James Beauchamp, one of the major items on Monday's agenda will be a discussion of the Governor's tax



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reform proposal and how it will effect Howard County residents and businesses.

Worksheets will be available for residents and business owners to calculate how the proposed Business Activity Tax will affect them.

Counts, also chairman of the

House Natural Resources Committee, will discuss legislation such as the state water bill and its effect on rural areas as well as his co-sponsorship of a bill concerning nursing home reform.

Both Counts and Junell, the co-sponsor of the tax reform legislation currently being debated in Austin, will give brief opening remarks about other legislative issues being discussed in Austin before they open the floor up for questions from the audience.

"We have had great response from the district as we've traveled to town meetings," Beauchamp said. "It's not as

hectic as we had thought trying to squeeze trips like this in during the legislative session, and with tax reform out there being debated, this is an opportunity for us to get some input from the people we represent."

Another piece of information that will be of interest to Howard county residents was released by Counts' office Thursday — creation of the Texas Home Improvement Loan Program (THILP).

The program is a partnership between The Texas Department of Housing and Community Affairs, the U.S. department of Housing and Urban Development Federal Housing

Administration, Fannie Mae and HOME Inc.

According to Beauchamp, through this public/private partnership, the THILP will leverage public dollars with private sector capital and expertise to create a fund of more than \$13.3 million for FHA-insured Title I Home Improvement Loans.

Beauchamp said the program is being made available to rural communities with populations of less than 60,000 residents.

HOME Inc., will originate and service the loans, which will be insured up to a maximum of \$25,000 by FHA. The loans will be available on terms of up to 20

years at 6.99 percent.

To qualify for the program, prospective borrower's income must be 80 percent or less of the area median family income.

According to Counts, as people get older, they need to make changes to their homes to make daily life more accessible and as young families grow they need to add on to their homes. This program will make available the necessary resources to make needed improvements.

Interested residents can discuss the program with Counts or contact HOME Inc. at (800) 486-9192 or Texas Dept. of Housing and Community Affairs at (800) 792-1119.

Bauer PTA to air issues on Monday

By CHRYS GOFF
Staff Writer

Several issues directly related to the health, safety and education of children are among the priority items identified by the Parent-Teacher Association of Texas as a focus for state legislators during the 75th session of the Texas Legislature.

Several local elementary school PTA presidents plan to discuss these issues with parents and teachers in upcoming meetings.

The PTA is asking legislators to support the following: increased parental involvement, state funding for the governor's reading initiative, access to affordable health insurance for all children and revised juvenile DWI laws.

"We haven't presented these issues to the parents, but plan to in our next (March 3) meeting," Bauer Elementary PTA president Sheila Ward said.

"Texas PTA is dedicated to protecting the safety and welfare of children and we will aggressively pursue this legislation to conclusion," Texas PTA Executive Director Zane Chalfant said.

PTA of Texas helped pass provisions in the rewrite of the Texas Education Code during the last legislative session. That helped increase parental involvement by establishing parent teacher organizations on every campus, parental participation on district site-based decision making committees and the Parental Bill of Rights.

With the increase in parental involvement, PTA wants to make sure persons are not discriminated against at their job when they use prearranged vacation time or personal leave to participate in their children's school activities.

"More parental involvement will make the students want to attend school," explained Marcy Elementary PTA president Isabel Villareal. "If a parent cares, the student will also. If a student sees a parent reading a book, it will encourage them to read also."

HISTORICAL DIG IN STANTON



April Ward (from left), John Kennady and Faye Wagner look through material in a screen box during Saturday's dig at the historic Carmelite Monastery in Stanton. The dig was conducted by the Midland chapter of the Texas Archaeological Society

Doctor couple happy to be in West Texas

By CARLTON JOHNSON
Staff Writer

Waiting since October to begin practicing medicine in Big Spring has not been too difficult for the husband and wife team of Drs. Carlos E. Mercado and Mara DeLa Vega. They were welcomed to Big Spring last week during a ribbon cutting ceremony and open house at Scenic Mountain Medical Clinic.

The open house was from 2-6 p.m., and it gave local residents an opportunity to talk to both doctors and see just what kind of services they can expect from the clinic.

The clinic is located on the northwest edge of the parking lot at Scenic Mountain Medical Center.

Both doctors will be operating a family practice out of the clinic, something they want to do; love doing and were recruited to Big Spring to do.

"The idea is to provide a full-time primary family care facility in Big Spring," Mercado said. "People are looking for a family practice."

Mercado specializes in outpatient procedures and minor surgeries. DeLa Vega specializes in women's health care.

Both doctors studied and practiced medicine in their native homeland of Columbia before continuing their medical training in New York City.

Being a husband and wife team with a 2 1/2-year-old daughter, making the transition from the big city lifestyle to a rural community was just the ticket for DeLa Vega.

"We want to raise our family here and we were definitely looking for a small community," she said. "Our daughter is growing up fast and loves it here as well. We are really pleased."

Community Health Systems, parent company of Scenic Mountain Medical Center, recruited both doctors from New York because of their interest in family medicine.

"So far we have enjoyed the change," Mercado said. "From home to work now is five minutes, in New York it was one hour."

Big Spring also offers Mercado and DeLa Vega a less violent environment than New York.

"We heard there is a high turnover rate among doctors here and we want to be here for a while," DeLa Vega said. "We deal with the whole family and the whole person."

The idea is to return to a time 35 years ago when a physician was a family physician, including everything from gynecology, internal medicine to outpatient procedures.

"We offer a broad-range of specialized medicine," DeLa Vega said.

According to Mercado, a big part of the clinic's focus will be

of Howard College have put the exposition together for four years now, although this is the first year for the name "Career Expo," formerly it was called the "Job Fair".

A few tips to make your day at the Career Expo successful: Ask plenty of questions such as: what are the dangers in the industry, what is the salary potential, what benefits are

available for part time and full time employees, what is the atmosphere of the job, what do you look for in a resume and is there job security?

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pany. "It is a great opportunity to make contacts, and to find a great job. Howard College is always striving to meet the needs of their students. It is also a good opportunity for the employers to talk with the public."

The types of employers attending are business-related, counseling and mental health, fire fighters, government services, hospitals/medical centers, human services, law enforcement/criminal justice, military recruiters, job services and other miscellaneous employers.

Eric Owens examines a display case with his mother, Sandra Bosale, at the Big Spring Prospector Club's 28th annual Gem and Mineral Show which continues today at the Howard County Fair Barn on the Fairgrounds.

W.H. Abrams No. 1 recognized as 'No. 1'

HERALD Staff Report

WESTBROOK — A historical marker now marks the spot where the W.H. Abrams No. 1 oil well made history by becoming the first commercially productive well in the Permian Basin. On Friday, a dedication ceremony at the rest stop on westbound Interstate 20, just west of Westbrook, was conducted to unveil the mark-

Colorado City Mayor Jim Baum, students from Westbrook and members of the Texas Historical Commission were on hand for the unveiling Friday afternoon. Winners of the Fina-sponsored essay contest from Westbrook Elementary were Sykesia Thurman, fourth grade; Jessica Salazar, fifth grade and Matt Truelove, sixth grade. The students received certificates and all participants were given T-shirts.

On July 16, 1920, the drilling rig struck oil and marked the beginning of the West Texas oil boom and helped put the Permian Basin on the map as one of the largest oil-producing provinces in the country. The well yielded 129 barrels of oil a day during its peak time. It was renamed the Westbrook Southeast Unit No. 701 when Fina assumed operatorship of the Westbrook Field in 1968.

Interestingly, the Santa Rita No. 1, located near San Angelo, claimed to be the well that started it all. It didn't strike oil until May 28, 1923, almost three years later.

Don Tiffin, production manager for Fina, Inc. said, "It's time that Abrams No. 1 gets the historical recognition it deserves. The well's name change in 1968 and all the publicity surrounding Santa Rita have led people to believe that Santa Rita was first. The record should be set straight."

ROCK SHOW CONTINUES



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Job seekers, holders can get together at HC career expo

By CHRYS GOFF
Staff Writer

An excellent opportunity for the public to meet prospective employees is available at the Career Exposition Monday from 11 a.m. to 12:30 p.m., at the Dora Roberts Student Union Building at Howard College. There are more than 50 employers attending from Big Spring, Abilene, Midland, Odessa, San Angelo, Lamesa, Eden, Lubbock and Dallas.

Officials with Special Services

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TODAY'S WEATHER

70 ▲ Highs 40
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Today: Partly cloudy, light winds.
Monday: Partly cloudy weather continues. Highs in upper 60s to mid 70s. Lows around 40..

Extended outlook: Partly cloudy Tuesday, clearing Wednesday. Highs remain near 70 with lows in upper 40s.

OBITUARIES

Eugene L. Smith

Eugene L. Smith, 68, of Jean, formerly of Big Spring, died on Friday, Feb. 28, 1997, at his residence. Service will be at 10 a.m. Monday, March 3, 1997 at Nalley-Pickle & Welch Rosewood Chapel with Rev. Gary Hubbard, chaplain of Family Hospice, officiating. Interment will follow at Coahoma Cemetery with Masonic Rites by Staked Plains Lodge No. 598, AF&AM.

He was born on June 26, 1928 in Glasscock County, Texas and married Jaynet Graham on Jan. 10, 1963 in Coahoma.

Mr. Smith was a member of Wesley United Methodist Church. He was a member of Staked Plains Lodge No. 598 AF&AM, Big Spring Chapter No. 178 RAM, Big Spring Council No. 117 R&SM, Big Spring Commandery No. 31 Knights Templar and was a Past Worthy Patron of the Order of Eastern Star.

He was a lifetime resident of Howard and Glasscock counties. He attended Howard College and was in one of the first classes after World War II. He was a retired self-employed electrician.

Survivors are his wife, Jaynet Smith of Big Spring; one daughter, Amy June of Jean; one son, George Smith of Glasscock County; his mother, Lois O'Barr Smith of Brenham; two stepdaughters, Peggy Coppedge of Robert Lee and Della Partee of Big Spring; one sister, Evva Lowery of Cypress; nine grandchildren, one great-grandchild and his friend and neighbor, Ann Pope.

He was preceded in death by his father, Herbert Smith, and his uncle, George O'Barr.

The family suggests memorials to the Volunteer Services at the VA Medical Center, 300 Veterans Blvd., Big Spring, 79720.

Arrangements under the direction of Nalley-Pickle & Welch Funeral Home.

(Paid obituary)

Charles 'Charlie' Easter

Charles "Charlie" Easter, 82, of Big Spring, died Friday, Feb. 28, 1997 at Scenic Mountain Medical Center following a lengthy illness. Born on March 14, 1914 in Fort Scott, Kan., he served in the United States Army and was a veteran of World War II.

He moved to Big Spring in 1982 after living in Reno, Nev.

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Eugene L. Smith, 68, died Friday. Services will be at 10:00 AM Monday at Nalley-Pickle & Welch Rosewood Chapel. Interment will follow at Coahoma Cemetery.

MYERS & SMITH
FUNERAL HOME & CHAPEL

24th & Johnson 267-8288

Charlie Easter, 82, died Friday. Services are 2:00 PM Tuesday at Myers & Smith Chapel. Burial will be in Trinity Memorial Park. The family will receive friends at the funeral home from 5-7 PM Monday.

Jessie Martin Cervantes, 75, died Friday. Rosary will be 7:30 PM Sunday at Myers & Smith Chapel. Funeral mass will be 2:00 PM Monday at Sacred Heart Catholic Church, with burial at Mount Olive Memorial Park.

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for 45 years and was a member of the Teamsters Union and the American Legion.

Service will be at 2 p.m. Tuesday, March 4, 1997 at Myers & Smith Chapel with Maj. Roy Tolcher, Salvation Army, officiating. Burial will be in Trinity Memorial Park.

Survivors are his wife, Margaret Easter of Big Spring; six stepsons: Tommy Green of Des Moines, Iowa, William A. Green of Detroit, David M. Green of Riverside, Calif., Jeff Green of Las Vegas, Paul Green of San Francisco and Jack Green of Asheville, N.C.; one sister, Dora Flood of El Dorado, Kan.

The family will receive friends at the funeral home from 5-7 p.m. Monday.

Arrangements under direction of Myers & Smith Funeral Home & Chapel.

Jessie Martin Cervantes

Jessie Martin Cervantes, 75, of Big Spring, died at her home Friday, Feb. 28, 1997. She was born on Dec. 26, 1921 at Marfa and married Jessie Cervantes in 1949.

A member of Sacred Heart Catholic Church, she was a lifetime resident of Big Spring and was employed at the Big Spring State Hospital until her retirement in 1983.

Rosary will be recited at 7:30 tonight at Myers & Smith Funeral Home Chapel. Funeral Mass will be celebrated at 2 p.m. Monday, March 3, 1997 at Sacred Heart Catholic Church with Rev. Jerry McCarthy officiating. Burial will be in Mount Olive Memorial Park.

Survivors are three sons: C.Q. Cervantes of Odessa and Juano Cervantes and Oscar Cervantes, both of Big Spring; three daughters: Mary Doporto of Big Spring, Rosario Medrano of Odessa and Lucy Robles of Big Spring; three brothers: P.R. Ontiveros, Lupe Ontiveros and Jose Ontiveros, all of Big Spring; 18 grandchildren and nine great-grandchildren.

Arrangements by Myers & Smith Funeral Home.

Guy M. Burrow

Guy M. Burrow, 67, of Quitman, died Thursday, Feb. 27, 1997 in Tyler.

After 25 years of service with Coastal Corporation, he retired as Truck Fleet Manager. He was a U.S. Navy veteran of World War II.

Mr. Burrow was preceded in death by his father, Guy Marshall Burrow, and one son, Mark Coffman Burrow.

He is survived by his wife of 42 years, Ruth Burrow of Quitman; one daughter, Ruth Ann (Jeff) Burrow Atwood of Quitman; three grandsons, Justin David Atwood, Caleb Scott Atwood and Ethan Joshua Atwood, all of Quitman; two sons: Stephen Murry (Sharon) Burrow, one granddaughter, Brandi Rachelle Burrow and one grandson, Stephen Jarrett Burrow, all of Pleasanton; Guy Mills (Debbie) Burrow of Big Spring, one grandson, Matt (Michelle) Burrow of Heidelberg, Germany and one granddaughter, Kathryn (Andy) Burrow Miller of Odessa, two great-grandsons, Grant and Sam Burrow and one great-granddaughter, Reagan Miller, all of Odessa; his mother, Laura Luce Barrow of Kingsland; one brother, Gerald Wayne (Nell) Burrow of Quitman; one niece, Helen Flippo of Winnsboro; one nephew, Wayne Burrow of Amarillo; one daughter-in-law, Nora Burrow; two granddaughters, Kayla Elizabeth Burrow

and Sarah Kathleen Burrow, all of Corpus Christi, and numerous other family members and friends.

Funeral services will be conducted at 10 a.m. on Monday at Memory Gardens Funeral Home Chapel in Corpus Christi with Rev. Max Copeland officiating. Interment will follow in Memory Gardens Cemetery.

(Paid obituary)

MEDICINE

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placed on prevention.

Both doctors say they really want to stress the importance of preventive medicine, especially for specific age groups.

"Some people only come to a doctor when they have an acute problem," DeLa Vega said.

"We like to offer education with our treatment," Mercado said. "In family medicine, we get to spend a few extra minutes with our patients and sometimes a small problem could be from stress or depression (or something not necessarily needing medication)."

The response in Big Spring since word has gotten around about the new clinic has been remarkable, according to Mercado, because most of the activity has been by word-of-mouth.

What has impressed the medical duo the most has been the friendliness of Big Spring residents, which make all the difference in the world, according to Mercado.

Mercado and DeLa Vega like to take patients by appointment during scheduled business hours, but will take walk-ins with problems as well.

Scenic Mountain Medical Clinic is open 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Monday, Tuesday, Thursday and Friday; 1-7 p.m. Wednesday; and 9 a.m. to noon on Saturday.

Patients requiring medical attention after office hours should call 263-1844 and the office answering machine will give them further instructions.

LOCAL BRIEFS

FORSAN INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT will begin taking applications for transfer students for the 1997-1998 school year on Monday from 9 a.m. until 3 p.m.

New applicants must go to the business office on the Forsan campus to complete the required paperwork and for an interview with the superintendent.

Applicants must bring a copy of the student's record, if possible.

For more information, call 457-2223.

TCA CABLE TV OF Big Spring continues to gather surveys to determine what new cable channel will be added to the line-up. Subscribers may obtain a survey form at the cable office, 2006 S. Birdwell. If you have already filled out a survey, you may either mail it in, drop it off at the cable office or enclose it with your bill due March 10.

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COAHOMA CLEAN AND PROUD, a Keep Texas Beautiful organization, will meet at 7 p.m. Monday. 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.

COAHOMA ELEMENTARY PTA is hosting a Scholastic Book Fair Monday thru Thursday in the elementary library. Fair hours are 8 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. with a special Family Night on Thursday, March 6, during open house. This reading event features the newest titles from over 100 publishers for ages kindergarten through sixth grade. Admission is free.

A SIGNUP FOR THE Conservation Reserve Program (CRP) begins Monday and ends at the close of business on Friday, March 28.

Producers interested in participating in CRP should phone the Howard County Farm Service Agency for an appointment, 267-2557.

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 267-6957 or pre-register at Dibrill's Gun Shop at 1307 Gregg.

THE LET FREEDOM RING COMMITTEE needs assistance from the community in making costumes for this year's Fourth of July celebration. Volunteers are needed to make Pilgrim collars, aprons and caps; sew ribbons or strings on caps and collars; sew hooks and eyes on men's collars; and make stocks (ruffled neck pieces). All costume parts will be pre-cut. Anyone interested in helping is asked to call Mamie Lee Dodds at 263-6598.

A LINE DANCE FESTIVAL will be at the Big Spring Senior Citizens Center from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Wednesday. Line dance groups participating are from Lubbock, San Angelo, Abilene, Sweetwater, Kermit, Seminole and Midland. The dancing begins immediately following lunch (about 12:30 or 1 p.m.). The public is invited to come and have lunch and watch the line dancing.

THE BIG SPRING 35TH Annual Rattlesnake Roundup Arts & Crafts Show & Flea Market will be March 21-23 at the Howard County Fairbarns sponsored by the American Business Club of Big Spring.

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POLICE REPORT

The Big Spring Police Department reported the following activity for the period ending at 4 p.m. Saturday:

• **JOHN THOMAN**, 46, 3304 W. Hwy. 80, arrested for public intoxication.

• **RENEE DELLA DICKSON**, 36, 813 W. 15th, arrested for public intoxication.

• **GUSTAVO MARQUEZ**, 36, 1800 Hamilton, arrested for public intoxication.

• **MARY MITCHELL**, 34, 1509 Bluebird, arrested on local warrants.

• **BILLY JOE CHAVERA**, 19, 1002 N. Main, No. 14, arrested for no driver's license, no insurance, fictitious motor vehicle registration and defective tail light.

• **ANTONIO PARADEZ FLORES**, 35, 304 N.E. 8th, arrested for public intoxication.

• **ROBERT DANIEL COSBY, JR.**, 49, 612 Caylor, arrested on Howard County Sheriff's Department warrant.

• **DARRELL TRAWICK**, 34, no address given, arrested for driving with invalid license and on local warrants.

• **JIMMY DOYLE TRAWICK**, 31, no address given, arrested on local warrants.

• **ESUBIO SIAZ**, 57, transient, arrested for public intoxication.

• **CRIMINAL MISCHIEF** reported in the following blocks: 1600 Main, 2100 Settles, 700 E. 11th.

• **DOMESTIC DISTURBANCE** reported in the following blocks: 600 W. 5th, 1300 Johnson, 1400 Bluebird, 1700 E. 3rd.

• **DISTURBANCE/FIGHT**

reported in the 1800 block of East FM 700.

• **INVESTIGATION OF SUSPICIOUS ACTIVITIES** reported in the following blocks: 700 W. 4th, Howard County Fairgrounds, 600 S. Gregg, 3300 W. Hwy. 80, Comanche Trail Park, 300 Gregg, 1400 E. 6th, 300 N. Gregg, B. Spring Correction Center-Airpark, 1000 N. Main, 21st and Runnels, 100 Hillcrest.

• **DRAG RACING** reported in the 100 block of East 3rd.

• **CRIMINAL TRESPASS WARNING** issued in the 200 block of West Marcy and the 500 block of North Lamesa.

• **THEFT** reported in the 1700 block of Wason and at College Park Shopping Center.

• **JUVENILE PROBLEMS** reported in the 200 block of East 10th and the 2000 block of Golad.

• **GAS THEFT** reported in the 400 block of Gregg.

SHERIFF'S REPORT

The Howard County Sheriff's Department reported the following activity for the period ending at 4 p.m. Saturday:

• **ROBERT DANIEL COSBY**, 49, 612 Baylor, released on \$500 bond for theft of services.

• **DARRELL GENE TRAWICK**, 34, Rt. 1, Box 683, released on \$1,500 bond for driving with invalid license.

• **TWO REPORTS OF THEFT OF OILFIELD EQUIPMENT** were filed on Friday.

The first was the theft of a well head from property on Eckerd Road in the Sand Springs area while the second was a theft of tools from a drilling rig located one mile north of Vincent.

If it looks too good to be true, it probably is.

1995 and 1996 were among the best years on record for many stocks and stock mutual funds. Returns were much greater than they have been over the past several years. That's good news for investors.

The bad news is that some individuals are now making long-term investment decisions based only on what happened in the very recent past. Those returns were the exception, not the rule. Looking only at short-term performance puts your long-term financial security at risk.

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Panhandle community undertaking historic effort to switch counties

By MARK BABINECK
Associated Press Writer

DOUBLE DIAMOND ESTATES — Lake Meredith's azure waters border this hamlet on just one side, yet the lake has turned this pocket of expensive homes and ramshackle trailers into a virtual island.

Severed from the rest of Moore County by the Panhandle's largest lake, many here feel like Moore residents in name only. Some are ready to become the first Texas community in modern times to change county affiliation.

"We're stuck off over here on a little section," homeowner John Sellers said. "It's just real inconvenient for anyone that wants to do anything (with the



county)."

The Hutchinson County line bisects the twenty homes of Double Diamond Estates. Hutchinson residents conduct government business in Stinnett, 20 miles away. Those

west of the line must drive through Fritch, Borger and Stinnett to Dumas, 43 miles away.

Over the years, the 100 or so residents have managed to change into the school district of neighboring Fritch. At one time, children who could see Fritch schools from their homes were bused around the lake to Dumas.

Voting has improved, too. Last November was the first election in which Double Diamond had its own polling place, thanks to the lobbying of three-year resident Joel Lynch. Of 3 register 1 voters, 29 took advantage.

"We all shop in Fritch and Borger, our kids go to school there and we take the Borger

News-Herald," said Lynch, who with Sellers has led the secession effort. "It's kind of like we're isolated down here, separated from the rest of the county."

Both county judges support Double Diamond residents, who already receive contracted fire and ambulance service from adjoining Fritch.

"That lake just sort of cut us off through there," said Moore County Judge Billie Faye Schumacher. "It's just a little old triangular spot down there in no man's land. They feel like nobody loves them and nobody wants them."

When the Legislature drew the Panhandle's county lines in 1876, they didn't use rivers and streams as boundaries. Instead,

they mapped out a grid of rectangles and squares designed without regard to nature.

The Canadian River wasn't much more than a trickle from the time the county was organized in 1892 until 1960, when the U.S. Bureau of Reclamation filled Lake Meredith. People built homes here after the lake came, and now they're ready to redraw the counties.

"We wouldn't want to give up the lake, but it's a real inconvenience," Sellers said.

State law requires a legislative vote, voter approval in both counties and a land survey, which would cost at least \$10,000 and possibly twice that. The money issue has stalled Double Diamond's efforts, at least for now.

"(The price) kind of left everybody in limbo," Worsham said. "I suspect the first year business and the economy look good and everyone feels good about it, it will probably be accomplished."

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TEXAS BRIEFS

The ASSOCIATED PRESS

Clinton: US will demand tough action by Mexican government against traffickers

WASHINGTON — After giving his blessing to Mexico's anti-drug program, President Clinton said today he will continue to press that country to take "tough action" to keep drugs out of the United States.

In his weekly radio address, Clinton said Mexican President Ernesto Zedillo faces an uphill fight in the battle against drug cartels that seek to corrupt the country's law enforcement agencies.

"But President Zedillo has taken brave action, firing more than 1,200 tainted officials, extraditing criminals for the first time, passing tough laws and arresting in his own drug czar for corruption," he said.

On Friday, Clinton brushed aside congressional opposition and recertified Mexico as a fully cooperating ally in the struggle against drug smuggling.

The president also renewed for another year his 1996 decision to deny certification to Colombia's counter-narcotics program — a finding that means continued denial of certain economic benefits for Colombia.

Dad convicted of coercing children into setting fire to house owned by ex-wife

EL PASO — While their mother slept, two young children turned on a gas stove,

set fire to a hallway and escaped under a garage door as the flames glowed orange inside.

The children's father, Raymond Taylor, was convicted Thursday of telling them to set fire to the home of his ex-wife and her new family. Jurors were to resume deliberations today on his sentence, which could reach up to 99 years in prison.

Josie Garmon, Taylor's ex-wife, was not injured in the fire last May. Her husband, however, burned his feet and legs, and their 5-year-old son suffered smoke inhalation.

Taylor testified that he was shocked to find out what his 10-year-old son and 12-year-old daughter had done. He said he and his new wife even prayed for the Garmons after the fire.

"Bull," said John Garmon, Josie's husband, outside the courtroom. "I'm watching my back. I don't think the guy is mentally straight."

Bills pending in state legislature would allow for parents to select kids' school

AUSTIN — Parents could use public funds to send their children to private schools under bills pending in the Texas Legislature.

"We're talking about the people who fund the system having the option to take some of their tax dollars and apply them to their child's education at a private institution," Rep. Ron Wilson, D-Houston, author of one school choice measure, said Friday.

His "child-centered scholarships" bill would allow parents to apply public funds to the public or private school of their choice — as long as the private school agreed to abide by certain conditions, such as student testing and not discriminating in admissions on the basis of race.

The amount of the scholarship would be based on the statewide average of state and local funding per child, minus such items as debt service. Public schools would get 100 percent of the scholarship, while private schools would get 90 percent.

GTECH not likely to face sanctions for allowing cameras in games area

AUSTIN — Texas' main lottery contractor isn't likely to face sanctions for violating a policy against inviting cameras into an area where 1 billion scratch-off games are stored and shipped, a Lottery Commission spokeswoman says.

"There was a violation of policy. As far as we can tell, there was no harm done as a result of that, so it no longer is an issue for us. ... We're not going to pursue it today," spokeswoman Leticia Vasquez said Friday.

Rhode Island-based GTECH Corp. violated the policy during an effort to show Texans the work it has done for the state.

Harriet Miers, chairwoman of the Texas Lottery Commission, has called for GTECH's lottery contract to be reopened for new bids. GTECH has said rebidding isn't necessary.

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Quote of the Day

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OUR VIEWS

Lady Hawks, Hawks carrying our banner

Howard College's basketball teams — the Lady Hawks and Hawks — begin post-season play this week and, just as they have all season, they will carry both the name of Howard College and Big Spring with them.

It's a shame no more took advantage of the opportunity to see collegiate basketball — top-quality collegiate basketball, we might add — but those who filed into Dorothy Garrett Coliseum to see the Red and Black play know that they've done this community proud once again.

The Lady Hawks leave Monday afternoon for Cisco and the Region 5 tournament, where they open Tuesday night at 8 against host Cisco.

The Hawks will take to the road later in the week as they head to Waco for the Starburst Juco State Tournament and a first-round date with McClellan County.

Both teams have a winning tradition and both have always proudly carried the banner of "Howard College, Big Spring, Texas."

We wish Lady Hawks Coach Matt Corkery, assistant coach Peggy Fuller, Hawks Coach Tommy Collins, assistants Bobby Brasel and Ryan Wolf and all the Lady Hawks and Hawks the best of luck as they start play in "The Second Season."

YOUR VIEWS

Abundance of sandhill cranes worth taking time to view

TO THE EDITOR:

This year more sandhill cranes have spent the winters in Big Spring than in many years. These birds are something you should take your children to watch. They return to One Mile Lake each evening after feeding in the fields all day on grain, insects and small animals at approximately 6 p.m. till dark. There are approximately 10,000 roosting there at night.

These are the Lesser Sandhill Cranes we have here and they stand about four feet tall with a wingspan of six feet and weigh seven to eight pounds. Plumage on the young birds is brownish in color, changing to gray on adult with a patch of bare red skin on crown and black legs.

They are one of the wariest birds in the American wilderness. And if cornered it can be a dangerous adversary, wielding the long, pointed bill with the speed and skill of a swordsman. Even the intrepid John James Audubon once plunged into the river up to his neck to escape the wrath of a crane with a broken wing. The Sandhill crane's wild courtship antics, which build up to the fervor of a tribal war dance, are among the most memorable sights in the avian kingdom.

Sandhills were called "preacher birds" by early settlers, because the antics of the birds resembled a preacher leading his congregation. (Preachers were apparently more entertaining than most are now.) The joyous "dancing" is one of the most remarkable and thrilling sights in the animal world. Dancing cranes bow ceremoniously, to each other, bounce into the air as high as 20 feet, and hop about, flap their wings, throw back their heads, toss sticks in the air and different antics. This dance was once thought to be a mating ritual by biologists, but their thinking as Sandhills mate for life, and their life span is 15 to 30 years.

The cranes arrive in our area in early October and will be leaving around the first of March. They will travel back to the Platte River in central Nebraska which cranes often complete the 600 mile trip in one non-stop flight of 12 hours. With the assistance of the southerly winds, the cranes may average 50 miles an hour.

Take your family to One Mile! Go west on Third Street to Jones Street, approximately one mile from Gregg Street. Turn right and go three blocks to view.

PAT SIMMONS
Big Spring

Reader thinks writer should forgive, not condemn Clinton

TO THE EDITOR:

I'm replying to the (Feb. 11) column written by Ann McFeatters (regarding President Clinton's inaugural address). I sensed criticism.

I didn't hear all of the speech to which she referred, but appreciated his humble attitude. He gave God all the credit and that's unusual, as most have great pride. He refers to God a lot, which I appreciate. We all have sins and bitterness and need to ask forgiveness. How much better our country would be to remember to ask forgiveness more often. My brother used to tell me when I was insulted to consider the source it came from and forget it. Wise words.

OMEGA SMITH
Big Spring

Reader thinks writer should forgive, not condemn Clinton

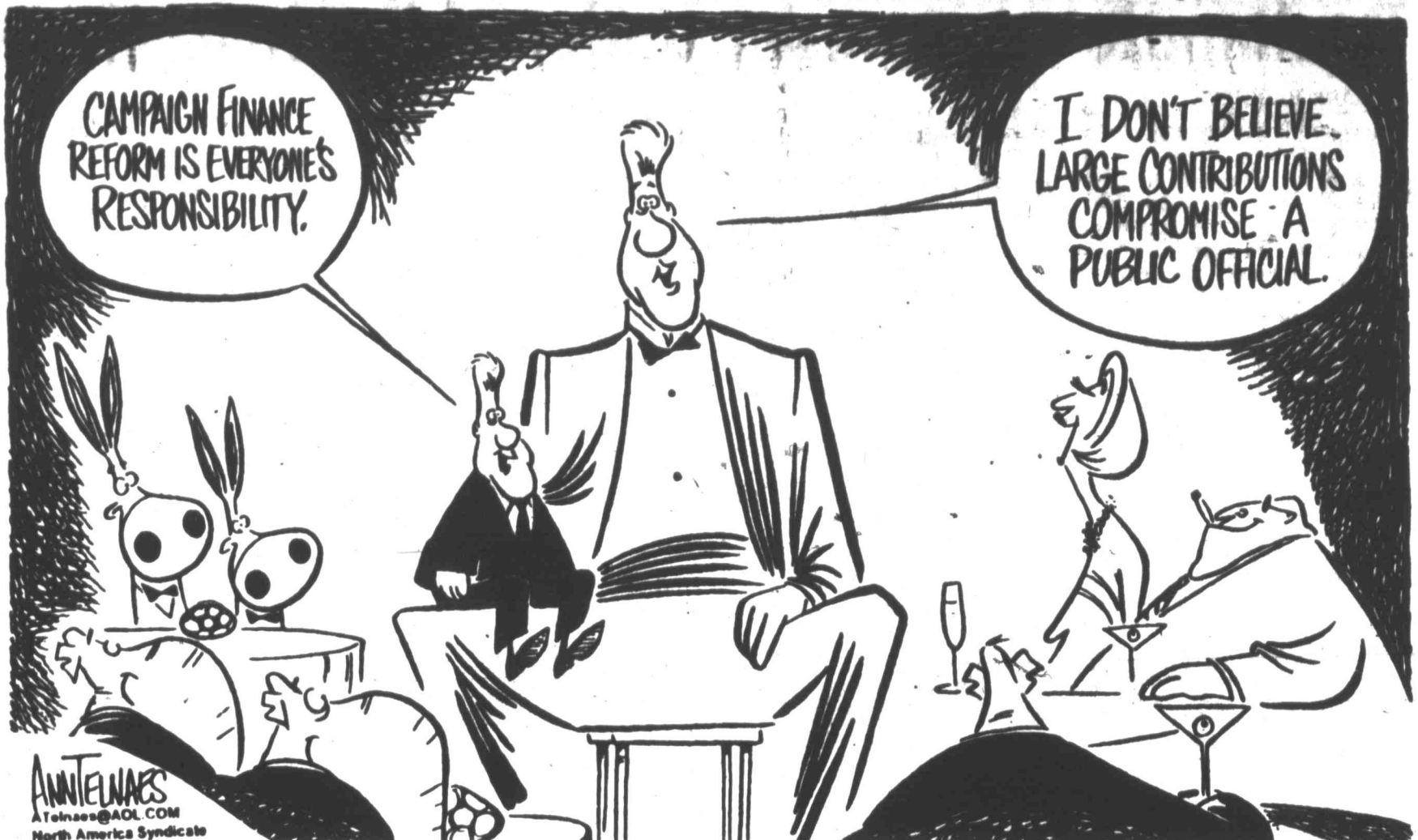
TO THE EDITOR:

We would like to submit this letter to your newspaper to acknowledge one of the many fine services this community has to offer.

We want to put pen to paper to applaud our friends and staff at Jack and Jill Daycare.

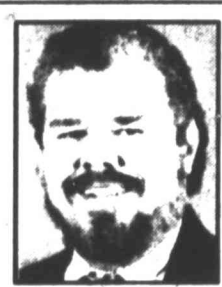
After moving across the country to Big Spring, we wanted to introduce our children to a facility where we were confident with the care provided. Jack and Jill embraced our family with a true Texas style welcome. Since that time the staff has continued to provide open friendly communication about any needs concerning our children. This constant flexibility and honest effort, has not only been of value developmentally to our children, but moreover made us feel almost as though they were family members.

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CATHERINE & JEFFERY
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Big Spring

Clinton could be hotelier ... gets top dollar for rooms

All Bill Clinton supporters can take heart ... if he becomes the first sitting president to be indicted for his growing list of "mistakes," he can always go to work for Holiday Inn or Best Western or any of the major lodging chains — look at the rates he got for rooms at the White House!

John H. Walker
Managing Editor

A handwritten memo has been produced, and it's now as clear as clear can be. The president himself authorized and promoted a plan to raise campaign funds by virtually renting out the Lincoln Bedroom. The best that can be said for the tactic is that it was not illegal. But is this the new standard for presidential conduct, that it merely needs to be legal?

The picture that has been emerging of Clinton during the 1996 campaign is of a man determined at almost any moral cost to compete with GOP spending. The 1994 election of a

GOP majority in Congress had apparently scared him out of his political wits. He had since verified the power of TV time in changing the public mood; his misleading ads on Medicare had won the 1995 battle of the budget for him. But he knew of the GOP ability to raise money, and he seems to have shoved aside any number of ordinary scruples in his eagerness to produce a comparable war chest.

The president and his defenders would have you think there was nothing all that unusual in arranging almost nightly overnight visits in the White House by big-time donors, in those 103 coffee klatches that produced \$27 million or in the contributions of foreigners to the DNC. It's argued past presidents and the GOP have done similar things and that the GOP raised more money in 1996 than the Democrats.

But no president — not one — has ever gone anywhere near so far as this one has in his frantic, round-the-clock, often unseemly fund-raising activities. As for the amounts the GOP raised, that's not the issue. The question is how the money was raised. The Republicans cannot pretend they have never crossed a line they should have respected, but no one has yet

accused them of anything on the scale of what the Democrats engaged in this past year, and at some point, a difference in degree becomes a difference in kind. The president may have stayed within the law. He did not stay within the realm of conscionable conduct.

On another topic, the FBI is probing whether Red Chinese agents sought to influence U.S. policy through campaign gifts.

Despite the fact Clinton appointee Janet Reno, is having trouble finding any hint of questionable activities, a kid with a Captain Commanco decoder ring could find circumstantial evidence in the case.

After all, it's been well-reported that six Chinese nationals — described by a Clinton national security appointee as "major Democratic National Committee contributors" — pressed flesh with the president in 1995. Four of the Chinese are Communist Party bigwigs. If these were indeed "major contributors" (an illegality), presumably it's because they wanted something. What? Plausibly, a "fourth communique" on Taiwan.

Every time a U.S. president issues a communique, Taiwan, now a full democracy, becomes less safe. Richard Nixon's 1972

Shanghai Communique acknowledged that both Taiwan and the mainland maintain that there is but "one China" — creating a political equity where before Washington had tilted toward the anti-Maoists on the island. In 1979 Jimmy Carter formalized ties to Beijing and downgraded those to Taipei. In 1992 Ronald Reagan capped arms sales to Taiwan.

All these concessions aimed to accommodate Beijing's insistence that normal Sino-U.S. relations hinge on resolving the "Taiwan question." Just how deranged China is on this question became clear last year, when the Communists splashed nuclear-capable missiles around the Taiwan Strait, and a general popped off that the rockets could even reach Los Angeles.

The whole communique process has been somewhat inglorious. But at least the previous three messages stemmed from considerations of geopolitics and world peace. There shouldn't even be the perception that a fourth emanates from the booty of "major contributors" representing police states.

(John H. Walker is managing editor of the Herald. Scripps Howard contributed to this column.)

State Capital HIGHLIGHTS

by
Lyndell Williams & Ed Sterling
Texas Press Association

Insurance Commissioner Elton Bomer said last week Texas' compulsory insurance law is not working because about one-fourth of all drivers are uninsured.

Speaking to a Senate committee, Bomer suggested that the state could pass a law that would require insurance companies to communicate with the Department of Public Safety "and let them know when an insurance policy is written and when it is canceled."

Then, he said, computers could be used to make sure drivers have valid policies.

Many drivers buy fake insurance cards to get their automobile license tags and inspections, while others buy policies and cancel them as soon as they get their license tags or driver's licenses, Bomer said.

While Bomer was voicing his concerns about uninsured motorists before the Senate Nominations Committee, the House Insurance Committee heard testimony on bills that would:

- Automatically jail drivers who are caught without insurance for six days and subject

them to stiffer court penalties;

- Increase the fine for uninsured motorist; and
- Limit the right of uninsured motorists to sue.

Another bill favored by much of the insurance industry would eliminate the requirement that all drivers carry insurance. The industry has voiced support for a no-fault insurance system where drivers involved in accidents are compensated by their own companies.

Bomer, who favors a no-fault system, said the compulsory insurance law has been troubled because it is not liked by insurance companies and drivers who opt to go without insurance.

Texas Supreme Court Chief Justice Tom Phillips criticized the way judges are elected in Texas, because, he said, it erodes confidence in the justice system.

Phillips, a Republican, also said he is concerned that so few minorities are elected to the bench.

Last week, in his State of the Judiciary Address to the Senate and House members representing three judicial committees, Phillips said, "Sadly, the results of these races are determined far more by party strength than by the individual merit of the candidates."

Phillips urged the lawmakers to draft legislation that would allow the governor to appoint judges, and then let voters decide whether a judge should

retain office.

Furthermore, Phillips said the perception outside of Texas is that justice is for sale, because of money that gushes into election campaigns. Citing campaign reports, Phillips said \$50 million was spent on Texas appellate court races from 1988 to 1994.

Sen. Rodney Ellis, D-Houston, said he would push for judicial election reform.

"Black and brown people in Texas go into a courtroom looking for justice and the only black thing they see is the color of the robe and the only brown thing they see is the wood paneling," Ellis was quoted by *The Dallas Morning News*.

A home improvement loan program for low-income families was introduced last week by the Texas Department of Housing and Community Affairs.

The program combines private and public money to provide \$13.3 million for loans to low-income families who live in cities under 50,000 population. Half of the money is earmarked for colonias — the subdivisions near the border with Mexico that don't have water and sewer services.

The 20-year loans, at 6.99 percent interest, are capped at \$25,000.

The Texas Senate passed a bill filed by Education Committee Chairman Teel Bivins, R-Amarillo, that would require state colleges and uni-

versities to evaluate tenured faculty and administrators at least every six years.

Tenure is a status that is awarded to those who show excellence in teaching and research. A tenured professor cannot be fired without due cause.

Opponents say tenured professors already face annual reviews.

Bivins' bill tightens those reviews, which have been regarded as "slack" by some university officials. The legislation addresses complaints Bivins has received from parents, students and faculty about professors who coast after earning tenure.

State Sen. Drew Nixon, R-Carthage, publicly apologized three days after being charged Feb. 18 with soliciting prostitution on Austin's South Congress Avenue. Nixon offered no excuses for his behavior, but said he had no plans to resign from public office. He returned to work Feb. 24.

The state Senate voted 31-0 to exempt the University of Texas' plan to expand its football stadium from a law protecting the state Capitol. A deck under construction on the stadium's east side would block views of the Lyndon B. Johnson Library on the UT campus. Other Capitol-view-obstructing expansions are planned.

This weekly review of state capital events is compiled by the Texas Press Association.

Mallard Fillmore
by
BRUCE TINSLEY

Newspaper report says McVeigh admitted to Oklahoma City bombing

DENVER (AP) — Timothy McVeigh reportedly told his lawyers that he helped build the bomb that blew up the Oklahoma City federal building in an attack calculated to ensure a "body count" and prove a point to the government.

McVeigh's lawyer immediately labeled the report in today's editions of The Dallas Morning News a hoax by "the most irresponsible paper in the country." He said McVeigh, when told of the report, said, "There's a practical joker every week."

The paper, however, is standing by its story.

With McVeigh's trial scheduled to begin March 31, it was the third and perhaps most controversial of three newspaper reports to suggest that the former soldier has confessed to the crime.

The New York Times reported a month after the April 1995 attack that McVeigh acknowledged responsibility for the blast to two people — not named in the article — who had visited him in prison. That June, the Daily Oklahoman reported that McVeigh had confessed to one of the newspaper's sources.

This time, details and quotes of the supposed confession were posted on the Morning News' World Wide Web site Friday afternoon. The newspaper described the documents as summaries of meetings with McVeigh between July and December 1995 at El Reno Federal Correctional Institution in Oklahoma.

During one interview in July 1995, McVeigh was asked about an anti-government activist's assertion that he would have

been a hero if he had bombed the building at night when fewer people would have been killed.

"Mr. McVeigh looked directly into my eyes and told me, 'That would not have gotten the point across to the government. We needed a body count to make our point,'" the defense staff member wrote.

At another point, McVeigh disputed a waitress' claim that she knew the identity of another man who actually drove the bomb truck, the newspaper said.

"Mr. McVeigh again insisted that he was the one who drove the Ryder truck," the interviewer wrote.

Because the reports were based on McVeigh's meetings with a defense team member, they are not available to prosecutors and will probably never

be introduced to the jury.

"I think it's a hoax," said Stephen Jones, McVeigh's attorney. He said the Morning News may have been given bogus documents by someone who has ill will toward the newspaper.

Jones met with prosecutors and U.S. District Judge Richard Matsch late Friday to complain about the report. But he said he didn't plan any legal action against the paper.

Ralph Langer, the newspaper's executive vice-president and editor, said the story was not a hoax.

"We would not publish a story that we did not have an extremely high degree of confidence in the reporting, in the documents and in the research," Langer said.

Prosecutors and codefendant Terry Nichols' attorney,

Michael Tigar, declined comment when contacted by The Associated Press.

McVeigh is scheduled to go on trial on murder and conspiracy charges, with Nichols to be tried later. If convicted, they could receive the death penalty for the attack, which killed 168 people and injured more than 500.

Prosecutors have estimated that 4,800 pounds of fertilizer went into the bomb, but McVeigh reportedly told the interviewer it was built with 5,400 pounds of ammonium nitrate fertilizer, purchased for

\$540, blended with about \$3,000 worth of high-powered racing fuel.

"Mr. McVeigh states that 108 50-pound bags of ammonium nitrate fertilizer were mixed with the nitro fuel purchased by Terry Nichols," the interviewer wrote.

McVeigh said they bankrolled the bombing in part with the November 1994 robbery of Arkansas gun dealer Roger Moore. "Mr. McVeigh stated that he laid out the plan and that Terry Nichols alone broke into Moore's house and stole the weapons," the report says.

Death toll reaches 350 in Iranian earthquake

VILLADAREH, Iran (AP) — The official death toll from an earthquake in northwestern Iran rose to 350 today, but villagers and aid workers rushing to the region said the number of dead was in the thousands.

The Friday quake rocked the towns of Ardabil and Meshkinshahr and about 50 nearby villages, toppling homes and causing other damage, the official Islamic Republic News Agency reported.

Rescue teams sped to the area on the edge of the Talish Mountains, 365 miles northwest of the capital, Tehran.

In this poor village at the center of the damage, residents beat their chests in grief as volunteers pulled the bodies of a toddler and three other children from under mounds of rubble.

Fifteen bodies were laid out in the courtyard of the health center and residents said most of the 720 people of the village were believed to have died.

An Intelligence Ministry official, who said he had toured

some villages and spoke on condition of anonymity, said the death toll in the region was likely in the thousands.

A teacher in the town of Sarain said he counted 2,000 dead from the surrounding villages taken to the cemetery in Ardabil.

State-run Tehran radio said the 5.5 magnitude quake struck Ardabil province at 4:27 p.m. Friday. The U.S. National Earthquake Information Center put the magnitude at 6.1.

Officials quoted by the radio said that 350 people were killed and 52 villages were damaged — some of them completely destroyed. Tehran television report put the number of injured at over 1,600.

Meanwhile, some of the injured from a deadly quake in a remote corner of western Pakistan — 1,200 miles southeast of the Iranian quake site — began arriving today in Quetta, the capital of Baluchistan province. Stretchers lined hospital corridors and doctors

made an appeal for blood donations.

Rescuers said more than 100 people were killed and dozens injured when the magnitude-7.3 quake shook the province early Friday.

The quake was centered near Quetta, about 400 miles southwest of Islamabad, the capital, but the hardest hit region was the remote Sibi district.

Villagers dug with bare hands through mud in search of their neighbors. Most of the dead were buried when their flimsy homes, made of sunbaked mud, collapsed.

Ambulance workers estimate that 75 people died in Harnai, a

village in Sibi that is only 30 miles from the quake's epicenter.

Pakistan's rescue workers were hampered in reaching the scene by the remoteness of the area and the damage to roads leading into the region.

The main road collapsed and the rail line to Quetta was badly damaged by the earthquake, said Zarar Haider, deputy commissioner of Sibi.

Both Pakistan and Iran suffer numerous quakes each year.

The worst earthquake in the Baluchistan area hit in 1935, killing 30,000 people. The deadliest recent quake in Iran killed about 50,000 in 1990.

Robbers botch job, open fire on police officers, bystanders

LOS ANGELES (AP) — Dressed like commandos, a group of masked robbers bungled a bank heist Friday and came out firing, unleashing their arsenal on police, bystanders, cars and even the TV choppers broadcasting it all live.

When the shooting stopped, two robbers were dead and at least three bystanders and six police officers were wounded by gunfire. One other officer and one civilian were injured in a related car wreck.

Bank customers and employees were locked in a vault, people in a market across the street were trapped and police and others in nearby businesses took cover wherever they could.

"These guys were ready for war," said Bob McKibben, an appliance store manager who watched the battle. "They had black masks over their faces and full black gear, with belts and ammo around their waists."

A manhunt was immediately started for one or more suspects who were believed to have gotten away. Nearby schools and freeways were closed, and residents were told to stay in their homes.

At one point in the afternoon, the LAPD's armored battering

ram smashed down the wall of a North Hollywood home, looking for suspects. They didn't find any.

Later, Police Chief Willie Williams said the two dead men may have been the only robbers. "At this time we know of no other suspects that we're looking for right now," he said. But a large area of North Hollywood remained sealed as police investigated.

Police Cmdr. Tim McBride said the men were known to the FBI for robbing at least two other banks, and motivated by money, not politics.

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Call police banners provide extra protection

DEAR ABBY: I had intended to order some of those "Please Call Police" banners you mention periodically, but in the



Abigail Van Buren
Columnist

past I have procrastinated. This year I made it a New Year's resolution. Last summer our car broke down on I-81 during a vacation trip. My husband has emphysema. It was hot and humid, and my husband was having trouble breathing. We had no electricity to power his nebulizer, and we were carrying no oxygen with us. We sat by the side of the road for a very long time and no one stopped to help us. We tried reaching 911 or the police on our CB radio with no

luck. Seeing no other alternative, I got out of our car and started walking for help. My husband was so scared, Abby. When I left him in the car he didn't think he would see me again.

I finally managed to stop a truck on an off-ramp, and the driver was considerate enough to take me to a gas station where I could use a phone to call for assistance. All the police were busy, but they did summon a wrecker who came for us and took us to a garage, where we called a sister to come and pick us up.

Please print the ordering information for the banners again. I want to order two — one for the front and one for the rear window of our car. We want to be independent again. As it stands, a relative either accompanies us or follows us to our destination when we go out of town. — MRS. G.E. BEARD JR., LEXINGTON, VA.

DEAR MRS. BEARD: I'm pleased that your frightening

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1982	.81	.82	.00	.88	4.85	1.41	12.88	1.24	2.48	.82	2.23	.34	27.28	
1983	.81	.84	.24	.88	1.85	2.88	.88	.78	3.18	.22	.00	.00	18.88	
1984	.28	.00	.00	1.12	3.48	4.88	.78	2.27	3.48	.88	.88	.48	17.11	
1985	.46	1.34	2.88	3.34	5.71	3.82	3.40	2.40	3.88	1.78	1.74	.77	38.73	
1986	.31	.81	.87	2.88	3.82	2.88	4.41	5.08	.84	1.11	2.88	.51	28.88	
1987	.17	.00	1.88	.22	1.87	.88	1.81	1.82	2.78	11.87	1.37	.27	24.54	
1988	.43	.00	.28	5.27	4.88	.88	1.78	2.88	2.01	.25	1.40	.00	18.41	
1989	.82	.00	.42	.81	2.17	1.82	.88	1.23	.78	.78	4.01	.84	12.28	
1990	.28	.88	.28	1.88	.88	.81	1.24	.84	.42	2.32	.17	.12	7.28	
1991	.88	4.28	.48	2.88	.82	.28	1.34	.37	1.78	.25	.18	2.88	14.84	
1992	.00	1.82	.17	.88	1.18	1.88	1.28	1.84	1.18	1.88	1.18	.88	11.18	
1993	.28	.88	1.41	1.44	1.88	3.28	.87	.84	2.72	3.22	1.88	2.82	18.48	
1994	.27	.84	.77	.88	4.28	4.88	1.44	3.88	.78	4.37	1.84	1.48	28.88	
1995	.46	.18	.83	5.78	.44	1.58	4.43	3.28	2.88	1.33	.00	.57	28.84	
1996	.13	.00	1.74	2.12	.14	1.88	2.42	4.31	.87	1.38	1.01	.10	15.73	
1997	.28	.00	.83	.87	.81	.88	.78	.17	.78	.00	.12	.00	4.88	
1998	.88	.78	.88	.10	1.18	3.83	.18	.24	1.88	1.88	.74	1.32	12.38	
1999	.87	.88	3.88	1.46	1.43	8.28	.88	3.88	7.43	6.31	.78	.00	34.01	
2000	1.87	.28	.12	.88	5.32	1.33	.81	8.38	.88	1.88	2.22	.28	21.28	
2001	.28	.88	1.18	.11	3.88	2.77	.48	.88	.71	.23	.00	.00	11.11	
2002	.38	.88	1.78	12.77	2.88	2.88	.88	.22	.00	1.18	1.38	.00	28.31	
2003	.28	3.81	2.18	4.88	1.24	2.81	1.88	.88	1.83	5.31	1.18	1.88	28.28	
2004	.88	.88	.82	.81	3.82	.88	.88	2.88	.88	1.42	.88	.13	11.88	
2005	.18	.00	.00	4.43	2.88	1.88	1.22	2.88	3.88	3.11	.14	.00	18.18	
2006	.88	.88	2.18	2.24	1.88	4.38	2.27	1.82	3.88	3.48	.32	2.18	28.28	
2007	.88	1.88	.27	1.10	1.28	2.18	1.22	.42	4.00	.48	.00	.42	13.88	
2008	.38	.78	.82	.48	10.10	.88	1.87	2.88	.78	1.33	.71	.88	28.84	
2009	.32	.88	2.88	.13	3.18	1.88	2.81	1.72	5.44	3.28	.74	.00	22.44	
2010	.48	.00	.11	2.88	1.88	1.88	.88	2.18	.24	2.88	2.32	1.43	18.87	
2011	1.31	.87	1.28	2.88	.78	.88	2.48	.88	.84	7.08	3.38	1.38	22.88	
2012	1.12	3.81	.17	2.24	5.17	.48	.23	4.88	8.78	.88	.00	.00	34.28	
2013	.11	.78	.18	.88	.88	.18	1.41	4.78	.84	.84	1.18	.84	11.28	
2014	.31	.88	1.88	1.78	.88	1.28	.88	2.84	.81	.17	1.88	.88	12.88	
2015	.13	1.32	1.88	1.18	4.88	5.88	.88	1.54	3.83	2.58	1.48	.48	28.88	
2016	.18	.83	1.84	.51	4.88	.48	.88	.00	10.52	1.88	.88	.83	22.28	
2017	.44	.88	1.81	.83	3.38	1.14	.88	1.88	.34	1.38	1.88	1.88	14.84	
2018	1.81	1.78	.33	.88	1.88	8.88	5.38	.48	.11	1.88	.78	.82	21.32	
2019	2.71	.13	.88	.44	2.88	2.81	1.45	2.47	.00	.81	1.21	.88	18.48	
2020	.48	1.88	.88	.88	.88	1.82	5.88	.87	3.88	1.18	1.44	1.81	.82	18.13
2021	1.18	1.82	3.24	2.84	4.88	4.18	3.18	2.88	3.82	3.84	.18	1.48	31.82	
2022	.18	.88	.00	2.87	1.88	1.27	.74	8.48	4.28	1.47	.88	2.81	28.88	
2023	.28	.82	.00	.28	4.44	.88	1.58	.18	.28	1.18	1.17	2.78	14.24	
2024	1.88	2.82	.00	.14	2.88	1.88	2.18	.88	1.84	.88	2.78	1.38	17.78	
2025	.88	.28	1.84	.00	1.18	1.18	8.28	8.88	1.88	3.88	.88	.88	28.31	
2026	1.42	.13	.88	.12	1.88	1.88	.88	1.21	2.31	2.88	.18	1.47	13.03	
2027	.88	.88	1.54	.00	4.51	.72	1.42	.82	.78	.88	1.48	1.38	12.84	
2028	.10	.78	.00	.00	.84	1.10	1.10	.02	2.88	.00	.00	.00	12.47	
2029	2.14	.88	.31	2.23	4.42	2.78	.52	.81	1.43	1.81	.00	.88	18.88	
2030	.88	.88	.00	2.88	7.88	1.82	4.28	.71	2.88	.00	.12	.22	28.78	
2031	.88	.14	.88	.88	2.88	1.88	2.28	2.42	1.88	.84	.12	.22	12.28	
2032	.18	.23	.22	.51	.82	.71	.71	.32	.00	.00	1.81	1.87	8.28	
2033	.88	.88	1.81	1.28	.71	.28	.87	.78	.88	8.38	.12	.18	18.88	
2034	.48	.88	.88	2.84	7.88	4.38	.13	1.22	.88	.87	.48	.18	18.42	
2035	1.18	.22	.88	.00	3.78	.78	4.84	3.83	.88	1.88	.17	.00	18.84	
2036	.22	.17	.82	1.88	1.12	.22	.88	.88	.88	2.88	.13	.88	8.88	
2037	.82	.87	.48	1.57	7.88	1.88	.88	2.40	1.24	3.28	1.82	.28	23.14	
2038	1.78	1.48	1.43	1.88	1.83	1.31	1.48	1.81	1.83	3.31	.81	.00	18.38	
2039	.82	.83	.78	.83	3.88	4.87	4.48	1.88	1.34	2.77	.18	1.88	23.14	
2040	1.48	.77	.28	2.82	1.88	.88	4.33	1.23	.82	1.78	.87	1.88	18.73	
2041	2.88	.88	1.83	.81	.82	5.88	6.88	.88	3.21	.28	2.88	.33	22.88	
2042	.88	.00	.71	.81	.81	1.28	3.88	.84	8.48	.88	.17	1.21	18.88	
2043	.00	1.88	.00	3.18	4.18	3.28	.78	1.84	1.18	1.18	1.38	.28	18.38	
2044	.88	.88	1.88	1.87	1.87	.88	.88	.82	1.78	.11	.44	.84	18.38	
2045	.27	1.48	.84	.27	5.78	1.88	.32	2.17	2.58	.34	.28	.48	18.48	
2046	.88	.88	.81	5.84	1.87	1.88	.88	5.88	2.82	1.17	.87	.82	22.82	
2047	.00	2.47	.82	.88	.83	2.33	3.28	1.18	4.88	.88	1.28	.78	18.12	
2048	1.82	1.48	2.88	1.88	5.18	1.78	1.37	2.33	1.18	.88	4.18	.15	22.73	
2049	.84	.88	1.31	2.54	7.15	1.42	.18	2.12	2.88	3.88	1.42	1.34	24.74	
2050	.82	.88	3.18	.82	2.88	.10	.81	1.88	2.88	1.87	.00	.22	12.88	
2051	.00	.00	.00	2.87	3.82	2.18	3.17	3.43	2.88	1.28	.88	.48	18.48	
2052	.17	.87	.88	.88	1.88	3.78	1.18	4.88	3.33	3.48	.27	.88	18.42	
2053	1.48	1.88	1.88	1.88	3.88	.48	2.74	.88	4.84	.88	.00	.00	18.48	
2054	.72	.00	1.27	1.78	1.48	.88	.72	1.88	8.12	8.88	.28	.74	28.77	
2055	1.81	.88	.42	.47	8.21	1.88	5.88	3.87	4.38	.84	1.88	1.21	28.01	
2056	.81	.88	.18	2.88	3.83	.44	4.18	.82	2.88	2.88	.34	.83	17.44	
2057	.87	.88	.28	1.23	3.88	.82	3.71	2.84	.22	.00	.88	.24	18.88	
2058	.38	1.42	.88	.10	2.78	1.28	.87	2.83	5.51	1.71	.88	.54	17.57	
2059	.28	.23	.81	.22	1.38	1.33	8.28	1.34	.82	.88	.27	2.88	18.88	
2060	.82	.28	.00	.47	4.78	3.34	.88	3.27	18.17	.88	.83	1.88	31.74	
2061	.88	1.28	.48	3.48	2.88	1.78	.33	1.88	2.88	2.88	.88	.88	17.88	
2062	.88	.28	.88	1.18	4.88	3.88	1.18	1.88	.41	.78	.88	1.88	18.78	
2063	2.87	.88	.44	.88	1.81	.10	.82	.88	1.88	4.88	.78	.13	12.88	
2064	.28	.18	.00	.78	.88	.88	.88	1.28	3.88	2.88	2.81	1.81	18.71	
2065	.34	.83	1.88	2.78	2.88	2.77	3.11	.87	1.88	2.43	.18	.84	22.48	
2066	.00	.88	.88	.84	8.78	8.71	.00	8.81	5.88	4.78	.88	2.18	32.18	
2067	.24	1.88	.78	.48	8.87	2.18	1.48	.47	3.88	.88	.88	1.88	21.28	
2068	.82	.83	.22	.41	2.87	2.41	3.51	1.43	7.58	.00	.00	.87	18.33	
2069	.81	1.14	1.18	.88	1.22	2.78	.78	1.82	1.87	.18	.88	.28	12.81	
2070	1.88	1.82	1.28	2.88	.28	.00	4.78	.88	4.32	1.48	1.78	.88	28.84	
2071	1.74	.24	.88	.81	.78	4.88	4.88	4.88	2.88	.74	4.18	.81	31.28	
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SPORTS EXTRA

Local Bowlers

WEDNESDAY WIRE TWO

RESULTS - Security State Bank over Jan's Place, 8-0; Leon Stars over Walmart Fun Bowlers, 6-2; Arrow Refrigeration over A Timeless Design, 6-2; Fifth Wheels over Power Paints, 6-2; Saunders Company over Shetland's Raiders, 6-2; Bowling Stones over Gaudin's, 6-0; TEPover Golden Corral, 6-2; Snyder ESPover Big Spring Music, 6-2; Western Elite (unopposed), 8-0; Three Spares (unopposed) Slow Starters (postponed); hi sc. game and series (men) Justin Lopez, 267 and 687; hi hdp game and series (men) Justin Lopez, 277 and Tony Sheppard, 732; hi sc. game and series (women) Irene Calvio, 220 and Toni, hi hdp game and series (women) Tony Sheppard, 256 and Tracy Boora, 711; hi sc. team game and series, Big Spring Music, 607 and 1882; hi hdp team game and series, Bowling Stones, 722 and 2072. **STANDINGS** - Powder Pistols, 108-68; Golden Corral, 108-71; TEP, 105-71; Charlotte's Raiders, 109-72; Saunders Company, 100-74; A Timeless Design, 100-74; Western Auto, 99-73; Security State Bank, 97-77; Conoco, 96-78; Arrow Refrigeration, 94-80; Big Spring Music, 90-84; Leon Stars, 90-86; Slow Starters (postponed), 87-79; Bowling Stones, 85-89; Snyder ESP, 82-84; Three Spares (unopposed), 76-82; Fifth Wheels, 75-101; Jan's Place, 70-106; Walmart Fun Bowlers, 53-106.

TUESDAY COUPLES

RESULTS - KC Steakhouse over White Motor Co. Starline, 6-2; The Four of Us over A Timeless Design, 6-2; Big Spring Music over Hef's Sporting Goods, 6-2; Vegas Beauty Salon over Cowboy's, 6-2; Strike Force Four over Ups & Downs, 6-2; Big Spring Mobile Home Park tied Double R Cattle Co., 4-4; Parks Agency, Inc. tied Fred's Contracting, 4-4; Federal Oil tied The Bold & The Beautiful, 4-4; hi sc. game and series (men) Bert Sheppard, 257 and John Paul Foster, 667; hi hdp game and series (men) Bert Sheppard, 284 and Randy Robertson, 704; hi sc. game and series (women) Elaine Rolland, 227 and 587; hi hdp game and series (women) Elaine Rolland, 263 and Patsy Self, 727; hi sc. team game and series, KC Steakhouse, 800 and 2099; hi hdp team game and series, Big Spring Mobile Home Park, 946 and 2674. **STANDINGS** - Double R Cattle Co., 120-72; Ups & Downs, 115-77; White Motor Co. Starline, 114-78; Parks Agency, Inc., 114-78; Fred's Contracting, 108-84; A Timeless Design, 103-89; KC Steakhouse, 101-91; The Bold & The Beautiful, 101-91; Strike Force Four, 99-92; The Four of Us, 89-103; Hef's Sporting Goods, 88-104; Cowboy's, 87-106; Federal Oil, 83-109; Big Spring Mobile Home Park, 78-114; Vegas Beauty Salon, 68-122; Big Spring Instruments, 67-125.

LADIES MAJOR BOWLING

RESULTS - Gene's Dream, 4-4; Pack-N-Senders, 4-4; Adventure by Gail, 4-4; 4 Amigos, 4-4; Burchell Farms, 8-0; Pin Shooters, 0-8; Barber Glass & Mirror, 0-8; Toy's, 8-0; Big Spring Music, 8-0; Day & Day Builders, 0-8; Federal Oil, 2-6; Tank Sully Gauge & Inc., 6-2; Campbell Cement Construction, 3-5; Here Comes Trouble, 5-2; K.C. Kids, 2-6; Mitchell Co. F.C.U., 6-2; Rocky's, 0-8; Just Us "A", 8-0; Green House Photography, 8-2; E.P. Driver Insurance, 0-8; Cline Construction, 8-0; Main-T Three, 2-6; Neighbors Auto Sales, 6-2; hi sc. team game and series, Pin Shooters, 788 and Big Spring Music, 2288; hi hdp team game and series, Federal Oil, 880 and Rocky's, 2682; hi sc. game and series, Renee Carr, 268 and Joyce Davis, 781; hi hdp game and series, Irene Calvio, 286 and Paige Griffin, 753.

LADIES MAJOR BOWLING

RESULTS - Barber Glass & Mirror, 4-4; Pin Shooters, 4-4; Northwest Bank Team, 0-8; Toy's, 8-0; Adventure by Gail, 0-8; Pack-N-Senders, 8-0; Gene's Dream, 2-6; Amigos, 6-2; Campbell Cement Construction, 8-0; Mitchell Co. F.C.U., 0-8; K.C. Kids, 8-0; Here Comes Trouble, 6-2; Big Spring Music, 6-2; Tank Sully Gauge & Inc., 2-6; Federal Oil, 0-8; Day & Day Builders, 8-0; Unnamed Points, 0-8; Neighbors Auto Sales, 8-0; Main-T Three, 2-6; Cline Construction, 6-2; Rocky's, 6-2; E.P. Driver Insurance, 2-6; Green House Photography, 8-0; Just Us "A", 0-8; hi sc. team game and series, Pin Shooters, 788 and Big Spring Music, 2288; hi hdp team game and series, Federal Oil, 880 and Rocky's, 2682; hi sc. game and series, Renee Carr, 268 and Joyce Davis, 781; hi hdp game and series, Irene Calvio, 286 and Paige Griffin, 753.

V.A. COUPLES

RESULTS - Team Eight over Team Ten, 6-2; Team Twelve tied Team Three, 4-4; Team One over Team Seven, 8-0; Team Five over Team Four, 6-2; Team Two over Team Six, 6-2; Team Eleven over Team Nine, 6-2; hi sc. team game and series, Team Two, 687 and 1881; hi sc. game and series (men) Manuel Gutierrez, 239 and John Jackson, 618; hi sc. game and series (women) Irene Calvio, 219 and Dee Carpenter, 532; hi hdp team game and series, Team One, 862 and 2291; hi hdp game and series (men) Dutch Barr, 280 and 643; hi hdp game and series (women), Irene Calvio, 251 and Dee Carpenter, 652. **STANDINGS** - Team One, 125-59; Team Two, 124-60; Team Eight, 104-88; Team Seven, 99-83; Team Eleven, 98-94; Team Twelve, 94-88; Team Six, 93-99; Team Five, 91-101; Team Three, 90-102; Team

Nine, 88-104; Team Ten, 79-113; Team Four, 59-133.

WEDNESDAY STRIKERS

RESULTS - Joe's Crew over Magic Painting, 6-2; A & J over Team Six, 4-4; Budweiser over Quality Glass, 8-0; hi sc. game and series, Jackie Leary, 300 and 747; hi sc. team game and series, A & J, 990 and 2663; hi hdp game and series Jackie Leary, 300 and 747; hi hdp team game and series, A & J, 1106 and 3011. **STANDINGS** - A & J, 124-68; Joe's Crew, 115-77; Budweiser, 100-92; Team Six, 96-96; Quality Glass, 94-98; Magic Painting, 47-145.

WEDNESDAY STRIKERS

RESULTS - Quality Glass over Team Six, 6-2; Budweiser over Magic Painting, 8-0; Joe's Crew over A & J, 5-3; hi sc. game and series, James Rawls, 237 and Jerald Burgess, 574; hi sc. team game and series, Joe's Crew, 905 and Budweiser, 2514; hi hdp game and series, Tom Gutierrez, 259 and 640; hi hdp team game and series, Joe's Crew, 1047 and Budweiser, 2874. **STANDINGS** - A & J, 1209-64; Joe's Crew, 109-75; Quality Glass, 94-90; Team Six, 92-92; Budweiser, 92-92; Magic Painting, 45-139.

PINPOPPERS

RESULTS - Dixie Chicks tied Kuykendall, 4-4; VFW tied A & B Farms, 4-4; Guy's Restaurant over 10, 6-2; Federal Oil over Petty Farms, 6-2; Health Food Store tied Alley Cats, 4-4; hi sc. game and series, Sandra Beasley, 191 and Bernadine Sealy, 507; hi sc. team game and series, VFW, 675 and 1769; hi hdp game and series, Setauko Jones, 237 and Laura Notgrass, 626; hi hdp team game and series, VFW, 836 and Federal Oil, 2302. **STANDINGS** - VFW, 125-59; 10, 115-69; Health Food Store, 1109-74; A & B Farms, 104-80; Guy's Restaurant, 1091-83; Kuykendall, 89-95; Petty Farms, 86-98; Federal Oil, 74-110; Alley Cats, 68-116; Dixie Chicks, 48-136.

MEN'S MAJOR

RESULTS - Hull's Ranches over Team Fifteen, 6-2; Rocky's over Trio Fuels, 5-3; Fred's Contracting over Hagen TV Repair, 6-2; Parks Agency over Fine Engineers, 8-0; O'Daniel Trucking over Parks C.C., 8-0; Walker L.P. Gas over Team Sixteen, 6-2; B.S.I. over Bob Brock Ford, 6-2; hi sc. game and series, Adrian Brown, 290 and 681; hi sc. team game and series, Parks Agency, 1075 and 3002; hi hdp game and series, Adrian Brown, 312 and Chuck Ogle, 805; hi hdp team game and series, Rocky's, 1195 and 3365. **STANDINGS** - Parks Agency, 150-42; O'Daniel Trucking, 128-64; Fred's Contracting, 124-68; Team Fifteen, 119-73; Rocky's, 107-85; Parks C.C., 104-88; Mason Roofing, 102-90; Walker L.P. Gas, 100-92; Hagen TV Repair, 96-98; Trio Fuels, 95-97; Hull's Ranches, 94-98; B.S.I., 82-110; Fine Engineers, 79-113; Bob Brock Ford, 74-118; B.B.B.S., 60-132; Team Sixteen, 0-192.

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EASTERN CONFERENCE

Atlantic Division

	W	L	Pct	GB
Miami	42	15	.737	—
New York	42	16	.724	1/2
Orlando	30	25	.545	11
Washington	25	31	.446	16 1/2
New Jersey	17	39	.304	24 1/2
Philadelphia	15	41	.268	26 1/2
Boston	11	45	.196	30 1/2

Central Division

	W	L	Pct	GB
Chicago	50	7	.877	—
Detroit	42	14	.750	7 1/2
Atlanta	38	18	.679	11 1/2
Charlotte	36	22	.621	14 1/2
Cleveland	31	24	.564	18
Indiana	27	29	.482	22 1/2
Milwaukee	25	31	.446	24 1/2
Toronto	20	37	.351	30

WESTERN CONFERENCE

Midwest Division

	W	L	Pct	GB
Utah	40	16	.714	—
Houston	37	20	.649	3 1/2
Minnesota	29	27	.518	11
Dallas	19	35	.352	20
Denver	17	41	.293	24
San Antonio	13	43	.232	27
Vancouver	11	49	.183	31

Pacific Division

	W	L	Pct	GB
Seattle	40	16	.714	—
L.A. Lakers	39	18	.684	1 1/2
Portland	30	28	.517	11
L.A. Clippers	25	29	.463	14
Sacramento	25	32	.439	15 1/2
Golden State	21	34	.382	18 1/2
Phoenix	21	36	.368	19 1/2

Friday's Games

Detroit 106, Boston 100, OT
Golden State 117, New Jersey 108
Orlando 94, San Antonio 73
Atlanta 86, L.A. Lakers 75
Indiana 104, Milwaukee 85
Seattle 96, Miami 95
Chicago 126, Sacramento 108
New York 112, Denver 108
Portland 115, Utah 105
Philadelphia 104, Vancouver 100
L.A. Clippers 94, Toronto 92

Saturday's Games

Golden State at Washington, 6:30 p.m.
Boston at Cleveland, 6:30 p.m.
Dallas at Houston, 7:30 p.m.
Sacramento at Milwaukee, 8 p.m.

HAWKS

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points. Belinda DeLaGarza's 8 rebounds and Massey's 7.4 rebounds pace Cisco. Cisco averaged 70.7 points on offense and allowed 67.5 points per game.

On the men's side, the key to keeping his team alive against McClennan (17-12) for Coach Tommy Collins is to keep from losing any more depth.

Through the course of the season, Collins dropped four players from the squad for vio-

lations of team and athletic department rules, leaving Howard with just eight players available at season's end.

Still, the Hawks finished the season by winning five of their last six games to claim the final berth in the tournament on the final night of the season when they upended Frank Phillips on the road.

Howard finished 19-10 overall, averaging 83.5 points offensively while allowing 79.3 on defense.

The Hawks are paced in scoring by Clifton Cook's 13.7 points and 5 assists per game, and Elmer Brown, the leading free throw shooter in the WJCAC at 83.3 percent.

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Brian Phillips to pop to short for the final out.

"Howard's got a good ball club, but my guys played hard, which is all I can ask," El Paso coach Chris Brown said. "I thought (Saucedo) played with a lot of heart out there today."

Howard coach Brian Roper was in a far less charitable mood.

"We're just not a very good team right now," Roper said. "We've got talent, but we're not a good winning team. I don't know if it's inexperience or ... I just don't know."

BSHS

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Saturday at Converse Judson near San Antonio.

Golfers ninth

at Andrews

ANDREWS — The Big Spring High School boys' golf team finished ninth out of 28 squads at this weekend's Andrews Invitational.

Odessa Permian won the tournament with a two-day team total of 640 strokes, while Andrews finished second and Midland Lee third.

Big Spring's team total was 335-331=661. Individual BSHS scores were Sammy Rodriguez, 80-82=162; O.J. Hernandez, 91-79=170; Rudy Gamboa, 85-

The teams conclude their weekend series with a single game beginning at 1 p.m. today at Barber Field.

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Saucedo, Munoz (9) and Wood; Jones, Ledbetter (8) and Hawkins; W — Saucedo; L — Jones; Sv — Munoz; DP — El Paso 1; LOB — El Paso 4, Howard 12; E — El Paso 5 (Saucedo 2, Groomer, Solis, Seybert); Howard 1 (Runnels); 2B — Howard (Kirk); 3B — El Paso (Durrett); HR — El Paso (Seybert, Porras 2), Howard (Kirk); Sac — El Paso (Groomer), Howard (Barrett); HBP — by Saucedo (Kirk); by Ledbetter (Seybert, Horton); WP — Saucedo, Ledbetter.

85=170; Heath Bailey, 84-85=169; and Blake Weaver, 86-86=172.

"We saw some improvement, and that's what we're after right now," BSHS coach Gary Simmons said. "We understand where the mistakes are. Now, if we can just correct them, we'll be all right."

Big Spring returns to action next weekend at the San Angelo Invitational. The Steers play Friday at Bentree Country Club and Saturday at Riverside CC.

The BSHS girls' golf team was idle this weekend. The Lady Steers return to action Friday and Saturday at Andrews.

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A female hunter with true grit

In early summer, I received a telephone call from Bob Herrington of Buna, Texas. He wanted me to tell him about the services that the Circle K Ranch offered during the Colorado elk season.

Of all the references on the brochure, he selected mine. And I told him that we had a full-service hunting facility including guided, drip camps, economy hunts with room and board. The ranch has a full service restaurant.



Boyce Hale
Outdoors

After I gave him a rundown on the facilities, Bob said that he and his wife Dorothy were thinking about booking a guided hunt for the first rifle season. Then he asked me if I would guide them and I said I would.

On Aug. 14, 1996, I received a call from Allen Cannon who owns and operates the Circle K Ranch, Inc. along with his wife, Joan and daughter Cindy. He asked me if I would be interested in guiding a couple from Texas. And I asked, "Bob and Dorothy from Buna, Texas?"

He said, "Yes." And I told him that I would be happy to guide them, ever after he told me that neither of them could ride a horse. But Dorothy could walk fine; however, Bob wouldn't be able to do much walking.

A few days later, I received a telephone call from Bob Herrington to ascertain that I would guide him and his wife. I assured him that I would.

Late in August, I packed and left for the ranch which is located in the San Juan National Forest at an elevation of 8,250 feet above sea level,

and is 26 miles northeast of Dolores, Colo. During the time until the first rifle hunt, I kept busy helping with chores such as wrangling, gathering and stacking firewood, running errands, operating a shuttle bus to Cortez airport and many more little odds and ends.

This was the time during the bow and muzzle loaders hunting season, and they had fantastic good luck with several near record bull elk.

Opening rifle season was approaching, so I began getting my things ready for my guided hunt. And on Wednesday before the hunt, the Herringtons arrived. We spent two days together, scouting many potential areas in which to hunt. In the end, we agreed to hunt in an area about three miles from the ranch - a place where Bob could sit and command a good view of the area known as Water Tank Gulch. I would take Dorothy down in the gulch and hunt the area below, thinking perhaps, if we didn't get a shot, Bob would be able to score on an elk we frightened toward him.

Opening day arrived, and well before daylight we hit the road. Bob took his place and Dorothy and I descended into Water Tank Gulch. For two days we hunted in the same general area, but did not kill an elk.

On the third day, Bob took his customary place, and Dorothy and I hunted an area called Bear Creek. But again we failed to find a legal bull, so I decided to hunt an area called Taylor Mesa. This area is relatively flat and is over 10,000 feet above sea level.

Next morning, we drove to Taylor Mesa minus Bob who was still hunting from his Water Tank Gulch stand.

Dorothy and I arrived at the end of the road, and then walked two miles to a rim rock overlooking Priest Gulch. We had no more arrived when we

saw nine cow elk just below us, and in the far distance, about 450 yards, were two large legal bulls. Dorothy and I got real excited and she wanted to take a shot. But I advised against it because she was carrying a .243. This bullet was too small to try this long of a shot, and if she wounded the animal, there was a likelihood that we would never find him. So she turned down the shot.

We moved along the rim for a while and then sat on a log. While sitting on the log, snow began to fall - real hard too, so we loved us a large spruce tree and sat in silence. Dorothy broke the silence by saying, "You know I never would have dreamed at age of 72 I would be sitting under a tree in the high country with a strange man during a snow storm."

I replied, "that goes for me, too!" In an hour or so we trudged to the pickup and on our way to the ranch we picked up Bob.

The next day we took Bob to his stand, and we again went to Taylor Mesa, about three miles farther up the rim of Priest Gulch. We descended into the gulch until we found a good place to sit and watch know game trails. There we spent the day. Toward the evening, we elected to return to the pickup. It was a grueling climb, and I found it necessary to stop many times to rest. Dorothy was always right behind me. Man, I thought to myself, how does she keep up with me. I even tested her by getting ahead, then let her catch up only to keep going as she approached.

In spite of my tacky doings, this little lady kept up with me all the way to the pickup. As we arrived she said, "I'm pooped."

As we were riding to the ranch, Dorothy said that she didn't believe she could have made another 100 yards. I really doubted that because this lady was true grit personified.

Webb takes lead at Australian tourney

GOLD COAST, Australia (AP) — Karrie Webb shot a 6-under-par round of 66 — her second straight round without a bogey — and surged to a 4-shot lead after today's third round of the Australian Ladies Masters golf championship.

Webb, looking for her first professional victory in her homeland, has a 54-hole total of 201 — 15-under-par — and her rivals struggled to stay close.

Canadian Gail Graham, the second-round leader, had a 71 to drop back to 205. Charlotta Sorenstam of Sweden is the next closest challenger after also shooting a 71 for a 208 total — six shots off pace.

Webb won four U.S. LPGA Tour events in 1996, was named Rookie of the Year and was the first player in LPGA history to win \$1 million in a single season.

She is playing her first tournament after a four-week break, and has come back revitalized. She is back on her last 48 holes of the revamped par-72, 6,250-yard Royal Pines resort course.

"I'm definitely very happy with the way I'm playing," Webb said. "I made a lot of

putts today." Webb said she has finally become used to the pressure of playing in front of family and friends — around 40 of whom were among her gallery.

"Playing in your own country, you often put a lot of pressure on yourself to do well," she said. "Finally I think I might be getting used to friends and family being around — and not doing that."

Graham, from Kelowna, British Columbia, has won just once in eight years on the U.S.

LPGA Tour. She had four straight birdies from the eighth hole, but her round also featured three bogeys.

Two-time champions Laura Davies of Britain and Jane Geddes of the United States both had 4-under-par rounds of 68 to be 7-under at 209, along with Swede Sophie Gustafson, who had a 69.

Davies, winner of nine tournaments last year, said Webb would be impossible for her to catch on Sunday.

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Journeyman upstages Belle in exhibition opener

THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

The biggest bopper on the first full day of spring baseball turned out to be Patrick Lennon, not Albert Belle.

Belle, in his first game for the Chicago White Sox since signing a \$55 million, five-year contract, had his chance for a dramatic debut Friday. But he struck out with the bases loaded and wound up going 0-for-2 with an RBI in a 15-9 win over Minnesota.

"I wouldn't say it was meaningless," Belle said after playing 3 1/2 innings at Fort Myers, Fla. "It was a chance for me to

get my timing down, get back in the swing of things and get that baseball routine going."

Belle struck out looking against Frank Rodriguez in the second inning. The high-priced free agent also walked and had a run-scoring grounder.

Lennon, meanwhile, wasn't expecting much action when he began Oakland's game against the Anaheim Angels on the bench.

But he got in when Jason Giambi strained his right quadriceps running the bases in the first inning, and wound up hitting three home runs at Phoenix.

"What a way to start it off," Lennon said. "Over the long haul, I'm just looking for consistency."

Last year with Kansas City, Lennon hit .388 with three homers and 12 RBIs in training camp. But he batted just .233 in 14 regular-season games and was released by the Royals on April 28. He joined the A's organization in June.

"If you look at my spring last season, I felt I could have had a decent season. If it they shut me down," Lennon said. "I felt I could have gotten the at-bats, I could have shown them something."

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3. Employees and other job seekers may know of available opportunities. Get acquainted and ask questions.

A Texas Army National Guard helicopter will be landing on the Howard College campus in front of the Student Union Building at 10 a.m. It is an UH 60 Blackhawk tactical transport for troops and equipment.

The Blackhawk is a twin-engine, 4-bladed utility helicopter, armed with two M60 Delta machine guns. It flies at 193 knots and is capable of lifting 9,000 pounds.

Come out and see the Blackhawk land at 10 a.m. and then stay to participate in Howard College's Career Expo '97!

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Big Spring Herald

Sunday, March 2, 1997

Girl Scouts celebrate 85 years with Friendship Circle, extravaganza

By KELLIE JONES
Features Editor

Girl Scouts USA is celebrating its 85th birthday this month with two events scheduled for March 12 and 22. Approximately 100 to 150 girls are involved in Girl Scouts in the Big Spring service area that also includes Coahoma, St. Lawrence, Stanton and Forsan.

On Wednesday, March 12, there is a Friendship Circle celebration at the Pocket Park located across from the Howard County Courthouse on Main Street. Mayor Tim Blackshear and Johnnie Lou Avery are the guest speakers for the 6-7 p.m. event.

The Celebration Extravaganza is Saturday, March 22, at the Big Spring Mall with a full slate of activities planned from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. The schedule is as follows:

- 10 a.m. - Troop booths open to show the public what scouting is all about from camp-outs to crafts to community service work.

- 11 a.m. - International flag ceremony

- 11:30 a.m.-1 p.m. - Troop presentations

- 1:30-2 p.m. - Style show presenting Girl Scout uniforms through the ages

- 2 p.m. - Birthday cake with sparklers for Scouts and the public

- 2:30 p.m. - Friendship Circle to recognize oldest and youngest Girl Scout in attendance, recognize Girl Scout alumni and sing "Happy Birthday."

All former Girl Scouts in the area are encouraged to attend both events. Those wanting to join Girl Scouts will have the opportunity to at the extravaganza. Girl Scout officials are also trying to start an alumni association. If you are a former Girl Scout and are interested in being a member of the alumni association, call Karen Bearden at 267-1171.

Girl Scouts in the United States was started in Savannah, Ga. in March of 1912 by Juliette Low. The organization was called American Girl Guides. Her birthday falls on Halloween Day so every year, the girls celebrate her day by participating in several events including a pumpkin-carving contest.

A book written by Sir Robert, "Scouting for Boys," was discovered by girls whose brothers were Boy Scouts. The girls found out about all the fun and adventure their counterparts were having and attended the first rally for Boy Scouts at the

Crystal Palace near London in September 1909. The girls weren't invited but they had begged Robert Baden-Powell to inspect them too and this helped him to change his mind about scouting being for boys and not lady-like.

His sister, Agnes, took on the Girl Scouts. Low then began the first American troop in Georgia in 1912. "After 1915, Rosebuds were known as Brownies, the little people of British folklore who were in the habit of doing surprise good turns," according to Girl Scouts literature.

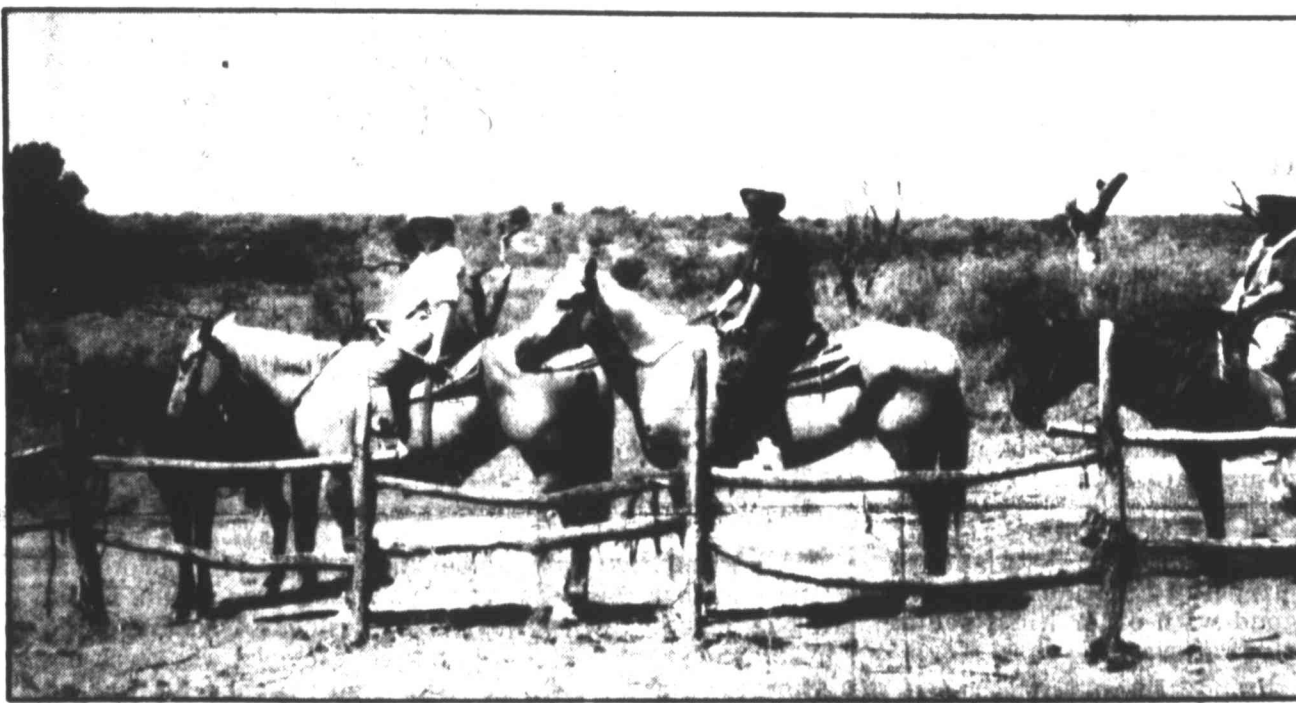
Interestingly, the parents of the girls in England who were involved in scouting objected to their daughters' involvement in the group. Baden-Powell wrote in Girl Guiding, "Now I shall be told, that I am trying to make girls into tomboys. Not a bit of it - quite the opposite; but girls don't want to be dolls, they have ambitions beyond that, and also men do not desire to have dolls as their wives - they want comrades."

The World Association of Girl Guides and Girl Scouts is headquartered in London and has a current membership of 104 countries including India, Switzerland and Mexico.



Courtesy Photo

A group of Girl Scouts mug for the camera during a recent Mad House party at Camp Boothe Oaks in Sweetwater. Every year on Oct. 31, Halloween, the Girl Scouts celebrate the birthday of the founder of the American Girl Scouts, Juliette Low. Low founded the first troop in Savannah, Ga. in March 1912 and the organization is celebrating 85 years all across the country. Two events are scheduled in Big Spring with a Friendship Circle event at Pocket Park March 12 and an extravaganza on Saturday, March 22 at the Big Spring Mall. Former Girl Scouts are encouraged to attend both events and join the alumni association.



Clockwise from top left: Every year, the Girl Scouts in West Texas gather for a track meet to compete in several track and field events. From left are: Kelley Chudej, Twila Hilger, Naomi Liedeck, an unidentified girl from Snyder, Annie McKinnon and Melissa Kennemur. Several of the Girl Scouts have the chance each summer to participate in a Wider Opportunities trip to travel across the state to visit various sights. On this particular trip, the girls took time out to ride horses. Neiman Ferguson, left, and Hayley Lewis enjoy making Thanksgiving crafts at a Girl Scouts meeting. One of the fun activities the Girl Scouts participate in each year is camping out at Camp Boothe Oaks in Sweetwater. Here some Girl Scouts are busy making coffee and browning sausage for breakfast. Chelsea Ferguson, as a Brownie, makes a pillowcase for her troop leader.



Desperate gourmet seeks outside help in beautiful food preparation

It happens in my kitchen every week. I sit down and begin poring over my collection of cook books, newspaper recipes, Gourmet magazines and the copious notes I've taken while watching



Mickey Gulsewite
Columnist

television cooking shows.

And then, bursting with the desire to have a sumptuous dinner, I pick up the phone and order carryout.

Ten years ago when I didn't care about cooking, the carryout consisted of hamburgers, french fries and lots of little packages of ketchup.

But now that I've become completely educated about beautiful food preparation, I've become the time-pressed alternative to the gourmet cook: the gourmet food orderer.

"Hello, we'd like to order the Olive-Crusted Mahi-Mahi, the Sun-Dried Tomato Risotto and the Pureed Turnip Bisque.... Is

it possible to squirt the Espresso Mousse into Styrofoam cups?"

Helping me, of course, is the fact that everyone is offering a carryout menu these days. The takeout options used to be Chop Suey, greasy chicken or pizza. Now I'm half-expecting to see a restaurant concept where you can pull up to a station and order a five-course drive-through meal out of celebrity chef Wolfgang Puck's mouth.

I say the nice restaurants have started offering carryout service just in time.

For the last 15 years we've been inundated with gourmet

cookbooks and gourmet-cooking shows. Every time I turn on my TV I see someone in an apron and a white hat standing there with a whisk and 17 pans going on the stove.

Like most women I know, I'm filled with grand fantasies about what should be coming out of the kitchen, and seven minutes in which to create them.

I want to whip up a recipe for Herb-Roasted Scallops and Homemade Angel-Hair Pasta, but six months later all I've succeeded in doing is moving the unopened pasta-maker box from the garage to the kitchen

counter.

I dream of making heart-shaped Belgian Waffles for Sunday brunch, but by Sunday morning at 11 a.m., all I've managed to do is wash my face, chase my son around the house and crack three eggs into a bowl before realizing we're missing the rest of the ingredients.

Still, those Martha Stewart cookbook photos are etched in my head. Instead of simply seeing a baked chicken breast with rice and a salad, I automatically envision it mesquite grilled and perched atop a bed of Red-Pepper-Flake Pasta with

Homegrown Herb Sauce.

I see a perfect bowl of Dijon-Coated Asparagus. I picture little gratin dishes filled with Fresh Lemon Souffle.

Then I look at my watch and note I have 29 minutes before my son wakes up in which to make two pounds of homemade pasta and squeeze 27 lemons.

Luckily, years of culinary study later, I've finally found the one cooking gadget that guarantees success in the kitchen: the phone.

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WHO'S WHO

Rawleigh McCullough of Big Spring was named to the Mark List for the Fall 1996 semester from Western Texas College. Mark List scholars are students enrolled for more than eight semester hours but fewer than 15, and who earn a grade point average of at least 3.5.



HARRELL

Kelly Harrell has been named to the Distinguished Student list at Tarleton State University, one of the highest honors. She is a 1996 graduate of Stanton High School.

Spring pledging has begun again at McMurry University.

Named to the Dean's List for the Fall 1996 semester at Western Texas College was **Cody Cummings** of Garden City. To be honored, students must have a 3.5 or better grade point average and take at least 15 hours of credit work.

More than 120 male and female students recently joined social clubs and are currently participating in pledging activities. Pledges for the 1997 season include: Heather Anderson of Big Spring for Delta Beta Epsilon.

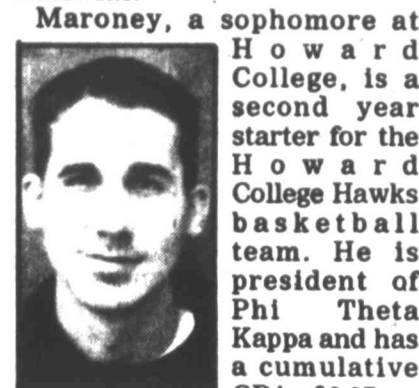
Special education administrator **Gary Allen**, Director of the 87-20 Special Education Cooperative located in Big Spring, has been recognized by the Texas Council of Administrators of Special Education (TCASE) as the 1997 recipient of the organization's prestigious Hall of Honor award. Allen received the award at the organization's midwinter conference at the Red Lion Hotel in Austin in late January.

Nominated by Gwen Duncan, one of Allen's professional peers in Fort Stockton ISD, Allen was selected by the awards committee based on his leadership within the field of special education, his dedication to serving all students, and his pursuit of excellence in representing and serving children with special needs in the Texas public school system.

Allen currently serves as the Director of Special Education for the 87-20 Special Education Cooperative, an agency which provides special education oversight to six West Texas school districts: Coahoma, Forsan, Glasscock County, Grady, Greenwood, and Stanton. He is responsible to the six district management board for planning, organizing, directing, and supervising the special education program and support staff. Allen provides leadership for the development, implementation, and monitoring of special education services, and interprets a multitude of state and federal guide-

lines to the board, school administrators, staff and general public.

Howard College student **Samuel Maroney** earned one of the 25 positions on the Texas All-State Academic first-team and Sandra Gonzalez earned a position on the second-team. Both teams are based on national rankings from more than 60 community colleges statewide.



MARONEY

Maroney, a sophomore at Howard College, is a second year starter for the Howard College Hawks basketball team. He is president of Phi Theta Kappa and has a cumulative GPA of 3.97. He graduated from San Marcos High School with top honors in academics and athletics. He is the son of Gary and

Darlene Maroney. Gonzalez, also a sophomore at Howard College, is involved in Student Government, the Mexican Association Student Association, and Phi Theta Kappa. She volunteers her time to the American Cancer Society and her church, and tutors other Howard College students. She graduated from Sonora High School with honors.



GONZALEZ

The Texas All-State Academic Team celebration was in Austin Feb. 20 and is sponsored by the Texas Association of Community Colleges and Phi Theta Kappa International, a worldwide honor society for two-year college students.

The Texas Community College Teachers' Association

(TCCTA) presented the Distinguished Service Award to **Doris Huibregtse**, recently retired Howard College Business Professor, at the annual convention in Austin, Feb. 20. TCCTA has given only six such awards during its 50-year history.



HUIBREGTSE

Huibregtse served in each of the six association offices from 1982 to 1988, including president in the 1986-87 year. As president, she had the opportunity to present testimony to State Legislative Committees on behalf of community college funding.

Mrs. Huibregtse taught at Howard College for 31 years and chaired the Business Division for 12 years before retiring in 1996.

Menus

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WEDNESDAY - Chef salad; crackers; grapes; milk.
THURSDAY - Meatball sandwich; potato rounds; pinto beans; mixed fruit; milk.
FRIDAY - Manager's choice; salad; ranch style beans; French fries; cookie; milk.

STANTON SCHOOLS
BREAKFAST
MONDAY - Cheese toast or assorted cereal; buttered toast; fruit juice; milk.
TUESDAY - Oatmeal; cinnamon toast or assorted cereal; buttered toast; fruit juice; milk.

WEDNESDAY - Pancakes/syrup or assorted cereal; buttered toast; fruit juice; milk.
THURSDAY - Hot biscuits; scrambled eggs/bacon or assorted cereal; buttered toast; fruit juice; milk.

FRIDAY - Holiday.
LUNCH
MONDAY - Chicken nuggets or barbecue ribs; macaroni and tomato; green beans; peas; French bread; milk.

TUESDAY - Spaghetti or chicken fajita; tossed salad; corn on the cob; applesauce gelatin; garlic bread; milk.
WEDNESDAY - Nacho grande or hot tamales; lettuce/tomato salad; pinto beans; pineapple cup; cornbread; milk.

THURSDAY - Cheeseburger or hamburger; French fries; hamburger salad; apple wedges; cookie; milk.
FRIDAY - Holiday.

COAHOMA SCHOOLS
BREAKFAST
MONDAY - Cheese toast; fruit juice; milk.
TUESDAY - Pancakes with syrup; sausage; fruit; milk.

WEDNESDAY - Cinnamon toast; sausage; fruit; milk.
THURSDAY - Biscuit with sausage; jelly; fruit; milk.

FRIDAY - Cereal; toast; fruit; milk.
LUNCH
MONDAY - Chicken tenders with gravy or corn dog; creamed potatoes; pineapple tidbits; biscuits; milk.

TUESDAY - Lasagna or hot dog with chili; corn; salad; apple cake; milk.
WEDNESDAY - Chicken and dumplings or burrito; green beans; peas; homemade loaf bread; milk.

THURSDAY - Ham and cheese sandwiches or chicken patty on a bun with slaw; potato rounds; applesauce; milk.
FRIDAY - Pizza; French fries; fruit juice bar; milk.

ELBOW SCHOOL
BREAKFAST
MONDAY - Cereal; fruit bar; juice; milk.
TUESDAY - Oatmeal; toast; fruit; milk.

WEDNESDAY - Pancake; sausage; juice; milk.
THURSDAY - Breakfast bagel; juice; milk.
FRIDAY - Eggs; toast; fruit; milk.

LUNCH
MONDAY - Fried burritos; corn; salad; fruit; milk.
TUESDAY - Fish fingers; macaroni and cheese; green beans; fruit; milk.

WEDNESDAY - Sliced ham; peas and carrots; pineapple; pasta salad; hot roll; milk.
THURSDAY - German sausage; potato salad; pinto beans; fruit; hot roll; milk.
FRIDAY - Tuna salad sandwich; potato chip; celery; apple; milk.

GARDEN CITY SCHOOL
LUNCH
MONDAY - Steak fingers; gravy; mashed potatoes; green beans; applesauce; hot rolls; low fat variety milk.
TUESDAY - Ground beef soft taco; Spanish rice; pinto beans; lettuce; tomato; flour tortilla; cookie; low fat variety milk.

WEDNESDAY - Fried chicken; new potatoes; broccoli; fruit with Jell-o; hot rolls; low fat variety milk.
THURSDAY - Spaghetti with meat sauce; English peas; salad; garlic bread; fresh fruit; low fat variety milk.

FRIDAY - No Classes.
WESTBROOK SCHOOLS
BREAKFAST
MONDAY - Cereal; toast; juice; milk.
TUESDAY - Biscuits; sausage; fruit juice; milk.

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'Mindhunter' can be mind boggling at times

By TRICIA LEE
Book Reviewer

Mindhunter. John Douglas and Mark Olshaker. August, 1996. Pocket Books, New York, N.Y. 384 pages. \$6.99.

In recent years, it seems as if serial killers and rapists have become more common. Because of the coverage by the news media, the names of Ted Bundy, Charles Manson, Son of Sam, and others bring instantaneous recognition. In large part, John Douglas was responsible for heading the FBI unit which draws psychological and physical profiles of rapists and murderers.

In drawing profiles, Douglas and those who worked closely

with him perfected their ability to do two important things: first, identify how the victim may have felt and acted, and second, what drove the perpetrator to violence and how they may have reacted to the situation in which violence occurred.

The Unit members have searched backgrounds of guilty parties to draw consistent similarities of early family life, present lifestyle, levels of education, types of cars owned, marital history, employment skills, job records, and current living situation. From this assumed personal information, the profile team has been able to offer guidance to local law enforcement agencies about most effective means of capture and questioning.

The first hundred pages of the book was absolutely riveting in the description of a few savage crimes recently committed, as well as the development of the profiling of the killers.

Douglas refers to his personal life in passing. His marriage is mentioned, and later he speaks of his two daughters; however, he talks about the pressures, the constant dealing with evil and horrors of the murders, the responsibility to do all to capture criminals before more innocent victims are killed, and the lack of being home as a responsible parent, but how he dealt with these pressures or whether it damaged his family ties was not mentioned until the very last few pages.

The book is certainly accurate and detailed, and readers who have an interest in solving difficult criminal cases or the psychological makeup of murderers will find a good read. Others may find it downright sluggish. Because there is no real climax or turning point, it is an easy book to put aside for a period of time.

Rating: *** (Good for discussion at a party)



However, the book seems to overflow with too many similar cases, and the distinction among them becomes blurred. In describing each case in detail, the process and outcome of profiling the criminal becomes tiring, and the references back to various crimes such as "the Kemper case" becomes meaningless with so much material to be digested.

life! Sunday deadlines

All Sunday items (weddings, anniversaries, engagements, birth announcements, Who's Who, military) are due to the Herald office by Wednesday at noon.
Wedding, engagement, anniversary and birth announcement forms are available in the editorial department.

James M. Rebik, D.O.
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Scenic Mountain Medical Center
Technology Update

Julie Ferguson is a Radiologic Technologist at Scenic Mountain Medical Center. She is shown here with the nuclear medicine camera, which is used for diagnostic tests such as bone scans and liver scans.

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Small business legislation passes in Senate

AUSTIN (AP) — Legislation sponsors said should help small Texas businesses obtain needed capital sailed through the state Senate on Thursday.

Sen. Rodney Ellis, D-Houston, said the bill would allow banks to lend money to companies that otherwise couldn't qualify for commercial loans.

"Small businesses play a vital role in the Texas economy," Ellis said. "Many small businesses have good management

and a solid business plan, but for a variety of reasons they cannot qualify for a conventional bank loan."

The bill, also sponsored by Sens. Jerry Patterson, R-Houston, and Eddie Lucio, D-Brownsville, would create a Capital Access Program for small and medium-sized businesses and nonprofit corporations.

If a bank participates in the program, a special reserve fund

is set up to cover future losses from a portfolio of loans the bank makes under the program.

Each time a bank made a Capital Access loan, the lender and borrower would make a combined contribution of at least 3 percent of the loan amount to the reserve fund. The state then would make a matching contribution, which would help insure against any

losses in the program.

Businesses that could take advantage of the program range from small firms with fewer than 20 employees to those with as many as 500 workers. Such companies make up 95 percent of businesses in Texas, employ almost 4 million people and have a total payroll of about \$100 billion annually, Ellis said.

The lawmakers said 20 other

states have similar programs.

Patterson said one advantage to the program is the return on the state's investment.

"Each dollar invested in the fund could generate as much as \$20 in private lending to businesses and nonprofit organizations," he said.

The bill, which would replace two other state loan funds if passed and signed into law, now goes to the House for consideration.

FAMILY PRACTICE AT SMMC!



Drs. Carlos E. Mercado and Mara DeLa Vega officially opened their family medical practice during a ribbon cutting and grandopening at Scenic Mountain Medical Clinic Thursday. The couple came to Big Spring from New York City because they were recruited and because they were looking for a small community to start a family medical clinic. The couple plans to be in Big Spring for a while and want to raise their family here as well.

HERALD photo/Jonathan Garrett

Howard College honored for its safety record

By CARLTON JOHNSON
Staff Writer

Howard College's Karla Roper was recently honored for outstanding employee safety by the Texas Public Junior and Community College Employee Benefits Consortium at its annual meeting.

The consortium consists of 22 participating community colleges located throughout Texas. Howard college is a member of a uniquely designed partial self-funded workers' compensation program developed by Hibbs-Hallmark & Company and administered by Claims Administrative Services Inc., both located in Tyler.

Hibbs-Hallmark & Company currently provides workers' compensation programs to 30 percent of all community colleges in Texas. The purpose of the annual meeting was to recognize those colleges that have held both the number and severity of employee accidents to a very low level.

The combined savings during the 1995-96 school year, for all participating colleges, was more than \$2 million when compared to costs of fully insured programs. The total savings for all colleges since inception of the program in

1991 exceed \$7.7 million.

Howard College was a gold award winner with the actual losses from employee accidents equaling less than 50 percent of the fund set aside by the college for claims expenses. The actual savings to the college was \$50,070.

"Our self insurance program was designed to provide the highest level of safety and offer the greatest potential for premium savings to the colleges," Bill Hibbs, president of Hibbs-Hallmark & Company, said. "We have a team of safety professionals who help the districts to implement a strict set of safety policies and procedures."

"Safety in the workplace is such an important issue and the administrators who have achieved such a high level of success in the area of employee safety deserve this special recognition," Claims Administrative Services President Barry Jones said. "The taxpayers should also be pleased to know that the board of trustees and the administrative staff of Howard College is doing everything possible to insure a safe work environment for its employees while reducing the cost of workers' compensation insurance."

Beef industry adding tools to reduce bacteria during production

DALLAS (AP) — The beef industry is instituting changes in its packing plants to remove bacteria during production, making steaks safer and roasts less-risky.

The "safety revolution" is partially in response to an E. coli outbreak in 1993 which sickened more than 500 hamburger eaters and killed three children.

"It really effected consumer confidence in the products," said Caroline Smith DeWaal, director of food safety at the Centers for Science in the Public Interest.

As Americans heard about the diseased meat, they reacted by turning their backs on beef and consumption bottomed out at 61.6 pounds per person, according to the National Cattlemen's Beef Association.

"The industry has been badly shaken by the types of media attention that the outbreaks of food poisoning have caused over the years. The companies are very sensitive," said Ms. Smith DeWaal.

So, both beef producers and the government responded.

Last month, U.S. Department of Agriculture inspectors began

requiring slaughterhouses to test meat and poultry for contamination like E. coli, first identified in 1982. Before, carcasses only were examined by sight and smell under regulations that were designed in 1906.

Although there are no standards and regulations are only for monitoring bacteria levels, levels will be mandated within the next year. So, the largest plants are moving now to improve the safety and the quality of their product, Ms. DeWaal said.

"The outbreak in the Northwest was probably the major factor that gave us the final push to get us moving," Gary Acuff, associate professor of food microbiology of Texas A&M University, said of the testing and new technology. "If people are dying, that gets a lot of attention."

To combat bacteria, there have been several different germ killers introduced on production lines, including: a high-temperature water spray and vacuum; an organic acid spray; and steam pasteurization.

The hot water and vacuum

spray was introduced about a year ago and is in use in most major packing plants. The technique involves spraying beef carcasses with hot water or steam, then removing the water and bacteria with a vacuum.

The organic acid spray includes sprinkling the beef with antibacterial agents such as acetic acid, vinegar or even orange juice.

But the most recent development, and believed to be the most effective, is steam pasteurization.

Under the Kansas State University-developed treatment, trimmed carcasses are put into a chamber and a high-pressure steam is applied.

"And that in laboratory tests has shown very high effectiveness," said Ms. Smith DeWaal.

It also is expensive with each unit costing about \$1 million.

Still, several of the big packing plants are buying the equipment, said Dan Hale, extension meat specialist at Texas A&M.

COUNTY RECEIVES GIFT!



Norwest Bank Texas, N.A. executed a warranty deed Tuesday donating two pieces of property to Howard County. The property is in the 600 block of Scurry and will benefit the Heritage Museum and the Dora Roberts Howard County Library. Pictured are Curt Mullins, Norwest Chairman; Richard Logan, Norwest President; County Commissioner Emma Brown; County Judge Ben Lockhart; Museum Curator Angie Way; and Librarian Loraine Redman.

Courtesy photo

Vaccination can help alleviate sudden death in cattle herds

During the past couple of weeks, there have been intermittent reports from around the county about sudden death losses in cattle herds. Conditions this year appear to favor infections of "Blackleg" and other clostridial diseases.



Don Richardson
County Agent

Poisonings from toxic plants may be a problem as well. Both have been recently diagnosed. Remember, sudden death in livestock may have a variety of causes. Usually, the cause can be identified by having your veterinarian perform a post-mortem examination as quickly as possible.

Losses to toxic range plants can frequently be prevented or minimized by having a knowl-

edge of plant identification, poisoning conditions, poisoning symptoms and management strategies. Prevention is usually the first line of defense for disease as well. Prevention of disease also means giving the appropriate vaccinations in a timely manner.

This year, Blackleg disease, or some of its close "cousins" may be more of a problem than is typical. These diseases are caused by a group of bacteria known as Clostridia. They are almost always fatal, but tend to be very sporadic in their occurrence.

True Blackleg is caused by Clostridium chauvoei and it usually affects cattle under two years of age. Occasionally adult cattle are affected. The disease organism forms spores which can remain inactive in the soil for years or even decades until they are ingested by an animal.

Usually the organisms accumulate in large muscle groups like the leg or shoulder, and sometimes in the heart or tongue. The bacteria become

lethal after they begin replication.

Replication is often triggered by growth of the animal, or sometimes by exertion or bruising. Therefore, it is typically the best doing, most growthy calves that suddenly die. Post-mortem symptoms include the classic crackling sensation felt when the animal's skin is rubbed, particularly in the leg or brisket regions.

The affected muscle will be characterized by black, dead tissue which smells sweetish or rancid. Vaccination at less than four months of age will not produce a lasting immunity. Ideally, calves should be vaccinated at four months of age and boosted again at five to six months of age. A minimal recommendation would be to vaccinate at branding and then again at weaning.

Malignant Edema, Black disease and Overating disease are also caused by Clostridial infections. Some Clostridial

species occur naturally within the digestive tract, but can trigger illness when diet is changed. Unusually high milk consumption by calves might cause this.

In older animals, infection can be caused by a shift in diet quality; usually to a high concentrate diet. But sometimes, a simple increase in forage quality can trigger the disease. Other Clostridia cause infection by entering the body through an open wound.

Post-mortem symptoms from these types of Clostridial infections are not easily seen. Usually the dead or blackened tissue is within the body cavity or within the intestinal tract. Again, this is where a veterinarian can help with diagnosis.

The 7-way Clostridial vaccines provide the broadest spectrum of immunity against infection. But, remember, if any vaccine is improperly handled or administered in an untimely manner, it will have reduced efficacy.

Keep vaccines refrigerated

and out of the sunlight, including when cattle are being worked. Only disinfect syringes and needles with boiling water. Do not use alcohol, soap, betadine, chlorox, etc., as these can damage or inactivate the vaccine. Similarly, don't lubricate syringes with petroleum based lubricants. Use the first draw of vaccine as a lubricant. Give injections sub-Q, under the skin, whenever possible.

If Clostridial infection is diagnosed as the cause of death, other deaths may follow. Try to booster all animals in the herd immediately. It is also a good idea to burn the carcass before it bloats, to prevent future soil contamination by bacterial spores.

As a final precaution, when animals are worked this fall, it might be a good idea to booster even older animals with a Clostridial vaccine. Questions can be referred to the county Extension office or local veterinarians.

BUSINESS IN BRIEF

PPL STOCK UP

LONDON (AP) — Investors pushed up the share price of a young Scottish biotechnology company that cloned a sheep, but it remains unclear whether the science can go from making sheep to making money.

PPL Therapeutics, based outside Edinburgh, worked with the Roslin Institute, also near Edinburgh, to clone a lamb named Dolly, from an adult sheep. The practical applications of using adult mammals to make infant copies seem less impressive.

A 15.7 percent jump in the stock of PPL in London was seen largely as a knee-jerk reaction to the headlines around the world of the technological breakthrough. Despite the jump, PPL's stock price Monday was less than what it was last spring when the company went public.

GENETIC WORKS

BOSTON (AP) — Calling attention to an ongoing debate, a leading biotechnology company said it will label all genetically engineered products as a consumer service.

But the decision by Novartis, which formalizes an existing practice, will go unnoticed at farm stands and supermarkets because the labels appear on seed corn bound for farmers, not store shelves.

The new policy was announced Monday at a Tufts University crops conference, as officials in Europe argue over how much information should be provided to consumers of genetically altered products.

FOOD PRICES

WASHINGTON (AP) — After rising in 1996 at the fastest rate in six years, food prices likely will moderate this year, according to an Agriculture Department forecast.

Food prices are expected to rise just 2.1 percent this year, down from 3.3 percent last year. The 1996 increase was the steepest since prices rose 5.8 percent in 1990 when the economy was entering the last recession.

The government's Consumer Price Index for all goods and services rose 3 percent in 1996.

DISNEY DEAL

BURBANK, Calif. (AP) — Walt Disney Co. locked up an exclusive 10-year, five-movie deal with Pixar Animation Studios, its partner in the 1995 hit "Toy Story."

The agreement Monday keeps Disney on the leading edge of feature animation — its driving engine — at a time when challengers such as the new DreamWorks SKG studio are hoping to break its near-monopoly.

SETTLEMENT

NEWARK, N.J. (AP) — Lawyers for Prudential Insurance Co. of America and millions of its policyholders urged a federal judge to approve a settlement that would offer case-by-case relief to victims of deceptive sales pitches.

The unlimited settlement — which an accounting firm said could cost the nation's largest life insurer up to \$2 billion — is up for final approval by the court two years after the first lawsuits were filed against Prudential.

"We have a settlement here that is monumental," Melvyn I. Weiss, lead co-counsel for policyholders in the class-action lawsuit, told U.S. District Judge Alfred M. Wollin on Monday.

CREDIT UNIONS

WASHINGTON (AP) — In a case that affects millions of credit union members across the nation, the Supreme Court agreed to review a new restriction on who may join federally chartered credit unions.

PUBLIC RECORDS

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Marriage Licenses:
Orlando Martinez Sanchez, 20, and Elvia Linda Vanez, 21.
Chad Douglas Small, 26, and Jennie Diane Womack, 26.
Vidal Chapa, Jr., 25, and Irma Torres Barrientes, 32.
James John Creekmore, 40, and Adriane Denise Martinez, 32.
Doyce Ray Coyle, 29, and Cindy Denise Welch, 34.

County Court records:
Probated judgment DWLS: Maria Lopez, \$250 fine and 180 days in jail, Juan G. Hinojosa \$250 fine and 180 days in jail, Kevin Ramirez \$250 fine and 180 days in jail, Gabriel Provenzo \$250 fine and 180 days in jail, Lupe Hernandez \$350 fine and 180 days in jail, Vincent Edward McVea \$250 fine and 180 days in jail, Silvino Nava, Jr. \$250 fine and 180 days in jail, Raymond Xera Gonzalez \$250 fine and 180 days in jail, Esther Gonzalez \$350 fine and 180 days in jail, Loretta Ann Armendariz \$250 fine and 180 days in jail, Christy Subiate \$250 fine and 180 days in jail, Alberto Maciel \$250 fine and 180 days in jail, Ronney Eldon Fletcher \$250 fine and 180 days in jail, Kenneth Dwin Scott \$250 fine and 180 days in jail, Christy Subiate \$350 fine and 180 days in jail, John W. Breckenridge \$250 fine and 180 days in jail, Rosemary Charlton \$350 fine and 180 days in jail, Miguel Delgado \$250 fine and 180 days in jail, Connie Edens \$500 fine and 180 days in jail, Jesse Fierro \$250 fine and 180 days in jail.
Judgment & sentence DWLS: Amy Lynn Christian \$250 fine, \$162 court cost and 10 days in jail, Robert Dale Hutcheson \$250 fine, \$197 court cost and 10 days in jail, Tomas Soto \$300 fine, \$197 court cost and 30 days in jail.
Order(s) of dismissal: Amado Valle.
Probated judgment DWI: Gary L. Miller \$500 fine and 180 days in jail, Charles Planaga \$750 fine and 180 days in jail, Christopher Fuqua (2nd offense) \$1,000 fine and 365 days in jail, Devon T. Arguello \$500 fine and 180 days in jail, Mark Arguello \$500 fine and 180 days in jail.
Judgment & sentence DWI: Matilde Rodriguez \$500 fine and 15 days in jail.
Probated judgment Harbor runaway: Amanda Gail Eggleston \$100 fine and 180 days in jail.
Judgment & sentence driving while license invalid: Valentin Sandoval \$100 fine, \$197 court cost and 120 days in jail.
Judgment & sentence evading detention: Valentin Sandoval \$100 fine, \$192 court cost and 120 days in jail.
Probated judgment possession of marijuana under 2 ounces: Guy Webster \$200 fine and 180 days in jail.
Probated judgment Unlawfully carrying a weapon: Irene Ramirez \$450 and 180 days in jail, Alvaro Rodriguez \$450 and 180 days in jail, Juan Marquez \$450 and 180 days in jail.

Warranty deed:
grantor: Raphael and Amelia Rodriguez
grantee: Louisa Marquez
property: Lot 2, blk. 2, Settles Heights Addition
filed: Feb. 18, 1997

grantor: Sandra A. Vrba and Lidia Mikeska
grantee: MKN, Inc.
property: The south 50' of lot 2 and the east 50' of the north 100' of lot 2, blk. 89, Original Town of Big Spring
filed: Feb. 18, 1997

grantor: Emily F. Stuteville and Dean P. Mikeska
grantee: MKN, Inc.
property: The south 50' of lot 2 and the east 50' of the north 100' of lot 2, blk. 89, Original Town of Big Spring
filed: Feb. 18, 1997

grantor: Nancy Grantham
grantee: Doris Banks, J.T. Boney and Eleanor Cornett
property: All of lot 3, blk. 2, Sunset Addition
filed: Feb. 18, 1997

Warranty deed:
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grantee: Philip J. McNeal
property: Lot 5, blk. 2, Highland Park Addition
filed: Feb. 20, 1997

Warranty deed with vendor's Rec:
grantor: Elizabeth Jones Miller and Bob J. Miller
grantee: Pat K. Allensworth
property: Lots 10-12, blk. 17, Washington Place Addition
filed: Feb. 18, 1997

grantor: Rhonda Gay Tate
grantee: Sandra Williams
property: All of lot 12, save and except the west 14' in blk. 1, Edwards Heights Addition
filed: Feb. 18, 1997

grantor: Linda C. Black aka Linda C. Banks
grantee: Lucy McElreath
property: West 50' of the south 47' of lot 7, blk. 2, Wright's Second Addition
filed: Feb. 19, 1997

grantor: Jimmie Ralph Jennings and Jackie Earl Jennings
grantee: Randy L. and Becky Jones
property: All of lot 7, blk. 4, College Heights Addition
filed: Feb. 19, 1997

grantor: H.D. and Jean Carroll
grantee: Richard M. Alcantar
property: A 0.503 acre tract of land out of the northeast part of section 12, blk. 32, T-1-S, T&P RR Co.
filed: Feb. 20, 1997

grantor: Alton and Becky Fields
grantee: Theresa A. Marshall
property: East 1/2 of lot 3, blk. 1, Lockhart Addition
filed: Feb. 20, 1997

grantor: Robert C. and Mary Jo Chaney
grantee: Richard and Charity Price
property: The east 1/2 of that certain 1.0 acre tract of land out of and part of the southeast 1/4 of section 48, blk. 32, T-1-N, T&P RR Co.
filed: Feb. 20, 1997

grantor: Chuck Rosenbaum
grantee: Albert and Paula Ybarra
property: Lots 17-18, blk. 17, Washington Place Addition
filed: Feb. 21, 1997

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Trustee's Deed:

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Guy Jason Privett vs. Dawn M. Privett
Debra Lynn Whiteley vs. Buddy Jay Whiteley

Nancy Ann Diaz vs. Denny Muro Diaz
Billy Ray Faulka vs. Barbara Ann Faulka
Tonya Lei McNew vs. Scotty Ray McNew
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Sharon L. Williams vs. Darren W. Bentley
Julie L. Thompson vs. James R. Thompson

Nicole Garcia vs. Guadalupe Ruben Garcia
Charles Carol Pace vs. William Bernard Barney
Windy Werts vs. Chris Lee Fuqua
Billy Joe Wilkins vs. Cindy Wilkins
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Albert Alvarez vs. Patsy Alvarez

Liability law deemed difficult

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AUSTIN (AP) — A state law requiring Texas drivers to carry at least liability insurance is unenforceable, the state's top insurance regulator says.

Texas Insurance Commissioner Elton Bomer on Monday said insurance companies don't want to sell liability insurance and Texans driving without it don't want to buy it. "It's a difficult situation," Bomer said.

Petition fails to defeat High Plains program

LUBBOCK (AP) — A petition effort to force a recall vote of the High Plains boll weevil program has failed, leaving an impending appellate court ruling as the opponents' final opportunity to get it spiked.

A verification committee headed by Taylor County Judge Lee Hamilton approved 8,330 of the 9,526 anti-foundation petitions submitted by farmers in the High Plains region, which includes the Panhandle and South Plains.

The petition count, which was short 302 signatures, was announced Thursday.

The Legislature established the Texas Boll Weevil Eradication Foundation as a farmer-funded effort to fight the spread of cotton-destroying weevils. Farmers in each region of the state voted to get

the program started.

But opponents who want to force a recall criticize the way the foundation collects payments from the farmers and complain that the malathion spraying also kills beneficial insects.

The farmers needed 8,632 signatures to force a recall vote, or 40 percent of the region's 21,581 proprietors. Hamilton's committee threw out 1,196 duplicate petitions, including 36 from one overanxious grower.

"They spent a couple of days alphabetizing all the petitions, and during that time they noticed there were indeed duplicates inside the full petition," foundation spokeswoman Teresa Ellason said.

Hale County farmer Tommy

Applewhite, president of the recall organization, said he was satisfied with the results, but disappointed that some late petitions weren't accepted. He acknowledged that duplicates damaged his effort.

"That's what hurt us more than anything, but we sent out four mailouts, so we knew there were going to be some duplicates," Applewhite said.

Farmers in the Rio Grande Valley successfully forced a recall election and ejected the program a year ago.

But farmers in the southern Rolling Plains around San Angelo and the South Texas Winter Garden around Victoria have seen anti-foundation petition efforts fizzle.

"As far as we're concerned

right now, we did best we could and we came very close," said Don Lyles, another South Plains opponent. "(Foundation backers) said that if the program was bad enough, that 40 percent would not hard to gather. We came close, so obviously it did have very large problems, even by their own measure."

The foundation can't celebrate quite yet. The Texas Supreme Court is expected to rule soon on the foundation's appeal of a district court ruling last summer that the foundation's method of collecting assessments in mid-growing season is unconstitutional.

If the Supreme Court finds the foundation's collection methods unconstitutional, it would invalidate the entire program.

Appraisal bill effects outweigh its gains

AUSTIN (AP) — A bill to improve the accuracy of home appraisals for tax purposes and keep them from fluctuating radically was introduced Thursday by lawmakers. But tax appraisers say it would be prohibitively expensive.

The bill by Sen. David Cain and Rep. Paul Hilbert would change the Property Tax Code for primary residences.

Cain, D-Dallas, said the result would be an appraisal system "that can be dealt with by each and every taxpayer."

"We don't want a maze or labyrinth. We want a government that can be interfaced by ordinary citizens," he said.

The bill was filed in response to what the legislators called the arbitrary nature of appraisals. Tax rates may not increase, but a homeowner's tax bill could still escalate because it is based on the home's appraised value.

"We feel we have to do something to get this under control," said Hilbert, R-Houston.

The bill would end mass appraisals, in which a home's value is estimated using the neighborhood value as a basis.

It would institute a more specific system, which would combine appraisals of the cost of building the home, the selling price and the income from renting the property. This method is generally referred to as fee appraisal, because the

appraiser is paid to specifically look at the property for the assessment.

But appraisers said such a system would cause the cost of appraisals to skyrocket.

"I wouldn't mind having a staff of 50 appraisers. We could do a bang-up job, but it's impractical. You don't get a return on your investment," said David Luther, legislative board chairman of the Texas Association of Appraisal Districts and the Jasper Chief Appraiser.

Travis County Chief Appraiser Art Cory said to individually appraise each of that county's 300,000 residences would cost \$60 million — 12 times the county budget.

"We'd love to be able to do that," said Cory. "The cost is just staggering compared to the way we do it now."

The bill also would cap appraisal increases at 5 percent a year for tax purposes.

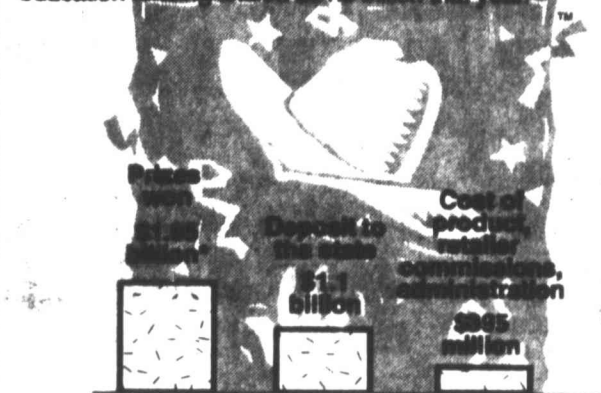
"The current system is driven by market value," said Luther. "You run into the problem of fast-growing communities. Who knows if you ever catch up with market value?"

In other provisions, the bill would expand property tax exemptions for people age 65 and older and require appraisal district boards of directors to be elected rather than appointed.

Keeping an eye on Texas

Lottery take vs. education funding

The Texas Lottery earned \$1.1 billion for the state from September 1, 1995 to August 31, 1996. Public education funding totaled \$2.8 billion that year.



*Does not include annualized value of Lotto Texas jackpots
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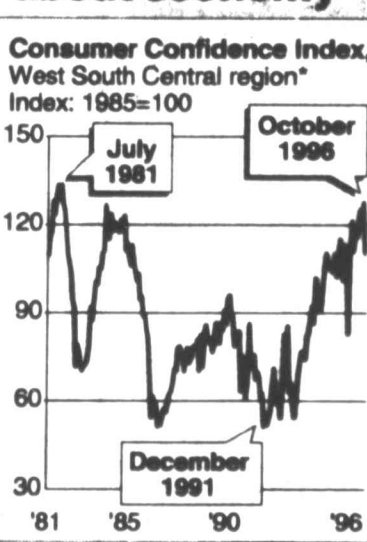
Keeping an eye on Texas

Consumers positive about economy

Consumer confidence in Texas reached its highest point in 15 years in October 1996. In a survey of households in the West South Central region, consumers were pleased about low unemployment, minimum inflation, and growth in wages. The positive response in regard to the present and future economic outlook in the region was measured at 127.6 points in October, far greater than the lowest point of 51.3 points in December, 1991.

*The West South Central region includes Texas, Oklahoma, Arkansas and Louisiana.

SOURCES: John Sharp, Texas Comptroller of Public Accounts, and The Conference Board.



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