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Prather, Worthy honored at chamber banquet

By JOHN H. WALKER
Managing Editor

Longtime community activists Mel Prather and Dr. Louise Bennett Worthy were named as man and woman of the year Friday night by the Big Spring Area Chamber of Commerce.

The announcement was made at the chamber's annual banquet, held at Dorothy Garrett Coliseum.

Prather, a native of East Texas, came to Big Spring in the early 1970s and owns and operates Arts and Crafts Shows, a business that produces more than 40 craft shows around the

Southwest annually.

Worthy is a native of Big Spring and graduated from Big Spring High School in 1945. Her mother and father were Maude and "Doc" Bennett, who was a founder of Hall-Bennett Hospital along with Dr. G.C. Hall.

Both recipients have been active in the community for many years.

Prather was born Aug. 3, 1947 to Mr. and Mrs. Roy Earl Prather in Mount Pleasant. The middle of seven children, he attended Sulphur Springs High School and enlisted in the United States Air Force in August 1965 during the Vietnam war.

Within two years he was promoted to staff sergeant and took early release in September 1969 to attend college.

He is a 1972 graduate of the University of Texas at Austin with a bachelor's degree in journalism and minors in psychology and educational psychology.

Prather came to Big Spring in 1973 when he went to work for then Mayor Wade Choate at Webb Air Force Base Federal Credit Union.

He has served as president of the Ambassador's Club, as chairman of the Convention and Visitors Bureau of the Big Spring Area Chamber of Commerce and as a member of the Friends of the Settles Task

Force.

Also, he has served as a board member of the Old Settlers Reunion and Trail of Lights as assisted with the 4th Fest in 1997.

Prather was named Cultural Affairs Man of the Year in 1990, received the Pat Porter Memorial Award and Pride in Big Spring Award in 1992, West Texas Ag Expo Appreciation Award in 1994 and Ambassador of the Year in both 1995 and 1996.

Over the years he has been involved in numerous charitable organizations and has always proven himself willing

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HERALD photo/Debbie L. Jensen
Mel Prather, left, and Dr. Louise Bennett Worthy were named Man and Woman of the Year at Friday's Chamber of Commerce banquet.



Black History Month

A celebration of African-American contributions

Did you know ...

... that African-Americans first came to the Big Spring area around 1885? Job opportunities with the railroad, cotton fields and oil fields lured African-Americans to this area before the turn of the century. Shortly thereafter, however, an incident involving a black man killing a white man led the white community to drive many black families out of town. Blacks did not permanently settle here until the late 1920s.

... the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People (NAACP) was founded on Feb. 12, 1909, the 100th anniversary of Abraham Lincoln's birthday? The organization celebrates its 89th anniversary this month.

... Howard College first allowed black students to attend classes in 1951, and Big Spring schools became legally desegregated later in the decade?

... that although Texas joined the Confederacy during the Civil War, the state had less than 5 percent of the nation's total slave population? The 1850 census reported 58,161 slaves, about a quarter of the state's population.

... the first slave ships arrived on American shores in the early 1600s?

... Black cowboys were an integral part of the great cattle drives in Texas between 1865 and 1900?

... that the first black dance companies were formed in 1931?

NAACP chapter fights misconceptions about observance

Stephanie Horton has a simple goal during Black History Month.

"There's a lot of people who don't know anything about black history," said Horton, mayor pro-tem for the city of Big Spring and president of the local NAACP chapter. "If we can have somebody during that month learn something about black history, then we've done something."

Black History Month, which will be observed throughout February, is designed to highlight African-American achieve-

ments but is not just for African-Americans.

"There are just so many misconceptions about black history," said Marie Douglas, secretary of the NAACP chapter. "We need to encourage a multi-cultural showcase ... Wherever you are coming from, you just need to come to the events with an open-mindedness and see what you can discover."

Black History Month began in 1926 when Carter G. Woodson, considered by many as the "father of Black History," created Negro History Week.

Woodson's goal was to "popularize the truth ... we are not interested so much in Negro History as in history influenced by the Negro."

In the early 1960s, the word "negro" was replaced with "black" and "African American," and the celebration was renamed Black History Week. Then, during the United States' bicentennial year of 1976, the observance was expanded to an entire month.

The local NAACP (National Association for the Advancement of Colored

People) chapter's major goal this month will be getting out the word on African-American contributions to various segments of American life, including history, arts and culture.

The chapter's main event during February will be a talent show scheduled for 7 p.m. Feb. 28 at the municipal auditorium.

"It will be an appreciation of the variety of talents and gifts that various members of the community possess," Douglas said. "What we really want to

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SWCID, Big Spring ISD schools plan variety of activities

Along with traditional subject matter, local students will learn about African-American achievements this month.

Black History Month will be observed in a variety of ways in the Big Spring and Howard College districts during February, local officials said.

Southwest Collegiate Institute for the Deaf has a variety of activities planned during the month, instructor Leslie Earnest said.

"There will be different activities through the month, culminating with an African style show (Feb. 26)," Earnest said.

SWCID students will model about 60 different outfits, each made from authentic materials.

In addition, poetry reading and a dance will be held that evening.

"It may be one of the largest (events) we have on campus, and the students are very actively involved," Earnest said. "We'll have displays throughout

the month ... and we'll show movies that reflect different aspects of black history.

"It's a real learning experience," she added. "All different cultures get involved, not just black students."

Observing Black History Month is a relatively new affair at SWCID, as this is the fourth year of activities at the schools, Earnest said.

Big Spring ISD officials say that Black History Month will be observed at all grade levels

this month.

Assistant Superintendent Murray Murphy said the district follows the recommendation of the Texas Education Agency to teach different aspects of black history during the month, although such lessons are not mandatory.

"This is something that's been observed ... at Big Spring for quite some time," Murphy said. "It is incorporated into the les

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'Celebration of Life' to honor Malone Monday

By JOHN H. WALKER
Managing Editor

An overflow crowd is expected in the East Room at Dorothy Garrett Coliseum at 4 p.m. Monday for a Celebration of Life Memorial Service to honor Dr. P.W.



MALONE

Malone.

Dr. Malone, who came to Big Spring from Tennessee on July 16, 1930, died Monday, Jan. 26 of complications from a stroke he suffered in December.

Malone, who had served the community in numerous ways, came to Big Spring on July 16, 1930.

He was born on Sept. 15, 1903, in Watertown, Tenn., and married Inez Milligan on Oct. 22, 1927, in Memphis, Tenn. She preceded him in death on Oct. 14, 1995.

He came to Big Spring on July

16, 1930, when he was just out of the University of Tennessee School of Medicine. In 1938 he and Dr. John E. Hogan established the Malone-Hogan Clinic Hospital and in 1974, Malone-Hogan Hospital moved to the facility near Scenic Mountain.

He and Dr. Hogan also founded the Malone and Hogan Foundation, which assists needy cancer patients and worthy students in getting training in the medical field.

Dr. Malone also worked with the Air Force to establish a pilot training program in Big Spring.

As a result of the need for additional educational opportunities for pilot trainees, he began the effort to start the Howard County Junior College after the war.

He was elected to the Howard County Junior College District Board of Trustees in its first year, 1947, and never left the board. He was recognized in 1997 as the Western Region Trustee of the Year by the Association of Community College Trustees.

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WEATHER

Today:	Mon:	Tues:	Wed:

Today, partly cloudy. Highs 60-65. Sunday night, fair. Lows around 30. Monday, partly cloudy. Highs around 65. Monday night, fair. Lows 35-40. Extended forecast, Tuesday, mostly sunny and mild. Highs 65-70. Wednesday, partly cloudy. Highs around 65.

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OBITUARIES

Hazel Marsh

Hazel Huffman Marsh, 73, formerly of Big Spring, died Jan. 27, 1998. She was born June 30, 1924, in Stamps, Ark. She is survived by: one sister, Mary Etta Prather of Memphis, Tenn.; two daughters, Judy Decker and husband, Ron of Dayton, Ohio, and Sharon Hollis and her husband, Fred, of Houston; and five grandchildren, Jennifer, Kevin, Lisa, Lance, and Zachary. She was an active member of Wesley Methodist Church in Big Spring. She retired from Woolworth and later worked for Walmart. She was preceded in death by her twin sister, Helen Matthews, and two brothers, Warren and Travis Huffman. Private graveside service was held at Long Branch Community on Saturday, Jan. 31. Memorial contributions can be made to the Alzheimer's Association.

Arrangements under the direction of Higginbotham Funeral Home, Rising Star.

Paid obituary

Christopher Pierce

Memorial service for Christopher Glenn Pierce, 26, of Big Spring will be 4 p.m. Monday, Feb. 2, 1998 at Myers & Smith Funeral Home Chapel, with the Rev. Flynn Long officiating. Interment will be at Roy Cemetery in Roy, N.M.



PIERCE

Christopher Glenn Pierce passed away Friday, Jan. 30, 1998, at Scenic Mountain Medical Center after a long illness. He was born March 25, 1971 here in Big Spring and was a lifetime resident of Big Spring. He graduated from Big Spring High School in 1990 and worked at Perco prior to his illness.

Christopher Glenn Pierce was the founder of the Howard County Coalition for the Environment, and was active in the West Texas Chapter of Multiple Sclerosis Society and was their 1992 Ambassador.

Survivors include his parents Glenn and Barbara Pierce of Big Spring; one brother: Brian Pierce and his wife Mona of Odessa; one sister: Dana Gregory and her husband Jeff of Sherman; maternal grandmother: Obara Zachry of Roy, N.M.; paternal grandparents: U.V. and Wilma Pierce of Hereford; six nieces and nephews: Sonia Barlow, Ramona Massey, Aaron Gregory, Zachry Pierce, Cory Pierce and Joshua Pierce; one

great nephew: Christopher Mize and a number of aunts, uncles and cousins.

The family suggests memorials to: National MS Society, West Texas Chapter, P.O. Box 4636, Midland, Texas 79704-4636. The family will be at 5215 Parkway.

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

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James Holloway

Funeral service for James Harold Holloway, 78, of Detroit, Texas, formerly of Big Spring, was held at 10:30 a.m. Monday, Jan. 26, 1998 in the First Christian Church in Detroit with Mr. Dale Miller officiating. Burial was in the Detroit cemetery.

Mr. Holloway passed away Saturday, Jan. 24, 1998, at his residence.

He was born Sept. 1, 1919 in Detroit to Orville and Fannie Reynolds Holloway. He graduated from Detroit schools and Paris Junior College. He was a retired civil service employee and had been with Webb Air Force Base in years past. Mr. Holloway was a member of the First Christian Church in Detroit.

Mr. Holloway is survived by his wife Mary Holloway of Detroit; four children: Sara Duboso, Mary Dubose of Big Spring, John Ramsey Holloway and Amy Lewis; one brother: Walter Holloway; eight grandchildren and two great-grandchildren.

Leonard Brown

Funeral service for Leonard Henry Brown, 90, of Stanton, will be 2 p.m. Monday, Feb. 2, 1998, in the First Baptist Church in Stanton with the Revs. Ronnie Brown Sr., L.C. Brown Jr., Alton Graves and Calvin Graves officiating. Interment will follow in Evergreen Cemetery.

Mr. Brown died Thursday, Jan. 29, 1998, in Stanton.

He was born May 10, 1907 in Bastrop and married Daisy Ann Timmon on Oct. 25, 1973.

Mr. Brown is survived by his wife: Daisy Ann Brown of Stanton; two sons: Bennie Ray Brown of Odessa and Leonard Brown Jr. of Fort Worth; three daughters: Druccillar Brown Houston of Midland, Shirley Brown Graves of Tahoka and Thelma Brown Smith of Lubbock; one brother: Willie Brown of Muleshoe; 32 grandchildren and a host of great-grandchildren and great-great-grandchildren.

Robert Bell

Robert "Bobby" Bell, 48, of Big Spring, died Saturday, Jan. 31, 1998, in a Dallas hospital.

Services are pending with Nalley-Pickle & Welch Funeral Home.

Vera Crabtree

Mrs. Edward (Vera) Crabtree, 90, of Big Spring, died on Saturday, Jan. 31, 1998, in a local nursing home. Graveside services will be at 2 p.m. Tuesday, Feb. 3, 1998, at Trinity Memorial Park with Dr. Ed Williamson, pastor of First United Methodist Church, officiating.

She was born on April 17, 1907 in Big Spring, Texas and mar-

ried Edward S. Crabtree on Nov. 11, 1931 in Stanton, Texas. He preceded her in death on June 20, 1974.

She was a lifelong resident of Big Spring and had worked at J & K Shoe Store for 30 years, retiring in 1972.

She was a member of First United Methodist Church and was a member of the Order of the Eastern Star Big Spring Chapter #67 and the Order of Beauceant.

Survivors include two daughters and sons-in-law: Frances and Richard Clifton of Big Spring and Fern and John Mascarella of Tucson, Arizona; one son and daughter-in-law: Edward Paul and Theresa Crabtree of Castro Valley, Calif.; one daughter-in-law: Peggy Crabtree of Big Spring; five grandchildren and seven great-grandchildren.

She also preceded in death by one son, Curtis "Bo" Crabtree and three sisters, Gertia Cantrell, Lela Forrest and Lola Curtis.

The family suggests memorials to: First Methodist Church Building Fund, 400 Scurry, Big Spring, Texas 79720.

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

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MALONE

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In 1951, he drafted the policy and coordinated its passage to be sure the doors of the college were open to anyone, regardless of race, creed or color.

Additionally, he was instrumental in getting the licensed vocational nursing program in 1958, the physician's assistant program in 1972 and an associate degree in nursing program in 1975 at the college.

His work was also a key in the passage of legislation that created the SouthWest Collegiate Institute for the Deaf.

In 1995, the Permian Historical Society recognized Dr. Malone with their prestigious Permian Pioneer Award. He was a charter member of the Downtown Lions Club and was founder of what is now known as the Big Spring Area Chamber of Commerce and was recognized as it's "Man of the Year."

He was a supporter of the Big Spring Concert Association and Big Spring Symphony. He was also a deacon in the First Baptist Church, where he served as chairman on two major building committees, the finance and budget chairman and was a Sunday School teacher. He was a member of the Knights of Pythian and Knights of Kohorasan and a number of other professional organizations.

Survivors include a daughter, Mary Frances Malone of Big Spring; a brother, Wilson Malone of Nashville, Tenn.; a sister-in-law, Mrs. Joe Henry Malone of Watertown, Tenn.; and numerous nieces and nephews.

The family requests no flowers but rather donations to Howard College and SWCID scholarship funds.

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to devote time and energy to those less fortunate.

Worthy, in graduating from

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AROUND THE TOWN

Big Spring High School, followed in the footsteps of her mother and her grandmother — who graduated from Big Spring

Academy, predecessor of the high school, 100 years ago.

The same sequence occurred at her church, St. Mary's Episcopal.

Dr. Worthy received a bachelor's degree at the University of Texas at Austin and her medical degree from Tulane University in New Orleans. After completing her residency at Children's Hospital in Dallas, she returned home to join her father and Dr. Clyde Thomas at Hall-Bennett.

Since that time, she has worked from the same office and the same desk and is now caring for the grandchildren of some of her first patients.

She has made herself available to her friends and the community over the years. She enjoys her gardens and reading gets highest priority in leisure hours.

In 1956, she married her husband, Jerry, himself a recipient of the man of the year award, and had three children — Ann, Jeb and Roy. Ann lives in New Zealand and Roy is now back in Big Spring, helping operate the family business, Texas RV Park. Jeb died 31/2 years ago.

Her hometown is important to Dr. Worthy, as she has served on the St. Mary's School Board, held various offices within the medical community and is often seen working on civic projects with her husband.

SPRINGBOARD

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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.

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

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

Texas Lottery

PICK 3: 1, 1, 7
CASH 5: 10, 13, 16, 33, 37
LOTTO: 9, 10, 14, 16, 26, 40

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.

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

•Compassionate Friends, a support group for parents who have experienced the death of a child, 7:30 p.m., First Baptist Church Family Life Center. Enter by the southeast door. Call 267-2769.

•VFW Post No. 2013, 7 p.m. VFW Hall.

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

•Coahoma Senior Citizens luncheon, 11 a.m., Coahoma Community Center.

•Book Club meeting, 7 p.m., Howard County Library. The book is "Songs in Ordinary Time" by Mary McGary Morris.

WEDNESDAY

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

•Line dance classes, 1 p.m., Senior Citizens Center, following lunch. For more information call 398-5522 or 267-1628. All ages welcome.

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

THURSDAY

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

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

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

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

•Masonic Lodge No. 1340, 7:30 p.m. 2101 Lancaster. Call Ron Long, 267-8715.

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.

SATURDAY

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

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

SUNDAY

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MONDAY

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

POLICE

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

•TERRY LAMADUE, 38, was arrested for public intoxication.

•PAMELA MATTHEWS, 33, was arrested for public intoxication. Matthews was later arrested again for disorderly conduct.

•ERNEST CLARK, 57, was arrested for public intoxication.

•ANTHONY MCGRUDER, 27, was arrested for possession of marijuana under two ounces.

•RAY MCGEE, was arrested for failure to identify.

•JOREGE WHITLEY, 20, was arrested on Midland County warrants.

•JENNIFER TRUSSEL, was arrested for disorderly conduct involving language.

•DISTURBANCE/FIGHT in the 300 block of N. Scurry and the 500 block of N. Birdwell.

•CRIMINAL MISCHIEF in the 700 block of Nolan.

•CRIMINAL TRESPASS in the 1500 block of Chickasaw.

•THEFT in the 2300 block of Wasson; and the 2600 block of Gregg.

CORRECTION

In Thursday's Herald article on Donnie Reid seeking the Precinct 2 county commissioner seat, it was inadvertently stated that Reid survived the Democratic primary runoff in 1994 with Homer Wilkerson by a vote of 466-465.

Reid actually defeated Roosevelt Shaw in the runoff by a vote of 466-465.

MYERS & SMITH FUNERAL HOME & CHAPEL

24th & Johnson 267-8288

Christopher Glenn Pierce, 26, died Friday. Memorial Services will be 4:00 PM, Friday at Myers & Smith Chapel.

NALLEY-PICKLE & WELCH Funeral Home

Trinity Memorial Park and Crematory

906 Gregg St. (915) 267-6331

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son curriculum taught during the month.

No set guidelines are followed, and instruction is basically left to the individual teachers, Murphy said. "But over the years, our teachers have accumulated quite a bit of information on black history."

Among the subject matter covered this month will be significant dates in black history and contributions of African-Americans to American society and culture.

"It's not tied just into politics," Murphy said.

While black history subject matter is emphasized during February, it isn't confined just to this month.

"We don't study Martin Luther

King just in February," Murphy said. "This is just a particular time when students are made aware of the contributions African-Americans have made."

—STEVE REAGAN

NAACP

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promote is for people to come learn and have some fun."

Though that is the NAACP's only formal event planned for the month, chapter members will be speaking about black history to schools and clubs throughout February. Horton said a variety of events also will be held at the Howard County library.

Black History Month has been observed locally for many years, and awareness of African-American contribu-

tions to society is on the upswing, Horton said. "But there are still a lot of people who don't have any knowledge on the concept of black history," she added.

"Professionally and personally, we all need to get along," Douglas said, echoing the famous words of Rodney King. "There's been a lot of progress in that area... but there's still more area for growth."

The more people learn about black history, Douglas said, the better chance that one of the chapter's ultimate goals will be achieved.

"One of our goals for Black History Month is that the Big Spring community can work together, pray together, struggle together and celebrate black history together," she said.

—STEVE REAGAN

Black History Month

On Page 1A, Santiba Johnson, a SouthWest Collegiate Institute for the Deaf student from Colorado Springs, Colo., looks at a bulletin board commemorating Black History Month at the school. Stories and photo for this package by Steve Reagan.

BSISD faces possible liability problems at Figure 7 courts

By KATHY GILBERT
Staff Writer

The Big Spring Independent School District board of trustees was warned it faces possible insurance liability problems because of recent actions in a special meeting Thursday.

The board had asked the superintendent's office to report on possible liability issues two weeks ago when it voted to grant the Big Spring Tennis Boosters Association a reduced rate on use of its courts for a commercial venture.

The booster association proposed to hire a high-quality tennis pro who would offer six hours per week of instruction to district school children in exchange for lowered fees.

Insurance problems might arise if the district does not request appropriate paperwork and have its contracts reviewed, the district's insurance agent said, school district assistant business manager Ron Logback said.

"Our insurance company strongly suggests we treat the tennis pro like any other employee," Logback said.

The contract should name BSISD as the insurer and mir-

ror the limits set on other employee's contracts, Logback said.

"We feel strongly we should require a waiver of some nature as far as injury from the students he or she is working with," Logback added.

Logback advised the board that the district's insurance agent recommended looking into the worker's compensation situation. Employees who are not paid by the school will not be covered by the district's workers compensation.

Assistant Superintendent Ron Plumlee said. Logback recommended having an attorney review the release of liability injury waiver currently in use by the district to make sure the wording will "hold some water."

Other districts, he said, have found out too late that their waiver wording did not protect them.

"The superintendent's office will ask for \$1 million liability limits and send the contract the tennis pro signs to an attorney, asking for a clean bill of health, Superintendent Bill McQueary said.

In other business, the new junior high building is coming

along well, Logback reported.

The tennis center has been completed and is playable, he said. A letter was received from Monterey Construction Company officials stating that they have completed removal of defective mortar joints.

Tuck pointing and other procedures have or will be completed as required to correct the defective mortar discovered last August. Most or all of the roof will be completed this Friday, Logback said. The brick layer shortage will be corrected by Monday, he added. Monterey will bring eight or nine bricklayers from a project that is finishing up in the area, increasing the workforce on the project to between 16 and 18 people.

"I'm pleased with the progress made at this time," Logback said. A completion schedule will be submitted sometime next week, he added. The board discussed the fact that parking is limited at the new junior high. "Parking looks tight," board president Al Valdes said. "We're looking into dovetailing and grade work next to the YMCA," McQueary said. "We may need some overflow parking. It may be a little bit tight down there."

Astronaut back home after Mir mission

CAPE CANAVERAL, Fla. (AP) — An ecstatic David Wolf returned to Earth aboard space shuttle Endeavour on Saturday after four long, lonely months on Mir.

The shuttle and its crew of seven swooped through a vividly clear sky just before sunset and landed on the concrete runway, right on time.

"Dave, welcome back from 128 days on orbit," Mission Control said as soon as Endeavour rolled to a safe stop.

"I wasn't counting. But is that what it was?" Wolf asked.

"This feels great," he added, then joked: "Feels like you're having a little gravity storm down here."

Eager to talk, he gave a blow-by-blow description of the hatch being opened. "Ah, I can smell the air from the Earth," he said.

Wolf could smell something else once he climbed out of the shuttle and walked into the airport-style people mover — the aroma of pizza, a small with pepperoni and mushrooms, just like he ordered.

"Stand by. I'll eat it later," he

said obediently. Doctors wanted him to wait until after his medical tests.

Even though the astronaut had agreed to be carried off Endeavour on a stretcher, "he couldn't be held back," said David Leestma, director of NASA's flight crew operations. Doctors prefer that astronauts returning from Mir remain horizontal for as long as possible to slow the effects of gravity and thus provide better medical data.

However, only one out of six has come off on a stretcher.

Wolf was reunited with his family before all the tests were completed.

"He looks so good up there and I know he's bouncing around and doing somersaults," his mother, Dottie Wolf, said earlier in the day. "But I can tell. I can tell that he's ready to come back to a somewhat normal life. And remember normal for David isn't normal for most people."

Indeed, the 41-year-old astronaut — who also happens to be a doctor and aerobic pilot —

seemed to enjoy his Mir stay despite the isolation and occasionally sweltering temperatures. He was looking forward to all that awaited him back on Earth, though, including his pizza, a cold drink, a hot shower, and his girlfriend and family. He'll have to wait to taste his mother's specialty, which he missed out on at Thanksgiving.

"I really couldn't fly down here with sweet potato casserole," Mrs. Wolf said, laughing.

Unable to greet Wolf personally, NASA Administrator Daniel Goldin made sure Kennedy Space Center's chef had a pizza ready to go. Goldin also arranged for long-stemmed roses for the astronaut's mother, stepmother and girlfriend. Altogether, 30 relatives and family friends flew in from Indianapolis for his homecoming.

Wolf, who rocketed away Sept. 25 amid loud concern over Mir's safety, was replaced last weekend by astronaut Andrew Thomas, the seventh and final American to live on Russia's aging space station.

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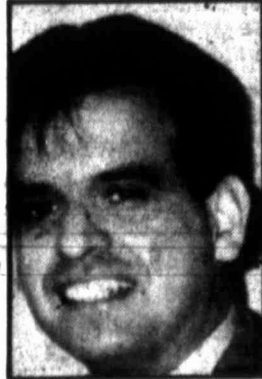

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OUR VIEWS

Worthy, Prather have given Big Spring their best

On Friday night, longtime community activists Mel Prather and Dr. Louise Bennett Worthy were named as man and woman of the year Friday night by the Big Spring Area Chamber of Commerce.

We can't think of two persons more committed to our community and her interests than the honorees.

Over the years, both have been involved in literally hundreds of community projects that have impacted thousands and thousands of persons. Projects that were fun, projects that were serious and projects that were beneficial to others.

Louise Worthy is a native of Big Spring — and her pride shows through. She grew up in a medical family and is now treating the grandchildren of some of her first patients.

And while Prather is not a native of the community, there could be no doubt as to his love for and commitment to Big Spring.

Perhaps his worst fault is his inability to say 'no' — but at the same time, when he tells you that he will do something, you can move on to other things and consider it done in a professional manner.

To Mel Prather and Dr. Louise Worthy, our heartfelt congratulations on a well-deserved honor.

OTHER VIEWS

Easily the most important item in President Clinton's recent State of the Union speech was his call for Social Security reform and his request that any future budget surpluses be dedicated to the program's salvation.

As he suggested, Social Security is imperiled. That's mainly because the baby boomers will start retiring in little more than a decade, with large numbers greatly dependent on benefits. There's a fiction that Social Security is an insurance system. It's not. It's a transfer system, and ultimately it is going to take two workers to support each retiree through the payroll tax.

Unless something is done fairly soon, the crisis will hit most dramatically about 2012, or maybe a couple of years sooner. By then, Social Security surpluses will have become deficits, and it will be necessary to call on the so-called trust fund where all those surpluses have supposedly been deposited.

If Congress does as Clinton has proposed and sets aside budget surpluses every year from then to now, that would help somewhat in getting over that hump, though probably

not enough to do the trick. And even then, the same problem will repeat itself some two decades later in virtually unbelievable sums unless something major has transpired, such as cutting Social Security benefits by about a third or increasing payroll taxes by half or more.

Fortunately, there is another, more palatable way to keep Social Security basically intact without unbearable sacrifices. Essentially, it is to establish a minimal Social Security floor for all recipients and then to require that a percentage of a worker's payroll tax go into a personal investment account. Such a system was recommended by some members of a presidential advisory commission a year or so ago and has been tried successfully in a dozen and more other countries, including Great Britain.

Because this year is an election year, President Clinton wants to wait until next year to act. That's a shame, but at least this year should be used to study the kind of radical restructuring that alone would save Social Security without requiring exorbitant tax hikes.

Jay Ambrose
Scripps Howard

YOUR VIEWS

To the Editor:

Jesus Christ was crucified on a cross between two thieves. One of the thieves admitted he was guilty and deserved to die. With a repenting spirit he asked Jesus to remember him when He entered into His kingdom. Jesus responded, this day you will be with me in paradise.

During Jesus' ministry on earth, He healed the sick, raised the dead, gave sight to the blind, and performed many other miracles. I think it's interesting that even though He saved the thief from an eternity in hell He did not save him from dying on the cross. Jesus allowed the thief to die on the cross as punishment for the crimes he had committed.

Jesus did not interfere with the decision of the government to carry out the execution of the

thief. Christians (male and female) are not exempt from suffering the consequences of their crimes (sins) while they are alive. However, they are exempt from suffering the consequences of their crimes (sins) when they die. Jesus died on the cross for the sins of the world. Which means that our sins did not go unpunished. Jesus was punished in our place.

By accepting Jesus as Lord and savior Christians are received into heaven because of what Jesus did, not because we have done something to earn it.

Reference: Thief of the cross, Luke 23:39-43; Saved by grace, Ephesians 2:8&9.

Jim Lasater
Big Spring

Can facts prevail over salacious innuendo?

By MICHAEL J. BIRKNER
For Scripps Howard

The letters began coming early in Warren Harding's presidency, imploring him to pay hush money to a young admirer with whom he had an ongoing affair.

Her name was Nan Britton, and while there is no evidence the president saw the letters, much less paid her anything, she exacted a kind of revenge. She wrote a best-selling book in 1927, titled "The President's Daughter," which detailed stories of a sexual liaison she had with Harding between 1917 (when she was barely 21 years old) and 1923, when the president suddenly died.

"The President's Daughter" makes specific reference to trysts she had with Harding in the Senate, the White House, and hotels in cities where he was giving speeches or attending meetings.

Her book does not include

the notorious scene in which Florence King Harding, the president's prim wife, headed to the working quarters of the White House when the president was otherwise engaged with Nan. Nan was quickly dispatched to the closet while Harding made himself more presentable. That story came from another source.

The president's private life, Frederick Lewis Allen wrote in "Only Yesterday," "was one of cheap sex episodes." Of the relationship with Britton, Allen observed: "One is struck by the shabbiness of the whole affair; the clandestine meetings in disreputable hotels, in the Senate Office building and even in a coat-closet in the executive offices of the White House itself."

Harding biographers Andrew Sinclair and Francis Russell also quoted extensively from "The President's Daughter" in retelling Harding's extramarital romps with a woman 40

years his junior. The image of the feckless Harding, cheating on his suspicious wife, playing poker with cronies on K Street while letting crooks roam freely in the White House, is one of the most enduring in all of presidential history.

Yet none of the sexual allegations were true.

Harding did not father an illegitimate child in the Senate Office Building, as Britton alleged, or anywhere else. He could not have. According to historian Robert Ferrell, Harding was sterile. Further, in his new book, "The Strange Deaths of President Harding," Ferrell quotes testimony of the White House postal clerk asserting that Harding did not receive regular letters from his "lover," but only three discrete attempts to extort money from him — letters the clerk opened, read and tore up rather than forward to the president.

Nan Britton lived a long and interesting life, but she never

produced a single love letter from Harding, saying that he had asked her to destroy his letters and she had complied.

Britton stonewalled sympathetic historians like Dean Albertson of the University of Massachusetts, who promised to use any material she provided him to bolster his case that Harding was an underrated president. And she was similarly unforthcoming to historians who claimed that they simply wanted to know the truth.

Warren G. Harding's non-existent affair with a young lover in the White House has, nonetheless, proved the basis for steamy novels and unreliable history. Robert Ferrell hopes his own researches will provoke a reassessment. He believes facts in the end can prevail over salacious innuendo.

Will a biographer of Bill Clinton, half a century from now, be able to make a similar case?



The high price of a free press

By ANN McFEATHERS
Scripps Howard

WASHINGTON — The overwhelming media coverage of the White House sex scandal (front-to-back newspaper stories, dramatic TV music with portentous logos such as "WHITE HOUSE IN CRISIS" heralding around-the-clock bulletins, the breathless headlines such as "IS HE FINISHED?" on the news magazines) shows there is no liberal political philosophy at work here.

The motives, not so pure but extremely simple, are competition and money.

The sharks in a feeding frenzy, as we media people are now routinely portrayed, have had so much practice gearing up for extravaganza news bazaars such as the murder of Nicole Simpson and the subsequent O.J. Simpson trials, the Oklahoma City federal building bombing, the JonBenet Ramsey murder and the death of Princess Diana that a few weeks without a big story seems unnatural.

And when the entire nation is at its back fence, salivating for more details, newspaper sales go up astronomically. TV ratings go through the roof. Magazines disappear off the newstands. Publishers and media conglomerates get used to big profits.

And reporters, editors and photographers, even when motivated by a healthy skepticism about everyone in power and driven by the need to tell people what is really going on, get used to the rush, the thrill, of finding another piece of the puzzle.

Sometimes, however, those

pieces are shoved into the wrong place, or swiped from another puzzle or are pushed to make it look like they fit when they really don't.

When an independent counsel such as Kenneth Starr, who's been ploddingly and fruitlessly turning over stones in the ancient Whitewater real estate deal, begins a criminal investigation of whether the president of the United States had sex with a then-21-year-old White House intern who was secretly taped saying he asked her to evade or cover up such an affair, it is big news.

Even though Starr has no official interest in the president's private life and only wants to pursue evidence that might lead to possible charges of willful lying and obstruction of justice, there is no perjury if there was no sex.

Thus, even after two presidential denials, the second much firmer than the first, the story will not go away. Journalists will not sit at their desks playing solitaire on their computers waiting for Starr to figure out how to handle the case.

There has been some thoughtful, thorough reporting about the investigation. And much, much more will come out about the strange relationship between Clinton, the most powerful man on earth, and a 24-year-old young woman whose name, Monica Lewinsky, has suddenly become a household word.

Their names are now linked forever; the ridicule that surrounds them is unrelenting. It confirms what your mother told you: Be careful of your reputation; to lose it is a terrible thing. But media organiza-

tions also have reputations to guard along with credibility, which can be a will-o-the-wisp if journalists aren't careful.

Americans, almost always more sophisticated than they are given credit for, so far are willing to judge the job Clinton is doing as president separately from the allegations against him.

Some believe the charges and some don't believe them; but there seems to be a kind of hiatus now as millions, impressed by Clinton's State of the Union agenda and his vehement denial he engaged in sexual relations with Lewinsky, say they will wait for more information before they firmly make up their minds.

But in the desperate search to break news about the story, rumors and opinion and hearsay are being reported as facts. Reporters begin quoting each other. A dress with DNA evidence might exist. A president's deposition might reveal he once lied. Friends and acquaintances of key players are widely quoted speculating in scurrilous ways about things they know nothing about.

Seventy-two percent of Americans say there has been too much coverage of the sex scandal and 55 percent say the press has not acted responsibly, according to a Gallup Poll. On the other hand, it's astonishing how much detail many Americans have about the scandal, which means they are obsessively reading and watching and talking about it.

We all should weigh carefully what we read and hear about this unfolding story and not automatically believe the latest snippets.

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Reformists take aim at report

AUSTIN (AP) — State House lawmakers charged with examining campaign finance reform took aim Friday at a report examining where they get their own contributions.

The report says in the last election cycle, House members got \$14.6 million in campaign donations, mostly in large checks from outside their home districts.

Several members of the State Affairs and Elections committees, meeting to consider campaign reform, contended the report was misleading.

"I think you've done a great injustice to a lot of people," Rep. Bob Hunter, R-Abilene, told Tom Smith of Public Citizen.

Smith, whose group did the report with Texans for Public Justice and the U.S. Public Interest Research Group, said, "I don't think that what we have done is in any way misrepresentative of the source of these funds."

Rep. Delwin Jones, R-Lubbock, said it was wrong to show as an out-of-district contribution money that came from a real-estate political action committee with an Austin address. He said people from his district who are in the real estate business donated to that PAC.

"It really didn't come from out of district, yet you called it that," Jones said.

Rep. Carl Isett, R-Lubbock, said he represents the residential part of the city while Jones represents the downtown area.

"The people who live in the district I represent probably work in the district he represents," said Isett. But a check to Isett with an address from Jones' district would be counted as an out-of-district donation.

Rep. Debra Danburg, D-Houston and head of the Elections Committee, said a number of people who live in her district sent her donations from their downtown offices outside of her district.

Rep. Jerry Madden, R-Richardson, took issue with a part of the report showing unopposed incumbents still raised a large amount of money.

Lawmakers don't know whether they will later draw an opponent, said Madden, who added that the money is used not only for campaigns but for officeholder expenses.

Isett said the report should have better explained the methodology used, noting that Smith wants officeholders to submit accurate reports on campaign finances.

"You did not hold yourselves to the very standards that you're asking us to," Smith said the criticism is a good argument for one of his group's reform proposals: fuller, immediate campaign disclosure that is accessible by computer and at county offices. That way people could look up candidates' detailed reports and make their own decisions without having to visit the Texas Ethics Commission in Austin.

Activist denies having agenda on Oprah show

AMARILLO (AP) — Attorneys for Texas cattlemen on Friday attacked the credentials of a vegetarian activist who is being sued after going on the Oprah Winfrey Show and agreeing that mad cow disease could make AIDS seem like the common cold.

Vegetarian activist Howard Lyman, Ms. Winfrey and her production company are being sued for \$10.3 million by Texas cattlemen, who contend that already slumping beef prices hit 10-year lows within a week after an "Oprah" show titled "Dangerous Foods" aired on April 16, 1996.

Lyman, a former cattle rancher, said on the show that processed livestock was being fed to cattle, a practice he said could spread mad cow disease in the United States.

When Ms. Winfrey asked if such an outbreak could lead to a human plague that "could make

AIDS look like the common cold," Lyman responded, "Absolutely."

Ms. Winfrey responded by swearing off hamburgers.

Under direct examination by cattlemen's attorney Joe Coyne on Friday, Lyman was asked what facts he used to back up his claim.

Lyman, who acknowledged he was not an animal scientist and had never formally studied mad cow disease, responded by saying it was merely his opinion based on his experience working for 18 years as a cattle rancher in Montana and research he did on his own.

Coyne asked Lyman if all he did was regurgitate other people's findings, and Lyman said, "I would rather use the term educate."

"An educator tells people facts, though, right?" Coyne asked.

"I believe there are a lot of

ways of educating other than facts," said Lyman, executive director of the Humane Society's Eating with a Conscience Campaign.

Lyman, who has yet to face questions from his own attorneys, also testified that even members of his own family think he's "a nut."

Attorneys for the cattlemen have been attempting to show that Ms. Winfrey edited the episode to take out reassuring pro-beef comments in favor of more ratings-grabbing, fear-raising discussion by Lyman about mad cow disease possibly infecting U.S. cattle.

At the heart of their argument is the fact that comments by William Hueston, then a Department of Agriculture animal scientist, and Gary Weber, of the National Cattlemen's Beef Association, were cut out of the show.

The men had said that mad

cow wasn't a threat to U.S. beef and that a voluntary ban on feeding ground up cattle parts back to herds was being observed by cattlemen pending a request they had made to the Food and Drug Administration for a formal ban.

When Coyne asked Lyman if the men's comments would have been relevant to the show, he said, "I don't want to get into how the show was edited."

After being pressed by Coyne, Lyman said, "If, in fact, they had called for the ban and had mailed to all of their members calling for a voluntary ban, then I would think that would be relevant. But I don't know if that information was true."

When asked by cattlemen's attorney David Mullin if he had an agenda to go on the talk show and sway people not to eat beef, Lyman said, "I raise the issue with individuals about their diet and what they're eat-

ing, but I do not tell people not to eat beef."

Jurors, however, were shown a videotaped segment at the end of the show that was deleted before going on the air in which Lyman told Ms. Winfrey, "I'll tell you what. You're too important to this country to be eating beef."

Ms. Winfrey replied, "I've been healed this morning. I'm over it. But what about chicken?"

"I'll get you off chicken in a hurry," Lyman said.

Mullin attempted to show that Lyman not only had an agenda against beef but was willing to go to extremes to push his vegetarian views.

Mullin produced a newspaper article in which Lyman was quoted about a trial last year in London in which McDonald's successfully sued two vegetarians for defaming the fast-food giant.

It's four against millions as state takes on fire ants

HOUSTON (AP) — The state has a new battle plan against millions of imported red fire ants, with a staff of four pest management specialists heading up the efforts.

But don't expect the war to get easier this spring, when the pests that pose a threat to Texas cattle and other livestock start thriving again.

The Texas Agricultural Extension Service has hired the four managers to work in Houston, Austin, San Antonio and Dallas.

They're expected to get a barrage of telephone calls as soon as ants "start popping up their ugly mounded heads," with warmer weather and spring rains, said Bart Drees, a Texas A&M entomologist who heads the statewide program.

Drees told the Houston Chronicle the employees have training in entomology, but an important part of their job is also dealing with people, including those who hate ants so much they're notational.

Ranchers complain about ants blinding newborn calves and building mounds that tear up hay-making equipment. But the

state says there are some good reasons for targeting urban rather than agricultural areas.

"This is where we know the most about managing fire ants," said Drees.

While city residents are also allowed to use poisons that are not allowed on farms, application of boiling, slightly soapy water deep into the mounds has also been proven effective.

Drees said homeowners present a greater threat to the environment because an estimated 90 percent of the insecticides used to kill fire ants in Texas are applied in urban areas.

So persuading residents to apply baits to a whole neighborhood at a time, instead of pushing the stinging insects from one yard to another, is part of the staff's plan.

Drees said working with homeowner associations will be "a natural."

"Get everybody on the block to do the same thing on a designated weekend," he said.

Pat Trayton, Harris County office's new employee, will be on the job on Monday, office coordinator Susan Russell said. The first of these ant agents

began working last November in Austin.

Called the Texas two-step method, the new program involves spreading baits such as Amdro across property. Surviving mounds after a couple of weeks are then treated with a more direct dose of insecticide.

Ants pick up the bait, typically containing insecticide, and carry it into mounds for food.

The fire ant fight is also being waged on other fronts.

On Friday, the University of Texas released on a South Texas ranch a parasitic fly called a phorid. Originally from Brazil, these lay eggs that turn into larvae that burrow into ants, settling in their heads, where they pupate.

Much of the fire ant funds provided in the last legislative session — about \$2.5 million a year — is used for research at Texas A&M, the University of Texas and Texas Tech.

Ray Frisbie, head of the Entomology Department at A&M, said the ultimate goal is to weaken the pests so much that native ants move back in and take over the territory.

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GOP warns of renewed big government

WASHINGTON (AP) — Republicans warned Saturday that President Clinton's forthcoming 1999 budget and its \$100 billion in new domestic programs would reignite a push toward big government just as federal surpluses are in sight.

Hoping to counter that argument, officials familiar with Clinton's spending plan said Saturday it would reduce the government's civilian workforce next year to 1,824,000 employees. That is 315,000 workers fewer than when Clinton took office in 1993 and the lowest level in almost four decades.

Clinton was ready to unveil his \$1.7 trillion spending blueprint Monday, a plan that claims the first balanced budget in 30 years. The president says his proposals to ease access to Medicare and child care and boost education, biomedical research and other programs are all paid for. The plan claims

a \$9.5 billion surplus next year and a huge \$218.7 billion in surpluses through 2003, according to Democrats who spoke on condition of anonymity.

Even so, Republicans said they believed Clinton and congressional Democrats would end up spending the extra money — a theme they are likely to emphasize all year.

"They see a surplus and it burns a hole in their pocket," Jim Nicholson, chairman of the Republican National Committee, told conservatives Saturday at a conference in Arlington, Va. "We see a surplus, and we want to give it back with a down payment on the debt and with tax cuts for American families."

In Saturday's GOP radio response to Clinton's weekly broadcast address, Rep. John Boehner, R-Ohio, said spending limits enacted in last summer's budget deal between the presi-

dent and Congress must be obeyed.

"If we stick to those limits, we'll have the first balanced budget in a generation," said Boehner, the No. 4 House GOP leader. "If we don't stick to those limits, it's a devastating step backward. It's back to business as usual."

In fact, Boehner and other Republicans conceded this week that pressure for more spending is coming from GOP lawmakers as well. These include Rep. Bud Shuster, R-Pa., and Sen. Phil Gramm, R-Texas, who are leading fights to increase spending for road-building.

The White House insists that Clinton's proposal lives within the budget pact's spending caps. According to budget documents and Democrats knowledgeable about his proposal, it does so in part by relying on \$65.5 billion over five years that the government would pocket from tobacco

settlement legislation.

It is uncertain whether such a measure can be completed this year, since it must address numerous complicated questions about liability as well as money.

Some Republicans worry that Clinton's spending plans — for items such as medical research and schools — could prove so politically appealing that there might be pressure on GOP moderates to support some of them. If the tobacco legislation goes nowhere, that could raise questions about whether anticipated surpluses might be used to for extra spending.

Clinton also will propose raising nearly \$25 billion over the next five years by increasing taxes on some businesses and investors, Democrats said. And he would save about \$30 billion from some benefit programs by such proposals as reducing Medicare waste and fraud.

Wild horse adoption program overwhelmed with too many animals

The ASSOCIATED PRESS

A federal program to round up excess wild horses and burros on public land and offer them for adoption is overwhelmed with too many animals and not enough people willing to take them home.

More than 6,000 unadopted animals have accumulated in government corrals and sanctuaries.

This is the latest problem for a Bureau of Land Management program exposed a year ago for allowing people to sell adopted horses for slaughter.

The 26-year-old Wild Horse and Burro Program was intended by Congress to save the lives of wild horses that compete with ranchers' cattle grazing on public land in the West. The BLM has decided to limit the number of horses and burros on public lands to 26,000, but an estimated 44,000 are roaming free in 10 Western states.

The BLM has tried to get the situation under control by rounding up about 10,000 animals a year and offering them for adoption. However, The Associated Press reported last year that thousands of adopted animals had been sold for slaughter and that BLM employees were among those profiting.

The AP also found that the BLM lost track of about 32,000 adopted animals and that agency officials gave false information about the program to Congress.

Pat Shea, a Utah lawyer with a passion for the outdoors,

took charge of the BLM in October and promised to overhaul the program. However, he said the reform is not coming easily. "When a mistake is made," he said, "there is a tendency to gather together and avoid recognition of the problem."

In the wake of disclosures, finding homes for the animals has been more difficult. For one thing, people who adopted large numbers of horses in the past and then sold them for slaughter are no longer allowed to participate. Jim Edwards of Columbus, Mont., was the first to be rejected.

Tim Murphy, manager of the BLM's district office in Miles City, Mont., rejected Edwards' application.

"This decision is based on the fact that you were involved in the sale of wild horses for slaughter in the mid-1980's," he wrote in October, "and that you were the caretaker of more than 20 horses that died from malnutrition during that period."

Edwards did not return calls. His wife, Sherry, said BLM agents encouraged the family to adopt the horses in the mid-'80s and sell them for slaughter.

At that time, she said, it seemed the only way to get rid of excess horses. "There are good people in the BLM, there are lunatics in the BLM, and there are some people who have no clue about horses."

Last year, BLM crews rounded up 10,443 horses and burros and were unable to find homes for 1,751 of them.

IRS tries to reform itself as Congress debates

WASHINGTON (AP) — The new IRS commissioner delivered a clear message to Congress in unveiling an ambitious restructuring plan: As lawmakers argue about the scope of legislation to overhaul the agency, he's moving quickly to have it clean up its own act.

Subtly, Charles Rossotti's actions are raising the administration's profile in the debate, in which Republicans thus far have played a dominant role.

Rossotti delivered an extensive and detailed report to the Senate Finance Committee last week on the numerous activities under way to improve the agency's behavior since last fall's hearings into taxpayer abuses.

Among the changes:

- Internal audits and two reports on the misuse of enforcement statistics to rate the performance of employees.
- New procedures for monitoring taxpayer complaints to uncover problems within the agency.
- Increasing by one-third the

IRS' national problem resolution staff and hiring an executive search firm to find a new taxpayer advocate for the agency.

—Monthly "problem-solving days" aimed at wrapping up long-standing taxpayer disputes.

As of mid-January, IRS figures show more than 16,200 people had been helped. On the two Saturdays prior to the April 15 filing deadline, the agency plans new "problem-prevention days" in several hundred offices for taxpayers to have questions answered in person.

—Working with an outside consultant to rewrite often impenetrable letters the IRS sends to taxpayers.

These are some of the highlights of Rossotti's first three months on the job. Rossotti also gave the committee a detailed briefing on his plan to reorganize the Internal Revenue Service into four new divisions to improve customer service and streamline management. The goal is "to concentrate

everything you do and think about it from the customer's point of view," Rossotti said.

"The agency is fully committed to moving forward in ways that keep up with the changing world and increased expectations of the American taxpaying public," Rossotti said.

The commissioner's attempt to quickly address the IRS's faults won applause in many quarters.

"I think he's obviously shown that he's got significant public relations skills," said Lawrence M. Hill, a tax attorney for Brown & Wood LLP in New York.

"The question remains whether the commissioner, as well as Congress, are enacting changes that are more than improving the public perception of the service but also will substantively improve the process for taxpayers."

The initiative also helps the Clinton administration re-enter the debate over IRS restructuring and wrest some of the initiative from both House and

Senate Republicans. Last October, Treasury Secretary Robert Rubin had to announce a sudden reversal in the administration's opposition to IRS overhaul and endorsed a measure that had less extensive oversight of the agency than had been proposed originally.

President Clinton and Senate Democrats tried unsuccessfully last fall to move this House bill quickly through the Senate, fearful that Senate Finance Chairman William V. Roth Jr., R-Del., would reopen controversial disputes they had hoped had been settled in the House bill.

As an indication of the administration's concern, President Clinton urged quick passage of the House bill during his State of the Union address.

And Senate Minority Leader Thomas Daschle, D-S.D., said he will try to attach the IRS bill to a proposal to rename Washington National Airport after former President Ronald Reagan. That bill comes to the Senate floor next week.

Abducted baby returned home; couple arrested

KANSAS CITY, Kan. (AP) — A newborn girl stolen from a maternity ward was brought back to her joyful mother Saturday, and her suspected abductors were in jail, turned in by a relative.

Two-day-old Carlie Shockey was reunited with her mother, Trish Nicole Shockey, about 5:30 a.m. and was in good health, said hospital spokeswoman Carol White.

Ms. Shockey cried tears of joy when she saw her dark-haired, blue-eyed daughter, and the whole family is "delighted and overjoyed to have the baby back," said her sister, Melissa Brewster.

FBI agents were waiting in a house south of St. Louis when a

man and woman walked in just late Thursday carrying Carlie, by then 31 hours old and already a seasoned traveler.

Amanda Tull, 18, and Buddy Hall, 30, are accused of snatching the baby late Wednesday from her sleeping mother's room at the University of Kansas Medical Center, driving 100 miles north to show her off in their hometown of Sheridan, Mo., and then driving her at least 250 miles more to High Ridge, south of St. Louis, where a relative lived.

The broadcast of security camera images and other information had prompted a blizzard of tips, including one from a Sheridan tavern owner. Another tip came from the rela-

tive in High Ridge, who told the FBI the couple was heading there, said David Tubbs, special agent in charge of the FBI office in Kansas City, Mo.

The FBI decided against trying to stop their car as they headed toward High Ridge, for fear of an accident that could harm the baby. Instead, agents and a couple of emergency medical technicians waited at the relative's house for three or four hours.

"We had agents sitting inside the house. They were arrested when they walked in," Tubbs said. The FBI gave no information on the relative.

Carlie appeared to be in good condition, Tubbs said.

Relatives said Ms. Shockey, a

19-year-old single mother, had been sedated for pain unrelated to the birth and awoke just long enough to learn her daughter was safe.

"We were all jumping around and screaming and falling on the floor and she just slept through it all," Ms. Brewster had said earlier.

Authorities say Ms. Tull went into the University of Kansas Medical Center room of Ms. Shockey on Wednesday evening, a few hours after the baby was born, and told her about a drawing for free baby clothes.

After a brief conversation, the sedated mother fell asleep and Ms. Tull allegedly took the baby.

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Britain, United States allied on police toward Iraq

LONDON (AP) — Assured Britain was solidly allied with the United States, Secretary of State Madeleine Albright today warned Saddam Hussein that any attack to open his suspected arms sites "will be significant."

The reaffirmation by Foreign Secretary Robin Cook of Britain's resolve contrasted with the hesitancy and outright opposition of some other U.S. allies and other nations.

It gave a lift to Albright as she wound up her Iraqi mission to Europe and headed for meetings on the crisis with Arab leaders in the Middle East. She also sought to make headway on the

Arab-Israeli front in separate talks with Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu of Israel and Palestinian leader Yasser Arafat.

Both Albright and Cook excoriated the Iraqi president as not just in defiance of U.N. weapons inspections but also as a tyrant who used chemical weapons in the past and tested biological weapons in his current development programs.

Cook said he would like to see the U.N. Security Council adopt another resolution finding Iraq in breach of the inspection system. But he agreed with Albright there was no further

legal authority needed for approving an attack if diplomacy did not suddenly succeed.

At the Pentagon, Defense Secretary William Cohen said any military operation against Iraq would be unable either to topple Saddam or to eliminate his arsenal of deadly weaponry.

"If there were military action, I think we should not raise expectations unreasonably high," Cohen told reporters.

"What we would hope to accomplish ... is to curtail, as best we can, Saddam Hussein's capacity to regenerate his weapons of mass destruction capability."

Cohen also indicated that

should Clinton order a military strike in the near future, it may not be the last. "I think it's clear that a military operation would not necessarily be a one-time operation or action," Cohen said.

At a joint news conference with Albright, Cook said the situation was "very grave" and the United States and Britain were "absolutely one in our resolve."

Albright said Britain stood "shoulder to shoulder in our assessment" of the crisis.

She said an attack, if it came to that, would be a "significant" one. But both officials declined

to lay out the scale of force that would be used as a last resort against Saddam.

The London-based Arabic newspaper Al-Hayat today reported the United States was planning a three-staged attack on Iraq, starting with a four-day air campaign against Saddam's Republican Guards.

Quoting Western diplomatic sources in Jordan, the newspaper said Saddam would then get an ultimatum that included a demand that U.N. weapons inspections have unfettered access to all sites, including presidential palaces.

If Saddam refused, according

to the report, a second air campaign would target the palaces and Iraq's infrastructure.

A third stage would include the possibility of landing U.S. and British troops in sensitive sites in Baghdad, Al-Hayat said. The sources did not say if the troops would try to capture Saddam.

Trying to deflect opposition in Arab quarters, Cook said "there is no area of the world more threatened than the Arab world" by Saddam.

"The Arab world more than anyone else has an interest" in seeing the weapons programs halted, Cook said.

In Baghdad, a society crumbles as misery drags on

BAGHDAD, Iraq (AP) — At first, he seemed worn and weary as he spoke about his life. When the subject changed to American threats to attack Iraq, Subhi Latif, 66, lifted his head and sat up straight.

"We got used to this bombing by the Americans," the wrinkled, white-haired man boasted, his voice full of confidence, even bluster. "We are not afraid."

Latif's response is typical of what foreign reporters can expect when they come with

their tape recorders, television cameras and mandatory escorts from the Ministry of Information — "minders," the journalists call them. In their homes, of course, Iraqis do talk about what wounds a new American onslaught might bring.

Many are buying kerosene lanterns, fearing power plants again will be hit, as in the 1991 Persian Gulf War. Even their questions to reporters — "Do you think the Americans will attack?" — betray a certain anx-

ity.

It's not that every Iraqi expressing defiance toward America is lying. Fear and bravado both are part of Baghdad life, as much a part of it as are the poor who hesitate to spend a few cents in the Shurja market and the rich across town who pay nearly a government worker's monthly salary for a box of cornflakes.

Baghdad is a place where the only news comes in the official media — President Saddam Hussein's picture is on the front

page every day — and the economy has gone so wacky that a soldier's monthly pension won't buy a pack of gum.

Saddam wears many hats. And it's not just that he is president, commander-in-chief of the army and head of both the Baath Party and Iraq's ruling body, the Revolutionary Command Council.

In one poster, he looks jaunty in a Panama hat and sunglasses. In another, he wears a military beret and in a third, a red-

and-white checkered Arab keffiyah. He rides a horse in a statue in front of the Military Industrial Commission, and a portrait at the Iraqi Women's Federation shows him counseling a young girl.

Saddam is everywhere. His images outnumber by a hundred times all the statues of former kings and prime ministers.

The government-controlled newspapers, radio and TV carry only Saddam's news. Foreign papers and magazines are not on sale, and satellites that could

bring in outside news are forbidden.

In this version of events, Americans are spies and U.N. arms inspectors who refuse to declare that Iraq has destroyed all its weapons of mass destruction are part of an American-Israeli plot to destroy Iraq.

This is the news as most Iraqis get it. Curiously, there is some relief in the newspaper Babil, owned by Saddam's oldest son Oday, which each day carries a few fairly intact foreign news reports.

Protestants, Catholics unite for peace in N. Ireland

BELFAST, Northern Ireland (AP) — Protestants and Catholics united across Northern Ireland on Friday to denounce the militants who have slain 10 people in the past month in hopes of wrecking the peace talks.

But at the biggest peace rally, outside Belfast City Hall, the crowd displayed the fundamental divisions that keep fueling both the violence and a deadlock in negotiations over Northern Ireland's future.

About 100 supporters of the IRA-allied Sinn Fein party moved into the middle of the 1,000-strong crowd, carrying placards that blamed the recent deaths of eight Catholic civilians on police and pro-British Protestant politicians. Their placards made no mention of an

IRA splinter gang, the Irish National Liberation Army, that contributed to the bloodshed by killing two prominent Protestant militants.

Northern Ireland's federation of labor unions had organized the rallies in Belfast and six other towns on the theme of "stop all killings!" Several Protestant politicians left once they saw the placards, complaining that Sinn Fein was insulting them.

Northern Ireland Secretary Mo Mowlam, the British minister responsible for the province, got back into her bulletproof limousine after briefly surveying the rally.

Much of the crowd cheered when labor union chief Frank Bunting asked the Sinn Fein contingent to lower its banners

"and respect the grief of all those who have died."

But the Sinn Feiners booed and kept their banners up throughout the half-hour rally.

Afterward, a leading member of the Progressive Unionist Party, which represents a pro-British paramilitary gang involved in the peace talks, shouted at Sinn Fein leader Gerry Adams as he talked to Northern Ireland television.

Billy Hutchinson accused Sinn Fein of hijacking the rally and of "dancing on innocent Catholics' graves" by using the killings to score political points.

Elsewhere, cross-community harmony was on display. In Enniskillen, 80 miles southwest of Belfast, a Presbyterian minister said he was ashamed that some Protestants "regard

any Catholic as a suitable target to be killed, and think that this is a good thing to do, that it in some way defends the Protestant faith."

"It can only be that they have learned somewhere that to be a good Protestant you can hate Catholics," said the Rev. David Coupland. "I want to say sorry publicly for that distortion of Christianity perpetrated by people within Protestantism."

In Lurgan, 30 miles southwest of Belfast, Catholic union official Sean Morrissey denounced attempts by both sides' paramilitary groups to justify their killings.

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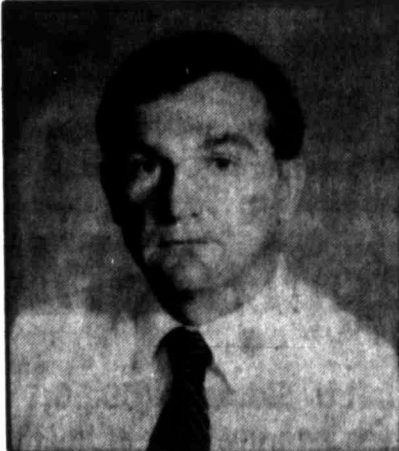


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Hawks roster deep with talent going into baseball opener

By JOHN A. MOSELEY
Sports Editor

Howard College's Hawks will open the 1998 baseball season Monday playing host to Ranger Junior College's Rangers and bring at least one national publication's No. 3 ranking into the game.

But don't expect Hawks coach Brian Roper to do any crowing about the Hawks' ranking.

"I don't take any stock in the polls ... you don't know what they base them on," Roper said, noting that while *Baseball America* magazine has the Hawks at No. 3, they're not ranked in the *Collegiate Baseball* magazine's poll.

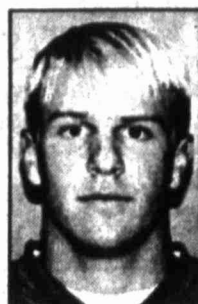
The Hawks are picked second in the Western Junior College Athletic Conference coaches' poll behind New Mexico Junior College and ahead of Odessa, which is the No. 18 team in *Collegiate*



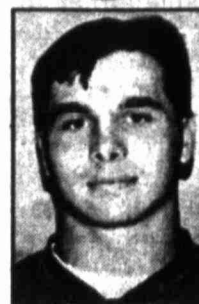
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However, it doesn't take Roper long to express belief that the Hawks will be a much improved team over 31-20 squad that reached the regional tournament and even sent WJAC champion Odessa packing.

"This year I really can say let's throw out the

polls," Roper said as he prepared the Hawks for their 2 p.m. Monday start with Ranger. "This is the best team we've had since I've been here at Howard College. We don't have a single kid that has been drafted or is under the control of a major league team.

"That's totally different from last year," he

added. "That team was full of players who'd been drafted. We were selfish, uncoachable and had discipline problems on and off the field.

"But this bunch of guys work together, take pride in being good citizens both on campus and in the community and had a combined 3.24 grade point average last semester," Roper continued. "This team's going to be a lot like the team we had in 1993 when we had one drafted player, finished 45-9, were ranked No. 3 nationally and won the NJCAA Academic Team of the Year award with an overall 3.43 GPA."

A tremendous freshman class, coupled with four returning position starters, two returning starting pitchers and several sophomore transfers do make the Hawks extremely deep in talent.

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Steers netters fourth

HERALD Staff Report

Big Spring's Steers netters opened their spring tennis schedule Saturday, finishing fourth in the team standings of the Midland High School Invitational Tennis Tournament.

While Big Spring's Hsiao-Hsuan Li and Monica Villarreal grabbed the boys' and girls' singles championships, Midland's host Bulldogs took the team title, edging out Odessa Permian.

The Steers were just one point short of sharing third-place standing with Amarillo Tascosa. Odessa High finished fifth in the team standings, followed by Andrews, Midland Lee and Lubbock High.

Both Li and Villarreal found the tournament's championship matches difficult affairs. After taking the first set of the boys' match 6-3, from Tascosa's Avery Ticer, Li was forced to win the second set on a tiebreaker.

Midland's Toffee Wilson as an even tougher opponent for Villarreal, taking the first set by a 6-4 margin before the top-seeded Big Spring player rallied for the 4-6, 7-5, 6-2 win.

In other singles action, Big Spring's Stephanie Lewis finished sixth in the girls' division, while Devon Swafford was ninth in the boys' division.

Sterling Hillman and Jeff Castle finished ninth in the boys' doubles competition, while Drew Mirales and Zach Smiley were 16th.

In girls' doubles, Big Spring's tandem of Yuching Li and Kim Dominguez was also ninth, and Farrah Schooler and Meredith Tissue finished 13th in the field.

Lady Steers reign ends; Steers fall to Mustangs

By JOHN A. MOSELEY
Sports Editor

There will be no seventh consecutive District 4-4A girls' basketball championship for Big Spring's Lady Steers. That was made virtually certain Friday as Sweetwater's Lady Mustangs took a 49-43 win, edging one step closer to usurping the throne.

The see-saw affair that saw the Lady Steers continually thwart Sweetwater's efforts to take control of the game as they had on their home court earlier in the season was a stark contrast to the nightcap in which the Mustangs took an early lead and romped to a 69-46 win over Big Spring's boys.

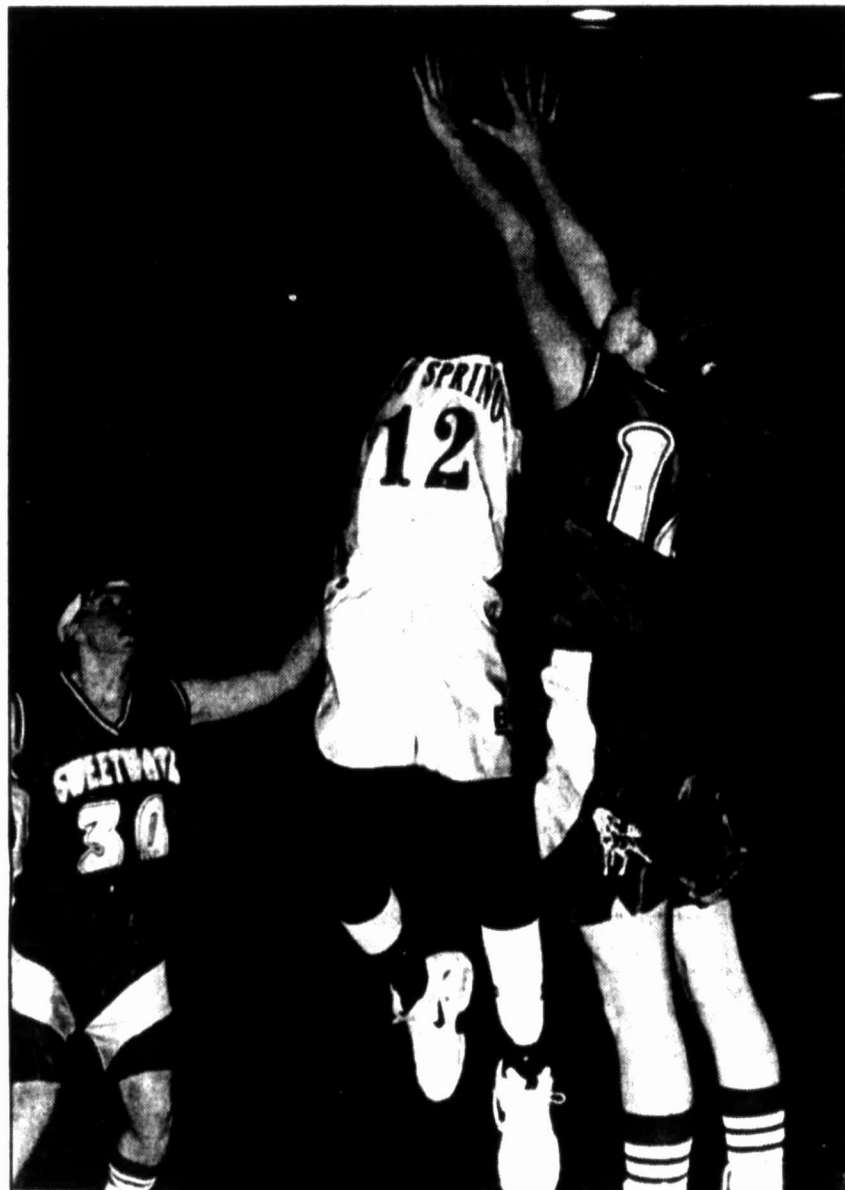
The Lady Mustangs, now 25-5 on the year and 7-1 in district play, are tied atop the 4-4A standings with Andrews, which will play host to the Lady Steers, now 15-10 on the year and 5-4 in district play, on Tuesday.

"We played extremely well ... probably one of the best games we've played all year ... it just wasn't enough to win," Lady Steers coach Ron Taylor said following the loss.

"I really think we're starting to come back and play well," he added. "I couldn't be prouder of this team, they really played hard tonight."

The key proved to be the Lady Steers' inability to convert on crucial free throw situations and Sweetwater's ability to dominate the offensive boards.

"It's kind of ironic that we probably had our best free throw shooting of the season tonight and it still wasn't enough," Taylor added, noting that the Lady Steers converted on 11-of-18 opportunities at the penalty stripe. "And they hurt us on the offensive boards. You can't give a team like that



HERALD photo/John A. Moseley

Big Spring's Keesha Lott (12) puts up a shot and draws the foul from Sweetwater's Vanessa Lehmann (12) during the third quarter Friday night. The Lady Steers saw virtually all hope of a seventh straight District 4-4A title evaporate with a 49-43 loss to the Lady Mustangs.

as many opportunities as we did."

The Lady Mustangs finished the night with twice as many rebounds, pulling down 26 to Big Spring's 13.

Big Spring did, however, handle the ball more effectively than Sweetwater, turning

the ball over just nine times, compared to the Lady Mustangs' 15 turnovers.

Neither team was able to really gain control until Big Spring's Nadia Cole missed a pair of free throws with the

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Pro Bowl really just a vacation for NFL's stars

The ASSOCIATED PRESS

HONOLULU — The Pro Bowl is a paid vacation for the NFL all-stars, with a football game at the end.

"You give them a playbook, and you try to get things done in practice so you can function on game day and let them show what they can do," said San Francisco's Steve Mariucci, the NFC coach for today's game.

"But the practices are short and sweet. We practice early, and by the time we finish, they still have most of the day to play golf or whatever they want to do."

But Barry Sanders said things get more serious on Sunday.

"The intensity during practices isn't the same as preparing for a regular game," said the Detroit Lions running back, who has made the Pro Bowl each of his nine NFL seasons.

"But at this level, when the game starts I don't think any of us wants to be outdone. You want to do what you did to get here."

This Pro Bowl signals a sort of changing of the all-star guard, as 28 of the players will be appearing in the game for the first time.

The AFC will start six first-time selections: cornerback Aaron Glenn of the New York Jets; linebackers Chris Slade of New England, Joel Steed of Pittsburgh and Ted Washington of Buffalo; safety Darryl Williams of Seattle; and offensive lineman Jonathan Ogden of Baltimore.

Four Pro Bowl rookies are starters for the NFC: Green Bay running back Dorsey Levens; offensive lineman Todd Steussie of Minnesota; and New York Giants linebacker Jessie

Armstead and defensive end Michael Strahan.

There are, of course, the all-star perennials such as the AFC's Bruce Smith of Buffalo, making his 10th appearance; and Derrick Thomas of Kansas City, voted into the game for the ninth time.

And NFC "old-timers" include, in addition to Sanders, Randall McDaniel of Minnesota, in his ninth all-star game; and Chris Doleman of San Francisco, in his eighth.

Most of the NFL's big names are on hand, including Super Bowl MVP Terrell Davis of Denver, appearing for the second time.

Listed among tackles are the Dallas Cowboys' Erik Williams. Dallas' Larry Allen is among the guards.

Both Deion Sanders at cornerback and Darren Woodson at strong safety are listed as injured and will not play.

Missing, however, are the two Super Bowl quarterbacks, Denver's John Elway and Green Bay's Brett Favre.

They were scheduled to start the game, but both did not come to Hawaii because they face the prospect of offseason surgery.

Seattle's Warren Moon was called in late in the week to replace Elway, and Atlanta's Chris Chandler took Favre's spot on the NFC roster.

Jacksonville's Mark Brunell, the MVP in the AFC's 26-23 overtime win last year, is expected to start at quarterback. Brunell connected on an 80-yard touchdown pass to Tim Brown with 44 seconds left in regulation to force overtime and finished 12-of-22 for 236 yards.

New England's Drew Bledsoe is the other AFC quarterback.

Stanton teams remain atop 6-2A standings; Bulldogs tumble



HERALD photo/Jim Fierro
Coahoma's Kurt Bennett (14) attempts to drive past Eldorado's Casey Snelson during Friday's game. The Bulldogs suffered a 59-56 loss.

HERALD Staff Reports

Stanton's Buffaloes and Lady Buffs reasserted their leadership role in District 6-2A basketball circles Friday with wins over Anthony's Wildcats and Lady Wildcats.

While the No. 8-ranked Buffs had little trouble in taking a 69-45 win, Anthony made things difficult in the evening's opener before losing by a 52-50 margin.

Paced by point guard Kyle Herm and stellar post Marcus Washington, the Buffs jumped out to a 20-7 lead in the first quarter and seemed to coast from there, extending their lead to 32-13 at halftime.

Herm led all scorers with 22 points, while Washington added 18 in improving the Buffaloes' record to 11-1 overall and a perfect 6-0 in 6-2A action. The best the Wildcats could muster were 10-point performances by Juan Lara, Carlos Carrasco and Ricky Moreno.

The girls' game featured perhaps the district's top two players in Anthony's Rosa Ramirez and Stanton's Randi Simer.

Simer would prevail in both the individual competition, as well as the final outcome.

After trailing 13-11 at the end of the first quarter, the Lady Buffs outscored Anthony 16-7 in the second quarter to take a 27-20 lead and hold on as Ramirez and her teammates attempted a second-half comeback.

Simer led all scorers with 22 points and got scoring support from Rainee Hull's 10 markers. Ramirez finished with 17 to lead the Lady Wildcats while Analisa Padilla turned four 3-point shots into a 12-point night.

AREA ROUNDUP

GIRLS' GAME

Stanton 52, Anthony 50
ANTHONY — Daisey Favela 1 0-0 2, Isela Leon 1 1-2 3, Rosa Ramirez 7 5-8 17, Analisa Padilla 4 0-0 12, Terry Silvas 3 2-2 8, Barbara Castro 3 0-0 6. Totals 19 8-12 50.

STANTON — Rachel Madison 1 0-0 2, Stacey 0 0-0 0, Rainee Hull 2 6-7 10, Julie Adams 3 1-5 7, Tamesha Cobb 4 0-0 9, Randi Simer 9 4-4 22, Jonna Moore 1 0-1 2. Totals 20 11-17 52.

Score by Quarters:
ANTHONY 13 7 12 18-50
STANTON 11 16 11 14-52
3-point goals: Anthony 4 (Padilla 4); Stanton 1 (Cobb).
Total Fouls: Anthony 17, Stanton 12. Fouled out: Anthony-Padilla; Stanton-None. Turnovers: Anthony 20, Stanton 25. Records: Stanton is 14-8 overall and 6-0 in District 6-2A; Anthony is 18-6, 4-2.

BOYS' GAME

Stanton 69, Anthony 45
ANTHONY — Juan Lara 5 0-0 10, Adrian Delgado 0 0-0 0, Robert Navarrete 3 0-1 6, Carlos Carrasco 4 2-2 10, Enrique Solls 0 0-0 0, Ricky Moreno 3 2-2 10, Erick Fresquez 3 0-0 7. Totals 18 4-5 45.

STANTON — Jeremy Smith 2 0-0 4, Chester Cobb 2 1-4 5, Kyle Herm 7 0-0 20, Justin Cobb 4 0-0 8, Austin Kelley 2 0-0 4, Jody Louder 0 0-0 0, Tyrone Davis 0 1-4 1, Marcus Washington 7 3-7 18, Chad Smith 3 3-4 9. Totals 27 8-19 69.

Score by Quarters:
ANTHONY 7 6 17 15-45
STANTON 20 12 21 16-69
3-point goals: Anthony 3 (Moreno 2, Fresquez); Stanton 7 (Herm 6, Washington 1). Totals fouls: Anthony 12, Stanton 18. Fouled out: None. Turnovers: Anthony 21, Stanton 18. Rebounds: Anthony 30 (Carrasco 10), Stanton 46 (T. Cobb 12, C. Smith 10). Records: Stanton is 11-1 overall and 6-0 in District 6-2A; Anthony is 11-8, 4-3.

Bulldogs fall to Eldorado, 59-56; Bulldogettes nearing playoff berth

After both Eldorado and Coahoma benefited from Winters' forfeits last week, the Eagles decided they wouldn't just hand up the District 8-2A championship Friday.

Taking advantage of relatively cold shooting by the "Dogs in the final eight minutes, Eldorado took a 59-56 win over, and move to within one game of Coahoma's lead in the District 8-2A boys' standings.

The Bulldogs jumped out to an early 16-12 lead at the end of the first quarter, but saw the Eagles rally to tie the halftime score at 32-32.

Coahoma again jumped ahead in the third quarter and took a 44-38 edge into the final eight minutes, only to be outscored 21-12 down the stretch.

With the win, the Eagles, 13-9 overall this season, improved to 5-2 in the 8-2A standings — just one game behind the Bulldogs who fell to 18-7 and 6-1.

The Bulldogettes, on the other hand, turned balanced scoring — four players finished in double figures — into a 62-53 win to keep sole possession of second place in the 8-2A girls' standings behind No. 1-ranked Ozona.

Cassie Tindol paced the Coahoma scoring effort with 17 points, while teammate Ellie Woods was just one point behind with 16. Krista Stanislaus added 12 to the Bulldogette scoring total, while Tara Sterling had 10.

The Bulldogettes, now 18-8 on the year

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Green Bay's Lewis now campaigning for Cowboys' head coaching job

The ASSOCIATED PRESS

IRVING — With Dallas Cowboys owner Jerry Jones planning to pick a new coach this week, Green Bay Packers offensive coordinator Sherman Lewis now says he hopes he's the one.

Lewis spoke highly of the Cowboys as he left the team's Valley Ranch headquarters Friday afternoon, then boarded a plane at Dallas/Fort Worth International Airport.

He was in town for his second face-to-face interview with Jones.

"I think things went well," Lewis

told the Fort Worth Star-Telegram. "I feel good about it. It was positive."

He said he expects to hear from Jones today or Sunday.

Lewis said he could work for Jones, who's known for his hands-on ownership style, and believes the owner wants to do what it takes to have a winning season again.

Meanwhile, Jones said he'll conduct more interviews over the weekend before making his choice next week.

"It would be good to have someone come in and in THEIR way bring an energy, a fresh and forward look to our players, fans, media and myself,"

said Jones between interviews with Lewis on Friday.

"Someone to light it up, have something about them that says, 'I want to do it!' Or someone who's done it but has something to prove. An indication of what they would want to do, how inspired and motivated they are, and what they want to prove," he told The Dallas Morning News.

"The biggest thing I'm looking for — and I don't mean to diminish football skills because he'll be qualified to coach — is fire in the boiler. Logic that says to me that fire is there. That's the most important ingredient.

To a degree, I even need it, I've been there and done that."

He said he could travel to talk with a candidate, but wouldn't say whether it's someone new or someone he's already interviewed.

Besides Lewis, Jones has interviewed former San Francisco 49ers coach George Seifert and former UCLA coach Terry Donahue twice each.

He's looking for someone to replace Barry Switzer, who stepped down Jan. 9 after the team finished 6-10 and missed the playoffs.

One element Lewis brings to the

table is self-confidence, according to Jones.

"This guy I'm talking to will jazz you," he said, referring to the Green Bay aide. "He's different from Jimmy and Barry. He'll put a little tingle in you."

Lewis has earned four Super Bowl rings during 14 years in the NFL.

"Jerry Jones is as powerful a man as there is in the NFL," said Lewis' agent, Bob Le Mont. "He doesn't have to do things for appearances — he's a maverick. He (Lewis) was down there for the better part of two days, so that's a good sign."

HAWKS

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Among those returning starters are a couple of all-conference selections from a year ago — designated hitter/catcher/first baseman William Hawkins and left fielder Brandon Plumlee.

Hawkins led the Hawks with a .432 batting average last season. He hit nine home runs and drove in 56 runs. Plumlee, who Roper calls "one of the premier players in the nation," hit .353 last year in earning all-region honors and drove in 52 runs.

The Hawks also have lead-off man Bryan Phillips returning at second base. He batted .320 last spring, stole 16 bases and has already signed early to play for Texas Tech next year.

"Bryan is the heart and soul of our team ... a little fiery guy that gets us started," Roper said, giving similar credit to returning catcher Keith Kubiak. "Keith hit .352 last year

and is another guy that plays a big leadership role for us."

Howard will have right-handed pitchers Josh Jones and Keith Lant returning as well. Jones was 8-4 last season with a 2.72 ERA and will transfer to LSU for his final two years of collegiate ball.

Lant amassed a 4-3 record last year while being used as both a starter, middle reliever and stopper. "He has unlimited potential," Roper said of Lant. "I really look for him to bust out and have a big year."

Among the sophomore transfers are former Big Spring Steers star first baseman Trey Terrazas, short stop Ryan Mathews and third baseman Kelley Pettit.

Terrazas left the New Mexico JC program to return home. "He sat out an entire baseball season, so he's ready to play," Roper explained. "He's really improved and should give us a lot of power."

Mathews, who comes to Howard after having started for Rice in the College World Series last spring, should also provide additional power at the plate.

Pettit, a transfer from McLennan Community College, is a solid defensive performer that Roper says brings playoff experience to the team.

Dave Rau, a transfer from Blinn Junior College, will add switch hitting credentials to the Hawks order and play in the outfield.

Among the top freshmen in the lineup is pitcher Dwite Welch from Lubbock.

"He has potential to be the best pitcher here at Howard since Frankie Rodriguez ... he's already than Ben Phillips was," Roper said of Welch. "He could be a first or second-round pick in the June draft."

Other top freshmen include a foursome from Duncanville — Scott Fahey, Rhett Wells, Rip Fleming and Shane Webb;

Robert Ramos from Plano; Josh Duwe from Abilene; Brandon Claussen from Roswell, N.M.; and Chris Lengefeld from Houston Bellaire.

Fleming, Duwe, Claussen and Lengefeld are all left-handed pitchers, while Webb is a slick-fielding shortstop and Wells is an accomplished position player in both the infield and outfield, as well as swinging a good bat.

"Hitting is going to be our strength ... power is our game," Roper admitted. "I've always been a pitching and defense guy, but we're going to live and die with the long ball."

"We've got the kind of lineup this year that can play that way," he explained. "Last year, people were able to pitch around up. But every guy in our lineup from No. 2 through No. 8 this year is capable of leaving the yard at any minute. We'll be tough on opposing pitchers."

Hingis tops Martinez for Australian repeat

The ASSOCIATED PRESS

MELBOURNE, Australia — A year ago, gliding along with the craft and confidence of a veteran, Martina Hingis made her mark as the youngest female winner this century of a Grand Slam tournament.

Now, despite the pressure, the 17-year-old Swiss prodigy is the youngest repeat champion.

Conchita Martinez, the 1994 Wimbledon champion, played well enough to frustrate Hingis at times, well enough to give herself opportunities — and well enough to bring out some of Hingis' best tennis.

And Hingis outmaneuvered her for a 6-3, 6-3 victory Saturday, defending her Australian Open title and capturing her fourth championship in five consecutive Grand Slam finals.

"It was a lot harder than last year because there were so many different expectations of me, pressure that, especially from myself, I really want to defend the title," said Hingis,

who was hoarse with a cold. "And I had a lot harder draw this time."

Her determination showed especially in the final moments. When it looked like Martinez might win at least one more game, Hingis chased down a rocketing shot in the corner and lofted back a lob to the baseline that the eighth-seeded Spanish player hit wide.

After two more errors by Martinez, Hingis was on her way to reach high up to the stadium's first row to shake hands with her mother and coach, Melanie Molitor, and with her friend and doubles co-champion, Mirjana Lucic.

Hingis and the 15-year-old Lucic won the women's doubles title on Friday, making her a repeat winner here in both singles and doubles.

When Hingis reached her first Grand Slam final and won her first major title here last year, Molitor jumped down from the stands in an ankle-jarring landing to embrace her daughter.

LOSSES

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Lady Steers trailing by one, 42-41, with 1:02 to play.

That forced Big Spring to intentionally foul. Sweetwater guards Kori Clemens and Lisa Rannefeld both converted on 1-and-1 situations to make it 46-41 and ice away the win.

Sweetwater drew first blood in the game and owned a 3-0 lead before a pair of Keesha Lott free throws and a 3-pointer from Maggie Haddad gave the Lady Steers their first lead at 5-3.

The Lady Mustangs answered right back, tying the game on a Vanessa Lehrmann jumper from the lane.

Lehrmann and Lu Washington, her cohort in the Lady Mustangs' front line, provided most of the scoring as Sweetwater took a 13-12 lead into the second quarter.

Both teams turned in defensive showcases in the second period. Big Spring was limited to just seven points — four from Lott and a three-pointer from Kara Hughes — but the Lady Steers allowed Sweetwater to score just eight, leaving the Lady Mustangs with a 21-19 halftime lead.

A quick start in the third quarter allowed the Lady Mustangs to hold sway for most of the period. And when Lindsay Lepard hit a 3-pointer and Washington tacked on a jumper from the paint in the final seconds, Sweetwater had its biggest lead of the night — a 35-28 margin to start the final eight minutes.

That lead did not last long, however, as the Lady Steers opened the fourth quarter with Hughes and Haddad ripping a couple of long-distance bombs. And when Haddad hit a pair of free throws at the 4:54 mark, Big Spring owned a 36-35 edge.

Lehrmann rattled off the Lady Mustangs next seven points, answering Big Spring's efforts to take control when Lott scored from the lane and Marlena Light hit a 3-point shot.

But Cole was unable to convert on her free throws when Washington was charged with

her fifth personal, and the Lady Steers were never able to force a Sweetwater turnover down the stretch.

Lehrmann led Sweetwater with a game-high 16 points, while Rannefeld added 12 and Washington had 10 before making her early exit.

Lott led the way for Big Spring with 14 points, while Haddad finished with 10.

"We've just got to put this one behind us and be ready to play Andrews on Tuesday," Taylor said. "We'll take care of business and get ready for the playoffs."

Sweetwater looked every bit the defending 4-4A boys' champion in the second game, as the Mustangs made sure there would be no challenge like the Steers mounted for three quarters with both teams opened district play.

Post Derrick Franklin and forward Brett Bishop, both starters on the Mustangs state tournament team a year ago, seemed almost unstoppable.

Franklin and point guard Brad Barnes provided most of the fireworks in the first quarter as the Mustangs powered to an 18-6 lead. Then it became the Franklin and Bishop show, as they combined for 17 of Sweetwater's 19 second quarter points.

The Steers' Justin Myers, Chauncey Ford and Casey Cowley were in anything but an obliging mood, however, and with three minutes to play in the second half, suddenly caught fire, rattling off 10 unanswered points to trim a 18-point Mustangs lead to just eight.

But Bishop turned a couple of layups into a 37-25 lead at the half for Sweetwater and the Steers would never again get close to the 12-point margin.

"We turned the ball over too many times," Steers coach Gary Tipton said following the loss. "There were some times where we looked very good, but we just weren't consistent enough."

Bishop finished the night with a game-high 26 points, while Franklin had 18. Barnes also finished in double figures with 11.

Myers was the only Big Spring player to reach the double-digit plateau, scoring 13 points. Andy Hall added nine for the Steers and Cowley had eight.

Big Spring's junior varsity teams fared a little better. The Steer JV got 12 points from Blair Nutting and eight more from Lance Brock in taking a 30-24 win; while the Lady Steers JV took a 43-31 win

behind Alexis Casillas' 10 points and eight-point scoring from Monica Rubio and Nina Evans.

GIRLS' GAME
Sweetwater 49, Big Spring 43
SWEETWATER — Vanessa Lehrmann 6 0 4 5 16, Lindsay Lepard 0 2 0 0 6, Brooke Swindle 0 0 0 0, Kori Clemens 2 0 1 1 5, Lisa Rannefeld 1 2 4 4 12, Lu Washington 3 0 4 6 10. Totals 12 4 13 16 49.

BIG SPRING — Krisal McWhorter 0 0 0 0 0, Keesha Lott 5 0 4 5 14, Maggie Haddad 0 2 4 6 10, Traci Bellinghausen 0 0 0 1 0, Kara Hughes 0 3 0 0 9, Marlena Light 1 1 2 2 7, Nadia Cole 1 0 1 4 3. Totals 7 6 11 18 43.

Score by Quarters:
SWEETWATER 13 8 14 14-49
BIG SPRING 12 7 9 15-43
3-point goals: Sweetwater 4 (Lepard 2, Rannefeld 2); Big Spring 6 (Haddad 2, Hughes 2, Light 1). Total fouls: Sweetwater 16, Big Spring 16. Fouled out: Sweetwater: Washington; Big Spring: Hughes. Turnovers: Sweetwater 15, Big Spring 9. Rebounds: Sweetwater 26, Big Spring 13. Records: Big Spring is 15-10 overall and 5-3 in District 4-4A; Sweetwater is 25-5, 7-1 JV score: Big Spring 43, Sweetwater 31.

BOYS' GAME
Sweetwater 69, Big Spring 46
SWEETWATER — Derrick Franklin 8 0 2 2 18, Brad Barnes 5 0 1 2 21, Daniel Price 0 0 2 2 2, Andrew Bostright 0 0 2 2 2, Matt Frederick 0 0 0 0 0, Kevin Oliver 0 0 0 0 0, Derek Carr 0 0 0 1 0, Scott Rhodes 1 0 0 0 2, Brett Bishop 10 0 6 7 26, Landon Brim 4 0 0 1 8. Totals 28 0 13 17 69.

BIG SPRING — Chello Williams 3 0 1 2 7, Justin Myers 0 3 4 4 13, Jonathan Watson 0 0 0 0 0, Andy Hall 2 1 2 2 9, Sandy Rollins 0 0 1 2 1, Greg Wollenzien 2 0 1 3 5, Casey Cowley 4 0 0 0 8, Chauncey Ford 2 0 0 2 4. Totals 13 4 9 15 46.

Score by Quarters:
SWEETWATER 18 19 17 15-69
BIG SPRING 8 19 10 11-46
3-point goals: Sweetwater 0; Big Spring 4 (Myers 3, Hall 1). Total fouls: Sweetwater 15, Big Spring 17. Fouled out: Big Spring: Ford. Records: Sweetwater is 15-9 overall and 5-1 in District 4-4A; Big Spring 4-20, 1-5 JV score: Big Spring 30, Sweetwater 24.

Doak Walker improving after skiing mishap

The ASSOCIATED PRESS

ENGLEWOOD, Colo. — Hall of Fame running back Doak Walker showed improvement Saturday from a head injury he sustained in a skiing spill.

Walker's condition was upgraded from critical to serious by the Swedish Medical Center, where the 71-year-old

former football star was taken by helicopter after the mishap in Steamboat Springs.

A hospital spokeswoman said CAT scan tests "showed no real physical damage, just a closed head injury."

Walker, who won the Heisman Trophy at SMU in 1948 and then went on to the Detroit Lions in the NFL, fell

while skiing on Lower Rainbow, a groomed intermediate trail.

Resort spokesman Rod Hanna said witnesses said Walker was making giant-slam type turns "when he hit a change in terrain, not like moguls or a bump, but rolling terrain, which caused him to travel 20-30 feet in the air."

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CARVING out CHARACTERS

Story by Debbie L. Jensen ••• Photos by Linda Choate

Bob Stewart's hands find faces in blocks of wood.

Goofy grins appear in gnarled sections of mesquite, often followed by the buck teeth and bowed legs of a comical cowboy.

"People don't know what they're missing when they don't like whittling," he says, showing visitors his vast collection. There are goofy drunks, card players, musicians and bull riders. There are cowgirls, some buxom and pretty, others wrinkled and toothless.

All of them smile.
A set of carved bottle stoppers feature the faces of some of Stewart's friends and golfing buddies. He says his characters — once made by patterns — now often seem familiar when they are complete.

His enjoyment of working with wood has been lifelong.

"I got my first pocketknife in the first grade, and I've been whittling ever since," he said. Stewart uses hard woods like mesquite and pecan, "roughed out" on a band saw and adds details with hand tools.

An electric chisel, pneumatic die grinder and a set of tiny dental drill bits add detail to the work of an everyday pocketknife. He said he also needs his bifocals, and often uses a large, mounted magnifying glass.

Stewart once spent quite a bit of time making "whirligigs," yard ornaments and other trinkets. He also created a series of unique candleholders, pieces of furniture and even polished wood belt buckles.

It was three years ago, while on a trip to Branson, Mo., that he changed his focus. Stewart and his wife, Ben Ella, had stopped at a bass pro shop, where he picked up a book of Western wood carving designs.

Now he spends several hours a day in the shop behind his house, carving his characters. Friend Bob Rogers stops by two or three times a week.

"We may stay out here all morning and not say two words to each other," said Rogers, who is learning the carving craft from Stewart, making wood figures of his own.

Stewart estimates each figure takes from two to four days to complete.

"That depends on how much golfing time you have to get in," he said. "If golf gets in the way, you can get behind on it."

Blocks of wood are scrounged from anywhere he can get them: Pecan from his land, rare specialty woods from friends. Stewart said he prefers his mesquite "half green."

His figures are carefully painted, down to their tiny eyes and teeth. But Stewart denies he has any real artistic ability, saying his daughter, Teresa Griffin, is the artist in the family. He shows off portraits she created that hang throughout the Stewart home.

At his shop hangs a sign that says, "Working Hours — Whenever."

"That's the nice thing about being retired," he said.

But Stewart does not appear to be taking retirement easy.

Once a week, he and a group of friends play music for residents of the VA Medical Center Nursing Home Unit.

"I've been overhauled a bunch," Stewart said, "and I can't play golf more than two or three times a week."

Much of his time, he says, he enjoys spending with the blocks of wood — and seeing who will emerge from the grain next.



In the photos, clockwise from left: Cowboy characters from Bob Stewart's collection line the window in his woodworking shop. Stewart, a retiree from the Fina refinery, works with wood several hours a day. Candleholders like these are carved out of a single piece of wood. A country and western band made up of Stewart's cowboy figures. He says after a while, the faces begin to look familiar. One of his cowboys springs right out of a piece of wood. In Stewart's hands, ordinary pieces of mesquite and pecan become comical characters.



'People don't know what they're missing when they don't like whittling.'

*Bob Stewart
woodcarver*

ANNIVERSARIES

Lewis



MR. AND MRS. MILTON LEWIS, THEN AND NOW.

Milton (Rip) and Juanita Lewis will celebrate their 50th wedding anniversary with a reception at 2 p.m. at The Family Center, Birdwell Lane Baptist Church on Feb. 7, 1998. The event is hosted by their daughters.

He was born in Dawson County, raised in Stanton and she was born in Lee Store, Howard County. As Juanita Wright they were introduced to each other by Clarence and Wanda Daves at the VFW. They were married on Feb. 7, 1948 in the home of Mr. and Mrs. H. H. Wright.

Mrs. and Mrs. Lewis have three daughters: LeaOma Gray, Cheryl Beeson, both of Big

Spring, and Janell Williams of La Porte. They also have seven grandchildren and seven great-grandchildren, with one on the way.

Milton is self employed after retiring from Fina in 1982. Juanita is a hairdresser at Quita's Hair Fashion. They are members of Birdwell Lane Baptist Church, where Milton serves as a deacon. Their hobbies are hunting and fishing, arts and crafts and spoiling the grandchildren and great-grandchildren.

Their comment about their 50 years of marriage is, "To have a happy marriage, put God first in your life. That is the answer."

Kellerman does it again with 'The Clinic'

"The Clinic." Jonathan Kellerman. Bantam Books, New York, New York. November, 1997. 465 pages. \$6.99.

Dr. Alex Delaware, psychologist, returns in Kellerman's latest novel to assist the police in the solution of several murders. Milo Sturgis, homicide detective and friend of Delaware, is working to solve the murder of Hope Devane, a professor and author. Alex's skillful questioning and intuitive feelings about the various suspects are invaluable aids to Milo as they work to solve the crimes.

A book about the victimization of women was Hope's latest public accomplishment, and controversial television interviews drew widely diverse public reactions. The possibilities of suspects begin with her strange and aloof husband, but

soon widen to include students she used in her collegiate activities.

Alex and Milo discover Hope's employment as a consultant for a local doctor, but his connections to the murder seem far-fetched and oblique.

The more intense the investigation becomes, Hope's relationships, not only to the doctor, but others in her circle of acquaintances, become blurred and confusing.

As other murders occur, the list of suspects grows. Each possible murderer is found to have some vague link with others on the list, finally forming the basis for the eventual solution.

Jonathan Kellerman isn't a writer of intense and suspense-filled mysteries, and "The Clinic" is no exception.

Rather, reading Kellerman's books is more like taking an appreciative walk in the park when you have time to admire the trees, clouds, and birds. As Kellerman gives Alex's thoughts and suppositions verbal life, the reader can judge the worth of the ideas and assess the validity of his reasoning.

Kellerman writes flowingly, spicing his stories with unusual vocabulary words that are

quite understandable when read in context. The occasional psychological terms he uses are ones readers will understand easily.

In "The Clinic," one of the major mysteries was how the title related to the story, but in his inimitable way, Kellerman tied his story up tightly and carried his readers with him to the completion and solution.

Reading a J. Kellerman mystery with Alex Delaware is like having a good and satisfying weekend visit with a favorite relative.

It leaves wonderful memories, and a desire to repeat the experience. "The Clinic" made a terrific weekend!

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



Pat Williams
Paperback Book
Reviewer

At Valentine's, a vacuum cleaner just didn't cut it

By MARY RANDLE
Columnist

Valentine's Day is not far away, we will be bombarded with ideas for gifts for our loved one or ones.

I once worked with a young man who had girlfriends, but always managed to break up with them at Valentine's Day or Christmas or their birthday. He said he saved a lot of money. I wonder what he did with it?

From the time we are in Kindergarten or first grade we send little cards to classmates and someone who is special to us even at that age.

I have never been one of those who received lavish gifts. One year Adrian gave me a vacuum cleaner, convinced that's what I really needed. I was so hoping for jewelry.

The floral industry says that Valentine's Day is their biggest sales time. At this time of year, with virtually nothing blooming, receiving fresh flowers or a green plant tickles the nose as well as the fancy. Thank goodness more women each year send flowers to their man; I never could understand why men were deprived their joy of flowers.

As I've grown older friends have come to mean more, and I like to remember them — at least with a nice card.

The custom of pledging or reaffirming our love and devotion is old, and seems to grow as time goes on. What is love? There are so many different kinds. I love chocolate, Snickers that is, Mexican food, the color red, lilies, on and on.

Right now, here in the office with Marco Polo, well known cat explorer, asleep in a white

basket, I put out a hand and stroke him, his hair so soft, and his responding purr so reassuring, I love Marco.

Back to Valentine's day and presents. If you asked women what they would like to have, many of them would answer jewelry, diamond jewelry. After all, "Diamonds are a girl's best friend", we would love to have big rocks, but are usually glad to get smaller stones to wear and enjoy. Unfortunately, we are talking lots of money most of us don't have, so we settle for other types, gold or silver, colored stones.

Giving jewelry as a token of love is as old as time. In archeological digs jewelry is always found, civilization's best efforts to create something beautiful and lasting is evident.

We also write words we hope will please our loved ones. These can be in the form of poetry, as in Elizabeth Barrett Browning, or letters, written by any of us.

Some of these have endured and are certainly worth repeating. I would like to share a few I found in "Family Circle" magazine.

To love is to receive a glimpse of heaven. - Karen Sund

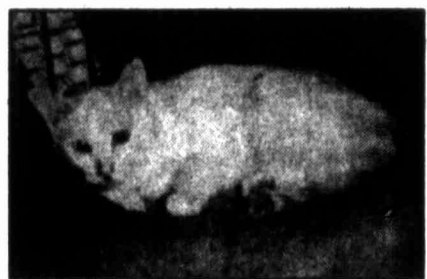
What is love? It is the morning and the evening star. - David Viscott

Age does not protect you from love. But love, to some extent, protects you from age. - Jeanne Moreau

I really like the last one, something to remember as we grow older, and love becomes sweeter.

You have so many choices for presents, flowers, candy, special words, or some act of kindness that says "I love you" best of all.

HUMANE SOCIETY



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GETTING ENGAGED



Melissa Nichols and Wes Crow, both of Big Spring, will exchange wedding vows June 20, 1998, at First Baptist Church of Coahoma, with the Rev. Doug Shelley, pastor of East Side Baptist Church, officiating. The prospective bride is the daughter of Max and Jan Nichols, Big Spring. The prospective groom is the son of Saletta and Tommy Tilley, and Clifford and Carla Crow.

WHO'S WHO

Duemani Reddy and Ramnath Subbaraman of Big Spring were named to the Texas Academy of Mathematics and Science Director's Honor Roll for fall semester 1997.

Reddy is the son of J.M. and Sri Ranjani Reddy. Subbaraman is the son of Shantha and Sriramamurthy Subbaraman.

To be named to the Director's Honor Roll, undergraduates must complete at least 12 academic hours during the semester with a perfect grade point average of 4.0.

Arthur Graves IV of Big Spring was named to the dean's list at the University of North Texas for fall semester 1997. He is the son of Arthur and Delia Graves.

To be named to the dean's list, undergraduates must complete at least 12 academic hours during the semester with a grade point average of 3.5 to 3.9. Graves is a student at the Texas Academy of Mathematics and Science, a two-year program at the University of North Texas.

NEWCOMERS

Among those greeted recently by Joy Fortenberry and the Newcomer Greeting Service:

Leon Verna Langley and son Hunter, San Angelo. He works for Texas Production Credit Association.

Marietta Harkins, Phoenix, Ariz. She is a retired school teacher.

Michael and Teri Sittre and daughters Patricia, Kim and Ciara, Salt Lake City, Utah. He works for Patterson Drilling.

Tommy and Brenda Morton, Midland. He is employed by Western Container.

Rusty Hull, Abilene. He is employed by Rainbo Bakery.

Cody and Angela Cloud, daughter Chynna and sons Daniel, Jeremy, and Kegan, Slaton. He works for White Transportation.

Rosie Blackstock, Texarkana. She is employed by Big Spring Care Center.

Judy Sidoni, Phoenix, Ariz.



Lisa Lynette Griffin, Midland, and Robert Glenn Eaker, O'Donnell, will exchange wedding vows March 7, 1998, at Kelvins Heights Baptist Church, Midland, with Rev. Russ Hale, associate pastor, officiating. She is the daughter of Connie Griffin, Midland, and the late Bill Griffin, and the granddaughter of Neva Shaffer and the late Roy Shaffer, Big Spring. He is the son of Kenneth and Ann Eaker, O'Donnell.

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THURSDAY-Baked turkey or baked chicken, steamed rice/gravy, buttered corn, fruit gelatin, hot roll, milk, punch.
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WEDNESDAY-Ground beef casserole, blackeye peas, salad, jello-w-fruit, cornbread, milk.
THURSDAY-Fish nuggets, scalloped potatoes, green beans, batter bread, cookie, milk.
FRIDAY-Hamburgers, chips, lettuce, tomatoes, pickles, fresh fruit, milk.

COAHOMA SCHOOLS
MONDAY-BBQ riblets on bun or chili dog, potato salad, fruit cobbler, milk.
TUESDAY-Enchiladas or corn dogs, pinto beans, spanish rice, mexican cornbread, fruit, milk.
WEDNESDAY-Meatloaf or burritos, mashed potatoes, rolls, blackeyed peas, jello w/fruit, milk.
THURSDAY-Pizza, fries, fruit salad, milk. Teaches only baked

potato or salad.
FRIDAY-Hamburgers, fries, lettuce, tomatoes, pickles, fresh fruit, milk.

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MONDAY-Corndog (chicken pattie w/gravy), potato wedges, carrot sticks, sliced peaches, milk.
TUESDAY-Jambalaya (Deli sandwiches, french fries), Border beans, salad, mixed fruit w/jello, cornbread, milk.
WEDNESDAY-Chicken nuggets (Chef salad, crackers), whipped potatoes, english peas, hot roll, orange wedges, milk.
THURSDAY-Lasagna (fried chicken), green beans, corn on cob, rosy applesauce, hot roll, milk.
FRIDAY-Cheeseburger (Stuffed baked potato w/chili & cheese), french fries, western styles beans, salad, lemon pie, milk.

FORSAN SCHOOLS
MONDAY-Burritos, buttered potatoes, salad, cookies/fruit, milk.

TUESDAY-Pizza, corn, salad, fruit, milk.
WEDNESDAY-Sloppy Jo, french fries, salad, pickles/onions, chocolate cake/applesauce, milk.
THURSDAY-Hot dogs, chips/relish, salad/onions, pork and beans, fruit, milk.
FRIDAY-Chicken strips, potatoes/gravy, green beans, hot rolls, jello/fruit, milk.

GRADY SCHOOLS
MONDAY-Chicken strips, mashed potatoes, carrots, rolls, milk.
TUESDAY-Corn dogs, french fries, fruit, dessert, milk.
WEDNESDAY-Spaghetti, green beans, rolls, dessert, milk.
THURSDAY-Tacos, beans, fruit, dessert, milk.
FRIDAY-Hamburgers, chips, fruit, dessert, milk.

WESTBROOK SCHOOLS
MONDAY-Chicken fried steak, gravy, green beans, creamed potatoes, biscuits, syrup, honey, milk.

TUESDAY-Hotdogs, chili, mustard, scalloped potatoes, lettuce wedges, peaches, milk.
WEDNESDAY-Fish sticks, macaroni & cheese, english peas, apricot cobbler, sliced bread, milk.
THURSDAY-Green enchiladas, mexican salad, corn, chocolate pudding w/topping, milk.
FRIDAY-Beef stew w/vegetables, cheese or peanut butter sandwiches, banana pudding, milk.

ELBOW SCHOOL
MONDAY-Chicken strips, mashed potatoes, green beans, peaches, hot roll, milk.
TUESDAY-Fried burritos, new potatoes, salad, fruit, milk.
WEDNESDAY-Corndog, pinto beans, spinach, cornbread, milk.
THURSDAY-Hamburger, potato chips, salad, pickle, fruit, milk.
FRIDAY-Steak fingers, mashed potatoes, peas, fruit, hot roll, milk.

IN THE MILITARY

Marine Lance Cpl. Gerardo Armendarez, son of Albert L. and Maria M. Armendarez, Big Spring, recently reported for duty with 3rd Battalion, 1st Marines, 1st Marine Division, Marine Corps Base, Camp Pendleton, Calif.

The 1995 graduate of Coahoma High School joined the Marine Corps in May 1995.

Marine Pvt. George Martinez, son of Genaro B. and Jamie R. Martinez, Garden City, recently completed basic training at Marine Corps Recruit Depot, San Diego, Calif.

He is a 1997 graduate of Garden City High School.

Coast Guard Fireman Apprentice Randy W. Collins, son of Luther C. and Christene F. James, Big Spring, recently graduated from the U.S. Coast Guard Recruit Training Center in Cape May, N.J.

He is a 1997 graduate of Zion Christian High School, Odessa.

SR Felicia M. Lara, daughter of Mark and Lupe Pattrin, Granddaughter of Mr. & Mrs. A deli ado

Martinez II of Big Spring, has completed her basic training for the United States Navy at Great Lakes, Ill. Naval Station.

She will attend school in Meridian, Mississippi.

Felicia is a 1996 graduate of Big Spring High School.

Thomas Lance Purcell, a graduate of Big Spring High School, earned the title "United States Marine" upon graduation of recruit training at Marine Corps Recruit Depot, San Diego, California.

During the 11 weeks of training he was taught classes in leadership, physical fitness, and basic military knowledge. He will continue his training in Aviation Electronics and will serve five years in the Marine Corps.

He is the son of Jim & Vickie Purcell of Big Spring. He graduated Recruit Training as Series Honorman and was meritoriously promoted to L.Cpl/E-3.



LARA



PURCELL



Evelyn Davis, left, and Myrie Haney were among those on Thursday previewing items for auction at the home of Roy and Jessie P. Beck, 612 Baylor. Possessions belonging to the Becks were auctioned beginning Saturday; the sale continues today.

STORK CLUB

Quentin Tyree Dickson, boy, Jan. 11, 1998, 1:35 p.m., six pounds 9 1/2 ounces and 19 inches long; parents are Quentin Dickson and Jodi Lelek.

Grandparents are Rosie Dickson, Nita Lelek, both of Big Spring, and John Lelek, Nashville, Tenn.

Isaiah Jesus Miramontes, 1:16 a.m., seven pounds three ounces and 19 3/4 inches long, and Isaac Jose Miramontes, 1:14 a.m., six pounds two ounces and 19 inches long, both born on Jan. 21, 1998; parents are Jose and Elizabeth Miramontes.

Grandparents are Frances Enriquez and the late Armando Enriquez, and Raul and Nicholasa Miramontes.

Logan Dale Melton, Jan. 10, 1998, 5:09 p.m., five pounds 11 ounces and 19 3/4 inches long; parents are Nicole Faultner and Michael Melton.

Grandparents are Linda Faultner and Charles Gregg, both of Big Spring.

Veronica Elizabeth Nieto, girl, Jan. 6, 1998, 12:06, seven pounds 3 1/4 ounces and 19 1/2 inches long; parents are Rosalinda Perez and Lupe Nieto.

Grandparents are Sirilo and Rosa Nieto.

Roger Rodriguez, Jr., Jan. 11,

1998, 3:10, seven pounds and 1/2 ounce and 19 1/4 inches long; parents are Bonnie Rodriguez and Roger Rodriguez.

Grandparents are: Lydia Vasquez and Denise Bracey, Corpus Christi.

Austin Andrew Eldred, boy, Jan. 21, 1998, 12:31 p.m., six pounds 15 ounces and 20 1/2 inches long; parents are Mark Andrew Eldred and Tina Marie Castaneda.

Grandparents are Frank and Ida Garcia, Big Spring, and Henry and Anita Knapp, Mesquite.

Jennifer Mae Delone Campos, girl, Jan. 16, 1998, 10:19 p.m., seven pounds 3 1/2 ounces and 19 3/4 inches long; parents are Sharon Delone and Pete Campos, Big Spring.

Stephanie, Jan. 22, 1998, 1:05 p.m., six pounds 13 ounces and 20 3/4 inches long; parents are Dr. Carlos Mercado and Mara De la Vega.

Alexis Ameris Ovalle, girl, Jan. 22, 1998, 11:35, five pounds 15 1/2 ounces; parents are Amelia Collins and Carlos Ovalle.

Grandparents are Alice Gonzales, Big Spring, Mr. and Mrs. Oscar Ovalle, Sonora, and Mr. and Mrs. Ruben Valdez, Las Cruces, N.M.

Destinee Nicole Fowler, girl, Jan. 25, 1997, 6:33 p.m. six pounds 14 ounces and 21 1/2 inches long; mother is Natalie Nicole Fowler.

Grandparents are Angela Trevino and Scott Fowler.

WHO'S WHO

Shelly Marie Phinney of Coahoma has been selected for inclusion in the 1997 edition of Outstanding Young Women of America (OYWA).

The OYWA program has since 1966 honored men and women between the ages of 21 and 40 who have distinguished themselves in service to their communities.

A Big Spring student at San Angelo State University was among 296 students to receive degrees during the Fall commencement at the university.

Terese Renee Anderson received a Bachelor of Science, with a major in Early Childhood.

April Ward received "Special Honorable Mention" recognition in the 1998 January edition of the national writers' magazine, "Byline." This recognition was given for being in the top six finalists of the "Personal Experience Story" contest held in December. She entered a 1,200 word story entitled "The Attic," about her experience at the Stanton Monastery archeological dig last year.

April is the daughter of Dr. and Mrs. David L. Ward.

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'80 Bites' chefs sought

Have you dreamed of the day your peers would recognize your cordon bleu cooking skills? If so, you can show off that special recipe at the Heritage Museum's "Around the World in 80 Bites" on Feb. 21 in Big Spring.

As a chef you may prepare a favorite exotic recipe from your culinary repertoire for the special evening. As one of the 50 featured cooks you will begin serving "bites" of your dish at 5:30 until 7:30 to the 300 who will attend. Chefs will be given their Chef's Pass and two free tickets.

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Life! Sunday deadlines

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

Wedding, engagement, anniversary and birth announcement forms are available in the editorial department.

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USDA adds 5.9 million acres to farmland CRP

WASHINGTON (AP) — The Agriculture Department will add 5.9 million acres to the nation's largest private land conservation program and pay farmers more to set aside environmentally fragile land.

Agriculture Secretary Dan Glickman said Thursday the added average per-acre cost of this round of Conservation Reserve Program signups — just under \$6 more than last year's signup — was justified to add more wetlands, wildlife habitat and other high-priority land.

"It was worth paying a little more to get higher-rent land that yields great environmental benefits," Glickman said.

Although the amount paid was slightly higher, averaging

\$45.17, it is still below the historic average of over \$49 an acre and will save taxpayers \$261 million over the 10-year life of the CRP contracts, Glickman said.

In addition, the formula used to pick which acreage gets into CRP was adjusted to favor certain regions — Washington state, west Texas, the Corn Belt — that had high percentages of acres rejected during the earlier signup.

The formula takes into account cost, wind and water erosion, wildlife habitat and water and air quality. It was overhauled by the 1996 farm law to focus more on the environment and less on controlling agricultural production.

Glickman announced the latest round in Olympia, Wash.,

in part to show the Agriculture Department had listened to outraged eastern Washington wheat farmers, who last time got only 21 percent of their offers accepted. This time, 82 percent were accepted in that state following adjustments related to the state's volcanic soils.

"The goal was to learn about differences in the country, to learn from our mistakes," Glickman said. "These things tend to kind of even out as time goes on."

Other large-scale winners in this round included Minnesota, with 87 percent of acres accepted; Wisconsin, 81 percent; Iowa, 76 percent; Colorado, 71 percent; and Texas, 67 percent.

Farmers overall offered 9.5

million acres for this CRP round and 62 percent of the acreage was accepted. Landowners should be notified in a matter of days if their offer was accepted.

The total idled farmland under the \$1.8 billion CRP program by Oct. 1 will be 29.9 million acres out of a legal ceiling of 36.4 million acres. There likely will be another signup in the fall; another 3 million acres currently enrolled will expire in September 1999.

The following acres were offered by farmers to the U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA) for the 16th signup of the Conservation Reserve Program. Acres accepted by the USDA included:

ACCEPTED
Alabama: 145,287/81,227
Alaska: 138/0
Arkansas: 41,350/12,058
California: 17,142/15,111
Colorado: 506,190/362,645
Connecticut: 102/72
Delaware: 472/404
Florida: 15,699/6,655
Georgia: 102,910/27,016
Idaho: 84,087/63,299
Illinois: 203,016/133,750
Indiana: 91,298/46,440
Iowa: 446,461/341,234
Kansas: 544,927/369,317
Kentucky: 76,553/49,468
Louisiana: 45,212/30,421
Maine: 9,052/4,423
Maryland: 3,653/2,103
Massachusetts: 247/15
Michigan: 70,798/50,408
Minnesota: 519,989/455,178
Mississippi: 142,403/89,364
Missouri: 295,309/178,760

Montana: 1,079,134/739,920
Nebraska: 316,489/178,315
Nevada: 597/544
New Jersey: 1,603/951
New Mexico: 12,573/9,992
New York: 12,847/11,293
N. Carolina: 28,541/13,499
N. Dakota: 1,144,009/549,908
Ohio: 65,734/33,976
Oklahoma: 341,323/136,122
Oregon: 82,945/60,135
Pennsylvania: 16,021/14,850
Puerto Rico: 370/363
S. Carolina: 61,660/23,874
S. Dakota: 616,273/154,506
Tennessee: 73,965/31,495
Texas: 1,397,676/944,792
Utah: 53,952/40,155
Virginia: 18,996/8,132
Washington: 591,217/483,918
W. Virginia: 263/120
Wisconsin: 169,005/138,140
Wyoming: 57,342/30,005
U.S. (total): 9,504,835/5,924,375

FROM ANTHONY'S TO STAGE



Big residents who frequent Big Spring Mall may have noticed several changes in the way Anthony's is doing business. Specialty Retailers in Houston has purchased all of the Anthony's stores and Big Spring's Anthony's is being converted to a Stage store. According to Watt, Stage merchandise is a bit more upscale than Anthony's. The new store is expected to open in a couple of weeks.

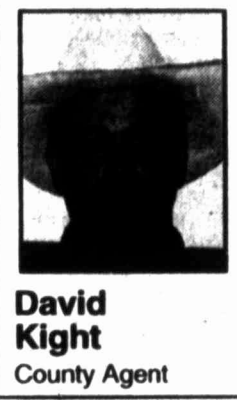
Grazing leases more common due to absentee ownership

Absentee ownership and high land costs are making grazing leases more common. The trend will likely continue due to land being conveyed to non-ranching parties either through purchase, inheritance or some other means.

The trend in ranching, especially in West Texas, is away from ranchers actually owning the land and toward them leasing it. This trend is not necessarily by choice, but by necessity, since ranch land rarely pays for itself agriculturally in Texas anymore.

Unfortunately, several factors have since complicated lease price structure in recent years. Poor cattle markets, drought, higher labor and the loss of the Wool Act across the state's sheep and goat production area have lowered many lease operators' net return considerably.

In many cases, the lease doesn't reflect these industry down-



David Kight
County Agent

turns. The lease remains the same with the ensuing results ranging from abused range to nonpayment, frequent lessee turnover and misunderstandings.

We are seeing more and more ranches operated by persons who, for whatever reason, choose not to be directly involved in grazing and livestock production. Land investment and recreation are often their primary objectives. Whether they realize it or not a properly structured grazing lease can be a definite asset that directly benefits land values and recreational quality.

A good leasing arrangement is fair to all parties and will provide long term maintenance and/or improvement to the range resource. The lessee should earn a fair return on his labor, investment and management. Likewise the landowner should expect a fair return on his investment.

Dr. Larry White, extension range specialist at College Station, points out "that the stocking rate considerations are a critical component of leases, because of their impact on the lessee's profit margin and on the long term maintenance of the range resource. There are many ways to

achieve good results here but generally it is the longer leases using grazing flexibility that yield the best results. Usually leasing on an animal unit basis, rather than on a per acre basis, is best because it allows more stocking rate flexibility."

"Typically, this means a variable lease price, where the landowner assumes some of the livestock enterprise's risk. He will make more money in good years, but won't have his range ruined in bad years."

This is critical in the West Texas area.

Both parties should make understanding each others' goals their first objective and goals should be discussed even before the lease price or structure is negotiated. Both parties should review the ranch's resources, environmental conditions and the management skills needed to meet the desired goals.

At this point in the negotiation process, the landowner should have a fair idea of how the prospective lessee will fit the future plans for the property. Finally, if all goes well, a written lease agreement with resources and services provided by both parties will be beneficial.

Tobacco executives seeking immunity from future lawsuits

WASHINGTON (AP) — Tobacco executives told a House panel Thursday they will not agree to a settlement that deletes protection from future lawsuits, but a key Democrat retorted that Congress doesn't "need the tobacco industry's blessing" to pass legislation sealing the deal.

"We cannot agree to any legislation that does not include the limited commonsense civil liability protections," said Nick Brookes, chairman and chief executive officer of Brown & Williamson Tobacco Corp.

But neither Democrats nor Republicans seem anxious to grant the request of an industry that has produced documents showing it targeted children in advertisements for tobacco products in the 1970s.

"Our only goal must be to pass legislation that protects our children," said Rep. Henry Waxman, D-Calif., an anti-smoking activist. "We don't

need the tobacco industry's blessing to do this. We don't even need their agreement. All we need is the political will to do what's right."

The industry maintains that language affording it immunity from future lawsuits is necessary to protect it from bankruptcy.

A deal struck in June between the industry and state attorneys general would end 40 state lawsuits against the industry if the companies pay \$368 billion over 25 years and voluntarily change such practices as marketing. Part of the settlement money would include payments to treat sick smokers. In return, the industry would get protection from most future lawsuits. The deal must be ratified by Congress if it is to become law.

But the industry's case has been harmed by recently released secret documents showing that in the 1970s, tobacco companies targeted

children with their marketing practices and conducted research to increase the nicotine levels in their products.

In testimony before the Commerce Committee on Thursday, tobacco executives condemned those strategies and pledged to make public a cache of new documents on those subjects.

"It is immoral, it is unethical as well as illegal to market to people underage," conceded Steven Goldstone, chairman and chief executive officer of RJR Nabisco.

Goldstone and four other industry executives pledged to make public hundreds of thousands of documents sought by Minnesota prosecutors who are suing the industry for consumer fraud and deception.

Those documents, also dating back to the 1970s, contain the industry's research into whether nicotine is addictive and its plans to market tobacco products to children, said Scott Strand, deputy counsel in the Minnesota attorney general's office.

"This is a very good decision," committee Chairman Thomas Bliley Jr., R-Va., told the executives.

SCHLOTSKY'S ON THE WAY



Lee Balderas is putting some finishing touches on the brick work of the Schlotzky's sandwich shop, scheduled to open in Big Spring around March 15. Schlotzky's is expected to initially hire 40 employees and retain at least 25 employees once the store is fully operational.

EMPLOYEE OF THE YEAR



Courtesy photo
Shirleen Brown is shown here receiving congratulations from Scenic Mountain Medical Center (SMCC) Administrator Kenneth Randall. Brown was recently named SMCC's Employee of the Year for 1997. Employed at SMCC for 21 years and currently serving as the director of home health services, Brown received a check for \$250 with her award and will be honored at a corporate reception in Nashville, Tenn. in March.

Alamo city seeking NCAA Final Four

SAN ANTONIO (AP) — Sports boosters have been striving for years to get this South Texas city known as a venue for major athletic events.

The Final Four is a ticket to the big time.

The college basketball championship tournament to be played March 28-30 in the Alamodome is the most high-profile amateur athletic contest yet for San Antonio in its quest for stature in the sports world.

"We look at it as the crown jewel of events. This is it," said Sandra Lopez, executive director of the Final Four Local Organizing Committee.

Already the city has hosted a U.S. Olympic Festival, an

NCAA regional basketball tournament and a Big 12 football championship. It's set to host the Women's Final Four in 2002, marking the first time that championship will be played in a domed stadium.

The city is vying for another Final Four five years from now.

And plans are under way for San Antonio to compete with Houston, Miami and Raleigh, N.C., for the U.S. Olympic Committee endorsement to be the site of the Pan American Games in 2007.

"We feel that would be the ultimate event to host," said Deborah Sibley, associate executive director of the San

Antonio Sports Foundation, which works to land major athletic events.

The Pan American Games, held every four years, would feature more than 6,000 athletes from 42 nations. SBC Communications Inc., parent of Southwestern Bell, has signed on as sponsor of the local effort.

The upcoming Final Four will be played before 41,500 spectators in the dome and will be televised nationally and in 30 other countries. The publicity thrills local organizers.

"That just really exposes San Antonio," Ms. Lopez said. "And showcases San Antonio and its facilities."

The Alamodome — a pet pro-

ject of former Mayor Henry Cisneros — opened in May 1993 and was a key to the selection of San Antonio as the site of the Final Four, Ms. Sibley said.

Young Michelle Kwan skated to victory on the ice in the dome during the Olympic Festival in 1993.

Several pre-season professional and regular-season college football games plus the annual Alamo Bowl have been held in the Alamodome.

The San Antonio Spurs currently make their home in the dome. The NBA All-Star Game was played in the Alamodome in 1996.

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days in jail, Ruben Fabian Jaquez
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in jail, Doyle Dee Edmondson \$500
fine and 180 days in jail, Fernando A.
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jail, Steven Anthony Rodriguez \$750
fine and 365 days in jail, Tammy
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days in jail, Roy Allen Gardner \$750
fine and 180 days in jail, Joel
Rodriguez \$750 fine and 180 days in
jail, Bobby L. Taylor, Jr. \$750 fine
and 180 days in jail, Ruthe Marie
Murphree \$750 fine and 180 days in
jail
Probated judgment unlawfully carry-
ing a weapon: Doyle Dee Edmondson
\$500 fine and 180 days in jail
Probated judgment assault/family
violence: Steven A. Robles \$250 fine
and 180 days in jail
Probated judgment violate protective
order: Steven A. Robles \$250
fine and 180 days in jail
Order of dismissal: Steven A.
Robles, Stephen Raymond Halliday,
Richard H. Arenhaz, Kenny Court,
Julian Moreno, Mario G. Paredes,
Charles Mendoza
Judgment & sentence DWI: Joe Luis
Henderson \$750 fine, \$234.25 court
cost and 30 days in jail
Probated judgment attempted bur-
glary of a building: Joe Soliz, Jr.
\$500 fine and 180 days in jail
Probated judgment criminal mis-
chief over \$20/under \$500: Joe
Soliz, Jr. \$250 fine and 180 days in
jail
Judgment & sentence possession of
marijuana under two ounces: John A.
Slaughter \$200 fine, \$227 court
cost and 60 days in jail, Stephen
Cruz \$219.25 court cost and 60
days in jail, Elmer D. Brown \$100
fine and \$184.25 court cost, Julian
Moreno \$300 fine, \$219.25 court
costs and 30 days in jail
Judgment & sentence theft over
\$500/under \$1500: Julian Moreno
\$500 fine, \$219.25 court cost and
30 days in jail
Motion to dismiss revocation of
probation: Arlene Rangel, Martin
Puga
Order: Arlene Rangel, Martin Puga
Probated judgment - deferred adju-
dication: Jeffrey Weaver, Shannon
Curtis Hurst, Robert Allen Ralner
Probated judgment DWLS: Andrew
Aguilar \$250 fine and 180 days in
jail, Manuel Torres Escamilla \$250
fine and 180 days in jail, Vicente
Garcia, Jr. \$250 fine and 180 days in
jail, Richard Arenhaz \$200 fine and
180 days in jail, Steven Anthony
Rodriguez \$250 fine and 180 days in
jail, Alfredo Rios \$250 fine and 180
days in jail, Mario G. Paredes \$350
fine and 180 days in jail
Probated judgment possession of
marijuana under two ounces: Miguel
A. Arenhaz \$500 fine and 180 days
in jail, Marcus E. Gray \$300 fine
and 180 days in jail, Thomas H. Mendez
\$500 fine and 180 days in jail,
Gerardine Flores Lopez \$300 fine
and 180 days in jail
Probated judgment resisting arrest:
Kerry Ryan Mills \$300 fine and 180
days in jail
Judgment & sentence evading
arrest/detention: John A. Slaughter
\$200 fine, \$227 court cost and 60
days in jail
Judgment & sentence burglary of
vehicle: John Joe Perez \$250 fine,
\$192 court cost and 30 days in jail
Revocation of probation & imposi-
tion of sentence: Stephen Cruz,
Lynda Diane Ruth Kelly
Judgment & sentence theft over
\$50/under \$500: John Joe Perez
\$100 fine, \$192 court cost and 30
days in jail
Judgment & sentence criminal mis-
chief over \$20 but less than \$500:
John J. Perez \$250 fine, \$192 court
cost and 30 days in jail
Probated judgment DWLI:
Herenseljido Orozco \$250 fine and
180 days in jail, Michael Edward

Savings rate at its lowest point since the Great Depression

By JONATHAN WEISMAN
Congressional Quarterly

WASHINGTON —
Pandemonium is breaking out
at Regan Ralph's modest
Washington, D.C., duplex. As
the young mother chats on the
phone, the baby sitter bangs on
the door to be let in. Two-year-
old Sam is loudly letting his
mother know he has no interest
in the banana that is supposed to
keep him occupied.
Ralph's job as a Washington
director of Human Rights
Watch's Women's Rights
Project is richly fulfilling but
by no means well-paid. Her
husband, Hamada Hanoura,
edits videotape at C-SPAN, the
public affairs cable television
channel.
Though their occupations are
uniquely Washingtonian, their
struggles are universal. Sam, at
40 pounds, is capable of
remarkable mischief. But he
also has severe asthma, which
has consumed time and money.
At the suggestion of doctors
and day care workers, Ralph
and Hanoura have chosen in-
home baby sitting to keep him
away from day care center
germs. Child care costs them
up to \$350 a week.
Their home is far from
extravagant, but a Washington
mortgage can be huge. They
never considered a cheaper
house in the suburbs. "I don't
want to be giving up one to two
hours of family life a day for an
achingly long commute," Ralph
explains.
That choice comes at a high
cost. By the end of the month,
there's not much money left.

The couple remembers the days
before Sam's birth when they
both contributed to Individual
Retirement Accounts and set
aside something in company
pension plans. No more.
"Parents of young children do
very little but spend their
resources," Ralph says.
If Ralph and Hanoura lament
their inability to save, they
might take comfort in num-
bers. They are not alone.
Despite the booming economy
and national mood of optimism,
U.S. savings rates are abysmal.
In fact, they are as low as they
have been since the
Depression.
Personal savings is a person's
total income minus tax pay-
ments, purchases, interest pay-
ments and transfers of money.
Since August, Americans have
been setting aside only 3.8 per-
cent of their personal income,
an astoundingly low rate even
by the standards of the 1980s,
when economists began worry-
ing about savings.
When Ronald Reagan moved
into the White House in 1981,
personal savings rates stood at
9.4 percent, respectable by
international standards, though
hardly world-class. Then they
started to fall, to 7.2 percent by
the beginning of Reagan's sec-
ond term, and to 5.1 percent by
the time George Bush took over
in 1989.
The savings rate slide contin-
ued in the 1990s, until the aver-
age monthly personal savings
rate through November 1997
stood at 3.8 percent, the lowest
since the depression year of
1939. By comparison, Japanese
rates in 1996 were 11.9 percent,

according to the Handbook of
International Economic
Statistics published by the CIA.
One study, by Stanford
University economist B.
Douglas Bernheim, has con-
cluded that families are saving
at only one-third the rate neces-
sary to enjoy the same standard
of living when they retire as
they now take for granted.
When Congress returns to
work next week, the
Republicans have promised a
lively debate about tax reform.
At the heart of their proposals
to shift to a radically restruc-
tured tax system will be the
savings issue: how to spur
Americans to spend less now
and to save and invest more for
the future.
Coercing or coaxing people to
save has proved devilishly diffi-
cult. Even as contributions to
Individual Retirement
Accounts and other tax-pre-
ferred savings vehicles soar,
overall savings rates slide, in
large part because increased
retirement savings have been
offset by burgeoning debt.
A move toward a system that
taxes consumption and leaves
interest and investment earn-
ings unscathed would help,
most economists agree. But
such a system would punish
the working poor and middle
class, who must spend most of
their money on necessities,
while lowering the tax burden
on the affluent, who can more
easily save and invest.
Still, researchers say, a
debate about America's
abysmal savings rate could
only help. At least, it would
refocus Washington's attention
on the problem.

Home mortgage deduction one of the few big tax breaks left

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WASHINGTON — It is one of
the few big tax breaks left to
the middle class, a sacred cow
that has cheated the slaughter-
house time and again.
But the tax deduction for
interest paid on home mort-
gages has become a villain for
economists and policy makers
grappling with the nation's
abysmal rate of personal sav-
ings. It fosters debt, encourages
families to purchase homes
that far exceed their needs, and
shifts savings from investments
that spur future economic
growth to one concentrated sec-
tor: housing.
"The mortgage interest
deduction wreaks havoc on sav-
ings rates," concluded William
Gale, a senior fellow of econo-
mic studies at the Brookings
Institution, a Washington think
tank.
"The mortgage interest
deduction has led to this coun-
try being the most overhoused
in the world," said Dale
Jorgenson, a professor of econo-
mics at Harvard University.
The rich, who should be sock-
ing away enough money to

boost national savings rates by
themselves, are instead maxi-
mizing their mortgage debt,
some economists say. Young
singles and couples with no
children are buying houses in
the suburbs when renting
would be just fine for them.
Jorgenson estimates that a
consumption-based tax system
that did away with the mort-
gage deduction could raise sav-
ings rates from the current 3.8
percent level to as high as 6
percent. Maintain the mortgage
deduction, he said, and the pos-
itive effects of a consumption
tax would be largely nullified.
To mainstream America, the
ivory-tower calculations of
academia hold little sway. Even
if the deduction does all those
bad things, taking it away
would be a formidable task.
"The first-time home buyer
making \$20,000, \$30,000 with
kids, bless their hearts, those
are the people that need the
mortgage deduction," said
Janice Boatwright, a mortgage
broker in Macon, Ga.
She has a point, said James
Follain, an expert on housing
finance at the Syracuse
University Center for Policy
Research. If Congress repealed
the deduction, the most affluent

Americans could sell stocks or
other investments, draw down
the size of their mortgages, and
maintain the same monthly
house payments. Middle-class
home buyers, who must maxi-
mize their debt to buy a home,
are the ones who would be
most hurt.
A 1995 study by DRI/McGraw
Hill for the National
Association of Realtors con-
cluded that housing prices
would fall 15 percent if the
deduction ended. The overall
expense of owning a house
would rise by \$13,000, said
Brian Carey, an economist with
the Mortgage Bankers
Association of America.
Doing away with the mort-
gage deduction is a relatively
simple calculus for lawmakers.
In the long run, it might be
good for the country, but in the
short run, it would probably
raise taxes on the middle class
and depress the housing mar-
ket. Despite Republican inter-
est in overhauling the tax code,
the mortgage industry is not
exactly sweating right now.
"It's an issue to watch for,
but it's not on the front burn-
ers," Carey said. "It's not going
to happen any time soon."

Telemarketers pledge to help rid business of crooks, fraud

SAN MARCOS (AP) —
Legitimate telemarketers need
to do more to extol the benefits
of their service and ferret out
bad actors in the business, an
industry attorney said
Wednesday.
C. Tyler Prochnow, a Kansas
City, Mo. attorney representing
the American Telemarketing
Association told Texas legisla-
tors the association is willing
to help "point fingers" at
unscrupulous telemarketers.
The association also would
like to work on proposed legis-
lation meant to keep those
operators out of the business,
he said.
The House Business and
Industry subcommittee on
Telemarketing on Wednesday
began public hearings, seeking
to do more to protect Texans
from crooked telephone-sales
people.
Rep. Alec Rhodes, D-Dripping
Springs, the subcommittee
chairman, said the issue is
more serious than irritation
and disturbance.
"There are real abuses out
there," he said.
Prochnow said his California-

based telemarketing association
represents more than 2,000
businesses selling products and
services over the phone. Nearly
60 Texas companies belong, he
said.
"There's so much misinfor-
mation about the industry,"
Prochnow said. "We're here to
pledge our assistance and pro-
vide more information."
Prochnow said legitimate
telemarketers have not done
enough to keep the industry's
image from being formed the
fly-by-night and unscrupulous
businesses Texas lawmakers
want to shut down.
Mary Comer, of the American
Association of Retired Persons,
said bad telemarketers are tak-
ing their toll on Americans and
specifically target older people.
Among other things, the
AARP and other consumer
groups want the state to create
a statewide "no-call" list.
Florida has such a list of resi-
dents who telemarketers are
prohibited from calling.
Rep. Gary Elkins, R-Houston,
said he is concerned the state
would not have the resources to
maintain the list or go after

telemarketers outside of Texas
who violate the prohibition.
Prochnow said Texans
already can be placed on a
national no-call list for free and
can ask any telemarketer to
remove their names from call
lists.
Under state law, telemar-
keters must make reasonable
efforts to not solicit people who
have asked not to be called.
The national no-call list,
maintained by the Direct
Marketing Association in
Washington D.C., is subscribed
to by both direct mailer and
telemarketers. But there is no
requirement that all direct
marketers honor the list.
Tom Smith, head of Public
Citizen in Texas, said one thing
the Texas Legislature can do is
to toughen already existing
state law.
Telemarketers calling people
in Texas are required to regis-
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post a bond and provide exten-
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products and services being
sold, the odds and structures of
sweepstakes and other informa-

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1 Top of the mountain
5 Sugar in the ring
15 Area of a church
16 "A Man and a Woman" star
17 Ready for the picking
18 Potentially dangerous situations
19 Minute particles
21 Forty winks
22 Sea nymphs
23 Wheel spokes
25 Lethargic
26 Offense and defense numbers
28 According to iron-pumper's dream title
29 Iron-pumper's dream title
32 Tony Curtis film, "The Boston ..."
34 Drop for cover
37 Winter mo.
40 Forsys
41 Steak cut
43 Viluperate
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45 As written
46 Dumbfound
50 Selsie's kinsmen
53 Valley, CA
54 U.S. Open golf champion of '68 and '71
55 -Lackawanna RR
56 Tariffless marketers
57 Brief time spans briefly

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1 White root food
2 Effeminate
3 One with high hopes
4 More acutely sensitive
5 Speedy
6 American cheetah
7 Disturbing cries
8 Chinese seaport
9 Just gets by
10 Those insert
11 Beat follower?
12 Person with corrections
13 Gets back
14 Consider beneath contempt
20 Trade forest
23 Dream of Delibes
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26 Builder's abbr.
27 Limerick laughter quality
29 Horse of a
30 Absorbed-dose units
31 Verse opener?
32 Carrier plane
33 feature: abbr.
34 Murnford or Busby
34 One's own man
35 Rabble-rousing troublemaker
36 Two-syllable foot in poems
37 Available
38 Natural to a place
39 Smith and
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42 Deep voices
44 Permanent
45 Heavy British weight
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