

# BIG SPRING HERALD

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Reflecting A Proud Community

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## Local residents candidates for regional water planning board

By CARLTON JOHNSON  
Staff Writer

Water issues played a major role in discussions during the 75th Texas Legislature.

Lawmakers are continuing that role in a post legislative capacity in an effort to draft regional water planning areas and rules for state and regional water plans.

District 70 State Rep. David Counts serves as chairman of the Texas House Natural Resources Committee and says

the series of public meetings recently concluded around the state by the Texas Water Development Board (TWDB) are important because people were able to get an understanding of what the regional planning areas are as well as the rules governing them.

The series of meetings began Jan 6 and ran through last Thursday.

The meetings were designed to allow the TWDB to receive public comments on the third and final draft of regional water planning areas and proposed

rules for state and regional water planning required by Senate Bill 1 (SB1), a comprehensive water bill that was passed during the recent legislative session.

SB1 requires the TWDB to designate regional water planning areas and initial members to regional water planning groups and to approve regional water plans prepared by the water planning groups.

"This is where all interested parties (municipal users, agricultural users, ranches, the Colorado River Municipal

Water District (CRMWD) and other water districts and environmental groups) get together to come up with a nomination process to get people appointed to look after our water interests," Counts said.

Counts said he understands that 11 members will be appointed to each regional water planning group and he already has several Big Spring water authorities in mind to deserve in that capacity.

"We have to make sure we have representation in all areas," Counts said. "Some of

the experts on these planning boards may not necessarily be from a particular area, but it's their expertise that's important."

Big Spring planning group nominees include Okla W. Thornton Jr., a certified wildlife biologist who has been actively involved in natural resource and environmental issues in West Texas for several years; a representative of TU Electric because the utility owns and operates Lake Colorado City and the Champion Creek Reservoir in

Mitchell County; and CRMWD General Manager John Grant, who has more than 20 years of experience in planning, developing and operating water supply projects in Texas.

The regional planning groups are required to submit regional water plans to the TWDB for approval every five years beginning September 2000. TWDB-approved regional water plans will be incorporated into the next comprehensive State Water Plan, which is due Sept.

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## Livestock week ends in flurry of ribbons

By JOHN H. WALKER  
Managing Editor

Buyers spent more than \$50,000 during the premium auction Saturday as the annual Howard County Junior Livestock Show drew to a close at the Howard County Fairgrounds.

Kyle Kight showed the Grand Champion steer, which was bought for \$1,700 by HEB. The show's Reserve Grand

Champion, shown by Natalie Nichols, brought \$800 in a bid by Shroyer Motor Co., Dois Ray Insurance and Universal Construction.

Kight's 1,112-pound steer won the medium exotic class while Nichols' 1,275-pound steer won the light heavy exotics. Both Kight and Nichols are members of Howard County 4H.

The auction brought in \$53,000 in actual bids, but add-ons — bids solicited individually by

exhibitors — could drive the total raised to more than \$60,000.

The show's grand champion, however, didn't attract the biggest bid. That honor went to Lindsey Moates' heavyweight British steer, which drew a bid of \$2,000 from the Farmer's Cop Gin in Ackerly.

The auction in itself is non-traditional in that while bidders bid on the animals, the youngsters retain them to show again

at larger shows.

A number of Howard County youth will exhibit at the upcoming Southwestern Fat Stock Show and Exposition in Fort Worth; the next on the list of the state's larger shows. After that, stock will be taken to El Paso, Houston, San Antonio and then, the last weekend of March, San Angelo.

Other results from Saturday's show included Emily McCann's winning champion heifer and

Cody McCann's taking reserve champion heifer honors.

In the American breed, Trevor Bibb of Howard County 4H won top honors, followed by Megan Knight, also of Howard County 4H. The American class is open to any animal with Brahman in its lines.

In the British classes, Brandon Long of Coahoma FFA won breed champion with his light British while Kyle Kight took reserve breed honors with

Kyle Kight, right, shows his Grand Champion steer with his buyer H.E.B., represented by (from left) Cindy Hopper, Ronny Brown, David Rios, Mary Rodrigues, David Creech and Scott Edwards, at the Howard County Junior Stock Show on Saturday.

HERALD photo/Jonathan Garrett

## Premium auction exceeds \$50,000 at Howard County exposition

## Big Springers sweep capon competition

By JOHN H. WALKER  
Managing Editor

Jason Brock and Scott Crowell, both members of the Big Spring High School FFA, took grand champion and reserve champion honors in the capon show Friday at the Howard County Junior Livestock Show.

Both Brock and Crowell won with heavy capons. Brock's tipped the scale at 14.25 pounds, while Crowell's was the heaviest in the show at 15.25 pounds.

In light capon competition, David Parrish took first place honors, followed by Josh Long in second.

Parrish represented the Big Spring FFA while Long is a member of Sands FFA.

In the medium capon class, Tyler Williams took top honors, followed by Parrish.

Williams is a member of the Howard County 4H Club.



HERALD photo/Jonathan Garrett

Jason Brock (right), with his buyer Gibson Feagins of Feagin's Implements, shows his Grand Champion Capon at the Howard County Junior Livestock Show on Saturday. More photos, page 3A.

## HOWARD COUNTY RESULTS

Overall:  
Grand Champion: Kyle Kight 4H  
Reserve Champion: Natalie Nichols 4H

Champion Heifer: Emily McCann  
Reserve Champion Heifer: Cody McCann

American:  
1. Trevor Bibb 4H, 2. Megan Knight 4H, 3. Megan Knight 4H, 4. Chance O'Daniel CFFA.  
British:  
Light British:  
Champion Breed: Brandon Long CFFA  
1. Brandon Long CFFA, 2. Frances Clark 4H, 3. Nick Bailey 4H, 4. Trevor Bibb 4H  
Heavy British:  
Reserve Champion Breed: Kyle Kight 4H  
1. Kyle Kight, 2. Lindsey Moates 4H, 3. Brennan Bailey 4H

Exotic:  
Light Exotic:  
1. Keith Brockman CFFA, 2. Kendall Boyd CFFA, 3. Kendall Boyd CFFA, 4. DD Wright 4H, 5. Jason Key CFFA

Medium Exotic:  
1. Kyle Kight 4H, 2. John Purcell 4H, 3. Brice Born CFFA, 4. Nick Bailey 4H, 5. DD Wright 4H  
Light Heavy:  
1. Natalie Nichols 4H, 2. Lindy Barr CFFA, 3. Justin Born CFFA, 4. Kelli O'Daniel CFFA, 5. Lindsey Moates 4H

Heavy Exotic:  
1. Jeff Denton BSFFA, 2. Trevor Bibb 4H, 3. Kendall Boyd CFFA, 4. John Purcell 4H, 5. Lindsey Moates 4H

Lambs:  
Grand Champion: Mandi Hanslik 4H, Heavy-Weight Medium Wool

Reserve Champion: Mandi Hanslik 4H, Light-Weight

SD:  
1. Kami Hambrick SFFA, 2. Amber Johnson

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CFFA, 3. Cade Bowlin 4H, 4. Cassie Damgaard 4H, 5. Cassie Gover 4H

Light FW:  
1. Luke Bowlin 4H, 2. Lauren Middleton 4H, 3. Cade Bowlin 4H

Light FWX:  
1. Mandi Hanslik 4H, 2. Mandi Hanslik, 3. Cade Bowlin 4H, 4. Cassie Damgaard 4H, 5. Kami Hambrick SFFA

Medium FW:  
1. Luke Bowlin 4H, 2. Luke Bowlin 4H, 3. Meredith Ware 4H, 4. Trishah Nichols SFFA, 5. Christie Welch CFFA, 6. Cindy Welch CFFA, 7. Cassie Gover 4H

Heavy FW:  
1. Lauren Middleton 4H, 2. Lauren Middleton 4H, 3. Christie Welch CFFA, 4. Amber Johnson CFFA, 5. Brad Long CFFA, 6. Christie Welch CFFA, 7. Kyland Wegner 4H

Light MW:  
1. Mandi Hanslik 4H, 2. Cassie Damgaard 4H, Trishah Nichols SFFA

Medium MW:  
1. Kami Hambrick SFFA, 2. Kami Hambrick SFFA, 3. Cindy Welch CFFA, 4. Cindy Welch CFFA, 5. Cassie Gover 4H

Heavy MW:  
1. Mandi Hanslik 4H, 2. Lauren Ivey CFFA, 3. Christie Welch CFFA, 4. Cassie Gover 4H

Southdown Breed Champion: Kami Hambrick

Southdown Breed Reserve Champion: Amber Johnson

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## Hanslik's lambs take top two places Friday

By JOHN H. WALKER  
Managing Editor

For Mandi Hanslik, Friday's lamb show at the Howard County Junior Livestock Show was a time when she beat herself.

Of course, for that to happen, you have to understand that Hanslik's heavy weight medium wool lamb beat out her light weight fine wool cross for Grand Champion honors.

The bottom line is that Hanslik's lambs took both Grand and Reserve Champion honors. Hanslik is a member of the Howard County 4H Club.

A total of 42 lambs were shown at the show by a total of 17 youngsters.

In the Southdown breed, Kami Hambrick of Sands FFA and Amber Johnson of Coahoma FFA took breed

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## WEATHER

Today:



Mon:



Tues:



Wed:



Today, sunny. Highs 65-72. Tonight, fair. Lows upper 20s to mid 30s. Monday and Tuesday, partly cloudy. Lows in the 30s. Highs in the 60s. Wednesday, partly to mostly cloudy. Lows in the 30s. Highs 55-65.

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## VAMC holds MLK observance Friday

By KATHY GILBERT  
Staff Writer

More than 50 people gathered to celebrate Martin Luther King Jr.'s birthday at the Veterans Administration Medical Center of Big Spring Friday.

"A day on, not a day off," was the theme of the event.

"We should not be so excited about the holiday that we forget we're still in struggle," keynote speaker Earnest Wilson said.

"Martin Luther King day is a

## More than 50 attend celebration

day of action, not apathy, a day to respond to community needs, not a day of rest and recreation."

Cultural diversity, breaking down barriers, and the continuing struggle were also key points Wilson and other speakers made.

A commitment to work for others is at the heart of Martin Luther King Jr. Day, the Mt. Bethel Baptist Church pastor

said.

Ending racism is the soul of the celebration. "Accept the fact that fleecy locks and black complexion cannot forfeit nature's claim, skin may differ but affection dwells in black and white the same," Wilson said.

"Martin Luther King was a great American, he was a patriot." Medical Center Director Cary D. Brown said.

Pat Thomas, an activities

director at Scenic Mountain Medical Center, sang "Are You Satisfied," and "Sometimes I Feel Like A Motherless Child."

Also, she led the group in the hymn, "We Shall Overcome." She was accompanied by Walton Lyte. Hospital chaplain Carroll C. Kohl gave the invocation.

The program was organized by Kimberly Butler of the hospital's dental service as part of the medical center's cultural diversity program.

OBITUARIES

J. Alden Ryan

J. Alden Ryan, 88, Big Spring, died on Saturday, Jan. 17, 1998, in a Midland hospital. Funeral services will be 2 p.m. Monday, Jan. 19, 1998, at Nalley-Pickle & Welch Rosewood Chapel. Interment will follow at Trinity Memorial Park with Masonic graveside rites by Staked Plains Lodge No. 598 A.F. & A.M.



RYAN

Mr. Ryan was born on June 30, 1909, in Big Spring, and married Zan Elizabeth Grant on May 24, 1940, in Lamesa. She preceded him in death on Oct. 10, 1986.

He was a farmer all of his life and farmed in the Luther community until retiring. He also enjoyed raising and working with cattle.

Mr. Ryan was a member of North Birdwell United Methodist Church, Staked Plains Lodge No. 598 A.F. & A.M., Big Spring Commandery No. 31 K.T., and past worthy patron of the Order of the Eastern Star No. 67. He also was a member of the Farm Bureau and the Heritage Museum.

Survivors include: two sons and daughters-in-law, George and Patricia Ryan of Big Spring, and Gregg and Vickie Ryan of Midland; two daughters: Camella Ryan and Jane Rowland, both of Dallas, 11 grandchildren: Bradley Rowland, Todd Rowland, Brinton Ryan, Kristopher Ryan, Natalie Ryan, Kory Ryan, Jami Ryan, Casey Simon, Jennifer Lambillotte, Lindsey Lambillotte and Suzan Lambillotte.

Mr. Ryan was also preceded in death by one daughter, Pamela Lucille Ryan, his parents, Jesse B. and Louise Ryan, and one brother Melvin Ryan.

The family will be at 2300 Cindy Lane in Big Spring. Arrangements under the direction of Nalley-Pickle & Welch Funeral Home. Paid obituary

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Zetta Ward

Zetta (Whitaker) Ward of Fort Worth died Jan. 14, 1998. She was born in Roff, Okla. (Indian Territory) April 25, 1906. She moved from Heaton, Okla. to Coahoma in 1946. Odessa, Texas was her cherished home for 43 years.



WARD

She was a loving mother, preceded in death by her husband of 45 years, Albert L. Ward, in

MYERS & SMITH FUNERAL HOME & CHAPEL

21th & Johnson 267-8288 Donald J. Ellis, 68, died Saturday. Services are pending.

NALLEY-PICKLE & WELCH Funeral Home

Trinity Memorial Park and Crematory 906 Gregg St. (915) 267-6331

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Elwin Osgood, 70, died Friday. Funeral services are pending.

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1971; two sons, Albert Leon Ward, in 1927; and Kenneth Dee Ward in 1931; a great-grandson, Jeremy Jeff Williams in 1992; and a sister, Polly Kirkham in 1995.

She was a member of Grace Baptist Church in Odessa, and an adoptive member of Springdale Baptist Church in Fort Worth.

Mrs. Ward is survived by five children: Naomi Pope of Lewisville, Earlene Williams of Odessa, Carolyn and her husband, A.H. (Jerry) Cain of Fort Worth, where Mrs. Ward lived her last five years, A.L. Ward and his wife, Mildred of Kermit, and William R. Ward of Greensboro, N.C.

Eleven grandchildren: Wesley Crow, Sharon (Crow) Smith, Tina (Cain) Skinner, Larry Williams, Ricky Cain, Jeff Williams, Cheryl (Ward) McCrury, Elton Pope, Charlotte (Ward) Dixon, James Ward and Jana Ward.

Thirteen great-grandchildren; one great-great-grandson; one sister, Nellie, Jackson of Oklahoma City, Okla.; one brother Raytus Whitaker of Oklahoma City, Okla.; and several nieces and nephews.

Everyone loved "Grandmother Ward" and will miss her and her big smile.

At her request, her six grandchildren will be pallbearers. Services 2 p.m. Monday at Hubbard-Kelly Chapel in Odessa, with Rev. J.H. Theisen, of Grace Baptist, officiating. Burial in Sunset Memorial Gardens, Odessa. Visitation: 3 to 5 p.m. Sunday afternoon at Hubbard Kelly Funeral Home. Paid obituary

Donald Ellis

Service for Donald J. Ellis, 68, Big Spring, is pending with Myers & Smith Funeral Home. He died Saturday, Jan. 17, 1998, at the Veterans Administration Medical Center following a long illness.

James Villa

Service for James Manuel Villa, 19, Stanton, is pending with Gilbreath Funeral Home, Stanton. He died Saturday, Jan. 17, 1998, in Stanton.

Kathryn Thomas

Service for Kathryn Thomas, 87, Big Spring, is pending with Nalley-Pickle & Welch Funeral Home. She died Saturday, Jan. 17, 1998, in a Midland hospital.

LAMBS

Continued from page 1A champion and reserve honors. In the fine wool breed, Luke Bowlin of Howard County 4H took breed champion and reserve honors.

In fine wool cross, Bowlin took breed champion honors while Hanslik took reserve honors. In the medium wool competition, Hanslik won both breed grand and reserve honors.

Hanslik won all three categories of the medium wool competition — light, medium and heavy Cassie Damgaard of Howard County 4H finished second in light, Hambrick took second in the medium and Lauren Ivey of Coahoma FFA took second in the heavy.

BOARD

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The TWDB has also identified Special Water Resources (SWR) to facilitate regional water planning. SWR are water supplies in one area that are obligated in full or in part to meet water demands in another area.

As a RPG develops its region-

al water plan it must also protect water rights, contracts and option agreements related to a SWR in its area so that water supplies obligated to meet a demand outside the regional planning area are not impacted.

The TWDB has divided the state into 16 planning regions, with Big Spring and the CRMWD being in region F.

Region F extends west as far as Reeves County; as far east as Brown County; north to Borden and Scurry Counties; and as far south as Sutton County.

Other area communities in region F include Andrews, Gail, Brownwood, Robert Lee, Odessa, Forsan, Coahoma, Junction, Midland, Big Lake, Pecos, Winters, Ballinger, Snyder, Sterling City, San Angelo, McCamey, Monahans and Wink.

SPRINGBOARD

IF YOU HAVE ANY CHANGES IN A SPRINGBOARD ITEM OR FOR MORE INFORMATION, CONTACT GINA GARZA, 263-7331 ext. 238, BETWEEN 8:30 A.M. AND 2 P.M. All Springboard items must be submitted in writing. Mail to: Springboard, Big Spring Herald, P.O. Box 1431, Big Spring, Texas 79720; bring it by the office at 710 Scurry; or fax it to 264-7205.

TODAY • Good Shepherd Fellowship Church, 610 Abrams, has services at 2 p.m. Everyone is welcome to attend.

•Alcoholics Anonymous, 615 Settles, 11 a.m. closed meeting and 7 p.m. open meeting.

MONDAY • Big Spring Evening Lion's Club, 6:30 p.m., 1607 E. Third. Call Al Valdes, 263-6810.

•Project Freedom, Christian support group, 7 p.m. Call 263-5140 or 263-2241.

•TOPS Clubs (Take Off Pounds Sensibly) 5:15 p.m. weigh in and 6:15 p.m. meeting, Family Hospice, 3210 E. 11th Place.

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

•Big Spring-Howard County Retired Teachers Association, 10:30 a.m. coffee and social hour, and 11:30 lunch, Howard College Cactus Room.

•Encourager's support group for widows and widowers, 6 p.m., First Presbyterian Church, Seventh and Runnels (enter through north door). Bring a covered dish and your New Year's resolutions. For more information call 398-5522 or 399-4369.

•O'Neal-Kunkle Unit No. 47, 6:30 p.m., VAMC room 214. TUESDAY

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

•Al-Anon, 8 to 9 p.m., 615 Settles. •Narcotics Anonymous, 6 to 7:30 p.m., St. Mary's Episcopal Church.

•Beginning line dance class will be taught at 9 a.m. at the Senior Citizens Center. Call 267-1628 for more information. All ages welcome.

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•Big Spring Art Association, 7 p.m., West Texas Center for the Arts, Howard College Campus. •Big Spring Band Boosters, 7 p.m., band hall.

WEDNESDAY •Downtown Lions Club, noon, Howard College Cactus Room. Call Archie Kountz, 267-3821.

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BIG SPRING AROUND THE TOWN

meeting and 8 to 9 p.m. 12&12 Study.

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

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

•Big Spring Senior Citizens Center art classed, 9:30 to 11:30 a.m., 55 and older.

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

•NA meeting, 6 to 7:30 p.m., St. Mary's Episcopal Church.

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

•Masonic Lodge NO. 598, 7:30 p.m., 219 Main.

•Alzheimer's Association support group, 7 p.m., Comanche Trail Nursing Center.

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

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

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

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

SATURDAY •Candlelight NA meeting, 10 to 11:30 p.m., St. Mary's Episcopal Church, 1001 Goliad.

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COATS ARE NEEDED FOR Big Spring State Hospital patients. Donations are requested of large men's and women's coats, to be brought to the Community Relations Office, or call 268-7535 for more information.

TEXAS DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH will offer flu shots to

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Texas Lottery

administrative personnel and athletic director, office personnel plans will be conducted. The Superintendent's report will address WADA payments for 1997-98, construction projects, district operations, transportation and a review of monthly finances.

COAHOMA INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT is holding its regular board meeting Monday Jan. 19 at 7:00 p.m. in the Board Room of the Administration Building located at 600 Main Street in Coahoma.

Agenda items include ordering two new buses in Feb. for Sep. delivery; opening RFQ and choosing contractor(s) - discuss and advertise for RFP; discussion of new extra-curricular policy; opening the bids on the vacant lot and either accept or reject; adopt Charter School Policy; adopt revised Junior High discipline policy; approval to join the West Texas Food Service Cooperative for 1998-1999; superintendent's contract; and personnel. The next regularly scheduled meeting is Feb. 16.

FORSAN INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT is holding its regular board meeting Mon. Jan. 19 at 7:00 p.m. at the school administration building.

Agenda items include the superintendent's report; selecting auditors for the 1997-98 audit; principals' reports; request of principal to move out of school house; consider personnel issues including employment, resignations, assignments, benefits, etc. The board may enter executive session for some of these items.

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TEXAS DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH will offer flu shots to

those 18 and over every Wednesday of the winter months (October through February). The injections are available from 8:30-11:30 a.m. and 1-4:30 p.m. at 501 Birdwell Lane.

For those on Medicare, there is no co-payment, but the card must be presented at the time of the injection. For others, the fee is \$5.

POLICE

The Big Spring Police Department reported the following activity between 8 a.m. Friday and 1 p.m. Saturday:

- CRIMINAL MISCHIEF in the 300 block of W. 16th.
•CLASS C ASSAULT in the 1000 block of Sycamore.
•THEFT in the 300 block of S. Gregg; 700 block of Lancaster; 1600 block of Wood; and the 400 block of Birdwell.
•DISTURBANCE/FIGHT in the 900 block of W. 6th; 300 block of E. 3rd; and the 600 block of Elgin.

CORRECTION

In Friday's Herald article on early voting, Republican County Commissioner candidate Ken E. Mayhall was inadvertently left off of the Republican ballot lineup in the race for county commissioner.

Mayhall will challenge incumbent Jerry Kilgore and John Wayne Metcalf for the Republican party nomination as Howard County Commissioner for Precinct 2.

For the March 10 primary, the Republican ballot is as follows: Republican Party - County Judge: Joe Cook Ben Lockhart County Commissioner, Precinct 2: John Wayne Metcalf Ken E. Mayhall Jerry Kilgore County Commissioner, Precinct 4: Homer Lee Wilkerson Fredi E. Frank County Clerk: Brad Estill Justice of the Peace, Precinct 2: Quail Dobbs Carol Henson Justice of the Peace, Precinct 1, Place 2: Bennie Green Marilyn Carson

BRIEFS

FINANCIAL AID WORKSHOP AT Big Spring High School is Thursday, 7-8 p.m. in the cafeteria.

Admission is free for students and parents in the area, which will include staff from Howard College, Angelo State University, Texas Tech and the University of Texas of the Permian Basin.

Financial aid information and applications for the colleges and universities will be provided. Call the school at 264-3641 for more information.

GLASSCOCK COUNTY SCHOOL DISTRICT is holding its regular board meeting Monday at 7 p.m. in the Board Room of the Administration Building at 308 West Chambers in Garden City.

Agenda items include campus reports on enrollment, activities and issues of concern and an update on extracurricular policies.

A preliminary review of

WEST TEXAS DISCOUNT FLOORING advertisement with logos for Carpet, Vinyl, Ceramic, Marble, Laminates, Pergo, and Fantastica. Includes pricing and contact information for 18th & Gregg, Big Spring, 263-5500.

IRA advertisement for Edward Jones. Features a photo of Dan Wilkins and text: 'Don't settle for any ordinary IRA. An Edward Jones self-directed IRA gives you: Tax advantages, Flexibility, Tailored investments, Personalized service. Transferring your existing IRA is easy. Call or stop by today for details. Member SIPC. Dan Wilkins, 219 Main Street, Big Spring, Texas 79720, 915-267-2501. Edward Jones, Serving Individual Investors Since 1871.'

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**RESULTS**

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**Finewool Breed Champion:** Luke Bowlin  
**Finewool Breed Reserve Champion:** Luke Bowlin  
**Finewool Cross Champion:** Luke Bowlin  
**Finewool Cross Reserve Champion:** Mandi Hanslik  
**Medium Wool Champion:** Mandi Hanslik  
**Medium Wool Reserve Champion:** Mandi Hanslik

**Capons:**  
**Grand Champion:** Jason Brock BSFFA  
**Reserve Champion:** Scott Crowell BSFFA  
**Light Capon:**  
 1. David Parrish BSFFA, 2. Josh Long SFFA, 3. Somer Leubner BSFFA, 4. Loralee Hull

BSFFA, 5. Jeremy Collier BSFFA, 6. Jennifer Lane CFPA, 7. Josh Long SFFA, 8. Brent Burns SFFA, 9. Ricky Brackner BSFFA, 10. Brent Burns SFFA, 11. Brandi Cybert BSFFA, 12. Marisa Smith BSFFA

**Medium Capon:**  
 1. Tyler Williams 4H, 2. David Parrish BSFFA, 3. Kevin Park BSFFA, 4. Chad Metcalf CFPA, 5. Corti Soltan BSFFA, 6. Teri Denton BSFFA, 7. Derreck Pope BSFFA, 8. Kelley Harris BSFFA, 9. Jesse Herrera BSFFA, 10. Amanda Rubio BSFFA

**Heavy Capon:**  
 1. Jason Brock BSFFA, 2. Scott Crowell BSFFA, 3. Cassie Gover 4H, 4. Jonathan Reed BSFFA, 5. Kevin Park BSFFA, 6. Kendra Gamble BSFFA, 7. Cory Baker BSFFA, 8. Julie Gross BSFFA, 9. Josh Hampton BSFFA

**MARTIN COUNTY RESULTS**

**Lambs:**  
**Grand Champion:** Hali Tubb  
**Reserve Champion:** Cheyenne Romine  
**Fine Wools:**  
**Breed Champion:** Cheyenne Romine  
**Reserve Champion:** Cole Romine  
**Light Weight:**  
 1. Cheyenne Romine, 2. Cole Romine, 3. Cole Romine  
**Medium Weight:**  
 1. Lee Ann Miller, 2. Lee Ann Miller  
**FW Cross:**  
**Breed Champion:** Kiersten Russell  
**Reserve Champion:** Cheyenne Romine  
**Light Weight:**  
 1. Cheyenne Romine  
**Heavy Weight:**  
 1. Kiersten Russell, 2. Lee Ann Miller  
**Medium Wools:**  
**Breed Champion:** Hali Tubb  
**Reserve Champion:** Lacey Cox  
**Light Weight:**  
 1. Kiersten Russell, 2. Sandi Cox, 3. Lacey Cox, 4. Hali Tubb  
**Heavy Weight:**  
 1. Hali Tubb, 2. Lacey Cox  
**South Downs:**  
**Breed Champion:** Hali Tubb  
**Reserve Champion:** Sandi Cox  
**Light Weight:**  
 1. Hali Tubb, 2. Sandi Cox, 3. Cooper Tate, 4. Cooper Tate  
**Heavy Weight:**  
 1. Cody Burris, 2. Cody Burris

**Creech, 4. Trisha Putman**  
**White OPB's:**  
**Breed Champion:** Tommy McKenzie  
**Reserve Champion:** Josh Carson  
**Light Weight:**  
 1. Brady Peugh, 2. Gustavo Rodriguez, 3. Shanna Wells, 4. Winston Holloway, 5. Gary Thigpen  
**Medium Weight:**  
 1. Tommy McKenzie, 2. Josh Carson, 3. Laura McCampbell, 4. Gabriela Rodriguez  
**Heavy Weight:**  
 1. Josh Carson, 2. Brady Peugh, 3. Clint Schuelke, 4. Juan DeLucas  
**Cross:**  
**Breed Champion:** Sherra Wells  
**Reserve Champ:** Sloan Kelly  
**Light Weight:**  
 1. Josh Carson, 2. Colter Tate, 3. Cody Bedingfield, 4. Casey Bedingfield, 5. Danielle Bedingfield, 6. Clint Schuelke  
**Medium Weight:**  
 1. Sherra Wells, 2. Keith Cook, 3. Charles White, 4. Brian Creech, 5. Laura McCampbell  
**Heavy Medium Weight:**  
 1. Sloan Kelly, 2. Cole Romine, 3. Sheree Rivas, 4. Charles White, 5. Gary Thigpen  
**Heavy Weight:**  
 1. Cheyenne Romine, 2. Brady Peugh, 3. Sloan Kelly, 4. A.J. Ireton

**Goats:**  
**Grand Champion:** Cody Wells  
**Reserve Grand:** Josh Linderman  
**Nannies:**  
**Nanny Champion:** Cody Wells  
**Reserve Champion:** Danielle Bedingfield  
**Light Weight:**  
 1. Patricia Howard, 2. David Baker, 3. Kristi Bridges, 4. Kami Huddleston, 5. Morgan Jezek, 6. Travis Jezek  
**Medium Weight:**  
 1. Cody Bedingfield, 2. Patricia Howard, 3. Kristi Bridges, 4. Ky May, 5. Kiersten Russell  
**Heavy Weight:**  
 1. Cody Wells, 2. Danielle Bedingfield, 3. Casey Bedingfield, 4. Kiersten Russell, 5. Cody Wells  
**Wethers:**  
**Wether Champion:** Josh Linderman  
**Reserve Champion:** Cody Wells  
**Light Weight:**  
 1. Danielle Bedingfield, 2. Kami Huddleston, 3. Casey Bedingfield, 4. Kevin Cook, 5. Kevin Cook  
**Medium Weight:**  
 1. Cody Wells, 2. David Baker, 3. Patricia Howard, 4. Patricia Howard, 5. Ky May  
**Medium Heavy Weight:**  
 1. Josh Linderman, 2. Cody Wells, 3. Danielle Bedingfield, 4. Cody Bedingfield, 5. Ky May  
**Heavy Weight:**  
 1. Cody Wells, 2. Bobby Johnson, 3. Josh Linderman, 4. Cody Wells

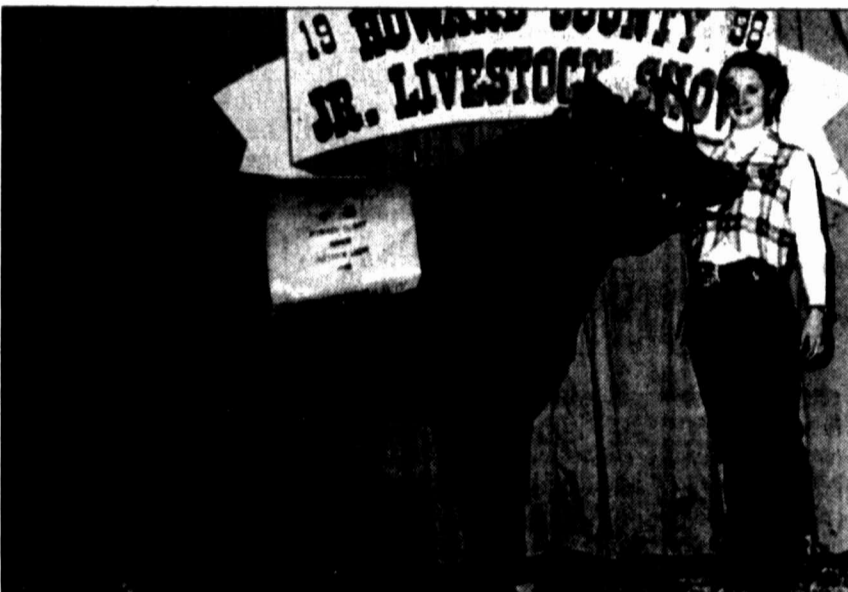
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**Grand Champion:** Marti Mims  
**Reserve Champ:** Katie Jo Yates  
**English:**  
**Breed Champ:** Dex Allred  
**Reserve Champ:** Meagan Mims  
**Light Weight:**  
 1. Meagan Mims, 2. Samantha Yates



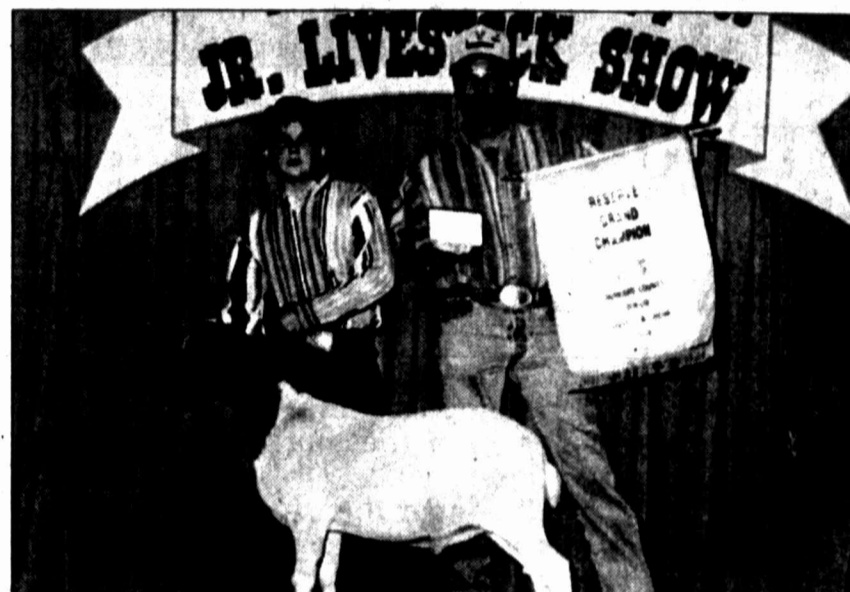
Mandi Hanslik shows her Grand Champion Swine at the Howard County Junior Stock Show on Saturday.



Leigh Ann Murphree shows her Grand Champion Goat at the Howard County Junior Stock Show on Saturday.



Natalie Nichols shows her Reserve Grand Champion Steer at the Howard County Junior Stock Show on Saturday.



Jacob Murphree and his father Jeff show his Reserve Champion Goat at the Howard County Junior Stock Show on Saturday.



Above, Tony Wrick shows with his Reserve Grand Champion Swine at the Howard County Junior Stock Show on Saturday. At right, Mandi Hanslik, right, with her buyer Mark Odle of Norwest Bank, shows her Grand Champion Lamb.



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OUR VIEW

Public must act on meetings issue

An issue raised at the most recent Howard County Commissioners meeting — moving those sessions from the morning to later at night — deserves a closer look.

Fredi Frank, a candidate for the Precinct 4 commissioner's seat, has asked the court to move its meetings to the evening to encourage greater public attendance.

Her request was rejected by the commissioners. County Judge Ben Lockhart reflected the majority opinion when he said, "I've been here eight years and I have not had a request for a night meeting."

Lockhart raises a valid issue: Unless the public demands such a move, it makes little difference when a governmental body meets. If the electorate is comfortable with the idea of morning meetings, so be it.

Still, it cannot be argued that night meetings lead to greater public participation in the process. Officials from the City of Big Spring and the local school district hold their regular meetings after 5 p.m., and both say public attendance is greater in the evenings.

The Big Spring school district has a unique perspective into the issue in that the school board holds regular monthly meetings at 5:15 p.m. and its special meetings at noon.

Superintendent Bill McQueary said the evening meetings are usually better-attended, but said that may be because more action items are on the agenda during regular meetings than special sessions.

"If we held (special meetings) in the evening, I don't think we would have more people attending," McQueary said. "There's just so many more items during a regular meeting ... and if we have someone who wants an audience with the board, we usually schedule that for the (evening) meeting."

Area school boards, without exception, hold their regular meetings in the evening, but a big reason for that is that members hold other jobs and cannot attend meetings during the day.

Governmental bodies in Big Spring, Stanton, Odessa and Midland that hold regular meetings during the day report that there has not been a great outcry to move those meetings to the evening.

So the onus, it seems, is on the general public. We support greater public participation in the governmental process, but the responsibility for that participation is on the electorate.

Until more citizens demand a time change for meetings, the issue, in effect, is moot.

OTHER VIEWS

On Aug. 28, 1963, in one of the most moving and important speeches of 20th century America, Martin Luther King Jr. told a crowd at the Lincoln Memorial in Washington that he had a dream.

"I have a dream," he said in part, as a nation watched on television, "that one day this nation will rise up and live out the true meaning of its creed. 'We hold these truths to be self-evident: that all men are created equal.'"

"I have a dream that one day on the red hills of Georgia the sons of former slaves and the sons of former slave owners will be able to sit down together at a table of brotherhood."

"I have a dream that one day even the state of Mississippi, a desert state, sweltering with the heat of injustice and oppression, will be transformed into an oasis of freedom and justice."

"I have a dream that my four children will one day live

in a nation where they will not be judged by the color of their skin but by the content of their character."

King's dream, his vision, has not been fully realized. But because of this extraordinary leader and those who helped him fight his non-violent fight, America changed dramatically. Discrimination, as it existed before him, was not the same after him.

Unlike some seeking change today, he did not attack America's traditions as hopelessly evil. He appealed, instead, to the country's noblest principles.

He did not seek special treatment by group, but asked that people be treated in accord with their individual merit.

Today, as we celebrate this man of peace and unshamed faith and moral conviction, we should pledge to keep seeking his dream.

Jay Ambrose, Scripps Howard

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A Blue Ridge memory is reawakened

By SHARON RANDALL, Scripps Howard

In the Blue Ridge Mountains of North Carolina, there lies a quiet little community of small farms and aging homesteads that will one day be replaced by golf courses and video outlets and time-share condominiums.

It is not a question of whether it will happen; it is happening already. The old-timers are weary of trying to prevent it, and wearier still of trying to understand why their children think it can't happen soon enough.

There are four lanes on the highway where there used to be but two, and a restaurant that stays open all night. They built a golf course on the site of an old Indian village, where golfers have found arrowheads in the sandtraps.

There's a subdivision on a hillside that once grew thick with rhododendron and dogwood and blackberries free for

the picking; and another's being built on an old farm where the barn's to be restored because someone thinks it's quaint.

Changes aside, the area remains the same in many of the ways that mattered most to me when I was growing up there a lifetime ago.

Buildings and landscapes can be altered over night. But people and customs take a bit longer to change.

That's what I discovered recently when I went back to North Carolina, home as they say, to bury my father.

If you get off the four-lane and drive up into those mountains, you'll meet people whose families, like mine, have lived there for generations.

Gentle by nature and proud to a fault, they're often torn between a love for privacy and a curiosity about the world. They have lovely given names such as Harlan and Lacy, and common family names that tie them to distant kin, no matter how far removed. Many of

them live on the same land, even in the same house where they were born.

No longer able to scratch a living out of farming, they work in textile mills and grocery stores and such. But they still tend gardens for vegetables and flowers.

They grow the best tomatoes and corn you'll ever put in your mouth, and chrysanthemums big and golden as a baby's head.

If you get a chance to visit, don't be put off by their dogs. Hounds mostly, they'll rouse up from a stupor and bark like they mean business. But they're good dogs.

When their owners hear the barking, they'll come out on the porch and call off the dogs. Then they'll invite you into their home and inquire after your mother and offer you something to eat every time without fail.

When you leave, you'll take vegetables from their garden, fresh if in season, canned if not, and venison from their

freezer. They'll tell you to come back and see them, and you'll find yourself hoping you can.

That's the kind of people I knew in childhood and got to know again last week.

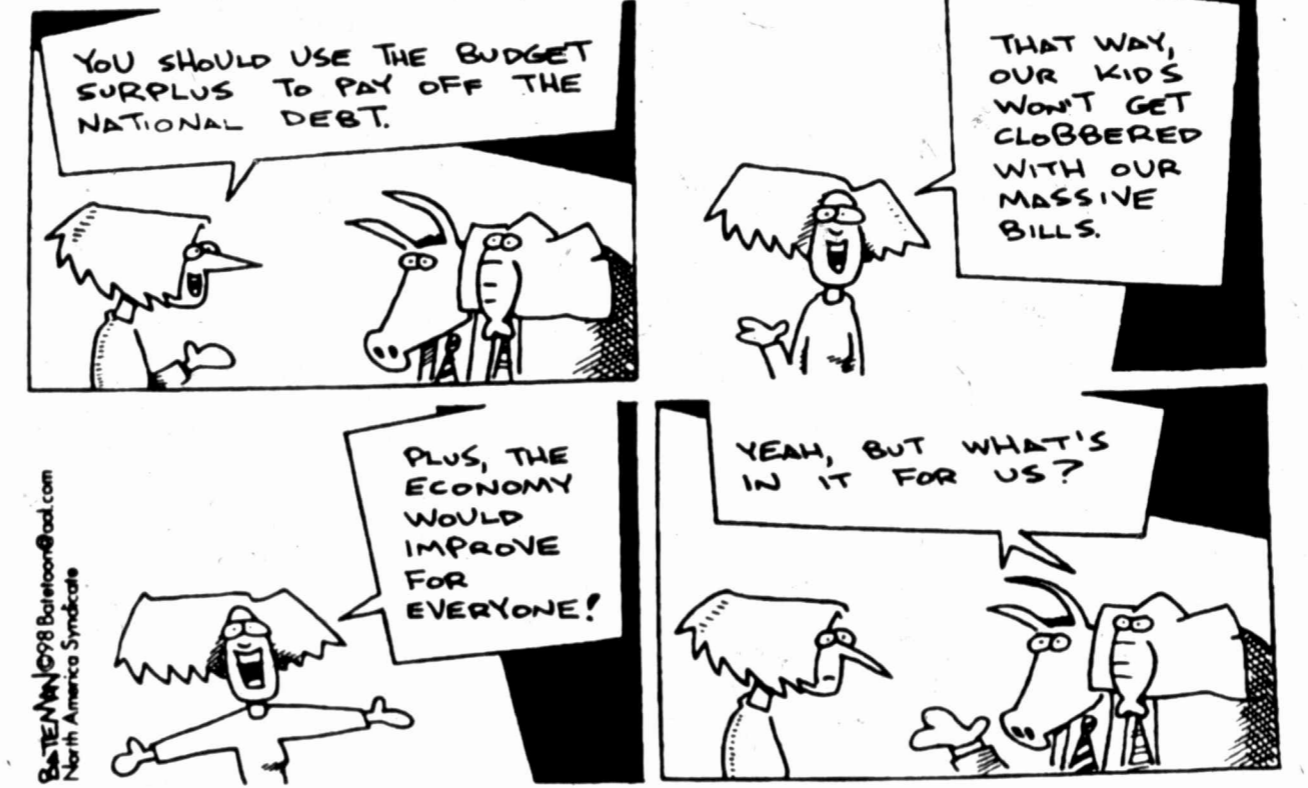
They brought ham and sweet potato pies and made me laugh with much-embellished stories about my dad.

Then they stood by my side as he was buried in the church cemetery where most of them had laid loved ones to rest.

Fall had come and nearly gone, but the colors were still something to see.

As a child, I was fascinated by the transformation, watching green leaves turn to scarlet and gold then finally, inevitably, to brown. But I hated the last part of the process, when the leaves lay fallen in great crumbling heaps, and spring seemed so very far away.

My dad once told me that dying is a necessary part of life; that it's how old things fulfill their calling and make room on the earth for the new.



The pols line up on health care

By ANN McFEATHERS, Scripps Howard

WASHINGTON — The other day at the White House, President Clinton was trying to patch up five years of serious political differences with fellow Democrats in Congress. The conversation was awkward until they started talking about a new movie.

The movie, "As Good As It Gets," has been getting applause in theaters everywhere when Helen Hunt, as a bedeviled mother trying to help her asthmatic son, rails against her managed health care plan.

House Democratic leader Dick Gephardt said he relished that moment. "It's time for managed care companies to be accountable for ensuring consumer rights," he said in his "I am running for president and I will be taken seriously" voice.

Vice President Al Gore, in his "why-can't-we-all-get-along-and-just-accept-my-candidacy" voice, pronounced that Americans are so fed up he predicts action by Congress before the year is over.

Clinton then said he, too, saw

the movie and was struck by Hunt's diatribe. "It hurts us all if Americans shelling out money for health care can't get proper care," he said.

He rallied 20 Democrats, put them on risers in the Grand Foyer of the White House, had the Marine Band play "Ruffles and Flourishes," called in the TV cameras and announced his proposal for the "consumer bill of rights" for health care. Again, he had announced it in November, but nobody paid much attention.

Now, he said that he wants Congress to pass legislation that would "ensure" emergency care for everyone, guarantee high quality care and provide a grievance and appeal process.

Democrats gleefully think they've got a winner. Three out of four Americans with health insurance are in some form of managed health care and are increasingly outraged that insurance companies dictate what doctor they see, if any, and when and what the doctor is permitted to do to be paid.

Republicans, who don't want to alienate millions of health care consumers, however, also don't

want government micromanaging business.

Sounding his charge, Senate Democratic leader Tom Daschle told of a young boy with a cancerous tumor on his leg that his doctor wanted to treat without amputation. The managed care plan said it would not pay. By the time the bureaucratic rigmarole was resolved four months later, with the insurance company agreeing to pay for the treatment, it was too late to save the boy's leg.

Gephardt, leading a crusade to put Democrats in control of the House again, gave a candid and revealing statement on the party's patient bill of rights. "If necessary, I am looking forward to fighting the opposition of the Republican leadership and their special interest allies to sensible managed care reform."

The health care industry argues that because the proportion of health care spending as part of the country's gross domestic product is the same even though total dollars spent keep rising, managed care is containing costs. But insurance premiums are rising.

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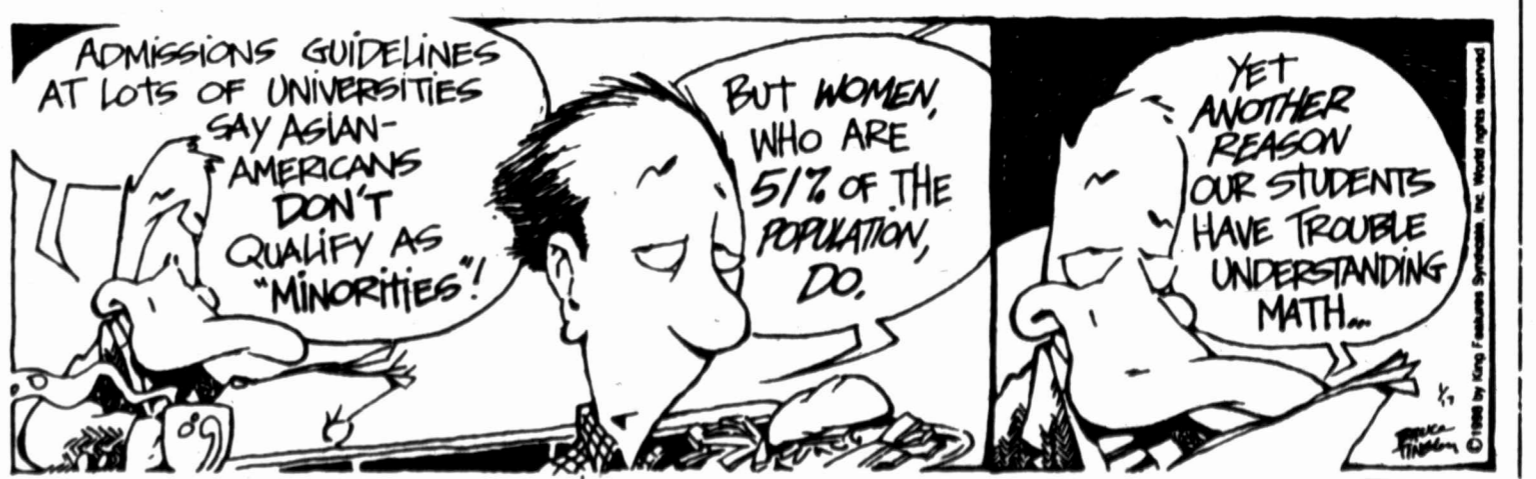
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Mallard Fillmore by BRUCE TINSLEY



# Starr County indictments long overdue, residents say

RIO GRANDE CITY (AP) — In a remote slice of brush country along the Rio Grande, wealth and poverty meet at the edge of a two-lane highway cutting across Starr County.

One side of the road is dotted with Spanish-style mansions. On the other lies a cluster of dilapidated shacks with no running water and no electricity.

In a county the federal government calls one of the most impoverished in the nation, some residents say they have long known something was amiss.

Those suspicions were confirmed last week, they say, with the indictment of the county sheriff, a justice of the peace and five jailers on federal bribery charges.

"It's about time that people know what we have here," said Carmen Flores, 38, who has

lived all her life in Rio Grande City, the Starr County seat. "No one believed it. Now it's like, 'Wow.' It hit everybody."

The officials are accused of accepting thousands of dollars in bribes to refer inmates at the Starr County Jail to a bail bondsman.

The primary target of the investigation is Sheriff Eugenio "Gene" Falcon Jr., 44, whose lavish lifestyle and past brushes with the law have raised eyebrows among some of his constituents for years.

In his 16 years as sheriff, Falcon has earned the reputation as the most powerful man in Starr County, home to about 50,000 mostly Hispanic residents. His mustached face and burly frame, usually outfitted in a cowboy hat and boots, are recognizable almost anywhere.

While supporters call Falcon a

good man and respected law officer, critics allege he is a power-hungry politician who used his authority for his own benefit.

"He can make you and he can break you," said Octavio Castaneda, a bail bondsman who sued Falcon in 1992 over the way bonds were distributed at the jail.

"Nobody has as much power in the county as the sheriff does," Castaneda said. "He is the power."

Authorities have kept close watch on Falcon for years, especially after his 1985 purchase of a sprawling ranch-style home once owned by notorious drug kingpin Ramon Garcia Rodriguez.

The following year, Falcon was charged in Mexico with killing a man who allegedly witnessed a triple slaying in Texas.

Although a witness identified Falcon as one of the gunmen, the charges eventually were dismissed.

In 1995, Falcon was indicted on state charges of official oppression and assault after a Starr County district attorney's investigator alleged he struck him on the back and neck. The investigator later dropped the charges.

Falcon's lawyer, G. Allen Ramirez, said the charges in both cases were groundless and insists the sheriff is innocent of the latest allegations.

"It's easy to accuse a person of something. It's a lot harder to prove it, and I don't think anything has ever been proven against Gene Falcon," he said.

Prosecutors say that is about to change.

Indictments unsealed last week accuse Falcon of taking

more than \$5,000 in bribes to refer inmates to bondsman Hector Arturo Longoria.

Cash bribes often were delivered to Falcon at the sheriff's department or his home during the alleged scheme, which lasted from March 1997 through December, according to the indictments.

Prosecutors allege Falcon and his jailers identified inmates who were seeking to be released on bond and referred them to Longoria. Once the bonds were posted, Longoria paid the officials a "referral fee" for their business, prosecutors allege.

If the inmates could not afford the bond amount, Longoria would ask Justice of the Peace Jose Adan Garcia to reduce the bond and then pay him off, according to the indictments.

Falcon, Garcia and the five jailers are charged with multi-

ple counts of bribery and conspiracy. Last week, they pleaded innocent and were released on bond to await trial in March.

If convicted, Falcon faces up to 145 years in prison and \$3.75 million in fines.

Prosecutors billed the case as their latest effort to combat corruption along the border. In recent years, the sheriffs of neighboring Hidalgo and Zapata counties have been convicted on corruption charges.

"We hope by bringing this series of indictments that the message is loud and clear: Don't do it," said James DeAtley, U.S. attorney.

But Falcon's attorney said the sheriff has been wrongly accused by Longoria, who agreed to cooperate with prosecutors after pleading guilty last week to one count of conspiracy to commit bribery.

## Cuomo proposes 33 percent increase in insurance limit

DALLAS (AP) — The Clinton administration will press Congress to increase federal mortgage insurance limits by at least a third in an effort to make homes more available to middle-income Americans, Housing Secretary Andrew Cuomo said Saturday.

Speaking to the 1,500-member board of the National Association of Homebuilders, Cuomo said the administration will propose raising to \$227,150 the upper limit on mortgages that can be insured by the Federal Housing Administration.

"FHA, at one time, was literally a cornerstone to home ownership in the United States," he said.

"But over the years, Congress has been lowering the limits on FHA insurance."

Cuomo said the administration, in its proposed 1998-99 budget, will ask Congress next month to raise those guarantees to levels already provided by other sources.

The proposal would replace a variable limit with a single national maximum for mortgages eligible for FHA insurance. Currently, FHA insures home mortgages up to maximums ranging from \$86,317 to \$170,363, depending on the local market.

The administration also will propose allowing clients in the HUD rent-subsidy program to apply those subsidies toward buying a home.

"Why shouldn't the family use that money to own? Why should they only use it to rent?" he asked the board members at the 190,000-member organization's annual convention.

He added: "All housing programs should lead to home ownership."

Cuomo wooed the association to help the administration win passage of the proposals. He cited recent efforts to streamline the FHA bureaucracy and plans to consolidate offices, reduce staffing, increase automation and cut bureaucratic red tape to become more responsive to home buyers and homebuilders.

York, Pa., homebuilder Robert Yanover praised Cuomo's intentions but said he remains skeptical of their practicality.

"Not all Americans, not all people, will be homeowners," he said.

Yanover was more doubtful of the proposal to allow low-income tenants to use rent subsidies toward mortgage payments.

"Take a 26-year-old single mother with two children. Home ownership isn't her ambition. Survival is," he said.

The proposal is an effort to make the agency, a part of the Department of Housing and Urban Development, a bigger player in the home market, Yanover said.

In 1996, FHA insured 10 percent of the nation's home mortgages, compared with 45 percent of those issued in the late 1940s and 24 percent in 1970.

The expanded insurance cov-

erage would be funded by premiums paid by borrowers, just as now, Cuomo said.

"It will return FHA to its historic role as the driving force for home ownership across the nation, making FHA not just a fond memory of the past but a vehicle to the future," he said before the speech. "We need to get FHA back into the market and back into the business of helping middle-class families."

The proposed limit would equal the limit that already applies to the Federal National Mortgage Association and the Federal Home Mortgage Corp.

"Fannie Mae" and "Freddie Mac" — two federally chartered organizations that are the biggest credit providers for conventional home loans. That limit, now at \$227,150, increases as home prices increase.

Since its creation as a New Deal agency in the 1930s, FHA has made mortgages available to about 24 million families.

Although the agency does not make mortgage loans directly, it insures loans made by private lenders to homebuyers by guaranteeing timely payment of principal and interest if the homebuyer defaults.

President Clinton made a similar proposal 16 months ago but drew opposition from private mortgage insurance companies. In the fact of that opposition and fears over rising defaults on FHA-backed loans, Congress did not act on the proposal.

At a news conference after his speech, Cuomo said private insurers have nothing to fear from the proposal since FHA premiums would be higher than those offered by private, more selective insurers.

## 'Republic' members sought by county law officers

BELTON, Texas (AP) — Three reputed Republic of Texas members who failed to appear for trial on a variety of traffic citations are sought on arrest warrants.

The Texas Department of Public Safety issued the traffic citations to the trio in October in Temple, where several hundred Republic of Texas members gathered for a convention.

Members of the separatist group held state troopers in a standoff last spring in the West Texas mountains.

While some members surren-

dered at the end of the siege, others fled from their mountain hideout.

One separatist was shot and killed in a gunfight with police.

Precinct 1 Justice of the Peace Ted Duffield issued arrest warrants Thursday for Rita Blumberg DeShields, 53, of Corpus Christi, Charles Louis Bailey III, 45, of Richmond, and Bobby Clebert McCrary, 64, of Fort Worth.

Trooper Don Adams said he and Trooper Howard Potter issued citations to Ms. DeShields for having no liabili-

ty insurance, failure to display a driver's license and operating an unregistered vehicle.

The DPS told the Killeen Daily Herald that Ms. DeShields also is named in a complaint charging failure to appear for trial.

Bailey's alleged traffic violations included failure to display a driver's license and failure to display a license plate.

Law officers said Baily is also charged with a county of failure to appear.

The DPS said McCrary's alleged violations included no

driver's license and operating an unregistered vehicle. His arrest warrant also lists failure to appear.

Duffield said a 20-member panel had been summoned from which lawyers were to select a six-member jury to hear testimony in the case.

When the defendants failed to appear, Duffield said he was required by law to enter innocent pleas on their behalf.

Duffield said the three will be brought to Bell County for trial when authorities take them into custody.

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Woman fumbles to untangle her personal and legal affairs

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Abigail Van Buren Columnist

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Science may make difference in national debate on abortion

WASHINGTON (AP) — Twenty-five years and 35 million abortions after the Supreme Court changed the lives of many women, the American people still are of two minds: Morally, many have trouble with abortion. But they mostly think it is a matter for a woman and her conscience more than for government.

As the nation marks the 25th anniversary of the Roe vs. Wade decision on Thursday, that clash of values endures.

But other factors are changing in an issue that has divided the nation as none since slavery. It is possible that when new abortion techniques become more commonplace, science and technology will tone down the debate in ways that justices in robes and lawmakers in pinstripes and demonstrators in furry have been unable to.

Dr. Jerry Edwards, medical director of Planned Parenthood in Houston, expects that in three or four years 30 percent of abortions will be "medical abortions," using earlier and less disruptive techniques than surgery.

He also expects that the French abortion pill RU-486 and other after-sex abortion pills will become widely available this year.

When the abortion involves a sac of tissue that is only eight or nine days old and is no larger than a match head, those heart-rending pictures of a thumb-sucking fetus will no longer be valid, says Edwards.

But making abortion a quicker, less traumatic experience isn't going to make it less of a moral issue or take abortion out of the political arena. In the view of dyed-in-the-wool opponents, abortion will remain sinful and evil.

Wanda Franz, president of the National Right to Life Committee, doubts that any scientific advance can change the basic morality of the abortion debate.

Other factors are coming into play. The sheer number of women who have had abortions is growing. According to the Alan Guttmacher Institute, at current rates, nearly four women in 10 will have had an abortion in the course of their lifetimes.

Moreover, an entire generation of women has come of age since Roe, and many of those women view the abortion option as part of their birthright.

Carol Sanger, who teaches family law at Columbia University, says women stu-

dents gasp when they learn that in the 1960s it was illegal in Connecticut for a married couple to use birth control devices.

Now, despite Roman Catholic strictures, birth control is widely practiced and looked upon as evil in relatively few homes. "Maybe something like that is also going on with abortion," Ms. Sanger says.

Public opinion has been remarkably consistent. More people say they consider themselves "pro-choice" than "pro-life."

There has been consistent majority support in polls for restricting the conditions under which women can have abortions — at the same time that majorities also say that it is a question for a woman and her doctor.

If the polls show anything, it is the complexity of the issue and the dilemma it puts upon many people.

In 1973, when the Supreme Court made abortion a right under the Constitution, 51 percent of Americans said "yes" to the poll question, "Should abortion be legal for a woman who does not want any more children?"

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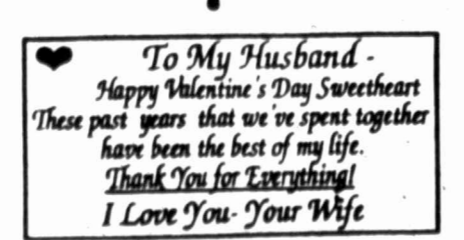
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# Battered Asian markets rebound, Japan seen as key

HONG KONG (AP) — The Asian economic crisis closed a tumultuous week with shaken stock markets rebounding, partly on hopes that Japanese officials are finally getting serious about restarting their stalled economy.

Top officials of the International Monetary Fund and the Clinton administration made the final stops on a confidence-boosting tour designed to shore up support for the tough austerity programs being required of South Korea, Indonesia and Thailand as a condition for receiving \$100 billion in bailout support.

The belief is that sticking to the belt-tightening doctrine preached by the IMF will calm nervous investors and encourage them to return to stock and currency markets.

"Confidence is crucial to the

restoration of financial stability," U.S. Deputy Treasury Secretary Lawrence Summers said in South Korea, his last stop on a six-nation tour.

Treasury Secretary Robert Rubin was optimistic that the measures taken by the IMF and supported by the United States would be successful.

"I think there was a very serious risk when this first started of a contagion that could have affected developing and emerging economies around the world with financial instability that engulfed large numbers of countries that, in turn, could have had profound economic and national security effects on the United States," Rubin said on PBS' "Newshour With Jim Lehrer."

"I do think that by having gotten involved as vigorously and as effectively as we have that, at

least for now, that process, I think, has been avoided."

IMF Managing Director Michel Camdessus was delivering the same message as Summers in Malaysia, where he said the steps taken by Malaysian Prime Minister Mahathir Mohamad were "so far so good."

Stock prices surged in Tokyo, with the 225-issue Nikkei stock average jumping 6.11 percent.

The euphoria came from investor hopes that the Japanese government is prepared to go further to cut taxes and boost government spending in an effort to restart the world's second-largest economy.

The Hong Kong stock market rebounded on Friday, rising by 3.7 percent.

The improvement came despite the fact that Moody's Investors Service downgraded

the outlook for three major Hong Kong property companies based on concerns of prolonged weakness in the city's property markets.

The Asian currency crisis has dragged stock markets lower around the world on investor worries that declining exports to the region will slow economic growth back home.

Likewise, Friday's rebound in Asia lifted markets elsewhere. The Dow Jones industrial average gained 61.78 points to close at 7,753.58.

Rubin said he thought the programs that are in place in Asia "should work, although there certainly are no guarantees."

"If they do work," he said, "we not only will have restored financial stability in these Asian countries but we will have avoided the risk of the kind of contagion and spreading

of this financial instability ... that is of enormous concern to the United States given our interests and how those would be affected by a worldwide financial instability involving developing and emerging countries."

The Hong Kong market had plunged to near a three-year low on Monday following the failure of the city's biggest investment banking firm, Peregrines, which fell victim to the deteriorating economic situation in Asia.

Against a backdrop of rumors of even bigger business failures to come, Tung Chee-wa, Hong Kong's chief executive, had appealed Wednesday for the city's 6 million residents to back stabilization efforts while conceding that "the storm isn't over yet."

Hong Kong officials insisted

all week they were dealing effectively with the latest turmoil despite growing anxieties that the Hong Kong dollar could be the next Asian currency to tumble if China goes back on promises to keep the Chinese currency strong.

Joseph Yam, the head of the Hong Kong monetary authority, told a group of visiting American journalists Friday that his \$96 billion in foreign exchange reserves gave him all the firepower needed to fight off currency speculators.

He said the stability of the Hong Kong currency made the city an "oasis of calm" compared with the steep plunges of many other Asian currencies.

But Hong Kong's success so far has come at a price — sharply higher interest rates, which have cut into growth and sent property prices plunging.

## Castro urges massive turnout for papal visit

HAVANA (AP) — Insisting that Cuba's communists have nothing to fear from Pope John Paul II, President Fidel Castro today called for a huge turnout at papal events next week and warned Cubans not to protest the pontiff's statements.

Castro said the pope's final Mass on Jan. 25 in Havana would be televised live nationwide and added, "I myself will be at that Mass."

The pope is scheduled to arrive Wednesday on a five-day visit, his first ever to the Caribbean island.

"We should have a great reception from when he lands at the airport and all along his routes, with the participation of all the people, Catholics and non-Catholics, believers and nonbelievers," Castro said during a live, six-hour television appearance that ended about 3 a.m.

"We will show that a socialist, communist revolution is capable of respecting all believers and all nonbelievers," he said.

The Cuban leader's appeal makes huge crowds almost inevitable. He compared his request to greet the pope with his earlier appeals for the Jan. 11 parliamentary election, for which the government reported a 98.5 percent turnout.

Wearing a green military uniform, Castro dedicated the first 2 1/2 hours of his comments to praise of the Cuban election process.

While Castro did not grant church requests that Masses in three other cities be broadcast live, he said Cuban officials would give workers time off to attend the weekday Masses and would help transport people to the services.

He also denied his government would try to use the visit

to further its own interests. "There is no search for advantage or benefit" in hosting the pontiff, he said.

Much of Castro's presentation seemed aimed at easing concerns of Cuban communists, who from 1962 to 1992 were trained in official atheism. Many harbor deep suspicions of a pope who clashed with the communist government of his native Poland — and is credited with helping to topple it.

Castro lavished praise on the pope, calling him "a historic man" of great intelligence and culture, and he spent 20 minutes leafing through a thick book of papal speeches, reading excerpts in which the pope appeared to agree with Cuba on issues such as fighting poverty.

He dismissed suggestions that the pope might use his influence to threaten Cuba's communist system.

"I am absolutely sure of the good intentions and the spirit in which the pope is carrying out this visit," Castro said.

Since the end of the Cold War, Castro said, John Paul has become "the worst headache" of those promoting the spread of unrestrained free-market capitalism throughout the world.

The Cuban president suggested that "a historic error" was made in Poland in imposing a dogmatic version of Marxism under force of the Soviet Union.

"Anti-Russian sentiment was very strong in Poland," where 93 percent of the people were practicing Catholics.

He said the pope "logically was in political, philosophical and ideological conflict against the Soviets and against the system existing in the country."

## Saddam threatens further trouble if sanctions remain

BAGHDAD, Iraq (AP) — Adding a threat to the standoff in Iraq, President Saddam Hussein vowed Saturday to suspend cooperation with U.N. weapons inspectors if the United Nations doesn't lift tough economic sanctions within the next four months.

The chief U.N. inspector, en route to Baghdad to persuade Iraq to grant inspectors entry to all sites, responded with a warning of his own.

"We must have the access we require. Otherwise, there is going to be nothing but further sanctions," Richard Butler said during a stop in the Persian Gulf nation of Bahrain.

The U.N. Security Council ordered Iraq to dismantle its nuclear, chemical and biological weapons programs as a condition for ending the 1991 Persian Gulf War. U.N. officials

have reported progress in the nuclear and chemical areas, but suspect Iraq is holding back significant information on biological weapons. The inspectors' job is to determine whether that is true.

In November, Iraq's National Assembly, which takes its cue from the leadership, recommended suspending ties if the inspectors don't finish their disarmament activities before May 20.

In a televised speech marking the seventh anniversary of the Gulf War, Saddam said that if the inspections are not over by that time, he will follow the lawmakers' recommendation.

Iraq is ready to "bear the responsibilities for such a position," he said.

"There is no way and no alternative to that course," said the Iraqi president, dressed in a

green military uniform.

In Washington, Secretary of State Madeleine Albright said Saddam is "tightening the noose around himself," by not letting the inspection team go forward, almost as if saying "O.K., you caught me."

"They must have been close to something on whether biological or chemical weapons were used on prisoners," Albright told The Associated Press.

The United Nations pulled all its inspectors out of the country in November after Iraq expelled the American members of the monitoring teams.

The three-week crisis was resolved in a Russian-brokered deal.

Butler said Saddam's latest threat was nothing new.

"I noticed that he repeated what was said last November when that crisis occurred,"

Butler said, "but we are in a very serious moment now."

Relations between Iraq and the United Nations have been particularly tense in recent days, following Iraq's decision to bar an American-led U.N. team from inspecting sites.

Iraq maintained the group included too many Americans and Britons. Other U.N. weapons inspection teams have continued their work in Iraq.

The team led by American Scott Ritter left Friday, in what U.N. officials characterized as a scheduled departure not a surrender to Iraqi pressure.

In his 55-minute speech Saturday, Saddam criticized the United States for its "aggressive policies toward Iraq" and described Washington as "an arrogant, blind power which sees nothing but its narrow interests."



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## Corkery concerned by Lady Hawks' intensity in WJCAC start

By JOHN H. WALKER  
Managing Editor

Howard College's Lady Hawks have beaten their first two Western Junior College Athletic Conference (WJCAC) opponents by an average score of 99-41.

But Lady Hawks Head Coach Matt Corkery is disturbed about something he has seen in Howard's first two conference games.

"I'm concerned about maintaining our intensity level, no matter what the circumstances may be," he said, standing in the tunnel leading from the floor of Dorothy Garrett Coliseum after his team had trounced a hapless Western Texas squad 107-45 last Thursday night.

"We have to turn our intensity level up a notch. It's important for us and it will continue to be important for us every game we play," he continued.

But perhaps never so much as against Midland College at 6 Monday night in the Chaparral Center.

Described by Corkery as a cross between Weatherford College and Central Arizona, Midland blends strong three-point shooting and perimeter play with a strong inside game.

"They have a lot of size and depth," he said. "They play about 13 (players) deep and they do a good job of shooting the three (point shot)."

"We've got to get back in our transition game to play with them."

Midland comes into the game with a 13-5 overall mark, but sit atop the WJCAC standings with the Lady Hawks and Clarendon College with a 2-0 record.

The Lady Chaps put away New Mexico Junior College 78-62 in Hobbs last Thursday behind the

## Hawks face formidable foe in Chaps

By STEVE REAGAN  
Staff Writer

The Howard College Hawks have experienced several peaks and valleys this season. Fortunately — or unfortunately — for them, their next opponent hit their first bump in the road just a few days ago.

The Hawks (8-10 overall, 1-1 in Western Junior College Athletic Conference action), fresh off a heartbreaking 79-78 loss to New Mexico Military Thursday, have the unenviable task of having to regroup against the league-leading Midland College Chaparrals at 8 a.m. Monday at Chap Center in Midland.

The Chaps were cruising through the season

with a perfect record until Thursday night, when they suffered a one-point loss of their own at the hands of New Mexico Junior College.

Midland filed a formal protest against the 66-65 loss, taking issue with a technical foul that was called against the MC bench with only 0.2 seconds left in the game.

The technical was called after several Midland players left the bench to celebrate their apparent victory, sending New Mexico to the foul line for the winning shots.

Regardless of whether the Chaps' protest is upheld, Howard coach Tommy Collins expects them to try to take their frustrations out on the

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See LADY HAWKS, page 10A

## Lietzke's tied atop Hope field

The ASSOCIATED PRESS

BERMUDA DUNES, Calif. — Bruce Lietzke, trying to repeat his victory of 17 years ago, mastered the Palmer Course at PGA West with a 10-under-par 62 Saturday to pull into a tie for the Bob Hope Chrysler Classic lead.

In what has been a battle between Lietzke and Andrew Magee at the top for the first four days of the 90-hole tournament, Magee shot a 68 that left him with Lietzke at 25-under.

Magee was in front the first day, Lietzke the second, then Magee opened a four-shot lead during the third round. But Lietzke recovered from a six-shot deficit to draw even.

Fred Couples, with his second straight 66, was tied for second with Steve Jones, who shot 65 for the second consecutive day, three strokes behind the co-leaders.

Another shot back were Mark O'Meara, David Duval and Stewart Cink. O'Meara and Cink had 68s, Duval a 67.

Lietzke's round at PGA West, considered the most difficult of the four courses used for the Hope, included a string of five consecutive birdies beginning at No. 13, his fourth hole of the day. He lost his chance at six in a row when his third shot on the par 5 No. 18 struck the pin and bounced off the green, 22 feet from hole. He pitched up within 5 feet and made the putt for par.

Lietzke summed up his round, 30 on his first nine, 32 on his second. "Welcome to the Bob Hope Classic. Low scores are the norm under these conditions."

The tournament record is 35-under by Tom Kite in 1993.

When Lietzke, now 46, won the 1981 Hope, he finished at the same score — 25-under — he had through the first four rounds this time. He shot a closing 69 at Bermuda Dunes, the host course and site of Sunday's final round again this year — to beat Jerry Pate by two strokes.

## STILL LEADING PACK



HERALD photo/Jonathan Garrett

Coahoma's Kurt Bennett puts up a shot over the outstretched arm of an Ozona defender and scores two of his eight points Friday. The Bulldogs continued to hold their lead on the District 8-2A standings with a 75-60 win over the Lions, improving their season record to 16-5.

## Auburn's Craig leads South to 31-8 Senior Bowl win

The ASSOCIATED PRESS

MOBILE, Ala. — Playing just down the highway from his old high school, Auburn's Dameyune Craig closed his college career with two touchdown passes Saturday to lead the South to a 31-8 victory in the Senior Bowl.

Craig led three scoring drives and capped the last two with nice play-action fakes that led to short touchdown passes. The first went to Auburn teammate Fred Beasley and the second to Louisiana Tech's Josh Bradley. There were four players each

from Alabama and Auburn at this Senior Bowl. But it was Craig's crowd, many of whom saw him lead nearby Blount High School to state championships in 1990 and 1992.

Throwing bootleg passes and scrambling when necessary, Craig finished 8-for-15 for 109 yards, was named the game's Most Valuable Player and did nothing to hurt his status in the eyes of NFL scouts. He has been projected as a low-round draft pick or free agent.

Florida's Fred Weary also impressed, returning an interception 97 yards for a touch-

down to give the South a 17-0 lead before halftime.

He stepped in front of Nevada quarterback John Dutton's floating throw and went untouched down the sideline. He punctuated it by snapping his arms together like a Gator while high stepping across the end zone — a celebration Steve Spurrier would have been proud of.

Weary's play marked the second time in the first half the North drove inside the South's 10-yard line, only to see the drive stopped by a Southeastern Conference cornerback.

On the first drive, Penn State's Mike McQueary tried a timing pattern to Iowa's Tim Dwight in the corner of the end zone, but it was covered perfectly by Alabama's Deshea Townsend for an easy interception.

McQueary finished 7-for-18 for 69 yards and two interceptions, the second on an ill-advised pass in the third quarter.

Rushed out of the pocket on third-and-long, he forced a throw on the sideline, but Vanderbilt's Jamie Duncan stepped in front for the interception.

## Fourth quarter proves unkind in BSHS losses

By JOHN A. MOSELEY  
Sports Editor

It has been said that bad things happen in threes.

After successive losses to teams from Sweetwater and Andrews last week, Big Spring's Steers and Lady Steers hope that's not always the case.

Despite leading for almost the entire first half Friday, Big Spring's Lady Steers suffered a second straight loss in District 4-4A play, as Andrews' Lady Mustangs iced a 45-38 win by hitting 10 of 12 free throws in the last minute and a half.

In similar fashion, the Steers held sway until just 1:16 remained in the first half before Andrews began to take control. Unlike their female counterparts, however, the Mustangs iced the game early with an 18-0 run to open the fourth quarter en route to a 73-53 win.

"Unforced errors just killed us," Ron Taylor lamented after the loss which marked the first time in his seven years at the Big Spring helm that the Lady Steers have lost more than one district game. "The press didn't bother us... nothing did. We'd just turn and throw the ball away."

Neither the Lady Steers, nor their would-be successors seemed capable of taking control during the first quarter of Friday's opening game, and the lead saw-sawed throughout the first half until Lady Mustangs post Kayla Kimberlin hit a jumper from the late with five seconds remaining, giving Andrews a 16-14 lead at intermission.

The Lady Mustangs managed to extend their lead early in the third quarter, but Big Spring's pressure defense began to force a number of turnovers. And when Kara Hughes hit the second of her 3-pointers on the night with 2:27 to play in the period, Big Spring owned a 24-21 lead.

That edge evaporated in the final minute, as Holly Fields hit a pair of free throws for Andrews, Kimberlin hit another jumper from the lane and Gina Esquivel delivered the most damaging punch with a 3-pointer at the buzzer to give Andrews a 28-24 edge with eight minutes to play.

With the fourth quarter starting in a physical defensive battle, the Lady Steers pulled even at 31-31 with 3:26 remaining. But Hughes took a seat with her fifth personal foul with 3:13 remaining and point guard Marlena Light followed soon thereafter.

And it would be free throws — Big Spring's inability to make

them when they needed to early in the quarter and Andrews' ability to make the most of theirs down the stretch — that would make the difference.

Big Spring missed 4-of-6 opportunities at the line in the early minutes, a point at which they could have asserted control with the lead.

Instead, the Lady Mustangs, who managed just one field goal in the period, made the most of their chances with 15-of-18 accuracy down the stretch.

The Lady Steers' biggest problem was their inability to keep the ball away from Lady Mustangs point guard Tammi Sutton at crunch time.

With Big Spring forced to foul, Andrews made sure Sutton stepped up to the line and hit 13-of-14 free throws to ice the win that left the Lady Mustangs at 4-0 and leading the league in 4-4A play. The Lady Steers fell to 12-9 on the season and 2-2 in district play.

Sutton was the game's leading scorer with 15 points, while Esquivel added 10 more for Andrews. Nadia Cole led the way for Big Spring with 11 points, while Hughes finished with 10.

"We've just got to keep working," Taylor said, noting that the Lady Steers find themselves in truly unfamiliar position, trailing the district's leader by two full games. "These kids are fighters and we'll see how much fight they have in them."

In the boys' game, however, Big Spring jumped out to a commanding lead in the first period as the front line of Chauncey Ford, Greg Wollenzien and Casey Crowley controlled things inside the paint while Justin Myers and Andy Hall struck from 3-point range to take a 15-6 lead and coasted to a 17-8 edge at the quarter's close.

Big Spring would extend that lead to 11 points, 21-10, early in the second period, but the Mustangs roared back behind the play of point guard Shaud Williams and forward Jacob Lopez. The result was a 36-34 Andrews lead at intermission.

The Steers would never again take the lead, but they would stay within striking distance for most of the third quarter, and trimmed a 12-point Mustang lead in the final two minutes to trail by just seven going into the fourth quarter.

That's when John Kimberlin and Waylon Mayfield joined Lopez in igniting an 18-point run to open the period, creating a 71-46 bulge.

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## Ryan leading effort to get minor league baseball in Austin area

The ASSOCIATED PRESS

AUSTIN — Major-league strikeout king Nolan Ryan may be headed for a new job in baseball — team owner.

A private group headed by Ryan and his son Reid are trying to acquire the rights to a Texas League franchise that would be moved to Central Texas, the Austin American-Statesman reported Friday.

The Ryans would not say Thursday whether they are negotiating with any

particular team in the eight-team league, but the Class AA franchises in Jackson, Miss., and Wichita, Kan., have had attendance problems, and their leases expire in the next two years.

Jackson is affiliated with the Houston Astros, one of Ryan's former teams. Wichita is part of the Kansas City Royals organization.

The Ryans say any purchase of a minor-league team would be contingent upon relocating the team in

Central Texas, likely Austin or suburban Round Rock, and playing in a publicly financed stadium. They hope to make the move by 2000.

"If you look at it, Austin is a prime location," said Reid Ryan, a 25-year-old former minor league pitcher for the Texas Rangers who played in college for the University of Texas and Texas Christian.

"The area has supported the University of Texas so much, and it has a large population with baseball

greatness. It's just a natural fit."

The Ryans said they would not be interested in playing at a temporary ballpark such as UT's Disch-Falk Field.

"My dad wants to be the driving force," Reid said. "We want this to be first-class and big-league. We would definitely be hands-on owners and take active roles in the day-to-day operations."

But the Ryans say the idea is so preliminary that they have not studied any specific property or drawn up

parameters for a new stadium.

They're not the first ones to try bringing pro baseball to the area.

In 1994, Austin-area investor Bill Pohl tentatively agreed to buy the Shreveport Captains of the Texas League and bring team to the area. That deal fell through when the Austin City Council entered into an agreement to negotiate with Phoenix, and the Captains owners renegotiated their lease to stay in Shreveport, La., for seven years.

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Sunday, Jan. 18  
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Super Bowl  
Sunday, Jan. 25  
At San Diego  
Denver vs. Green Bay, 6 p.m. (NBC)

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AFC vs. NFC, 6 p.m. (ABC)

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Table with columns: Conf., Season, W, L. Lists scores for various teams like Howard, Midland, etc.

Thursday's Results

Howard 107, Western Texas 45; Midland 78, New Mexico JC 62; South Plains 81, Frank Phillips 64; etc.

Monday's Games

At Midland, South Plains at New Mexico JC, etc.

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Table with columns: Conf., Season, W, L. Lists scores for various teams.

Thursday's Results

NMMI 79, Howard 78; New Mexico JC 68, Midland 65; etc.

Monday's Games

Howard at Midland, South Plains at New Mexico JC, etc.

LOCAL BOWLING

WEDNESDAY STRIKERS

RESULTS Allan's Furniture over Redox Home Improvement 6-2, K-9 tied; Magic Painting 4-4, Lee's Rental over Karat Patch 8-0, Hughes Optical over BOD 6-2; etc.

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66, Magic Painting 60-76, Hughes Optical 56-80, Karat Patch 48-88.

PINPOPPERS

RESULTS Bowl-A-Rama over A&B Farms 8-0, Kuykendall over Guys Restaurant 6-2, VW over Diane Shick 6-2, Mason's Lawn & Garden over Heath Food Store 8-0, Federal Oil over Petty Farms 6-2; etc.

WEDNESDAY NITE TRIO

CONGRATULATIONS TO JACKIE LECROY for bowling his fourth perfect game of '2000' on January 7, 1998. Way to go JACKIE!

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Restaurant 6-2, VW over Diane Shick

6-2, Mason's Lawn & Garden over

Heath Food Store 8-0, Federal Oil over

Petty Farms 6-2; hi sc ind series Betty

Daily 523, Bernadine Seely 487; hi sc

ind game Betty Daily 205, May Mulkey

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sc team game Bowl-A-Rama 633,

Mason's Lawn & Garden 632; hi hdp

ind series Betty Daily 640, Mary Mulkey

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244, Betty Daily 244; hi hdp team

series Mason's Lawn & Garden 2440,

Kuykendall 2305; hi hdp team game

Mason's Lawn & Garden 541,

Kuykendall 808.

STANDINGS-Guys Restaurant 98-46,

Bowl-A-Rama 98-48, VW 77-67, Petty

Farms 74-70, Heath Food Store 69-75,

Mason's Lawn & Garden 66-78,

Kuykendall 62-82, Federal Oil 62-82,

Dixie Chicks 58-86, A&B Farms 58-86.

DOUBLE TROUBLE

RESULTS Aliens 2-6, Bob's Custom

Woodworking 8-0, Dennis's 8-0,

Awesome 4-8, Santa Fe Sandwiches

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Dennis's 805, Santa Fe Sandwiches

809, Inlows 996.

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Sandwiches 845; hi hdp series team

Dennis's Custom Woodworking 685,

Richard Rowden 241, Robert Beatty 231,

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Richard Rowden 672, Robert Beatty 635;

hi sc game WBC Peggy Huckabee 204,

Monette Rowden 199, Theresa Delloro

185; hi sc series WBC Peggy Huckabee

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Rowden 522; hi hdp game WBC

Monette Rowden 245, Peggy Huckabee

239, Theresa Delloro 221; hi hdp

series WBC Theresa Delloro 670,

Monette Rowden 660, Peggy Huckabee

644; most over ave game ABC Philip

Ringener 711, Richard Rowden 42,

Robert Beatty 37; most over ave series

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Rowden 76, Robert Beatty 55; most over

ave game WBC Monette Rowden 57,

Theresa Delloro 50, Peggy Huckabee

48; most over ave series WBC Theresa

Delloro 109, Monette Rowden 96,

Peggy Huckabee 71.

STANDINGS-Santa Fe Sandwiches

865, Dennis's 865, Inlows 71-67,

Bob's Custom Woodworking 71-73,

Aliens 64-80, Awesome 64-80.

LADIES MAJOR

RESULTS BSA's Inc. 2-6, Alley OOPS

6-2, Day & Day Builders 2-6, Big Spring

Music 6-2, Gene's Dream 6-2, Psycho

Sisters 2-6, Carlos Inc. 5-3, K-C Kids 3-

5, Pack N Senders 6-2, Rocky's 2-6,

Southwestern Crop Ins. 4-4, Inspirations

69, Magic Painting 60-76, Hughes

Optical 56-80, Karat Patch 48-88.

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### Failed moose hunt provides valuable lesson for two sons venturing 'homicidal' anger

When the night came and the cold crept into our tent, it wasn't long before my boys were fast asleep.

On that night, they didn't complain about being too close to each other.

Earlier during this September day, we had driven about 350 miles from Anchorage to Cantwell. This small village is located on the Alaskan Railway near the south entrance of Denali National Park (formerly McKinley National Park).

I visited with the general store manager and he told me that several hunters had reported that a large trophy bull moose had been seen on the Nenna River about 10 miles east.

I reasoned that this would be the place to hunt, so I topped off both gasoline tanks and we drove to this area.

Once there, I selected a camp site on a mesa overlooking the Nenna River valley. With the help of my sons Bobby, then age 17, and Harold, then 13, we pitched the tent.

Before I could unload our supplies, the boys began begging me to let them get their rifles. So I told them to get their rifles.

I took them to the rim of the canyon and I pointed to a likely place where a moose might be.

As they worked their way to the river, they vanished from sight in the brush and I returned to camp to complete my chores.

A few minutes later, a pickup truck loaded with four hunters came by and stopped at our tent.

The driver asked, "Seen anything?" "No," I answered. "We just got here."

The driver continued by asking, "you from Anchorage?"

"Yeah, and you," I countered. Then I asked him where they planned to hunt and he told me that they were going to the valley just below, and I told them that my two sons hunting there, so be careful and watch for them.

"Sure will and good luck," one of the men said as they drove away.

I took my rifle and walked to the canyon rim, and using my binoculars I tried to spot the boys. However, because of the dense growth of alders, it was impossible.

Continuing along the rim, I walked for about 45 minutes before starting my return. When near our camp, I heard a dozen or more rapid shots which seemed to come from the valley.

My first thoughts were that the boys had killed a moose, and a warm feeling came over me. But then reality returned. The boys could not have fired that many shots, so I started supper.

Realizing that they would be cold and wet upon returning, I began to prepare supper. With my two-burner propane stove, I brewed a pot of tea and opened two large cans of beef stew.

Supper was ready but no boys. I waited and waited for what seemed an hour. Then I heard Bobby yelling, "We saw him!"

"You saw what?" I asked. "That big moose and he had at least a six-foot spread," he related.

"Tell me about it," I asked excitedly. He explained that they had tracked the moose for a couple hours through the water and musket, and they were about 300 yards away when all hell broke loose.

From above on the rim rock, four hunters were shooting as fast as they could while shouting. According to Harold, some of the bullets were sizzling right over their heads.

"What happened to the moose," I asked. "He ran toward the mountains after crossing the river," Bobby added.

"Wow, too bad those guys saw the moose," I said. "Yeah, but they didn't have any business shooting so close to us," Bobby added.

Probably not," I assured him. Harold spoke, "Dad, have you ever wanted to shoot at someone?"

"What makes you ask that," I asked. "Well, when those guys started shooting and the moose ran away, I was so mad that I wanted to shoot at them because we had worked so hard to get a close shot," he explained.

"Harold, I want to tell you something, and you listen real good," I said. "Those guys had just as much right to shoot at the moose as you did, and probably didn't see you below, so try not to be too upset."

"I understand your disappointment but you must remember that next time, it may be you who scares the moose — you see, this is just part of the hunting game," I explained.

"Well I guess so," he grumbled. I reminded them that supper was ready, so we entered the tent. We ate in silence.

As soon as we finished, both boys crawled into their sleeping bags. In moments they were sound asleep.

I wiped the dishes, filled the coffee pot with water, and I too was soon fast asleep.



Boyce Hale  
Outdoors

### BIG SPRING

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In the process, the Mustang press frustrated Big Spring's attempt to bring the ball upcourt, helped in no small measure by the Steers' loss of point guard Chello Williams, who fouled out of the game with 6:24 to play.

As a result, the Steers didn't score until 1:15 remained when Bandy Rollins scored from the lane. Jonathan Watson added a jumper from the lane with 15 seconds left and Hall hit his second 3-pointer of the night with five seconds on the clock to close the scoring.

Lopez finished the night with a game-high 25 points. Kimberlin added 14 points to the Andrews cause, while Mayfield had 10.

Myers led Big Spring, now 3-18 on the season and 0-2 in district play, with 14 points, while Wollenzien had 11 before fouling out late in the game.

"The game turned into what we didn't want," a somewhat resigned Steers coach Gary Tipton acknowledged. "We wanted to break it into a half-court game of basketball. As long as we were doing that, we had the lead and controlled things."

"But their pressure forced some turnovers and put us into a position where we had to play their game and it became 94-foot basketball. They're just a better team at that type of game than we are, that's all there is to it."

**GIRLS' GAME**  
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BIG SPRING — Kristi McWhirter 2 0 0 0 4, Keasha Lyle 2 0 1 2 5, Amy Jackson 0 0 0 0 0, Maggie Haddad 0 0 0 0 0, Traci Bellinger-Hansen 0 0 2 2 2, Kara Hughes 0 3 1 2 10, Mariena Light 0 0 0 0 0, Nadia Cole 4 0 3 5 11, Totals 8 3 13-22 38.

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### HAWKS

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"The only thing you can think is that they'll come out with a little more vengeance on their minds," Collins said. "I anticipate (the loss) will just jack them up a little more for us." The game Monday will mark

### LADY HAWKS

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16-point performance of Amie Kane.

Midland also got double-figure scoring from Brooke Alderman with 13 points, Shelly Alderman with 12 and Janice Thomas with 10.

Midland College Coach Ron Jones was pleased with his team's effort.

"That's probably the most complete game we've played this year ... It's a real tough place to win, so I feel good about it."

The highlight for the Lady Chaps, however, was the play of Kane — who came off the bench to lead the team in scoring.

"We moved her back to playing point guard when she's on the floor because she can create (scoring opportunities)," Jones said. "It doesn't drop off at all when she's in. We're right where we'd like to be."

But while Corkery is worried about Midland's depth, the same could be said of the Chaparrals.

Midland can expect to see 10 Lady Hawks-in and out of the game throughout the night.

Led by sophomores Shawnta Johnson, Latraica Spencer and Jeanine Horton, along with freshmen Karlita Washington and Ricka McKee, it is Corkery's philosophy to keep shuttling players in and out to keep the freshest, most productive five on the floor at all times.

And just because a reserve may be in the game doesn't mean the intensity — or performance — level drops off.

"Our philosophy is to get better off the bench ... to turn the intensity level up a notch (on the opponent)," the second-year coach explained.

And the game against Western Texas is as good an example as any of that philosophy.

For Howard, 10 players played and all 10 scored ... five players scored in double figures, including Donelle Jones and Latasha Moore, both with 22 points off the bench.

Howard's 15th road trip in the last 16 contests, but at least the venue has been comfortable for Collins — he has lost only two conference games their during his tenure at HC.

Home teams in general have

been having a harder time winning conference games this season, as evidenced by Howard's league-opening win at Odessa and their loss at home Thursday.

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◆ In 1981, Congress enacted one of the largest tax cuts in U.S. history, about \$750 billion over six years.

◆ Lions spend about 20 hours a day sleeping or resting.

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# In need of a little ASSISTANCE

**B**ill Vaughn often draws strange looks, even stares, when he goes out into the community.

It's not his appearance, his actions or his uneven gait, caused by a permanent injuries from a car accident a decade ago.

It's his dog.

Vaughn, who has lived in Big Spring less than a year, uses a large, black and brown Rottweiler to help him get around. The dog keeps his master upright, helps him judge depth perception and keep his balance.

"He keeps me so I don't fall backwards," said Vaughn, who trained his current assistance dog, Toby, himself. Alex, Vaughn's first assistance dog, was trained by Assistance Dogs of America. But the Rottweiler has been retired, replaced by Toby, another Rott that Vaughn found abandoned.

Wherever Vaughn goes, Toby goes, wearing a leather harness with an official tag designating him an assistance dog. Some places they go, the reception is less than welcoming, however.

"I can walk, but not very well," Vaughn said. "But I've actually had people say to me, 'Why don't you get in a wheelchair like a handicapped person should be?'"

At times, stores or restaurants have been reluctant to allow Vaughn's dog in, although most display a sticker that says assistance dogs are welcome.

The problem, as Vaughn sees it, is that many people have the narrow view that "assistance dogs" are "seeing-eye dogs" only.

The concept of mobility-assistance dogs is new to many people.

"I had never heard of it until I met Bill," said Howard Hornsby, who often treats Vaughn at Warren Chiropractic Center.

"I think most people don't realize that there are dogs to help with depth perception."

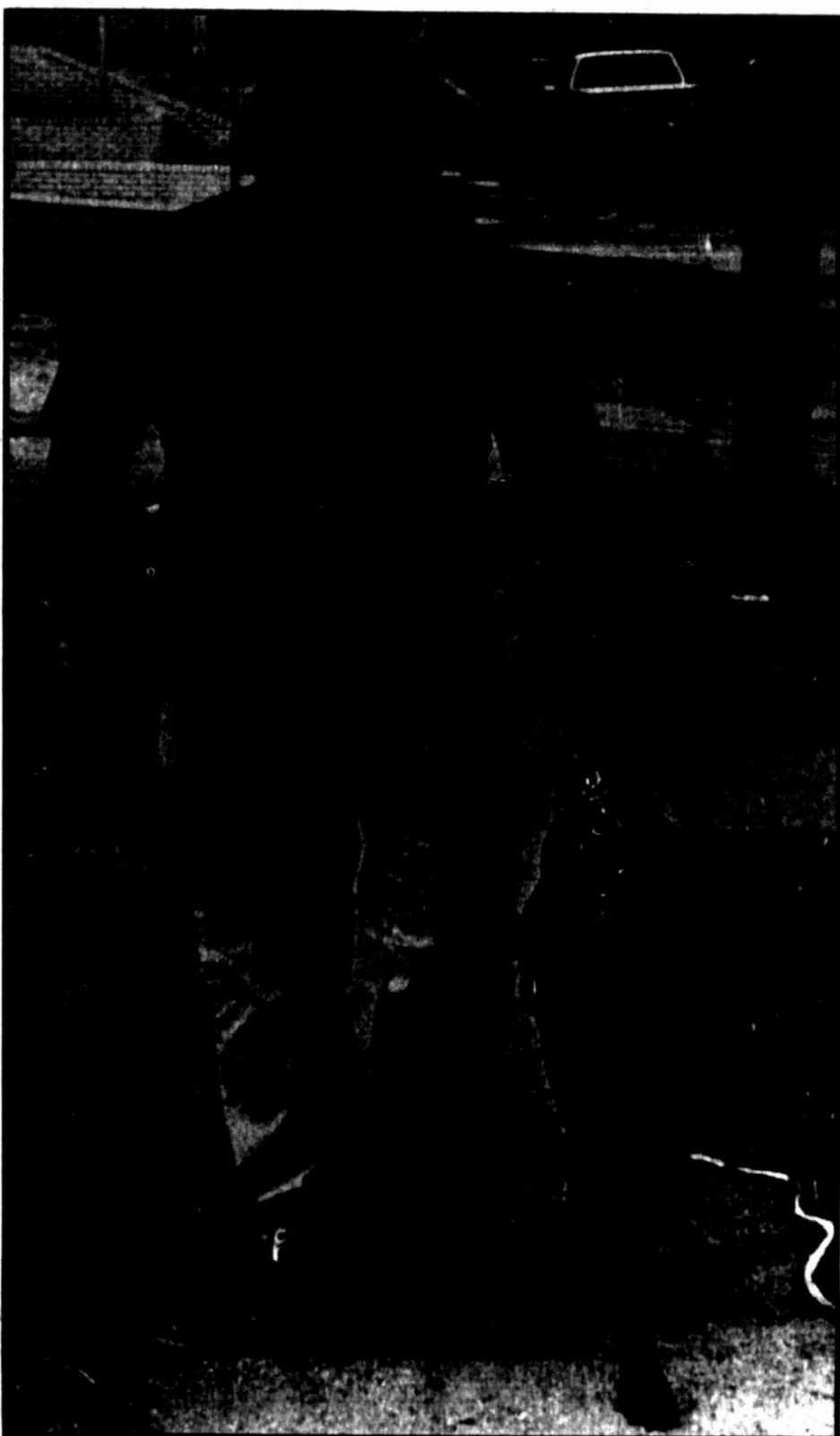
Toby's appearance may not make the situation any easier.

"People look at him, and they must think he's going to go after them," Vaughn said. But the muscular dog actually,

according to his owner, "doesn't have a mean bone in his body."

It's true that Toby, when meeting a stranger, doesn't growl, bark or even show his teeth. Instead, he leans his head over for a scratch behind the ears.

A studded, thick leather collar, Vaughn says, was a necessity after



Story by Debbie L. Jensen • Photos by Jonathan Garrett

Above, Bill Vaughn walks with his mobility-assistance dog, Toby. Vaughn often encounters strange looks, and occasionally, anger when he goes out into the community. Right, Vaughn is treated regularly by Howard Hornsby at Warren Chiropractic Center, who is also one of Toby's biggest fans. Far left, Toby looks menacing, but strangers usually find him docile and friendly.

several dogs threatened Toby.

But most of the time, during Vaughn's visits to Warren, and his classes at Howard College, Toby mostly just sleeps.

"He's one of our patients now," Hornsby said, scratching Toby's head. "He has never been a problem."

"We have no problem with it," echoed Linda Conway, vice president at Howard College. "I was in the cafeteria the other day, and they were in there. The dog was just stretched out, sound asleep on that cool floor."

Officials with the city permit office and police department said Vaughn is allowed to take his dog anywhere, no permits or special permission required. As Vaughn sees it, he has the Americans with Disabilities Act on his side.

But education of the community is his goal. He wants people to understand why he uses a dog, and help him avoid problems as a result.

"When I'm walking through a store, don't call my dog," Vaughn said. "Don't let your children tease him or throw things at him. He's working."

Public reaction to him, Vaughn said, varies from surprise to anger.

"People sometimes think I'm blind," he said. But rather than offer to help him, he is often made the punch line in cruel jokes.

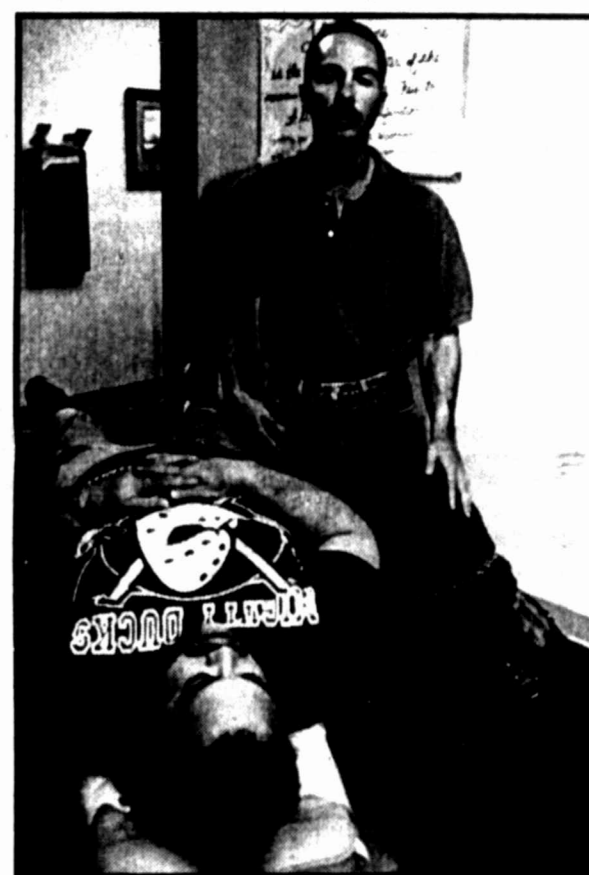
Other times, he plays along.

"You'd be surprised what people will do."

Vaughn remembers the exact date and time of the accident that left him semi-mobile.

It was Dec. 22, 1987, at 4:32 p.m. When he was hit at

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# Elk ranching requires quick thinking, special care and interest

The Coleman Cattle company is an entirely family owned corporation and has been so for 56 years. It's located just north of Ackerly.

They are members of the North American Elk Breeders Association, which includes 800 ranches, 60 of which are in Texas. The association is divided into sections, this being the Southern one.

There are no misprints here... it is ELK Ranches. The Coleman office, located in a huge barn on the premises, looks more like a wildlife museum than an office. Trophies were everywhere! Mike Coleman told us he and his father have hunted all over the world.

On December 15, 1997 we drove out to the ranch for an interview. All around were 8-foot metal fenced enclosures where at present 110 head of elk make their home. Cows, bulls, and calves are kept in separate pens. The calves born earlier this year are already larger than a mule deer.

Question: How, why and when did your corporation get into elk ranching?

Mike: I always liked elk and had a desire to breed them domestically. We got into it a couple of years ago and I suppose you could say, it just kind of happened.

Question: What is its source of income?

Mike: We harvest and sell the antlers while they are still in the "velvet" (immature) stage. This is before they calcify and become solid bone. We also sell breeding stock to other ranches. Every animal here is registered and precise records are

kept. He went on to explain that long years ago, herds of elk roamed the plains country but were killed out before the buffalo were. Their meat was better and they were easier to obtain than buffalo. Indians and early pioneers hunted them almost to extinction. The only survivors were native of the Rocky Mountains.

Question: What is this velvet used for?

Mike: Medicinal purposes, vitamins, food supplements and many other things.

Question: How is it sold and who buys it?

Mike: It is auctioned off at special sales. Korea is a large buyer as well as other overseas countries. Some is sold to U.S. buyers. Right now the price is down to \$60 per pound, usually it's right around \$80 per pound.

Question: On average, how many pounds will a bull elk produce per year?

Mike: Around 20 pounds but older, bigger elk can have as much as 40 pounds. Only the bulls have antlers or horns. Cows value is as breeding stock.

Question: Do you feed them special rations?

Mike: Yes, we supplement with a high protein formula especially developed for elk. During the summer months,



Myrtle Griffith  
Columnist



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they graze pasture land as cattle do, except that an elk pasture that a steer, acre for acre. Mike then told us in detail how the velvet is harvest. The ranch has a lot of machinery and hydraulic lifts to help. A bull elk can weigh up to 1,200 pounds, and they are very strong animals.

Special chutes are equipped with the hydraulic lifts and are so constructed to cause the least stress to the animal. The padded sides slide inward to hold the animal securely, and the lift raises him up so that his feet have no contact with the floor, so no traction. His head is secured with padded clamps, he is given an anesthetic in the horn area, blindfolded, and the horns or "rack" is removed surgically, with extreme care to leave the

burrs (knobby bone growth) next to his head intact and undamaged. This is the base from which new horns will grow. It is all over in a few minutes and he is released back into his enclosure, undamaged but likely unhappy. The horns are frozen immediately and remain so until sale time.

One usually thinks of an elk with a large set of antlers, but on our visit, only the burrs remained on their heads. These fall off later as the new growth begins, usually in March.

When we drove out among them, he showed us animals that won first and second place "velvet" in the Southern Regional Competition and the second place winner of premier breeding, 1997.

Question: How and when do you ear tag the babies?



Courtesy photo

Mike: As soon as possible after he is born, because exact records must be kept. I have a beat up old pickup that I haul feed in, so the cows are familiar with it. They are very

aggressive and protective of the calves those first few days. I get the pickup between the cow,

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# WEDDINGS

## Terrazas-Duston

Mary Kathryn Terrazas and Kyle Thomas Duston, both of Austin, exchanged wedding vows on Aug. 17, 1997, at The Lodge, Cloudercroft, N.M., with Dr. Richard H. Whitwam, retired district superintendent of the United Methodist Church, officiating.

She is the daughter of Simon and Kathy Terrazas, Big Spring.

He is the son of Bruce and Susan Duston, El Paso.

The couple stood before an outside gazebo draped with ivory tulle that was gathered with clutches of roses and ivy. Two urns on either side were filled with white gladiolus, white lilies and stephanotis.

Jim Wynne was the pianist and vocalist.

Given in marriage by her father, the bride wore an ivory French silk gown with off the shoulder neckline and capped sleeves. The bodice and sleeves were embroidered with a rum pink detail that matched her chapel length train. Her triple tiered veil was held in place by a headpiece decorated with petals of rum pink.

She carried a satin hand-tied circular bouquet of fresh gardenias, English ivy, bridal white roses, Lady Diana and Anna roses with tendrils of stephanotis.

Maid of honor was Danene Moore, Big Spring.

Dobby Mittler, Loneview was the bridesmaid.

Bret Duston, groom's brother, Denver, Colo., was the best man.

Groomsman was Peter Shepard, El Paso.

Serving as ushers were Trey Terrazas, bride's brother, Big Spring, and Jason Goodman, Austin.



MRS. KYLE THOMAS DUSTON

Following the ceremony, a reception was held in the Marica Room at The Lodge.

The bride's cake was a three-tiered Italian Cream with Victorian laced icing and topped by a bow with ribbons of icing cascading onto each tier. The table was accented with garlands of roses and gardenias.

The groom's cake was German chocolate with a basket weave icing and displayed on a table with garlands of roses and gardenias.

The bride is a graduate of Big Spring High School and of The University of Texas at Austin. She is employed by Health South Rehabilitation Center Hospital.

The groom is a graduate of Coronado High School, El Paso, and of Texas Tech University. He is employed by Texas Municipal Retirement System.

Following a wedding trip to San Francisco and Monterey, Calif., the couple made their home in Austin.

# 'Plot Thickens' gives reader plenty to enjoy

"Mary Higgins Clark Presents The Plot Thickens." Pocket Books, New York, New York. November, 1997. 257 Pages. \$5.99.

Just like a piece of dark, creamy fudge is a delicacy to a chocolate connoisseur, so "The Plot Thickens" is a treat for the mystery lover. Contained within its pages are eleven short mysteries by some of the best-known and popular authors of our time. Writers were free to write in his/her own style, but each story had to include three items: a thick steak, a thick fog and a thick book.

The idea for the collection of stories originated with Mary Higgins Clark, who became aware and concerned about the 40 million adults in America who are unable to read.

Clark asked 10 other writers

to contribute one story each for the compilation, with the understanding that all profits would go to Literacy Partners.

This non-profit organization dedicates its work to training volunteer tutors who in turn teach reading and writing skills to adults who read below the fifth grade level.

As in any collection, some stories are better than others. Mary Higgins Clark's "The Man Next door" is suspenseful, origi-

nal, and clever. While the antagonist behaves in an expected and horrific manner, the climax comes quickly and surprisingly.

Janet Evanovich's "The Last Peep" features Stephanie Plum as a bounty hunter, the same role she has in Evanovich's full-length novels. Included also are Stephanie's Grandma Mazur and the local mortuary "gang".

Evanovich's short story is succinct and tight, and much more enjoyable than her books. "Take It Away" by Donald Westlake is quite short, but creative, entertaining, and surprising. Westlake's unique use of word-play is extremely clever!

One of the best stories is "The Road Trip" by Ann Rule. It is easy to identify with the paranoia and fears experienced

within the story by her main character. Rule's unusual use of the fog as part of the plot only adds to the suspense.

Additional stories were written by Lawrence Sanders, Edna Buchanan, Carol Higgins Clark, Nelson and Lauren DeMille, Linda Fairstein, Nancy Pickard, and Walter Mosley.

**RATING: (\*\*\*)** three out of four = Entertaining and worthwhile

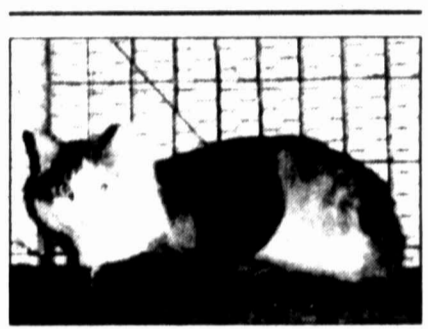
At the end of the year, I took a quick review of the books I have read, and would like to recommend those I feel are most memorable: "White Smoke" by Andrew Greeley, "The Plan" by Stephen Cannell, "Hong Kong China" by Ralph Arnote, and "Durable Goods" by Elizabeth Berg.

Give yourself a gift, and take time to read.



Pat Williams  
Paperback Book  
Reviewer

## HUMANE SOCIETY



Pictured: ARIELLA - tortoise shell, calico, spayed female, 1 1/2 years old.

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

**REGINA** - cream color point, spayed female, 2 years old, needs lots of TLC.

**GOSSIP** - gray tabby, striped male, 4 months old, a real talker.

**LICORICE** - black male, bob-tail, 4 months old.

**BERYL** - female tortoise shell, 3 months old.

**MISTY** - black and white spayed female, declawed, 5 years old.

**SAMPSON** - lavender and white tabby, striped male, 10 months old.

**SAILOR** - large black male, neutered, 1 year old, very bossy.

**WANDA** - blue cream tortoise shell, spayed female, 1 year old.

**SPOT** - brown and white male, tabby striped, 6 months old, very loving.

**KITTENS** - 6 weeks old, 3 white, 1 gray tabby striped.

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

Mindel, a third year student at Brooklyn Law School and a crossword devotee, worked the puzzle over brunch recently at a restaurant, while Gottlieb, a lawyer, sat across from her, pretending to read the paper.

As the puzzle took shape, she found her first name (18 Across: poet Dickinson), Gottlieb's first name (14 Across: Microsoft chief, to some) and the three long answers that provided the puzzle's theme: "Modest Proposal" (20 Across: 1729 Jonathan Swift pamphlet, with "A"); "This Diamond Ring" (38 Across: 1965 Gary Lewis and the Playboys hit); and "Will You Marry Me" (56 Across: 1992 Paula Abdul hit, with Stevie Wonder on harmonica).

A quarter of the way through the crossword, Mindel said, her heart began to race.

"In the back of my mind, I thought this has to be for me, but it can't be," she said. "It was just too coincidental."

Gottlieb affected a detached air.

"Every time I said, 'Oh, my name is in the puzzle,' he said, 'Oh really?' and went back to reading the paper," she

recalled.

Gottlieb picked up the story: "Four letters from being done, her voice is sort of quivering and she says, 'This puzzle ...'"

"I said, 'What do you mean?'"

"She says, 'This puzzle ...'"

"I just kissed her and said, 'Will you marry me?'"

Mindel's response was identical to the answer to 57 Down: "Yes."

Gottlieb, who grew up in Hawaii, began dating Mindel, a native New Yorker, in 1996 after they were introduced by relatives.

He sought Times puzzle editor Will Shortz's assistance last fall, after trying and failing to create his own puzzle proposal.

"I guess it's a special skill one develops over time," Gottlieb said.

Shortz, who had never met Gottlieb or personalized a puzzle before, liked the idea. He came up with the three theme answers, then gave them to Bob Klahn, one of the Times' top puzzle constructors.

Klahn added a few romantic touches of his own. The answer to 55 Down ("Fiddler on the Roof" matchmaker) was yente; the clue for 5 Across was "Romeo"; and Mindel's last name was hidden in the puzzle, in the adjacent answers to 59 Across (Mind) and 60 Across (Elope).

"Normally a crossword is something two-dimensional in the paper," Shortz said. "In this case, it gave the puzzle a third dimension."

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Mike: It can be, depending on many factors. Registered breeding stock are expensive, and like any business, there are risks involved. Machinery and pits for handling are also quite expensive but you do get a yearly return. Calves from the cow, velvet from the bulls, also sale of breeding stock. Cold weather doesn't bother them and we have plenty of shade in summer. An elk is fully mature at about 3 years of age.

The Colemans still raise cattle and also run a exotic game ranch in Borden County with over 15 varieties of animals in a natural setting.

*Special thanks to my daughter Lola Lamb, partner, photographer, transportation and good buddy, and for the gracious hospitality of Mike Coleman and his family.*

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## Drug ads may boost product sales, but patient demands anger doctors

NEW YORK (AP) - In Lewisburg, Tenn., patients who never asked for a drug by name are suddenly demanding the cholesterol reducer Zocor from family doctor Clay Wilson.

People with allergies ask Los Angeles Dr. John Brodhead for Claritin. In Dallas, psychiatrist Madhukar Trivedi is fending off depressed patients who "need" Prozac.

A surge in TV commercials for prescription medicines such as the herpes drug Valtrex and the contraceptive Depo-Provera has led to an increase in the number of patients demanding drugs by name. It has also led to a rise in doctors' temperatures.

What happens is that the physician not only has to defend what he's going to prescribe, but he's got to defend what he's not going to prescribe," Wilson lamented.

Although drug makers say the spots put new patients in doctors' waiting rooms, physicians complain that the ill-informed are increasingly demanding drugs they discovered during "Touched by an Angel" and "Suddenly Susan" whether their doctor recommends them or not.

Last August, the Food and Drug Administration relaxed the rules governing TV drug commercials, and pharmaceutical companies and advertisers expect the television advertising blitz to increase.

"It's out of control," said Dr. Sidney Wolfe of consumer group Public Citizen. "The combination of the misinformed doctors and the misinformed patients leads to a rise in prescriptions being written which shouldn't be written."

Drug makers spent \$277 million advertising prescription drugs on TV in the first nine months of 1997 - 52 percent more than they spent during the same period in 1996, according to Nielson Media Research.

Among the viewers is University of Chicago student Michelle Miles, who doesn't think 30 seconds is long enough to convey complex medical issues.

"The magazine ads are better because you get the full page explaining all of the side effects, and you can't do that on TV," said Ms. Miles, 32.

Many doctors agree, according to a recent survey of nearly 5,000 physicians by industry researcher IMS America and

the Internet service Physicians Online. Nine out of 10 doctors in the survey said the same number or more patients asked for specific brand-name drugs last year. More than 60 percent want drug makers to cut back or pull the plug on TV advertising.

Drug makers point out that the ads put patients in doctors' waiting rooms. Merck & Co., the biggest buyer of TV commercials for prescription drugs during the first half of 1996 at \$30.7 million, says its ads could prompt the 60 percent of heart disease sufferers who aren't treated to get help.

"Physicians remain our most important audience, but they can't treat people who don't show up in their office," said Julie Dean, spokeswoman for Glaxo Wellcome, the No. 3 spender at \$19.8 million through June 1997. Glaxo's ads vow to suppress genital herpes with Valtrex, "just once a day."

Doctors concede the ads appear to bring in more patients. Besides, it's the doctor, not the patient, who writes the prescription, said Brodhead, associate professor of medicine at USC University Hospital.

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## GRIFFITH

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call and me. I get close to the calf, jump out, grab him up and back into the cab before momma gets there. I hold him in my lap to ear tag and give him his shots.

After that I have to get clear enough to put junior back on the ground and get out of her way.

In the juvenile pen, Mike keeps a very gentle cow, hoping she will help keep the youngsters calm. They seemed quite nervous and flighty. He said they do not make pets of the elk, but this particular cow followed him about, begging to have her head and jaws scratched. "She wouldn't hurt anyone," Mike told us.

However, elk are curious animals and investigate anything different in their pens.

If a dog or coyote should get into the enclosure, he'd soon be "dead meat." Their instinct is still strong from fighting wolves and grizzlies in years gone by. They eat very little at this time of year, Mike told us.

In the wild, food is scarce during winter and nature slows their metabolism down to prepare them for short rations. They lie around mostly and conserve energy at this time.

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slow moving creatures, except in mating (rutting season) Mike said, but during that time they all TALK. The cows make certain sounds, the heifers another and the bulls bawle. It's a constant racket. We do have a lot of noise around here during that season.

Question: Isn't it expensive to get into elk ranching?

Mike: It can be, depending on many factors. Registered breeding stock are expensive, and like any business, there are risks involved. Machinery and pits for handling are also quite expensive but you do get a yearly return. Calves from the cow, velvet from the bulls, also sale of breeding stock. Cold weather doesn't bother them and we have plenty of shade in summer. An elk is fully mature at about 3 years of age.

The Colemans still raise cattle and also run a exotic game ranch in Borden County with over 15 varieties of animals in a natural setting.

*Special thanks to my daughter Lola Lamb, partner, photographer, transportation and good buddy, and for the gracious hospitality of Mike Coleman and his family.*

MIAMI (AP) - Memo to alligator wrestlers: Never let 'em see or feel you sweat.

Kenny Cypress of the Micasukee Indian Village west of Miami had his head inside an alligator's open jaws recently when a few drops of sweat rolled off his face. It put him in mortal danger.

As 200 people looked on, the 10-foot, 350-pound alligator clamped down on Cypress' head and wouldn't let go for about two minutes. Friends wedged metal pipes in the alligator's mouth to free Cypress, who was taken to Columbia Kendall Medical Center and released a few hours later.

"I've got holes in my skull and my face from where he was throwing me around," he said. "He was squeezing just as hard as he could."

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# ON THE MENU

**SENIOR CITIZENS CENTER**  
MONDAY-CLOSED  
TUESDAY-Catfish, potatoes, coleslaw, squash, milk/rolls, pudding.  
WEDNESDAY-Ham, macaroni & cheese, mixed vegetables, fruited gelatin, milk/roll, cookies.  
THURSDAY-Smothered steak, baked potatoes, broccoli, pea salad, milk/rolls, fruit.  
FRIDAY-Roast beef, potatoes, peas, & carrots, tossed salad, milk/rolls, fruit.

**COAHOMA SCHOOLS**  
MONDAY-Spaghetti w/ meat (Cheese nachos), corn, carrot sticks, bread, milk.  
TUESDAY-Stew (burrito, fries), stromboli, jello w/fruit,

milk.  
WEDNESDAY-Green enchiladas (corn dogs), pinto beans, salad, milk.  
THURSDAY-Hamburger, fries, lettuce, tomatoes, pickles, cherry cobbler, milk.  
FRIDAY-Chicken nuggets w/gravy (barbecue on bun), mashed potatoes, green beans, bread, milk.

**BIG SPRING SCHOOLS**  
MONDAY-Chicken fried steak (BBQ on bun), whipped potatoes, glazed carrots, rosy applesauce, hot roll, milk.  
TUESDAY-Turkey spaghetti (charbroiled meatballs), potato rounds, broccoli w/cheese, pear halves, hot rolls, milk.  
WEDNESDAY-Nacho grande (chef salad, crackers), corn, border beans, orange, milk.  
THURSDAY-Chicken nuggets (stromboli), potato wedges, green beans, sliced peaches, hot roll, milk.  
FRIDAY-Sloppy joe (fried chicken), pickle slices, french fries, western style beans,

cookie, milk.  
**STANTON SCHOOLS**  
MONDAY-Riblet on bun or cheeseburger, hamburger salad, french fries/catsup, mixed fruit, fruit drink, milk.  
TUESDAY-Spaghetti or hot pocket, green beans, tossed salad, peaches, french bread, fruit drink, milk.  
WEDNESDAY-Beef taco or fajita, pinto beans, lettuce/tomato salad, mixed fruit, cornbread, fruit drink, milk.  
THURSDAY-Hot dog/chili or bar-b-q on a bun, potato rounds/catsup, carrot/celery stick, apple wedges, fruit drink, milk.  
FRIDAY-STAFF DEVELOPMENT.

**SANDS SCHOOLS**  
MONDAY-Sandwiches, beef & vegetable soup, potato chips, ice cream, milk.  
TUESDAY-Fried chicken w/gravy, mashed potatoes, green beans, jello, hot rolls,

milk.  
WEDNESDAY-Taco salad, chips, lettuce & tomatoes, pinto beans, fruit, milk.  
THURSDAY-Steak fingers w/gravy, whole new potatoes, june peas w/carrots, hot rolls, milk.  
FRIDAY- Pizza, salad, corn fruit, milk.

**GARDEN CITY SCHOOLS**  
MONDAY-Chicken nuggets, gravy, rice, broccoli, applesauce, rice, milk.  
TUESDAY-Green beef enchiladas, salad, corn, fruit cocktail cake, cornbread, milk.  
WEDNESDAY-Beef stew, coleslaw, cheesesticks, vanilla pudding, saltine crackers, milk.  
THURSDAY-Taco salad, cheese, lettuce, tomatoes, Spanish rice, jello/fruit mix, milk.  
FRIDAY-Hot dogs/chili, cheese, french fries, vegetarian beans, cookie, milk.

**WESTBROOK SCHOOLS**  
MONDAY-Chicken pot pie, blackeyed peas, sweet potatoes, biscuits, applesauce, milk.  
TUESDAY-Salisbury steak, gravy, broccoli & cheese, corn, fruit cup, batter bread, milk.  
WEDNESDAY-Baked turkey, creamed potatoes, green beans, hot rolls, syrup, honey, milk...  
THURSDAY-Frito pie, pinto beans, carrot & celery stick, peaches, cornbread, milk.  
FRIDAY-Hamburgers, lettuce, tomato, onion, pickles, french fries, goodie bar, milk.

**GRADY SCHOOLS**  
MONDAY-Corn dogs, french fries, fruit, dessert, and milk.  
TUESDAY-Stew, cornbread, dessert, milk.  
WEDNESDAY-Chicken strips, mashed potatoes, green beans, dessert, rolls, milk.  
THURSDAY-Frito pie, beans, fruit, dessert, milk.  
FRIDAY-Hamburgers, french fries, fruit, dessert, milk.

**FORSAN SCHOOLS**  
MONDAY-Pizza, corn, salad, graham crackers/peanut butter, fruit, milk.  
TUESDAY-Spaghetti/meat sauce, blackeyed peas, salad, bread sticks, fruit, milk.  
WEDNESDAY-Bar-b-que on a bun, ranch style beans, potato salad, cookies/fruit, milk.  
THURSDAY-Chicken nuggets/pickles, hot rolls, fruit, milk.  
FRIDAY-Hamburgers, french fries, salad, pickles/onions, pudding, milk.

**ELBOW SCHOOL**  
MONDAY-Fajitas, spanish rice, salad, fruit, milk.  
TUESDAY-Burritos, new potatoes, carrots, fruit, milk.  
WEDNESDAY-Beef stew, corn, fruit, cornbread, milk.  
THURSDAY-Ham and pasta, salad, green beans, pears, milk.  
FRIDAY-Meat & cheese sandwich, chips, veggies, apple, milk.

# STORK CLUB

Christopher Lee Rios, boy, Dec. 26, 1997, 7:41 p.m., five pounds and 15 inches long; parents are Lisa Rodriguez and Theodore Rios.  
Grandparents are Alfonso and Rosalinda Rodriguez and Luis and Erlinda Rios.

Ethan Mikael Morelion, boy, Dec. 29, 1997, 5:45 a.m., seven pounds eight ounces and 19 1/2 inches long; parents are Abel and Lucy Morelion.  
Grandparents are Frank and Jane Vela and John and the late Agnes Morelion, all of Big Spring.

Matilde Andrea Sotelo, girl, Dec. 29, 1997, 4:45 p.m., six pounds 12 ounces and 19 inches long; parents are John A. Sotelo and Anna Lisa Sotelo.  
Grandparents are Willie and Leonor Sotelo, Big Spring, Louis and Lupe Escalona, Houston, and Dora Pate, Fairfield.

Timothy Lazarus Yanez, boy, Dec. 29, 1997, 2:30 p.m., eight pounds 1 1/4 ounce and 21 inches long; parents are Tim Yanez and Melanie Liedecke.  
Grandparents are Lupe Liedecke, John Liedecke, Oscar Yanez and Mary Lou Yanez, all of Big Spring.

Ja'Varis Hakeim Marquae Threats, boy, Dec. 31, 1997, 8:08, seven pounds one ounce and 19 3/4 inches long; mother is Tammy Lang.  
Grandparent is Letha Lang, Big Spring.

Dylan Mikael Segundo, boy, Jan. 1, 1998, 3:45 p.m., seven pounds 11 ounces and 21 inches long; parents are Clarissa Segundo, Big Spring, and Jonathan Lopez, Dallas.  
Grandparents are Anna Segundo, Big Spring, Sammy Segundo, San Antonio, and Ester and Joe Lopez, Dallas.

Akkey Thaquinn McVae, boy, Jan. 5, 1998, 1:44 p.m., six pounds 2.7 ounces and 19 3/4 inches long; parents are Misty Porter and Toma McVae.  
Grandparents are Gracie M. Porter and Elizabeth Perkins, both of Big Spring.

Valarie Alexandra Estill, girl, Jan. 8, 1998, 12:37 p.m., seven pounds six ounces, 20 1/2 inches long; parents are Brad and Darla Estill.  
Grandparents are Bill and Darlene Hipp, Big Spring, and Don and Betty Estill, Humble.

Reubena Skylynn Rios, girl, Dec. 10, 1997, 11:51 a.m., seven pounds six ounces and 19 1/2 inches long; parents are Reuben and Andrea Rios.  
Grandparents are Librado Calderon, Big Spring, and Innocencio Rios, Stanton.

# Hottest new body-art trend just temporary

By LISA JONES TOWNSEL  
St. Louis Post-Dispatch

It's not quite a tattoo. It's not quite jewelry, either. Mehndi — an ancient art form that has taken hold in modern America — is something in between.

Elaborate, decorative and exotic, this temporary body-painting technique dates back 7,000 years and relies solely on the natural dye of the herbal henna plant to paint the skin.

In Moslem and Hindu religious traditions, brides-to-be painted their hands and feet before their wedding celebrations. According to legend, a bride was not supposed to do any household chores until the dye faded or washed away. (Typically, henna designs last from 10 days to six weeks.)

"She's supposed to lie like a queen. She's not going to do anything. She's waited on" hand and foot, explains Farida Remtula Foster, a Mehndi artist in St. Louis.

Mehndi is no longer just a religious symbol, it's a fashion passion.

The dazzling designs pop up on magazine covers and on fashion runways.

Celebrities like Demi Moore, Prince, Mira Sorvino and singer Erykah Badu sport the bold, mysterious designs — and not just on their hands and feet.

Modern-day Mehndi creations may adorn the neck, ankles, stomach and forearms, too.

Ashwin Petal, owner of SEEMA Enterprises, an Indian-Pakistani grocery, says Mehndi offers something that permanent tattoos cannot: safety and a short-term commitment.

Jean-Chris Miller, author of "The Body Art Book" (Berkley, \$12), agrees.

"It's becoming one of the hottest body-art trends of the late '90s since it's not as temporary as body paint or as permanent as a real tattoo," she says. "There's no pain involved, and the work can be done anywhere on your body."

For Foster, a native of Malawi, Mehndi has always been a staple of her culture.

Mehndi requires basically one key ingredient — henna, which must be dried and ground into a powder before use.

To make Mehndi designs, Foster mixes the powdery substance with lemon juice and boiling water (some people use oils) to create a thin, dark paste.

# GETTING ENGAGED

Michelle Renae Knapp, Columbus, Ga., and Timothy Lee Badura, Genoa, Neb., will exchange wedding vows on April 18, 1998, at St. Leo Catholic Church in Omaha, Neb.

She is the daughter of John and Melody Knapp, Papillion, Neb., and the granddaughter of Ethel and Frank Knapp, Big Spring.

He is the son of Sandy and Robert Badura, Genoa, Neb.



Zach Zilai and Jason Cerdo, students in the Big Spring High School criminal justice class, go through a mock accident scene as part of their classwork. Students were learning how to complete accident reports and conduct accident investigations.

# Ballot-stuffing scandal rocks soap opera awards.

LOS ANGELES (AP) — Soap operas are usually loaded with sex, intrigue and revenge. Now an alleged attempt at award-stuffing is part of the picture.

New ballots were issued for the 1997 Soap Opera Digest Awards after someone associated with one of ABC's daytime dramas was suspected of trying to stuff the ballot box.

Numerous copies of Soap Opera Digest's Nov. 11 news-

stand issue — that's the one with the annual readers' poll ballot — were improperly bought from a wholesale distributor, ABC said in a statement Monday.

Neither the ABC soap opera nor the person involved were identified.

NBC threatened to pull the awards show unless another vote was tallied, and the magazine included a new ballot for its 600,000 subscribers in its

Jan. 27 issue.

This time, newsstand copies will not include the new ballot.

"We're happy that we could arrive at a solution to the problem that will make the daytime industry comfortable with the results of the competition," said Lynn Leahey, Soap Opera Digest's editor-in-chief.

The awards ceremony is scheduled to air Feb. 27.



Emily Shirey and James Yarish, both of Rockwall, will unite in marriage on Feb. 14, 1998, at The Victorian House Chapel in Kaufman with John Holt officiating.

She is the daughter of Patsy Shirey, Odessa.

He is the son of Catherine Yarish, Bedford.

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Crossroads' expansion aimed at better service

By STEVE REAGAN Staff Writer

Big Spring's first Internet provider, Crossroads Communications, recently began an expansion that its owner said will greatly improve service to customers.

about three weeks now," Peurifoy said. "We're in the process of converting some of our customers as we speak ... We're sinking a whole lot of money into this system."

Switching to a digital system will have a number of advantages, Peurifoy said. It will triple the company's capacity, meaning that it will be much easier for customers to log onto the Internet. Also, there will be no busy signals,

he promised. Downloads off the Internet will be much faster, Peurifoy said. The service will be much more reliable than before. The switchover also will greatly improve e-mail services, he noted. "People are going to love it," Peurifoy said. "It's going to be so much better than before. Basically, there's no better way to do it. It's truly state of the art."

Crossroads, which has between 1,000-2,000 customers in its service area, has experienced a gradual expansion almost since its inception. This newest change is simply a continuation of the process, Peurifoy said.

"We had to grow the company gradually when we first started," he said. "Now that we've established ourselves, we're going to sink even more money into it to take ourselves

to the next level." He admitted that the expansion also was in response to increased competition from out-of-town Internet providers, but also as a way of saying thanks to Crossroads customers.

"This way, we'll keep the revenue generated in Big Spring ... as Big Spring tax dollars, and as that revenue is generated, we'll continue to improve." The changeover will continue at least for the next few weeks,

Peurifoy said. As soon as more digital lines become available, company officials will bring them on line.

Peurifoy said the changeover isn't proceeding as fast as he would like, but assured customers it will be well worth the wait. "Whatever problem people have been having — assuming it's not user error — people are going to see a tremendous improvement," he said.

Cotton conference set for Monday

Each year things slow down some during the months of January through March for most agricultural producers. Because of this slow time, there have been two regional cotton conferences scheduled for the Big Spring area.



David Kight County Agent

Both of these conferences are offering producers an opportunity to receive continuing education units that are required by law as well as the latest technological information, marketing strategies and other current related problems such as the cotton boll weevil and others.

The first conference, the Southern Mesa Agricultural Conference, begins Monday morning at the Dawson County Annex Building in Lamesa. If you may know the building as the old Church of Christ building, which is a couple of blocks from the court house on North Street.

The conference is a direct result of producer requests for educational programming and information on regulation and other affecting Texas agriculture.

THE EYES HAVE IT



Cynthia and John Marshall prepare to cut the ribbon at a recent ceremony recognizing Eye Associates and Specs & Co. in its new location at 2311 Scurry. The Marshalls are joined by members of the Big Spring Area Chamber of Commerce and the Ambassadors group.

Texas AFL-CIO launches base-building campaign

AUSTIN (AP) — Still basking in victories by organized labor such as the United Parcel Service strike last year, the Texas AFL-CIO has launched a campaign to revitalize its base and criticize the record of Gov. George W. Bush.

224,000, ending a roughly 15-year slide that started with the oil bust in the 1980s and dropped membership to around 200,000. The high point in membership came in the late 1970s, when the Texas AFL-CIO claimed 290,000.

The people we bring in now need to form a new generation of leadership and bring in new members." Organized labor enjoyed a well-publicized victory last year when the Teamsters struck UPS and helped land a new five-year contract for employees that included better pay, pension and health plans.

Judge says no to change-of-venue

AMARILLO (AP) — A federal judge has refused to move a beef defamation trial against Oprah Winfrey to Dallas and has kept in place an order to all parties not to discuss the case with outsiders.

Chamber of Commerce President Gary Molberg retracted statements he made in a memo to employees barring them from attending tapings of Ms. Winfrey's show at the Amarillo Little Theater.

Insurance discount ordered for hail-resistant roofs

AUSTIN (AP) — The dreadful cost of repairing a roof now damaged with a hailstorm in Texas has been cut in half, Texas Insurance Commissioner Elton Bomer on Wednesday ordered insurers to give homeowners a discount of up to 40 percent for replacing old damaged roofs with new hail-resistant roofs.

Hail resistant roofs installed on buildings with dwelling insurance will be eligible for discounts up to 40 percent. Big Spring residents would be eligible for discounts ranging from 30 percent for installing Class 1 roofs up to 35 percent for having a Class 4 roof.

The majority of that damage was to roofs. Bomer said offering discounts for better roofs will reduce claims, saving money for insurers and homeowners. The commissioner gave insurance companies the option of extending discounts to homeowners who installed hail resistant roofs before Feb. 17.

To qualify for the discounts, roofing materials must pass impact resistance tests developed by one of five testing laboratories approved by the department. They must be rated between one and four for resistance, one being the lowest rating.

do anything about the weather but we can do something to help our customers shield themselves from the reality of \$1 billion hail storms," said Charity Judah, a spokeswoman for Southwestern Insurance Information Service, an industry trade group.

"We need some practical experience and a better understanding of how these roofs perform under the Texas sun and Texas' spring storms," he said. Bomer ordered the discounts to apply to all roofing materials except metal.



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Walter Sherman Pennington, 53, and Judy Walker Pennington, 43  
Francis V. Oliver, 20, and Rachel Catherine Leapage, 18  
**County Court:**

**Deed Records:**  
**Warranty Deeds:**  
grantor: Carol Rains Turner  
grantee: Gregory Stephen Turner  
property: lots 28-32, blk. 21, Original Town of Coahoma  
filed: Jan. 5, 1998  
grantor: Earl B. Guitler  
grantee: Earl B. Guitler, Jr.  
property: the surface estate only of the north 1/2 of the west 1/2 of section 11, Bauer & Cockrell Survey  
filed: Jan. 5, 1998  
grantor: Citizens Federal Credit Union  
grantee: Francisco Martinez and Rosario Martinez  
property: lot 3, blk. 2A, Belvue Addition  
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grantor: Midfirst Bank  
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property: the west portion of lot 1, blk. 17, Cedar Crest Addition  
filed: Jan. 6, 1998  
grantor: James W. Haynes  
grantee: Chuck Rosenbaum  
property: all of lot 10 and the south 27' of lot 11, blk. 10, Washington Place Addition  
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property: all of lot 1, blk. 14, North Park Hill Addition  
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filed: Jan. 8, 1998  
grantor: Edward J. Mendez, Jr. and Belsora Mendez  
grantee: Cheryl Ann Alcantar  
property: lot 9, blk. 7, Earles Addition  
filed: Jan. 8, 1998  
Grant Deed:  
grantor: Lendon Esco Hamlin  
grantee: Kevin E. Hamlin  
property: an undivided 4/64ths interest in section 19, blk. 32, T-2N, T&P Ry. Co.  
filed: Jan. 7, 1998  
grantor: Clifton Lee (Pete) Cook  
grantee: Peggy Joann Pirtle  
property: tract 1: an undivided 1/9th interest in and to the east 1/4 of section 25, blk. 34, T-2N, T&P Ry. Co.; tract 2: an undivided 1/9th interest in and to the west 1/2 of section 24, blk. 34, T-2N, T&P Ry. Co.  
filed: Jan. 8, 1998  
grantor: Clifton Lee (Pete) Cook  
grantee: Clifton William Cook  
property: tract 1: an undivided 1/9th interest in and to the east 1/4 of section 25, blk. 34, T-2N, T&P Ry. Co.; tract 2: an undivided 1/9th interest in and to the west 1/2 of section 24, blk. 34, T-2N, T&P Ry. Co.  
filed: Jan. 8, 1998  
Warranty deed with vendor's lien:  
grantor: Raymond E. Harsh and Faith Harsh  
grantee: Joe D. and Cheryl L. Budd  
property: two tracts of land out of the Silver Heels Subdivision, section 18, blk. 32, T-1-S, T&P RR Co.  
filed: Jan. 5, 1998  
grantor: Chuck Rosenbaum  
grantee: Mark Maas  
property: all of lot 10, and the south 27' of lot 11, blk. 10, Washington Place Addition  
filed: Jan. 8, 1998  
grantor: G. Ben Bancroft, Kay J. Bancroft, Drew Mouton, Glynna Mouton, Troyce G. Wolf and Julie Wolf  
grantee: Cajun Development Corp.  
property: the west 50' of the east 90' of lots 11 and 12, blk. 28, Original Town of Big Spring  
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Trustee's deed:  
Quit claim deed:  
grantor: Repps Bedford Guitler  
grantee: Kerry E. Blair  
property: the northwest 1/4 and west 1/2 of the northeast 1/4 of section 22, blk. "A", Bauer & Cockrell Survey  
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# Right pitch can increase odds of gaining concessions

By DIANE KUNDE  
The Dallas Morning News

DALLAS — When Kris McKnight proposed a new working arrangement to her boss, she handed over 16 pages of supporting documentation. "What I wanted to do was make sure my company wasn't uneasy," she said. As Southwest region executive director for the U.S. Chamber of Commerce, Ms. McKnight successfully argued that she could be more effective as a "road warrior" - working out of her Oklahoma City home with a laptop computer rather than at a regional office. "Because it was new, I wanted to make sure I covered all the red flags my boss and personnel would raise," she said. Her concern wasn't unique. Even as more companies tout flexible work options, individual workers remain fearful of raising the issue. A recent survey by Dallas telecommuting consultant Dr. Joanne Pratt, for instance, found that 61 percent of workers who wanted to telecommute hadn't raised the subject with their bosses. "The wannabes sort of lie low until they see that their managers really support it," Dr. Pratt said. "My sense is they're very wary of exposing themselves." There's virtually no risk in making a proposal, especially if it's couched in business terms, said Dr. Pratt and others. Sure, supervisors can always say no, and some will. Ellen Bravo, executive director of 9to5 National Association of Working Women, remembers a caller whose boss objected to time off for her husband's biopsy. "It was his biopsy, not hers, the boss told her." Still, the trend is toward allowing valued employees more flexibility in hours and location of work, a process made easier by computers,

faxes and cellular phones. And it's likely to accelerate in today's tight labor market. Companies such as Texas Instruments Inc. and Nortel are taking pains to send the message that it's OK to explore flexible work options. Nortel even trains employees in the nuances of telecommuting, said Jack Deere, who works from home as assistant vice president for diversity and work life. Texas Instruments is revamping policies and training, said Betty Purkey, work/life coordinator. "We're going to be much more formal in communicating that anyone can ask," Ms. Purkey said. As with any other type of business proposal, there's a science to all of this, say those who've done it. Here are some of their tips: Think it through. "You have to figure out 'What's my goal here? Is it fewer hours, or maybe just different hours?' You should also ask yourself, 'What can I afford; what are the opportunities and risks?'" said Ms. Bravo of 9to5. When Diane Holcomb returned to TI after a leave of absence, she wanted to work fewer hours - but five days a week. "In my opinion, if you're here every day, you have a much better chance of succeeding," she said. She interviewed for several jobs that she proposed to do in a 32-hour week. Ms. Holcomb is now a business analyst doing database maintenance and programming. Put it in writing. In consultation with Dr. Pratt, Ms. McKnight of the U.S. Chamber used her 16 pages of prose to demonstrate the cost savings of a mobile office and describe a typical day. She included maps to show she could travel more effectively around her five states from Oklahoma City. Explain the business case. Ms. McKnight proposed the

mobile office in 1996, after she married and moved from Dallas to Oklahoma, where her husband is president of the state chamber. But she didn't emphasize her personal agenda in the proposal. "The key thing to outline is why this arrangement is a good business decision for your company," Ms. McKnight said. She demonstrated, for instance, that she could make more effective use of time by processing paperwork on the road using her laptop. Now all regional staff members are being outfitted with laptops, she said. Seek out precedents. It helps if they're in your own firm, said Lisa Wood and Nancy Young, account executives at Exhibitgroup/Giltspur, a Chicago-based builder of trade show, retail and museum exhibits with offices in Grapevine. Two years ago, estimator Lisa Riales negotiated the first telecommuting arrangement in the local office. Ms. Young and Ms. Wood sought her out when designing their own proposals to work sales territories from home. "The fact that it was already being done gave us a stronger position," said Ms. Wood, who wanted more time with her infant daughter. About six of the firm's 100 Dallas-area employees now work from home at least part time or have otherwise adjusted their hours, said Ben Einer, vice president of operations. "The person has to be very self-directed," Einer said. "But our people are generally very, very good. I can't complain." Measure results. That's pretty straightforward for Ms. Wood, who works on commission. For Ms. McKnight of the U.S. Chamber, it's important to build relationships with members. So she documents phone contacts.

# Community involvement key to good business relationships

By NANCY MICHAELS  
Scripps Howard News Service

As we head toward a new century, it's natural to reflect back on what sort of job we've done and the type of role we've played in making the world a better place. If you haven't already set up a civic marketing program, now is the time to do it. Increasingly, the public is looking to do business with companies that demonstrate a commitment to its neighbors and that contribute to the betterment of the community. In a study by Frankel & Company, 69 percent of consumers say they've taken part in a marketing promotion because of its tie-in to a cause they believe in. But increasing sales shouldn't be the main reason to launch a civic marketing campaign, and for most corporate executives it isn't. A 1996 survey of 70 executives commissioned by Cone Communications showed companies do cause-related marketing to:  
-Build better relationships with customers (93 percent)  
-Enhance their corporate

image and reputation (89 percent)  
-Create a new platform (61 percent)  
-Maintain or create a compelling corporate purpose (59 percent)  
Only half of those surveyed say increasing sales is a major reason to do cause-related marketing. A well-thought out civic marketing campaign helps forge long lasting bonds with customers. To make sure yours achieves its goals, solicit advice from your customers and clients through a printed questionnaire. Include the following questions:  
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-Racial and ethnic understanding  
-Poverty  
-Other  
What do you perceive as being the dominant issues in the community? (ex., youth violence; drop-out rates; pollution; public safety?)  
Would you rather see us:  
-Donate profits  
-Volunteer time  
-Donate equipment  
-Provide gratis service  
As I've mentioned in previous columns, the most effective civic marketing campaigns are those that form a natural link with your business. Here are some specific suggestions:  
If your business caters to families (bookstore, day care), consider supporting youth sports, child welfare projects, literacy programs.  
If your business involves food (restaurant, caterer, coffee shop, grocer), consider supporting food banks, homeless shelters, soup kitchens.  
If your business caters to women (hair salon, aerobics), consider supporting spousal abuse prevention, shelters for battered women, breast cancer research and prevention.

# Congratulations On A Great Year



Pictured left to right: Les Strickland - Adjuster, John Burson, Agent - Viena Pope, Secretary - Brandon Luce, Manager - Deanie Burdette, Secretary - Ronnie Palmer, Agent - Richard Atkins, Agent.

# Howard County Farm Bureau staff honored

Congratulations to the Howard County Farm Bureau Insurance staff for their outstanding accomplishments in 1997. The agency finished number ten in the entire company in collected annuity premium with \$1,055,000. They were also named the top multi line agency in district 5 this year. The Howard County Farm Bureau is located at 1205 E. 11th Place. They have been serving the insurance needs of Howard County over fifty years. The staff would like to say thanks to all their local customers for making these accomplishments possible.



**Ronnie Palmer** - insurance agent at Howard County Farm Bureau was recently recognized as a Master Agent for 1997. This award ranks him in the top 5 percent of agents in Texas for multi line sales. Ronnie has been a master agent 6 times. He has finished as a top 10 life agent several times.  
**John Burson** - insurance agent at Howard County Farm Bureau since May of 1993 was honored with the Master Agent Award for 1997. This is the 4th year in a row that John has received this honor, ranking him in the top five percent of agents in Texas for multi line insurance sales. A resident of Howard County for the last 25 years, John has enjoyed great success with Farm Bureau. He was the top agent in his division in 1994 and 1995.  
**Richard Atkins** - insurance agent at Howard County Farm Bureau since May of 1997 was honored with the master agent award for 1997, ranking him in the top 5 percent of the agents in Texas for multi line insurance sales. A life long resident of Howard County, Richard has enjoyed increasing success with Farm Bureau. He is also the top agent in his division for 1997.

# Injured riders reach settlement of \$3.54 million with Rattler builder

SAN ANTONIO (AP) — Twenty-seven people who claim they were injured on a wooden roller coaster at Six Flags Fiesta Texas have settled lawsuits with the coaster's builder for \$3.54 million. Plaintiffs' attorneys reached the agreement Tuesday with defendants Marvin M. Black Construction Co. and two subsidiaries. The court cases date to 1992, when riders of "The Rattler" wooden roller coaster claimed they were injured. The Fiesta Texas patrons said they suffered injured necks, backs and spinal cords. Settlements for individual plaintiffs range from \$8,000 to \$625,000, said Randall Jackson, a lead attorney for the plaintiffs. The 27 injury claims had been consolidated into one by state District Judge Janet Littlejohn. Fiesta Texas, a co-defendant in the lawsuits, has settled with many of the plaintiffs individually, Jackson said. Fiesta Texas has maintained the roller coaster is safe. "The Rattler" was the main attraction when Fiesta Texas opened in 1992. It was billed as the "tallest, steepest and fastest" wooden roller coaster in the world and included a 182-foot drop. A revamping before the 1994 season toned down the ride and made the drop shorter. Despite Tuesday's settlement, about 20 lawsuits are still pending against the Atlanta company, Jackson said.

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Clinic, has an immediate  
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Requirements include a minimum of  
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have chrome experience. Also, must  
have minimum pipefitting skills with  
ability to expand knowledge. Safety  
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resume to:  
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Big Spring, TX 79721  
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WEST TEXAS CENTERS  
FOR MHMR  
Job opening for  
CHILDREN'S  
CASEWORKER in  
HOWARD COUNTY. Will  
be responsible for care  
coordination, performing  
administrative/casework  
intake procedures on clients,  
screening prospective clients  
for possible hospitalization  
and discharge planning,  
performs clinical duties as  
required by treatment team.  
Must have Bachelor's  
degree from an accredited  
college or university with  
major courses in social,  
behavioral, or human  
services. Must maintain  
acceptable driving record.  
Hours: 8-5, M-F, On Call,  
Salary: \$699.69-\$847.40  
BiWeekly, DOE MUST BE  
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CENTERS FOR MHMR  
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PROFESSIONAL  
ENGINEER  
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Experience in construction  
design and project  
management, graduation  
from an accredited college or  
university with major course  
work in civil engineering;  
possession of a Certificate  
of Registration as a  
Professional Engineer.  
Position open until filled.  
Salary DOE. Please send  
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Texas Department of Transportation  
ORDER AUTHORIZING ADVERTISEMENT OF  
JOB VACANCY NOTICE  
The Texas Department of Transportation is accepting  
applications for the following position located in  
Sterling City. Work location is US 0087 North In  
Sterling City.  
TITLE: Transportation Maintenance Tech. I  
SALARY: \$7.86 - 9.88 Per hour  
JOB VACANCY NUMBER: 807-K 511-071  
JOB DESCRIPTION: Under supervision, performs  
maintenance work and operates light equipment and  
operates heavy equipment. Assists in installing and  
maintaining signs and delineators. Patrols highways  
to ensure safety for the public. Work requires contact  
with the public.  
MINIMUM REQUIREMENTS: Roadway mainte-  
nance or heavy equipment operation. Entry level  
position.  
ADDRESS: Application may be mailed to 4502  
Knickerbocker Rd., San Angelo, TX 76904 or any  
TXDOT office.  
RESUMES: Resumes will be accepted for whatever  
additional information they may contain, but not in  
lieu of a complete application.  
CLOSING DATE: January 28, 1998 at 5:00 p.m.  
For additional information about the job qualifica-  
tions, requirements and application contact any  
TXDOT office or call (915) 944-1501.  
An Applicant needing an accommodation in order to  
apply for this job may call the phone number of the  
Human Resources Office for the San Angelo District:  
(915) 947-9201 or the TXDOT Austin Employment  
Office at (512) 416-2994. You may also call the  
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Part-time / Full-time  
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their income. Start at  
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Fulltime booth rental for  
Hairstylist. Pleasant  
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Master's degree in a human  
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Director, MARC, 2701  
North A Street, Midland, TX  
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Immediate need for  
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References required.  
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Experienced preferred, but  
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Travel Center, I-20 & Hwy  
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Driver with CDL Licensed  
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Director. Must have auto  
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ACROSS  
1 Govt. agents  
5 City on Tampa Bay  
15 Leave out  
16 Classic film role of Rosalind Russell  
17 Get up  
18 German spa  
19 Drain screen  
20 Municipal vehicle  
21 Prefix's prefix  
22 Steep-sided, narrow valleys  
24 Surgeon who created a cereal  
28 Made amends  
29 Curtis of "A Fish Called Wanda"  
30 Full of recent info  
31 Stability  
32 Writer Madame de  
33 Hand-woven cloths  
38 Excrete  
43 Rounds of applause  
44 River of B.C., Canada  
45 Slackens  
46 Music teacher  
47 Football coach  
48 Group before the NRC  
49 Waste allowance  
50 Sophia Loren's husband  
55 Declaim wildly  
56 1986 Peace Prize winner  
57 fix  
58 People market  
59 Practical joker  
6 Took a taxi  
6 Feasts on Maui  
7 Concludes  
8 Consumed  
9 Dog's first name  
10 Pattern of intrigue  
11 Docs' group  
12 Future frog  
13 Comes forth  
14 Bridge misplays  
23 Napoleon's general  
24 Lettuce relatives  
25 Old-time actor  
26 Cover  
27 Dawson of football  
29 Bennett and Benoit  
31 Dumbbonds  
32 Pick out  
33 Greeley and Walpole  
34 In general  
35 Tropical malady  
36 Hot time in Paris  
37 Iniquity  
38 Aloft  
39 Of the stomach  
40 Erik of "CHiPs"  
41 More tranquil  
42 Moved at quick pace  
44 Easy  
46 Done! (out)  
48 Latin handle  
51 "My Name is Asher..."  
52 Be in the red  
53 Abyss  
54 the ramparts...

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CITY OF BIG SPRING NOTICE TO BIDDERS
Pursuant to the authority granted by the City Council of the City of Big Spring, Texas, sealed bids will be received until 2:00 p.m. Tuesday, February 10, 1998, for the lease of a Backhoe.

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NOTICE TO BIDDERS
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QUALITY AUCTIONEERS INC.
AUCTION
THURSDAY, JANUARY 22 - 10:00 A.M.
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