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Lady Steers claim 2nd straight regional crown

HERALD Staff Report

SAN ANGELO — Like the U.S. Postal Service, a little bad weather isn't going to keep the Big Spring Lady Steers from their appointed rounds.

The BSHS girls track team ignored wet, chilly weather for the umpteenth time this season to win their second consecutive Region I-4A title Saturday.

And Big Spring's boys had something to cheer for as well,



MITCHELL

as Tory Mitchell blazed to double gold by winning both the 100 and 200 meter dashes.

Big Spring girls coach Jay Kennedy has said all year that his team performs best in bad

weather, and they once again proved him right on a slick track at Angelo State University.

The Lady Steers won the meet easily, collecting 85 points to 48 for runner-up Pampa. That reversed the order of finish at the season's inaugural track meet in Frenship, where Pampa edged Big Spring for the team title.

Lubbock Estacado was third, Azle fourth and Fort Worth

Eastern Hills fifth.

The only major disappointment for the Lady Steers is that, unlike last year, they failed to qualify all three relays for the state meet. Big Spring won the 800 meter relay by almost two seconds over runner-up Pampa, then ran a time of 4 minutes and 2.2 seconds to win the 1,600 meter relay by almost a full second over Lubbock Estacado.

In the 400 meter relay, howev-

er, the Lady Steers finished third behind Eastern Hills and Fort Worth Arlington Heights.

The top two finishers in each event qualify for the state meet.

But that was about the only down moment for the Big Spring girls.

Jaclyn Owusu and Keesha Lott both qualified for the state meet in the triple jump with a 1-2 finish in that event. Owusu jumped 38 feet, 5 1/2 inches to win the event, followed by Lott

with a jump of 38-1.

Also qualifying for the state meet was Dee Hill, who finished second to Hereford's Kristin Fangman in the 100 meter hurdles. Fangman won in a time of 15.20, two-tenths of a second better than Hill.

This marks Hill's second trip to the state meets in the hurdles.

Other Big Spring individual

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Weather fouls Hangar 25 Static Display

By CARLTON JOHNSON
Staff Writer

The cold weather grounded several of the planes scheduled to appear at Saturday's first-ever Hangar 25 Static Display at McMahon/Wrinkle Airpark as well as caused a skydiving team out of Stanton to cancel their performance, but the display did go on.

The event was coordinated to help raise money for the Hangar 25 Restoration Project.

According to Airpark Manager Nelda Reagan, the term static display means planes fly in and are grounded for display rather than perform or fly.

Because of the weather, another feature attraction was also unable to fly in for the event — the World War II bomber "Tinkerbell," but it will be a permanent part of Hangar 25 once the restoration project is complete.

Many more events like Saturday's display will be scheduled in the future as the airpark continues to raise its 20 percent share of a \$500,000 state grant to renovate Hangar 25 to World War II status.

According to Reagan, the airpark still needs to raise about \$80,000 of its \$114,000 share.

Saturday's activities began at 10 a.m. with the presentation of colors by Leo Welch, commander of VFW Post 2013 and Jesse Hernandez, past commander of VFW Post 2013.

Residents who braved the weather to see the display were welcomed by local resident Jerry Worthy, who is also involved with the restoration project.

Food and other refreshments were available throughout the day.

Judging of the model airplanes began at 3 p.m. and aviation enthusiasts were also treated to a classic car display.

The colors were retired at 4 p.m. as the event ended and "Taps" was played, at which time the feature attraction of the display, the C-130 Hercules aircraft from Dyess Air Force Base in Abilene, displayed its awesome power during a maximum performance takeoff.

The C-130, which has four T-56-A-15 engines with 4,500 shaft horsepower each, had a steady stream of traffic throughout the day.

"The crowds have been wonderful considering the weather," Reagan said. "This will be an annual event and we may have to schedule it later, such as in June. It will become an air show instead of a static display so we can raise funds for the operation of Hangar 25."

Once funds are raised, the projected construction time on the restoration project is about nine to 10 months after contracts are let, something the Texas Department of Transportation wants done locally.

The idea behind the restora-



John Avant sits in the cockpit and talks to the loadmaster of the C-130 Hercules transport that flew in for the inaugural Hangar 25 Static Display. The Hercules was one of the main attractions at the event that suffered as a result of cold, rainy weather Saturday.

tion project, according to Reagan, is to make good use of some of the empty buildings at the airpark.

Part of the history of the hangar is the bombardier school graduated its first group

of cadets the day of the attack on Pearl Harbor.

The base closed in 1946, but when the Korean crisis erupted in 1951, the base was resurrected and produced jet pilots for the U.S. for more than a quar-

ter of a century.

Reagan said, "It became known as Webb AFB home of the 356th Pilot Training Wing, and for a while was the base for

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Arrests made in burglaries at Coahoma

By CARLTON JOHNSON
Staff Writer

The burglaries that occurred at a business, a school and two residences in Coahoma late Thursday night or early Friday morning have been cleared by the Howard County Sheriff's Department with the arrest of a 17-year-old Howard County man.

According to Sheriff Bill Jennings, Estaban Juarez of Rt. 3, Box 389 is in custody and is being charged with two counts of burglary of a habitation and four counts of burglary of a building.

Two juveniles were also arrested, ages 16 and 14, in connection with the burglaries.

The places hit by the burglars included the Little Sooper grocery store, Coahoma High School shop building, the high school cafeteria, the Fidel Gomez residence, one other residence, the Little League concession stand and another time at the high school, according to Jennings.

"We ran search warrants and also got a usable amount of marijuana," Jennings said. "We learned about two other burglaries that hadn't been reported to us."

According to Jennings, two other people were also arrested on possession charges.

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Council, school board candidates list issues in races

By CARLTON JOHNSON
Staff Writer

In a rare election season where every race is contested, all that remains is for candidates to make their final attempts to get their views across to voters in their districts before Saturday's city council and school board elections.

There are three races each for seats on the Big Spring City Council and the Big Spring Independent School District Board of Trustees.

Current voter rolls show that just over 13,000 residents inside the city limit are registered to vote.

Council races include District 2 incumbent Pat DeAnda being challenged by Oscar Garcia and Bob Taylor.

District 4 Councilman Tom Guess faces a challenge from Howard College instructor Tommy Tune.

The District 6 council race is between two newcomers and a candidate who took another council person to a runoff election last year. Incumbent John Paul Anderson decided not to seek reelection.

Political newcomers Randy Mason and Ray Rinard, and Greg Biddison,

who took District 3 Councilman Chuck Cawthon to a runoff last year before losing, are the candidates seeking to fill the District 6 seat.

According to City Secretary Tom Ferguson, the exact order in which council candidates will appear on the ballot include:

•District 2 — Pat DeAnda (incumbent) versus Bob Taylor and Oscar Garcia.

•District 4 — Tom Guess (incumbent) and Tommy Tune.

•District 6 — Gregg Biddison versus Ray Rinard and Randy Mason.

The order of appearance on the ballot in the three school board races is as follows:

•At-Large — Steve Fraser (incumbent) and Mike Robinson.

•District 2 — Larry G. Hollar (incumbent) and Steve Jeter.

•District 4 — Donnie Baker (incumbent) and Frank A. Long.

Local voters will again use a central voting location during Saturday's election and will cast ballots in the Big Spring High School cafeteria from 7 a.m. to 7 p.m.

Early voting in city and school elections began on April 14 and continues through 5 p.m. Tuesday.

Early ballots in the city council election may be cast in the finance office at City Hall and ballots in the school board election may be cast in Howard County Clerk Margaret Ray's office.

In order to give voters a final chance to see where candidates stand on certain issues and why they want their votes, the Herald asked each candidate seeking office to respond to a series of questions.

Here are their responses:

CITY COUNCIL

District 2

Pat DeAnda, 50, Incumbent
Please list your qualifications and experiences relative to the position you are seeking.

Having served two council terms, I have a comprehensive background in all aspects of how the city works.

Integrity — I have always strived to represent the citizens of this community in a way that would not compromise their integrity. Putting one over on them,



DeANDA

was not, is not nor will it ever be a consideration for me. I research issues and vote to benefit the majority of citizens.

Straightforwardness — I have the ability to cut through the chase used sometimes to conceal an issue and crystallize it so that the majority understands exactly what the focal point is.

•What do you consider the three most critical issues facing the city of Big Spring and what actions are needed to resolve them?

A). Police department — The conditions are deplorable, overcrowded and unsightly. Citizens had the opportunity to remedy the problem through a referendum that would combine city and county. It was lost by some 80 votes.

It is imperative that citizens understand that the state has the power to condemn such facilities and when they do we have no choice. When it is put before the citizens for a vote we had better look at the economic and long-term effects of a vote against.

Mandated by the state you can be sure that it will be unfunded and we will have to comply in a timely manner.

B). Beals Creek Project — The diversion of water from businesses and homes situated on its fringes is very important for quality of life, health reasons and safety. We must make those persons responsible for its pollution correct the problems or at least share the economic burden of cleaning it up.

C). FAA concerns — We must correct these so that marketing of the Industrial Park can begin on a larger scale. We need the businesses for two very important reasons; we can put our citizens to work and our tax base will increase.

•Some say the city should run as a business. Please describe your opinion.

Managing budgets and people in the private sector is entirely different than the city. We are a service oriented operation. The only profits realized through the city are in utilities through collections of which a portion is used for re-investment purposes.

The danger in trying to run the city like a business is realized by the citizens in poor services, by people already taxed, trying to do three and four jobs with no added compensation.

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Strong feelings on both sides of helmet debate

AUSTIN (AP) — At 7, he was riding a bicycle with training wheels when he saw a kid pull the starter cord on a mini-bike and knew he had to have one.

Now 41, "Harley Bob" Wieland rides Harley-Davidson motorcycles and assembles motorcycle engines for a living. And what he now wants more than anything is for lawmakers to wake up and repeal a helmet law that's kept Texas cyclists wearing headgear since 1989.

Lisa Harmon, a nurse who coordinates rehabilitative care for hospitalized trauma victims,

is against the repeal. She also wants people to wake up to the reality of head-injured patients who've died or lost much of their functioning due to motorcycle accidents.

The Texas House and Senate, which have voted to repeal the law for those 21 and older, must vote on the amended measure again, and are expected to repeal the law next week. Then it will be up to adult cyclists to decide whether to wear protective gear.

They may consider statistics like these:

— Twenty-six percent of unhelmeted Texas cyclists who had accidents in 1995 sustained head injuries, compared to 19 percent of helmeted cyclists who had accidents, according to the Texas Department of Health.

— States with comprehensive helmet-use laws have nearly half the head-injury-related death rates of states with partial or no helmet policies, according to the Journal of the American Medical Association.

But it's the unquantifiables — not the numbers — that are

decision-makers for people like Wieland and Harmon.

Wieland, big and burly, wears black jeans and a T-shirt to work at Bud's Motorcycle Shop on East Cesar Chavez Street.

Wieland's voice is thick with indignation.

"The wind in your hair — there's nothing else like it; it's part of the ride," he says. "And it's like they've got their hand on your head. You're attempting to have some freedom, and the government's got their little hand on your head. It's not just a helmet."

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TODAY'S WEATHER

62 ▲ Highs 45
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Today: Mostly cloudy with a slight chance of showers and thunderstorms. High in the lower 60s. Low in the mid 40s.

Monday: Fair. High in the mid 70s. Low in the lower 50s.

Extended outlook: Tuesday, fair with a high in the lower 80s. Low in the lower to mid 50s. Wednesday, continued fair with a high in the mid 80s. Low in the lower to mid 50s.

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TEXAS BRIEFS

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Four charged with slaying of missing Tyler man

TYLER — Police arrested three men and a woman in connection with the kidnapping, robbery and slaying of a Tyler man, authorities said.

Charged with the capital murder of Donald Whittington III were Justin Chaz Fuller, 18, Samhermunde Raemune Wideman, 21, both of Tyler, and Elaine Kay Hays, 25, of Red Springs. They are being held Friday without bond in the Smith County Jail.

Brent Bates Chandler, 19, of New Chapel Hill, is charged with aggravated robbery, police said. He is jailed in lieu of \$250,000 bond set by state District Judge Cynthia Kent, Tyler Police Public Information Sgt. Terry Morrow said.

Officers searching for Whittington, a hardware store worker, discovered his body in a lakeside wooded area late Thursday.

Dallas policeman dies following traffic accident

DALLAS — While aiding a stranded freeway motorist in a downpour, a policeman was fatally injured Friday when a car rear-ended his squad car, pinning him between two vehicles.

The accident happened on Spur 408, near the Dallas and Duncanville border. Officer Henry Brown was taken to Charlton Methodist Hospital, where he later died of massive head injuries.

During his career, Brown received 32 commendations, 2 for life saving.

"It's a tragedy," Police Chief Ben Click said outside the hospital where he and more than a dozen other officers had gathered. "It's another example of how dangerous the job can be in ways people don't expect."

After speaking with reporters, Click consoled a tearful officer, putting his arm around her.

Plano man arrested in suspected overdose of 14-year-old

GRAND PRAIRIE — A 20-year-old Plano man has been arrested on investigation of manslaughter in the apparent heroin overdose of a seventh-grader earlier this month.

Michael Sean Cothran was arrested Thursday and bail was set at \$75,000. Grand Prairie police said Friday that the case is being referred to a Dallas County grand jury for review.

"We've gathered what facts we can ... and we'll present those to the grand jury and let them make a decision," said Detective Dennis Meyer.

"That gives the grand jury the option to look at the facts and decide what charge, if any, he should be indicted for or if he should even stand trial."

Family members in suburban Plano, Texas, declined to comment.

Gaines County prisoners and jailer missing

SEMINOLE — A Gaines County deputy and two jail inmates never returned from a routine trip to the law library and authorities say it could be a hostage situation.

Jim Nance, a communications officer for the Texas Department of Public Safety in Midland, said Deputy Jim Haynes and his two charges never made it back to the jail. They were discovered missing about 3 p.m. Friday. Authorities don't know if the men ever made it to the library.

"Somewhere down the road, something wrong happened," Nance said. "We're going on the assumption right now that they gained control of him, his vehicle and probably his weapon."

DPS troopers are treating the disappearance as a hostage situation, Nance said.

One of the prisoners, Carl James, 33, has been convicted of murder. He is 5 feet 6 inches tall with brown hair and blue eyes and weighs about 175 pounds. Authorities believe he may be related to the other prisoner, Chad Spurgeon, 20.

Spurgeon is 6 feet tall with blond hair and hazel eyes and weighs just under 200 pounds. He has been convicted of sexual assault.

Senate faces tight deadline on tax plan

AUSTIN (AP) — The Texas Senate faces a tight deadline as it begins work on a plan to overhaul the way the state funds its schools.

After three days of debate, the Texas House voted 94-49 early Saturday in favor of the tax overhaul. It would lower local school property taxes by about 50 percent.

A Senate committee set up to consider the plan was scheduled to meet Wednesday to begin its debate. The legislative session ends June 2.

To replace the more than \$2 billion lost each year because of the property tax cuts, the House proposal would expand the state business tax to all companies except sole proprietorships, raise some other taxes, increase the number of goods and services subject to the state business tax and dedicate more state funds to education.

"We are making real progress toward cutting Texans' taxes and making it easier for people

to afford their homes," Gov. George W. Bush said after the House vote. "The process is working."

The property tax changes would reduce the legal limit on residential property taxes used to pay for school operation and maintenance to 75 cents per \$100 in value. A House committee that wrote the plan wanted to limit that tax to 70 cents but was forced to raise it after the full House adopted several changes, including tax exemptions for some business income and water utilities and a tax break on auto repair services.

Some of the money lost from those taxes would be replaced with a higher cigarette tax and a new 10 percent tax on all money made by sexually oriented businesses. The rest would be made up by the 5-cent rate adjustment.

Business property would be taxed at \$1.05 per \$100 in value for school operation and maintenance.

TAX PLAN AT A GLANCE

PROPERTY TAXES

- Lower the cap on residential school property taxes for maintenance and operation from \$1.50 per \$100 in value to 75 cents per \$100.
- Lower the cap on business school property taxes for maintenance and operation from \$1.50 per \$100 to \$1.05 per \$100.
- Encourage school districts to lower school property taxes for school buildings and debt from the current 50 cent cap to 10 cents by offering them state aid to pay off debt.
- Require local governments adding their sales tax to newly taxable goods and services to further lower local property taxes by an amount equal to the new revenue or ask voters for permission to spend the additional money on special projects.
- Require other taxing entities, like transit authorities, to lower their sale tax.
- Limit the amount by which residential property values can rise by 5 percent per year.
- Limit the number of times residential property can be appraised to no more than once every three years.

STATE TAX CHANGES

- Expand the state business tax to all companies except sole proprietorships. Only corporations currently pay the tax.
- Allow all businesses with 35 or fewer shareholders or partners to deduct up to \$100,000 for each shareholder or partner from their tax calculation.

PROPOSED TAX CHANGES

AUSTIN (AP) — Here's the list of proposed tax changes approved by the Texas House:

GOODS AND SERVICES BEING CONSIDERED FOR NEW OR HIGHER STATE TAXES:

- Automotive repair services over \$100
- Automotive customizing services, including window tinting
- Custom computer programming services
- Employment agency services
- Mining use of natural gas and electricity at 3.25 percent instead of the 6.25 percent sales tax level
- Management consulting and public relations services
- Miscellaneous services, including massages
- Commercial research and development laboratory services
- Commercial economic, social or educational research services
- Testing services provided by nonmedical laboratories
- Miscellaneous transportation services, including limousines, excluding taxis
- Refrigerated warehousing and storage
- General warehousing and storage, including miniwarehouses
- Special warehousing and storage
- Marina services

- Appraisal services other than insurance appraisals
- Mailing services
- Disinfecting services
- Motion picture and video tape distribution
- Other services, excluding telemarketing services
- Amusement services of all entities except school districts
- Sludge and low-level nuclear waste disposal
- Occasional sale of certain aircraft
- Sexually oriented businesses, at 10 percent of all receipts
- Business development and promotion
- Social and recreational
- Cooperative organizations
- Unrelated business taxable income
- Coal
- Insurance company's contributions to employee benefits
- Raise insurance premium tax rate

- Medicare-Medicaid premiums
- Company examination fee and overhead assessment credits
- Premium valuation fees on domestic life insurance only
- Increase cement tax rate from .0275 to .0375
- Extend statewide gross receipt tax on gas and electric utilities at a 2.75 percent rate

- Coin-operated machines, \$60 annual fee per bay
- Coin-operated lockers, \$30 annual fee
- Interior designers, \$200 annual fee
- Oil and gas well services
- Raise pari-mutuel live racing fees to 2.2 percent
- Automated Teller Machines, \$100 annual fee per machine
- Interstate motor carriers sales and use
- Manufactured housing sales and use tax at 6.25 percent of 65 percent of the price
- Increase tax from 41 cents to 66 cents per pack of cigarettes
- Increase rate by 50 percent on other tobacco products
- Alcoholic beverages sold on airlines, passenger trains and limousines taxed as other liquor
- Increase tax rate on all alcoholic beverages by 10 percent

STATE TAX EXEMPTIONS BEING CONSIDERED FOR REPEAL

- Subscription sales of magazines
- Handbills, circulars, flyers or similar items, including newspaper inserts
- Partial exemption on food items sold through vending machines

- Commercial fishing ice
- Custom's brokers
- All noncorporate businesses with a \$100,000 deductible for each partner in noncorporate businesses up to 35 partners
- Solar energy businesses
- Sludge recycling firms
- Deduction for food and medicine receipts
- Deduction for purchase of solar energy devices
- Regulated investment company special apportionment tax method
- Transportation company special apportionment method
- Telephone company special apportionment method
- Temporary FAS 96 credit for deferred federal income taxes
- Treat receipts from trademarks, licenses and franchises similarly to receipts from patents, royalties and copyrights
- Aviation fuel exemption, at 4 cents per gallon
- Railway engine use, at 4 cents
- Agricultural use, at 4 cents
- Industrial and commercial use, at 4 cents
- Construction use, at 4 cents
- Repeals 30-day exemption
- Repeal government employee exemption

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Jeff Murphree is shown here at work in the Cardiac Cath Lab. Jeff is the manager of this unit, where the physician and a team of professionals are able to look inside the heart and diagnose heart disease. Jeff and his staff are certified in critical care and advanced cardiac life support.

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OUR VIEWS

Jazz Ambassadors offer community special treat

Perhaps nothing fires one's patriotic zeal and intense pride in being an American than hearing one of the United States' great military bands perform... with the possible exception of hearing our national anthem played during the Olympic Games.

For the past several years, Big Spring residents have been privileged to hear performances by the U.S. military's best bands in concert at the Big Spring Municipal Auditorium.

In 1993, it was the U.S. Navy's band that made a stop in Big Spring during its annual tour, and in 1995, it was the U.S. Marine Corps' "President's Own" Band that played to a packed house.

Tuesday, it's the Army's turn, as The Jazz Ambassadors of The United States Army Field Band present a concert at 7:30 p.m. in the municipal auditorium.

And at the risk of seeming self-serving, these free performances — co-sponsored by the Big Spring Herald and the Cultural Affairs Committee of the Big Spring Area Chamber of Commerce — provide residents with entertainment that only a select number of communities enjoy each year.

When people think of military music, they usually have thoughts of parades and ceremonies and, of course, John Philip Sousa, but the Jazz Ambassadors show a different facet of Army musicians.

The Jazz Ambassadors have appeared in all 50 states, Canada, Mexico, Europe, Japan and India, presenting one of America's national treasures, the art form known as jazz.

In addition, the group has participated in the inaugurations of Presidents George Bush and Bill Clinton, appeared at the Nice Jazz Festival in France, the North Sea Jazz Festival in the Netherlands, the Montreux Jazz Festival in Switzerland, the Jazz and Heritage Festival in New Orleans, and the Newport Jazz Festival in Rhode Island.

Many of the group's members are also composers and arrangers in their own right, and their writing helps create the band's unique sound.

The Jazz Ambassadors' concert repertoire includes big band swing, bebop, contemporary jazz, popular tunes and Dixieland.

Luckily, free tickets for the concert are still available at the Herald's offices and at the chamber. Ticket holders are asked to be seated by 7:15 p.m. Tuesday, at which time those without tickets but wanting to see the show will be seated.

While very few of us that call West Texas home would claim to be jazz aficionados, preferring instead country and western or rock 'n' roll, the Jazz Ambassadors will offer us an evening of American jazz, an art form whose development has produced many differing musical styles and forms.

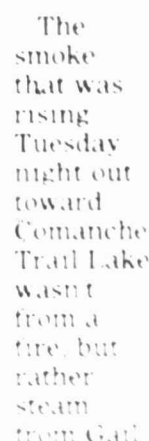
Jazz is appreciated by people of all cultures and has been proclaimed by Congress to be a national treasure.

We urge you not to miss out on what can only be termed a special opportunity.



Offering a suggestion or two on the Settles

Did you ever really stop to wonder if that's truly a light at the end of the tunnel or an oncoming locomotive?



John H. Walker
Managing Editor

The smoke that was rising Tuesday night out toward Comanche Trail Lake wasn't from a fire, but rather steam from Gail Earls' head as she held back response after hearing several city council candidates talk about either imploding or tearing down the Settles Hotel.

I still think there are things we can do to at least get people in the ground floor of the Settles. While Gail envisions the ground floor and the ball room being used.

To begin with, the cost of tearing down the building because as much as anything the cost of asbestos abatement would be hefty.

You can't implode the building, because the mass of the building would crush the water mains, sewer lines and gas lines that happen to crisscross underneath the hotel.

Former city engineer Ralph Truszkowski told us that the water and sewer lines were significant, while Energas manager Mike Mancil told Chuck Williams that the gas main is significant in size.

So... how about trying to develop a plan that would allow occupancy of the first floor.

It looks as if it will take the private sector to do something along these lines, since the city apparently would rather take buildings like the old Energas facility off the tax rolls than help heal an evildoer.

Why can't we find a group of organizations who must have a certain amount of office space — such as the Big Spring Area Chamber of Commerce and the United Way — and see if we can develop a dialogue that could result in their moving in to the ground floor.

Sure, it will take money.

However, if we can get grant money to refurbish Hangar (it's not hanger, folks) 25, then we ought to have a shot at getting some grant money to do the same thing for the ground floor of the Settles.

Even if you give my idea less than a chance of a snowball in hell, think about the possibilities.

Old, weathered plywood is ripped from window openings and new safety glass, lettered for the Settles Hotel Office Building, is installed.

Instead of the occasional bum making his way into the building, you'd have people in there working every day in a highly visible location — and because of the traffic created by these organizations, you'd increase the number of people in and around downtown — and, as a result, increase the number of business opportunities in the district.

Another plan I've been told about would result in the relocation of the police department in the ground floor.

And since there's no tax revenue coming in from the

Settles, that action wouldn't take a \$200,000 building off the tax rolls.

What that could do, however, is allow for increased business activity in the downtown area because of the number of people that would be in and out of that location.

Just think, with all of those police officers needing their uniforms cleaned and pressed, why couldn't there be a drop-off and pick-up place downtown operated by one — or several — of the local cleaners?

Once again, I believe it is incumbent upon the city leaders — if they are truly committed to our \$100,000 Master Plan that this community invested thousands of man-hours in — to take the lead in making something positive happen with the Settles.

Just as San Angelo's Hotel Concho, we can make the Settles something useful a floor at a time — and the city's need for additional space can put us on the ground floor.

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Guns for self-defense are a serious responsibility

If you're going to pack a pistol for self-defense, which some folks seem inclined to do these days, then the .38 special is the minimum you should pack. A .44 or .45 or a .357 caliber Magnum would be better.

It's true a lot of assassins favor the .22. But they shoot people in the head at close range when they aren't looking. Most courts

would not consider that a self-defense situation. Lots of folks favor .25s or .32s because they are light in weight and easily concealable and don't make much noise. But they generally just wound people and run up the cost of emergency medical care.

I actually saw a study on shooting victims in emergency rooms some years ago by a couple of doctors. They found the same people were getting shot every few months or so. But they were getting shot with .25s and .32s so they survived to get shot another day.

There are few people who can take two shots from a .45 and stay on their feet. It gives you a nice, large wound trajectory of nearly half an inch. Bullets of this caliber refer to the diameter. It delivers several hundred foot-pounds of energy and will smash through any bone it hits and sometimes leave very large exit wounds, depending on what the bullet takes with it.

By actual measurement, the brains and the back of the skull of a guy who shot himself with a .45 landed 5 1/2 feet from the point where his head was when the bullet was fired. I saw a woman shot through the knee with a .45. It severed her leg, except for some skin and a tendon or two.

Of course, the creme de la creme of self-defense weapons is the 12-gauge shotgun. The only problem with a 12-gauge is that if you shoot someone in your living room, you will have to buy a new carpet and have to paint at least one wall and possibly the ceiling. If the room is small and the acoustics are bad, you may lose some hearing.

A 12-gauge shotgun loaded with double-ought buckshot will deliver about one ton of energy and blow a hole the size of a grapefruit — going in. It can take a person's head clean off if you're close enough.

Somewhere in my files I've got a snapshot of a guy who sucked a 12-gauge shotgun. His brains landed in a neighbor's yard on the other side of a high fence. His scalp and one ear were hanging from a tree limb. The lower half of his face, all that was left, was cracked open.

Now if all this sounds grim

and sickening — good. Because killing a person is a grim and sickening business, and you don't ever want to do it unless you absolutely have to save your own or another's life.

All this macho nonsense you see in magazines and movies and television shows that make shooting someone seem like a game is dead wrong. It's no game. It's no fun. Even if you are 100 percent justified and escape going to prison, you will feel bad about it. You won't forget it.

And if you're going to carry a gun for self-defense, then you have to pay the psychic price. It doesn't do any good to hang two pounds of iron under your arm if you walk around like Dorothy in the Land of Oz. You must stay in a state of semi-alertness for a possible attack. That's no fun either. Ask a cop.

I strongly support the right of self-defense and the right of individuals to own and carry weapons. I've lived with guns all my life. But carrying a gun carries with it a big responsibility. Think carefully before you do it.

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Mallard Fillmore
by **BRUCE TINSLEY**



RACES

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The city should be run as a family where a budget is planned based on the known number of dollars that are to be earned. You then try to meet the needs of each member and prepare yourself for squeezing the budget when a need or emergency arises and at the same time treat everyone in the family fairly and equally.

•Why should someone vote for you?

I think everyone should vote for me because I represent a new perspective for the residents of District 2. Each vote for me is a vote for change and it is through change that progress is achieved.

Already, I have been out meeting with people, talking to them and listening to them, becoming aware of their concerns. It is these concerns that I want to address before the council as we strive to make Big Spring a city we are all proud of.

District 4

Tom Guess, 69, Incumbent
•Please list your qualifications and experience relative to the position you are seeking.

I have lived in Big Spring for more than 30 years. For more than 20 years I was involved in two family retail businesses and for 16 years I was owner/manager of a recreation vehicle dealership with an inventory of up to \$300,000.

I was active in the Big Spring Area Chamber of Commerce for many years. For the past three years I have represented the citizens of Place 4 of the city council. Being retired I had the time to study the issues and question knowledgeable citizens for remedies and gain experience and knowledge in making proper decisions to benefit Big Spring.

•What do you consider the three most critical issues facing the city of Big Spring and what actions are needed to resolve them?

Number one is the replacement of water and sewer lines. Action needed is to hire a full-time crew for water line replacement. We have supervisors in place who can handle this responsibility. We have employees who could oversee the replacement of sewer lines, but because the price of equipment is cost prohibitive and the sewer lines are so depleted I recommend the replacement work be let out for bid.

Number two is to repair the streets. Progress is being made through city/county efforts. The plan is to see that every paved street is sealcoated every seven years. We have a contract with the county to do 12 miles every year, but we have exceeded this number by doing 60 miles in the past two years.

Number three is to have a hazardous waste route around our city. We would be horrified if we had the facts on the hazardous waste carried down Gregg Street.

•Some say the city should be run as a business. Please describe your opinion.

Having been a retail businessman, I can see the merits in running the city as a business. The citizens are buying a service with their taxes and the service is provided by the city. Rightfully or wrongfully, the citizens hold the city council responsible when they do not receive these services.

The city employees are responsible for providing the services and the council is responsible for seeing that these services are provided. This would function much better under a business-like atmosphere.

•Why should someone vote for you?

I would like to continue with my proven stewardship of our city's resources. I want each citizen to get full service for each tax dollar paid. My goals for the next term are to continue in my efforts for an even greater tax base, to bring the city's water, sewer and streets up to an acceptable standard, and to establish a hazardous waste route.

I will work for the priority items in the master plan. I have always been able to think on my own and will not be controlled by any self-interest group.

Tommy Tune, 43

•Please list your qualifications and experience relative to the position you are seeking.

I have experience in both the private and public sectors that will be assets. My responsibilities included: teaching government at Howard College; preparation and oversight of bud-

gets; writing federal and state grants; insuring compliance with policies, regulations and guidelines; supervision and evaluation of staff and employees; coordination with state agencies, regulatory boards and private enterprise; and setting priorities in a manner that insured limited funds were spent in the most cost effective way.

•What do you consider the three most critical issues facing the city of Big Spring and what actions are needed to resolve them?

First, the most important factor in our future economic development is the transfer of airport ownership back to the city. Second, we must continue to further increase our revenue by aggressively pursuing grant monies in all available areas for all available sources. Third, the replacement, repair and maintenance of water lines, sewer lines and streets is an issue that we all see firsthand everyday.

Increased revenue from an expanding tax base resulting from economic development, plus the additional monies from the successful pursuit of grants, will enable the city to be more effective in addressing our concerns about infrastructure.

•Some say the city should be run as a business. Please describe your opinion.

Although government is not a business, some sound business principles are applicable in the administration of public affairs. Just as good business people strive to hold the line against rising costs, good government does the same.

Good government, like good business, seeks to hold down expenses by operating more efficiently and avoiding duplication, hires good people and supervises them in a way that helps them succeed at their job and sets goals and evaluates progress toward these goals.

These principles are not

unique to the business environment; they are responsible and effective management principles in the public sector as well.

•Why should someone vote for you?

I entered this race because I believe that Big Spring is at a crossroads. We have seen some good things happen in the recent past, and I believe we have some important decisions facing us in the near future.

My education and experience will be valuable assets in making sound and reasoned decisions for the future of this community. I want to be your representative for District 4. Vote for a better Big Spring.

District 6

Greg Biddison, 42
•Please list your qualifications and experience relative to the position you are seeking.

The qualifications for being on the city council as described in the city charter are to be a qualified voter, reside in the city limits for at least one year preceding election and not be in arrears in payment of any taxes or liabilities due the city. I meet all of these qualifications.

Experience: Member of the Long Range Planning Committee, Citizens Advisory Board, currently own my own business for five years, have attended council meeting for two and a half years and have attended city budget sessions.

•What do you consider the three most critical issues facing the city of Big Spring and what actions are needed to resolve them?

1. Getting new money to come into Big Spring. This

can be accomplished with new businesses coming in, which I believe the Moore Board is helping to get accomplished. Also through tourism such as getting the Hangar 25 project complete and re-establishing Cranefest and the triathlon to name a few.

2. Completion of the Beals Creek Project. The action needed is getting the landfill capable of accepting the contaminated soil. The city is currently working toward this goal.

3. Dealing with the complacent attitude of the citizens of Big Spring. They need to feel the urgency to want to get involved to make a difference in the community.

It won't matter who is on the council or who the city manager is if the community won't get involved. The streets will remain trashy, the lots will remain weedy and the junk cars will continue to pile up.

•Some say the city should be run as a business. Please

describe your opinion.

Some areas of the city are running as a business in my opinion. Some areas of the city don't need to be run as a business such as the general fund. If you run the general fund to make a profit, taxes would have to be raised excessively and I don't know of anyone that want to have that done.

The airport is one area that's being run as a business. It is very close to operating on its own with the revenues that it generates.

•Why should someone vote for you?

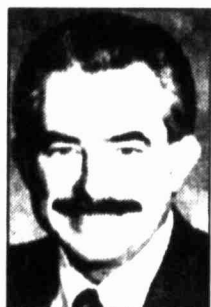
I will work hard for Big Spring. I am committed to Big Spring. I was raised here and own a business here. I want the quality of life in Big Spring to be all that it can be.

Ray Rinard, 36
•Please list your qualifications and experience relative

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Women's Care Update

By Michael S. Phillips, M.D.
Diplomate, American Board Obstetrics & Gynecology

EPIDURAL UPDATE

The traditional epidural provides pain relief to women in the throes of labor with an injection of analgesic into the outer layer of their spinal columns. Painkillers administered in this fashion take about 20 minutes to work and, because they affect the motor and sensory nerves, leave women confined to their hospital beds. There is also the combined spinal-epidural (CSE), nicknamed the "walking epidural". A CSE is administered deeper into the spinal column to provide relief within 2 minutes. Because it does not block motor nerves, it enables mother-to-be to walk around during the early stages of labor. These advantages over the traditional epidural provide a more positive experience during labor and delivery.

Some women, who have never given birth, assume labor is like what they see on TV; the mother experiences her first contraction, lies contorted and shrieking in pain, and is quickly rushed to the hospital to deliver. That is dramatic license! Most women are comfortable during the early stages of labor, and choose (after appropriate medical consultation) to stay at home. With the many options now available for mitigating pain, most patients who wish relief may keep pain to a minimum-even in the late stages of labor and through delivery! To schedule an appointment call our office at (915) 522-2222. We're located at the Medical Care Plaza, 1300 Gregg Street, every Tuesday, here in Big Spring.

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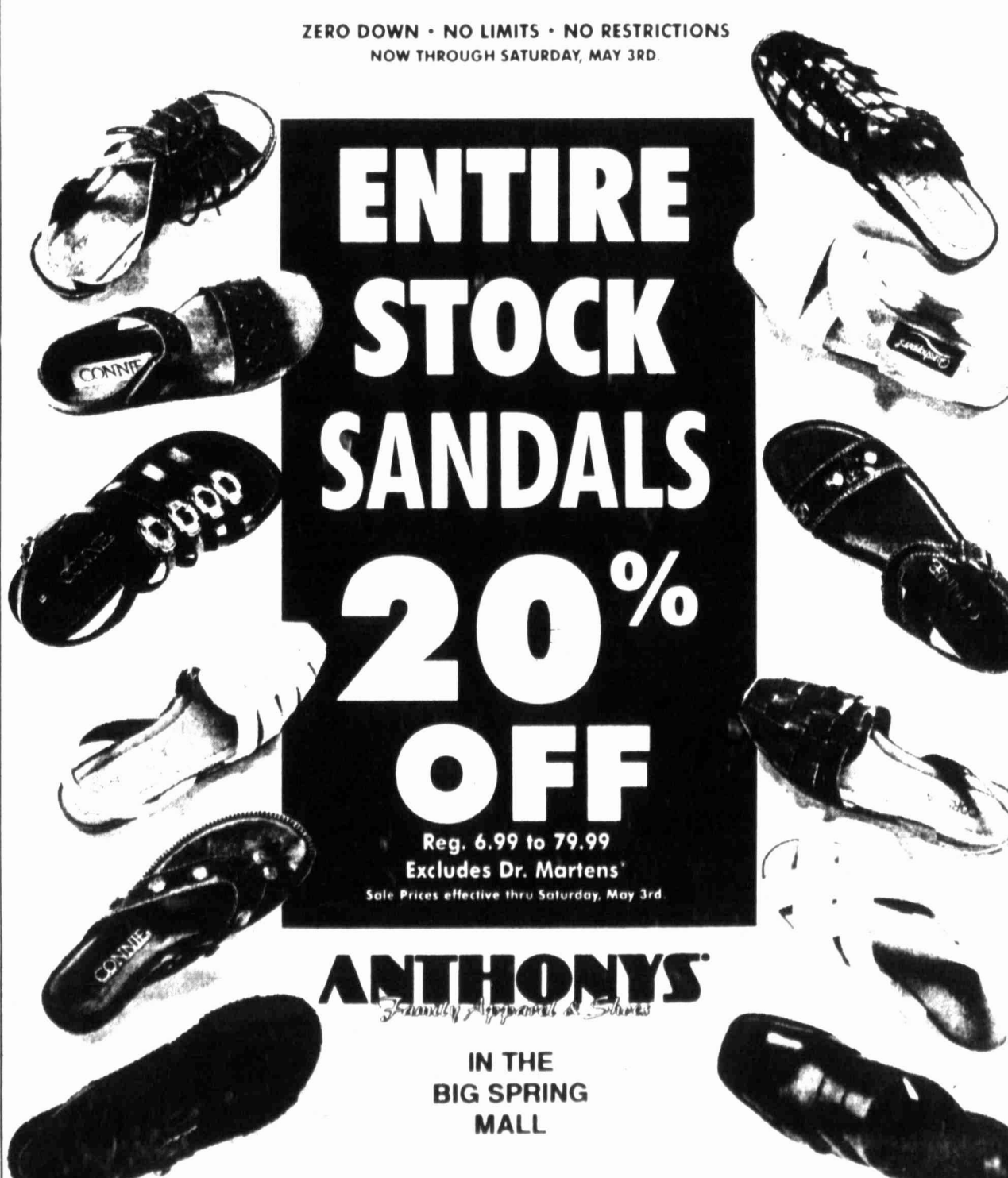
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to the position you are seeking.

The position of city councilman demands that an individual who possesses both leadership skills and positive and innovative ideas occupy the seat. Through my service on various boards and committees, I have gained the knowledge and ability to initiate and complete projects beneficial to all residents represented.

Also as a product of the local community and learning institution, I hold a unique perspective which enables me to embrace the best interest of the community.

What do you consider the three most critical issues facing the city of Big Spring and what actions are needed to resolve them?

The three most critical issues are the downtown area, water lines and the police facility. We as leaders always face the challenge and threat of holding onto what we have. We must continue to move forward and look forward for new avenues for economic development and not become complacent.

Search and research all opportunities that may become available. We are now at the crucial point where band-aiding is not going to solve the problems any more. It is now time to find the solutions and act on them.

Some say the city should be run as a business. Please describe your opinion.

I believe that the same principle that you and I use in everyday money management has to apply to each and every department. If it is not budgeted, then it is not available.

I realize that emergencies occur and that is why the budget allows for amendment. I will stress to each department head that disregard for the set budget will not be allowed by the taxpayers and they will held accountable.

Why should someone vote for you?

I bring the opinion of the ordinary citizen and I don't claim to have all the answers. We must have teamwork to make positive things happen for our community and I am a team player. I am ready to go to work to help find the solutions to see this community live up to its full potential and move forward for a better tomorrow.

Randy Mason, 48
Please list your qualifications and experience relative to the position you are seeking.

Retail manager for 30 years. Have owned and operated my own business for 18 years. I have worked with large budgets and payrolls, and have managed large numbers of employees. I can make tough decisions.

What do you consider the three most critical issues facing the city of Big Spring and what actions are needed to resolve them?

1. Getting ownership of the airport back to Big Spring.
2. The Beals Creek Project.
3. Maintaining streets, water lines, the landfill, wastewater treatment plant and the beautification of Big Spring.

Some say the city should be run as a business. Please

describe your opinion.

Yes, I feel the city should be run like a business. Like all businesses, we need to set and maintain a logical working budget in all city departments so as not to waste taxpayer money. We also need to set and maintain a good flow of information up and down the chain of command.

Why should someone vote for you?

I am willing to keep an open mind on all issues and be responsible to the people of Big Spring.

BIG SPRING ISD
BOARD OF TRUSTEES

At Large

Steve Fraser, 41, Incumbent
Please list your qualifications and experience relative to the position you are seeking.

In these times of government mandates and regulations, my experience in business has mirrored the current requirements of a school board member in many respects. On a daily basis I am responsible for cutting costs, getting the most for a dollar spent, riding hard on the budgets that have been approved for multiple facilities, evaluating and implementing new policies and procedures, and maintaining the administrative personnel necessary to prosper in the modern environment.

What do you consider the three most critical issues facing the Big Spring Independent School District and what actions are needed to resolve them?

The first two are the prudent use of funds from taxpayers to provide the best teachers and learning environment possible. It is the job of the board to get the most out of every tax dollar. The largest portion of funds in the budget goes to salaries for the schools. We must maintain a quality learning environment that will prepare our children for the world today and tomorrow.

Third would be the ability of board members to become more proactive in the legislation that affects their schools. Interaction with legislators is becoming a must for an effective school board.

Critics often complain that the Texas Assessment of Academic Skills has left teachers spending more time teaching students to take the TAAS than educating them. What are your views on that subject?

BSISD teaches a curriculum that is standardized statewide and is a result of the public's desire to get back to teaching the basics. The TAAS test is a measuring stick that allows the state to determine how well their program is working. The benefits are in the amount of preparation the overall student body gets for life after school. Our graduates have historically scored well on SAT and ACT tests, and this has not changed. The difference in this curriculum is that the students who don't pursue higher education have a better foundation to get along in life.

Why should someone vote for you?

I am ultimately responsible for the actions of 750 employees on a daily basis. I have found that it is best not to accept things without asking questions and doing research. I will not be a rubber stamp for whatever is

presented to the board. My time already spent on the board has shown me that I can represent parents and taxpayers of the BSISD in the manner that they expect and deserve.

Robert Michael (Mike) Robinson, 53
Please list your qualifications and experience relative to the position you are seeking.

I have enjoyed a good education myself and hold the degree of PhD in Petroleum Engineering from the University of Texas. I have taught engineering and geology at UTPB in Odessa, and was once associate professor there. My wife and I have children in the BSISD.

What do you consider the three most critical issues facing the Big Spring Independent School District and what actions are needed to resolve them?

I am concerned with only one issue, academics. Our attention and resources need to be applied to math, natural sciences, history, and language skills. Under language skills I mean, of course, English grammar, composition and literature. I also believe that learning another language is excellent mental discipline. I believe that all high school graduates in Texas should be proficient in Spanish.

When young people leave our homes, they will have to compete, at least indirectly, in a global job market. We don't want to send them into that competition with anything short of a world class education.

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I am vehemently opposed to the practice of putting course material aside in order to coach the TAAS test. That is an attempt to sacrifice education in order to make the local school bureaucracy look better. Consider the message that sends to the young people. It says that it is more important to find an effective method to beat the system than it is to enjoy what you can achieve with your own mind. I can imagine nothing more perverse and evil that a school could do. I have no objection to the TAAS test itself, but to coach the test defeats the purpose of the test.

Why should someone vote for you?

My family has lived, read and written in western Texas since about 1850. I have a long term involvement with learning here.

District 2
Larry Hollar, 47, Incumbent
Please list your qualifications and experience relative to the position you are seeking.

A school board member has to enjoy working with and for kids. Having raised two girls has helped me understand some of the challenges and school children encounter on a daily basis. Since both of my girls spent their entire academic careers here in Big Spring, I have gained knowledge about our local personnel and programs. In addition, having managed my own business and having been a trustee for the last five years has been extremely helpful in making the day to day decisions that a trustee is presented with.

What do you consider the three most critical issues facing the Big Spring Independent School District and what actions are needed to resolve them?

I believe the most critical issue facing our school district and probably any other school district is leading by example so that our school children are challenged on a daily basis to make the very most of their lives. That sounds very large, and possibly vague, but if our children's attitudes are not right, then learning is much more difficult.

Making academics interesting and challenging will facilitate learning and hopefully guide them away from some of the more destructive elements that they encounter.

Managing our assets, both funding and school buildings is something we deal with in every meeting.

Critics often complain that the Texas Assessment of Academic Skills has left teachers spending more time teaching students to take the TAAS than educating them. What are your views on that subject?

A school trustee has to approach their job realistically. There are mandates presented to the local board from the state and from the federal government, that has to be incorporated into our local operations. Some of these mandates are partially funded and some have not been. The TAAS is a measuring tool that we have been required to use, and its our job as trustees and administrators to help our teachers excel in all around of testing. We have to do this with tools, with instruction and with a lot of support.

Why should someone vote for you?

I am seeking another term as trustee to continue to save my community in the best way I know how and to see the completion of some of the projects that are currently under way. I feel like I am seeking this position for the right reasons. I have absolutely nothing to gain from this position financially, as I

have never attempted to bid on any of the schools insurance since becoming a board member.

Steve Jeter, 36
Please list your qualifications and experience relative to the position you are seeking.

I am a 1979 graduate of Eunice High School, Eunice, N.M. I was elected as vice president of the National Honor Society and graduated with honors. I also attended New Mexico State University. I am the past president of the United Way of Howard County. I am currently a financial associate with EQ Financial Consultants. In addition, I am the owner of Steve Jeter & Associates. I have spent the last

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10 years in the insurance and financial services business. This qualifies me to handle tough issues about finance and insurance.

What do you consider the three most critical issues facing the Big Spring Independent School District and what actions are needed to resolve them?

A. School funding: We should concentrate on actions we can control locally. Such as spending our resources wisely, being fiscally responsible and support local business, so that we can in turn grow our tax base.

B. Federal government mandates on local schools: Independent school districts should remain independent. Our school board should set our policies for education curriculum, standards and discipline.

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SPORTS EXTRA

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Local leagues

WEDNESDAY NITE TRIO

RESULTS: Big Spring Music over Three Spares, 6-2; Loan Stars over Fifth Wheels, 6-2; Powder Pistols over Arrow Refrigeration, 6-2; Golden Corral over Nothing But Trouble, 8-0; Conoco over TEP, 7-1; Western auto over Walmart Fun Bowlers, 6-2; Security State Bank tied with Saunders Company, 4-4; Slow Starters over Charlotte's Raiders, 8-0; Jan's Place over Snyder ESP, 8-0; Bowling Stones over A Timeless Design, 6-2; hi sc. game and series (man) James Rawls, 264 and Billy Hicks, 672; hi hdp game and series (man) James Rawls, 297 and Billy Hicks, 732; hi sc. game and series (woman) Cheryl Wells, 241 and Patricia Hill, 537; hi hdp game and series (woman) Cheryl Wells, 313 and 748; hi sc. team game and series, Security State Bank, 618 and Western Auto, 1656; hi hdp team game and series, Conoco, 733 and 2069.

STANDINGS: Western Auto, 145-99; Saunders Company, 144-102; A Timeless Design, 144-102; TEP, 142-106; Powder Pistols (postponed), 142-96; Golden Corral, 141-107; Charlotte's Raiders, 138-110; Loan Stars, 138-110; Conoco, 135-111; Arrow Refrigeration, 134-106; Bowling Stones, 133-113; Security State Bank, 121-125; Slow Starters, 121-125; Big Spring Music (postponed), 120-118; Fifth Wheels, 114-134; Jan's Place, 114-134; Snyder ESP, 102-146; Three Spares, 100-148; Walmart Fun Bowlers, 99-145; Nothing But Trouble, 12-236.

WEDNESDAY STRIKERS

RESULTS: Quality Glass over Joe's Crew, 6-2; Team Six over Budweiser, 8-0; A & J over Magic Painting, 8-0; hi sc. game and series, Sonny Baeza, 252 and Sam Gonzales, 678; hi sc. team game and series, Team Six, 998 and 2785; hi hdp game and series, Allan Johnson, 274 and Sam Gonzales, 693; hi hdp team game and series, Team Six, 1096 and 3079.

STANDINGS: A & J, 162-94; Joe's Crew, 153-103; Team Six, 144-112; Quality Glass, 128-128; Budweiser, 126-130; Magic Painting, 55-201.

VA COUPLES

RESULTS: Team Twelve over Team Six, 6-2; Team One over Team Four, 6-2; Team Eleven over Team Five, 6-2; Team Three over Team Ten, 8-0; Team Eight over Team Nine, 8-0; Team Two tied Team Seven, 4-4; hi sc. team game and series, Team Eight, 666 and 1933; hi sc. game and series (man) John Jackson, 223 and 561; hi sc. game and series (woman) Irene Jackson, 196 and Carolyn Cooney, 506; hi hdp team game and series, Team Four, 5817 and Team Eight, 2386; hi hdp game and series (man) Lyn Carpenter, 230 and 639; hi hdp game and series (woman) Irene Jackson, 227 and Kim Parish, 610.

STANDINGS: Team Two, 172-84; Team One, 167-89; Team Eleven, 142-114; Team Eight, 140-116; Team Twelve, 132-124; Team Three, 132-124; Team Seven, 123-133; Team Five, 111-145; Team Ten, 111-145; Team Nine, 110-146; Team Six, 107-149; Team Four, 83-173.

MENS MAJORS

RESULTS: Trio Fuels over Fina Engineers, 6-2; Mason Roofing over Team Fifteen, 8-0; Bob Brock Ford tied Hull's Ranches, 4-4; Hagen TV Repair over B.B.B.S., 6-2; Fred's Contracting over B.S.I., 8-0; Walker L.P. Gas over Rocky's, 8-0; Daniel Trucking over Team Sixteen, 6-0; Parks C.C. over Parks Agency, 8-0; hi sc. game and series, Jackie Lecroy, 256 and Chuck Ogle, 674; hi sc. team game and series, Parks Agency, 1001 and 2846; hi hdp game and series, Chuck Ogle, 294 and 815; hi hdp team game and series, Parks C.C., 1164 and Walker L.P. Gas, 3346.

STANDINGS: Parks Agency, 184-72; Fred's Contracting, 168-88; 0 Daniel Trucking, 164-92; Team Fifteen, 159-97; Walker L.P. Gas, 150-106; Rocky's, 137-119; Mason Roofing, 136-120; Trio Fuels, 136-120; Hagen TV Repair, 136-120; Parks C.C., 133-123; Hull's Ranches, 126-128; Fina Engineers, 1009-147; B.S.I., 106-150; Bob Brock Ford, 94-162; B.B.B.S., 76-180; Team Sixteen, 0-256.

Rockets down T-Wolves; Knicks win

HOUSTON (AP) — Charles Barkley scored 20 points and led a spurt in the final crucial minutes as the Houston Rockets broke away late to beat the Minnesota Timberwolves 96-84 on Saturday.

The Rockets lead the best-of-five game series 2-0 and could sweep the it with a victory in Game 3 Tuesday at Minnesota, where the Timberwolves will continue to seek their first playoff victory ever.

The Rockets jumped on the Timberwolves early for an easy 112-95 victory in Game 1. But it took the whole game this time to put away youthful Minnesota, playing in its first playoff series.

The Timberwolves led for the final time 79-78 on a 3-point basket by Stephon Marbury with 5:47 to play. But a free throw and three-point play by Mario Elie gave Houston an 82-79 lead with 5:22 to go.

After a basket by Hakeem Olajuwon and two free throws by Elie, Barkley stretched the lead to 89-81 with a rebound and basket at 2:20 to go and a free throw with 2:05 to play and Clyde Drexler sealed it with a 3-point basket with 1:12 to go.

Barkley also had 15 rebounds

GUYS & DOLLS

RESULTS: Jim's Again over Lucky's Braves, 8-0; Fifth Wheels over A Bye, 8-0; Head Hunters Beauty Salon over Hester's Mechanical, 6-2; Federal Oil over Big Spring State Park, 6-2; hi sc. game and series (men) Ken Beeler, 201 and 578; hi hdp game and series (men) John Gibson, 241 and Jim Gaither, 636; hi sc. game and series (women) Velma Campbell, 199 and 529; hi hdp game and series (women) Velma Campbell, 233 and 631; hi sc. team game and series, Headhunters Beauty Salon, 673 and Jim's Again, 1978; hi hdp team game and series, Jim's Again, 817 and 2443.

STANDINGS: Headhunters Beauty Salon, 191-89; Jim's Again, 166-114; Fifth Wheels, 165-115; Big Spring State Park, 160-120; Federal Oil, 146-134; Lucky's Braves, 144-136; Hester's Mechanical, 118-162.

American League

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East Division

	W	L	Pct.	GB
Baltimore	13	6	.684	—
Boston	11	10	.524	3
Toronto	9	10	.474	4
New York	10	12	.455	1/2
Detroit	9	14	.391	6

Central Division

	W	L	Pct.	GB
Cleveland	11	10	.524	—
Minnesota	11	11	.500	1/2
Kansas City	9	10	.474	1
Milwaukee	8	10	.444	1 1/2
Chicago	7	14	.333	4

West Division

	W	L	Pct.	GB
Seattle	14	8	.636	—
Texas	11	8	.579	1/2
Oakland	11	11	.500	3
Anaheim	10	10	.500	3

Thursday's Games

Texas 4, Detroit 2
Oakland 12, Minnesota 11, 11 innings
Cleveland 6, Milwaukee 3

Boston 2, Baltimore 1, 12 innings

Friday's Games

Cleveland 11, Milwaukee 4
Baltimore 2, Boston 0
Texas 6, Minnesota 3
Seattle 13, Toronto 8
Chicago White Sox 9, N.Y. Yankees 3
Anheim 8, Detroit 3
Kansas City 10, Oakland 3

Saturday's Games

Seattle (Walcott 2-1) at Toronto (W. Williams 0-1), 12:05 p.m.
Boston (Sele 3-0) at Baltimore (Key 3-0), 12:35 p.m.

Chicago White Sox (Baldwin 0-2) at N.Y. Yankees (Cone 1-2), 12:35 p.m.
Kansas City (Rosado 1-0) at Oakland (Karsay 0-2), 3:05 p.m.

Cleveland (Colon 0-1) at Milwaukee (McAndrew 1-0), 6:05 p.m.
Texas (Witt 3-0) at Minnesota (Aldred 1-1), 7:05 p.m.

Detroit (Moehler 1-1) at Anaheim (Finley 0-0), 9:05 p.m.

Sunday's Games

Seattle (R. Johnson 2-0) at Toronto (Hanson 0-0), 12:05 p.m.
Boston (Avery 2-1) at Baltimore (Mussina 3-1), 12:35 p.m.

Chicago White Sox (Drabek 1-2) at N.Y. Yankees (Pettitte 4-0), 12:35 p.m.
Cleveland (Ogea 2-2) at Milwaukee (D. Amico 0-1), 1:05 p.m.

Texas (Burkett 1-1) at Minnesota (Radke 1-1), 1:05 p.m.
Kansas City (Belcher 1-3) at Oakland (Mohler 1-2), 3:05 p.m.

Detroit (Blair 2-2) at Anaheim (Watson 0-2), 3:05 p.m.

National League

All Times CDT
By The Associated Press

East Division

	W	L	Pct.	GB
Atlanta	15	5	.750	—
Florida	11	9	.550	4
Montreal	10	9	.526	1/2
New York	8	14	.361	7 1/2
Philadelphia	7	14	.330	8

Central Division

	W	L	Pct.	GB
Houston	14	7	.667	—
Pittsburgh	10	10	.500	3 1/2

St. Louis	7	13	.350	6 1/2
Cincinnati	6	15	.286	8
Chicago	3	17	.150	10 1/2

West Division

	W	L	Pct.	GB
Colorado	14	5	.737	—
San Francisco	14	5	.737	—
Los Angeles	11	8	.579	3
San Diego	9	10	.474	5

Thursday's Game

Pittsburgh 4, Chicago Cubs 3

Friday's Games

Chicago Cubs 11, Pittsburgh 1
Florida 4, Los Angeles 2
Montreal 4, N.Y. Mets 1
Philadelphia 10, Cincinnati 7
Atlanta 5, San Diego 4
Colorado 5, St. Louis 4
Houston 5, San Francisco 4

Saturday's Games

Philadelphia (Schilling 3-1) at Cincinnati (Schorek 0-2), 12:05 p.m.
N.Y. Mets (Mickeli 0-1) at Montreal (P. Martinez 2-0), 12:35 p.m.

Colorado (Swift 1-1) at St. Louis (Morris 0-0), 1:15 p.m.
Pittsburgh (Cooke 1-3) at Chicago Cubs (F. Castillo 1-3), 1:20 p.m.

Los Angeles (Valdes 1-2) at Florida (A. Fernandez 2-2), 6:05 p.m.
San Diego (Ashby 2-1) at Atlanta (Smoltz 2-3), 6:10 p.m.

San Francisco (Estes 3-0) at Houston (Holt 2-1), 7:05 p.m.

Sunday's Games

San Diego (Valenzuela 1-2) at Atlanta (Maddux 2-1), 12:10 p.m.
Los Angeles (Reynoso 1-0) at Montreal (Juden 2-0), 12:35 p.m.

Philadelphia (Portugal 0-1) at Cincinnati (Mercker 1-2), 1:15 p.m.
Colorado (Thompson 3-0) at St. Louis (Stottmer 0-1), 1:15 p.m.

Pittsburgh (Schmidt 0-1) at Chicago Cubs (Tellemaco 0-1), 1:20 p.m.
San Francisco (O. Fernandez 1-1) at Houston (Reynolds 3-1), 1:35 p.m.

Los Angeles (Astacio 2-0) at Florida (Rapp 2-1), 7:05 p.m.

Saturday

BASEBALL

American League

NEW YORK YANKEES—Designated RHP David Weir for assignment. Recalled RHP Jim Mecir from Columbus of the International League.

BASKETBALL

USA BASKETBALL—Named Rudy Tomjanovich coach of the 1998 World Championship team.

National Basketball Association
MILWAUKEE BUCKS—Announced the resignation of Mike Dunleavy, general manager.

FOOTBALL

National Football League
NEW YORK JETS—Waived LB Ken Thomas.

Friday

BASEBALL

American League

BALTIMORE ORIOLES—Placed Of Jerome Walton on the 15-day disabled list. Recalled Of Tony Tarasco from Rochester of the International League.

National League

CINCINNATI REDS—Placed Of Reggie Sanders on the 15-day disabled list. Recalled Of Curtis Goodwin from Indianapolis of the International League.

FLORIDA MARLINS—Placed Of Devon White on the 15-day disabled list, retroactive to April 24. Purchased the contract of INF-OF John Wehner from Charlotte of the International League.

ST. LOUIS CARDINALS—Activated C Tom Paganotti and UHP Rick Honeycutt from the 15-day disabled list. Optioned INF Steve Scarsone to Louisville of the American Association. Designated C Darryl Sheaffer for assignment.

SAN DIEGO PADRES—Placed Of Steve Finley on the 15-day disabled list, retroactive to April 20. Purchased the contract of OF Phil Phanter from Las Vegas of the PCL.

SAN FRANCISCO GIANTS—Assigned RHP Carl Schramm to Shreveport of the Texas League.

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two teams from the Western Junior College Athletic Conference qualified for the postseason, the top four teams from the WJCAC make the playoffs.

At the Region V tournament, the top seed from the WJCAC plays the No. 4 team from the North Texas Junior College Athletic Conference, the No. 2 WJCAC teams faces the third seed from the NTJACAC, the third seed from the WJCAC faces the No. 2 NTJACAC team and the fourth seed from the WJCAC faces the NTJACAC champion.

As of Saturday morning, New Mexico Junior College led the conference with a 12-5 league mark, followed by Odessa College (12-6), Howard (10-8)

BASEBALL

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Saturday

Felder, hitting just .189 coming in, went 5-for-5. He ended the longest homerless streak of his career at 98 at-bats and also doubled twice.

Felder singled in the first and seventh innings, doubled in the third and fifth and hit a three-run homer down the left-field line in the eighth, connecting on an 0-2 pitch by Carlos Castillo.

Tino Martinez homered and drove in two runs to set a Yankees record for RBIs in April with 30.

David Cone (2-2) struck out nine in seven innings as the Yankees won for the fourth time in five games.

Orioles 14, Red Sox 5
BALTIMORE (AP) — Roberto Alomar hit three home runs, his first extra-base hits of the

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that of winner Roy Williams of Clarendon, who also won the 200 in a time of 21.88, almost a full second ahead of McCallister.

Stanton also finished fourth in the 400 meter relay. Stamford won the event in 42.84 seconds, while Stanton crossed the tape in 44.33 seconds.

McCallister's teammate, Malachi Samaron, finished sixth in the 1,600 run in a time of 4:49.9.

Also at the I-2A meet, Coahoma's Krista Stanislaus finished sixth in the high jump with a height of 4-10.

Over at McMurry, Garden City's Tiffany Maxie missed out on a trip to Austin by about a quarter-second, finishing third in the 100 hurdles. Her time of 16.53 was nosed out by event runner-up Brandi Richey of Cross Plains, who finished in a time of 16.26.

Also barely missing a trip to Austin was Sands' Diego Parras, who finished third in both the 1,600 and 3,200 runs.

Other area athletes, and their finishes, included: Tiffany Kujawski, Garden City, fifth in the 1,600 run; Jerrod Beall, sixth in the 100 hurdles; and Jonathan Robles, Grady, sixth in the 1,600 run.

and El Paso Community College.

That makes this weekend's series between Howard and Odessa at Barber Field more important.

Now, if they can just get the games in.

The series was scheduled to begin with a doubleheader Saturday, but wet grounds at Barber Field forced the teams to push back the start of the three-game series to Sunday.

If the field improves, Howard and OC will play a doubleheader beginning at 1 p.m. Sunday and conclude the series with a single game at 1 p.m. Monday.

If wet conditions persist, however, the series will be pushed back to Monday and Tuesday.

Any rainout is bad, but for the Hawks, it comes at a partic-

ularly bad time. After starting the conference schedule by losing five of their first six games, the Hawks have come on like gang-busters recently, winning eight of their last 11 games.

Head coach Brian Roper credits his team's improved play to two factors — the sudden maturing of a young team; and the suspension of some players whose "attitudes weren't right for the team."

Roper, who declined to name the released players, said the rainouts are just par for the course this season.

"It's been one of those seasons where nothing's gone smooth for this team, so you really can't expect anything different now," Roper said. "You've just got to keep adjusting to things as you go along."

season, and went 4-for-4 with a career-high six RBIs as the Baltimore Orioles defeated the Boston Red Sox 14-5 Saturday.

Alomar came into the game in a 2-for-21 slump that dropped his batting average to .205. He is the third player in two days to hit three homers in a game, joining Ken Griffey Jr. and Matt Williams.

The All-Star second baseman

singled and scored in the first inning. His first homer, the 100th of his career, came in the second with Brady Anderson on first base and gave Baltimore a 5-4 lead against Aaron Sele (3-1).

Alomar hit his second home run in the fourth inning against Pat Mahomes. His third came against Rick Tricek in the fifth.

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Critics often complain that the Texas Assessment of Academic Skills has left teachers spending more time teaching students to take the TAAS than educating them. What are your views on that subject?

I believe teachers are being required to spend too much time teaching our children to pass the assessment tests. More time needs to be spent in teach-

ing them knowledge they can use in the future. We should expect excellence in our teachers, and hold them to the highest standards. Teachers are the best assessment tools we have. We should rely in their abilities to assess our children's skill levels.

Why should someone vote for you?

I will be pro-active as a school board trustee, not reactive. I will research tough issues and make my decisions based on that research. I will not vote on an issue until I have heard all

sides of the issue. I believe the school administration takes its direction from the school board. As a school board we should set policies to be implemented by the school administration. You should vote for me if you want someone who will be fiscally conservative, expects excellence from our students and teachers and requires all school administration to closely follow policies set by the school board trustees.

District 4

Don Baker, 49, Incumbent
Please list your qualifications and experience relative to the position you are seeking.

I am a concerned citizen who is willing to serve my community as a school board member. I bring experience to the board having served on it for nine years — serving as president three years, vice-president two years, and Secretary two years. I have been on the Howard County Tax Appraisal Board for five years and chairman for four years. I served two years on the local 826 IUOE Credit Union Board and have been an independent businessman for 16 years as owner of Don Baker Sales and Baker Properties.



BAKER

What do you consider the three most critical issues facing the Big Spring Independent School District and what actions are needed to resolve them?

School finance — it is up to the state what kind of funding this district will have to work with. Our school district will have to tighten its belt and work with the funding available. We must offer the highest quality of education for ALL students.

School facilities — passing the bond solved many of our major problems, but we still have a number of old buildings that have to be maintained and run as efficiently as possible.

Quality educators — This is a critical issue. Big Spring ISD has been very fortunate to have quality teachers, but every year we lose some to retirement, relocation and career changes. We must continue to recruit the most qualified teachers available.

Critics often complain that the Texas Assessment of Academic Skills has left teachers spending more time teaching students to take the TAAS than educating them. What are your views on that subject?

I understand the concern that parents and educators alike have about the Texas Assessment of Academic Skills test. However, this is not a local issue — it is a state issue. This is a standardized testing that has been mandated by the state legislature to make our schools accountable for their performances.

Why should someone vote for you?

People should vote for me because I bring experience to the school board. I am objective and open minded to issues that come before the school board. I am available to parents, teachers and students who have concerns or questions about school related issues. I am supportive of teachers and all school activities. I will continue to work to

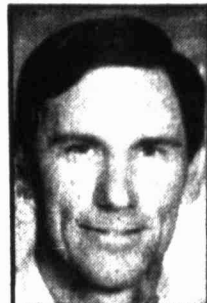
maintain the highest quality of education possible while overseeing the tax payers money. I consider myself to be a conservative and look at holding the line on spending and taxes.

My wife, Linda, and I have three children who attend our public schools. Big Spring has been good for me and my family and by serving on the school board, I feel I am giving something back to the community.

Frank A. Long, 42

Please list your qualifications and experience relative to the position you are seeking.

I am a parent with three children in our school system. I graduated from BSBS in 1973 and Texas Tech in 1976 with honors in Agricultural Sciences. I have owned and operated my cotton farming business for the past 20 years. I have taught children's church at Trinity Baptist for 19 years. I am currently serving of the Board of Deacons at TBC and on the board at the Farm Bureau.



LONG

What do you consider the three most critical issues facing the Big Spring Independent School District and what actions are needed to resolve them?

1. In the area of academics, we need the best curriculum available such as Saxon Math and a Phonics based reading program.

2. To cut red tape on our teachers and give them more time and freedom in their classrooms.

3. To keep local control of our school system so that we can maintain the values and morals that we believe in.

Critics often complain that the Texas Assessment of Academic Skills has left teachers spending more time teaching students to take the TAAS than educating them.

What are your views on that subject?

I entirely agree with the critics. The real failure with the TAAS test comes from holding the teachers accountable for the results of the test. Our teachers are then forced to coach the students because their jobs are put on the line. The test is not an accurate assessment of a teacher's qualifications or a student's knowledge.

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Why should someone vote for you?

Because I will support all curriculum that emphasizes family values. And I believe that by following Biblical principles we can successfully achieve the best education. And I also support our teachers and administration.

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Aikman: Don't count out Cowboys just yet

IRVING (AP)— A refreshed and relaxed Troy Aikman, taking part in the Dallas Cowboys first official off-season workout, said those predicting an unraveling of the franchise had best think again.

Asked point blank if the Cowboys could get to another Super Bowl, Aikman shot back, "There's no question we feel that way. This team still has the confidence that if we play the way we are capable of playing, we can go to the Super Bowl."

Despite suspensions and injuries, the Cowboys made it to the NFC divisional playoffs last year where they were knocked out 26-17 by the Carolina Panthers.

"We've had to take a hard look at our team in the off-season, and we've made some positive changes," he said. "We kept free agents like Darryl Johnston, Broderick Thomas, and Brock Marion. We had a good draft. We've taken steps to correct our off-field problems. I think we are starting this season in a very positive atmosphere."

He said the hiring of Calvin Hill to oversee the players off the field "can't hurt. There's no doubting his credentials. He's very respected."

Aikman said another positive note was owner Jerry Jones

not flying the team around the world during training camp and not scheduling a fifth exhibition game.

"We're going to have a five solid weeks to prove ourselves in training camp," Aikman said. "That's not something that has been done since 1991. I'm a big believer in training camp."

Aikman refused to be critical of Deion Sanders for playing baseball again and missing camp.

"There's no question Deion had a right to do that (join Cincinnati)," Aikman said. "It's wrong for him to be criticized. He was a baseball player when we joined the Cowboys. Nothing was ever said that he had to give that up. Some people have a hard time understanding that. I don't."

Aikman had an off-year by his standards but much of it was spent battling nagging injuries. One injury still remains, calcium deposits in his right calf. Aikman has ruled out surgery.

"I'll just have to live with it," Aikman said. "I'm eager for all the off-season work. I'm ready to get started."

Aikman said he liked first-round draft pick Dave LaFleur of Louisiana State as a solid prospect.

Open your heart and home to pet from animal shelter

DEAR ABBY: This year the Pet Adoption '97 — that life-saving spring weekend when animal organizations join together to find a home for each and every pet in shelters throughout the world — will take place May 3 and 4.



Abigail Van Buren

again, North Shore Animal League and the Iams Co. are sponsoring this international event in shelters and humane societies throughout the United States, Canada, England and South America.

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For the name of a shelter near you, call the Adoption

hotline: 1-800-863-4267, Monday through Saturday, 8 a.m. to 8 p.m. EDT. You can also visit us at www.iamsc.com. — MIKE ARMS, NORTH SHORE ANIMAL LEAGUE, PORT WASHINGTON, N.Y.

DEAR MIKE: The Pet Adoption is a worthy program, but I must issue a word of caution:

Readers: Before you rush out to adopt that adorable little pet who is guaranteed to give you boundless love, please take a moment to be sure you are ready to make a commitment that will last for many years.

Pets are wonderful, but they require proper care and attention, and many require training to be the pleasurable companions you may be seeking. If you are ready for this responsibility, get to the shelter early and select the pet who was born to be loved by you!

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Canadian mountain slide killed 70; pieces still remain

Can you imagine the devastation caused by half of a 7,000 foot mountain suddenly and without warning giving away and sliding into the valley below?



Myrtle Griffith
Columnist

I couldn't until I saw the result of this tragic event. The scene is located at Frank, Alberta, Canada. A huge wedge of limestone 1300 ft. high, 4,000 ft. wide, and 500 ft. thick suddenly toppled from Turtle Mountain, April 29, 1903 at 4:10 a.m.

It covered 1 1/2 miles of the valley below with debris and

limestone boulders crushing all the above ground buildings of the coal mine there, also numerous homes, farms and the railroad.

It also covered a part of the small town of Frank. 3,000 acres of the fertile valley was covered with the slide and a small river dammed, creating a lake.

There had never been any volcanic activity in the area nor was it caused by an earthquake. It was all over in 90 seconds, only one and a half minutes.

Seventeen miners were trapped underground in the valley's coal mine. By some mysterious miracle they dug out through the slide.

Many theories have been voiced as to the cause of the giant rock slide. No actual proof has been established except that the mountain's geo-

logical structure was unstable, but it had stood for countless thousands of years.

The area is near Crowsnest Pass and not far from Glacier National Park and the Northern border of Montana.

We, my daughter, son-in-law and myself, visited there in the summer of 1990. At that time plans were in place to create an extensive tourist attraction, but already over 500,000 persons had visited the site.

A foot trail was to have been completed covering a part of the actual slide. No doubt it was completed later that summer.

We did not have the time to do much exploring due to our travel schedule, but one could spend a week or two and not see everything of interest. It is in a lovely mountainous area with many possibilities other than the slide itself. The mile

and a half of covered railway was abandoned and a new one built. No effort was ever made to uncover that which the slide placed under 100 ft. of limestone boulders. It is said to be one of the largest slides in the world if not the largest ever.

If you visit northern Montana it would be well worth the extra miles and time to drive over into Alberta to see and wonder about this freakish act of nature.

By this time, no doubt, many things have been added to make one's visit easier and more informed.

Incidentally, the town of Frank only had a population of 600 in 1903; it's much larger now, of course. The early population was mostly pioneers who settled there seeking a better lifestyle.

Seventy persons lost their lives instead.



This picture was taken in Alberta recently and is part of the mountain that fell in 1903, causing havoc and death.

Recipe Corner

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Velma Lloyd: Writer and reciter of poetry

Velma Lloyd loves poetry. At the drop of a hat, the 94-year-old can recite such classics as "Annabel Lee," "Little Orphan Annie," and "The Gingham Dog and the Calico Cat."



Jean Warren
Prime Columnist

She memorized these and many others when she attended school in Jewett in East Texas. She remembers Mr. Jones, one of her teachers who encouraged her.

He always said, "You have a brain. Use it." Often, Velma would read from the set of encyclopedias in the study hall "for the fun of it."

Every Friday the students at the small high school prepared a program. It included a

spelling bee, piano and vocal solos, and recitations. Velma memorized a new poem every week.

"It seemed that when I memorized a poem, it was engraved on my heart," says Velma. "When I memorize a poem, I own it."

Through the years, her poetry has stood her in good stead. At 19, she married Buster James Leslie Lloyd. For a number of years, they farmed at Norton. Sometimes she helped in the fields. Chopping cotton, she would go down the row reciting poems.

She taught the poetry of Robert Louis Stevenson to her sons, Max and Leslie, when they were small. Later, she read the same poems to her three grandchildren.

For 24 years, the Lloyds operated a grocery store and post office in Luther. She retired as postmistress at the age of 70.

In 1985, at the encouragement of Jane Thomas and others, she began giving poetry readings



VELMA LLOYD

for various clubs and organizations in the Big Spring area. She has many favorites: "The Little Toy Soldier" and "An Old Sweetheart of Mine" by James Whitcomb Riley; "If" by Rudyard Kipling; and a humorous selection, "The Railroad Crossing."

Velma recites poetry with flair and a natural sense of timing. She wishes the curriculum of today's schools provided more opportunities for children to study and memorize and recite poetry.

Does Velma write poetry? Of course. She has written several poems, including a number of "The Other Side of the Story" verses, like this one, that challenge the reader to figure out who is speaking.

The girl was in no danger, Though she claims I terrified her.

What did I do, I'd like to know her?

I just came and sat beside her There on the tuffet - she looked so cute,

With her bowl of curds and whey.

Then she looked down and saw me, Screamed out loud, and ran away.

Hint: The spider in the nursery rhyme "Little Miss Muffet."

Washing hands is simple way to prevent spread of infection

What is the single most important means of preventing the spread of infection? Proper hand washing, states the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention.

Yet, "Hand washing in this country has become all but a lost art," says epidemiologist, Doctor Michael T. Osterholm, head of the public health committee of the American Society for Microbiology.

Last year, that society helped sponsor a survey of Americans hand washing habits.

Results, released at their annual infectious-disease conference, indicated an appalling percentage of the population failed to wash their hands after using public restrooms!

Let's hope this survey isn't also representative of restaurant workers.

Just one food handler who has poor hand washing habits can spread germs that cause dozens of patrons to become ill.

The Centers for Disease Control states that every year millions of Americans are stricken with food poisoning.

Many of these cases have

been attributed to improper food handling. And if people are careless about hand washing, isn't it likely they are also

careless about other basic precautions during food preparation? Looking through a microscope at samples taken from such things as

faucets, phones, doorknobs, toilet seats, flushing handles and hands confirms that germs are everywhere.

Many germs live on and in our bodies normally, causing no problems. Even those that are harmful can usually be thrown off by a healthy body. But if a person is already ill, elderly or very young, it's harder to resist infection.

As a result of widely publicized outbreaks worldwide of

infectious disease and food poisoning, we've armed ourselves with disinfectants, antibacterial soaps and water filters. Japan even purified money. But now many of us are ignoring the single most important means of preventing the spread of infection by failing to wash our hands?

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Wanda Denson
Columnist

PRIME POEM

"The Mourning Dove"

I heard a dove calling and I looked out to see a mourning dove crying there in the elm tree.

Forever I'll hear him forever I'll see the lonesome dove calling for his mate tenderly.

He walked up the fence row by the old garden gate still crying and calling for his beautiful mate.

In the shadows of evening with the sun sinking low I could hear him a crying for his mate to come home.

All night he kept calling and flying around but never no answer not even a sound

but early next morning I looked out to see the mourning dove holding his mate tenderly.

And there in his grey wings his mate he had found he held her, caressed her, and made mournful sounds.

His grey wings held on to his beautiful mate. I watched him caress her it made my heart ache.

Sometime when I waken in the bright early morn, I still hear him calling so sad and forlorn.

O, hear him a calling out there in the night the beautiful grey doves all mate for life.

By: Bernice Reed Jones

Readers Corner

Submissions for the May issue are being accepted through May 19 and is published on May 28. You can mail, fax or drop them off at the Herald office. The address is 710 Scurry, P.O. Box 4123, Big Spring, 79721. The fax number is (915) 264-7205. Contact 263-7331, ext. 235 for more information.

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By KELLIE JO
Features Editor

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

Symphony wraps up season with Pops '97 concert

By KELLIE JONES

Features Editor

The Big Spring Symphony and Chorale is wrapping up its season with a Pops '97 concert May 3 at the Municipal Auditorium.

The program gets under way at 8 p.m. and this year's theme is "Music from the Old West." Featured guests include Jody Nix and the Texas Cowboys, Tumbleweed Smith and the chorale. Chorale members, about 35, have been practicing for several weeks at First Baptist Church under the



direction of Stan Hanes who is the music director at the church as well. They will be singing about 10 songs, according to Jim Shelton, chorale member.

The schedule for the concert is as follows:

- The Cowboys Overture - orchestra
- Ghost Riders in the Sky - chorus
- Turkey in the Straw - Jody, fiddler and orchestra
- Cool Water - Jody/chorus
- Tumbling Tumbleweed - Jody/chorus
- Happy Trails - Children/chorus
- "Cowboy Fantasy" - Chorus/children - This features: O Bury Me Not on the Lone Prairie, Git Along Little Dogies, Red River Valley, Streets of Laredo, I'm Going to Leave Old Texas Now and Home on the Range.

• A Country and Western Overture - chorus, orchestra, Jody Nix and band - This features: Heartaches by the Numbers, Please Release Me, Tennessee Waltz and Cotton-Eyed Joe.

• "Jody's Favorites" - You Don't Have to be From Texas, Nothing Quite Like Texas on a Saturday Night, Maiden's Prayer, Sally Goodin and The Key's in the Mailbox.

• "A Big Spring Sing-A-Long" - chorus featuring Big Balls in Cowtown, Faded Love and San Antonio Rose.

• Orange Blossom Special

Tickets are now on sale at Blum's Jewelers in the Big Spring Mall, Dunlap's located on FM 700, Big Spring Area Chamber of Commerce, 215 W. Third or at the door. Prices are \$10 for adults, \$8 for senior citizens and students and \$5 for children ages 12 and under.



Courtesy photos

Top: Stan Hanes directs members of the Big Spring Symphony Chorale during a practice at First Baptist Church recently. Below: The chorale sings one of the 10 songs they will perform at the symphony's last concert of the season. The concert is set for May 3 at the Municipal Auditorium and tickets are now on sale at several locations.



JODY NIX

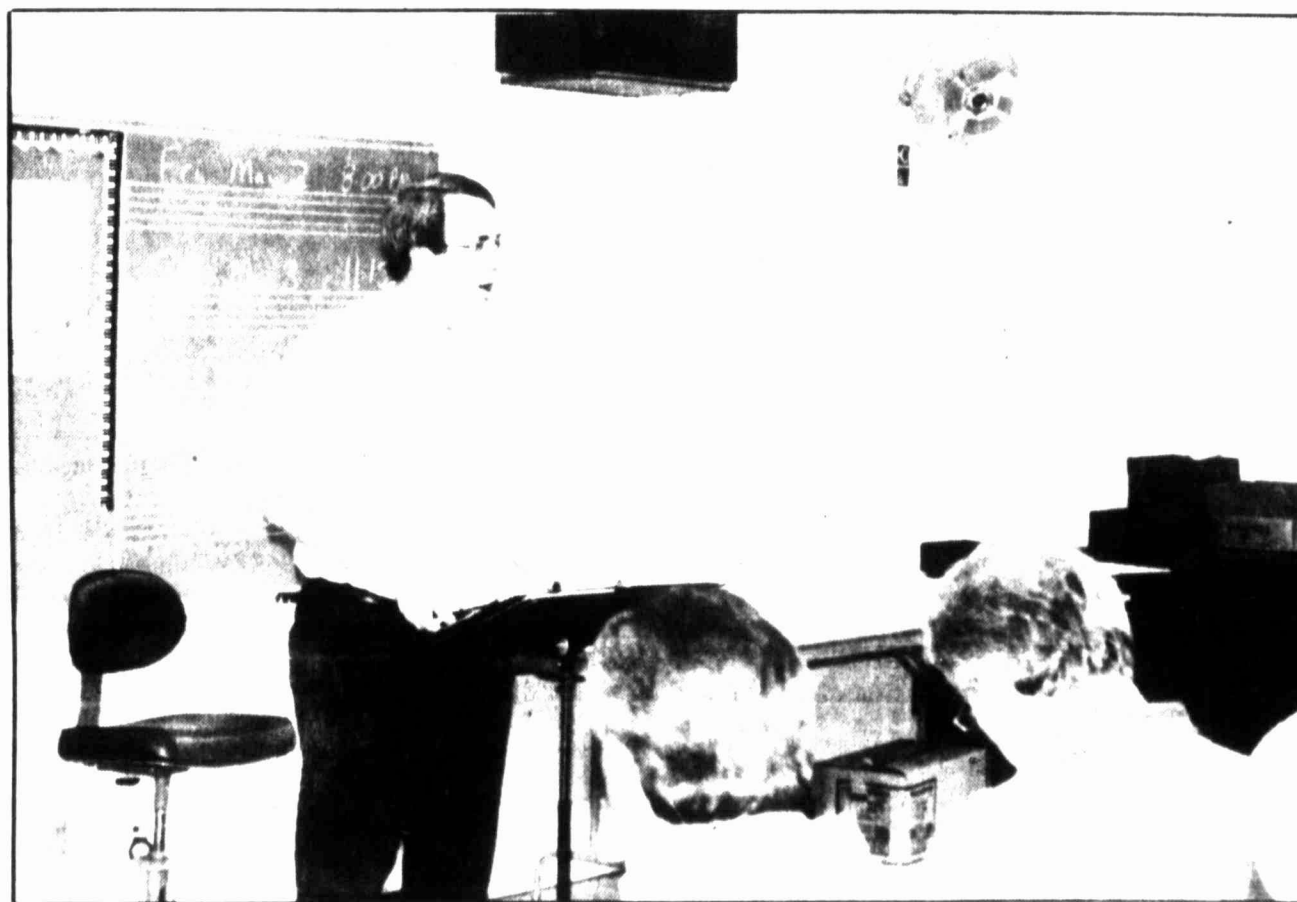
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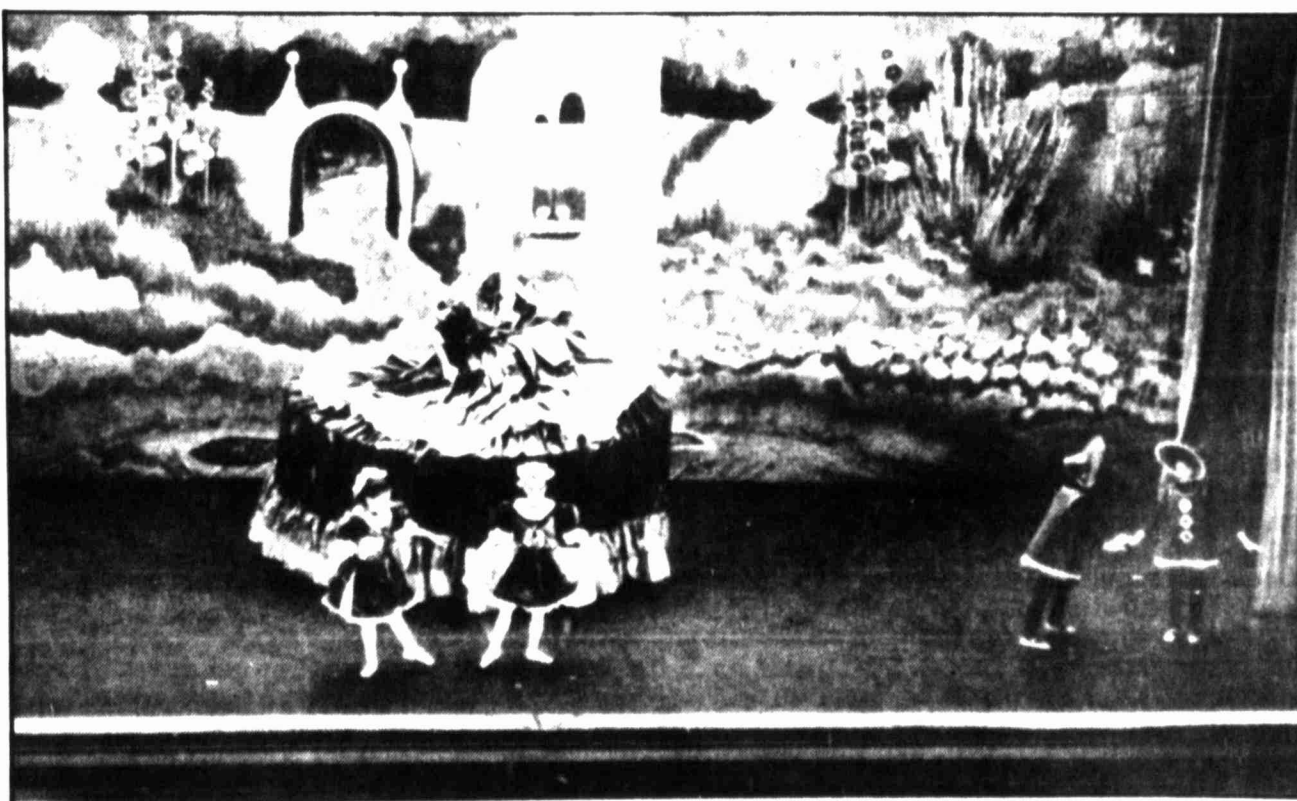


A LOOK BACK AT THE SYMPHONY SEASON



HERALD file photo

The Big Spring Symphony is seen here in this file photo during a past concert. The May 3 concert, Pops '97, is the last one of the season so make plans now to attend.



HERALD file photo

The Nutcracker was one of several performances of the Big Spring Symphony and Chorale during the 1996-97 season. The Nutcracker is featured every holiday season and involves both local talent and members of Ballet Lubbock.

A look at some of my favorite items I just can't part with

The want ads look interesting lately and I'm tempted to go garage sailing. Before I go, I'll have to burn down the barn where all my junk is stored. It's stuff too good to throw away, but useless to anyone else.



Eunice Choate
Columnist

If I don't burn the barn, there's no way to be rid of it and no place else to put it. Where do other people put this overflow?

The insides of houses I've

been in don't seem, as much as mine, to be hidey-holes for clutter. They don't bulge.

Do YOU have cabinet drawers that slide open on their own? Allow napkins and coils of ribbon, or cotton wads from the tops of vitamin pill bottles to hang over the sides and stare at the floor?

Do YOUR books fight each other for elbow room on the shelves until they fall to the floor with their covers off?

Does YOUR metal detector share space with an ice cream freezer in a closet that opens on its own when your snottiest visitor is standing in front of it? If so, do you have a gorilla mask hanging on a mop handle that makes the guest look shift-eyed and uncomfortable?

Do little eyes peep from

YOUR potato bin? My house is hard to keep neat.

About five years ago I did a real spring cleaning: got rid of things that for years had gone unnoticed beneath beds, under sinks and behind the couch. It wasn't two weeks until my husband and I started saying things like, "Have you seen that barbecue grill I was saving?" "What ever happened to that map of Africa?" "Where's that chester drawers?"

The clothes chest was in the barn with three kittens in the bottom drawer, but other things I know I didn't throw out, I've never found. Clothes are the worst about piling up. Most years I refuse to wear what the designers say is stylish. When I find something I like, I wear it for years, no mat-

ter how dated it gets. 'Style' can go butt a stump. I'm not going to walk around town looking like a couch cover.

Twenty years ago I bought the ugliest article of clothing I'd ever seen. Not to wear, but as a monument to poor taste; a pair of bright pink polyester hip-huggers. The bell-bottom legs were wide enough for sails on a sloop or windsocks at DFW.

They were a reminder to me of what can happen to people who behave like sheep. I hear the style is making a comeback, along with the clunky, ankle-breaking shoes to wear with them. But I love pretty shoes. Remember a few years ago when word got out that Imelda Marcos was selling her shoes? We wear the same size and I was tempted until I saw a

picture of one of her walk-in closets. She had shelf after shelf of shoes lined up according to color and kind. They were just like mine, except for the price we each paid for them, and hers were more neatly stored.

I'll be rid of mine soon. The granddaughters have played dress-up in them for years and have promised to take them all to their house when their feet are big enough. That will help.

But other things wait in the wings for the space. What I save has nothing to do with sentiment. It has everything to do with whose hands have been on it, what they were doing, and what it told me about that person at the time.

I keep letters my children wrote to my mother, notes my

daughter and I wrote when she was in high school, and every letter my husband sent from Vietnam 27 years ago.

I keep plaster casts of small hands; childish drawings of mothers wearing big smiles; poems a boy in the eighth grade wrote and wooden artifacts built by a budding engineer.

I keep musical instruments no one can really play, and a chair with a broken rocker with a child's name carved deeply into the backrest. I still wear the first long coat I ever owned. Mother bought it on the lay-away plan in 1951. My son wants it someday. So much for garage sales. I cannot get rid of the things I have. They have value to me. My life would be poorer without them.

WEDDINGS

Murphy-Kennedy

Angela Renee Murphy and John Lynn Kennedy exchanged wedding vows on March 15, 1997, at Trinity Baptist Church with Bro. Claude Craven, retired pastor, officiating.

She is the daughter of Barbara and Dickie Murphy. He is the son of Robert and Sheryl Kennedy.

The couple stood before a white heart archway with ivy and red roses and two heart candelabras with ivy, red roses and white candles. The banisters were accented with greenery, white roses, red roses and white candles.

Pianist was Donna Thurman, and organist was Lila Adkins.

Vocalists were Steve Moses, Lana Piercefield and Christi Jones.

Given in marriage by her father, the bride wore a full length ivory silk gown with a scalloped neckline and a dropped waist bodice covered in pearls and eveler lace. The long full embroidered train was accented with pearls and lace.

She carried a cascading bouquet of red and white roses accented with baby's breath and ivy.

Maid of honor was Gwen Mason, Midland.

Bridesmaids were Katal Davis and Kelly Kennedy, sister of the groom, both of Big Spring. Junior bridesmaid was Mandy Murphy, cousin of the bride, Big Spring.

Brenna Hill and Rebecca Hall were the flower girls, and Wesley Edwards, nephew of the groom, was the ring bearer.

Chris Brock, Big Spring, was the best man.

Andy Stewart and Matt Rehnert, both of Lubbock, served as groomsmen. Steven Sawyer, cousin of the groom, Dallas, was the junior groom's man.



MRS. JOHN KENNEDY

Orlando Olague, Kyle Plumlee and Kaleb Hill, all of Big Spring, served as ushers.

Candlelighters were Kristen Miller, San Angelo, and Lance Murphy, Big Spring, both cousins of the bride.

Following the ceremony, a reception was held in the fellowship hall.

The bride's table featured a three-tiered wedding cake trimmed with red roses and a cake topper of Mickey and Minnie Mouse.

The groom's table had a carrot cake with a Texas Tech emblem outlined with red and black icing.

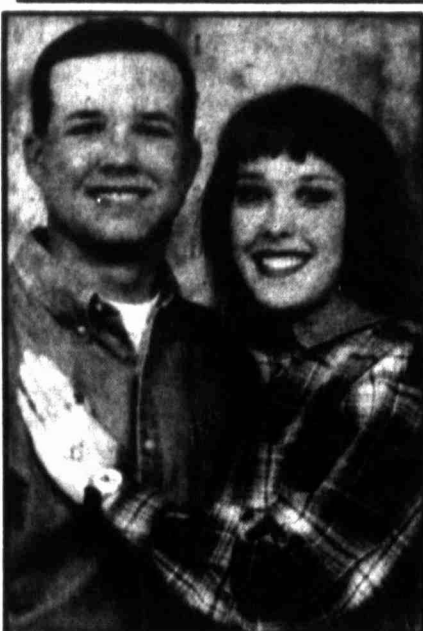
The bride is a 1995 graduate of Big Spring High School and attended Howard College.

The groom is a 1993 graduate of Big Spring High School, attended Howard College, and is attending Texas Tech University in Lubbock. He will graduate in August 1997.

The couple will take a delayed wedding trip to Disney World in the summer.

They will make their home in Lubbock.

GETTING ENGAGED



Jaclyn Laurel Chandler and Michael Shane Denson, both of Stanton, will exchange wedding vows on June 21, 1997, at the First Baptist Church of Stanton with Rick Denson, groom's father, officiating.

She is the daughter of David and Marjorie Chandler, Stanton.

He is the son of Rick and Elaine Denson, Midland.



Caroline Sue Williams and Dennis Raymond Knecht, Sr. will unite in marriage in a May ceremony at the Salvation Army with Major Roy Tulcher officiating.

She is the daughter of Jerry Marcus Williams, Big Spring.

He is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Melvin A. Dirks, Plymouth, Wis.



Leigh Ann Williams, Plainville, and Kyle Plumlee, Midland, will be united in marriage on June 28, 1997, at the First Baptist Church in Plainville with Dr. Charles Bassett, brother-in-law of the groom, Plainville, officiating.

She is the daughter of Billy and Rhonda Williams, Plainville.

He is the son of Ron and Judy Plumlee, Big Spring, and the late Donna Sue Plumlee.

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

HUMANE SOCIETY



Pictured: "Stacy and Missy" three-month-old Scottish Fold female kittens, three with black fluffy coats and one calico; three have the ear fold and all have gray-green eyes; they are a bit shy but respond well to gentle attention.

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

"Ivan" handsome male Russian blue with beautiful coat; he is laid-back and calm.

"Arizona" very friendly spayed female calico who is also declawed, makes friends instantly and loves to be held.

"OJ" charming male with sleek black coat and green eyes; affectionate and enjoys people.

"Cassie" female calico with gray mask on face, calm, content and would make a great family cat.

"Green Eyes" pretty young female, dark gray tabby coat, lovely green eyes.

"Rose" young spayed female with gold and black tabby markings, good-natured and loves attention.

"Toby" very large orange neutered male "Morris look-alike," has large amber eyes, current on all shots, a great pet for your family.

"Angel" cream and white long-haired spayed female, very sweet and a little attention goes a long way!

"Michael" neutered male adult, handsome black coat, friendly and easy-going.

"Dominique" declawed spayed female with gray and black coat, gentle disposition and gets along fine with other cats but does not like dogs.

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

IN THE MILITARY

Navy Petty Officer 1st Class Duane Brooks, son of Frank V. Brooks, Big Spring, recently departed on a six-month deployment to the Persian Gulf aboard the guided missile destroyer USS Paul Hamilton.

The 1982 graduate of Irion County High School of Mertzon joined the Navy in January 1987.

Recipe Corner

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Dream school chance to learn about yourself

SPRINGFIELD, Mo. (AP) — A nervous executive walks into a crowded boardroom and suddenly realizes he's naked.

Many people find themselves in that uneasy situation, if only in their dreams: It's one of the most common ones recounted by callers to the National Dream Hotline.

Dreams are messages that shouldn't be ignored, said Laurel Clark, vice president of the School of Metaphysics, a southwestern Missouri school that for 25 years has studied dreams.

"Dreams are a communication from the inner self to the outer self that tell you about your own state of awareness," Clark said.

A typical dream finds the dreamer back in school, realizing there's a test to take though he hasn't been in class all semester.

"It means ... they have opportunities for learning in their waking life and they're missing out on them," Clark said. "They go to work, they take care of the physical things they need to in their life, but they forget life is for learning."

The hot line, an annual project of the school, will open for business this weekend.

"We receive thousands of calls every year," Clark said. "The people who answer are usually teachers who have studied dreams and their meaning and how to interpret them."

About 100 people will take phone calls at the school's main branch in Windyville (phone number 417-345-8411) and 14 satellite branches in seven states — Illinois, Indiana, Iowa, Kansas, Kentucky, Oklahoma, and Texas.

The so-called dream interpreters help callers decode their dreams' symbols and what they might mean, but don't offer counseling. And Clark said a dream's significance must be determined by the dreamer.

"The dreams are in symbols and they tell you about your attitudes," she said. "They are not telling you about the literal events in your life."

The School of Metaphysics is not accredited by any of the regular groups that accredit U.S. colleges and universities, Clark said, but it does offer several degrees.

STORK CLUB

Tedasia Renee McCalister, girl, April 13, 1997, 10:05, eight pounds six ounces and 20 3/4 inches long; parents are Tamika Douglas and Tedric McCalister, Big Spring.

Grandparents are Margaret and Humberto LeDezma, Charlie McCalister, all of Big Spring, and Michael Ford, Oklahoma.

Fisher Kip Williams, boy, April 14, 1997, 1:26 p.m., seven pounds 14 ounces and 20 1/2 inches long; parents are Coby and Margie Williams.

Grandparents are Marvin and Annette Williams, Richard and Virginia Belew, Phil and Jackie Ervin, all of Big Spring, and Jim and Ann Kestermeyer, Wisconsin.

Alexandra Juliana Gibbs, girl, April 16, 1997, 8:38 a.m., six pounds six and one half ounces and 19 1/2 inches long; parents are Daniel and Randi Gibbs.

Grandparents are Bob and Geri Gibbs, Bruce and Lana Schooler and Jerry and Janie Edwards, all of Big Spring.

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Shelton-Gibson

Melissa Kay Shelton, Lubbock, and Timothy Allen Gibson, Spangdahlem, Germany, united in marriage on March 29, 1997, at the Mulberry Mansion in Sweetwater with Rev. John J. Abendschen, retired minister, officiating.

She is the daughter of James and Charlotte Shelton, Big Spring.

He is the son of Verna Gibson, Sherman, and Roger Gibson, Stephenville.

The couple stood before an altar of pastel spring flowers.

Yimin Chi played the harp, and B. Randall Stevens was the pianist.

Vocalist was Joyce Bradley.

Given in marriage by her father, the bride wore white satin gown accented with hand beaded battenburg cut out lace. It had a sculptured open V-neckline and tapered long sleeves with cut outs and battenburg lace. The hemline, peplum and skirt were trimmed with pearls and sequin appliques. Cutouts and pearls accented the heavily beaded cathedral train.

She carried a cascading bouquet of pastel spring flowers.

Maid of honor was Laurel Shelton, sister of the bride, Austin.

Jay Moore, Dallas, was the best man.

Following the ceremony, a reception was held in the Mulberry Mansion.

The wedding cake was a three-tiered cake decorated



MR. AND MRS. TIMOTHY GIBSON

with spring flowers and ceramic dove cake topper.

The groom's cake had a picture of the Eiffel Tower and an inscription of the engagement date.

The tables were decorated with candelabras and spring flowers.

The bride is a graduate of Big Spring High and was employed by the Lubbock Avalanche-Journal until the time of her marriage.

The groom is a graduate of Big Spring High School and is a Senior Airman in the USAF stationed in Spangdahlem, Germany.

Following a wedding trip to San Antonio, the couple will make their home in Spangdahlem, Germany.

NEW IN TOWN

Mark Gray, Tucson, Ariz. He is employed by the VA Medical Center.

James and Lori Tafoya, son Tyler and daughter Amber, Lovington, N.M. He works for Signal Homes.

Billy Joe and Sarah White and sons Kip and Jake, Houston. He works for B&R Septic.

Sunday deadlines

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

Birth announcement, engagement, wedding and anniversary forms are available in the editorial department.



FOR A GOSPEL MEETING
SUNDAY, APRIL 27 - WEDNESDAY APRIL 30
PREACHING BY ERIC DICKEY
OF LITTLEFIELD

SUNDAY: BIBLE STUDY.....9:45 A.M.
MORNING WORSHIP.....10:45 A.M.
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MONDAY THRU WEDNESDAY.....7:00 P.M.

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WHO'S WHO

Justin LeFever recently received his Eagle Scout badge on April 20. He is a sophomore at Forsan High School and a member of the First United Methodist Church. He is involved in band, hunting, fishing and computers.



LEFEVER

The United States Achievement Academy announced Trisha Dyer from Aransas Pass has been named a United States National Award winner in Science.



DYER

than 10 percent of all American high school students.

Dyer, who attends Aransas Pass High School, was nominated for this national award by Stephanie McNew, a teacher at the school.

She will appear in the United States Achievement Academy Official Yearbook, which is published nationally.

She is the daughter of Tony and Lisa Dyer, Aransas Pass, and the granddaughter of Dolores Pearce, Big Spring, and Lee and Aline Click, Hobbs, N.M.

Nora Williams of Coahoma has been honored for completing the first half of her Licensed Vocational Nursing program at Western Texas College. She received her pin at a recent ceremony held in Snyder. Her class will continue their studies on campus and at Cogdell Memorial Hospital in Snyder and will graduate in August. She will then be eligible to take the state board examination to become a Licensed Vocational Nurse.

Teri Kathleen Crooks, a Tarleton State University student from Big Spring, was one of 43 students inducted during the spring semester into the University's Texas Alpha Kappa Chapter of Alpha Chi, the national college honor scholarship society.

Crooks, a graduate of Big Spring High School, is majoring in Criminal Justice at Tarleton. She is the daughter of Joel and Genie Miller of Big Spring and Joy Crooks of May.

Membership in Alpha Chi is limited to members of the junior and senior classes who excel academically. Grade point averages must be 3.6 or better.

Brookhaven College of Dallas hosted their Third Annual Student Awards Banquet on April 9 at the Westin Hotel, Galleria, Dallas.



SLATE

Also represented were various corporations and groups who sponsor scholarships for students at Brookhaven College as well as several community and civic leaders.

Kellia Slate of Big Spring was recipient of a Merit Award in Fine Arts and was recognized as a student in Who's Who Among Students of American Junior Colleges. Along with other honor students she was presented a bronze medallion in commemoration of the evening. She was selected from among the fine arts students to perform a special musical number at the piano. She played Beethoven's Sonata No. 1, Opus 2.

Slate is in the top 1 percent of students at Brookhaven College.

She is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Mark Slate and the granddaughter of Mr. and Mrs. Wally Slate, both of Big Spring.

Edward Johnson, Case Management Coordinator, FCI Big Spring, was promoted to Unit Manager, FCI Port...

ON THE MENU

SPRING CITY SENIOR CITIZENS CENTER

MONDAY - Chateaubriol steak; potatoes; broccoli; tossed salad; milk/rolls; fruit.

TUESDAY - Fish; potatoes; spinach; fruited gelatin; milk/cornbread; gingerbread.

WEDNESDAY - Ham/pineapple rings; macaroni and cheese; mixed vegetables; cucumber and tomato salad; milk/rolls; oatmeal cookies.

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

FRIDAY - Roast beef; whipped potatoes; carrots; salad; milk/rolls; pear halves.

BIG SPRING BREAKFAST

MONDAY - Cereal choice; graham cracker; chilled fruit; milk.

TUESDAY - Pancake on stick or breakfast bagel, fruit juice, milk.

WEDNESDAY - Cereal choice; fruit muffin, chilled fruit, milk.

THURSDAY - Breakfast pocket or breakfast pizza, fruit juice, milk.

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

LUNCH ELEMENTARY AND SECONDARY FIRST CHOICE

MONDAY - Chicken fried steak; mashed potatoes; English peas; pear halves; hot roll; milk.

TUESDAY - Corn chip pie; potato rounds; carrot sticks; mixed fruit; milk.

WEDNESDAY - Chicken fajitas; salsa; Spanish rice; pinto beans; tortilla; orange; milk.

THURSDAY - Grilled chicken sandwich; green beans; pasta salad; sliced peaches; Jell-o; milk.

FRIDAY - Hamburger; salad; French fries; ranch style beans; chocolate cake; milk.

SECONDARY SECOND CHOICE

MONDAY - Ham and cheese sandwich; lettuce and tomatoes; mashed potatoes; English peas; pear halves; milk.

TUESDAY - Pig in blanket; potato rounds; carrot sticks; mixed fruit; milk.

WEDNESDAY - Chef salad; crackers; orange; milk.

THURSDAY - Baked ham; green beans; pasta salad; sliced peaches; Jell-o; hot roll; milk.

FRIDAY - Manager's choice.

ELBOW BREAKFAST

MONDAY - Cereal; toast; juice; milk.

TUESDAY - Biscuit and sausage; juice; milk.

WEDNESDAY - Oatmeal; toast; juice, milk.

THURSDAY - Scrambled eggs; toast; juice; milk.

FRIDAY - Texas toast; juice; peanut butter; milk.

LUNCH MONDAY - Spaghetti with meat sauce; salad; fruit; garlic bread; milk.

TUESDAY - Meat loaf; mashed potatoes; green beans; hot roll; milk.

WEDNESDAY - Burrito; salad; new potatoes; fruit; milk.

THURSDAY - Tuna salad sandwich; fresh veggies; chips; apple; milk.

FRIDAY - Chicken fajita; mixed stir fry veggies; fruit; milk.

FORSAN BREAKFAST

MONDAY - Apple fritter; juice; milk.

TUESDAY - Hash browns; eggs; biscuits; juice; milk.

WEDNESDAY - Muffin; juice; milk.

THURSDAY - Waffles; bacon; juice; milk.

FRIDAY - Cereal; Pop-tarts; juice; milk.

LUNCH

MONDAY - Ravioli; cheese wedge; corn; salad; peanut butter cookie; milk.

TUESDAY - Corn dogs; beans; spinach; corn bread; peaches/cream; milk.

WEDNESDAY - Hot dogs; French fries; relish/onions; cookies/fruit; milk.

THURSDAY - Taco salad; cheese; ranch style beans; salad; pineapple slices; milk.

FRIDAY - Chicken strips; potatoes with gravy; green beans; hot rolls; fruit; milk.

COAHOMA BREAKFAST

MONDAY - Cereal; toast; fruit; milk.

TUESDAY - Pancakes on stick; syrup; fruit; milk.

WEDNESDAY - Donuts; ham; juice; milk.

THURSDAY - FRIDAY - LUNCH

MONDAY - Chicken fried steak; w/gravy or mesquite flavored chicken patty on bun; creamed potatoes; corn; peas; biscuits; milk.

TUESDAY - Frito pie with chili-cheese; French fries; Jell-o with peaches; crackers; milk.

WEDNESDAY - Taco salad with chips; or burrito; potato rounds; mixed fruit cup; cookie; milk.

THURSDAY - FRIDAY - GARDEN CITY LUNCH

MONDAY - Steak fingers; gravy; macaroni and cheese; sliced potatoes; apple betty; rolls; low fat variety milk.

TUESDAY - Goulash; black-eyed peas; cheese sticks; sliced peaches; cornbread; low fat variety milk.

WEDNESDAY - Ham-n-cheese sandwiches; lettuce; tomato; potato rounds; carrot sticks; Jell-o with fruit mix; low fat variety milk.

THURSDAY - Turkey roast; gravy; sliced carrots; corn; cookie; hot rolls; low fat variety milk.

FRIDAY - MONDAY - STEAK FINGERS

MONDAY - Steak fingers; gravy; macaroni and cheese; sliced potatoes; apple betty; rolls; low fat variety milk.

TUESDAY - Goulash; black-eyed peas; cheese sticks; sliced peaches; cornbread; low fat variety milk.

WEDNESDAY - Ham-n-cheese sandwiches; lettuce; tomato; potato rounds; carrot sticks; Jell-o with fruit mix; low fat variety milk.

THURSDAY - Turkey roast; gravy; sliced carrots; corn; cookie; hot rolls; low fat variety milk.

FRIDAY - MONDAY - STEAK FINGERS

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TUESDAY - Goulash; black-eyed peas; cheese sticks; sliced peaches; cornbread; low fat variety milk.

WEDNESDAY - Ham-n-cheese sandwiches; lettuce; tomato; potato rounds; carrot sticks; Jell-o with fruit mix; low fat variety milk.

THURSDAY - Turkey roast; gravy; sliced carrots; corn; cookie; hot rolls; low fat variety milk.

FRIDAY - MONDAY - STEAK FINGERS

MONDAY - Steak fingers; gravy; macaroni and cheese; sliced potatoes; apple betty; rolls; low fat variety milk.

TUESDAY - Goulash; black-eyed peas; cheese sticks; sliced peaches; cornbread; low fat variety milk.

WEDNESDAY - Ham-n-cheese sandwiches; lettuce; tomato; potato rounds; carrot sticks; Jell-o with fruit mix; low fat variety milk.

THURSDAY - Turkey roast; gravy; sliced carrots; corn; cookie; hot rolls; low fat variety milk.

FRIDAY - MONDAY - STEAK FINGERS

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TUESDAY - Goulash; black-eyed peas; cheese sticks; sliced peaches; cornbread; low fat variety milk.

WEDNESDAY - Ham-n-cheese sandwiches; lettuce; tomato; potato rounds; carrot sticks; Jell-o with fruit mix; low fat variety milk.

THURSDAY - Turkey roast; gravy; sliced carrots; corn; cookie; hot rolls; low fat variety milk.

FRIDAY - MONDAY - STEAK FINGERS

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TUESDAY - Goulash; black-eyed peas; cheese sticks; sliced peaches; cornbread; low fat variety milk.

WEDNESDAY - Ham-n-cheese sandwiches; lettuce; tomato; potato rounds; carrot sticks; Jell-o with fruit mix; low fat variety milk.

THURSDAY - Turkey roast; gravy; sliced carrots; corn; cookie; hot rolls; low fat variety milk.

FRIDAY - MONDAY - STEAK FINGERS

MONDAY - Steak fingers; gravy; macaroni and cheese; sliced potatoes; apple betty; rolls; low fat variety milk.

TUESDAY - Goulash; black-eyed peas; cheese sticks; sliced peaches; cornbread; low fat variety milk.

WEDNESDAY - Ham-n-cheese sandwiches; lettuce; tomato; potato rounds; carrot sticks; Jell-o with fruit mix; low fat variety milk.

THURSDAY - Turkey roast; gravy; sliced carrots; corn; cookie; hot rolls; low fat variety milk.

FRIDAY - MONDAY - STEAK FINGERS

FRIDAY - Chopped barbecue sandwich; ranch style beans; pickles; chips; fruit cup; low fat variety milk.

SANDS CISD BREAKFAST

MONDAY - Donuts; juice; milk.

TUESDAY - Cereal; milk; juice.

WEDNESDAY - Cinnamon rolls; milk; juice.

THURSDAY - Cereal; fruit; milk; juice.

FRIDAY - Pancake and sausage; juice; milk.

LUNCH MONDAY - Beef and cheese lasagna; black-eyed peas; potato salad; batter bread; fruit; milk.

TUESDAY - Turkey and dressing; green beans; whole new potatoes; hot rolls; Jell-o; milk.

WEDNESDAY - Tamales; salad; pinto beans; corn bread; cobbler; milk.

THURSDAY - Roast beef with gravy; sliced potatoes; green beans; hot rolls; Jell-o; milk.

FRIDAY - Pizza; salad; buttered corn; cookies; fruit; milk.

STANTON BREAKFAST

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

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

WEDNESDAY - Hot biscuit; sausage/gravy; buttered toast; or assorted cereal; buttered toast; fruit juice; milk.

THURSDAY - Oatmeal; cinnamon toast or assorted cereal; buttered toast; fruit juice; milk.

FRIDAY - Pop tart; sausage patty or assorted cereal; buttered toast; fruit juice; milk.

LUNCH MONDAY - Steak burger or cheeseburger; French fries; hamburger salad; peaches; cookie and milk.

TUESDAY - Baked fish or corn dog; macaroni and cheese; mixed vegetables; fruit cobbler; hot roll; milk.

WEDNESDAY - Chopped barbecue sandwich; ranch style beans; pickles; chips; fruit cup; low fat variety milk.

SANDS CISD BREAKFAST

MONDAY - Donuts; juice; milk.

TUESDAY - Cereal; milk; juice.

WEDNESDAY - Cinnamon rolls; milk; juice.

THURSDAY - Cereal; fruit; milk; juice.

FRIDAY - Pancake and sausage; juice; milk.

LUNCH MONDAY - Beef and cheese lasagna; black-eyed peas; potato salad; batter bread; fruit; milk.

TUESDAY - Turkey and dressing; green beans; whole new potatoes; hot rolls; Jell-o; milk.

WEDNESDAY - Tamales; salad; pinto beans; corn bread; cobbler; milk.

THURSDAY - Roast beef with gravy; sliced potatoes; green beans; hot rolls; Jell-o; milk.

FRIDAY - Pizza; salad; buttered corn; cookies; fruit; milk.

STANTON BREAKFAST

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

WEDNESDAY - Hot biscuit; sausage/gravy; buttered toast; or assorted cereal; buttered toast; fruit juice; milk.

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FRIDAY - Pop tart; sausage patty or assorted cereal; buttered toast; fruit juice; milk.

LUNCH MONDAY - Steak burger or cheeseburger; French fries; hamburger salad; peaches; cookie and milk.

TUESDAY - Baked fish or corn dog; macaroni and cheese; mixed vegetables; fruit cobbler; hot roll; milk.

WEDNESDAY - Chopped barbecue sandwich; ranch style beans; pickles; chips; fruit cup; low fat variety milk.

SANDS CISD BREAKFAST

MONDAY - Donuts; juice; milk.

TUESDAY - Cereal; milk; juice.

WEDNESDAY - Cinnamon rolls; milk; juice.

THURSDAY - Cereal; fruit; milk; juice.

FRIDAY - Pancake and sausage; juice; milk.

LUNCH MONDAY - Beef and cheese lasagna; black-eyed peas; potato salad; batter bread; fruit; milk.

TUESDAY - Turkey and dressing; green beans; whole new potatoes; hot rolls; Jell-o; milk.

WEDNESDAY - Tamales; salad; pinto beans; corn bread; cobbler; milk.

THURSDAY - Roast beef with gravy; sliced potatoes; green beans; hot rolls; Jell-o; milk.

FRIDAY - Pizza; salad; buttered corn; cookies; fruit; milk.

WEDNESDAY - Nacho grande or baked pot/bread; refried beans; lettuce/tomato salad; pineapple cup; corn bread; milk.

THURSDAY - Soft burrito or chicken fajita; Spanish rice; buttered corn; lettuce/tomato salad; mixed fruit; milk.

FRIDAY - Club sandwich or turkey/cheese sandwich; tator tots; sandwich salad; apple wedges; cookie; milk.

GRADY MONDAY - Stew; corn bread; fruit; dessert; milk.

TUESDAY - Turkey; macaroni and cheese; green beans; rolls; dessert; milk.

WEDNESDAY - Chicken spaghetti; fruit; rolls; dessert; milk.

THURSDAY - Pizza; corn; fruit; dessert; milk.

FRIDAY - Hamburgers; French fries; fruit; dessert; milk.

WESTBROOK BREAKFAST

MONDAY - Breakfast pizza; fruit juice; milk.

TUESDAY - Biscuits; sausage; fruit juice; milk.

WEDNESDAY - Pancakes; little smokies; fruit juice; milk.

THURSDAY - Muffins; fruit juice; milk.

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

LUNCH MONDAY - Chicken fried steak; creamed potatoes; green beans; biscuits; syrup; honey; milk.

TUESDAY - Corn dogs; mustard; ranch style beans; scalloped potatoes; pears; milk.

WEDNESDAY - Salmon patties; black-eyed peas; macaroni and cheese; sliced bread; peaches; milk.

THURSDAY - Green enchiladas; corn; Mexican salad; pineapple up-side down cake; milk.

FRIDAY - Barbecue on bun; lettuce; tomato; onion; pickles; French fries; banana pudding; milk.

Johnstone's book is worth reading

Fierce Creatures. Iain Johnstone. January, 1997. Boulevard Books, New York, N.Y. 248 pages. \$5.99.

Transferring a story from a screenplay is not always successful, but Iain Johnstone hits the mark with *Fierce Creatures*.

The paperback book was published just before the release of the movie by the same name which will feature the cast that made *A Fish Called Wanda* so successful -- John Cleese, Jamie Lee Curtis, Kevin Kline, and Michael Palin.

The premise is a little far-fetched, but as the plot winds its way through several detours, the various tangents become more intriguing and substantial. Rollo Lee, a former policeman, is named director of an English zoo. A giant conglomerate has bought the zoo and intends to have it be an income-producing entity. Rollo figures that since most people are intrigued by the strange and violent aspects of life, a majority of the population would be drawn to a zoo that features wild and dangerous animals.

As this unconventional plan is set into motion, the present animal keepers fear for their jobs as well as safety of their charges. They try to describe the most innocent of animals as flesh eating, savage and terrifying beasts. Rollo does his best to perform publicly as a decisive and heartless executive; however, when he tries to save the animals in a clandestine manner, pandemonium results.

If all this manipulation is not confusing enough, Vince McCain, the inept son of the owner, shows up with ideas even more bizarre. One of his "original" ideas was that of using mechanical, stuffed animals rather than live ones. Always in search of more income, Vince figured these faux creatures would draw even more viewers to see unusual and one-of-a-kind beasts, as well as save money that would be spent on the feeding and care of typical zoo residents.

Almost every incident read can be visualized as a potential sight gag which could be portrayed successfully on film. Obviously, the written account is benefited by the author using the successes off the screenplay. The story is flavored with subtle and droll British humor. While the plot is somewhat thin, the book is refreshing and delightful.

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Big Spring's unemployment rate drops

By CARLTON JOHNSON
Staff Writer

The latest Texas Workforce Commission (TWC) unemployment figures show that Howard County unemployment rate for the month of March was 4.2 percent, a drop of one-tenth of a percent compared to February.

Howard County's February unemployment rate was 4.3 percent, which was unchanged from January.

The city of Big Spring reported a March unemployment rate of 4.7 percent, which is two-tenths of a percent lower than February's rate.

Big Spring previously reported a February unemployment rate of 4.9 percent, one-tenth of a percent higher than

January's rate of 4.8 percent.

For the month of March, Howard County reported 13,262 people from a civilian labor force of 13,857 were employed. In February 13,223 people from a labor force of 13,824 were employed.

The city of Big Spring's 4.7 percent unemployment rate means 9,206 people from a civilian labor force of 9,660 were employed.

The 5.7 percent unemployment rate for the Odessa-Midland Metropolitan Statistical Area (MSA) placed 15th among the state's 27 MSAs, which means the Odessa-Midland MSA held steady through February and March.

Other counties in the Permian Basin reported vari-

ous unemployment rates for the month of March, included Andrews, 4.6 percent; Borden, 1.0 percent; Dawson, 7.0 percent; Ector, 6.9 percent; Glasscock, 1.7 percent; Martin, 4.4 percent; and Midland, 4.4 percent.

By city, Permian Basin unemployment rates for March include Andrews, 4.8 percent; Lamesa, 8.4 percent; Odessa, 6.8 percent; Pecos, 12.5 percent; Stanton, 5.1 percent; Midland, 4.4 percent; and Rankin, 4.6 percent.

Overall, the state's unemployment rate fell slightly to 5.7 percent in March, two-tenths of a percent lower than the rate in February, according to the TWC.

The commission on Tuesday said nonagricultural employ-

ment grew by about 19,000 jobs, with the service sector accounting for about 77 percent of those jobs.

The 5.7 percent rate for March equaled the rate in March 1996.

Bryan-College Station had the lowest unemployment rate of 2.2 percent. That was down from the 2.4 percent rate in February. McAllen-Edinburg-Mission recorded the highest rate of 19.1 percent, nearly 2 percentage points lower than the 20.9 percent rate in February.

Rates of unemployment in the urban areas of Texas as announced by the TWC for March, compared with revised February figures (in parentheses) include: Abilene 4.6 (4.4); Amarillo 4.2 (4.3); Austin-San

Marcos 3.3 (3.3); Beaumont-Port Arthur 8.6 (8.1); Brazoria 7.2 (7.3); Brownsville-Harlingen 12.4 (13.0); Bryan-College Station 2.2 (2.4); Corpus Christi 8.4 (8.6); Dallas 3.9 (4.0); El Paso 11.7 (11.9); Fort Worth-Arlington 3.8 (4.1); Galveston-Texas City 8.5 (8.4); Houston 5.4 (5.5); Killeen-Temple 5.4 (5.3); and Laredo 12.1 (12.5).

Other urban areas reporting March unemployment figures (with revised February figures in parentheses) include: Longview-Marshall 7.8 (8.0); Lubbock 4.0 (3.8); McAllen-Edinburg-Mission 19.1 (20.9); San Angelo 3.5 (3.6); San Antonio 4.1 (4.2); Sherman-Denison 5.0 (5.1); Texarkana 7.8 (8.0); Tyler 6.0 (6.3); Victoria 5.7 (5.9); Waco 4.7 (4.5); and Wichita Falls 4.5 (4.5).

THE BYRD HOUSE



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The Big Spring Area Chamber of Commerce and the Ambassadors group recently welcomed The Byrd House to Big Spring's business community and as a new member of the chamber during a ribbon cutting ceremony. Pictured are Leon and Cheryl Byrd and Gloria McDonald. The Byrd House specializes in photo framing and has a large selection of frames and other items for customers to choose from.

Experts pessimistic about wheat crop after recent freeze

BARWISE (AP) — A bitter mid-April freeze severely damaged what might have been the best Texas wheat crop in five years, though industry experts said Tuesday that high prices might provide some relief.

Plentiful winter rainfall had left fields soaked and wheat hearty for the first time since farmers harvested 67 million bushels in the Panhandle in 1992. Then came the April 12 chill.

"I think there was a potential of about 65 million bushels in the Panhandle," said Brent Bean, a specialist with the Texas Agricultural Extension Service. "I think this freeze cost us 25 million to 30 million bushels."

Maturing crops in Texas, Oklahoma and Kansas were in a vulnerable growth stage when the temperatures plunged into the 20s and teens. Younger wheat grown north of Kansas

was still fairly impervious to the chill that gripped the Great Plains.

The good news for Texas growers is that prices are strong, hovering in the \$5 per bushel range. Plus, disastrous flooding in the Dakotas and shorter foreign supplies are expected to invigorate prices.

"If they lose 30 to 40 percent of their crops, they may want to keep it because prices look so good," said Rodney Mosier, of the Texas Wheat Producers Association. "If the damage is more like 80 percent, they may want to plow it up and plant corn or grain sorghum. They can also graze it out or make hay."

Floyd County, northeast of Lubbock, and the northern tier of the Panhandle were among the areas that suffered most, though the snap caused problems throughout West Texas growing areas, Mosier said.

While wheat fields in the northern Panhandle are used for harvest, those in areas like the Floyd County crossroads of Barwise merely serve as grazing land for cattle. Cotton is king here.

"Most of them coming in talking about (the freeze) haven't noticed anything yet," said Richard McDonough, who works at the Barwise Elevator.

An inspection of a nearby field didn't show the two telltale signs of freeze damage: the smell of silage in the air and soft, mushy heads on the plants. However, McDonough said area growers don't expect to know the toll for another week.

Fields in the Abilene area ranged from virtually untouched to devastated, said San Angelo extension specialist Tom Fuchs.

Senate approves tax appraisal bill of rights

AUSTIN (AP) — Saying homeowners should have more control over property value appraisals that drive how much they pay in taxes, the Texas Senate voted Tuesday to allow deferred tax payments and simplify appraisal appeals.

"Texans are losing their homes and being forced to move because of increases in their property tax rates," said Sen. David Cain, D-Dallas. "We have checks in the law to protect against runaway tax rates but there are no safeguards when it comes to runaway tax appraisals."

"We all know if the rates stay the same but the appraisal value goes up, we're paying higher taxes."

His bill was approved 30-0 by senators and goes to the House, which was preparing to debate a bill to overhaul the tax system by lowering local property tax rates and increasing some state taxes.

Gov. George W. Bush, a Republican who has led the drive for lowering local property taxes, said appraisal reform is a key part of the effort.

"That's an important ingredient to make sure that property

taxes, once down, stay down," Bush said.

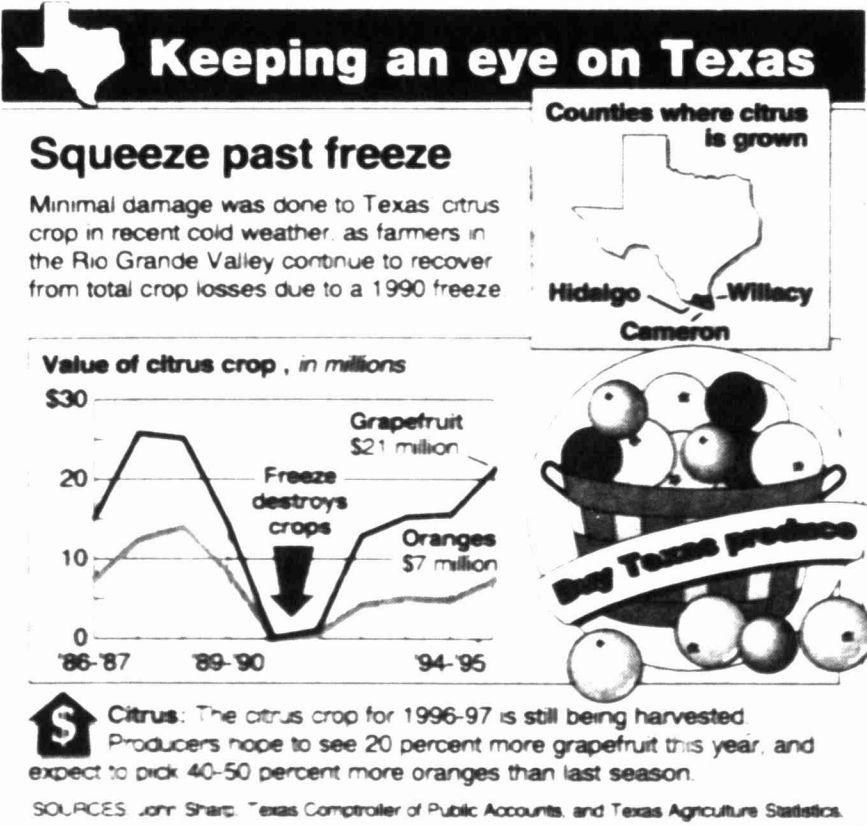
The Senate also voted 30-0 for a proposed constitutional amendment that would work with Cain's Property Tax Appraisal Bill of Rights to allow elderly Texans whose school taxes have been frozen to continue to get the tax break if they move.

The amendment, which goes to the House, requires a two-thirds vote of the Legislature and approval on a state ballot to be enacted.

Cain cited the case of Georgia Hussong, an elderly widow from the North Texas town of Terrell who found herself facing a bigger monthly payment on a smaller home when a move made her lose her tax freeze.

"She lived outside of town on a ranch. When the time came for her to move to town and be in a smaller place that is close to medical care and groceries and other necessities, Mrs. Hussong sold her ranch," Cain said.

"Unfortunately, she wasn't told before she sold her ranch that she would lose her senior citizen tax freeze," he said.



Gangsta Rap target of state investment ban

AUSTIN (AP) — Taking a stand against songs they say poison young minds by degrading women and promoting violence, the Texas Senate voted Wednesday to bar state investment in companies promoting "gangsta rap" and similar music.

"We can't censor this kind of music," said Sen. Bill Ratliff, bill sponsor. "But we can say that we're not going to stand by and let the funds of the taxpayers of the state of Texas be invested in this kind of trash."

Recording Industry Association of America spokeswoman Alexandra Walsh said she knows of no state with such a law on the books. Ratliff's measure goes to the Texas House for consideration.

The recording group's director of state relations, Paul Russinoff, said Ratliff's bill "is unworkable, unconstitutional and plays politics with the pension income thousands of Texas state employees depend

on."

The measure is vague and would violate free-speech rights, he said.

The broad terms of the bill apply to hundreds and thousands of pieces of music — everything from Ray Charles singing "Let's Go Get Stoned" to Johnny Cash singing "Folsom Prison Blues" to Bob Marley singing "I Shot the Sheriff" to operas too numerous to mention. Russinoff said in testimony to a Senate committee.

A television station that broadcast the Lawrence Welk show which contained the "Beer Barrel Polka" would trigger divestiture, he said. The industry already has a program to alert parents to explicit lyrics, he added.

The bill by Ratliff, R-Mount Pleasant, would prohibit state investment in a company that promotes any musical work that describes glamorizes or advocates

— Acts of criminal violence.
— Necrophilia, bestiality or pedophilia.
— Illegal use of controlled substances.
— Criminal street gang activity.
— Degradation of women.
— Violence against a particular sex, race or ethnic group.

Ratliff distributed examples of lyrics containing violent, vulgar, sexist or racist words to senators in folders marked "Warning: Contains offensive material" and sealed with a sticker.

The lyrics of songs performed by such artists as Snoop Doggy Dog and Nine Inch Nails were from music distributed by labels owned by Seagram Co., Ratliff said. His bill would apply to corporations that own at least a 10 percent interest in a music company as well as those that directly promote music.

Seagram, parent of MCA Music Entertainment Group,

said in a statement that MCA has a comprehensive review process in place.

MCA said it takes the issue seriously and wants to find "a viable balance between its artists, the preferences and demands of audiences ... and its corporate responsibility."

After Ratliff first criticized MCA recordings earlier this year, Texas' public school trust fund sold a \$3.5 million investment in Seagram.

When Ratliff asked other state university and pension funds about their holdings, the Employees Retirement System said it had a Seagram investment worth about \$8.4 million as of Dec. 31. The University of Texas System said the Permanent University Fund and Long Term Fund had a combined ownership in Seagram of \$3.8 million, or .05 percent of their \$7.5 billion in investments.

The Teacher Retirement System holds stock valued at

about \$64 million, according to a bill analysis.

Ratliff said he didn't know how many companies would be affected if the bill became law.

Sen. Rodney Ellis, D-Houston, noted that people may oppose companies for a number of reasons, such as discriminatory hiring practices.

"How to we distinguish ... which lines we draw?" he asked Ratliff.

Ratliff said Texas should focus first on protecting children and that he hopes other states will join the effort.

"This is worse in many aspects than drugs," he said. "That young person's mind is going to be poisoned."

Sen. Mike Moncrief, D-Fort Worth, said, "Perhaps this is only a shot over the bow, but hopefully it is one that will be heard."

The bill won Senate approval on a voice vote.

The music divestment bill is SB1923.

BUSINESS IN BRIEF

VIDEO RENTALS

NEW YORK (AP) — Video rentals aren't exactly jumping off the shelves these days, but entertainment giant Viacom Inc. hopes special shares of Blockbuster Entertainment will become a hit with investors.

The parent of MTV and Paramount Pictures said Tuesday it will sell new stock that tracks the performance of its Blockbuster unit to the public and hire a new executive to run the show.

Wall Street blanched, however, on the news that Blockbuster chairman Bill Fields is leaving. Viacom's shares tumbled 14 percent on the day.

SMOKING CLAIMS

NEW YORK (AP) — Cigarette makers are expected to lean heavily on smokers for the megabillion-dollar payments that the industry would face as part of a settlement of health claims.

Securities analysts are estimating that cigarette prices will be raised by 40 cents to 50 cents a pack so the industry can pay the staggering \$250 billion to \$300 billion sums that reportedly are being discussed.

The industry is pushing for immunity from health claims in exchange for obligating itself to financing a fund over 25 to 30 years that would compensate sick smokers and the governments that have been paying health care costs for illnesses linked to smoking.

STOCK SCANDAL

TOKYO (AP) — Japan's largest securities company, trying to win back customers after a scandal over shady stock deals, said that its president is resigning and 15 other executives are being demoted.

Nomura Securities Co. president Masashi Suzuki announced Tuesday the latest in a series of largely symbolic, self-inflicted penalties for the company's involvement in deals allegedly made for racketeers.

Last month, two Nomura managing directors resigned amid allegations that they made unauthorized stock transactions and funneled the profits into the account of a client allegedly linked to organized crime.

AUTOS STRONG

DETROIT (AP) — Chrysler Corp. and General Motors Corp. continued to hold firm in talks to end two United Auto Workers strikes, even as the work stoppage began to deplete inventories of some of their most popular models.

The strikes come at a particularly bad time for the automakers, just as the spring selling season picks up. They already have cost GM and Chrysler more than \$250 million in lost production, on analysts' estimates.

The UAW also planned to strike GM's Pontiac East plant near Detroit if no agreement on a new local contract was reached by 11:59 p.m. EDT Tuesday.

BURMA BAN

WASHINGTON (AP) — Ignoring protests from business leaders, the Clinton administration imposed a ban on new U.S. investment in Burma, charging that its military rulers have become more repressive in recent months.

Secretary of State Madeleine Albright said Burma's leaders have refused to heed repeated American appeals to open a political dialogue with Burmese democrats, including Nobel Peace Prize winner Aung San Suu Kyi.

Tuesday's action follows a series of sanctions announced previously. Albright said the new measure "will deal a further blow to investor confidence" in Burma. The United States is the fourth-largest investor in the country.

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Marriage Licenses:
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County Court Records:
Deaths:
Warranty Deeds:
grantor: Frances Lourene Renshaw
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property: Lot 4, blk. 9, College Park
Estates
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grantor: Shirley Matthews
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property: Surface estate only of a 10
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grantor: Larry Gene Miles
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Heights Addition.
filed: April 14, 1997

grantor: Albert C. Pettus
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property: A tract of land out of the north-
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grantee: Chuck Rosenbaum
property: All of lot 9, blk. 3, Amended
Piner Heights Addition.
filed: April 14, 1997

grantor: William R. Weeks
grantee: Jean Cook
property: All of tracts 21 and 22 in Silver
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grantor: Odessa Smith
grantee: Harold Ott
property: Lot 25, blk. 4, Original Town of
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filed: April 16, 1997

grantor: Gerald Gene King
grantee: Jackie Sue King
property: All certain piece or parcel of
land described as follows: All lots 23-28,
blk. 5, Original Town of Coahoma.
filed: April 17, 1997

grantor: Floyd Lee and Margaret Ann
Travitt
grantee: Louise N. Cunningham
property: All of lot 3, blk. 2, Stanford
Park Addition.
filed: April 18, 1997

grantor: Billy R. and Suzanne Johnson
grantee: Louise N. Cunningham
property: All of lot 14, blk. 3, Suburban
Heights Addition.
filed: April 18, 1997

grantor: Nellie and Billy Carl Bates
grantee: William H. and Lucille R. King
property: Lots 12-14, blk. 2, Furn
Addition.
filed: April 18, 1997

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Warranty Deed with vendor's warrant:
grantor: Chuck Rosenbaum
grantee: Marie H. Rios
property: The north 50' of the southeast
1/4 of blk. 21, College Heights Addition.
filed: April 14, 1997

Telephone solicitors face new rules

AUSTIN (AP) — Telephone solicitors would face new requirements and telephone companies could pass a fee increase on to retail customers under a bill approved Wednesday by the Texas Senate.

Under the bill by Sen. David Sibley, R-Waco, telephone solicitors would have to identify themselves as such on caller identification devices. They currently can block their identity from the devices, which are attached to telephones and can display the name and number of the caller.

Companies that use automated dialing devices that deliver prerecorded messages also would have to limit those messages to 30 seconds.

In addition, Sibley's bill would allow telephone companies to recoup from retail customers an increase in the state assessment for a special technology fund, with permission from the Public Utility Commission.

The fund was established in 1995 when state lawmakers partially deregulated the local-service telephone industry. It is meant to help hospitals, schools and libraries get wiring and hardware for better technologies.

When the fund was established, land-line telephone companies such as Southwestern Bell were told they would have to pay \$75 million annually over 10 years. Paging and cellular companies were told they would have to pay another \$75 million.

But the mobile telecommunications companies filed a lawsuit against the plan. They said charging them the same amount of money as the much larger phone companies was unfair.

A state district judge in Austin agreed, so land-line telephone companies must pay a higher assessment than they originally thought they would. The difference could be charged to retail customers under the bill. It would mean an increase of 11 cents to 13 cents monthly for those customers.

Other provisions of the bill would:

— Give the smallest rural telephone companies some protection from direct competition in a transitional provision to ease the way to deregulation. This would put Texas in line with federal law, officials said.

— Require a phone company that charges a customer more than the lawful rate to refund the entire overcharge, even if it was made over many years. This would put into law a PUC rule that Sen. Gonzalo Barrientos, D-Austin, said is not being followed by some companies. He said some state agencies have had trouble collecting on overcharges.

The bill was approved on a voice vote and goes to the House for consideration.

The telecommunications bill is SB1915.

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Companies helping banks develop technology to detect dirty money

BROWNSVILLE (AP) — It almost seems easy.

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With the ease of a few additional transactions, the cash is zipped overseas to private investment companies in the Cayman Islands and eventually reinvested in U.S. businesses.

In today's technological world, such financial transactions are relatively easy. In this case they are also illegal, because the cash in question was earned from drug trafficking.

The scenario is neither hypothetical nor rare.

With the flow of drugs across U.S. borders rising, so, too, is the amount of drug money streaming into American financial institutions.

The problem has given way to a new wave of technology that aims to help bankers better detect dirty money.

"It's a way to supplement what they're doing and allow them to work a lot smarter," said J. Jerome Bullock, managing director of Decision Strategies, a New York-based investigative firm that is marketing one such product, called SYFACT.

SYFACT is a software system that allows financial institutions to analyze a customer's transactions for any indication of illegal activity.

The system, which for a small bank would start at \$100,000, gathers disparate facts about a customer's account and exposes links between data and transactions that appear questionable.

For instance, the system would allow a bank to detect repeated wire transfers from third parties or another indirect route into a customer's account.

"It establishes a footprint of events," Bullock said.

The system, developed by a Netherlands company in the early '90s, is being used by a handful of Dutch banks. Decision Strategies began marketing the product to financial institutions in North America, South America and Mexico this year.

SYFACT is one of several technologies developed in recent years to help financial institutions combat money laundering, the process by which proceeds of illegal business are invested in legitimate business to hide their origin.

This new fraud-detection industry has been driven both by an increase in illegal activi-

ty and the fact that the criminals themselves have become more technologically advanced, officials said.

"The volume of cash in the drug trade today is so huge they have to use increasingly more complex and more sophisticated schemes to launder their money," said Vincent Klink, U.S. Customs agent-in-charge in McAllen. "I see schemes jumping from financial institutions as we know them onto the Internet, where it will be global, anonymous and instantaneous."

The government estimates that up to \$100 billion in drug profits are laundered through U.S. financial institutions each year, with some \$35 billion filtering through Texas institutions.

Several recent investigations have shed some light on the breadth of the problem.

Last month, a drug smuggler pleaded guilty in Brownsville to laundering \$17 million for the former head of one of Mexico's most powerful drug cartels.

The man, whose scheme is outlined above, said he was aided by former American Express banker Antonio Giraldi, who already is jailed for laundering \$30 million for another drug lord, Juan Garcia Abrego.

A jury last month ordered former Mexico Deputy Attorney General Mario Ruiz Massieu to forfeit \$7.9 million from a Houston bank account after deciding he earned the

money by protecting drug traffickers. Federal prosecutors reportedly are pursuing a criminal case against Ruiz Massieu.

And last week, the government began seizing an estimated \$1.5 billion in Colombian drug profits stashed in banks in Texas and other states.

The federal Bank Secrecy Act requires financial institutions to report currency transactions in excess of \$10,000 and to keep records preserving a financial trail for investigators.

Additionally, most banks have implemented some type of internal procedures to aid in detecting illegal activity. The most common are so-called "know-your-customer" policies, which require employees to obtain positive identification on individuals with whom they do business.

The Federal Reserve Board is considering making "know-your-customer" an industry-wide requirement.

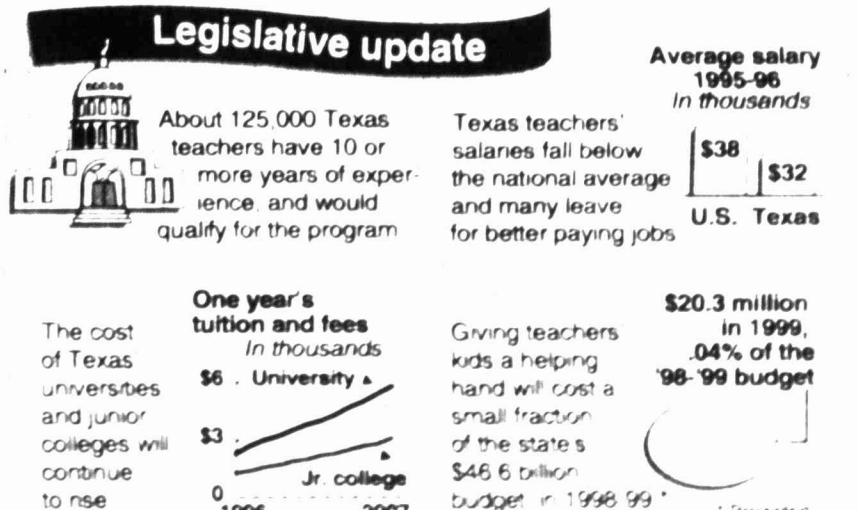
"Banks have always been encouraged to have know-your-customer policies, but there's not been a set of guidelines set forth by the government that gives banks a specific format to follow," said Brant Atchley, vice president of marketing for Atchley Systems, a Dallas-based fraud-detection company.

"That's another significant step in driving the banks toward an understanding of what's expected," said Atchley, whose firm is finishing work on a software system designed to help banks comply with any new know-your-customer requirements.

Keeping an eye on Texas

Give teachers' kids a helping hand?

Texas legislators are thinking of ways to entice the state's teachers to stay in their profession. If bills introduced in the House and Senate pass this session, teachers with 10 or more years of experience could get a helping hand to cover their kids' college expenses. Legislative supporters say the cost of helping provide a college education to the children of Texas teachers will easily be offset by the benefits of retaining those experienced teachers in the classroom.



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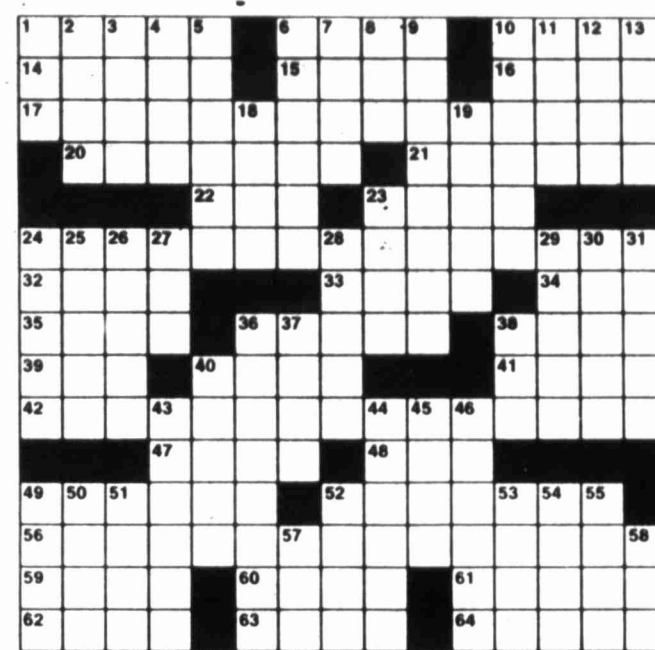
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HAPPY BIRTHDAY FOR
SUNDAY, APRIL 27:

You are unusually active and direct this year, especially when it involves your love life, a child or a creative project. People will react to the new you. Quarrels could result; others aren't used to your assertiveness. You gain because you can pull back and detach. When you present the big picture and all the possibilities, others are likely to agree with you. If you are single, you will ardently pursue a relationship. You might go through several suitors as you explore your needs. If attached, this will be an extra-passionate year for you and your mate. There could be a lot of kissing and making up. CAPRICORN understands you.

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

ARIES (March 21-April 19)
You clear a major hurdle, as your ruler, Mars, goes direct today. Something you have been mulling over since February finally crystallizes. Eyes turn to you as you take the lead. Bring family and friends together for a fun gathering. Tonight: Get a head start on tomorrow.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20)
Nothing should rain on your parade. Creativity is high. Try something new, even avant-garde. Don't let anything stop you. Now is the time for new resolutions and fresh beginnings. Be experimental. Tonight: Go to a play or concert.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20)
A loved one cares about you. Listen to instincts. Do something different. Let your imagination flow. Ideas radiate from you. A partner plays a significant role in a decision. It's the right time for an investment. Tonight: It's a sizzler!

CANCER (June 21-July 22)
Mull over your many options. An offer that takes you out of the home is important. Make a "must" appearance. There is a lot happening quickly. Your sense of humor plays into a key talk. Tonight: You receive an unusual offer.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22)
Pace yourself, in order to get everything done. You experience a surge of energy. Others suddenly demand your assistance. Trust your ability to handle it. You have an excel-

lent conversation with someone you admire. Tonight: Get a good night's sleep.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22)
Be more playful with others. Everyone needs to be silly occasionally. A long-distance conversation is key. Keep it light with a loved one; he will appreciate your humorous perspective. Revamp your budget. Tonight: Play into the wee hours.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22)
You are more focused than you have been in a long while. You feel a resurgence. A family matter takes high priority. Get information, and brainstorm. Much news is coming your way; take time to digest it. Tonight: Order in.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21)
Be direct about what is bothering you. Talks are active, and you'll have a fresh beginning if you clear the slate. Understand more of what is happening with a partner. This exchange marks the start of a new dynamic. Tonight: Hang out.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21)
Your financial situation is your focus. You are driven to get what you want. A friendship undergoes a change. You finally can move a project along. You might opt to work, rather than relax or visit others. Take a break. Tonight: Eat out.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19)

You feel full of energy. A loved one or child makes a confession. Take a stand with a boss, or someone you out on a pedestal. There may have been some negative energy for a while; it is time to clear it up. Let loose your imagination. Tonight: Just ask.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18)
Take a back seat, and sort through information. Others have a strong idea that you want to join. Take time for family or a home project; you need to get this done, in order to clear the decks. A lot is about to land in your lap. Tonight: Keep it secret.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20)
A partner seeks you out and wants to talk. You get what you want because of your excellent communication skills. Reach out for others. Catch up on news, and perhaps pass along a little of your own. Get together for a party. Tonight: It will be a late night.

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4204 BILGER
Sat.-Sun. 8am-2pm Lots of clothes, stereo equip., household goods, furn. & misc.

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