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Federal authorities file formal charges against suspected bank robber

By **CARLTON JOHNSON**
Staff Writer

The fate of accused Glasscock County Bank robber Peter Howard Rasmussen III is now in the hands of Assistant U.S. District Attorney Roger McRoberts, who will prosecute the case before Federal Judge Sam Cummings of Lubbock.



RASMUSSEN

Rasmussen is accused of robbing the Garden City bank of more than \$100,000 on Feb. 2.

In the criminal complaint and sworn affidavit of FBI Special Agent William R. Endorf, filed Feb. 6 in U.S. District Court in San Angelo, Rasmussen was identified by two witnesses of the robbery.

From a photographic lineup of six white males prepared by law enforcement officials, on Feb. 5, Rasmussen was positively identified by Robert Palmer of Katy as the man who used a sawed-off shotgun and a stun gun to steal his pickup on Jan. 21.

Rasmussen was also identified from the same lineup on Feb. 6

by Glasscock Farm Service Administration (FSA) Executive Director John Kinnibrugh as the man who entered the Glasscock County FSA around 7:40 a.m. on Feb. 2 with a stun gun and sawed-off shotgun and stunned him and other employees in the FSA.

Glasscock County Bank teller Susan Willis and customer Theresa Eoff also identified Rasmussen as the individual who robbed the bank. Rasmussen is also accused of stealing Eoff's jeep after the robbery.

According to the sequence of events listed in Endorf's affidavit, Rasmussen entered the

FSA on Feb. 2, which is in the same building as the Glasscock County Bank, thinking he was in the bank. After Rasmussen was told that he was in the wrong building, he informed Kinnibrugh he would wait in the FSA until the bank opened.

Two female employees arrived for work at the FSA and were also detained by Rasmussen.

During the time Rasmussen waited for the bank to open, Endorf's affidavit says Kinnibrugh had some conversation with the alleged robber at which time he told Kinnibrugh that he was employed as a security guard.

Around 8:30 a.m. Kinnibrugh

and the two female employees were forced to lie face down on the floor. The affidavit alleges Rasmussen told the three employees he was going to use the stun gun on them, which he did. The robber used the stun again on all three of the FSA employees shortly before 9 a.m.

Rasmussen reportedly left the FSA around 9:05 a.m. and entered the bank announcing he was robbing the facility.

Rasmussen allegedly displayed his sawed-off shotgun and told the three bank tellers and a bank customer to move to the front of the teller counter.

The robber then told everyone to move to the vault and not to

attempt setting off any of the alarms. Once everyone was in the vault, the robber produced a pillow case and instructed the tellers to fill it with money.

After two of the tellers filled the pillow case with approximately \$104,000, the robber asked Eoff for the keys to her vehicle, closed the day gate to the vault locking the tellers and Eoff inside and then left in Eoff's jeep.

Shortly after the robbery, a Chevy pickup was found a half mile north of Garden City on Highway 33 (the same road the bank is located on) and later

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GETTING WIRED

Area schools hitching a ride on the information superhighway

Zeros, ones, and electrical pulses have transformed the way schools do business.

Computers, machines that run on mass numbers of digits, have opened up new jobs and research sites for students and teachers in the past twenty years.

New classes, like microcomputer applications and computer repair, appear in every school's course schedule.

Typing and accounting students do all their work on com-

puters as typewriters and paper follow the path of the dinosaur.

Posting attendance lists on the door is now a quaint ritual as most teachers use automated spreadsheet programs networked to the central office to tally attendance and grades.

"Today, if you don't know computers, you don't have a job. Computers control everything we do," Big Spring Independent School District President Al Valdes said.

Yet, as they embrace new technologies, school districts

feel pressured to keep up with a tidal wave of change.

"(New technologies) are fantastic," BSISD Assistant Superintendent Murray L. Murphy said. "It's like the difference between 16mm film and a VCR. The VCR is better, but it costs money to change."

A technology plan is now a requirement for any district, especially those seeking outside-the-district funding.

The plans in the crossroads

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Web now THE source for students

In most schools, the World Wide Web has replaced the World Book as the reference of choice for a generation.

"(The web) really helped me in writing a research paper," Glasscock County honors student Paula Braden said. "It gave me more information that I could go through more easily."

In small town and rural schools, a computer, modem, and fast data line opens up a universe of information.

"Without it, research would be a lot more time-consuming," Braden said. "I would have had to go to a lot more libraries and wouldn't have been able to find as much information."

An Advancement Placement biology senior, Braden decided to write on a little-known theory about the origins of mad cow disease.

As part of her research, she emailed a Texas A&M University professor.

"I was shocked that he would

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WEATHER

Today:



Mon:



Tues:



Wed:



Today, mostly cloudy and breezy. A chance of showers, possibly a thunderstorm. Highs around 60. Tonight, mostly cloudy and breezy. Lows around 40. Monday, partly cloudy and windy. Highs around 55. Extended forecast, Tuesday, partly cloudy. Highs 60-65. Wednesday and Thursday, mostly cloudy. A chance of showers. Lows around 40. Highs 60-65.

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Hunt, longest-serving HC president, dead at 91

By **STEVE REAGAN**
Staff Writer

Dr. William Anthony Hunt, the longest-serving president in Howard College history, died Thursday evening in Abilene. He was 91.

Dr. Hunt served as Howard president from 1952-72 and shepherded the college through a period of unprecedented growth, colleagues said.

He was remembered as a tough, fair administrator who was a tireless proponent of the college.

"He was an outstanding administrator and educator," said Harold Davis, who served as men's basketball coach and college trustee during Hunt's tenure. "He was well-liked by everyone ... During my basketball years, he was one of our biggest boosters."

During his tenure, enrollment grew almost every year, and construction of many of the main buildings on campus was completed, Davis said.

Among buildings completed during that time were the student union, science, applied sci-

ence and library buildings. The library was named after Dr. Hunt soon after he retired.

He was born in Dumas on Nov. 4, 1906, the grandson of one of the first doctors on the South Plains and the son of the founder and first president of McMurry University in Abilene.

Hunt attended both McMurry College Academy and McMurry College. He played football for six years at the institutions, and was recognized as an all-conference performer.

Hunt received his bachelor's

degree from McMurry in 1929, his master's degree from SMU in 1933 and his doctorate from the University of Texas in 1953. McMurry later conferred a Doctor of Laws degree on Hunt in 1959.

He began his career as a teacher and coach, and ultimately moved on to the presidency of Howard College. After his retirement, he was named President Emeritus of the institution.

After his retirement, Hunt

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OBITUARIES

Alfred Leos

Prayer service for Alfred Leos, 24, of Big Spring, will be 7 p.m. tonight at Myers & Smith Chapel.



LEOS

Funeral service will be 2 p.m. Monday, Feb. 16, 1998, at Myers & Smith Funeral Home with the Rev. Socorro Rios, Templo Belen Assembly of God, officiating.

Alfred passed away on Feb. 12, 1998, at Scenic Mountain Medical Center.

He was born on May 13, 1973, in Hobbs, N.M. He had lived most of his life in Big Spring, attended Big Spring public schools and was employed at the Big Spring Herald.

Alfred was preceded in death by one son: Alfred Jay Valdez and his grandparents, Arthur and Petra Miramontes.

Survivors include three sons: Christopher Hill of Big Spring, Anthony Valdez of Lubbock and Tristyn Leos of Big Spring; his parents: Eva and Carlos Leos of Big Spring; seven brothers: Charlie Leos, Thomas Leos; Richard Leos all of Big Spring, Albert Leos of Las Cruces, N.M., Tony Leos, Daniel Leos and Adam Leos of Big Spring; six sisters: Melissa Fondrick of Las Cruces, N.M., Bertha Linville, Michelle Leos, Sonya Leos, Amanda Leos and Corina Martinez all of Big Spring; and a grandmother: Delfina Leos of Big Spring.

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William A. Hunt

A memorial service for Dr. William Anthony Hunt, former Howard College president, 91, of Abilene, will be at 3:30 p.m. Monday, Feb. 16, 1998, at St. Paul United Methodist Church with the Rev. Archie Echols officiating.

Dr. Hunt died Thursday, Feb. 12, 1998, at Sears Methodist Nursing Center in Abilene.

He was born in Dumas on Nov. 4, 1906. He was an athlete and active student, graduating from McMurry College Academy in 1925 and receiving his bachelor's degree from McMurry in 1929. He attained a master's degree from SMU in 1933 and a Doctor of Philosophy degree from the University of Texas in 1953. McMurry conferred a Doctor of Law degree on him in 1959.

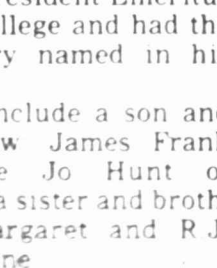
He met Pauline Kendrick while at McMurry and they married in 1929. He was preceded in death by his wife in 1976.

He became president of Howard College in Big Spring in 1952 and worked to build and strengthen Howard College until his retirement in 1972. He was elected President Emeritus of Howard College and had the college library named in his honor.

Survivors include a son and daughter-in-law James Frank and Tommie Jo Hunt of Graham, and a sister and brother-in-law Margaret and R.J. Jones of Abilene.

Lena Daniel

Lena Daniel, 80, of Lubbock, died Friday, Feb. 13, 1998, in a Lubbock hospital. Funeral service will be at 10 a.m. Tuesday, Feb. 17, 1998, at Nalley-Pickle & Welch Rosewood Chapel with Rick Cunningham, minister at 14th & Main Church, officiating.



DANIEL

Christ, officiating. Interment will follow at Trinity Memorial Park.

She was born on July 10, 1937, in Thomas, Okla., and married

Ray Daniel on July 24, 1953 in San Saba, Texas.

She graduated from San Saba High School and attended Texas Tech University in Lubbock. She lived in Big Spring from 1967 to 1979 when she moved to Lubbock. She worked for the city of Lubbock for 10 years.

She was a member of Smithlawn Church of Christ in Lubbock and the Order of the Eastern Star.

Survivors include her husband, Ray Daniel of Lubbock; one daughter and son-in-law, Diana and Robert Adkins of Big Spring; two sons, James Ray Daniel Jr. of Lubbock and Clayton Dean Daniel of Amarillo; ten grandchildren and one great-grandchild; three sisters-in-law, Frances Elkins and husband G.W. of Roger, Bonnie Bloomquest and husband Franklin of Taylor and Helen Daniel of Austin.

She was preceded in death by a son, Michael Ray Daniel and her parents, James and Deulah Guyton Jones.

Pallbearers will be Brian Adkins, Maston Sanford, Tuff Metcalf, Michael Daniel, Ralph Lawrence and Royce Coyle.

The family suggest memorials to: 14th & Main Church of Christ, Youth Fund, 1401 Main St., Big Spring, Texas 79720.

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

paid obituary

Joneil Smallwood

Funeral service for Joneil Smallwood, 58, of Snyder, will be at 4 p.m. Tuesday, Feb. 17, 1998, at Bell-Cypert-Seale Chapel with the Rev. Jack Darnell of Ira Church of God officiating.

Mr. Smallwood died Friday, Feb. 13, 1998, at his residence after a lengthy illness.

He was born Nov. 1, 1939 in Snyder and married Judy Wilson McLarty on June 30, 1991 in Snyder.

Mr. Small was employed as a correctional officer and was a member of Ira Church of God. He owned and operated a western wear store in Big Spring for about 20 years and owned a Phillips 66 Station in Snyder.

He is survived by his wife, Judy Smallwood of Snyder; his mother: Leona Smallwood of Ira; a daughter: Dana Higgs of Amarillo; two sons: Tim Smallwood of Amarillo and Sammy Smallwood of Canon City, Colo.; a brother: Dolwin Smallwood of Kerens; two stepdaughters: Kima Coltharp of Temple and Kelli Pollard of Levelland; three grandchildren and one step grandchild.

The family suggest memorials to: Mesquite Country Emaus, P.O. Box 773, Snyder, Texas 79559; American Cancer Society or Ira Church of God (youth).

BRIEFS

THE BIG SPRING AMATEUR Radio Club will be sponsoring a class teaching you how to become a "ham." The class will be for 10 weeks, beginning Saturday, Feb. 28, at 9:30 a.m. The class will be at the Radio Clubhouse, approximately 1 1/2 miles south of FM 700 on Hwy 87 on the east side. The only cost will be the price of the book. For more information, call Jim LeMarr at 394-4424 or Jose Gonzales at 263-5777.

TO HELP COVER THE funeral expenses of Alfred Leos, there will be a fundraiser held at the Ice House Sports Bar, 1612 E. Third, Sunday, Feb. 15. Leos, who had no insurance, died Thursday in a local hospital. A brisket lunch will be served at 4 p.m. and a suggested minimum donation is \$5 per plate.

From all of us at the Ice

House, our sincere condolences to Alfred's family, friends and coworkers.

COAHOMA RECYCLERS, HAVE YOU noticed the Recycle Trailer? We now have a trailer to place our recyclable items in on a regular basis. We can accept cans (place aluminum and steel together for now), corrugated cardboard, and newspaper. If you have carpet padding, eyeglasses or Campbell Soup labels, call Irene LeMarr at 394-4424, and she will pick them up.

THE BIG SPRING EVENING Lions Club will hold its Annual Eyeglass Recycling during the month of March.

Eyeglass collection boxes will be set up at all Big Spring pharmacies, the Lions Club Bingo building, local banks and several other Big Spring businesses.

The used eyeglasses are cleaned, prescription of lens are read and the glasses are placed into the inventory at the Midland Eyeglass Recycling Center, a project of Lions International.

For additional information about the clinic or donating eyeglasses call The Lions Club at 267-3068 or Bob Noyes at 267-6095.

TEXAS DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH will offer flu shots to those 18 and over every Wednesday of the winter months (October through February). The injections are available from 8:30-11:30 a.m. and 1-4:30 p.m. at 501 Birdwell Lane.

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

PUBLIC COMMENT SOUGHT ON NEW LOW INCOME HOUSING REPORT. The Texas Department of Housing and Community Affairs announced seven public hearings on the 1998 State of Texas Low Income Housing Plan and Annual Report - Draft for Public Comment on Jan. 16.

"All interested parties are encouraged to attend and express their views," officials said. The report is one of three comprehensive planning documents the department is required to submit annually to the Governor, Lt. Governor, Speaker of the House, and the Texas Legislature.

Hearings will be held in Lubbock, Fort Worth, El Paso, Houston, Harlingen, San Antonio and Austin. The Lubbock hearing will be held Feb. 9 at the South Plains Association of Governments, 1323 58th St at 2 p.m. Call 806-762-8721 for more information, or contact the Department's Housing Resource Center at 512-475-3972 or read their web site at www.tdhca.state.tx.us.

Written comment is encouraged and may be sent to TDHCA/HRC, P.O. Box 13941, Austin, TX 78711-3941 or jgarra@tdhca.state.tx.us.

INTERNET FINANCIAL AID HELP for parents and students is available on "The First Step to Financial Aid - The FAFSA" chat night on the Mapping Your Future (mappingyourfuture.org) web site on Wednesday Feb. 18 from 6 p.m. to 8 p.m. in all U.S. time zones.

Experts will be available to answer questions about financial aid forms for college-bound students. For more information call 800-252-9743, ext. 4651.

THE BIG SPRING EVENING Lions Club has free eyeglasses for all adults the second Saturday of each month from 9 a.m. to noon at the Big Spring Evening Lions Club bingo building, 1607 East Third.

All adults needing eyeglasses who don't have the income to purchase the exam or glasses are welcome.

A BIG SPRING AROUND THE TOWN

For more information call Tom Mills, Al Valdes or Bob Noyes at 267-6095.

COAHOMA SCHOOL BOARD MEETING is scheduled for Feb. 16 at 7 p.m. in the Board Room of the Administration Building at 600 Main Street.

Topics include: approval of the MCOT program and graduation requirements, call for trustee elections, appointment of election judges/clerks and absentee judges, award proposal for bus bids, discussion of transfer students for 1998-99 school year, and contracts for administrative/professional personnel.

GLASSCOCK COUNTY SCHOOL BOARD meeting is scheduled for Feb. 16 at 7 p.m. in the Board Room of the Administration Building at 308 West Chambers, Garden City.

Topics include: campus reports (enrollment, activities and issues of concern), principals and athletic director contract review, WADA payments, construction projects, district operations, transportation, real estate proposal, and school board elections.

TEXAS DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH will provide shot clinics on Saturday, Feb. 21 and March 7 from 8 a.m.-4:30 p.m. Parents must bring the child's shot record or note from school nurse. Call 263-9775 for more information.

AREA SCHOOL BOARD CANDIDATES and interested citizens will have a chance to learn more about the challenges and rewards of trustee service at a school board candidate workshop, Thursday, Feb. 26, 7-9 p.m. at the Region 18 Education Service Center at 2811 LaForce Boulevard, Midland.

The workshop will provide a better understanding of what is involved in being elected and serving as a trustee. Experienced school board members will explain board members' key responsibilities and outline the qualities necessary for effective service.

Admission is free. For more information call Lisa Carothers 512-467-0222 or 800-580-8272, ext. 6161.

VOLUNTEERS WILL HELP WITH income tax returns at First Presbyterian Church, 8th and Runnels, Mondays from 9 a.m.-noon beginning Feb. 2, continuing until March 30.

This program is open to all senior citizens, and those who have income from wages, tips, interest or dividends and may be able to receive earned income credit. There is no charge. Call 263-4211 or 398-5522 for more information.

SPRINGBOARD

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

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

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

PICK 3: 1,4,3
CASH 5:8,13,36,38,39
LOTTO:1,5,8,10,34,42

MONDAY

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

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

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

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

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

Encourager's support group (for widows and widowers), 6 p.m., First Presbyterian Church, Seventh and Runnels (enter through north door.) Bring a covered dish and enjoy a book review by Margie Windsor. For more information call 398-5522 or 399-4369.

O'Neal-Kunkle Unit 47 DAVA meeting, 6:30 p.m., VAMC room 214

TUESDAY

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

Al-Anon, 8 to 9 p.m., 615 Settles.

Narcotics Anonymous, 6 to 7:30 p.m., St. Mary's Episcopal Church.

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

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.

Big Spring Art Association, 7 p.m., West Texas Center for the Arts, Howard College Campus.

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

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 Goliad.

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

Howard County Scottish Rite Club, 7:30 a.m., Masonic Lodge, 21st and Lancaster. Breakfast served (\$4). All Scottish Rite Masons welcome.

Alzheimer's Support Group, 10 a.m., Carriage Inn Retirement Center, 501 W. 17th.

Big Spring Symphony concert, 8 p.m., Municipality Auditorium, featuring selections from Brahms and the Big Spring Chorus. The cost is \$10 at the door or can be purchased in advance at the Chamber of Commerce, Blum's or Dunlaps also for \$10.

POLICE

The Big Spring Police Department reported the following activity between 8 a.m. Friday and 2 p.m. Saturday.

RUBEN ROJAS, 23, was arrested for criminal mischief.

KHRISTY McMAHAN, 30, was arrested on a Midland County warrant.

DOMESTIC DISTURBANCE in the 1400 block of W. 3rd.

CRIMINAL MISCHIEF in the 3200 block of Parkway; and the 300 block of Gregg.

DISTURBANCE/FIGHT in the 1600 block of Harding; 1000 block of N. Main; 6th and Douglas; 700 block of Abrams; 2900 block of W. Hwy 80; and the 500 block of Birdwell.

THEFT in the 300 block of Owens; 3300 block of E. I-20; 300 block of Gregg; 200 block of W. Marcy.

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"email me back," Braden said, "but he did, and he sent me 40 pages of information on my topic."

Braden's research method seems unusual to traditionalists, but is typical of the late 1990s.

"We used three computers and set up three separate search engines," she said. "Then we just hit print, print, print and printed out all the information that came up on the searches."

My first research paper wasn't as difficult as I thought it would be," Braden added. "Our science teacher says 'you don't know how lucky you are.'"

Braden, and her classmates may not have found the web site www.isoc.org/internet-history yet, but if they did, they would learn the magic of Internet research took nearly three decades to accomplish.

J.C.R. Licklider of the Massachusetts Institute of Technology (MIT) first conceived of the Internet in his 1962 memos on the "Galactic Network."

Licklider convinced his successors at the Defense Advanced Research Projects Agency (DARPA), then called Advanced Research Projects Agency (ARPA), of the importance of a global interconnected network of computers.

The precursor to the Internet, the "ARPANET" was planned in a 1967 DARPA document, and realized in late 1969. Four computers were linked together at the University of Utah, the University of California at Los Angeles, the University of California at Santa Barbara, and the Stanford Research Institute.

The usefulness of the network, and particularly "email" became obvious to other groups by the mid-1970s. Networks began springing up, and over the next 10 years the networks were networked using flexible software and hardware connections.

"The Internet is a collection of communities as well as a collection of technologies," the Internet history site reads. Even

with today's commercialized use of "the net," and particularly "the web," the founders' vision has been sustained.

One of the most powerful and sometimes frustrating aspects of the net is that there is no central-controlling device. It is truly a collection of people tapping into and posting information in every form, on every topic, and in every place imaginable.

From a "close-knit community of scholars" to a global tool, bringing together a high school senior and a worldwide expert, the Internet makes possible previously unimaginable collaborations.

These connections, most school districts believe, will increase student performance and achievement over the next 10 years.

-KATHY GILBERT

WIRED

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areas currently focus on four areas: hardware, software, networking and Internet access. All call for distance learning equipment to be installed in the next two years.

Keeping up with the plan is expensive, all administrators in the area agree.

"Over the past five years we've roughly put in well over \$5 million," Murphy said. "That's an average of about \$1 million a year."

The Forsan Independent School District spent about \$400,000 this year, school officials said.

Technology grants to area schools are typically in the \$100,000 to \$150,000 range. The monies usually fund new computers, networking equipment, and T1 lines for Internet access that become outdated within one to two years.

Volunteer services from Southwestern Bell and other companies, and reduced rates for educational institutions help districts bear the burden.

All schools in the area receive or will receive Internet service through the Region 18 Service Center, based in Midland. Ultrafast data lines are run from Region 18 to each school, and

local networks are set up to each computer. For a reduced rate, all local schools have fast T1 lines, which are state-of-the-art in global networking.

Region 18 will be pursuing grant funding for the entire region to fund video equipment for distance learning, Stanton Independent School District's Technology Director H. Baker said. If the proposal is approved in June, the region will gain \$1 million, and the Stanton district close to \$200,000.

When Forsan was denied a much coveted Technology Infrastructure Fund (TIF) grant last year, the relatively wealthy district used its own savings for new equipment, Internet service, and up-to-date software.

Coahoma Independent School District, on the other hand, did not have the local funds available to overcome the TIF board's rejection of their proposal last year. The district is still struggling to overcome the hurdle, Director of Technology Rocky Dunlap said.

"It's a sensitive issue here," Dunlap said. Coahoma was rejected because it had a T1 line already in place; yet other schools, according to the district's investigation, were granted funds despite having T1 lines and other equipment in place, he added.

Three rural districts, Glasscock County, Stanton and Grady, have had dedicated teachers who introduced computers into their schools' curriculum as long ago as the early 1970s.

An early start and supportive school boards allowed these country schools to train their students at or above the level of city schools, the administrators say.

Glasscock County Technical Coordinator Duane Cox credits technology and a stable social environment for the extraordinary success of Glasscock's students. Indeed, success on the TAAS test scored the Garden City based district with a new computer lab in 1994.

"The computer lab we put in in 1994 was financed as a result of TAAS scores," Cox said. The Bearkats are typically ranked "exemplary," (the highest possible score) among schools in the

state of Texas.

"We were able to install a new computer lab using all state-of-the-art (IBM) 486s because of a \$20,000 award from the Texas Education Agency," Cox added.

Sands Consolidated Independent School District worked hard for, and received, a \$100,000 TIF grant that will bring them up to the high standards set by other rural schools this year.

Big Spring schools began pushing toward the 21st century in 1989, Murphy said. But the new junior high, scheduled for completion in August, will have state-of-the-art hardware, software, networking and Internet connections.

"We're trying to bring kids into the realm of instant communication," Murphy said.

A related concern is the keeping pace with technological change. "They say that 3-5 jobs available in 10 years have not even been created yet," Murphy said. "We've got to try to plan, to prepare our kids to be job-ready or at least trainable, to have computer knowledge."

While 85 percent of the school day is still devoted to traditional teaching tasks, technology is such a powerful tool that schools would be "remiss" if they paid no attention to it, he added.

The role of computers in schools today include:

- Using the Internet, especially the world wide web and electronic mail (email) to research topics for papers and job opportunities
- Job training in computer applications, programming and repair
- Using computers in vocational and college preparatory work, such as word processing, spreadsheet, and specialized software programs such as computer-aided-drawing and graphics packages
- Using computer programs to teach students everything from reading and math to how to write a book.
- Communicating with parents and students through the world wide web and email. Most school districts have web sites, or will have web sites by the end of the year.

-KATHY GILBERT

Rural school districts take high-tech approach

By KATHY GILBERT
Staff Writer

Small doesn't have to mean slow when it comes to computer technology. Three rural area school districts have kept up with changes in the computer area for nearly two decades, administrators say.

"We're ahead," Glasscock County Independent School District Technical Coordinator Duane Cox said. "Technology's been important to us since the early 1980s."

The Stanton Independent School District put three Radio Shack Model 1s in a classroom nineteen years ago, the district's Technical Coordinator H. Baker said.

About the same time, Grady Independent School District got its first computers.

All of these early efforts came about because enthusiastic and dedicated math teachers asked their school boards for funds to purchase the new machines. And the school boards agreed.

Cox, a math teacher at Glasscock County, pressed the school board for money to buy computers as early as 1982.

Baker, a math teacher and now full-time technology director for Stanton, requested computers in 1979.

Johnny Tubbs, a math teacher and now superintendent of the Grady Independent School District, requested, and received, computers for his classes in the late 1970s.

Although all three districts are rushing to update their equipment and link to the

Internet, the foundation for a solid computer program, and for integrating technology with coursework for all three districts was laid twenty years ago.

The three educators credit supportive school boards for their schools' surprisingly strong computer literacy.

"We get what we want," Cox said. "All we had to do was go before the school board with a reasonable argument. I haven't been turned down yet. We're really fortunate that the school board believes in it."

"The school board, administrators and teachers knew that's what we had to be doing," Baker said. "It's what kids are going to have to have to compete."

The Stanton school district upgraded to Radio Shack Model 3s in 1980 and networked them together, a major achievement for Baker, who has been the chief technical engineer for the district for the past 20 years.

Baker used the Model 3s to teach computer math and basic programming at the high school.

Two years later a Model 3 network was added to the junior high. IBMs and IBM clones were added in the mid-80s, Baker said.

IBM Model 25s were used in elementary classrooms to run reading and math programs and an accelerated reader program.

Computers stretch teaching resources, Baker said. "We were looking for ways to bring TAAS scores up without one-on-one time between teachers and students."

GETTING WIRED

On Page 1A, (clockwise from top left) Forsan High School students prepare for graduation into a technological world during microcomputer applications class held in one of the school's recently upgraded computer labs; Glasscock County kindergarten student Tiffany Woodard makes her own book using "KidWorks" software in the high school computer lab recently. Stories and photos in this package by Kathy Gilbert.

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To all of our family, friends, neighbors and colleagues. There are not enough words to express our deepest gratitude for all that you did for us during the tragic loss of our loved one, Kristie. Food, flowers, cards, words of sympathy and all that you did for us are greatly appreciated!

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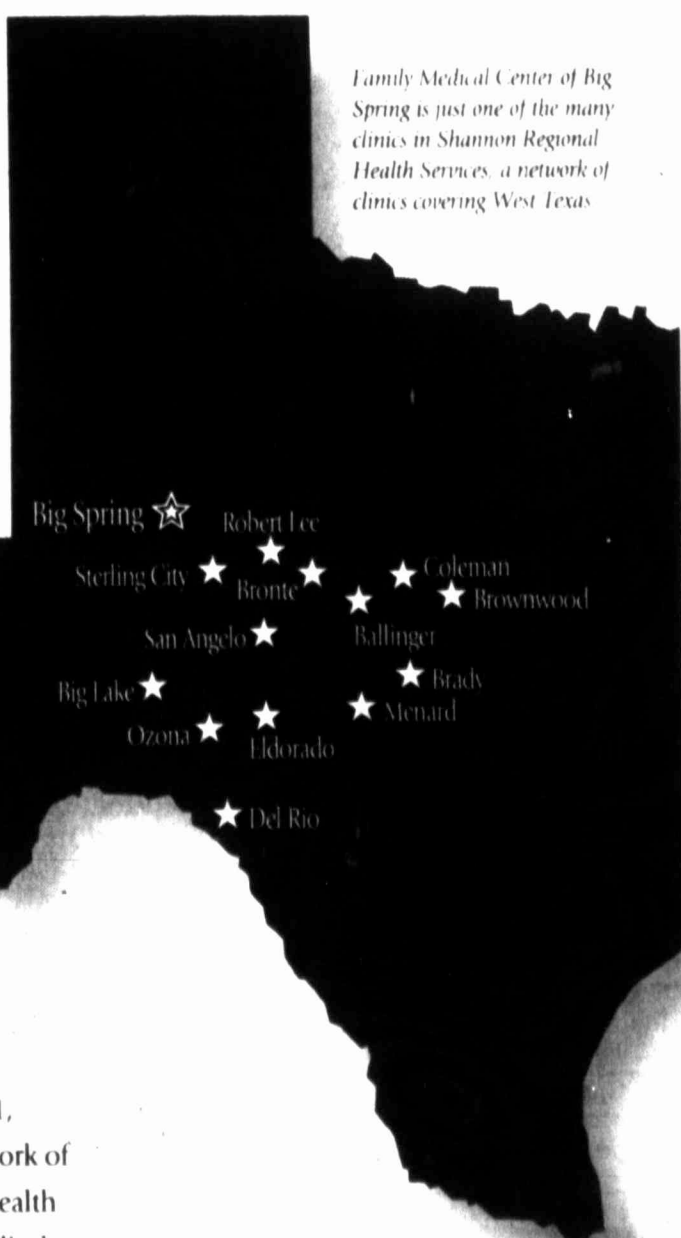
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OUR VIEWS

A fitting tribute to those who served

They served our country in both peace and war, sometimes suffering hardship, separation from family and friends or even disease or injury. The least we can do is give them our thanks.

This past week was National Salute to Hospitalized Veterans Week, in which the contributions of hospitalized veterans were recognized.

The center point of activities here in Big Spring was the VA Medical Center, which hosted several events this week.

"It is gratifying to note that this ... program continues to grow each year," wrote Dr. Fred Cox of the VAMC. "That people — young and old, from all walks of life — take time to personally honor the men and women who served their country; to visit hospitalized veterans, to touch their lives, and in turn, to be touched by them."

Cox said that such visits rewarded the visitors as well as the visited.

"Our veteran patients, many of whom have no immediate family, do respond to visitors, sometimes verbally, sometimes in more silent communication — a look, a gesture or just a simple smile ...," Cox wrote.

Many local and area residents responded with visits to the VAMC this week. Among the many groups that toured the facility were cheerleaders from Howard College, who passed out Valentines to many veteran patients. In all, about 8,000 Valentines were received at the medical center this week, Cox said.

It is immensely gratifying, not only to the hospitalized veterans, that many area residents took the time to participate in this week's events. To those who visited, or simply sent a Valentine or card, thank you.

And to our hospitalized veterans, thank you, too. You served us when we needed you, and now we are here for you.

OTHER VIEWS

On the one hand, Russia says it is wholly committed to enforcing the terms of United Nations resolution 687.

In return for an end to the Gulf War, Iraq agrees to "accept the destruction, removal, or rendering harmless" of all its weapons of mass destruction and the means of researching and building them. Iraq was also to undertake not to develop such weapons in the future. Resolution 687, which the U.N. assumed would be quickly carried out, will be seven years old in April. The U.N. inspection teams, which include Russian members, have been unanimous in saying that Iraq is still evading compliance.

On the other hand, Russia argues that Iraq and its thuggish dictator, Saddam Hussein, should be given more time, that diplomacy, which conspicuously failed when Russian Foreign Minister Yevgeny Primakov tried it last fall, should be allowed to work.

Of course, diplomacy will never work if, as has been charged and not yet convincingly denied, the Russians did indeed agree in 1995 to sell Iraq sophisticated equipment capable of producing biological weapons.

Diplomacy will also never work if, as has also been charged and not yet convincingly denied, Russia has spied on the inspection teams on Iraq's behalf.

The Russians owe the world an explanation of these charges, and, if they are true, an apology and some heads on a platter.

What the world is getting is bluster. Russian President Boris Yeltsin said U.S. use of force against Iraq might precipitate "world war." Defense Minister Igor Sergeev ominously demanded of his U.S. counterpart, William Cohen, "Is America ready for all the possible consequences?"

Russia would like to emerge as a respected world leader, but it won't get there by advocating a policy of proven ineffectiveness and, moreover, one that a part of the Kremlin may have worked to undermine.

It might not be the happiest solution, but the threat of force and its occasional application have proved to be the only motivator capable of moving Saddam. What the Russians are offering amounts to another seven years of hide-and-seek with Iraq's arsenal.

Dale McFeatters
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Clinton and Hollywood, together again

By ANN McFEATTERS
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WASHINGTON — As President Clinton's troubles mount, his Hollywood friends are circling the wagons around him.

Banished early in the administration after criticism that Clinton was in thrall to the movie capital of the world, Harry Thomason, an old friend from Arkansas and a producer of TV sit coms, was summoned back during the first week the Monica Lewinsky scandal broke. Clinton wanted advice, unvarnished analysis of what the situation was and, undoubtedly, support.

Thomason jumped immediately on a plane for Washington.

Hollywood celebrities were in abundance at the White House state dinner for British Prime Minister Tony Blair, the first big social event after the revelation that independent prosecutor Kenneth Starr was investigating the president's sex life.

Tom Hanks, whom Clinton once said he'd like to play him in a movie version of Clinton's life, not only came and brought his wife Rita Wilson, but gave Clinton a big hug of support in

the receiving line.

Barbra Streisand, who has frequently been to the White House, who raised money for Clinton and who entertained the president and first lady among others during her last concert tour, attended with her fiancé James Brolin.

Streisand, who sat next to Blair at dinner, later told reporters she was grateful to the American people for telling pollsters they continue to support the president. She picked up immediately on the White House line of attack against leaks from the prosecutor's office.

"I wish the people who do these illegal leaks and the media who exploit them would show similar respect for the right to privacy and the presumption of innocence," she said. "After that, it's no one's business what anyone does behind closed doors."

Actor Brolin also weighed in. "He's the most fun president we've ever had. I think we can all agree about that. The fact is, the job is getting done, and he's enjoying it."

Director Steven Spielberg and his actress wife Kate Capshaw came as did Harrison Ford and his wife Melissa Mathison.

Although Clinton had met with Ford in Wyoming before the filming of "Air Force One," Ford said this was his first invitation to the White House. Clinton joked that Ford's movie plane (with its escape pod and vast roominess) was better than his.

Singers Elton John and Stevie Wonder didn't hesitate when asked to perform, even though they did it in a tent, singing "Money, Money, Money" on the seldom-used West Terrace of the White House.

A few days later the Clintons sat in the front row at a gala in their honor at Ford's Theater hosted by Whoopi Goldberg, extremely sympathetic to Clinton.

She reined in her usual biting humor, joking only that she had been asked to star in a made-for-TV drama called the Betty Currie story, a reference to Clinton's secretary who was called before the grand jury and asked if she had ever observed inappropriate behavior between the president and Lewinsky. (Her lawyer said she had not.)

A smiling Currie was also in the audience.

Robert Duvall, the actor who

just was nominated for an Oscar in his new film "The Apostle," about a southern preacher who strays, also did not hesitate to go to the White House for a screening of the film, although his political views are conservative and he is not a Clinton supporter. Duvall happily noted that after the movie, Clinton said it had "touched me" and indicated his heart.

But Hollywood can be harsh. With "Wag the Dog," a movie about a president who starts a war to try to distract the media from a sex scandal, now in theaters, the Clintons are bracing next month for the release of "Primary Colors," a thinly veiled movie about a southern governor with a strong wife and an active libido.

When John Travolta, a Clinton supporter, agreed to play the part of the president named Jack Stanton, he played it, he said, "with a valentine in his heart (for Clinton)."

Although Clinton never publicly admitted to reading the book "Primary Colors," by Joe Klein, based on his unrestricted access to the Clintons during the 1992 campaign, betting is that there will be a private White House screening.



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Riding a golf cart to justice

WASHINGTON — Hooray for handicapped golfer Casey Martin, who has just won a federal court decision forcing the PGA and Nike Tours to allow him to ride a cart during tournaments.

To understand the possible change this could make in the quality of Martin's life, just note that there are 42 PGA Tour events every year where about 200 golfers compete for some \$90 million in prize money. Perhaps half as much is contested for on the satellite Nike Tour where Martin is already a winner.

Martin, a former teammate and roommate of Tiger Woods at Stanford, has been arguing that he can strike and putt the ball with the best professionals; he just can't walk the six miles or so required in a four-day tournament because he has a painful hereditary circulation ailment in his right leg.

When Martin protested that the PGA's "walk" rule was unfair, the PGA and others dismissed him with the old cliché that "no one ever said life was fair."

Martin sued, charging that pro golf was violating the Americans With Disabilities Act (ADA).

The PGA insisted that sports competitions were exempt from ADA regulations because accommodating Martin with a cart would change the character of the game.

One official boasted arrogantly that "the PGA, not some judge" would always make golf tournament rules.

This was much akin to former Alabama Gov. George Wallace saying he did not block black youngsters from entering the University of Alabama out of racism, but to show his hatred for "the tyranny of the federal government."

Well, in Eugene, Ore., Judge Thomas M. Coffin has shocked the PGA by ruling that a golf cart will not give Martin a meaningful advantage, and that he must be able to ride in his quests for those tournament millions.

I am sorry that the PGA has decided to appeal Coffin's ruling to the 9th U.S. Circuit Court of Appeals.

I shall be shocked if the appellate judges don't see that shutting Martin out with a "walk" rule is the same as shutting thousands of great but physically handicapped scientists out of Silicon Valley by constructing buildings and laboratories in ways that make access impossible for them.

Sports tycoons already have accepted the truth that they circumscribe the quality of life for the handicapped, and even their families, when they do not build facilities in ways that make it convenient for amputees and other handicapped people to attend football, baseball and other stadium games.

I don't want to think that the golf moguls are such sore losers that they would appeal just to make it as costly as possible for Martin to get his cart and play.

I'm hoping that while the appeal is pending, Martin will ride to enough inspiring great finishes to make even the most tradition-bound golfers say, "This young man is a great credit to the game."

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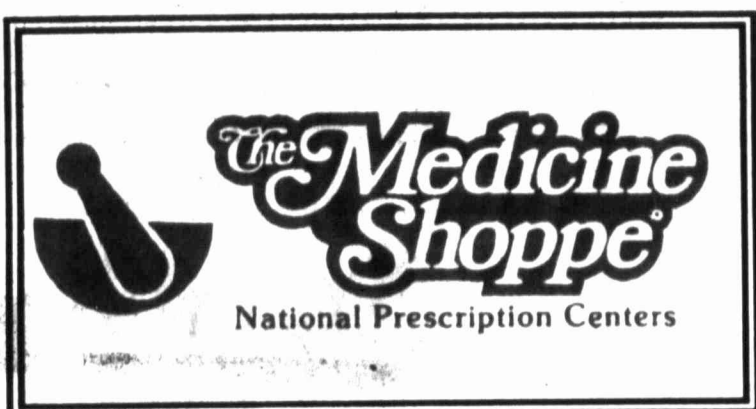
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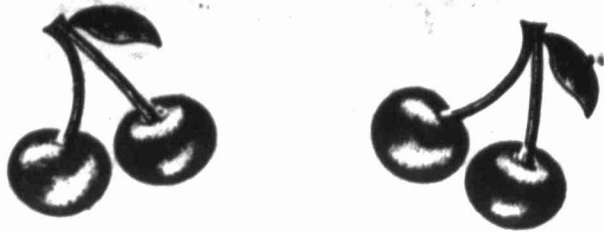
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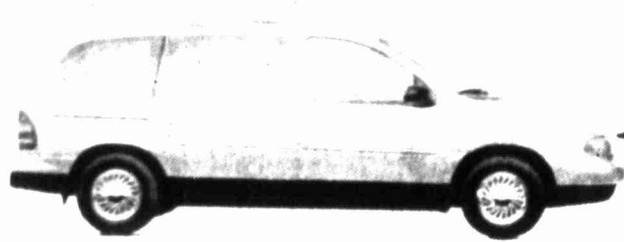
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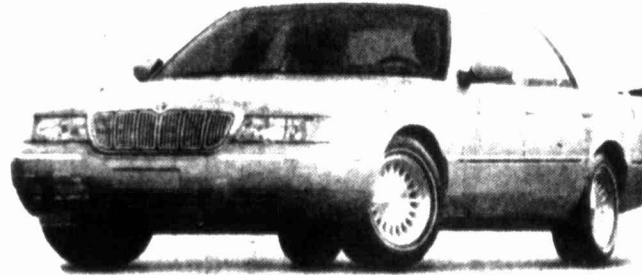
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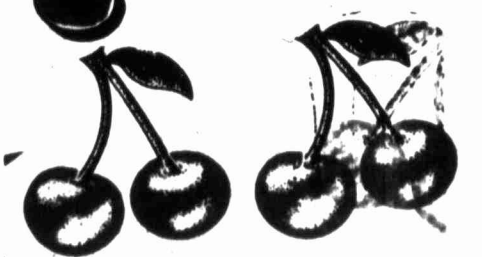


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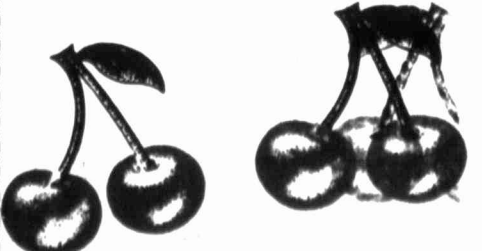
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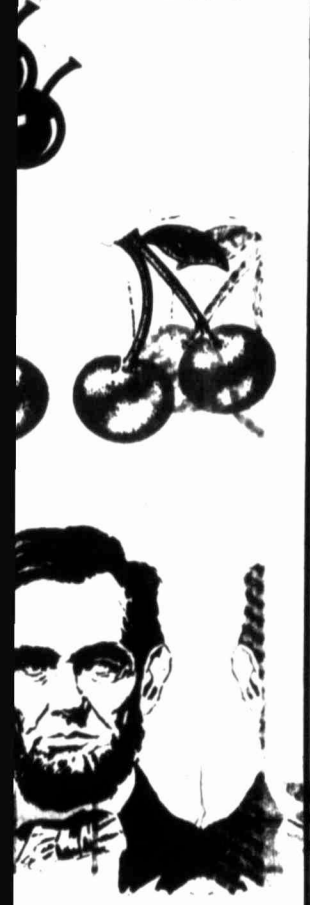
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Klan settles lawsuit

VIDOR (AP) — A faction of the Ku Klux Klan has settled a lawsuit with the state of Texas and agreed to stay away from a public housing complex that was all-white until being federally ordered to desegregate in 1993.

The agreement essentially ends a 1994 lawsuit brought by the Texas Commission on Human Rights against two sects of the Klan, claiming they threatened blacks in an effort to keep the complex all-white.

The settlement, which was signed this week in an Orange County district court, prevents the White Camelia Knights and its Grand Dragon Charles Lee from trespassing on the complex, demonstrating near it or retaliating against certain individuals, including former Vidor mayor Ruth Woods.

"Basically the state spent over a million dollars to tell the Klan to abide by existing laws," Rife Kimler, Lee's attorney, told the Beaumont Enterprise.

The agreement is similar to one reached last year between the state and the Knights of the Ku Klux Klan and its leader Michael Lowe, of Waco. As part of that settlement, however, Lowe and the Knights face fines of \$10,000 per violation of the terms of the agreement.

The state decided to pursue a lawsuit against Lee and the Camelia Knights after the first settlement because it had "better evidence" against the Camelia Knights, said Bill Hale, executive director of the Texas Commission on Human Rights.

The settlement with the Camelia Knights proves the commission did not have a stronger case against the Camelia Knights, who protested once near the complex, Kimler said.

"I really think we got a better deal," he said.

Hale could not be reached for comment Friday, the Enterprise reported.

No one answered the phones on Saturday, either, at the commission's Austin offices.

The United States Department of Housing and Urban Development took control of the Vidor housing complex from the Orange County Housing Authority in 1993, in a failed effort to desegregate. A few blacks moved into the complex that year, but months later, after being subjected to threats and slurs, they all moved out.

GOP leader pitches San Antonio as convention site

WASHINGTON (AP) — Making the rounds in Washington this week, the new chairwoman of the Texas Republican Party took the opportunity to tout San Antonio as a possible host for the GOP's national convention in 2000.

"I'm from San Antonio, so how can I do otherwise?" said Susan Weddington, who took over state party leadership six months ago.

The Alamo City is one of 25 cities invited by the Republican National Committee to submit proposals to host the 2000 gathering. Dallas and Houston also received invitations.

While San Antonio already has begun a vigorous civic

effort to lure the convention, Mrs. Weddington said she has "heard no rumblings" from Dallas and Houston, both of which have played host to past political conventions.

Serving as the backdrop for a national convention can be a plum for cities, both in national prestige and dollars. San Diego and Chicago, hosts of the 1996 GOP and Democratic conclaves, each reaped some \$160 million.

Last month, San Antonio made a presentation to the RNC at its winter meeting. Chicago and Philadelphia also touted themselves.

Bexar County Judge Cyndi Krier, San Antonio Mayor Howard Peak and Greater San

Antonio Chamber Chairman Nelson Wolff trekked to the gathering in Indian Wells, Calif., where the city hosted a dessert reception for RNC members.

RNC spokesman Tim Fitzpatrick said presence at the winter meeting was "by no means required as part of the process to select a city for the next convention."

Party leaders want a city with a facility that can seat approximately 20,000 people and provide hotel rooms for that many people; offer a good transportation system and a hospitable — read: entertaining — atmosphere for the thousands of delegates, Fitzpatrick said.

San Antonio offers the Alamodome, which can hold up to 65,000 people for a football game, while the Alamo and Riverwalk help give the city a hospitable atmosphere.

Bidding cities also must demonstrate an ability to tap the pockets of local corporate and private interests for the millions of dollars the GOP will need to put on its quadrennial show in stylish fashion.

And, a city must be able to absorb millions in extra costs for everything from transportation to police.

Mrs. Weddington said she was "pleasantly surprised" by how many RNC members expressed interest in San Antonio.

"I think it's got a really good chance," she said.

However, it remains to be seen whether the city will tender an official bid.

"It's still rather tentative," said Mrs. Weddington, who is on the local committee examining the possibility.

San Antonio made the final tier of candidates for the GOP's 1996 convention, losing out in part over concerns that the area lacked adequate hotel space.

The city's effort also was tarnished by the sprinkler system at the Alamodome going off during an indoor fireworks show for visiting GOP dignitaries that drenched the crowd on hand for a Spurs game.

Former sheriff enters no contest plea

WACO (AP) — A former Falls County sheriff who allegedly pocketed \$23,574 in fake expenses has pled no contest to a felony charge of tampering with a government document.

Larry Pamplin must serve five years deferred adjudication, perform 400 hours of community service and pay \$15,000 in restitution as part of his plea agreement entered Friday.

Pamplin also has agreed to surrender his peace officer's license, never seek public office in Falls County, never work for any law enforcement agency and never apply for a concealed handgun permit, said Williamson County Assistant District Attorney Bill Torrey.

Pamplin had served as Falls County sheriff for 20 years before being narrowly defeated in 1996.

He was indicted Jan. 31, 1997, on 10 felony counts of theft and tampering with government records.

The indictments were in connection with a county-authorized arrangement in which Pamplin collected reimbursement from the county for inmates' food expenses. Prosecutors say Pamplin falsified the records during a 30-month period between 1992 and 1994 and kept the extra money for himself.

Pamplin could have received up to 130 years in prison if he was convicted of all the charges facing him. His plea came during a pre-trial hearing in Burnet, where his trial was to have begun Feb. 23.

"He decided to not risk the possibility of getting in front of a jury that might find him guilty," said Pamplin's attorney, Russ Hunt Sr. "This was the best resolution to an unfortunate situation."

Falls County Commissioner Tony Hoelscher said he thinks justice was served.

"He pleaded guilty to the thing, he's a convicted felon now," he said. "I'm glad it's settled. It was sort of a cloud over Falls County and I feel like now it's finished and it's settled and we can put it behind us."


The indictments against

Pamplin were part of a lengthy investigation into county corruption. The probe also resulted in the indictment of suspended Falls County Judge Robert Cunningham for three counts of official oppression and one count of soliciting prostitution.

The case against Cunningham is still pending, Torrey said. A trial date has not been set.

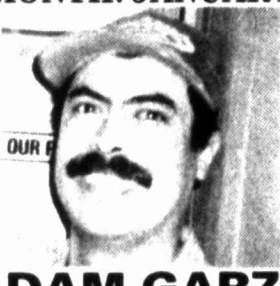
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Clinton says Russia's objections would not stop attack

WASHINGTON (AP) — Russia's "nyet" will not stop a U.S. attack on Iraq, President Clinton said Friday, and two of his top national security advisers sought to prepare the public for casualties.

With little sign of a breakthrough on the diplomatic front, Clinton said "I hope and I pray" that Iraqi President Saddam Hussein gives up his resistance to unlimited U.N. weapons inspections. Otherwise, he said, a U.S.-led military operation will "significantly diminish" Iraq's ability to regenerate, the

arsenal of doomsday weapons it was developing at the time of the Persian Gulf War.

A day after Russia's defense minister publicly rebuked the United States for threatening Iraq, Clinton said he respects Moscow's view but added, "Nyet" is not "no" for the United States under these circumstances.

In Baghdad, Iraq's deputy foreign minister accused the Clinton administration of fabricating charges against Iraq and of itching for a fight.

"We are a nation that wants

peace," said Riyadh al-Qaysi, the deputy foreign minister. He delivered a point-by-point rebuttal to a National Press Club speech Friday by Sandy Berger, Clinton's national security adviser.

Berger accused Iraq of "lies, deceit and runarounds" in seeking to defy U.N. inspections that are designed to verify that all Iraqi nuclear, chemical and biological weapons have been destroyed. Al-Qaysi said all such weapons are gone and that Washington can show no evidence to the contrary.

"This (U.S.) campaign is being conducted on the basis of lies and deception and should not be taken by anyone in the world as being a justifiable basis for war," al-Qaysi said.

Berger's speech was designed in part to prepare the American public for the possibility of the biggest bombing campaign against Iraq since the Gulf War. "No military mission is without risk or cost," Berger said. "Even the best-prepared and best-equipped forces will suffer losses."

In a similar vein, Army Gen.

Henry Shelton, chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff, told reporters Friday that if Clinton orders a military strike, "we'll lose some people, no question."

Realizing that American public opinion is divided on the wisdom of using force against Iraq, Clinton is sending Berger, Secretary of State Madeleine Albright and Defense Secretary William Cohen to the Midwest next week to "rally support" for Clinton's policy, Albright spokesman James Rubin said.

Shelton said Iraq had managed to rebuild its air defense

system of surface-to-air missiles, anti-aircraft artillery and radars to guide them. These defenses likely would be the first target of any U.S.-led air assault.

"He does have a considerable amount of air defense left," Shelton said. "We are concerned about the potential loss of Americans" in an air war.

In his remarks at the White House, Clinton stressed his desire for a diplomatic solution but put the onus on Saddam to stop the momentum toward war.

Looting breaks out in Indonesia

PAMANUKAN, Indonesia (AP) — Mobs laughed and cheered as they looted and robbed. Others set fire to shops while their frightened ethnic Chinese owners ran for their lives.

Rocks flew through the smoky air and crowds, picked over piles of merchandise — groceries, cookware, clothing — dumped in the street.

By the time troops restored order Saturday after a day of rioting across Indonesia that left at least three people dead, almost every member of this town's Chinese community had fled or taken sanctuary at the police station.

Thousands ran wild in at least a dozen places Friday in the worst violence since Indonesia's economic troubles began, targeting Chinese traders they blame for rising prices. Inflation and unemployment have soared since the currency, the rupiah, collapsed in July.

The economic crisis — Indonesia's worst in 30 years —

has ignited centuries-old ethnic and religious tensions in the world's fourth-most populous nation.

More than 200 rioters were arrested, police said, and sporadic looting continued in some areas Saturday.

One man was trampled to death Friday by a rampaging crowd of more than 3,000 in Losari, 125 miles east of Jakarta. Two others were shot and killed by soldiers in a nearby district after the rioters threatened them with steel bars, Maj. Gen. Mardiyanto told the official Antara news agency.

Hundreds of houses and stores were burned or smashed. Three Chinese churches were raided and ransacked.

Frightened residents painted "Muslim" on their front doors so rioters wouldn't mistake their homes as Chinese-owned and attack.

Ethnic Chinese make up about 4 percent of Indonesia's population of 202 million, which is about 90 percent Muslim.

"We're still traumatized. My textile shop was burned after we took shelter here," said Gunawan, a storekeeper who spent the night in the police station at Pamanukan, 55 miles east of Jakarta, with his wife, three children and 40 other Chinese. Like many Indonesians, Gunawan uses only one name.

A fraction of Chinese are among Indonesia's richest people, but small-town merchants complain they're being made scapegoats.

Although most of the Chinese were born here and have Indonesian names, many are treated as outsiders. They often have been targets since Dutch colonizers allowed Chinese merchants in hundreds of years ago.

"(The rioters) are frustrated because they don't have food in their stomachs. They need a channel for their anger, so they attack the Chinese," Ong Hok Ham, a retired ethnic Chinese history professor, said.

Red pine harvest changes political landscape

ORR, Minn. (AP) — Loggers began clearing 6,000 red pine trees, many a century old, from a majestic stand in the Superior National Forest on Friday, ending a two-year battle with environmentalists.

Although they failed to save the Little Alfie tract, those on the losing side say their defeat may help bring to the surface the kind of passion and conservation usually associated with the Northwest and California.

"This is a sort of bellwether for the big picture," said Ginny Yingling, state director of the Sierra Club. "It's the first time the public has focused on forestry management issues here like they did in the Pacific Northwest."

A spokesman for the U.S. Forest Service also acknowledged the importance of the Little Alfie tract, so named for its proximity to Lake Alf, as a possible watershed for environmentalists.

"Little Alfie has become a focal point for the much larger debate of whether there should be timber harvests in national

forests," said Mark Van Every, a Forest Service spokesman in Duluth. "That is a policy question that the Congress must answer."

Tony Vukelich, the sawmill owner who paid \$195,000 for the logging rights in 1995, said this week he had no idea environmentalists would choose the Little Alfie pines for a fight. He wanted the wood because it was of good quality and could provide the 14-inch trunks used to build log cabins.

"I knew I was buying high-priced wood," said Vukelich. "The first I knew there was trouble was when I went in to make a down payment."

Environmentalists were outraged over the sale because the trees' average age was 100 years. While that did not qualify as old-growth — 120 years old — environmentalists complained the trees were among the oldest in Minnesota.

"Real old growth in Minnesota has mostly been cut," says Bridget Hust, an attorney for the Minnesota Center for Environmental

Advocacy in St. Paul. Only 13 percent of red pines in Superior National Forest are more than 80 years old, and less than 2 percent are old-growth, she said.

In December 1996, environmentalists sued to block the sale. Twin Cities members of the group Earth First! blocked logging roads and Minnesotans watched the state's first major logging protest unfold.

Within two weeks the Forest Service suspended the sale and ordered a new assessment of the site.

Late last year, the service decided to protect 2,000 old white pines and 2,000 other red pines that had originally been part of the sale.

That move satisfied the Sierra Club and Audubon Society.

But Earth Protector, a smaller Twin Cities group, sued again in federal court to block the sale, bringing more protests.

As environmentalists drove to northern Minnesota to again block a logging road to the site, the people of Orr where Vukelich's sawmill is located — boarded buses south to show their support for the loggers.

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Lady Steers win Big Spring Invitational, Steers rally for seventh



Big Spring's Alicia Wood looks over her putt during the final round of the Big Spring Invitational Golf Tournament Saturday morning. Wood and her Lady Steers teammates took the team title with a two-day total of 674. Wood finished tied for 16th individually with an 87,80-177.

HERALD Staff Report

Big Spring's Lady Steers negotiated the Comanche Trail Golf Course in 338 team fashion Saturday, one stroke better than Midland Lee could muster, to take a 15-stroke win in the girls' division of the Big Spring Invitational Golf Tournament.

The Lady Steers' 338, combined with the 336 the carded Friday on the Big Spring Country Club course, left them with a 674. Lee finished with a 689 total, while Andrews' Lady Mustangs were third with a 696 total.

"Kelly Hollar and Stefanie Waggoner really stepped up and played like No. 1 and No. 2 players," Big Spring coach Mike Scarbrough said after watching the Lady Steers tandem take first and second place in the individual medalist standings. "They played like we've always known they were capable of playing."

"As a matter of fact," he added, "the whole team is beginning to realize how good they can be. That's very encouraging."

Hollar followed an opening round 83 Friday with the tournament's best round of

77 Saturday, finishing with a 160 total and a two-stroke margin over Waggoner and Amarillo Tascosa's Allison Johnson.

Waggoner had the tournament's second best round with a 78 Saturday, allowing her to pull even with Johnson at 162 and force a sudden-death playoff which she won on the second hole.

Rounding out the Lady Steers varsity total were: Alicia Wood's 87,90-177; Ashlie Simmons' 82,93-175; and Tatum Weeks' 102,104-206.

While there was no question that Scarbrough would be pleased with Big Spring's first win in the girls' division of its own tournament since he began coaching them four years ago, Steers boss Gary Simmons was almost as happy with the way his team played, finishing seventh in an extremely strong boys' division field.

"We were a lot more focused today," Simmons said of the Steers' move up from 12th place in the standings following Friday's first round. "What we're looking for right now is just constant improvement, and if we continue to play like we did today, we'll be all right."

"There's room for improvement," the Steers coach acknowledged, "but after today, it's clear we're headed in the right direction."

Lubbock Coronado and Lamesa all but ran away and hid from the boys' division field, Coronado taking the title with a 302,313-615, while Lamesa was three strokes back with a 618 total.

Big Spring's Steers battled back from the 321 the put together Friday on the Comanche Trail course and posted a 311 on the country club layout to finish with a 632 total.

"We played well today and moved up a bunch in a difficult field," Simmons added. "All you have to do to see how strong the competition was is to consider that 628 win this tournament last year and it would have finished fifth this time."

The Steers were paced by No. 1 player Sammy Rodriguez, who finished third in the medalist standings with a 75,72-147, four strokes off the pace set by individual champion Andy Hawkins of Lamesa.

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Lady Steers take bi-district win

Victory gives Taylor 400th win of his 19-year career

By JOHN A. MOSELEY
Sports Editor

ALPINE — When it counted the most, Big Spring's Lady Steers played like champions, holding off El Paso Parkland's bid for a comeback in the final two minutes Friday to take a 62-56 bi-district playoff win over the Lady Matadors.

What's more, the Lady Steers turned back Parkland's challenge at the unlikelyst of places — the free throw line.

"Free throw shooting has been a problem for us all year long," coach Ron Taylor said after the Lady Steers had just given him the 400th win of his career. "It was a problem for us tonight, too. We go 19-of-39 from the line, but when we absolutely had to have them, we had somebody step up there and knock 'em down."

The Lady Steers, now 17-11 overall, now advance to the area playoff round where they will take on Levelland's Lobettes. That game has tentatively been scheduled for 7:30 p.m. Tuesday in Lamesa.

After seeing Parkland trim a 10-point edge to just two in the space of one minute and three seconds midway through the fourth quarter, the Lady Steers quickly bumped it back to seven when post Keesha Lott flashed down the lane for a bucket and guard Kara Hughes swiped an inbounds pass and was fouled in the process of hit-

ting a jumper from the lane. Hughes hit the free throw, the 3-point play making it 56-49.

With the Lady Steers taking their time, all Parkland could do was foul and hope Big Spring would continue its poor free throw shooting.

It appeared as if the tactic would work when Hughes missed a pair of freebies after being intentionally fouled and the Lady Steers failed to capitalize on the ensuing possession when Nadia Cole missed two more free throws.

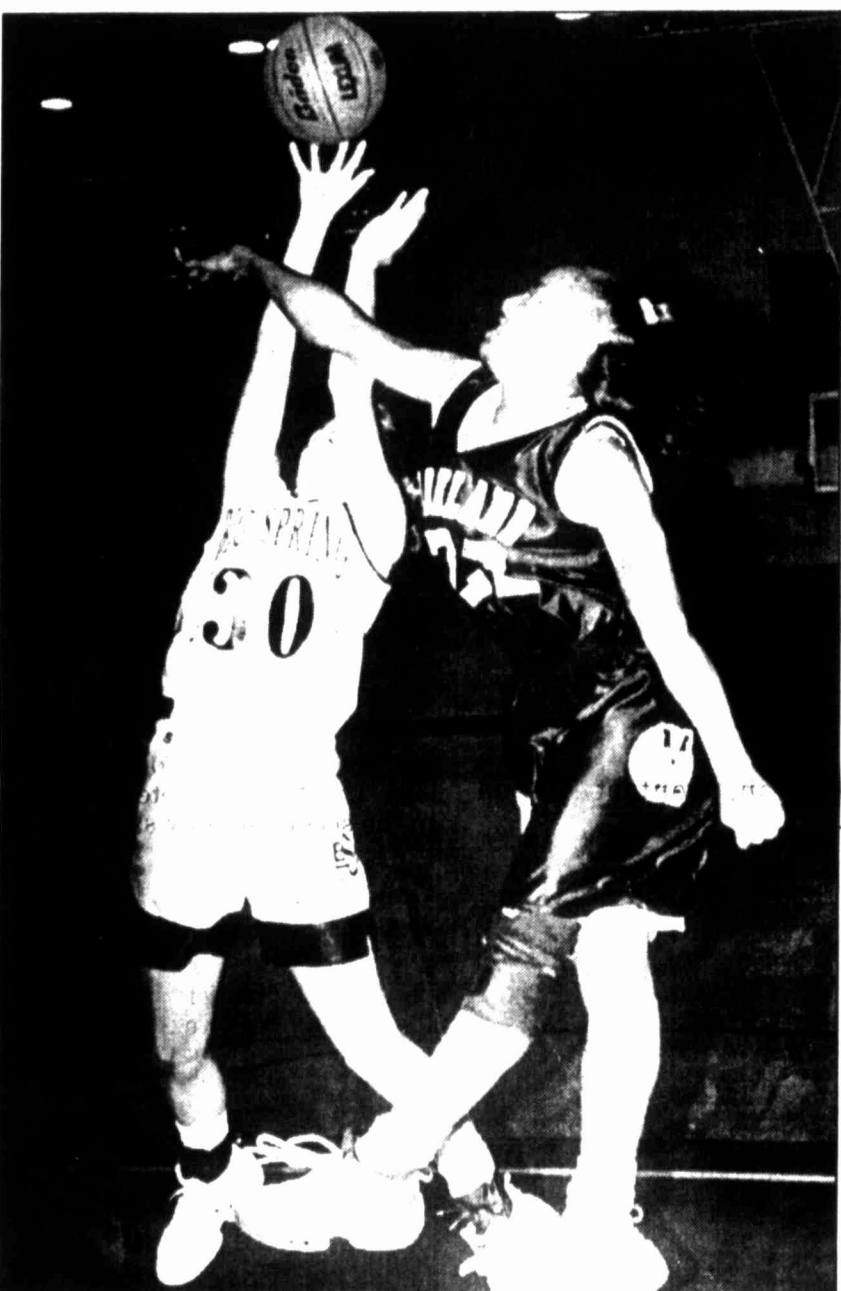
Parkland trimmed the lead to just two on 3-for-4 shooting at its own free throw stripe and a jumper from the lane by guard Richetta Scott.

Twenty seconds later, however, Scott was seated on the sidelines after picking up her fifth foul and Marlena Light went to the penalty stripe. She confidently nailed both free throws and added two more a minute later to provide a little more insurance.

It was Light's night, that four free throws leaving her with a team-topping 16 points. Hughes added 12 to the Lady Steers' total and Maggie Haddad had 10 more.

Game-high honors, however, went to Parkland's Avonay Williams who continually found a way to recover tipped passes and errant shots, then putting them up for 21 points.

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Big Spring's Traci Bellinghausen (30) puts up a shot from the paint and scores, despite the defensive effort of El Paso Parkland's Avonay Williams (22) during the Lady Steers 62-56 bi-district playoff win Friday.

Grady rallies snatch 27-1A crown from Sands

By JOHN H. WALKER
Managing Editor

Grady's Wildcats (15-12) overcame a nearly seven minute drought between field goals and battled back from a 13-point deficit to take a 56-54 win over Sands' Mustangs (18-9) at Dorothy Garrett Coliseum Friday night and claim the No. 1 seed from District 27-A.

AREA ROUNDUP

It was the third meeting of the district season between the two teams and, as such, was the rubber match.

Grady jumped to a quick 12-3 lead behind a pair of 3-pointers from Brady Peugh and another from Greg Gibson but fell

behind 19-17 when Stuart Beall connected on a 3-pointer with 2:49 left in the first half.

A quick basket by Lance Bodine gave the Mustangs a 21-17 lead and put the cap on an 11-0 run that brought them back from a seven-point, 17-10 deficit.

By the time the half rolled around, Sands had stretched its lead to 29-21 off the strength

of a 19-4 run over the final 5:41 of the half.

"It was ugly," Grady Head Coach Tracy Britten acknowledged. "That second quarter ... I guess it was just nerves."

Britten said his team didn't play smart in the first half.

"We had 12 turnovers ... we took some stupid shots," he

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Bufs, Coyotes to be warmup for 4-4A romp

By JOHN A. MOSELEY
Sports Editor

For local basketball fans, the place to be Monday evening will be Dorothy Garrett Coliseum.

That's where Stanton and Borden County, two of West Texas' top small school boys' teams will prime themselves for the upcoming playoffs with a practice game, before Sweetwater's Mustangs and San Angelo Lake View's Chiefs square off to decide the District 4-4A championship.

Stanton and Borden County are scheduled for a 6 p.m. tip, while the 4-4A championship game is slated for a 7:30 start.

Bufs coach Doug Gordon says Borden County will offer Stanton a chance to play an opponent that offers the same kind of size and quickness they themselves possess.

"We've looked forward to playing them (Coyotes)," Gordon said, noting that both schools' march to state football championships forced them to cancel an early season matchup. "We were supposed to play them last year, but they were getting ready for their semifinal football game and we were getting ready for the quarterfinals."

Stanton closed out its regular season Friday with a 69-50 win over Tornillo, finishing the 6-2A schedule undefeated at 10-0 and improving to 15-1 overall.

The win extended the No. 7-ranked Bufs' home winning streak to 36 games and their string of 28 straight district victories.

That 19-point blowout of Tornillo provided a clear indication of how strong the Bufs are, as 6-foot-8 post Marcus Washington led Stanton with 20 points, while guard Tyron Davis was close on his heels with 19 points.

"We've got too many weapons for people to try and really load

up against any one of our kids," Gordon explained, noting that in Friday's regular season finale, point guard Kyle Hern was limited to just two points.

"We've had opponents that looked at us and decided the thing to do was try to double and triple team Marcus, and Kyle's killed them with 3-pointers," Gordon explained. "And with Tyron in the backcourt with Kyle, it's going to be hard for anyone to try and play a close man-to-man defensive style against us."

"Borden County has the kind of personnel it takes to make us work," he added. "We want to get as tough a challenge as we can before we play Tahoka in bi-district play."

Last season the Bufs went into the first round of the playoffs heavily favored, only to be eliminated by Tahoka which advanced to the state tournament.

But Gordon says the focus has not been on exacting revenge, but simply getting a chance to return to the playoffs.

"That's really been our concern," he explained. "We got off to such a late start that we were having to kind of put our game together on the run."

"As a result, we didn't care who we played in bi-district, just so long as we got there," Gordon added, saying he believes the Bufs have yet to reach their peak.

"Hopefully we'll begin to reach our peak in a couple of weeks when the playoffs start and can continue that way for another three weeks," he continued.

Sweetwater, the defending District 4-4A champion, finished the regular season tied with Lake View, both with 8-2 marks in league play. The Mustangs will bring a 17-11 record into the showdown.

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Midland takes title in Boosters tennis tourney; Big Spring gets fifth

By JOHN A. MOSELEY
Sports Editor

Big Spring's Booster Invitational Tennis Tournament was everything it was expected to be and then some, as Midland High School's Bulldogs and Lady Bulldogs piled up 97 points to take first-place team honors with a 19-point advantage over runnerup Lubbock Coronado.

Going into the tournament, Big Spring coach Ralph Davis noted the tournament's field was one of the strongest ever, and it lived up to that billing.

As a result, the host Steers and Lady Steers managed a combined 57 points to finish fifth in the team standings — its best finishes coming in the girls' and boys' singles where Monica Villarreal and Hsuan-Hsuan Li finished pretty much where they'd been seeded.

"There were a few upsets, but it worked out pretty much like we expected it to," Davis said following the tournament. "We finished fifth, but that's really about all we could expect when we're in a position of having to put a couple of junior varsity

teams in the boys' doubles draw."

Villarreal, the No. 2 girls' seed reached the finals before falling victim to Midland High's fourth-seeded Toffee Wilson. The 6-0, 3-6, 6-4 championship win provided a little revenge for the Lady Bulldogs netter, who'd lost to Villarreal in the finals of the Midland Invitational last week.

After opening the tournament with a 6-0, 6-0 win over Lubbock High School's Lindsay Williamson, Villarreal took a 6-0-63 win over San Angelo Central's Emilee Black and reached the finals with a 6-2, 6-4 win over Midland's Melissa McClung, who upset fourth-seeded Sara Pennington of Sweetwater in the quarterfinals.

Wilson had opened the tournament with a 6-0, 6-0 win over Big Spring's Farrah Schooler, who was beaten in the consolation bracket by Sweetwater's Ambra Gage.

Li, the No. 4 seed in boys' singles, finished third with a 6-4, 6-4 win over third-seeded Chad Bendixsen of Carlsbad, N.M., after having lost to Coronado's top-seeded Jeremy Earl in the semifinals.

But Earl would not take the title, falling victim to second-seeded Todd Petty of San Angelo Central who took a 7-5, 6-3 win.

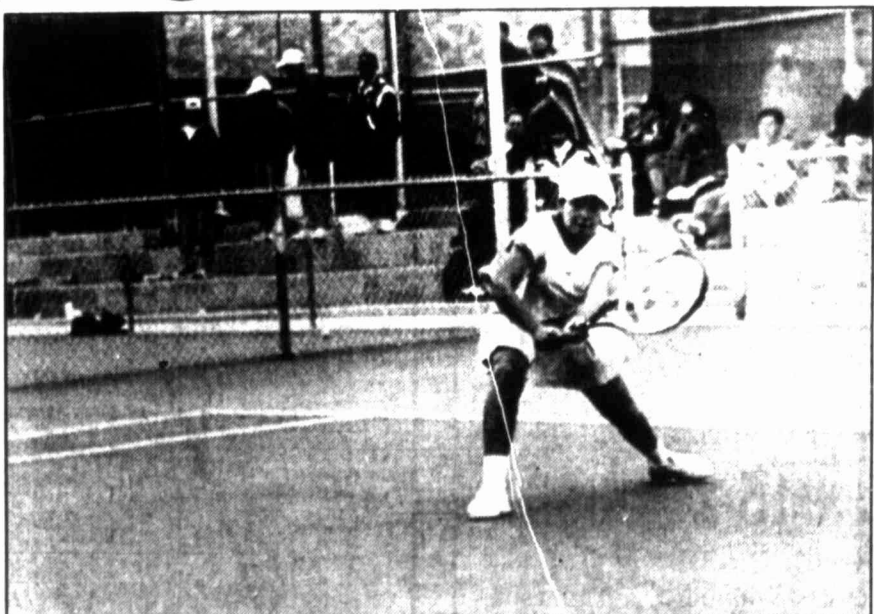
Li had opened the tournament with a 6-1, 6-0 win over Central's Brian Lake and cruised to a 6-0, 6-0 win over Lubbock's Adam Hoover before running afoul of Earl.

Big Spring's other boys' singles entry, Devon Swafford finished seventh with a 6-0, 6-1 win over Hoover. He'd opened the tournament with a 6-4, 6-4 win over Lubbock's Luis Flores before losing to Bendixsen.

In girls' doubles action, Big Spring's No. 4-seeded team of YuChing Li and Kim Dominguez opened the tournament with a 6-2, 6-0 win over Carlsbad's Donna Morgan and Melissa Tawater, but dropped a 6-4, 0-6, 3-6 loss to Sara Davis and Beverly Cochran of Lubbock Coronado in the second round.

Stefanie Lewis and Christina Vera opened girls' doubles play with a 6-4, 6-0 win over Central's Katy Morton and Julie Harrison, the No. 2 seeded team, in the opening round before dropping a 6-4, 0-6, 4-6 decision to Coronado's Chris Cauley and Tonya Ginn.

In boys' doubles action, Big Spring's teams of Shane Blackshear and Josh Arguello and Zach Smiley and Drew Mirales dropped their opening-round matches and were eliminated in the first round of consolation bracket play.



Big Spring's Monica Villarreal delivers a two-handed backhand winner during the second set of her girls' singles championship match Saturday against Midland's Toffee Wilson. Villarreal found Wilson more difficult to beat than she did a week ago, as the Lady Bulldog took the title with a three-set win.

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said. Grady's woes continued as the third quarter began.

A Jerrod Beall field goal, followed by a pair of free throws by Stuart Beall and a basket from inside the paint by Josh Long staked the Mustangs to their biggest lead of the night — 35-22 with 7:01 left in the game.

When Jed Hinojosa scored from literally under the basket with 6:42 left in the period for Grady, it ended a 6 minutes, 59 seconds drought between field goals.

During that stretch, Grady had connected on just five of eight free throws and had been outscored 25-5.

But it wouldn't be enough for the Mustangs.

On Sands' return trip up the floor after the Hinojosa basket, Peugh swatted the ball away to Frankie Garza, who scored on a lay-up to cut the Grady deficit to nine, 35-26.

Another 25 seconds later, Grady had the ball again and Jim Bob Haggerton connected on his first of four 3-pointers on the night. That trimmed the Sands lead to six, 35-26 with 5:56 left in the third period.

"The last time we played them (at Ackerly), he started hot, but they went man (defense) in the second half and shut us down," Britten said. "It's not very often you shoot better from (the

three (point line) than the two (point line)."

A 20-second time out called by head coach Jim Lane allowed Sands to make some quick adjustments to stem the tide, but after regaining eight-point leads twice, the Mustangs had to watch as Grady kept battling back.

By the end of the third period, Grady had closed to within four, 44-40.

Quick baskets by Jerrod Beall and Long again opened an eight-point lead for the Mustangs, but three quick baskets — including a pair of threes by Haggerton — brought Grady even at 48-48 with 5:15 left.

A basket by Hinojosa following a Sands turnover gave the Wildcats the lead 50-49 with 3:42 left in the game, the first time in more than 15 minutes that they had led.

Another turnover by Sands allowed Garza to connect on a basket from close-in to make it 52-49 with 3:15 left.

"I think Jed is sometimes our unsung hero," Britten said. "He got 11 rebounds tonight ... a lot of people just look at the points and I don't think he gets enough credit."

"The same is true about Frankie Garza ... those two sophomores have worked hard and spent a lot of time in the gym shooting and it has paid off."

Despite having seen their 13-point lead disappear, the Mustangs refused to quit and tied the game at 52-52 when Stuart Beall hit a 3-pointer with 3:01 left.

Baskets by Gibson and Hinojosa allowed Grady to close the game on a 16-6 run and take the win.

"It's a tough one to lose," Lane said. "The second half, we just let them have everything they got ... we didn't play defense like we did the first half and I think we got tired and relaxed too much."

Jerrod Beall led all scorers for Sands with 17 points, followed by Stuart Beall's 13 points. Coby Floyd added nine for the Ponies.

Grady placed four players in double figures, including Peugh, Haggerton and Gibson with 12 each. Hinojosa had 11 and Garza chipped in eight.

Grady will now face District 28-A runnerup Eden (19-7) in a bi-district game at Reagan County High School in Big Lake at 7 p.m. on Tuesday, Feb. 24. Sands will meet District 28-A champion Christoval that same night, but at a time and site still to be determined.

Lady Bearkats take title

Garden City's Lady Bearkats chalked up their fifth consecutive district basketball championship Friday, taking a 37-28 win over Irion County's Lady

Hornets. Senior guard Misti Batla scored 10 points to lead the Lady Bearkats.

The Lady Bearkats now advance to the bi-district play-offs where they'll face Marathon at 6 p.m. Tuesday in Rankin.

Lady Buffs take crown

Stanton's Lady Buffs had little trouble in wrapping up the District 6-2A girls' basketball

championship, romping to a 66-41 win over Tornillo's Lady Coyotes.

Randi Simer paced the Lady Buffs with 23 points, 11 of them coming in the first quarter as Stanton pulled away to a 21-7 first quarter lead and coasted to the win. Teammate Jonna Moore had 17 more.

Steers rally falls short

Big Spring's Steers saw their

bid for a comeback victory in the final game of the year come up one point short Friday, as they dropped a 63-62 decision to Fort Stockton's Panthers.

Justin Myers managed to hit a 3-point shot with four seconds, but the Steers were out of timeouts and were unable to keep the Panthers from letting the clock run out.

Andy Hall led the Steers with 21 points, while Myers had 18. Casey Cowley had 11 more for Big Spring.

GOLF

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Hawkins took medalist honors with a 73.70-143, while Coronado's Jason Scherr, who'd opened the tournament with an impressive 5-under par 66 on the Comanche Trail course, soared to 79 Saturday to finish two strokes off the pace at 145.

None of the Steers' varsity players finished worse than 82 on the country club layout Saturday. Rudy Gamboa's 77, coupled with a 76 from Friday gave him a 153 total, while Blake Weaver rebounded from an opening-round 91 to shot an 81 and finish at 172.

Heath Bailey, who finished at 83.82-165, and O.J. Hernandez, who had an 87.81-168 showing, rounded out the Big Spring varsity.

The Steers' second team of

Chris Rodriguez, Zach Hall, Jamie Womble, Aaron Harland and Chris Bravo, finished the tournament with a 738 total, finishing last in the 20-team boys' field. Rodriguez led the way for Big Spring's second unit with an 81.89-170, while Womble finished at 88.87-175 and Hall posted an 91.92-183.

The Lady Steers' second unit of Priscilla Del Bosque, Christine Medellin, Brittany Roberson, Lauren Fraser and Anna McLaughlin managed a two-day total of 833, finishing 18th in the field of 24 girls' teams.

Del Bosque led the way with a 99.92-191, while Roberson posted a 104.99-203 and Medellin had a 218 total with rounds of 113 and 105. Fraser finished at 114.109-223 and McLaughlin had a pair of 112 rounds to finish at 224.

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while Lake View making its first appearance in postseason play in 39 years — is 20-9 overall.

Lake View earned the title shot with a 59.57 win over Andrews Friday night when senior post Jorge Villarreal rebounded a missed free throw

with two seconds remaining and put in the game-winning shot.

That put back relegated Andrews from first place in the 4-4A standings to a third-place finisher's playoff bid.

It was Villarreal who hit a 3-point shot at the buzzer a week earlier to give the Chiefs a win over Sweetwater and ultimately set up Monday's showdown.

LADY STEERS

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Teammate SueAnn Smith had 16 more for the Lady Matadors.

"This was a difficult game," Taylor said, noting that Parkland's unorthodox style made it difficult for the Lady Steers to establish any kind of defensive pattern.

"Every time they came down the floor they were doing something entirely different," he explained. "As a matter of fact, I don't really think they knew what they were doing some of the time. Our press was giving them some problems and it looked like there were a lot of times when people weren't where they were supposed to be."

While the Lady Steers jumped out on top from the outset, they were never able to mount a substantial lead and carried a slim, 17-16 edge into the second quarter.

Smith came up with five quick points to give Parkland the lead early in the second period, and the Lady Matadors would hold sway for much of the next five minutes.

Big Spring, however, would put together a 7-1 run down the stretch to take a 31-29 halftime

lead and would never again relinquish control.

"We missed a lot of easy shots early and didn't shoot free throws well or it wouldn't have even been close, but the important is that it was a win and we can start thinking about Levelland now," Taylor said.

"We also did a lot of things really well," the Lady Steers boss acknowledged. "We ran the court extremely well and did a great job of stepping up the intensity on our press late in the game. It was a tremendous effort ... you could just see these girls weren't going to allow this one to get away from them."

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Sands Superintendent Don Bryan, right, welcomes students as they board the school bus on a recent afternoon.



Driving a school bus is just one of several jobs performed at the Sands school district by Superintendent Don Bryan and his wife, Jean (far right).

Every morning, Don Bryan and his wife, Jean, get up early to drive their bus routes for Sands school children. Then in the late afternoon, they load up their buses again and drive the routes to take the students home.

During the day, Don and Jean wear different hats at the school. In fact, he's the superintendent. She manages the library.

"Whatever it takes to get a job done, that's what we're going to do," said Don, who's had the district's top position for six years. In his second year at Sands, he taught a science class because of a teacher shortage.

He said there is almost no job he hasn't done at the school.

Don has also been known to drive students on school trips, or transport both students and their animals to livestock competitions.

During his 36 years in the education profession, Don said he has always maintained a bus driving certification.

Several of the other Sands staff members have their driving certifications, and regularly drive buses as substitutes, or on special trips as well.

But in the tiny town of Ackerly, it was hard to find full-time bus drivers.

About four years ago, after several stints as a substitute bus driver, Don said he decided to take on the extra duties. The idea caught on with his wife, and she began driving too.

Both say they enjoy the morning hours best.

"We've always been early risers," said Don.

"I grew up on a farm and my dad didn't want us sleeping late," added Jean. "I love the freshness of the morning, especially when the fields are freshly plowed."

And, both agreed, the children are usually somewhat sleepy on the morning route.

"They're awfully quiet," Jean said. Recently, the Bryans both enjoyed showing the kids a satellite that was visible in the sky in the early morning hours. They also said they have an excellent view of Big Spring and other area towns, and get to see some beautiful sunrises.

The quiet morning drive is also a good time to do some thinking, Don said.

"It's a time for me to solve problems I've been looking at," he said.

Both Bryans said they also enjoy the camaraderie of the kids. Although both work with students daily in their "regular" jobs, the bus

from prekindergarten to high school.

Don enjoys teasing his riders. One of them told Jean her husband was "the funnest guy I ever saw."

About 85 percent of bus riders in the Sands district are from farm families, many of them arriving to work during good crop years. The district has about 236 students now, but Don said that number varies with the local crop.

Both said driving the buses is remarkably easy, just like driving a van — especially the newer "snub-nosed" model.

Don also serves as transportation director for the district, which includes making up bus routes. On icy mornings, he drives the roads early to decide

whether school should be delayed.

The Bryans rise at about 5 a.m. each day. Their morning routes begin at 6:45, taking about an hour.

But before he starts his bus route, Don has already stopped by the school to open up. He often receives deliveries by 6:30 a.m.

After working all day, the Bryans drive the afternoon bus route beginning at 3:15 p.m. In the evenings, they often attend Sands school sporting events.

"It's a busy day," Jean said, "but it's our choice, and we love it."



Jean Bryan takes the wheel prior to making her bus rounds.

routes give them a chance to see the children in another environment, they said.

"I got a valentine the other day," Jean said. "Those kids are so neat. We don't have a single problem with them."

She said she looks forward to seeing the 17-20 bus riders each day, greeting them by name. They vary in age

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STORY BY DEBBIE L. JENSEN
PHOTOS BY LINDA CHOATE

Plans under way for annual Big Spring Gem and Mineral Show

Hi! Out there! It is that time of year again for the Big Spring Prospector's Club to bring you the annual Gem and Mineral Show. It is March 7 and 8. Some of you may say or think "Just a lot of dumb old rocks, who needs them?" You do! Without those dumb old rocks you could not live. Minerals play such an important part that it would be impossible to list them. They form a part of the food we eat, medicines and thousand of manufactured things we take for granted. Gems are a part of our culture. Wars have been fought, lives lost, governments have fallen because of their value. Usually we think of gems as things of beauty and value to be worn, but they have a multitude of uses in industries.

If you are interested in seeing unusual and beautiful things plan to be out at the fair grounds one or both days. Where else can you find so much for free? There is no admission charge, however, children must be accompanied by a responsible adult. An amazing amount of work goes into producing a show of this size. Without the support of



Myrtle Griffith
Columnist

the many businesses in Big Spring, it would be impossible to manage this without charging a door fee. These people buy ads to be placed in the directory and given out at the show. As far as I have been able to determine it is the only gem and mineral show giving free admission that is in the Permian Basin. There is something for all ages. A snack bar is included for your convenience, hourly door prizes, displays, a spinning wheel with a prize each and every spin, friendly dealers to serve you and club hosts to answer your questions. There are also hourly door prizes, and a grand prize valued at a \$100 or more. Where else can you find so much entertainment for so little. The club

strives to make Big Spring a good place to live or visit. There are so many interesting legends, superstitions and lore concerning gemstones that it would take volumes to even start to list. Maybe we can touch upon a few. Gems are mentioned a lot of times in the Bible and use of them reaches back into primitive times. Most everyone has heard of the Hope Diamond due to its large size and purity as well as its rare blue color. Throughout the history of this gem terrible things befell each owner until it was sometimes known as the bad luck diamond. Diamonds are known in pale red, clear, yellow, green and blue. Many diamonds of inferior grades are

used in industries. Diamond is pure carbon and the hardest substance known, however, it is not the toughest because it can be chipped or broken, so don't drop yours on concrete or test it with a hammer. They are found in many countries but not too many countries have enough to mine profitably. Tiny grains of diamond have been discovered in meteors which have fallen on Earth, so there may be vast stores out there in the universe. It goes without saying that we could not live without minerals, which are a part of our bodies. Many things we use daily are minerals and much of the manufactured goods we use have multitudes of minerals in them. One of my favorite legends

concerns the gemstone Amethyst. It relates to the Greek Wine God, Bacchus was very angry one day and vowed the first person he saw he would release the gate where the fierce lions were kept so that they could devour that person. The fair and lovely maiden started across the courtyard on her way to worship at the shrine of Goddess Diana. The gate sprang open but the Goddess seeing the danger quickly turned the maiden into stone. Later the God was so ashamed and saddened that he went to his storehouse and brought out his best wine and poured it over the stone maiden turning her into a stone of beautiful violet, and to this day we call that stone Amethyst.

Peter Maas delivers with Underboss — The Sammy 'The Bull' story

Underboss. Peters Maas. Harper Paperbacks, New York, New York. December 1997. 481 pages. \$6.99

Sammy (the Bull) Gravano becomes the justice system's star witness in 1991 when he broke the Cosa Nostra code of silence. With his testimony, he sealed the conviction of the boss of the Gambino family, John Gotti, sending him to prison for life. Underboss is Gravano's story, told partly in his own words and supplemented by Peter Maas's historical accounts of mob history in New York City.

Sammy's life began in a loving, hard-working family where he was taught to respect not only his parents, but also

the powerful and controlling men within the community. Sammy's lack of respect for life and his desire to become one of the "made men" of the mob seem incongruous with the standards of his home.

Maas constructs his narrative in a manner that lets the reader see mob behavior from an insider's view, as well as the side of



Pat Williams
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law enforcement personnel and the average man on the street. The control of various public and private enterprises was only one manner in which Mafia families gained vast amounts of wealth and power. Coercion to give paybacks to men up-line in their organization spread the wealth to some degree, but it only added to the domination of those who carried the titles in the various mob families. Murders were committed for a variety of reasons, most often to stop any perceived threat from one family to another, but also to merely teach someone a lesson.

The very strict, self-imposed guidelines members of Cosa Nostra enforced

among themselves make the chronicles of the New York mob activity fascinating. While there was no respect for civil law, the code of "made men" within the Mafia regulated every aspect of their lives.

Media accounts have detailed facts about Gravano's avoidance of imprisonment by becoming a Federal informant, but the telling of his story somehow makes him seem vulnerable and exposed. Within the last few years the government has been successful in making considerable inroads into the control the mob has in some areas. However, the frightening part for society should be the subtle and insidious

manner in which any criminal activity affects our lives.

Maas' book will be worthwhile for those interested in the recent history of the Mafia. For other readers, it should provide a warning about how easily vicious deeds are done for money and power. Gravano's personal sacrifices should offer a warning to any person who thinks true winning is gained by violence, deception, and greed.

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

Charities sell used-car donations, but benefactors should be careful

DALLAS (AP) — The radio and newspaper ads are everywhere: Donate your used car! Tax deduction and free towing!

A surprising number of people who don't have stocks or valuable artwork to give away do have a used car, truck or boat taking up space in the garage or back yard. Give it away, say the ads, and you get a tax break, extra room and satisfaction of helping a worthy cause like the Salvation Army or local animal shelter.

"Charity dollars are so hard to come by," says Patricia Mercer, executive director of the Houston Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals, which is just starting up a car donation program. "People realize they can't make a cash gift — but they can make the gift of the vehicle."

But how do you know your gift is really going to the charity? And just how much is that tax deduction really worth?

Tax and charity experts advise making sure that the recipient charity is what it

appears. In some parts of the country, organizations have faced civil and criminal investigations stemming from radio pitches for donated cars.

For example, the San Francisco district attorney's office this summer charged the now-defunct Jewish Educational Center with civil fraud and false advertising, claiming the center illegally enticed people to donate their cars in return for an income tax write-off. In addition, the state accused founder Bentzion Pil of diverting \$100,000 to pay for a house and a bar mitzvah for his son. According to state documents, the Jewish Educational Center had used-car sales of \$8.5 million last year, but spent only \$1.45 million on charitable efforts.

"We've always been afraid we're going to get splashed" with bad publicity after such revelations, sighs Grant East, founder of Dallas Can! Academy, a charter school for at-risk youth. Its Cars for Kids, started in 1994, is perhaps the

oldest car-donation program in North Texas.

East says about 70 percent of the proceeds from its donated cars, trucks and boats go to programs for the school. The rest pays for advertising, towing and fixing up some cars to make them streetworthy before they are sold at thrice-monthly auctions. Others are sold for scrap or parts. Unlike most charities with car-donation programs, Dallas Can handles these chores itself rather than turning vehicles over to a salvage dealer or auctioneer who takes a cut of the proceeds.

Dallas Can is more than willing to let people see its IRS Determination Letter and Form 990, which support its tax-exempt status and list its income and expenses.

Would-be benefactors are entitled by law to see such documents and may be wise to do so, says Dan Langan, spokesman for the National Charities Information Bureau in New York.

"We say you should be careful

to see that the charity is getting the lion's share of the money," he said. "Look at their 990."

Charity watchdog groups like Langan's say the percentage of income actually spent on programs as opposed to fund-raising or administration should be a minimum of 50 percent or 60 percent.

Exactly how much the deduction is worth depends on the vehicle's value and the donor's tax bracket, says Dick Murphy of IRS taxpayer services in Dallas.

For example, a taxpayer in the 15 percent tax bracket will save \$450 in taxes donating a car worth \$3,000. The higher the tax bracket, the more the savings. But the taxpayer gets the benefit only if he or she itemizes and has total deductions over the standard deduction. For 1997, the standard deduction is \$6,900 for a taxpayer who is married filing a joint return, has no dependents and is not blind or over 65, Murphy said.

Most, if not all, programs require donors to set the value

QUESTIONS YOU SHOULD ASK

Questions potential car donors should ask charity groups before giving away their vehicles, according to the Better Business Bureau and National Charities Information Bureau:

- Is the group eligible to receive a tax-deductible car donation? Ask for a copy of the organization's Internal Revenue Service Determination Letter. Churches are not required to apply for such status and may not have a letter.
- How does the group spend its money? Ask the organization for its charitable tax return, IRS Form 990. Be wary of groups that don't want to release this document, as the IRS requires charities to make it available to anyone who wants to read it during regular business hours.
- How much of your donation will go to good works, and how much will go for the charity's operations and fund-raising?

for the vehicles they donate. The IRS says it must be the fair market value as established by the National Automobile Dealers Association's blue book. If the car's not running, a donor must subtract the amount it would take to get the car going again.

The charity should give the donor a receipt — IRS form 8283 — if the vehicle is worth \$250 or more.

Craig Tadlock, a Dallas lawyer who recently gave his

1988 Toyota Celica to Dallas Can, said the program saved him the hassle and expense of finding a buyer for a car that stopped running after 105,000 miles.

He also got a decent tax deduction on a donation worth about \$2,500.

"I may or may not have done it without the tax advantages," Tadlock says. "But it was very satisfying to be able to contribute to an organization that I know does good work in town."

Battle of the sexes: It's the housework, stupid

By CINDY STARR
Scripps Howard News Service

The battlefields of America's domestic chore wars are littered with angry women, dust-blind men and wounded marriages, according to author James Thornton, one of the nation's leading experts on the topic.

The war zone is so dangerous, such a minefield of egos and emotions, that even surrender has its pitfalls.

"This is a real horror story," Thornton began the other day. "A Tennessee wife was horribly overworked. Finally she exploded. So her husband said he'd help with the laundry. He got the clothes out of the dryer to fold and put away. He agreed to do it. He was watching TV while he was sorting."

The man's wife walked by and said, "What are you doing?"

"I'm sorting the laundry," he replied.

"You can't do it here," she said.

"Why not?"

"You have to do it in the basement," she said.

"Why?"

"Because that's where I do it."

Is it any wonder that the topic of chore wars surfaces almost every time a couple visits a domestic relations counselor?

Thornton, author of "Chore Wars" (Conari Press, \$14), says that housework is anything but a mundane issue.

"It's a constant element in your life. Every day you wake up and there's housework to be done. It has a great impact on the family's relationships and dynamics. To the extent that you can do it successfully, it can make life happier. If you can't do it successfully, it can ruin your life."

Thornton discovered the inequities of his own household's division of labor when his wife was put on total bed rest during the eighth month of pregnancy with their second child.

"It took me about five minutes of full-time house husbandry to realize how much work my wife had been shouldering for years," Thornton writes in his book. "It took me

even less time to realize how truly pathetic I was in terms of domestic competence. How exactly do you cook macaroni and cheese?"

Now reformed, Thornton said he does more household chores to set a good example for his children and because he loves his wife. Nevertheless, he said, "I'm not turbo-charged by an internal sense of cleanliness."

Today's chore wars have their roots in gender roles witnessed and absorbed by the combatants. Many of today's adults, whether they work outside the home or not, grew up in homes kept clean and beautiful by their mothers. Both daughters and sons viewed the tidy home as something their mothers accomplished.

Society reinforced that image. As Thornton noted, "Guys never saw Clint Eastwood washing dishes."

As women marched into the workforce in increasing numbers, the converse — men helping with the vacuuming in increasing droves — never happened. Thornton places the blame on both sexes.

Men often lack basic cleaning skills and are reluctant to do something they don't do well.

Women — like the one who wanted the laundry folded her way — are often reluctant to give up control.

Men seem to be imbued with "a disregard for dust."

Women need to work at developing more of "a disregard for dust."

Thornton recalled an Oprah Winfrey segment in which men were shown attempting to clean their houses. "One guy was trying to clean greasy burners with a Dustbuster," Thornton said.

Domestically challenged men could develop housecleaning skills by working closely with their spouses. But that could be as emotionally charged as having your spouse teach you to drive with a stick shift, Thornton said.

Thornton learned by hiring a professional housekeeper, who patiently showed him the ropes. (Cindy Starr writes for the Cincinnati Post.)

Tips to help new moms get thru the mental fog

If you've recently given birth and are suffering from "scatter-brain syndrome," here are a few tips to help prevent "you from losing your mind completely."

- Make a list every day. Carry it and a pen with you, whenever possible, so you can write things down as they flit through your mind.
- Don't assume you'll remember anything. Get in the habit of saying aloud things like, "I'm going to get my glasses." So when you walk into the other room and can't remember what you came there for, someone can tell you.
- Keep a pen and paper in the car, too. Can't find a piece of paper? Write it on the baby's diaper. But remember to pull over and stop the car first.
- If you think of something

you need to remember while changing a diaper, put it to music and sing it until your hands are free to write it down. Example: (To the tune of Twinkle, Twinkle Little Star) "Don't forget to pay the bills..."

• Away from home and your list? Use voice mail. Call yourself and leave a message.

• Give yourself time out each day, or as often as possible. Try to maintain a bit of pre-baby life by taking an exercise class, having lunch with a friend, or getting a manicure. But be sure to write down when the appointment is on your daily list.

• Buy a good street map and keep it in the car at all times.

• Lose something? Check the freezer.

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Latest banking technology intimidates many older citizens

BRENTWOOD, Tenn. (AP) — Using an ATM is no big deal, right? Just walk or drive up, stick in your card, punch a few numbers and get your money.

Researchers in Georgia found that many folks think it's tougher than that and won't use automated teller machines. Most say they would if someone would show them how, but most banks don't.

First American National Bank of Nashville has gotten the message. Every time someone opens a new account, they're trained either on a demonstration machine or a real ATM.

Charlotte, N.C.-based NationsBank has set up a pilot project in Florida in which

bank employees, called "ambassadors," walk customers through the machine's instructions.

That's encouraging to Wendy A. Rodgers, a psychology professor at the University of Georgia who found that, at best, banks were providing only pamphlets on ATMs.

Rodgers and researchers at the Georgia Institute of Technology have been working since 1993 on ATM studies funded by the National Institute on Aging.

"When we first started this, we asked the banks, 'What kind of training do you give people when they get ATM cards?'" Rodgers said. "They said, 'We

don't need to train anyone. They're easy to use.'"

Not so, according to her studies, which found 14 percent of adults ages 18 to 35 and two-thirds of those 65 and older don't use ATMs.

"These are probably the same people who can't set their clocks and VCRs. They're intimidated by technology," said banking analyst Joe Stieven of Stifel, Nicolaus & Co. in St. Louis.

ATMs have been around for nearly 30 years. The first U.S. machines were introduced in 1969. There were about 4,600 ATMs in 1976. The number skyrocketed during the 1980s. The count stood at 90,000 in 1992,

and has grown significantly since then.

Banks like them because they're cheaper than tellers.

The preference for human contact was the top reason given by older people who don't use ATMs, said Rodgers, who surveyed people in Atlanta and Memphis. The second reason was safety. Other concerns included lack of privacy, difficulty tracking transactions and accuracy.

Jesse Crite, 62, said even if his banker came to him and personally offered free training, he wouldn't use an ATM.

"I don't even like to get a cold drink out of a machine," the retired Nashvillian said.

Banks are responding to customers' fears. They're spending more money on security measures such as cameras at stand-alone ATMs, and putting the machines in high-traffic areas.

First American officials say they're trying to lower costs and increase customer convenience by moving routine transactions from teller windows to ATMs.

And to make sure people use them, the bank created demonstration machines and cards to help new customers.

"I think people are bashful about not knowing how and it's not fair to just assume that anybody knows," said Betsy Hinds at First American's Brentwood branch, about 15 miles south of

Nashville. "Statistics show it's the elderly but that's not necessarily true. The ages are all over the place for us."

Rodgers said 63 percent of non-users said they might use ATMs if someone would train them.

Michael Jennings of NationsBank said banks haven't intentionally ignored customer's needs, and he sympathized with people nervous about using ATMs.

"You're not sitting in the privacy of your home. You're walking up in public," he said. "You don't want to take a long time and you're embarrassed with other people around."

Black innkeepers offer respite from inner city crime and drugs

EAST ST. LOUIS, Ill. (AP) — Down the street from the Chocolate City nightclub, next door to the Family Dollar and not far from where the bullets fly, Herrett Parker and her husband welcome strangers into their home.

Behind the iron gates and brick facade, Mrs. Parker dishes up lavish meals, draws whirlpool baths and otherwise fusses over guests at the Parker Garden Bed & Breakfast.

That's right. A \$150-a-night oasis in the midst of one of America's most crime-ridden, drug-infested towns, a place where many people would pay to get out if they had the money.

"Even the black folk from St. Louis are leery. They read the same newspapers," Mrs. Parker said. "But when they come through that door, they don't know where they are."

The Parker Garden is just east of the heart of East St. Louis, a motley assemblage of sagging buildings, fast food shacks and liquor stores left for dead three decades ago when its middle class followed industry out of town. Just a few blocks away are housing projects where gunfire is no stranger.

Yet business at the b-and-b is thriving. Since the Parker Garden opened in June, it has had paying customers nearly every weekend, Mrs. Parker said, and bookings already exceed expectations for the entire first year.

The Parkers are part of a small but growing class of pioneers in a \$5 billion industry that has long been dominated by white, rural innkeepers, according to Pat Hardy, execu-

tive director of the Professional Association of Innkeepers International in Santa Barbara, Calif.

Where just a few years ago Hardy knew of only one black-owned inn, there are now more than a dozen scattered throughout the country — from Anacortes, Wash., to Martha's Vineyard, Mass.

Resistance to black innkeepers has been slow to fade, Doris Clark said. She's president of the African-American Association of Innkeepers International and owner of the Twin Oaks Inn on Martha's Vineyard Island. She had to mount a three-year court battle to overcome objections of neighbors.

Blacks are spending more money on travel, and many prefer to stay with black-owned businesses. "As African-Americans, there aren't very many places we feel comfortable staying," she said.

Most visitors to the Parker Garden are local couples, and all have been black. Unlike traditional bed and breakfasts, with their emphasis on Victorian charm, the Parker Garden is designed as a modern romantic retreat.

One suite has a whirlpool in a mirrored, candle-lit alcove. In the other, lovers can nestle in the tub and watch a flickering fire in the fireplace or, in warmer weather, relax on a private balcony overlooking one of the city's rare gardens.

The Parkers say they don't go to great lengths to protect their guests. Gates, door locks and a watchful eye seem enough. "We've lived here for 19 years, and nothing has happened to us," Mrs. Parker

said.

Acquanta Spencer of Pittsburgh chose the Parker Garden over a hotel when she came to town for a funeral. All the pampering helped her forget the bad reputation of the world outside.

"I walked in and I just fell in love," she said. "I didn't know it was supposed to be so bad here, in the city, but I would come back. You don't think about it here."

Granted, one friendly b-and-b isn't likely to change East St. Louis' image as a haven for drugs and gangs. It's certainly nothing on the scale of the \$210 million luxury hotel being built next to the Casino Queen riverboat on the Mississippi.

But the Parker Garden has been embraced as a symbol of renewal in the town that gave the world jazz legend Miles Davis before crumbling into chaos.

That an electrician and his wife would sink thousands of dollars into a business pitched to attracting visitors is powerful tonic for a town long steeped in despair, Mayor Gordon Bush said.

"We're moving ahead in the city with projects which are much larger," he said. "But what's unique about this is that it shows the confidence of our own residents."

John Parker said he and his wife considered opening their inn in a more affluent area but decided to stay in their home. Not only do they expect to profit from their investment, they hope to help their city.

"If people like us don't stay and try to make the place better," he said, "then no one's going to stay."

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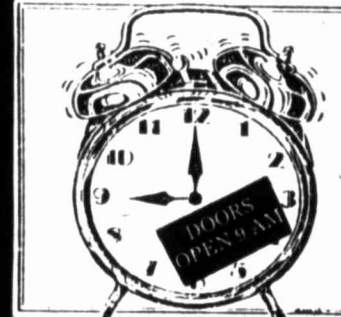
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In-home trunk shows a godsend for time-challenged women

MONTCLAIR, N.J. (AP) — Time-challenged women who crave personal attention when they shop for clothes are finding it in the neighborhood — at in-home trunk shows.

While the venue is a novelty for some and a near-necessity for others, itinerant sales aren't new. In early days, pushcart peddlers traveled from town to town hawking their wares. Later, tailors sold men's made-to-order suits on scheduled rounds, with fittings by appointment in hotel suites.

Many top fashion designers make personal appearances at top retailers, taking customer orders long before the latest collection is shipped. Still, Bill Blass, Giorgio Armani and Donna Karan can't be everywhere.

Three companies currently dominate the in-home trunk show market for women: Doncaster, based in

Rutherfordton, N.C.; and Carlisle and Worth, both in New York City. Smaller direct-sales firms such as French Rags, owned by Barbara French of Los Angeles, also are seeking a piece of the direct sales industry, estimated at \$18 billion annually in the United States.

Two are in Los Angeles: French Rags, and Susan Sutherland's Style, which culls from the latest European collections.

Worth customer Cathy Olian of Westchester, Conn., a producer for "60 Minutes," says she counts on Kathy Mestl, her sales-consultant, "to put my wardrobe together for me so that I do not have to spend the time keeping up with the latest trends."

Worth was founded in 1991 by Caroline Davis and Richard Kaplan. Davis, a former consultant with Doncaster, sold her

share in 1990 to establish Worth, which she says has grown from 40 consultants to more than 400. In 1996, Worth said sales exceeded \$30 million, with the average client spending \$750 to \$1,000 per visit.

Doncaster, which began as a shirt maker, is the grandmother of women's wear direct sales. It has been selling one-on-one since the mid-1930s, when members of a Junior League chapter began showing a line of shirtwaist dresses. Over the decades, it evolved into a separates and accessories business, selling "to women 20 to 90 years of age," according to Dorothy Oliver, a consultant in Montclair, N.J.

Its client list has included Rosalynn Carter, Tipper Gore, Christie Whitman, Joan Lunden and speed skater Bonnie Blair. Doncaster claims more than 3,000 sales consultants nationwide and 520

employees in Rutherfordton, New York City and in scattered retail shops.

Oliver, a graduate of Hampton College in Virginia, is a full-time accountant with a wide network of friends and colleagues. She joined Doncaster after spotting an ad in a fashion magazine. Oliver is an independent contractor but gets sales assistance from Patty Muchmore, a district sales leader. In addition, the Doncaster staff supplies training materials, trend reports, press kits, postcards and invitations to mail to her private list of customers.

Each year she presents four seasonal collections of about 200 pieces each. Each season's samples are hers for a week to show from the living room of her split-level home in a quiet, wooded neighborhood. She squeezes in appointments before and after work.

Working as early as 7 a.m. and as late as midnight, she helps clients select color, style and size.

She writes her orders and passes the trunk to another consultant in a nearby town. Between shows, Oliver writes orders for clients based on a portfolio of photos, sketches and fabric swatches.

Doncaster prices are competitive with designer bridge lines. But, according to Oliver, the quality is comparable to the top lines of the best designers. Prices range from \$95 for a blouse to \$350 for a jacket.

Lissa Barrett, a sales director and part-time consultant for Carlisle, works with a partner from the partner's home, a faux Tudor mansion in Upper Montclair, N.J. Four times a year, clients are ushered into a vast, chandelied dining room set up for the occasion as a small boutique.

Bill Rodina, owner and designer, helped found Carlisle 16 years ago. Each collection is reviewed and edited by a national panel of consultants. The focus is on fabrics and materials — silk, wool, cotton, cashmere, leather and suede, or luxurious blends. Average price for a jacket is \$450; for skirts, pants and blouses, \$250.

Unlike stores, Barrett says, Carlisle "offers a lot of options within a single color wave. Customers can expect to return season after season to add new items to their existing wardrobe."

The trunk show concept is spreading to other areas of fashion. Cabuchon, a British manufacturer of jewelry and accessories, has entered the U.S. market with a network of sales reps and glossy catalogs. They feature hand-finished jewelry in 18-karat gold, rhodium or silver plate.

Green tea secret weapon in beauty battle

NEW YORK (AP) — If sipping a cup of tea is soothing to the soul, could the topical use of tea be a balm for the skin?

Cosmetics counters are steeped in fragrances and skin care products that contain green tea, the ingredient *du jour* in the world of beauty. Chamomile, oolong, Earl Grey and jasmine also are making appearances.

Basically the beauty business is picking up on scientific research, noting especially the antioxidant properties of green tea when applied to the skin. In Japan, research has indicated a correlation between green tea and a reduction in the incidence of skin cancer.

Estee Lauder looked at research where topical application of green tea reduced skin damage caused by free radicals such as sun and pollution. Now the company has nine products that include tea.

"We believe that in all of our products it is absolutely essential to provide the most perfect protection to the skin from the damage caused by the environment," Dr. Daniel Maes, vice president of research and development at Estee Lauder, says. "And that protection can only be achieved from the treatments with antioxidants like green tea."

Just as tea leaves are a hot commodity in skin care, so is tea tree oil, not a tea at all but a natural antiseptic taken from an Australian tree. It is in

products from Tea Tree Solutions.

"More and more people are now recognizing tea as very balancing," says Jody Billet, founder of Tea Tree Solutions in Hauppauge, N.Y.

In Los Angeles, you can sip tea in a bamboo garden, then shop for teas to take home for soothing baths and eye compresses. The Elixir Tonics & Teas store, opened in 1996, offers both and counts Julia Roberts, Steve Martin and Cameron Diaz among buyers of teas and herbs.

Jeffrey Stein, founder of the teahouse, says tea's popularity begins with the fact that people today want to be healthy. He said it is a result of young people in the 1960s, '70s and '80s who abused their bodies and now realize the body has limits. "Rather than use up what nature has given, now there's an interest in preserving, maintaining and actually reversing nature or maximizing what's left," he says.

Stein says today's young people, "The New Cool" generation, calls them, are revolting against the flash and buzz of the last two decades and are more reflective. Thus, he says, buying chamomile or yellow mountain tea for the eyes or bath seems natural to them.

Across the country, products with some form of tea are proliferating. Country Life, based in Hauppauge, has a new line of sipping tea called Long Life

Teas. Its Desert Essence division also has a line of beauty products based on tea.

Cononal's new bath powder contains starch and green tea. Shiseido's Body Exfoliating Scrub contains tea seed oil. Origins offers four Tea Soaps and Eye Doctor, a moisturizer with ginseng and green tea extract.

Green tea is the draw in Avon's Stress Shield Serum, Clinique's Skin Calming Moisture Mask, and Waterleaf's line of bath products. Some of the newest hair products also contain green tea, including those from Rusk and Pure Elements.

"Tea is all about the leaves," says Molly Fiedler, product and technical affairs manager for Thymes Limited in Minneapolis. "The difference between jasmine, oolong and green teas is the way it is processed. All are from the camellia flower leaves."

Thymes Limited put oolong, green tea, ginkgo leaves, orange blossom and jasmine in its Tea Thymes fragrances for bath and body. "There's something incredibly soothing and comforting about tea."

Bulgari is the leader in tea-infused personal fragrance products. Its Eau Parfumee, with green tea as the main note, was formulated as a discreet gift for Bulgari jewelry customers but became so popular that in 1992 it was distributed at retail.

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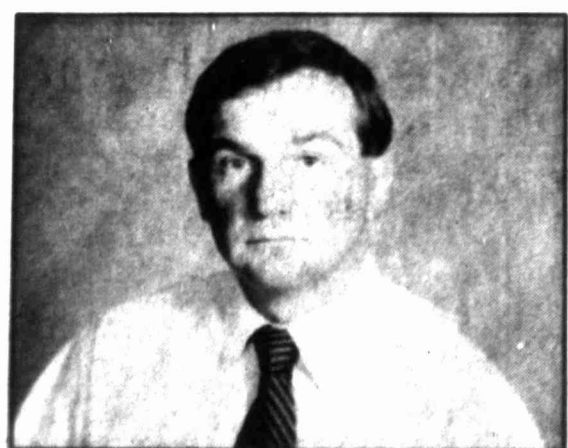
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Christopher Aaron Dunlap-Baldwin, boy, Jan. 27, 1998, 4:26 a.m., six pounds and 19 1/2 inches long; parents are Jennifer Dunlap and Michael Baldwin.

Grandparents are Ronald and Cindy Dunlap and Joe and Christy Baldwin, all of Big Spring.

Jesse Joe Martin, Jan. 7, 1998, 6:35 p.m., five pounds 12 ounces and 18 inches long; parents are Angela Martinez and Jesse Martin.

Grandparents are Olga and Cruz Sanchez and Gloria Martin, all of Big Spring.

Miranda Sarah Johnson, girl, Feb. 10, 1998, 2:55, six pounds 10 ounces and 19 inches long; parents are Irene Castillo and Jimmy Johnson.

Grandparents are Mr. Castillo, Lubbock, Mrs. Castillo Villalpando, Big Spring, Mr. James Johnson and Mary Johnson.

Stacy Matilda Hernandez,

girl, Feb. 7, 1998, 7:43 a.m., six pounds 15 ounces; parents are Frank Hernandez Sr. and Rosemary Silva.

Grandparents are Luis and Helen Hernandez and Manuela Rivas.

Derek Jae Gusman, boy, Feb. 4, 1998, 11:59 a.m., eight pounds 12 ounces and 21 inches long; parents are Alma and Neiberto Gusman, Jr.

Grandparents are Mr. and Mrs. Larry Jajola, Mr. and Mrs. Frank Alcantar, Sr., Mr. Oscar Cervantes, Sr., and Mr. Neiberto Gusman, Sr.

Richard S. Martinez, Jr., boy, Feb. 3, 1998, 3:46 p.m., eight pounds eight ounces and 21 inches long; parents are Melissa Gutierrez and Richard Martinez.

Grandparents are Sammy and Janie Peacock, Ackerly, Vincent and Mary Martinez and Randy Hagins, all of Big Spring.

Isaih Jerome Porras, boy, Feb. 6, 1998, 10:42 a.m., six pounds 8 1/2 ounces and 19 1/2 inches long; parents are Luis Porras, Jr. and Valarie Ortiz.

Grandparents are Mr. Rafael Ortiz, Mrs. Gwynette Lozano, Mr. Luis Porras, Sr. and Mrs.

Viana Porras.

Alexis Brianna Garcia, girl, Jan. 30, 1998, 2:27 p.m., seven pounds four ounces and 21 inches long; parents are Carlos and Valerie Garcia.
Grandparents are Ben and Ophelia Garcia and Oscar and Mary Hernandez, all of Big Spring.

Edward Phillip, boy, Jan. 29, 1998, 3:36 p.m., seven pounds 11 ounces and 20 1/2 inches long; parents are Edward and Esperansa Fierro.

Grandparents are Angelita Nieto, Phillip Vigil, Mary Garcia and Geneva Martinez.

Trisha Nashea Nieto, girl, Jan. 27, 1998, 2:27 a.m., eight pounds six ounces and 20 inches long; parents are Stephanie Canales and Gabriel Nieto.

Grandparents: David and Lydia Canales, Maria Nieto, Camillo and Sharon Nieto, all of Big Spring.

Faith Abigail Parum, girl, Jan. 29, 1998, 4:04 p.m., eight pounds seven ounces and 20 inches long; parents are Russell and Stacey Parum.

Grandparents are Nancy and Jimmie Wood, Big Spring, and Wayne and Yvonne Parum.

IN THE MILITARY

Marine Lance Cpl. Chris N. Perez, son of John D. and Darlene M. Perez, Big Spring, recently participated in Exercise Invitex while on a six-

month deployment to the Mediterranean Sea with the 24th Marine Expeditionary Unit (MEU).

He embarked aboard the ships of the USS-Guam Amphibious Ready Group.

The 1995 graduate of Maranatha Baptist Academy joined the Marine Corps in August 1995.

WHO'S WHO

Abilene High School recently held its annual Change of Command Ceremony.

Outstanding cadets for the first semester included Cadet/Airman Natasha Sayers. She is the daughter of Jack and Alice Broughton, formerly of Big Spring, and the granddaughter of Juanez and Harold Broughton, Coahoma.

Erica Hughes, daughter of Rick and Debbie Hughes, Big Spring, will be entering the M.D. program at UTMB, Galveston, August 1998. Erica is a 1993 graduate of Big Spring High School and a 1996 honor graduate of Southwest Texas State, San Marcos, with a bachelor of science degree, biology major, chemistry minor. She is a member of the Scientific Research Society (Sigma XI), and Golden Key National Honor Society.

Texas Students on NLU President's List

MONROE, La.—The President's List for the fall semester at Northeast Louisiana University has been announced by President Lawson L. Swearingen Jr.

To be on the President's List, a student must be registered as full-time and maintain a minimum 3.5 grade point average on a 4.0 system.

Area Students making the President's List are as follows:

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Amarillo: Mari-Elizabeth Hayes; Big Spring: Jennie R. Pierce; Celburne: Jennifer C. Cooper (4.0); Conroe: Sara E. Mihelich; Dallas: Dannette T. Turner (4.0); Henderson-Trenton: Royce Hall; Houston: Sara N. Cookson; Houston-Thang D. Dinh; Houston-Terra: Anita Fuller (4.0); HOUSTON: Anne Louise Reuter (4.0); Irving: Brian Lee Sutton; Kingwood: Andrew Moody Shive; Marshall: Brad Todd Welch; Nacogdoches: Carrie Ann Hairston; Plano: Andrew C. Bentley; Plano: Gina Mae Gering (4.0); Texarkana: Sandra D. Robinette.

NYC cabbies more dangerous than criminals?

NEW YORK (AP) — City streets may be safer, but stepping off the curb — well, that's another matter.

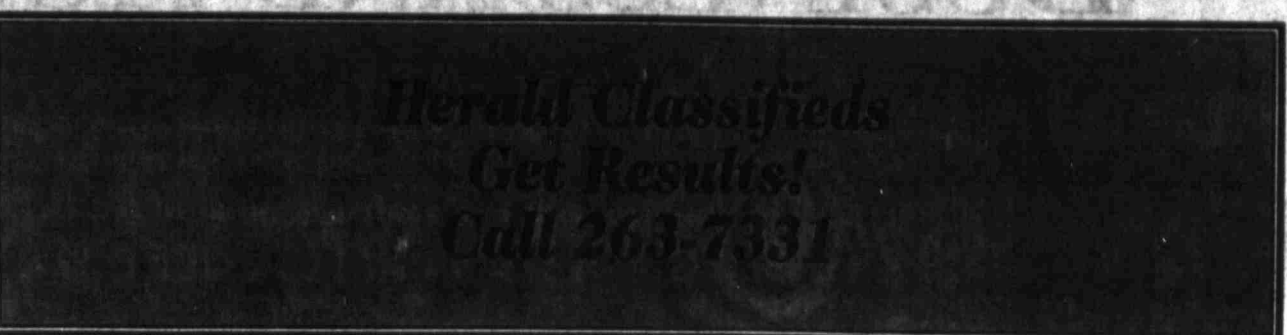
"When I'm walking along, those cabs are horrible, they really are," said Iris Vargas, stepping back gingerly from the curb as a taxi roared by.

Crime is down in New York City, but the number of injuries involving taxis and livery cabs has jumped by nearly two-thirds this decade.

To crack down the notoriously wild maneuvering of New York City's cabdrivers, Democratic Assemblyman Scott M. Stringer proposes placing "How's My Driving?" bumper stickers on cabs featuring a phone number where operators will take down complaints.

"There's a group of cabbies that clearly needs help. We can't have drivers amputating people's limbs," Stringer said, referring to an accident last month in which a woman's leg had to be amputated after a careening cab pinned her to a light post.

A spokesman for the city Taxi and Limousine Commission blamed many accidents on illegal gypsy cabs, while one veteran cabbie blamed the increase in taxi crashes on the nature of the job.



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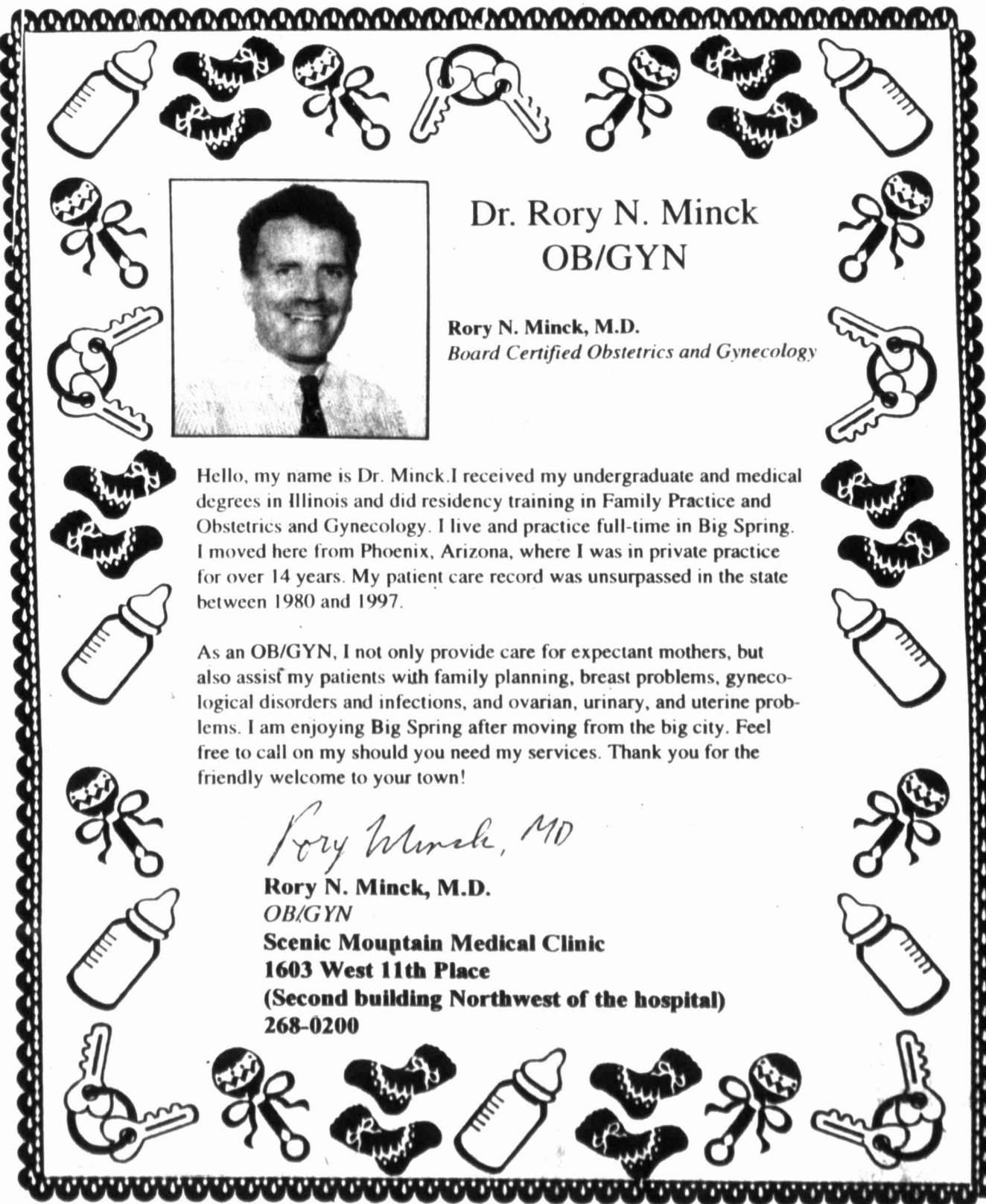
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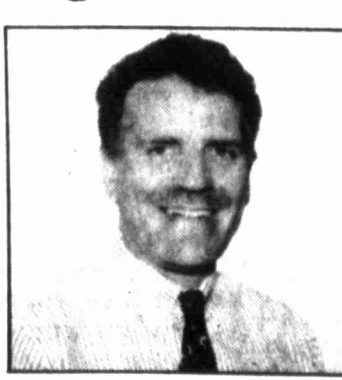
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As an OB/GYN, I not only provide care for expectant mothers, but also assist my patients with family planning, breast problems, gynecological disorders and infections, and ovarian, urinary, and uterine problems. I am enjoying Big Spring after moving from the big city. Feel free to call on me should you need my services. Thank you for the friendly welcome to your town!

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Stage store scheduled to open March 12 in Big Spring

By CARLTON JOHNSON
Staff Writer

In less than a month, Big Spring Mall will raise the curtains on the new Stage store, which is replacing Anthony's. Stage is a chain known for quality, service, savings and style, according to Stage representatives. The 20,000 square foot store is scheduled for grand opening Thursday, March 12 through Sunday, March 15.

Area residents who frequent Big Spring Mall have probably noticed some changes in what was Anthony's, including the new Stage sign above the entrance to the store.

Anthony's is being converted to a Stage because the company that owns Bealls — Specialty Retailers in Houston — has purchased all of the Anthony's stores.

Big Spring Mall Manager Tammy Watt said some of the Anthony's stores are being converted to Bealls stores and others to Stage stores.

"In our case, since we already

have a Bealls in Big Spring, Anthony's is becoming a Stage store," Watt said. "It's my understanding that Stage merchandise is a little bit more upscale than Anthony's."

"I think it will be a real nice transition because the stores that have been converted to Stage stores have reported nice sales gains," Watt added.

Stage stores have received high praise around the country as the place for one-stop shopping, with a one-of-a-kind commitment to customer service. The little things that make Stage such a success are the big things shoppers look for in meeting their family's apparel needs, according to Stage officials.

Stage offers famous name, top-quality merchandise at affordable prices and stores with the latest men's, women's and children's fashions, stylish shoes, accessories, fine fragrances, beautiful lingerie and hard-to-fit sizes.

In announcing Stage's arrival in Big Spring, President and



HERALD photo/Linda Choate
Big Spring residents will be able to browse through Big Spring Mall's newest store beginning March 12 when Stage Stores Inc. begins its grand opening celebration.

Chief Executive Officer Carl Tooker said, "Big Spring is our kind of hometown. It's a friendly, family-oriented community and we're making a major commitment to give our customers the nicest shopping environment and the best service to be found anywhere."

"The new Stage store really gives the area the fashion excitement it deserves," Tooker added.

Stage officials said Stage merchandisers shop the world for the newest fashions — buying in large quantities to deliver day-in, day-out value prices.

Stage Stores Inc. now operates in more than 600 stores in 24 states with most of the stores located in smaller communities. The stage philosophy is "taking fashion to small-town America," giving people the opportunity to buy up-to-the-minute styles from some of the best names in the business without having to drive long distances to the nearest city or regional mall.

Big Spring shoppers will be able to shop on a daily basis for such name-brand items as Calvin Klein, Liz Claiborne, Levi's, Nike, Reebok, Elizabeth Taylor Fragrances, Chaps Ralph Lauren and many more.

Big Spring's newest shopping spot will also offer exceptional shopper perks such as instant-service dressing room call buttons; a V.I.P. charge program, where every dollar charged earns points toward gold, silver or bronze status; and for more seasoned shoppers, "Club 50 Plus" offers a 20 percent discount to customers 50 and older on the first Tuesday of every

month. Stage looks for towns like Big Spring to open new stores because a growing number of people and businesses are looking to return to their roots. Big Spring is a community where the quality of life is important and neighbors know each other, according to Stage officials.

Anthony's conversion means Stage will be the first new store to hit Big Spring Mall since the 8,500 square foot Family Dollar store opened last summer.

The mall is currently home to several stores including Sear's, Bealls, On Cue, Athletic Supply, the Casual Shoppe and several others.

With the addition of Family Dollar last summer, the mall's occupancy is about 80 percent, according to Watt.

"Only a few small areas totaling about 8,000 square feet remain vacant," Watt said. "Progress is slow (as far as filling spaces), but we're getting there."

Pesticide laws changing

Many agriculture producers have asked what their responsibilities are in conjunction with using pesticides.

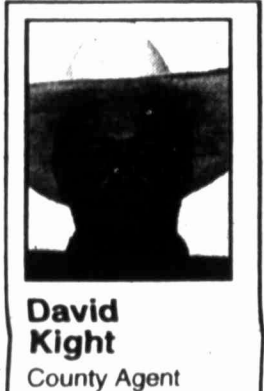
There have been many changes in laws dealing with this over the past 10 years. One such change is the EPA Worker Protection law but there are many others also.

By law, an agricultural producer must possess a private applicator's license if they are putting out any pesticides, insecticides, herbicide or other chemical. Private applicators can only put out this on their own land, commercial applicators can put it out on other people's land for hire. Of course the commercial license is more difficult to obtain as well as more costly.

All license holders must have Continuing Education Units (CEU's) to keep their license current. The Howard County Extension Office has materials for producer's to study for both private applicators as well as commercial applicators. All producers are to keep his or her own records on pesticide applications as well as proof of CEUs.

The Texas Department of Agriculture is the entity that is responsible for making sure agriculture producers meet the standards of the laws as well as enforcing them.

Agriculture producers are very good stewards of the land and water and it has been proven many times that pesticide contaminations have not come from agriculture producers but from homeowners or commercial applicators or distributors.



David Kight
County Agent

FEBRUARY MEANS SPRING GARDENING



HERALD photos/Linda Choate
Now is the time for gardeners and tree lovers to begin planting and preparing for the spring growing season. Terri Johansen of Johansen Landscape and Nursery shows off some onions — ideal for growing this time of year. Other cold weather items ideal for planting now, along with the flowers and broccoli pictured, include cauliflower, brussel sprouts, cabbage, potatoes, garlic and asparagus. Now is also a good time to find the best selection of fruit trees, shade trees and pecan trees available.

Allstate accused of using misleading mailer

AUSTIN (AP) — Allstate Insurance is trying to trick Texans into lower accident settlements, a consumer group complained Wednesday. Allstate said it's doing no such thing.

The Texas Insurance Department is looking into the matter.

The complaint revolves around a "Quality Service Pledge" Allstate mails to people involved in wrecks with drivers carrying insurance with the company.

The pledge says Allstate will do everything possible to

explain the claims process and to keep the people involved fully informed.

It also explains that while drivers have a right to hire an attorney, they don't necessarily need one and might actually get less money if using an attorney.

"Attorneys often take up to one-third of the settlement you receive after deducting expenses incurred. If you settle with Allstate, however, the total amount of the settlement is yours," the letter says.

TDI spokesman Mark Hanna said the agency is investigat-

ing.

"We're just checking out the words on it to make sure they say something an insurance company should be saying," he said.

At least three other states have taken some action against Allstate's letters, including a state law prohibiting them in Connecticut, according to Dan Lambe, of Texas Citizen Action.

"Allstate is trying to pull the wool over the eyes of Texas drivers and Texas families," he added.

Nonsense, replied Allstate

spokeswoman Sharon Cooper.

"Many consumers believe that a fair settlement is possible only with the assistance of an attorney. These materials provide information which can be used by consumers to make their own decision whether to retain an attorney," Ms. Cooper said. "We want consumers to know the different options."

Ms. Cooper said Allstate has received no complaints from consumers regarding the letters.

"The vast majority of cases are handled without an attorney," she said. "It comes down to consumer choice."

Food safety is a priority for everyone

LINCOLN, Neb. (AP) — Everyone from the cattle rancher to the person buying ground beef in the grocery store is responsible for solving the E. coli problem, the director of the U.S. Meat Animal Research Center said last week.

"Food safety and other related issues is a societal problem," said Dan Laster, director of the research center located in Clay Center. "It's everybody's problem and everyone can help to solve it."

Laster spoke at a two-day governor's conference on ensuring meat safety. The conference brought together more than 150 people involved in cattle and animal production, research

and education.

Monday's session focused largely on defining the concerns associated with E. coli O157:H7 contamination, and the kind of research being conducted into the problem. Tuesday's speakers approached the issue from the angle of cattle producers and retailers.

The message they sent was clear — food safety must be a priority from the top of the food chain on down.

"There is no place in our industry for anyone to say food safety is not his business," said Herb Brinkmeyer, representing Baker's supermarkets.

Mike Donahue, vice president of governmental relations for

McDonald's, said there can be no higher priority than food safety education.

"Our customers are dying to be educated. They want to be told about food safety," he said. "Food safety has to be priority No. 1 for all of us."

Part of the problem is today's shoppers know little about how to properly handle and cook food, Brinkmeyer said. "We're dealing with a generation of customers that do not know how to cook," he said.

Consumers need to be told that E. coli is a naturally occurring bacteria and its elimination in raw products is virtually impossible, Brinkmeyer said. The only way to kill E. coli is

by cooking raw beef to at least 160 degrees.

Educating the public about the proper way to cook hamburgers will not solve the problem, Laster said. It will take 15 to 20 teams of scientists and researchers with about \$1.5 million of funding each to help eliminate the threat of E. coli to the food system, he said.

"We're going to have to face the fact that it takes big groups of people to solve the problem," Laster said.

Curbing E. coli is of particular concern in Nebraska, where the beef industry is still recuperating from a series of recalls last summer.

A former Hudson Foods plant in Columbus was forced to recall 25 million pounds of meat — the largest recall in U.S. history. A BeefAmerica plant in Norfolk recalled 443,000 pounds of ground beef that tested positive for E. coli that had been sent to a Virginia grocery store. And South Korean officials sent back 40,000 pounds of meat supplied by IBP Inc. after claiming it tested positive for E. coli.

Beef slaughter plants can take steps to lessen the chances of contamination at their facilities, said Jim Riemann of Excel. He is in charge of testing and food safety technologies for the meat packer.

He outlined bacteria reduction technologies approved by the U.S. Department of Agriculture that plants can use — including organic acid washes, trisodium phosphate, hot water carcass wash, steam vacuum spot cleaners and steam pasteurization.

Riemann said steam pasteurization has proven to be the most effective in combatting E. coli. The problem for many plants is the cost. By the time the equipment is purchased and installed it will cost a company about \$1.3 million, he said. A smaller version for plants is being developed, he said.

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- Smith, Shelley J., P.O. Box 120, Guthrie
- Stout, Jerry G., 7311 N. Co. Rd. 16, Shallowater
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- Wheeler, David E., 1304 Sycamore, Big Spring
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- Kris Edward Rodriguez, 30, and Tiffany Nicole Newell, 21
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County Court: Court Records:

- Motion to dismiss revocation of probation: Daniel Ray Wilkins, Luanna Franco, Juan E. Escamila, Walter Williams, Salvador Aguilar, Walter P. Williams, III, Casey Henry, Jose Cervantes, Guadalupe Ledezma, Leonides Vela, Jr.
- Order: Daniel Ray Wilkins, Luanna Franco, Juan E. Escamila, Walter Williams, Salvador Aguilar, Walter P. Williams, III, Casey Henry, Jose Cervantes, Guadalupe Ledezma, Leonides Vela, Jr.
- Order of dismissal: Jeffrey Weaver, David Wayne Herring, Michael Lara, Regello Salcido, David Cantu, Leonard Dominguez, Terry Dewayne Hult, James R. Taylor, Carol Smith, Debora Rios, Rosalinda Rios, Wilbert Lavell Upkins, Clifton Jurell Gay, Dalton Shields, Jr.
- Probated judgment theft over \$50/under \$500: Richard James White
- Order continuing defendant on probation and extension of probation: Raul Mendez, Leonides Vela, Jr.
- Judgment & sentence DWL: Guadalupe Ledezma \$250 fine, \$232 court cost and 30 days in jail. Daniel Ray Wilkins \$250 fine, \$219.25 court cost and 5 days in jail. Probated judgment - deferred adjudication: Joe Albert Deanda, Jr.
- Judgment & sentence possession of marijuana under two ounces: Guadalupe Ledezma \$250 fine, \$227 court cost and 30 days in jail
- Judgment & sentence DWLS: James Lee Woodard \$250 fine and 180 days in jail
- Probated judgment DWLS: Leonard Ray Dominguez \$150 fine and 180 days in jail
- Probated judgment DWI: Mark William Edwards \$750 fine and 180 days in jail, Jose A. Gutierrez \$1,000 fine and 365 days in jail, Ricardo Ramirez, Jr. \$750 fine and 180 days in jail, Ernesto Rodriguez \$750 fine and 180 days in jail
- Judgment & sentence stalking: Jesse Lara Mora \$500 fine, \$219.25 court cost and 120 days in jail
- Judgment & sentence violate protective order: Jesse Lara Mora \$500 fine, \$219.25 court cost and 120 days in jail
- Judgment & sentence fleeing from police officer: Elizabeth Dominguez \$100 fine and \$184.25 court cost
- Probated judgment evading arrest: Gregory Ladon Green \$100 fine and 180 days in jail
- Judgment & sentence resisting arrest: Anna Marie Moran \$500 fine, \$219.25 court cost and 180 days in jail, Jesse Lara Mora \$500 fine, \$219.25 court cost and 180 days in jail
- 120 days in jail
- Probated judgment fail to identify: Adela Agrez Deanda \$250 fine and 180 days in jail
- Judgment & sentence harassment/telephone: Jesse Lara Mora \$500 fine, \$219.25 court cost and 120 days in jail
- Probated judgment DWI: Mariselda Carrillo \$250 fine and 180 days in jail

- grantor: John Raymond Moore
grantee: D'Carlon Moore
property: lot 7, blk. 2, La Loma Addition
filed: Feb. 2, 1998
- grantor: Kenneth B. and Anita J. Wiggins
grantee: John W. and Janet L. Lilly
property: all of lot 11, blk. 3, Highland Caprock Subdivision
filed: Feb. 2, 1998
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grantee: Carey Matthew and Shelly Grace Warren
property: lot 1, blk. 1, Central Park Addition
filed: Feb. 2, 1998
- grantor: Opal Mealer
grantee: Mildred Armstrong
property: the north 43' of lot 10 and the south 15' of lot 11, blk. 4, College Heights Addition
filed: Feb. 2, 1998
- grantor: Andrew M. Cuomo
grantee: Larry Joe and Sharon Ann Pew
property: all of lot 1, blk. 8, Kentwood Addition (unit No. 1)
filed: Feb. 2, 1998
- grantor: Gilbert E. and Alice Ann Webb
grantee: Webb Family Revocable Trust
property: lots 7 and 8, blk. 26, Cole & Strayhorn Addition
filed: Feb. 2, 1998
- grantor: Chase Manhattan Mortgage Corp.
grantee: HUD
property: all of lot 3, blk. 26, College Park Estates
filed: Feb. 2, 1998
- grantor: Chase Manhattan Mortgage Corp.
grantee: HUD
property: all of lot 22, blk. 8, Douglass Addition
filed: Feb. 2, 1998
- grantor: Lee Harris
grantee: Stephen and Bree Howard
property: all of lot 9, blk. 8, Edwards Heights Addition
filed: Feb. 2, 1998
- grantor: Associates Financial Services Company, Inc.
grantee: American Equity Funding, Inc.
property: lot 19, blk. 4, Monticello Addition
filed: Feb. 4, 1998
- grantor: Mary L. Landin
grantee: Maria G. Gonzales
property: all of lots 1-2, blk. 4, Lincoln Addition
filed: Feb. 4, 1998
- grantor: Lee George Construction Inc.
grantee: Leroy George
property: the surface estate only of a 0.638 acre tract of land, more or less, out of section 32, blk. 33, T-1-N, T&P RR Co.
filed: Feb. 6, 1998
- grantor: Sally Kay Smith
grantee: Johnnie Hardyman
property: lot 4, blk. 1, Hillcrest Terrace Addition
filed: Jan. 28, 1998
- grantor: Andrew M. Cuomo
grantee: Mary Louise Traczyk Trust
property: all of lot 3, blk. 26, Monticello Addition
filed: Feb. 6, 1998
- Warranty deed with vendor's lien:
- grantor: Kevin L. Calley
grantee: Debra Calley
property: a 18.8 acre tract of land out of and part of section 44, blk. 32, T-1-S, T&P Ry. Co.
filed: Jan. 30, 1998
- grantor: Landon and Geraldine Burchell
grantee: Terry and Dorothy Nichols
property: southeast 1/4 of section 19 and the southwest 1/4 of section 20, blk. 33, T-3-N, T&P Ry. Co.
filed: Jan. 30, 1998
- grantor: Hayes Stripling, Jr. and Dorothy Stripling
grantee: Jimmy E. Rose
property: a 5.057 acre tract of land out of the west part of section 24, blk. 33, T-1-S, T&P RR Co.
filed: Jan. 30, 1998
- grantor: Hui Ling Horsman
grantee: Shirley Ann Adams
property: lot 22, blk. 6, Douglass Addition
filed: Feb. 2, 1998
- grantor: Mary Averette
grantee: Edward J. and Lora Spivey
property: surface estate only of a 0.21 acre tract of land out of the northeast 1/4 of section 45, T-1-N, T&P Ry. Co.
filed: Feb. 2, 1998
- grantor: Ricky Franklin Dyer and Diane Dyer
grantee: Shane H. and Jaime L. Kemper
property: lot 2, blk. 4, West Cliff Addition
filed: Feb. 3, 1998
- grantor: Donald E. Hankins
grantee: Arthur and Susie A. Valdez
property: lot 1, blk. 13, Monticello Addition
filed: Feb. 3, 1998
- grantor: Andrew David Smith
grantee: Jay L. and Kelli K. Rainey
property: lot 37, bk. 3, Big Spring, Howard county, as per map or plat of said addition
filed: Feb. 5, 1998
- grantor: Carl Ralph Caton aka Carl R. Caton
grantee: Walter Brumley
property: a 3.98 acre tract and a 11.93 acre tract both out of section 40, blk. 32, T-1-N, T&P Ry. Co.
filed: Feb. 6, 1998
- Trustee's deed:
- Quit claim deed:
grantor: Sherry Lynn Sanders
grantee: Duane Sanders
property: lots 3 and 4, Subdivision D, blk. 15, Fairview Heights Addition
filed: Jan. 28, 1998
- grantor: Edward Eugene and Dorothy R. Derr Jones
grantee: Edward Eugene and Dorothy R. Derr Jones Revocable Living Trust
property: lot 4, blk. 15, Amended Boydston Addition
filed: Jan. 27, 1998
- grantor: Edward Eugene and Dorothy R. Derr Jones
grantee: Edward Eugene and Dorothy R. Derr Jones Revocable Living Trust
property: east 1/2 of lot 13 and all of lot 14, blk. 4, Highland Park Addition
filed: Jan. 27, 1998
- grantor: Edward Eugene and Dorothy R. Derr Jones
grantee: Edward Eugene and Dorothy R. Derr Jones Revocable Living Trust
property: lots 4 and 5, blk. 1, Hayden Addition
filed: Jan. 27, 1998
- grantor: Edward Eugene and Dorothy R. Derr Jones
grantee: Edward Eugene and Dorothy R. Derr Jones Revocable Living Trust
property: all of lot 12, blk. 33, Cole & Strayhorn Addition
filed: Jan. 27, 1998
- grantor: Edward Eugene and Dorothy R. Derr Jones
grantee: Edward Eugene and Dorothy R. Derr Jones Revocable Living Trust
property: lot 10, blk. 9, Monticello Addition
filed: Jan. 27, 1998
- grantor: Edward Eugene and Dorothy R. Derr Jones
grantee: Edward Eugene and Dorothy R. Derr Jones Revocable Living Trust
property: lot 6, blk. 23, Cole & Strayhorn Addition
filed: Jan. 27, 1998
- grantor: Edward Eugene and Dorothy R. Derr Jones
grantee: Edward Eugene and Dorothy R. Derr Jones Revocable Living Trust
property: lot 5, blk. 4, Mittel Acres
filed: Jan. 27, 1998
- grantor: Tom F. and Jean Rountree
grantee: Phillip M. Sr. and Mary Jewel Burcham
property: a 5.0 acre tract of land out of the southeast 1/4 of section 32, blk. 32, T-1-N, T&P RR Co.
filed: Jan. 27, 1998
- grantor: Ella Lavelle Armstrong aka Ella Lavelle Smith
grantee: Robert G. Kipatnick
property: lot 11, blk. 24, College Park Estates
filed: Jan. 28, 1998
- Gift Deed:
grantor: Lola Rodriguez
grantee: Mary E. Garcia, Gary Melchor Rodriguez
property: lots 7-9, blk. 37, Amended Government Heights to Bauer Addition
filed: Jan. 28, 1998
- grantor: L.A. Palmer
grantee: Leta and Travis Oliver
property: all of lot 25, blk. 2, Wrights First Addition
filed: Jan. 28, 1998
- grantor: Juanita R. Marquez
grantee: Esequiel C. Chavarria
property: a tract of land out of and a part of the west 1/2 of tract 20 of the Wm. B. Currie Subdivision of section 42, blk. 32, T-1-N, T&P Ry. Co.
filed: Jan. 29, 1998
- grantor: R.H. Weaver, Aubrey Weaver, Marcellous and Marilyn Weaver, Ramona and Gerald Harris and Sonia and Earl Lusk
grantee: Eddins Walchers Company
property: a 2.81 acre tract of land out of a 9.91 acre tract out of the northeast 1/4 of section 25, blk. 33, T-1-N, T&P Ry. Co.
filed: Jan. 29, 1998
- grantor: W.L. and Pauline White
grantee: Charlene White
property: all of lot 7 and the south 1/3 of lot 8, blk. 2, Earle's Addition
filed: Jan. 29, 1998
- grantor: Dreyer Music Company, Inc.
grantee: Valley Vending, Inc.
property: tract 1 - 2.41 acres out of section 41, blk. 32, City of Big Spring (503 N. Birdwell); tract 2 - lots 3-5, blk. H, Earles Addition
filed: Jan. 30, 1998
- grantor: Hayes Stripling, Jr. and Dorothy Stripling
grantee: Jimmy E. Rose
property: a 1.615 acre tract of land out of the West part of section 24, blk. 33, T-1-S, T&P RR Co.
filed: Jan. 30, 1998
- grantor: Worthy Land & Development, Inc.
grantee: Lupe and Elida Sepeda
property: all of lot 1 and 2, blk. 1, section 1, Village at the Spring Addition
filed: Jan. 30, 1998
- grantor: Kevin Sneed and Debra Maas aka Debra Sneed
grantee: Virgil H. and Barbara Morris
property: southwest 1/4 of section 33, blk. 32, T-1-N, T&P RR Co.
filed: Jan. 30, 1998

South and Midwest regions lead the nation in home price increases

WASHINGTON (AP) — Cities in the South and Midwest dominated the list of cities with the biggest increases in home prices in 1997. Nationally, the price of the typical home grew more than three times faster than the inflation rate.

The largest increases for existing homes, from the fourth quarter of 1996 to the fourth quarter of 1997, came in Charleston, S.C., the National Association of Realtors said today. Charleston's median home price — meaning half sold for more and half for less — jumped 16.7 percent to \$110,500.

It was followed by Des Moines, up 15.5 percent; San Francisco, 14.1 percent; Fort Myers, Fla., 13.5 percent, and Lexington, Ky., 11.9 percent.

Nationally, the median price rose 6.2 percent to \$124,800. That was nearly double the 3.3 percent rise a year earlier and the biggest fourth quarter-to-fourth quarter gain in six years. And the gain clearly beat overall inflation, which was just 1.7 percent in 1997.

By region, prices last year rose 7.4 percent in the West, 7 percent in the Midwest, 6.9 percent in the South and 4.6 percent in the Northeast.

Other cities with double-digit gains included: Sarasota, Fla.; Champaign, Ill.; Memphis, Tenn.; Cedar Rapids, Iowa; Dallas; Columbus, Ohio; Youngstown, Ohio; Beaumont, Texas; Orange County, Calif.; South Bend, Ind.; Boston; Fargo, N.D.; Peoria, Ill., and Kansas City, Mo.


Only 10 cities of the 134 on the Realtors' list showed fourth quarter-to-fourth quarter price drops. Honolulu, down 10 percent to a median of \$300,000, led the list, followed by Richland, Wash., down 7.1 percent, and Trenton, N.J., down 3.9 percent.

The other cities with declining prices were Syracuse, N.Y.; Charleston, W. Va.; El Paso, Texas; Springfield, Mass.; Albany, N.Y.; Rockford, Ill., and Sioux Falls, S.D.

San Francisco, with a median price of \$304,600, edged past Honolulu as the most expensive market in the country. Orange County, Calif., with a median of \$237,400, was third.

The least expensive markets were Waterloo, Iowa, \$64,200; Ocala, Fla., \$66,700, and Saginaw Bay, Mich., \$70,900.

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PUBLIC NOTICE

CITY OF BIG SPRING COMMUNITY SERVICES DIVISION REQUEST FOR BIDS. The City of Big Spring is seeking bids for the following Contracts: 1. 1996 Roof Replacement and Repair - Phase V City of Big Spring. Sealed Bids shall be addressed to the Office of the Community Services Director, City Hall, 310 Nolan Street, Big Spring, Texas 79720 on or before 2:00 P.M. Thursday, March 19, 1998. Bids will be opened and read aloud at 2:30 P.M. in the City Hall Council Chambers. A MANDATORY PRE-BID CONFERENCE will be held at the following location: Arpaik Office, 2000 Arpaik Drive, Building 1106. Time Thursday, February 26, 1998 10:00 A.M.

The Award of Bids will be considered at a legally scheduled meeting of the City Council. The City of Big Spring reserves the right to reject any or all bids and to waive any or all formalities. Only bids submitted on the City Bid form shall be accepted. Big back-ages can be examined or obtained from the office of the Architect Amtech Roofing Consultants, Inc. 13706 Research, Suite 109 Austin, Texas 78750, phone 512-258-1661. Signed: Tom Blackshear, Mayor. Signed: Tom Furgeson, City Secretary. 1757 February 15 & 22, 1998

PUBLIC NOTICE

CITY OF BIG SPRING ZONING BOARD OF ADJUSTMENTS WILL HOLD A MEETING ON WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 25, 1998 AT 5:15 P.M. IN THE CITY COUNCIL CHAMBERS, 310 NOLAN STREET, BIG SPRING, TEXAS, TO CONSIDER THE FOLLOWING REQUEST FOR A VARIANCE: Stephen E. Forshee, Lot 1, Block 2, Sunset Place Addition located at 1310 Lexington is requesting a Variance to the Zoning Ordinance of the City of Big Spring for the encroachment of the front yard setback requirements for the construction of a carport. J. L. Stevens, Lot 4, Block 7, Eanes Addition located at 606 Ayford is requesting a Variance to the Zoning Ordinance of the City of Big Spring for the encroachment of the side yard setback requirements for the construction of a carport. 1749 February 13 & 15, 1998

PUBLIC NOTICE

INVITATION TO BID Bids for the construction of the Island Cinema will be received at the City Hall located at Owens Street until 2:00 p.m. local time on Thursday, March 5, 1998. Bids will be opened and read aloud at that time. Bids will be addressed to: Honorable Ben Lockhart, Howard County, Remodel Basement, Howard County Library, Big Spring, Texas. (Name and address of bidder). A mandatory Pre-construction Conference will be held at the Howard County Library, 500 Main Street, Big Spring, Texas on Tuesday, February 24, 1998 at 10:00 a.m. This will be a single lump sum contract and shall include all general mechanical and electrical work. Make proposals on unaltered proposal forms furnished by the Architect. Fill in all blank spaces and have the proposal signed by a legal officer or agent authorized to bid the Bidder to a contract. Each Bidder shall deliver their bid in a sealed envelope to the Owner or to the bid opening. Contractors bidding on this project shall be required to submit a bid security with his bid in the form of a bid bond, a certified check or a cashier's check in the amount of 5% of the greatest amount bid. The successful bidder shall be required to furnish the Owner with a performance and payment bond in the amount of 100% of the contract amount. Drawings and Specifications may be examined at the office of Philip Furgeson, Architect, 500 Johnson Street, Big Spring, Texas 79720, 915-267-3794. Copies of these documents shall be available at the office of the Architect in accordance with the Instructions to Bidders. The Owner reserves the right to reject any and all bids and to waive any formality in connection thereto. The Owner reserves the right to contract within 30 days following the bid opening. No bids may be withdrawn during this time. 1758 February 15 & 22, 1998

HAPPY BIRTHDAY FOR SUNDAY, FEB. 15:

You are determined to be a glowing success this year. Your ingenuity combines with your willingness to research; as a result, you come up with extraordinary ideas. You have an excellent ability to see things in the by-and-by; however, in daily matters, you get disappointed and find conversations difficult. If you are single, suitors finds you unique, if not exotic. Your unpredictability is an asset. If attached, communications can be awkward at times, but you'll find that taking weekend jaunts together can help the relationship loosen up. LIBRA has a different outlook on life.

The Stars Show the Kind of Day You'll Have: 5-Dynamic; 4-Positive; 3-Average; 2-So-so; 1-Difficult.

ARIES (March 21-April 19)

Even you can only take so much excitement. You are on a roller-coaster ride that delights. Let a friend drag you out for an adventure. By late afternoon you might be tired and need to slow down. Don't express fatigue as grumpiness. Tonight: Let another entertain you!****

TAURUS (April 20-May 20)

You need a day to melt into your favorite chair. Your ability to make others comfortable is a great gift. Listen carefully to what a respected relative drops on you. Don't say no too

quickly! You are out of kilter.

Take time to recharge. Tonight: Happy to be home.*** GEMINI (May 21-June 20) Reach out for another. Feelings run high, and someone needs your input. Surprise a friend; turn up at his door in the afternoon. Good vibes flow. You have solutions for any problem that arises. Tonight: Pretend it is still Friday night!****

CANCER (June 21-July 22)

A partner surprises you, and you could enjoy a special day at home. You are finally able to reorganize and spruce up things. Someone in charge needs feedback. Don't feel pressured by what is happening. Invite friends over for a family dinner. Tonight: Make it relaxing!****

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22)

Partners speak their mind, and you might be surprised. There is a lot going on here. Be open and be yourself as you attempt to move through a problem. It might be hard to see the whole picture. Much that goes on is enlightening and dynamic. Tonight: A favorite eatery.****

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22)

Sometimes it is fun to spend impulsively, yet there are times it doesn't really serve you. What is key here is to check out an investment. A partner clearly does not agree with you about this expenditure; listen

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to his point of view anyway. Tonight: Indulge another.*** LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22) You feel on top of the world. You would like to break out of a pattern. There is no time like the present. Allow more fun into your life-and relationship. Listen carefully to a partner who challenges you as usual. Be willing to say no. Tonight: Whatever makes you happy.****

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21)

Take a back seat, and you'll see a new development with a different perspective. Rebellion that occurs on the home front has you wondering. You don't have the answers, but you are simply exhausted by this unnecessary behavior. Tonight: Mellow out.***

SAGITARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21)

You aim high, at exactly what you want. Surprises unsettle your day-to-day plans. The unexpected occurs, and life takes some interesting turns. A friend comes through for you in a big way. It is important for you to think through a tense situation. Tonight: Where your friends are.****

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istic, and follow through on your needs.

Don't take on too much. Tonight: Be a star.**** AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18) Take the big picture into consideration, and pursue your heartfelt desires. A difficult conversation leaves you ill at ease. Think about what is happening with this person. Your unexpected behavior might make you feel off-balance; calm down. Tonight: Personality-plus!****

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20)

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Sister of suicide victim is living with her guilt



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DEAR ABBY: Two months ago my youngest sister called me — collect again — sobbing that she felt alone and frightened in the world. She asked if we could meet for tea or if I could visit her. As a mother of twins and self-employed, I reminded her that having tea in a cafe is a luxury I cannot afford.

Last month she called me again. She wanted to spend Saturday night with us and make a pancake breakfast "for old times' sake." She told me she missed me and felt blue. (Abby, Saturday nights are reserved for my husband.)

Two weeks ago, my sister invited me to a matinee — her treat. She tearfully informed me that she was not sleeping well (she was being treated for depression and chronic fatigue syndrome). I told her, "Working people don't go to matinees, but when you get your life together, you'll know what 'chronic-living-life-fatigue' is."

My little sister will never call again. She took her life last week.

My sister had some of the best medical help available, and I know she was ultimately responsible for her own life. But I also know that I'll never again brush her hair out of her sleepy blue eyes or trade my blouse for her mauve lipstick, or tell her she's not fat — she's beautiful.

Most of all, I will never forgive myself for not realizing how suicidal my sister was. Perhaps this letter will prevent others from making the mistakes I made. —LESSON LEARNED IN THE WORST OF WAYS

DEAR LESSON LEARNED: Please accept my sincere sympathy on the tragic loss of your sister. It is vital that you understand it's common for those who survive the suicide of a loved one to experience guilt, and to feel that somehow they could have prevented the tragedy.

True, agreeing to get together with your sister when she asked would have given you different memories, but in all likelihood, it would not have prevented her from taking her life. Her troubles were far deeper than a social visit could have remedied.

I urge you and anyone who is struggling to cope with the suicide of a loved one to find a support group. Any crisis center or suicide hotline can refer you to a group in your area.

Please write to me again. My God bless you — and he will if you have faith.

DEAR ABBY: My best friend and I just returned from a week of hiking along the Washington coast. On our last night, we stayed at a fancy lodge to rest before returning home. My friend suggested that next year he bring his wife and we invite another couple to join us so we could rent a cabin overlooking the coast. Since I am single, that means five of us would be occupying the cabin.

My friend suggested we split the bill three ways. I said the bill should be split five ways. He became upset at my suggestion and hasn't spoken to me since we returned home.

Thinking I may have been out of line, I asked my family and close work associates how this bill should be split. My question has generated quite a debate, with only my brother and two co-workers agreeing with me. We are all waiting for your thoughts on how to split the bill — and I will abide by your advice. —ALAN IN MONTESANO, WASH.

DEAR ALAN: If you are on a tight budget, "take the fifth." Otherwise, assume one-third of

the expense.

DEAR ABBY: I was fortunate enough not to be the patient of the "family physician" in Michigan when my life came crashing in around me.

I called my physician's office and asked the staff to have him prescribe something for my agitation, as I was so upset I felt like blowing my brains out. His assistants were tremendous. They told me to come in right then! My doctor saw me immediately, listened with compassion, assured me that we'd get through this, and thanked me for calling him. He phoned a therapist in a nearby building and set up immediate therapy for me. He asked if I could walk over there alone, or if I wanted his nurse to take me. Then they watched to make sure I made it safely to the other building, where the therapist was waiting for me outside the front door!

Dr. Wayne Owens, his staff, and Pat Booker, M.S.W., literally saved my life. I am now emotionally healthy and stable, and enjoying life as I never had before.

There's a light at the end of the suicidal tunnel if people like these help you when you're at your lowest. —ELLEN LE BLANC, NEW ORLEANS

DEAR ELLEN: You will be pleased to know that your experience was not unique. Read on:

DEAR ABBY: I am alive today because my family physician took the time to call me on the phone. Yes, he also asked me to come in immediately for a consultation, and referred me to a mental health specialist. However, it was the phone call that saved me from suicide. I didn't know where else to turn. Not everyone is aware of suicide hotlines.

Abby, a family physician (also known as a general practitioner) is usually the first step toward successful treatment of mental illness. —CHRISTINA IN WAYNESBORO, PA.

DEAR ABBY: I am in a heart-breaking predicament. I have been married to "Steve" for three years. I knew shortly after the wedding that I had made a mistake. I am not in love with Steve, even though he is a good man. I don't think he loves me either.

About nine months ago, because I was miserable and had sunk into a deep depression, I tried unsuccessfully to end the marriage. Steve and I were separated for about six months.

The problem is my family thinks he is the greatest thing since sliced bread. During our separation, they were closer to him than they were to me. He and I never attended church when we were married, yet when we separated, Steve joined my parents' church and shows up there every time the doors are open. He has everyone convinced, including my family, that he is perfect. In private, he is far from perfect.

After six months of separation, my family convinced me to go back and try again. We

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