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Katie Cross holds her 11-month-old grandson in front of the Big Spring Police Station Saturday.

Missing baby returned; case under investigation

By KATHY GILBERT
Staff Writer

After a long, fearful night, Katie Crosby gratefully collected her grandson at the police station this morning.

"I'm so blessed that somebody got him that didn't hurt him," Cross said, as she held the boy.

The Big Spring Police Department said the child had been reported missing at about 10 a.m. Saturday. They withheld further comment because the case is still under investigation,

Officer C. Williams said.

Cross, a Big Spring resident, received a call from a friend at about 3 a.m. Saturday morning telling her her grandson was last seen in a car driven by her daughter's friend, Patricia Rodriguez.

Rodriguez, and Cross's daughter, Marian Davis, both of Big Spring, stopped at a gas station or convenience store at about 11 p.m. Friday, according to the friend. While Davis was in the store, Rodriguez apparently drove away with her grandson,

Cross said.

"I borrowed a car and started looking," Cross said, ending her search at about 5 a.m.

At about 8:30 a.m. she started to search again, but called the Big Spring Police Department at 10 a.m. when her informants failed to locate the child.

"The police came over and we went to the projects and talked to people there," Cross said. Motels were called, but the child failed to appear. Cross returned home as "the police said they would call," she said.

Meanwhile, at the Golden West Motel, Big Spring resident Cathy Mayberry's friend Patricia Rodriguez arrived with "her" baby and asked Mayberry to take care of the child while she jump started her car.

"I thought: 'Patricia's baby was born in August, but this baby looks like he's a year old,'" Mayberry said.

Mayberry watched the baby while her friend tried to jump start her car for about an hour.

"All the kids were asleep, and I was still waiting for her," she

said. "A man checked into the motel and he jump started her car," Mayberry added. "I gave (Rodriguez) \$10 for gas. She said she'd put \$2 in and return with the change and come back for the baby."

Rodriguez never came back.

Mayberry, who had to be at work at the 350 Cafe at 9 a.m. Saturday, instead spent the morning contacting the people she thought were the baby's relatives.

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A Walking Tour of Big Spring



Stories by John H. Walker
Photos by Linda Choate

"Leaving the Salt Lake this morning, our bearing was N. 71 E for eight miles, where we reached the border of the high plain. Here we could see the low bluffs in the direction we were marching, near which our guide informed us we could find a spring of water. Fourteen and a half miles of travel over a beautiful road brought us to the spring which we found flowing from a deep chasm in the limestone rocks into an immense reservoir some 50 feet in depth."

- Capt. R. B. Marcy's Journal
Oct. 3, 1849

And with that discovery, the groundwork of what we now know as Big Spring was laid.

Water, or the scarcity of it, was the primary reason much of the Southwest lay unsettled.

But for years and years, the area around the historic spring supported both plant and animal life. It also provided sustenance for the explorer

the settler and the Comanche warrior.

It is because of this water that in 1881 the Texas and Pacific Railroad, in a race to beat the Southern Pacific to Sierra Blanca, chose Big Spring as a major point in its line.

And as long as the huge steam locomotives of the T&P rumbled across the plains and into the desert, Big Spring was a vital cog in the railroad's wheel. Albeit a lesser role, the city is still important to the railroad

today. But it was the spring that gave birth to the community ... a community that offers a variety of historical attractions, as well as other diversions.

It is the purpose of this written "walking tour" of Big Spring to remind long-time residents of what the community has to offer as well as to acquaint newcomers to those things as well.

- JOHN H. WALKER

Historic Spring discovered in 1849

Discovered by Capt. Randolph B. Marcy on Oct. 3, 1849, the spring in Comanche Trail Park was the original lifeblood of the community.

But before the settlers came, the spring served as a source of sustenance for the Comanches in the region.

Marcy noted in his journal, "It appears to have been a favorite place of resort for the Comanches, as there are remains of lodges in every direction."

Marcy recommended the spring as a stop on the way to California and many Army

scouting parties, including one led by Robert E. Lee, followed Marcy's advice.

A number of years ago, the spring stopped flowing. Some say the bolsons under the city-owned golf course that were used to water the fairways and greens were pumped so low that there was no longer enough water to flow.

Others speculate that construction in the park area caused the walls of the spring to collapse, thus blocking the flow

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Amphitheater: From WPA to Willie Nelson and more

Outdoor theater is a form of entertainment that dates back to Shakespearean times — and Big Spring has one of only two amphitheatres in West Texas.

The theater, which has hosted the likes of Willie Nelson and Kris Kristofferson, was built by the Works Project Administration at the city park in 1936 and seats about 5,900. The theater stage measures 30 feet by 40 feet and has two dressing rooms.

Other WPA projects at the park included the golf course, a baseball diamond, picnic tables and cooking stoves, a road network and even a monkey house with three primates.

The monkeys are gone, but the amphitheater has been a center of Big Spring social life for more than five decades.

In 1949, Big Spring residents used the amphitheater to celebrate the centennial of the Big Spring's discovery by Capt. Randolph B. Marcy. The Centurama, a colorful production to celebrate the centennial, was staged at the amphitheater.

During the production, rock archways flanking the stage had to be knocked down so that covered wagons could parade in front of the stage.

Persons wanting to rent the theater can do so for \$50 a day, plus a \$25 refundable cleanup fee. Contact Big Spring City Hall for availability.



All this, and Liberty, too

Its glistening tile domes sparkle under both the West Texas sun as well as under a moonlit night.

The Big Spring City Auditorium, built at a cost of \$200,000 following the passage of a bond issue on June 6, 1931 and opened on Sept. 6, 1932, has served as the host for a wide variety of events.

Over the years, Elvis Presley, Wayne Newton, Agnes Moorhead and Hank Williams have all performed in the facility.

One aspect of the facility that serves to puzzle people in the placement of a replica of the Statue of Liberty on the Auditorium grounds.

The statue was put up in 1950 on the 40th anniversary of the effort to strengthen the arm of the actual statue in New York Harbor.

The replica was donated by Mr. and Mrs. Tom Good in memory of their son, Jake. The Boy Scouts of America dedicated the replica as a pledge of "everlasting fidelity and loyalty."

Others who have performed in the facility include the U.S. Marine Corps Band, Tom Ewell, Ferrante and Teicher, Arthur Felder, William Bendix, Charles Laughton, Basil Rathbone, Robert Massey, Jose Greco, Carlos Montoya, Mantovani and Bob Crosby.

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WEATHER

Today:



Mon:



Tues:



Wed:



Today, becoming mostly sunny and warmer. Highs 65 to 70. Tonight, fair. Lows 35 to 40. Monday, mostly sunny. Highs 70 to 75. Monday night, dry. Lows around 40. Extended forecast, Tuesday, partly cloudy. Highs in the 60s. Wednesday, a chance of showers. Lows 40 to 45. Highs in the 60s. Thursday, decreasing clouds. Lows 40 to 45. Highs around 60.

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Candidates offer viewpoints on upcoming election

By CARLTON JOHNSON
Staff Writer

The list of candidates seeking elected office in Howard County is one of the largest fields assembled in some time and includes several former office holders attempting to get back into community service through public office.

A total of 18 candidates, including three incumbents, are vying for six offices including county judge; county clerk; county commissioner, Precinct 2; county commissioner, Precinct 4; justice of the peace, Precinct 1, Place 2; and justice of the peace, Precinct 2.

Several races in 1996 went down to the

wire and were very close calls in some cases including a 14-vote victory for Kilgore over Metcalf and a one-vote victory by Donnie Reid over Roosevelt Shaw.

Candidates seeking to win election or re-election to a county office include:

Howard County Judge:
Ben Lockhart — Republican
Joe Cook — Republican
A.N. Standard — Democrat
County Commissioner, Precinct 2:
Jerry Kilgore — Republican
John Wayne Metcalf — Republican
Ken Mayhall — Republican
Donnie Reid — Democrat
Roosevelt Shaw — Democrat
County Commissioner, Precinct 4:

Gary Simer — Democrat
Bobby Cathey — Democrat
Fred Frank — Republican
Homer Wilkerson — Republican
Justice of the Peace - Precinct 1, Place 2:

Marilyn Carson - Republican
Bennie Green - Republican
Justice of the Peace - Precinct 2:
Quail Dobbs — Republican
Carol Henson — Republican
County Clerk:
Donna Wright — Democrat
Brad Estill — Republican
Candidates seeking to represent Howard

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AREA MEETINGS

County Commissioners

The Howard County Commissioners' Court will meet in special session at 10 a.m. Monday in the commissioners' courtroom on the second floor of the Howard County Courthouse to consider the following business:

- Approval of employee

changes in the Sheriff's Office.

- Presentation of Annual Comprehensive Financial Report.
- Approval of a resolution making April Youth Alcohol Awareness Month.
- Discussion of court coordinator position.
- Review of district clerk's fine collection.

A home of historic note

One of Big Spring's most cherished landmarks sits at 200 Gregg St. — the Potton House.

When Potton House was built in 1901, Big Spring was just starting to come into its own as a town. It was built by English settlers Joseph and Mary Potton, who came to Big Spring so that Joseph could work on the railroad. He was a master mechanic for the Texas and Pacific Railroad.

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The house, built as an investment, was leased until Mr. Potton's retirement in 1912. The home remained in the Potton family even after Joseph and Mary died. Their daughter, Mrs. Henry Hayden

and her family, occupied it in later years.

Potton House was purchased in 1975 with a grant from the Dora Roberts Foundation and the Tourist Development Council of the city of Big Spring.

It is listed in the National Register of Historic Places. The house's architecture is very unique, with its Pecos sandstone and red stone walls.

As you approach the front door, with its beautiful beveled glass, you may also not the address above the transom and turn the metal knob to hear the door bell chime.

The goal of Potton House officials is to have the house restored to its original state, exactly as it was when Joseph and Mary lived there.

Heritage: The citizens' museum

Some say a town's culture is found in its beginnings, but Angie Way, curator of Heritage Museum, believes it lies with its citizens.

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It is this culture that she says she tries to incorporate into the museum.

A majority of the museum's exhibits have been collected and donated by Big Spring area residents, including collections of antique phonographs and one of the world's largest displays of longhorns.

The phonograph collection includes two-minute phono-

graph reels dating back to the early 1900s.

Another exhibit collected by a local resident is the doll display. The estimated 1,200 dolls in the exhibit include American presidents, English royalty, storybook characters, television stars and dolls in international cultural dress.

The oldest doll in the collection is a French-style doll dating back to the late 1700s.

Claudine Terrazas, who originally collected the dolls, told the Herald in 1978 that her collection started when she went to her childhood home to discover her mother had thrown her dolls away.

A hangout for Comanches

Signal Peak is perhaps the most noticeable landmark in the region, and it is the silhouette of the outcropping that adorns city stationery and the sides of many city vehicles.

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The hill, located in southeastern Howard County, is also known by the name Twin Buttes or Twin Sisters in reference to a similarly shaped peak to its east.

Signal Peak is readily identified by its flat, mesa-like top and conical bottom, which makes it resemble an upside-down funnel.

It received the Signal Peak moniker because of the belief, never substantiated, it was used by Comanche Indians as a platform to launch smoke signals.

And although the smoke-signal theory may never have been substantiated, it is accept-

ed that Comanches or other Native Americans used the peak as a sort of way-station back in the mid-to-late 1800s.

Explorations to the site have unearthed arrowheads and other Indian artifacts, along with hollowed-out areas in the peak which are believed to have been used by Comanches to grind corn.

The Comanches were a nomadic tribe and it is believed that they used Signal Peak as a stopping point on their annual north-to-south migration from Colorado to Mexico.

According to early Howard County documents, the Kiowa branch of the Comanche would summer in Colorado, then make their way south, resting at Signal Peak before heading into Mexico, where they conducted many raids in the 1800s.

Since the turn of the century, Signal Peak has been on private property.

OBITUARIES

Maria DeLeon

A funeral mass for Maria DeLeon, 68, Big Spring, will be 10 a.m. Monday Feb. 23, at Saint Thomas Catholic Church, the Rev. Cornelius Scanlan officiating.



DeLEON

Rosary services will be 7 p.m. Sunday Feb. 22, at Myers & Smith Funeral Chapel, with the Deacon Horace Yanez officiating.

Mrs. DeLeon died Friday Feb. 20 in her home.

She was born on Dec. 29, 1929, in Bryan and moved to Big Spring in 1964 from Colorado.

She married Daniel DeLeon in 1978 in Big Spring and was a homemaker.

Survivors include: her husband, Daniel DeLeon of Big Spring; three daughters, Eduvina Sandez, Evelyn Marshall, and Anita Robles, all of Big Spring; three sons, Abel Martinez of Madera, Calif., Edward Martinez of Midland, and Pete Martinez of Madera, Calif.; one stepdaughter, Virginia DeLeon of Big Spring; four sisters, Belia Gomez of Kerman, Calif., Isabel Galan of Tulia, Texas, Eduvina Litchburg and Sarah Valencia, both of Fresno, Calif.; one brother, Arthur Valencia of Del Rio; 23 grandchildren and 18 great-grandchildren.

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

Quinon Reed

Services are pending for Quinon Reed, 78, of Coahoma.

Reed died Saturday, Feb. 21, in a Big Spring Hospital.

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

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of the water.

Regardless, some 20 years ago, the spring stopped.

Within the past 18 months, the Big Spring Area Chamber of Commerce and the City of Big Spring have worked together to get the water running again.

By utilizing a floating pump in Comanche Trail Lake, water is pumped up a water line to the point where the historic spring flowed. Now, once again, water gurgles and splashes as it makes its way down the hillside — dropping into two pools in waterfalls of eight to 12 feet in height — before falling into the huge, 50-foot deep pool Marcy wrote about in his journal.

The spring area and pool are adjacent to Comanche Trail Lake — the old Cosden Lake that was constructed by the refinery when the facility now known as the Dora Roberts Community Center was the Cosden Country Club.

BABY

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But Rodriguez' grandfather and sister denied that the child Mayberry had was the right child.

"This is not my sister's baby," Rodriguez' sister said when Mayberry arrived. "I don't want that baby, the police are looking for it," Mayberry said one of her contacts said.

Mayberry eventually contacted the police, who contacted

A BIG SPRING AROUND THE TOWN

Cross. "I really appreciate it," Cross said to Mayberry in a reunion at the police station. "I'm very glad that he's back." Cross told Mayberry she wanted to pay her for taking care of her grandson so well.

"I didn't think anything like this could happen in Big Spring," Mayberry's friend and Big Spring native Mary Loya said. "I wouldn't leave my kid anywhere."

"He had no bottle, no diapers, nothing," Mayberry said.

"I'm glad he's back with somebody he knows, although I think he felt loved (while he was staying with her)," she said.

SPRINGBOARD

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

TODAY

- Good Shepherd Fellowship Church, 610 Abrams, has services at 2 p.m. Everyone is welcome to attend.
- Alcoholics Anonymous, 615 Settles, 11 a.m. closed meeting and 7 p.m. open meeting.

MONDAY

- Big Spring Evening Lion's Club, 6:30 p.m., 1607 E. Third. Call Al Valdes, 263-6810.
- Project Freedom, Christian support group, 7 p.m. Call 263-5140 or 263-2241.
- TOPS Clubs (Take Off Pounds Sensibly) 5:15 p.m. weigh in and 6:15 p.m. meeting, Family Hospice, 3210 E. 11th Place.
- Alcoholics Anonymous, 615 Settles, noon to 1 p.m. open meeting and 8 to 9 p.m. at the VA Medical Center on fourth floor.

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 Alliance for the Mentally Ill, 6:30 p.m., 409 Runnels (formerly TU building). Call Sondra at 267-7220.

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

PICK 3: 2, 2, 3
CASH 5: 3, 10, 16, 18, 21
LOTTO: 7, 12, 16, 19, 45, 48

Texas Lottery

Mountain Medical Center small cafeteria.

- NA meeting, 8 p.m., St. Mary's Episcopal Church.
- Alcoholics Anonymous, noon to 1 p.m. open meeting, 615 Settles. 8 to 9 p.m. closed meeting at Scenic Mountain Medical Center cafeteria.
- Masonic Lodge No. 598, 7:30 p.m., 219 Main.
- Alzheimer's Association support group, 7 p.m., Comanche Trail Nursing Center.

FRIDAY

- Spring City Senior Citizens country/western dance, 7:30 to 10:30 p.m. Music by CW & Co. Area seniors invited.
- Good Shepherd Fellowship Church, 610 Abrams, 7 p.m. Bible study.
- Alcoholics Anonymous, 615 Settles, noon to 1 p.m. open meeting and 8 to 9 p.m. Big Book Study.
- Signal Mountain Quilting Guild, 9 a.m. to 5 p.m., St. Mary's Episcopal Church. Call 267-1037 or 267-7281. Bring a lunch.

SATURDAY

- Candlelight NA meeting, 10 to 11:30 p.m., St. Mary's Episcopal Church, 1001 Goliad.
- 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.
- Open birthday night, covered dish at 7 p.m. and birthday meeting at 8 p.m., 615 Settles. This is to celebrate AA sobriety yearly birthdays.

SUNDAY

- 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.

struction project update, consideration of bids for AutoCAD Software, employment of district administrative officers (executive session) and president's report.

The meeting is free, and open to the public.

AMERICAN LEGION POST 506 is having a fish fry Saturday, Feb. 21, from noon to 4 p.m. at the American Legion building, 3203 W. Hwy 80. The cost is \$5 per plate and carry out available. Call 263-2084. Public welcomed.

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 1.3 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.

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.

POLICE

The Big Spring Police Department reported the following incidents between 8 a.m. Friday and noon Saturday:

- DENNIS BUCHANAN, 31, was arrested for public intoxication.
- NANCY VANLEUVAN, 50, was arrested for no valid driver's license.
- STEPHEN CRUZ, 19, was arrested for assault/family violence.
- SHARI BOUNDS, 22, was arrested for disorderly conduct.
- DONNA RIDER, 27, was arrested for disorderly conduct.
- CARLA NIX, 33, was arrested for public intoxication.
- THEFT reported in the 1000 block of N. Lamesa; the 300 block of Tulane; the 1100 block of W. Marcy, and the 300 block of Gregg.
- UNAUTHORIZED USE OF A MOTOR VEHICLE reported in the 500 block of W. 4th.
- THEFT BY CHECK reported at the police station.
- CRIMINAL MISCHIEF reported in the 400 block of Douglas and the 500 block of Alford.
- BURGLARY OF A VEHICLE reported at the police station.

BRIEFS

HOWARD COLLEGE BOARD MEETING will be held at 12:30 p.m. Monday, Feb. 23 in the Board Room of the Dora Roberts Student Union Building at Howard College.

Agenda items include: public funds investment video, consideration of small class report, report from enrollment management team, announcement of Dora Roberts Foundation Scholar Program, resolution of distance learning project donor, consideration of board handbook changes, consideration of the order of election, consideration of Southwest Collegiate Institute for the Deaf (SWCID) catalog change, SWCID con-

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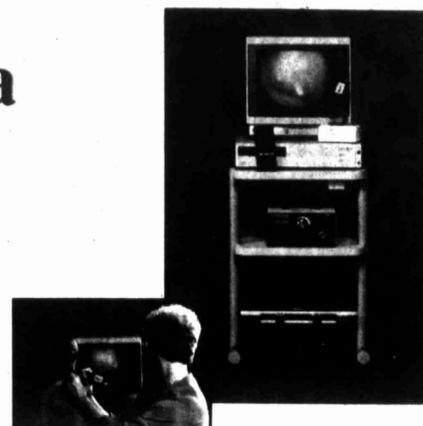
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OUR VIEWS

One last chance to back HC teams

Local basketball fans have one last chance to see two of the most interesting teams Howard College has ever produced when the Hawks and Lady Hawks play their final home games of the season Monday night in Dorothy Garrett Coliseum.

The Lady Hawks, ranked fourth in the national junior college poll and tied for first in the Western Junior College Athletic Conference, take on Clarendon College at 6 p.m. Howard's men, a game back of first place in the WJCAC standings, face Clarendon at 8 p.m.

This has been a year of exciting happenings at "The Dorothy," as some of the Howard players call Garrett Coliseum.

The Lady Hawks, as has been their recent custom, have excelled under the tutelage of head coach Matt Corkery. Howard's women are looking to clinch at least a share of their seventh straight WJCAC title.

But the team hasn't been a juggernaut, rolling over opponents at will. Despite their gaudy record and national ranking, the Lady Hawks have proved to be mere mortals at times, such as last Thursday when they dropped a three-point decision at South Plains College.

Still, make no mistake: This is an excellent team that should represent the area well when it travels to the Region V tournament next month in Midland.

Howard's men, meanwhile, have endured a roller-coaster season that might have flattened other teams. To begin with, several players were kicked off the team before the season even began, then injuries and family emergencies cost the squad two other front-line players, leaving only eight players on the active roster.

Despite those factors, and a brutal non-conference schedule, the Hawks are hanging tough in the WJCAC, holding at least a share of the conference lead for more than a month before losing to South Plains Thursday.

They, too, have clinched a spot in the Region V tournament, which will be held next month in Waco. And the Hawks are more than capable of running the table there, as well.

In short, Big Spring has had two excellent basketball teams to boast about this season, and Monday's the last chance most of you will have to see them this season.

So, what do you say? Why not get on down to "The Dorothy?"

OTHER VIEWS

When you become an aide of President Clinton's or a member of his Cabinet, it has come to seem, it's not just death and taxes that are certain anymore. It's legal costs.

The president himself is facing more than \$3 million in bills owed to lawyers, and some current and former members of his Cabinet are looking at mounting legal fees, as well.

On top of that, many administration members with far lesser titles are also deeply in debt to lawyers.

According to a New York Times story, some aides have appeared before grand juries or congressional panels investigating one thing or another at the White House. Each has usually thought it necessary to hire a personal attorney at a cost of thousands of dollars. One of those quoted in the story is Margaret Williams, the former chief of staff for the first lady, who was questioned about whether she sought an illegal campaign contribution. Her legal bill, it's reported, is

\$350,000. It's hardly necessary, of course, to feel any sympathy for anyone who commits a serious crime.

But many of these people are simply witnesses. By the reckoning of some, they are victims of a poorly crafted independent counsel law, and of viciously partisan politics. Others point to the administration's own highly suspect behavior as leading to a string of investigations.

Clearly, though, those called as witnesses shouldn't have to fear they themselves will land in trouble if they don't testify in accordance with an attorney's guidance. The truth should be sufficient guarantee of safety. And the lawyer fees should be more reasonable. Something is badly amiss with both our politics and our legal system when public servants find themselves in danger of going broke for doing nothing but their duty.

Jay Ambrose
Scripps Howard

How to connect three capitals

By JOHN HALL

Media General News Service

WASHINGTON — In the continuing struggle between President Clinton and Russian President Boris Yeltsin over the build-up to war in the Persian Gulf, there is probably less than meets the eye.

Yeltsin warned last week of unspecified consequences if Americans bomb Iraq. His top man in uniform gave a tongue lashing to Defense Secretary William Cohen, then was as nice as pie when the doors closed and the cameras left.

If there was every any doubt about the purpose of this outburst, it was erased when ultra-nationalist leader Vladimir Zhirinovskiy shouted at Yeltsin before his annual address to parliament Tuesday that he should start using his "moral weight" to prevent a war. Yeltsin replied that no one in parliament was more concerned about Iraq than he. Zhirinovskiy is sometimes a

useful fool. His outburst, and Yeltsin's agitated response, was a timely demonstration that Yeltsin has a domestic political problem on his hands — from Communists, brownshirts and unfortunately from a big segment of ordinary Russian public opinion. Yeltsin is not free — despite his soaring popularity — to join American policy aimed at punishing Saddam Hussein. Iraq is a neighbor and former ally of Russia, and the best we can hope for is that Yeltsin stands aside for Clinton as Mikhail Gorbachev did for George Bush, and that there will be no lasting damage between Washington and Moscow.

The more strident voices here are demanding a get-tough policy toward Moscow because of its lack of support for the U.S.-British buildup. This has become a tough town. Radio and television correspondents deliver their reports through clenched teeth. Those who have a license to interpret confuse diplomatic

initiatives with weakness and vacillation.

As the government steps up its campaign to acquaint the American public with the sins of Saddam, it is difficult to distinguish government policies from the media delivering them.

A CNN town hall citizens' discussion on the Iraqi crisis was arranged and promoted by the administration as part of its public relations blitz to rally the country behind the war buildup and reach the ears of Saddam, who watches CNN.

Always, war and the people who prosecute it make a great story, but it nonetheless is an uneasy period for journalists and officials who have an interest in objective truth.

The need to get the nation solidly behind American troops before they are committed was enunciated more than a decade ago in the doctrine of another U.S. defense secretary, Caspar Weinberger.

But the current buildup in the Gulf is really a continua-

tion of the Desert Storm action against Saddam. It is the same tyrant and the same game.

Why anything more needs to be done to whip up opposition to Saddam is problematical. If any Americans believe his actions have been innocent, or that Iraq has fully complied with United Nations resolutions, they could hold a convention in a telephone booth. The discovery of huge caches of chemical and biological weapons in Iraq by U.N. inspectors has been well documented.

The truth about Iraq is ugly enough without embellishing it. Samuel Berger, the White House national security adviser, last week voiced concern that Iraq's anthrax and nerve gas may be put in the hands of narco-terrorists.

But when questioned, he acknowledged there was no evidence that Iraq has done so or that it is Baghdad's intention to become a supplier of germ warfare agents and poison gas to the underworld.



Personal problems impede policy

By ANN McFF TERS

Scripps Howard

WASHINGTON — It's not just that the truly evil Saddam Hussein is mocking President Clinton. It's not that Clinton's detractors are accusing him of having no "end strategy" for getting rid of the Iraqi dictator.

It's far more insidious. Whether he knows it or not (and he must), Clinton's personal problems have begun to impede U.S. foreign policy in ways that the White House had not expected.

At home, there is a growing assumption that Clinton eventually will bomb Iraq not just as a distraction from the investigation into whether he lied about alleged sex with Monica Lewinsky but as a way of trying to re-establish his moral authority.

Abroad, there is a growing tendency to dismiss Clinton's ideas about what must be done about Iraq because he is perceived as a weakened leader. Thus he has been unable to get support from either Russia or France. Even Iraq's neighbors, who have the most to fear from biological and chemical weapons if Saddam amasses enough to threaten them, say they're opposed to force. They fear there won't be follow-through.

When Clinton's trio of senior foreign policy advisers — Secretary of State Madeleine Albright, Defense Secretary William Cohen and national security adviser Sandy Berger — went to Ohio State University to explain U.S. poli-

cy toward Saddam Hussein (and got jeered), the naysayers in the crowd had no answer on how the United States should deal with a man who uses poison gas against his own people.

Yet others in the crowd wanted Clinton to get rid of Saddam Hussein in a kind of magic act that would involve a Mission Impossible scenario. Zap! He's gone! No massive ground force with hundreds of U.S. soldiers dying. No endless manhunt a la Manuel Noriega when it took days for the U.S. military to find him in tiny Panama.

Clinton seems to be in a kind of perpetual wince mode. When he looks tough and sounds tough and aims to send a message to Saddam that there won't be any more capitulation, at the same moment there's another mini-revelation about the Lewinsky matter.

Clinton's problem with Iraq is that while Saddam Hussein keeps defying the United Nations by thwarting its weapons inspectors, while seeking to shift international hatred to the United States for refusing to lift sanctions against Iraq, Clinton doesn't really know what to do about it.

As Albright said Thursday in Columbia, S.C., there are only four options in a foreign policy crisis: Diplomacy, economic sanctions, the threat of force and the use of force. And force can't be used too often or it's impact is wasted, she pointed out.

Since the 1991 Gulf War, the Clinton administration has gone to the brink four times

with Saddam Hussein. And nothing was decisive; he's as dangerous as ever.

A veteran in Columbus, who pleaded with the Clinton team for decisive action, undoubtedly spoke for many Americans who can't understand why the most powerful country in the world keeps getting poked in the eye by Saddam. Meanwhile, American soldiers take precautions against anthrax.

Clinton has yet to make his case for war. Basically, he wants people to accept his reasoning that Saddam has weapons of mass destruction, has used them before at least 10 times and will use them again. But he has not yet explained why his strategy is not racist or why bombing and sanctions won't continue hurting thousands of innocent Iraqi civilians, whom Saddam clearly cares nothing about.

What Clinton has said, quite clearly, is that if there is a bombing attack, it won't get rid of Saddam. It won't get rid of his stockpile of chemical and biological weapons. It will have to be done again later this year or next year.

The wildly gyrating polls at this point mean nothing. Three out of four Americans say they want an attack on Saddam. But half of Americans say they're not sure what Clinton's goal is. And half say they want America to get rid of Saddam.

Clinton has to convince people the United States will not stand for the proliferation of weapons of mass destruction and will fight to keep them from being used.

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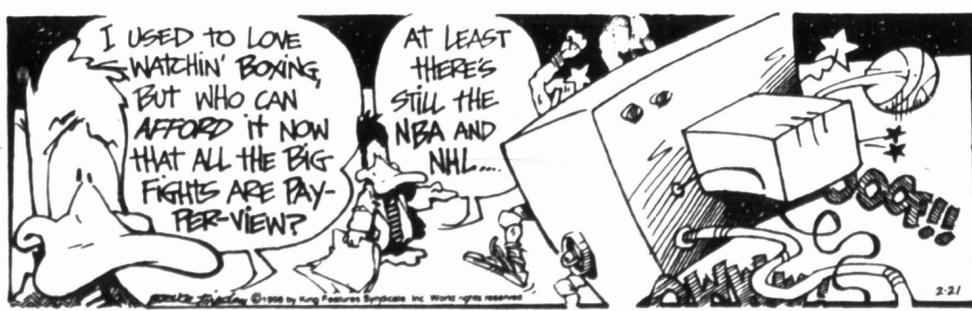
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CANDIDATES

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County in the State Legislature (District 70) will include a rematch of the 1996 campaign with incumbent Rep. David Counts, D-Knox City, facing off with businessman Scott McLaughlin, R-Big Spring.

The race to represent the 17th Congressional District, which includes Howard County, is also a rematch of the 1996 campaign with San Angelo dentist Rudy Izzard, Republican, trying to unseat 20-year Democratic Congressman Charles Stenholm.

Early voting for the March 10 primary begin Monday at 8 a.m. in the county clerk's office.

In order to give voters a final chance to see where candidates for local office stand on certain issues and why they want your vote in the March 10 primary, the Herald asked each candidate in a contested race to respond to a series of questions.

Because of the large number of candidates, answers to questions were limited to a specific word count. In the interest of space, answers were cut off once that limit was reached.

Here are the responses and the races candidates are participating in:

Howard County Judge:
Ben Lockhart (Republican), Incumbent
Joe Cook (Republican) A . N . Standard, (Democrat)

-Why do you want to be elected to this position?

Lockhart: I would like to be re-elected Howard County Judge so that with the commissioners' court we can complete the modernization of the courthouse and library and also determine what is to be done with the old library. I also want to improve services to the citizens of Howard County in the most economical manner.

Cook: I want to bring a level of professionalism and management experience to the office of county judge that ensures my tax dollars are spent wisely. You can bet if I am looking out for my tax dollars, I will be looking out for your tax dollars. I am prepared and want to tackle the tough issues ahead for Howard County, such as juvenile delinquency, a more stable tax base, resolving the jail problems and working with other agencies.

Standard: I'm interested in the science of county government as it relates to conservative management, economics and public service.

-What is it that you feel you bring or can bring to this particular office if elected?

Lockhart: I can bring seven year experience and proven ability in managing the county's financial affairs. In the last two budgets we have been able to lower the tax rate while making improvement. This type of managing money will continue when I am re-elected. Also in 1997, in county court, we disposed of 639 criminal cases and over 1,200 mental hearing and over 140 juvenile cases. Also, \$463,000 was collected in county fines and court costs.

Cook: I can bring accountability to county taxpayers. I can bring a fresh approach to problems, which includes long range planning instead of "knee-jerk" and pressured solutions. I bring fairness and consistency and a genuine desire to serve the taxpayers.

Standard: Considerable knowledge and experience that directly relates to county government operations.

-What qualifies you to serve as Howard County Judge?

Lockhart: I feel that my experience in the office of county judge and the 140 hours of training in civil and criminal law that I have completed, which is required by the State Supreme Court, qualifies me for the position. I also have been working with the public for over 30 years. My ability to get along with others, including the city and other agencies, helps in performing the duties of county judge.

Cook: My 25 years experience in the criminal justice system has been extensive and varied (includes: Special Agent for the FBI, director of fraud investigations for the State Comptroller, former chief of police for the city of Big Spring, and instructor/coordinator, criminal justice department for Howard College.

My educational background has given me an excellent foundation for management and administrative positions (includes) bachelor of arts degree, master of science in administration of justice, and a variety of specialty training including management, budgeting, law and mediation.

Standard: See above statement.
-Describe what you perceive the duties of the county judge to be. How are these duties important to the residents of the county?

Lockhart: The duties of the county judge are many. The judge is the presiding officer of the commissioners' court. The judge presides over county court which involves handling Class A and Class B misdemeanors and appeals from justice of the peace courts, and serves as the probate judge. The county judge also is the financial officer and

must see that departments have what they need to perform their duties.

Cook: The county judge presides over the commissioners' court and as such is responsible for the court agenda. He is responsible for presenting the annual budget for the county. The county judge presides over various civil cases, misdemeanor, criminal cases and mental competency hearings. In Howard County, the county judge conducts juvenile hearings.

As one of the primary representatives of the county to other government entities, businesses and public service groups, the county judge must be current and accurate about the business of the county and present a proper image.

As the budget officer, the county judge must be familiar with the formulation and operation of the annual budget. Since the budget is an estimate of income and expenses, the judge must be able to recognize good or bad trends and recommend budget amendments.

The county judge has a duty to know the law and legal procedures. He must apply the law fairly and consistently. The judge should respect the court and encourage others to do the same. All duties of the county judge are important to the taxpayers who place trust in him. He should never forget who placed him in the position.

Standard: Addressing court dockets, commissioners' court agendas, budgeting matters, administrator in county government affairs, upholding the constitution and a host of others. The importance of these duties are self-explanatory.

-The office of county judge handles a variety of issues pertaining to both civil and criminal matters and with this in mind, what is the most pressing issue facing the county today? How should it be solved?

Lockhart: In my opinion, the most pressing problem is the juvenile crime problem. I think the first step is for the State Legislature to change the juvenile laws making the penalties more severe. The state needs to furnish more beds for serious juvenile offenders. Also, the penalties for any gang violations needs to be more severe.

Cook: The most pressing issue is the lack of long range planning. The county should be operated, as close as possible, like a business. No business the size of Howard County can operate efficiently by short-term management. Long range planning is essential fiscally, operationally and strategically. Juvenile problems, the jail, the tax base, the road system; none of these problems cropped up overnight. There have been warnings apparently that have gone unheeded. I am in favor of addressing situations in time to make thoughtful decisions which can minimize problems.

Standard: Purging backlogged dockets by using available and alternative resources.

-What is your position on the condition of the Howard County Jail? Are you in favor of renovating the current facility or rebuilding?

Lockhart: The Howard County Jail has been passing inspection on waivers for several years. It passes due to the work of the sheriff and chief jailer. I think renovating the current facility after careful study to see if that is possible would be the best answer. I favor this way because the voters turned down a bond issue when we had the bond election in April 1995. If it is not possible to renovate the existing jail, I would then favor letting the voters decide the question by another bond election.

Cook: Our jail is like many other county jails throughout Texas — it is worn out. We should first decide what we want our jail to be. Do we want to be in the jail business for profit and rent beds to other counties? Do we want the jail to handle only our inmates? Once the basic decision has been made, then explore options, short and long term.

I view the jail problem as an example of unfunded mandates. I am in favor of looking at every possibility of funding before going to local taxpayers. Alternative sentencing can have an impact on bed spaces in the jail, as can other innovative approaches.

Standard: Properly maintained and supervised, the jail is serviceable and was renovated two years ago.

-If elected or re-elected, you would be the county's chief financial officer. How do you propose to handle an annual budget of \$7 million to \$10 million?

Lockhart: If I am re-elected I would continue to handle the budget by furnishing the other departments what they need to do the duties of their offices. I would continue to see that every one stays within their budget. Sometimes we have to change a budget during the year and that is why we try to keep a reserve on hand. The reserves would be used only in emergencies.

Cook: I advocate running the county like a business as much as possible. I would be mindful of the responsibility to the taxpayers in making budget decisions. I would consider what value does the taxpayer get for the tax dollar spent?

Standard: Review previous budgets and the financial county structure and meet with department heads and review their needs versus wants. Thereafter, address the actual needs. I would work for overall reduction in budget matters while not jeopardizing services or morale.

-In your opinion, what is the current state of Howard County?

Lockhart: The current state of Howard County is very good. We have had an increase in values the last two years and we have been able to cut the tax rate both years while updating the courthouse and equipment used by the employees.

Cook: The county, for the most part, is in good shape. The valuation is over \$1 billion which provides over \$5 million in direct tax revenues. Another four plus million dollars from various sources gives the county a seemingly solid state. If everything remained the same, we could feel good. Economics do not work that way. Everything is cyclic. We should prepare for changes in the economy that may affect us. That is why I am in favor of long range planning.

Standard: Financially, Howard County presently appears to have a good report. What the recent \$1 million annual increase in budget will do to the future remains to be seen. The recent increase in mineral (oil) revenue should be reviewed cautiously as it is not dependable. There should be a greater and long-term contingency funding with reference to special projects without bond issues.

-Why should people vote for you on March 10?

Lockhart: The people of Howard County should re-elect me because of my experience and proven ability. I will continue to support economic development and will continue the good cooperation we now have with the city. I believe I have shown that I can provide a more efficient government.

Cook: I have the integrity, fairness and ability to be the next county judge. I will be accountable to the taxpayers of Howard County for my actions and decisions. I will work to earn the confidence of the citizens of Howard County. Vote for Joe Cook for County Judge.

Standard: I offer a choice.

Howard County Commissioner, Precinct 2:
Jerry Kilgore (Republican), Incumbent

-Why do you want to be elected to this position?

I would like to continue the projects that I have helped implement within the county during the past four years. During my tenure as a commissioner, we have renovated the courthouse, landscaped the lawn and downtown areas, constructed a new library and are currently in the process of relocating the district court in the old library building. I have also made a commitment for the reconstruction of our county roads.

-What is it that you feel you bring or can bring to this particular office as well as your precinct if elected?

Precinct 2 is a very diversified precinct, consisting of parts of the Big Spring, Coahoma and Forsan commu-

nities. I know the precinct well and will continue to represent each one. I feel that my business experience and my experience as a county commissioner is essential to the continued working relationship with the commissioners' court and the economic development of our community.

-What qualifies you to serve as a Howard County Commissioner?

I offer my experience as a county commissioner. I have been an independent businessman for 40 years. I feel I have the experience of knowing and working with the commissioners' court, as well as the Howard County residents. I am committed to working with the cities of Big Spring, Coahoma and Forsan and I feel that I have a very good working relationship with each of them.

-Describe what you perceive to be the concerns of the residents of Howard County as well as the constituents in your precinct.

People are concerned about taxes, or the assumption that taxes will continue to rise. I can assure you that I will continue to keep taxes as low as possible, and yet allow our county government to function. This would include our court system, law enforcement, fire protection and the maintenance and reconditioning of the roads in my precinct and the county as a whole.

-The office of county commissioner handles a variety of issues pertaining to both the physical and financial condition of the county as well as a particular precinct. With this in mind, what are the most pressing issues in the county/your precinct?

I feel we have made excellent progress in improving our existing physical properties and operating equipment. We also have committed the funding to upgrade all of our county roads. I feel the most primary issue is taxes and that is why I feel we have to continue to grow and expand economic development to increase our tax base and to help lower the taxes on property owners.

-What is your position on the condition of the Howard County Jail? Are you in favor of renovating the current facility or rebuilding?

The problem with the Howard County Jail is not the condition of the jail, but the fact that it is a 50-year old, antiquated facility that will not meet today's jail standards. It is expensive to operate as it does not have female facilities and we must house the females at other facilities at great expense and inconvenience. Architectural studies have been made and it has been determined that it would be much less expensive to build a new jail than to continue to patch the existing facility.

-If elected or re-elected, you would be in a very visible position. What is your position on access to the commissioners' court as well as to commissioners?

The present court has always been accessible to any constituent to express concerns. If elected, I will continue to be accessible and will promptly answer all personal phone calls and written requests as I know I have done in the past.

-In your opinion, what is the current state of Howard County?

I think Howard County is in excellent condition. The commissioners' court has acted responsibly in maintaining a budget that will allow our

county to operate soundly and we have reduced the tax rate this past year by approximately 10 percent.

-Why should people vote for you on March 10?

I would like to continue the good working relationship within the commissioners' court. Howard County is in excellent financial condition. I want to use my experience and knowledge of county government to keep Howard County in a sound financial condition and promote growth for a better quality of life for all of the citizens in Howard County.

John Wayne Metcalf, (Republican)

-Why do you want to be elected to this position?

I would like to be elected to be county commissioner because I want the people of Precinct 2 to have a voice on and at the commissioners' court. I want to humbly represent the people that make up Precinct 2 in Howard County. I will have an open mind to listen to anyone that has a question, problem or idea and will not be hasty in making decisions.

-What is it that you feel you bring or can bring to this particular office as well as your precinct if elected?

I will bring in representation and communication to and from the people. I have experience in purchasing heavy equipment and also managing multi-million dollar budgets which I feel is an advantage to this position.

-What qualifies you to serve as a Howard County Commissioner?

Again, the experience in heavy machinery and being experienced in a growing technology. I have lived in this part of Howard County for 37 years and have a family that I also intend to raise here. I have some experience in water and land erosion and water conservation. I want our taxpayers to be able to get the most for their money if elected into office.

-Describe what you perceive to be the concerns of the residents of Howard County as well as constituents in your precinct.

The tax base is a very big concern. This should be on everyone's mind because this affects everyone in the county. It takes so much money to run the county and when your tax base is up it will then be spread over a broader area. The jail issue should be on everyone's mind also, because we will have to approach this issue again.

I want to get by with the facilities we have as long as we can. I don't know if a jail is the answer or farming the prisoners out to work, but I would investigate this to the fullest. The Volunteer Fire Department is also a concern of mine. I would like for everyone to start all over on this situation and hear and listen to each other. I do appreciate the work that all of our volunteers do.

-The office of county commissioner handles a variety of issues pertaining to both the physical and financial condition of the county as well as a particular precinct. With this in mind, what are the most pressing issues in the county/your precinct?

I believe we need to work together with all of the industries we have and try to bring in more. For example, if we were to lose the top two or three industries in our county, where would we be then? I want to take care of what we do have and encourage growth. In Precinct 2, I would like some areas on

the rural side to have some much needed attention. I believe we can work with landowners and help each other in water and erosion problems.

Yet, at the same time, I would work for all three cities in Precinct 2 for better communication, cooperation and satisfaction, resulting in better conditions throughout the cities and county.

-What is your position on the condition of the Howard County Jail? Are you in favor of renovating the current facility or rebuilding?

The condition of the jail is as good as it can be for being as old as it is. I understand that the county has to continually fix or upgrade something. But it has been by experience that if something is new, it doesn't necessarily mean that it would pass new mandated regulations.

I think this problem or other like it will always be there until the legislation is passed relieving some of this pressure. But as far as being for or against a new jail, right now, I'm not for one. But, I also feel that it's not going to be 'if we need a new jail, but when we will need a jail.

-If elected or re-elected, you would be in a very visible position. What is your position on access to the commissioners' court as well as to commissioners?

I would appreciate more people getting involved in the commissioners' meetings. I want the first consideration on all decisions to be, 'How would this benefit our taxpayers?' I also want to work for the taxpayer and to express to all that I want to be a voice for them.

-In your opinion, what is the current state of Howard County?

Howard County as a whole, I think is at this time, all right. But I think we as a county need more trust and communication with our elected officials. I believe the moral is low for employees and with our Volunteer Fire Department. I hope to work together with all departments and not work against one another.

-Why should people vote for you on March 10?

I would like to ask the people of Precinct 2 to vote for me because of honesty, hardworking determination, communication, good leadership and experience in handling multi-million dollar budgets. Again, I feel I have the knowledge of purchasing heavy equipment and making wide area decisions. I have the experience in water control and in the conservation area.

Ken Mayhall, (Republican)

-Why do you want to be elected to this position?

Because I've been a resident of Howard County for over 34 years and it's (the county) been good to me and my family. I would like to have a voice (vote) for all residents and employees of Howard County on all matters that may concern them and to serve the people to the very best of my ability.

-What is it that you feel you bring or can bring to this particular office as well as your precinct if elected?

Integrity, new ideas, a person who will be prudent with taxpayer money and I look forward to the future of Howard County.

-What qualifies you to serve as a Howard County Commissioner?

Being a conservative, open-minded, responsive and responsible person.

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Also, serving as a board member of the Big Spring Fireman's Retirement System for six years and attending numerous seminars, conferences and workshops has given me the experience to deal with situations that require me to keep abreast of complex rules and laws that pertain to the finances of others and to ensure funds are preserved and invested wisely.

Describe what you perceive to be the concerns of the residents of Howard County as well as constituents in your precinct.

The immediate concerns seem to be the roadways, water runoff, and fire protection/emergency medical services. I also believe the people of Howard County are concerned about their taxes and want their tax dollars to be used constructively and not wasted.

What is your position on the condition of the Howard County Jail? Are you in favor of renovating the current facility or rebuilding?

I've looked at the county jail recently and think to the sheriff and his staff, the jail passed the last inspection. But it's not going to pass inspection for much longer. The jail is 46 years old. It was built then to do the job of that day and time. It has served its purpose well but it's time to move on. I'm in favor of a new jail or complete law enforcement center. Renovation usually costs more than new construction. Pay now or pay later.

If elected or re-elected, you would be in a very visible position. What is your position on access to the commissioners' court as well as to commissioners?

Commissioners are elected by the people and for the people. They should serve the people by giving them complete access to the commissioners' court and should be available to the people 24 hours a day.

In your opinion, what is the current state of Howard County?

I think it's in pretty good shape. I'm proud of the new library and renovations to the courthouse and grounds. The tax base is beginning to level out and the expenditures are kept in the black, but there is always room for improvement.

Why should people vote for you on March 10?

Integrity, open mindedness, and responsive, responsible and prudent management of tax dollars. I believe in complete access to the commissioners' court and availability to the people 24 hours a day. I'll never forget that you as taxpayers pay all the bills and that you trust me to serve you as your commissioner.

Donnie Reid, (Democrat)

Why do you want to be elected to this position?

I have always had a strong interest in trying to do things that are good for my community. My children and grandchildren live here. I want to do my part in this community to make it a better place for my family and the families of Howard County. I care about Howard County and the best way I can make it a better place to represent you is Precinct 2 county commissioner.

What is it that you feel you bring or can bring to this particular office as well as your precinct if elected?

To bring an experienced and energetic approach to this office because of my background in public service, various committees and boards, knowledge of tax laws, how budgets are made and how expansion of our tax dollars. I am a property owner and taxpayer who believes spending should be conservative and progressive. I am also familiar with the maintenance needs of our road.

What qualifies you to serve as a Howard County Commissioner?

I am interested and concerned about all aspects of how it should work for the people. I have farmed in Howard County for 33 years. I have ranched and owned a wholesale and jobber service station business, served nine years on the Coahoma school board two years as president, served as an elected member of the Howard County FSA County Committee, elected by the farmers of Howard County for 20 years, plus served on the coop gin board of directors, currently as president, and presently serving my second term as a former representative on the Plains Cotton Growers board of directors serving 30 counties.

Describe what you perceive to be the concerns of the residents of Howard County as well as constituents in your precinct.

In talking to some of the residents of Precinct 2 I believe they have the same concerns as the other precincts. Residents living within the city limits want to know where they benefit from the county, county residents want to know where their commissioner is in

helping their rural roads, streets and water runoff/erosion problems. I believe Precinct 2 residents are very concerned about the commissioners' salaries and pay raises.

Residents want to know how the commissioners justify salaries much higher than surrounding counties, as well as vehicle compensation along with medical benefits. Residents in the rural areas are concerned about the Volunteer Fire Department and emergency medical services. Resident are concerned about the jail issue and the courthouse renovation, as well as moving the district court to the old library. Residents are tired of taxes, more bond issues and more employees. Residents are concerned about the constant need for more services and more government buildings.

Most of all, I believe the residents are concerned about their own personal situations in life and trying to make a living for their own families. Residents want support in the local government that is going to look out for their best interests.

The office of county commissioner handles a variety of issues pertaining to both the physical and financial condition of the county as well as a particular precinct. With this in mind, what are the most pressing issues in the county/your precinct?

Probably one of the most pressing issues in the county is the jail problem. How are we going to solve the jail problem? How much of an increase are we to expect in our Sheriff's Department? What about a combined city/county law enforcement center? Why do we not see maintenance on our rural roads and streets until election time? What is the best solution to the rural Volunteer Fire Department and their needs? What about the ambulance services in the rural areas? What about long range plans for development, growth and contingency for right-of-ways and utilities needed for road improvements?

How do we justify the salaries of the commissioners' court? I believe another issue that needs attention is the process of buying county equipment and the capital outlay of what is needed and when we need it. I also think that we need to purchase county equipment from county and city merchants.

What is your position on the condition of the Howard County Jail? Are you in favor of renovating the current facility or rebuilding?

I know that the Howard County Jail passed the last inspection. I am not in favor of building a new jail. I favor the possibility of a combined law enforcement center and possibly better use of the city jail to help solve overcrowding and female inmate facilities.

Presently, we send female inmates to Mitchell or Scurry Counties. I do not believe that paying for a new jail by housing outside prisoners is a good business decision. I will work toward achieving any community supported idea and try my hardest to make any constructive decisions based on community input. I am not interested in spending any more money for feasibility studies.

If elected or re-elected, you would be in a very visible position. What is your position on access to the commissioners' court as well as to commissioners?

If elected, I plan to be active and accessible to the commissioners' court as well as the residents to work on any problems or issue that arises. I think a commissioner needs to visit the city council meetings in Big Spring, Coahoma and Forsan. I feel it is important that the city and county government work together. It is very important to know your precinct, the residents that occupy that precinct, and their problems or questions. It is equally important to know the Volunteer Fire Department, ambulance service, county department heads and county employees and to be aware of their long term needs.

In your opinion, what is the current state of Howard County?

Financially, I believe our tax base is improving and our spending is too. I believe spending needs to stay closer to budgets with as little expansion as possible. Spending capital outlays over more years on a regular basis. I realize we have money on interest. Growth in spending from year to year in departments needs to be sound and reasonable.

Why should people vote for you on March 10?

All candidates will say they are qualified. I am asking you to look at my qualifications and make the right choice. I'm asking for the vote of the residents in Precinct 2 because I am qualified and experienced. I will work hard to earn the respect and confidence of the residents of Precinct 2. I strongly feel that Precinct 2 needs a commissioner that will be involved with the rural community residents as well as the city residents and represent their concerns and ideas to the commissioners' court.

Roosevelt Shaw, (Democrat)

Why do you want to be elected to this position?

As a voter and a taxpayer of Howard County, I have always had an interest in our local government. After running for county commissioner four years ago and losing by a vote of 466-465, I was encouraged by friends and voters of Precinct 2 to run again.

What is it that you feel you bring or can bring to this particular office as well as your precinct if elected?

I am a taxpayer, have been involved in farming and have been in the work

force for 31 years. I feel I can represent the precinct well. I am willing to study the issues and am also willing to listen to the voters and the other commissioners as decisions need to be made.

What qualifies you to serve as a Howard County Commissioner?

I am a lifetime resident of Howard County and have lived in this precinct since 1960. After working for Fina for 31 years, I was able to see the need for good maintenance of the county roads. I have also been involved with farming most of my life and have maintained a home for 39 years. I think I can bring new ideas to the commissioners' court if elected.

Describe what you perceive to be the concerns of the residents of Howard County as well as constituents in your precinct.

After talking with the voters of Precinct 2 these last few weeks, I have realized they would like to have more contact with their commissioners regarding problems and issues that might come up. They are also concerned about the roads being maintained and improved. County road signs need to be displayed and maintained. The voters are also interested in how their tax money is being spent. We need to always be willing and ready to listen to the people of Howard County.

The office of county commissioner handles a variety of issues pertaining to both the physical and financial condition of the county as well as a particular precinct. With this in mind, what are the most pressing issues in the county/your precinct?

We need to work with the Texas Department of Transportation concerning the bypass around Big Spring. This will be needed in case of an oil or chemical spill on the roadway or if we were to have a fire at the refinery. We would need to re-route the traffic through the bypass.

Maintenance of the roads will continue to be a big issue as there is always need for improvements. Another issue is making 9-1-1 numbers on the homes of the residents of Howard County more visible in case of emergencies. This is important for fire and ambulance runs. We also need to be aware of the needs of the volunteer firemen and their equipment.

What is your position on the condition of the Howard County Jail? Are you in favor of renovating the current facility or rebuilding?

This is an issue that will take a lot of planning. There are many different issues to consider in regard to the Howard County Jail. I think the condition of the Howard County Jail is pretty good at the present time. At this time I could not say whether I would be in favor of renovating the facility or rebuilding. I would need more information regarding the cost of renovating as opposed to the cost of a new jail.

There will be state requirements that the commissioners would have to abide by. I would want to put it before the voters after the commissioners' court has made a recommendation.

If elected or re-elected, you would be in a very visible position. What is your position on access to the commissioners' court as well as to commissioners?

The commissioners' court is already accessible to the voters and taxpayers in the courthouse during their regular meetings. However, if there was a need, I would be willing to make some changes. I think the commissioners need to go out into the precincts and see what the needs are.

In your opinion, what is the current state of Howard County?

I think Howard County is in pretty good shape. We need to work with the city of Big Spring, chamber of commerce and the Moore board to bring industry into Howard County. We always need to try and improve the tax base. The continued oil drilling in Howard County will be good for our tax base.

Why should people vote for you on March 10?

I am asking the people to vote for me as I think I can bring new ideas to the commissioners' court. In the Democratic primary election four years ago, I lost by one vote. I would like for the voters to give me an opportunity to be their commissioner in Precinct 2.

Howard County Commissioner, Precinct 4

Gary Simer, (Democrat)

Why do you want to be elected to this position?

I would like to be elected to this office because I have the time and the ability to do the job. I have worked a great deal with the public and enjoy doing so.

What is it that you feel you can bring to this particular office as well as your precinct if elected?

I feel I can bring change to this office by being available to the people of Howard County.

What qualifies you to serve as a Howard County Commissioner?

My wife Judy and I own and operate Ponderosa Nursery. We have lived in Howard County for 18 years. Our children have gone to school and college here. I realize the value of money not only in my personal life, but in business when necessary. I like all other taxpayers. I'm concerned about how our tax dollars are spent.

Describe what you perceive to be the concerns of the residents of Howard County as well as constituents in your precinct.

The concerns of the taxpayers of

Howard County are the same as all taxpayers. How the tax dollars are spent. The conditions of our roads and highways are a big concern, as is the value of taxes in our county. Getting the best education we can for our children and modern equipment in the schools is also a concern.

The office of county commissioner handles a variety of issues pertaining to both the physical and financial condition of the county as well as a particular precinct. With this in mind, what are the most pressing issues in the county/your precinct?

The most pressing issues in the county are the jail and property taxes. We need to solve this problem with the jail so we can get it behind us and move on. Property taxes are always going to be an issue. The taxpayers need to know how and where their tax dollars are being spent.

What is your position on the condition of the Howard County Jail? Are you in favor of renovating the current facility or rebuilding?

I am in favor of renovating the current facility. I suggest this could be done over a four or five year period. This facility should then be kept in good repair so the problem of major overhaul would not be a concern to the taxpayer.

If elected or re-elected, you would be in a very visible position. What is your position on access to the commissioners' court as well as to commissioners?

I feel the residents of Howard County should have access to the commissioners' court at any time. If we need to have an evening meeting to keep the people informed then that should be discussed. The commissioners are elected to serve the people.

In your opinion, what is the current state of Howard County?

The current state of Howard County in my opinion is that a lot of roads need repair. Our fire department needs our support to keep their units able to respond quickly and efficiently. We also need to decide what to do about the jail. We have a lot of qualified contractors in Howard County. I feel they should be doing our contract work. A lot of things need to be discussed. We can all work to make our county a better place to live.

Why should people vote for you on March 10?

I think the voters should place their votes for me as a new voice in Howard County government. I have the time, knowledge and ability to fill this office. I feel I can manage tax dollars and work with the voters to fill our needs for the county. I would be honored to be the people's voice on our commis-

sioners' court.

Bobby Cathey, (Democrat)

Why do you want to be elected to this position?

I want to be elected to this position so that I can carry my previous experience as Precinct 4 Howard County Commissioner into another term. I previously served from 1991 until 1995. I want to care of you and my county tax dollars sensibly.

What is it that you feel you bring or can bring to this particular office as well as your precinct if elected?

I feel that if elected, I can bring four years experience as a county commissioner to this office. Also, I have had four years of schooling in commissioners' classes. As a large taxpayer, I understand the concerns of the people in my precinct. I believe that my common sense and awareness of how increased taxation affects the everyday person will also be an advantage.

What qualifies you to serve as a Howard County Commissioner?

I feel that I am qualified to serve as Howard County Commissioner because I am a lifelong resident of Howard County. I have over 40 years experience as a taxpayer and a businessman, as well as my previous experience as a county commissioner. I have made a commitment to the concerns of county taxpayers and residents of Howard County.

Describe what you perceive to be the concerns of the residents of Howard County as well as constituents in your precinct.

In Precinct 4, the road conditions are always a concern, as well as the sensible use of tax dollars. Increased taxation is always a concern for everyone. Other concerns of the residents of Howard County as well as constituents in my precinct are fire protection and county law enforcement. Many people are also concerned that the purchase of all items and maintenance should be directed to local merchants, if at all possible.

The office of county commissioner handles a variety of issues pertaining to both the physical and financial condition of the county as well as a particular precinct. With this in mind, what are the most pressing issues in the county/your precinct?

The most pressing concern of every taxpayer in every precinct should be the proper and sensible use of tax dollars. Road conditions are always a concern in rural areas.

What is your position on the condition of the Howard County Jail? Are you in favor of renovating the current facility or rebuilding?

The Howard County Jail is appar-

ly in acceptable condition, passing the state inspection. I believe overcrowding would not be a problem if the state would accept paper-ready prisoners. The voters of Howard County made their wishes clear the last time they voted on the jail issue regarding renovation or rebuilding. As long as the current facility is meeting acceptable minimum standards, I see no reason to alter it.

If elected or re-elected, you would be in a very visible position. What is your position on access to the commissioners' court as well as to commissioners?

The commissioners' court has always had an open court policy. The night meeting question was not an issue in my prior term of office. I believe the commissioners should be available to their constituents at all times. Apparently, the daytime meetings have never created a problem in the past.

In your opinion, what is the current state of Howard County?

In my opinion, Howard County is in relatively good condition, with a slight rise in the tax base due to oil revenue. The commissioners should not vote in anything without setting aside the funds to support it. The burden should not be placed on future taxpayers when they have no say. I do not believe that you should spend money which you do not have.

Why should people vote for you on March 10?

I think that people should vote for me on March 10 because I have a genuine concern for the proper use of tax dollars. I would bring common sense, experience and honesty to the position. I believe that I can relate one-on-one with other people concerned with county government.

Fred Frank, (Republican)

Why do you want to be elected to this position?

Maybe once or twice in your lifetime you are able to really make a difference in someone else's life. This is the main reason I want to be your commissioner in Precinct 4. If you want someone working full-time to earn their salary while constantly searching for ways to police the expenditure of your tax dollar and working to improve program in place plus soliciting new industry, then we both want the same things.

What is it that you feel you bring or can bring to this particular office as well as your precinct if elected?

I will dedicate my services to you 100 percent with no outside interests to distract me. I will send an informative newsletter once a month to those requesting such, to keep you informed.

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I will be available to you by phone, in person or by mail. I need your input to be truly effective. I have mastered the art of listening, patience, keeping an open mind, directness, applying the golden rule and not holding grudges. If I apply these traits the county overall will benefit.

What qualifies you to serve as a Howard County Commissioner?

The statutory duties and responsibilities of county government officials are numerous. They range from mandatory requirements pertaining to essential public functions to optional activities to carry out discretionary activities. In anticipation of seeking this office, I have researched the following: Texas Constitution, Texas Revised Civil Statutes Annotated, various codes including agricultural, education, local government, tax, family, water, business and commerce, transportation, health and safety, human resources, election, labor, civil practice and remedies, natural resources, property, parks and wildlife and criminal procedure.

Having worked in the legal profession for several years as well as having a strong accounting background, I feel I am qualified to serve in this position.

Describe what you perceive to be the concerns of the residents of Howard County as well as constituents in your precinct.

Maintaining county roads continues to be a problem. Equipment and maintenance costs are high while manpower is short.

The Commission on Jail Standards requires that each prisoner be granted a certain amount of space and restroom facilities and a day room. Building a new jail seems to be inevitable. I have expanded on this in question six.

Evaluations of property by the appraisal district will soon be a hot topic again. Home owners and businesses will experience the 50 percent plus increased evaluation on property for certain areas of the county.

Other concerns are the Volunteer Fire Department — the possibility of creating a fire district needs to be looked at; the city ambulance service in the red; juvenile offenders housing and probation; unemployment; availability of housing for low-income families; cost of indigent health care; availability of potable water; blasting by Price Construction and tax abatement requests. Salary increases and over-budgeting items that will not be used only to have those amounts transferred by using a system called line-item switch.

Some relief should be granted to help agricultural producers deal with the cost of eradication of the boll weevil. Without agriculture in this county, we would suffer tremendous financial downturns.

The office of county commissioner handles a variety of issues pertaining to both the physical and financial condition of the county as well as a particular precinct. With this in mind, what are the most pressing issues in the county/your precinct?

Safety and usability of county roads. Putting seat belts on school buses will add some protection, but if the roads are dangerous, no amount of safety installations will protect our children.

Trimming the budget is of utmost importance. Also major expenditures have been made to bring departments into the next decade (computers, internet capabilities, etc.). We should be able to trim the budget with the exception of about three departments.

Meeting requirements of the Commission on Jail Standards. We can either use the building space available with renovations or build another facility. This is not a decision that should be made by the court and the Sheriff's office alone.

Blasting by Price Construction south of town may be legal but it's not acceptable. Some compromise should be offered by Price that is acceptable to the residents of that area.

The Volunteer Fire Department's equipment and vehicles need to be purchased, maintained and used to protect the safety of the residents in outlying areas. Possible solution is to create a fire district with first responder capabilities. The answer to this question says it all, 'What is a human life worth?'

What is your position on the condition of the Howard County Jail? Are you in favor of renovating the current facility or rebuilding?

Renovate as follows. Personally, I would like to see the sheriff, district attorney and investigator's offices move into the vacated library building with renovations to the basement to house first-time offenders, juvenile, females and inmates with contagious diseases. By statute, these inmates have to be separated from the general

population inmates.

The welfare office on the third floor could be moved to the first floor south side (with the sheriff retaining the room with the secured elevator to the fourth floor). The Extension Office could be moved back up to the first floor where it belongs and the basement of the courthouse could be used for record storage for the county and district clerk. The district courtroom could expand into Hardy Wilkerson's office and the district clerk would have the rest of the third floor for expansion.

Expect opposition from the sheriff citing need for an extra jailer, meals cooked on the fourth floor will have to be carried across the street and I have never seen a meal escape, but I worry about violent inmates escaping while crossing Scurry Street to go to trial, endangering many people in and around the courthouse.

We would all benefit from a night meeting(s) with the commissioners' court to discuss all the alternatives before any decision is made.

If elected or re-elected, you would be in a very visible position. What is your position on access to the commissioners' court as well as to commissioners?

The statutory duties and responsibilities of county government officials are referenced by the words 'must' or 'shall,' meaning officials are required to act or, by the word 'may' meaning officials have an option. Therefore, accessibility to the court and its members is imperative. I suggested holding one evening meeting per month to attain accessibility in January — resulting in opposition by the current court.

The oath you take when elected states that you will act for the best interest of the county overall first, and then to your specific area (Precinct 4) second. By taking this oath, if you live in Howard County, your ideas and suggestions are of value to me and I would meet with you individually or as a group at your convenience. I would be only one voice on the court, however, I am hopeful there will be other progressive voices elected this year and in two years.

In your opinion, what is the current state of Howard County?

Without the 1997 actual revenue and expenditure figures, this is difficult to answer. These will be presented to the court on Monday, Feb. 23.

Concerns for the 1998 budget — Salary increases by department: County Judge: \$34,768 Sheriff: \$117,384 Jail: \$53,942 Library: \$33,984 Commissioners: \$6,806 Expenditure increases by department:

Courthouse maintenance: \$36,000 Sheriff and Jail — Clothing allowance: 4,600 (100 percent increase) Travel prisoners: \$20,000 (75 percent increase) Capital expenditures: \$10,500 (100 percent increase) Medical/ambulance: \$10,000 (100 percent increase) New vehicles: \$75,000 (33 percent increase)

As long as the court allows increases such as this and line item switches they will continue to spend without regard to decreasing taxes. Sad shape.

Why should people vote for you on March 10?

I will do my best to uphold the oath of office. I will show favoritism to certain departments. I will not assume that 'you are paying me to do your thinking.' Instead, I will know that you are 'paying me to listen and be your voice on the court.'

Homer L. Wilkerson (Republican) Why do you want to be elected to this position?

I want to serve as county commissioner in Precinct 4 because decisions made by the commissioner's court affect my life and the lives of my friends and neighbors. The court determines if our county will be operated in an efficient manner and still offer the safety and services we demand of our county government. These decisions affect our taxes, and I want to see that taxpayers get the best value for their tax dollars.

What is it that you feel you bring or can bring to this particular office as well as your precinct if elected?

I deal with the public every day in my own business and it's my job to work with and get along with others to achieve our goals. I feel I can foster cooperation between the commissioners' court and county employees as well as other governmental units in Howard County. I will be helpful in the financial areas of our county government and will be a good steward with our tax dollars. I have an open door and listen to the needs of the voters.

What qualifies you to serve as Howard County Commissioner?

1) Education, 2) Business Experience, and 3) Commitment to my

community. As a local independent businessman, I have experience in management, personnel and accounting which are important tools in conducting our county's business. I was born and raised in Howard County and graduated from Big Spring Senior High School. I attended Howard College and graduated from the University of Houston with a degree in management. My background, education, and experience in accounting and management are good qualifications for the commissioner's court.

Describe what you perceive to be the concerns of the residents of Howard County as well as constituents in your precinct.

The residents of Howard County are concerned with the safety of their families and the amount of taxes they must pay. Safety and taxes play a large role in determining our quality of life. Residents want protection from crime, protection from fire disasters, as well as safe, well-maintained roads to travel. All these needs must be met with a tax rate the residents feel is fair to all. Safety and taxes are the primary concerns in all precincts of Howard County.

The office of county commissioner handles a variety of issues pertaining to both the physical and financial condition of the county as well as a particular precinct. With this in mind, what are the most pressing issues in the county/your precinct?

As I have campaigned door-to-door, the most pressing issue the voters have voiced is the condition of the roads in Precinct 4. When elected my first area of interest will be the roads. Our county roads need regularly scheduled maintenance and upgrading when finances permit. Roads, and the people and equipment necessary to maintain them, will be a priority issue. Crime is another area of concern with the voters. Tough and fair law enforcement is vital in reducing crime. As a commissioner, I will work to see that these services are provided at the lowest tax rate possible. I will work to foster an attitude of cooperation within our county government and listen to the concerns and problems facing county employees. These are the most pressing issues I see facing the commissioners today.

What is your position on the condition of the Howard County Jail? Are you in favor of renovating the current facility or rebuilding?

The commissioners' court presented the voters of Howard County with a bond proposal to build a new jail in 1994 and it was rejected. I am not in favor of spending millions in taxpayer funds without taxpayer approval. I feel we must keep working to keep our jail in compliance as long as possible by renovation, when the state commission on jails refuses to certify our jail, I think the voters should be given the option of building a new jail or paying other agencies to house our inmates.

If elected or re-elected, you would be in a very visible position. What is your position on access to the commissioners' court as well as to commissioners?

As Commissioner, my door will be open to the voters of Howard County to listen to problems and concerns. I have a restaurant and I am very visible and accessible to anyone who comes into my business. When I stand behind the counter, people talk and I listen. I will use those same skills for the taxpayers of this county. I want to be helpful in solving any problems the county faces. The commissioners' court belongs to the people, so I surely want the taxpayers to feel they have access to the court as well as the commissioners.

In your opinion, what is the current state of Howard County?

Our county is in good shape, but there is always room for improvement. The only large debt the county owes is for remodeling the courthouse. The county roads need a lot of attention but they can and will be repaired. The courthouse has all new plumbing, electrical, heating and air conditioning equipment. We have a new library made possible with private donations. Private donations will also allow the county to renovate the old library so the district court and supporting offices can be housed there. This move will create space in the courthouse for other crowded offices to expand. The economy is good and unemployment is the lowest it has been in many years in our county. I think the current state of our county is good.

Why should people vote for you on March 10?

I want to be your county commissioner and I feel my background in business and my education make me a strong candidate for the position. I have met many of you in Precinct 4 face-to-face and have heard your concerns. My roots are in Howard County and my concerns are the same as the voters. I will be a conservative voice for the people who live and work in

Howard County. When elected I will do my very best for you, the taxpayers.

Justice of the Peace, Precinct 1, Place 2:

Marilyn Carson, (Republican) Why do you want to be elected or re-elected to this position?

I was appointed to this position in January 1997 and now I wish to be elected in order to continue to do a job that I was entrusted with over a year ago.

What is it that you feel you bring or can bring to your particular precinct if elected JP?

I feel I bring fairness and efficiency along with professionalism to my office as Justice of the Peace for Precinct 1, Place 2.

What qualifies you to serve as a JP in Howard County?

I have served as JP for over one year and received 40 hours of formal classroom training for JP. I was court clerk for 10 1/2 years for retired Justice of the Peace Bill Shankles and received 180 hours of formal classroom training for Court Personnel. I believe training and practical experience are the most beneficial qualifications that anyone can bring to an elected office.

Describe what you perceive the duties of a JP to be. How are these duties important to the residents of the county?

The duties of a JP consist of, but are not limited to: handling traffic citations; all Class C misdemeanor charges filed; small claims and civil suits; hearings on Driver's License suspensions; probable cause hearings at State Hospital; giving magistrate warnings and setting bonds; setting jury trials and bench trials in a timely manner so as not to inconvenience the jurors or participants in the trials; record keeping for local and outside auditors; being on call every third week which, among other things, consists of being called for magistrate warnings, search warrants and unattended deaths. Some of these duties are of little notice to the residents of the county but are very important to the overall operation of the county government.

The office of JP handles a variety of issues pertaining to civil and criminal matters. With that in mind, how do you feel about having to deal with juvenile problems as well as domestic disputes among adults?

Having to deal with juvenile problems and domestic disputes among adults is part of the duties of this office. It is not difficult to deal with these, you simply go by the law and explain that particular law to whomever you are dealing with.

Is juvenile crime a major problem in the county in your opinion? Are current juvenile laws tough enough?

I believe there is a problem with juvenile crime in Howard County, however, in my opinion it is not a major problem at this time. Howard County is fortunate to have an excellent Juvenile Probation Department that not only takes care of juveniles on probation but counsels delinquent juveniles. Current juvenile laws, in my opinion are tough enough yet not too tough.

Why should people vote for you on March 10?

Because I am the most qualified and experience candidate, and I will continue to operate a fair and efficient office.

Bennie Green (Republican) Why do you want to be elected or re-elected to this position?

I have had a long standing ambition of wanting to serve in the capacity of Justice of the Peace.

During my 20 years in law enforcement, I have worked closely with the Justice of the Peace offices, and find their work very interesting.

Also, due to working close with the Justice of Peace offices, I feel that I would be well suited for this position.

I enjoy working with people, and feel this would be a service to my community.

What is it that you feel you bring or can bring to your particular precinct if elected JP?

During my career in law enforcement, I have worked hand in hand with the JP offices, the county courts and the district courts. As a law enforcement officer, I have filed numerous cases in all of the above mentioned courts. I have also been subpoenaed to testify in different criminal and civil cases.

If I am elected as Justice of the Peace, I will bring a variety of knowledge of law enforcement and the judicial system.

What qualifies you to serve as a JP in Howard County?

I believe my 20 plus years as a law enforcement officer speaks for itself as far as my qualifications to serve as Justice of the Peace. Also, I have a willingness and a strong desire to serve the citizens of Howard County, which I feel

also qualifies me to serve in this capacity.

Describe what you perceive the duties of a JP to be? How are these duties important to the residents of the county?

My perception of a Justice of the Peace is a magistrate, authorized to decide the verdict on minor cases, such as traffic law cases, misdemeanor criminal cases, some juvenile cases, small claims suits, etc. Also the duties of a Justice of the Peace include holding inquests, which is the investigation into the cause of a death. Another duty of the Justice of the Peace is to hold marriage ceremonies.

I believe that each and every duty of the Justice of the Peace office is extremely important to the residents of Howard County, because of the following reasons: I believe that as an elected official, serving in the capacity of Justice of the Peace, you need to be firm but fair, and treat all citizens alike and not show any favoritism. There are guidelines set forth by the Texas Legislature concerning Justice of the Peace offices, and I feel it would only be fair to the residents of Howard County for the Justice of the Peace to follow these guidelines.

I feel, if elected Justice of the Peace, the voters show confidence in myself by electing me into office, and therefore it is my responsibility to carry out these guidelines.

The office of the JP handles a variety of issues pertaining to civil and criminal matters. With that in mind, how do you feel about having to deal with juvenile problems as well as domestic disputes among adults?

Unfortunately, juvenile problems, as

well as domestic disputes among adults do arise, and sometime are handled through the JP court. I feel having to deal with these issues comes with the job. Texas Code of Criminal Procedures sets guidelines as to the punishment phases of each case involving juvenile problems, as well as the domestic disputes among adults.

I feel as a Justice of the Peace, each and every case is different, and should be handled accordingly. After saying this, I feel it to be a responsibility and a sworn duty of the Justice of the Peace to deal with each of these issues accordingly, as they may arise.

Is juvenile crime a major problem in the county in your opinion? Are current juvenile laws tough enough?

I believe that anytime a juvenile is involved in criminal activity, it is a major problem. Speaking from a law enforcement officers point of view, there is quite a bit of criminal activity in Howard County in which juveniles are involved in. Some of these being criminal mischief, minor in possession of alcohol, drug activity, even some burglaries and felony related cases.

I feel that the juvenile laws are not tough enough. Recently a new law has passed where if a juvenile is arrested for "minor in possession of alcohol," he or she automatically loses his/her drivers license for 30 days, on a first offense. This a step forward, but overall, I personally feel the juvenile laws are not tough enough.

Why should people vote for you on March 10?

I am asking the people to vote for me because of my sincere, honest desire to

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servant he citizens of Howard County as Justice of the Peace. I promise to run an efficient and professional office to the best of my ability, and feel I can be an asset to the voters of Howard County.

Justice of the Peace, Precinct 2: Quall Dobbs, (Republican)
-Why do you want to be elected or reelected to this position?

I want to be elected Justice of the Peace for Precinct 2 because I believe I can fairly and honorably discharge the duties of this position. Howard County has been my home for the past 32 years, and it is very important to me that we continue to live productive, well ordered lives in our community. I very much want to be your next Justice of the Peace and be of service to you in any way I can.

-What is it that you feel you bring or can bring to your particular precinct if elected JP?

I have lived in Precinct 2 for the past 32 years. I know many of you personally through our schools, churches, community activities or as friends and neighbors. I value my association with the people of Precinct 2 and want you to know that I will always be accessible to you. The most important thing I can bring to my precinct is knowledge, an open mind and a willingness to listen and be fair.

-What qualifies you to serve as a JP in Howard County?

I feel qualified to serve as Justice of the Peace in Howard County because of my knowledge of the job and sincere interest in the job. I have done a lot of reading and research on the duties of Justice of the Peace, including the latest laws concerning juveniles. I have served on different boards of directors and worked with budgets. Even though people always think of me as a rodeo clown, I actually think of myself as a self-employed small businessman. I've written many contracts of service and kept business records as all self employed people do.

-Describe what you perceive the duties of a JP to be? How are these duties important to the residents of the county?

The duties of Justice of the Peace range from collecting traffic fines, holding arraignments and inquests to performing marriages. The first three duties relate directly to keeping order within our daily lives. Performing marriages is a service to the public. Keeping meticulous records of all activities within the JP's office is extremely important and will certainly be a top priority. Precinct 2 incorporates the Coahoma ISD. I would like to work in conjunction with the school system if the need should arise (habitual truancy, etc.). I know it is extremely important that the JP's office work well with the local law enforcement agencies. There must be a true sense of cooperation. Our laws are made to protect us and should be enforced with an interest of order and safety. I want to bring open mindedness and fairness to the office and above all, an office that is working smoothly and serving you, the people of precinct 2.

-The office of the JP handles a variety of issues pertaining to civil and criminal matters. With that in mind, how do you feel about having to deal with juvenile problems as well as domestic disputes among adults?

I feel strongly that juvenile problems should be considered a critical issue. If I'm elected, one of my priorities is going to be working with young people. As far as dealing with domestic disputes, I've always heard that they're the most volatile situation one may face. I believe that being an open minded, fair listener would be advantageous in these situations. One must always take people and their problems seriously, whether they're juveniles or adults. Courtesy and a willingness to listen are very important.

-Is juvenile crime a major problem in the county in your opinion? Are current juvenile laws tough enough?

From visiting with law and school officials, it is readily apparent that juvenile crime is a major problem in Howard County. The new "Zero Tolerance" law should help stop some of the underage drinking. While parts of the law may seem harsh, I believe these laws were written with young people's best interests at heart. A youngster who has to pay a fine attend alcohol awareness classes, do community service and is still alive and well and not a tragic statistic, is the ultimate goal. All teenage crime must be dealt with firmly, but fairly.

-Why should people vote for you on March 10?

I would appreciate people voting for me March 10th because I want the opportunity to serve as Justice of the Peace. I think I have the background in office work that will help me be a good JP.

As a Howard County taxpayer for over 30 years, I can bring experience in dealing with people, respect for the law, fairness, and an open mind to this job. I am asking for the opportunity to serve you. If I am elected, I will retire from rodeo and devote all my energy and attention to this job.

Carol Henson, (Republican)
-Why do you want to be elected or reelected to this position?

I want to be elected as Justice of the Peace because I really enjoy working, and this job will be interesting for me, and hopefully, I can be useful to our community.

-What is it that you feel you bring or can bring to your particular precinct if elected JP?

I feel I can bring my experience as a bookkeeper to this office, and my desire to learn all I can about its workings.

-What qualifies you to serve as a JP in Howard County?

I think my past work experience qualifies me to serve as Justice of the Peace.

-Describe what you perceive the duties of a JP to be? How are these duties important to the residents of the county?

The duties of the Justice of the Peace, as I see them, are presiding over and making rulings on a variety of cases. You're not merely handing speeding tickets. You would be dealing with some civil and some criminal matters.

-The office of the JP handles a variety of issues pertaining to civil and criminal matters. With that in mind, how do you feel about having to deal with juvenile problems as well as domestic disputes among adults?

Dealing with juveniles is an important issue. I would like to think, using some common sense, that along the way I could be instrumental in them having a better life down the road. As for adult domestic disputes, I would welcome the chance to at least let them try counseling to try to settle problems in a better way. Getting counseling for some domestic disputes however, may not be an answer. Again common sense should prevail.

-Is juvenile crime a major problem in the county in your opinion? Are current juvenile laws tough enough?

We do have juvenile problems in the county, as in any county, and hopefully the new MIP laws will be one solution. I still believe that if parents take responsibility for where their children are and keep communications open between them there might be fewer children in juvenile courts.

-Why should people vote for you on March 10?

I would appreciate people voting for me March 10th because I want the opportunity to serve as Justice of the Peace. I think I have the background in office work that will help me be a good JP.

Howard County Clerk: Donna Wright, (Democrat)
-Why do you want to be elected to this position?

After working as a deputy clerk for 21 years, my dream has been to become the County Clerk. I take great pride in the service our office renders to the public and I have grown to love the people we serve. I hope to continue to serve the community where I was born and raised.

-What is it that you feel you bring or can bring to this particular office if elected?

With 21 years experience, I feel I can bring continuity to the office while at the same time bring about new changes to bring it up to date in the computer world. As funds are allotted by the commissioners, I will continue the upgrades. This office has earned a reputation of always being courteous and helpful to all people without showing favoritism which is another goal of mine.

-What qualifies you to serve as clerk for Howard County?

Since my working in the office for 21 years, I have been able to learn every phase of the office from keeping birth records to probating wills, to being in charge of early voting. The office demands all of us to have a working knowledge of many different aspects. It is necessary to be very versatile.

-Describe what you perceive the duties of the county clerk to be? How are these duties important to the residents of the county?

I perceive the duties of the county clerk to be a servant to the public. A good clerk must have the ability and knowledge to handle every facet of the office. It is necessary to have a working knowledge and be able to step in to fill each individual position yourself. You must have the ability to manage the office, get along with the public, the

department heads in the county as well as the county commissioners. In order to serve the county, the clerk must have an over-all knowledge of the many different responsibilities. A good clerk must be able to be a good-will representative for the office as well as the entire county. The job isn't always 8 a.m. to 5 p.m.; the clerk must be available at all times and must show flexibility.

-The office of county clerk handles a variety of issues pertaining to dozens of records including births, deaths, marriages, elections, etc. Describe why you feel you can meet the demands of the position.

The duties of a county clerk are almost too many to mention. In a day's time we handle the birth, death, recording, probating of wills, criminal hearings and fine payments, State Hospital hearing and the list goes on. You might say that we are the main keeper of the county history from birth to death. It isn't enough for the county clerk to be just a figure head, she must be able to do each job in the office in order to serve the county. During my tenure in the office, it has been necessary for me to learn each aspect of the office. It takes years to become familiar with the many different services that are required to keep the office running smoothly. The legislature sets the requirements we must fulfill to work within the law. We must always be willing to change as they see the need.

-Current County Clerk Margaret Ray has been in office for many years. What during her tenure can you build upon and what, if any, are some new ideas you have if your elected?

Margaret Ray has always been a working clerk with remarkable insight concerning the workings of the office. She has been a wonderful role model and it will be a challenge to carry on the legacy of the past. History has shown that clerks state wide must work together and build on each other as Margaret has done through the years. It has been my pleasure to learn from her. The state government mandates how we must proceed with most things and it is my hope that I will be able to bring the office up to date in the computer age. It will be necessary to know the limitations of working within the budget set up by the commissioners, however, computers are a must for the office of the future.

-Why should people vote for you on March 10?

I'm the WRIGHT choice for County Clerk because of my 21 year working experience and my LOVE and DEDICATION to the job!

Brad Estill, (Republican)
-Why do you want to be elected to this position?

I want to be elected county clerk to work for the residents of Howard County utilizing my college education, business experience and creativity to continue Margaret Ray's legacy and

build a legacy of my own. During my 16 year career as a petroleum landman, I have been fortunate to visit with many county clerks throughout the U.S. about their roles and responsibilities. At the same time, I also learned about business in the private sector, records management, managing people, budgeting, the value of hard work and teamwork, computers, and automating business processes. This experience has created a solid foundation on which I can face the challenges as county clerk.

-What is it that you feel you bring or can bring to this particular office if elected?

If elected as county clerk I will bring the customer's perspective to the office. I will also bring the strength of a team-oriented manager with the ability to listen and learn. I will work closely with the other county offices to continue the cooperative working relationship while promoting a cross-functional computing environment. Further, I will utilize the office to promote Howard county and education the public on the services offered by the county clerk's office and the vast amount of information stored there.

-What qualifies you to serve as clerk for Howard County?

My qualifications to serve as county clerk include a thorough knowledge of business and records management, years of experience supervising 614 professionals, strong work ethic, creativity, experience working as a petroleum landman in various courthouses throughout the U.S., and a thorough knowledge of computers, software design and system implementation.

-Describe what you perceive the duties of the county clerk to be? How are these duties important to the residents of the county?

Besides being a representative for Howard County, both locally and throughout the state, the county clerk is Howard County's custodian of county records, repository of information and a historian of sorts due to the vast types of records kept. The duties of the position of county clerk are numerous. The primary responsibilities of the county clerk are the management of the professional staff in the accurate and efficient management of public records and information, within a set budget, while providing the highest level of customer service to the residents of Howard County, other county offices and customers from outside the county. Other duties which are equally important include elections administration and coordination with the registrar of voters, maintaining the minutes of the commissioner's court, maintaining certain criminal records, collecting fines, and maintaining other records such as birth, marriage, death, military, cattle brands, etc. The steel vault like doors and barred windows on the offices of the county clerk are indicative of the importance of the records and information kept there. These records benefit not only the residents of Howard County, but also other

individuals and businesses located outside of Howard County, who transact business in the county such as financial institutions, oil and gas companies, attorneys, etc.

-The office of county clerk handles a variety of issues pertaining to dozens of records including births, deaths, marriages, elections, etc. Describe why you feel you can meet the demands of the position.

With the assistance and support of the present staff, if elected, I will be able to meet the demands of this position through the use of my business experience, management abilities, knowledge of record management and preservation, work ethic, computer experience, creativity and firm belief in teamwork.

-Current County Clerk Margaret Ray has been in office for many years. What during her tenure can you build upon and what, if any, are some new ideas you have if your elected?

During Margaret Ray's tenure as county clerk, she has stressed customer service, efficiency, accuracy, professionalism, and public awareness.

I intend on maintaining this tradition while examining the feasibility, cost effectiveness and possible benefits of the following:

a) an automated system for daily record keeping
b) an information system to assist the staff in providing the more frequently requested data
c) use of a computer to access the Internet to offer customers access to information not kept in the county clerk's office, such as the Texas Railroad Commission's well and production database, and to provide the county clerk and staff a source of information on changes in the law, professional development seminars and miscellaneous topics of interest to the county clerk's office.

-Why should people vote for you on March 10?

People should vote for me on March 10th and in the General Election on Nov. 3 because I have a strong belief in Howard County. I am family oriented with Christian beliefs, I am the most diverse qualified and capable candidate for county clerk, and I want to serve the residents of Howard County.

Chatty employees steal precious hours from work

DEAR ABBY: I recently filled in for my husband's receptionist when she was ill. My husband owns the business and I know most of his employees, but this was the first time I had spent any time there.

Abby, doesn't America have a work ethic anymore? What happened to "a day's work for a day's pay"?

I was astounded at the number of personal phone calls the employees received while on the job. I am not talking about short calls on breaks.

There were as many as three calls in one day for a particular employee. Those were the incoming calls.

I have no idea how many personal outgoing calls the employee made. Not only was that employee's time used for personal business, but the receptionist had to take the calls, refer them and/or take a message. These employees do not consider how much of the receptionist's time they waste, not to mention time for which the boss is paying them.

Abby, this is plain stealing! Had they been emergency calls, I wouldn't have minded - but calls to plan a party, discuss the highlights she wanted her beauty operator to put in her hair or to make a dinner date are out of line.

I can no longer feel friendly toward some of my husband's employees because of the way they are treating him behind his back. I told my husband, and he was appalled by what I observed. He said his receptionist had already mentioned it, but he had dismissed it and put off checking it out. After my report, he kept tabs on his staff for a while.

I hope my letter makes some employees see how they are hurting their companies. And I hope it alerts bosses to a potential waste of time on the job that robs customers of service and shareholders of fair profits.

BOSS'S WIFE IN TEXAS
DEAR WIFE: Using the telephone for personal business on company time is not uncommon. It is, however, dishonest and unethical. In a sense, taking time off the job to conduct personal business is theft - since the employer is paying the employee for his or her time as well as effort.

If personal calls must be made during business hours, the honest thing to do would be to make them during the lunch hour or on break time.

DEAR ABBY: In regard to the letter about the man who shaved his mustache and his wife didn't even notice that it was gone.

My dad wore a "handlebar" mustache for almost 25 years. It was his most distinctive feature. One day when he walked out of the bathroom, my sister and I (both teen-agers) screamed in surprise, and then started laughing. He had shaved off his mustache with no forewarning at all!

However, when my mom first saw him, she didn't notice! She knew there was something "different" about him, but didn't realize it was the absence of the mustache that had been there for so many years. (She said it looked like someone had punched him in the face.)

Thank you, Abby, and God bless. STILL LAUGHING IN IDAHO

DEAR LAUGHING: That reminds me of an experience I had many years ago when my husband grew a beard. His was always neatly trimmed. One day out of the blue, he said, "Don't you notice something different about me?"

I replied, "No, but you look younger. Why do you ask?"

"I shaved my beard off," he said.

Well, he grew it back within a matter of months, and as it grayed along with the hair on his head, he looked like a French nobleman. He still has it, and even though his mother calls him "the rabbi," I love it.



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El Nino dries up Hawaii

HILO, Hawaii (AP) — As El Nino sops both coasts of the mainland United States with relentless rain, it's drying up the island of Hawaii, where Hilo has long boasted of being the "wettest city in America."

An average 10 1/2 feet of rain soaks this eastern end of the "Big Island" each year. In a typical year, 15 inches would have fallen by now, but so far this year local rain gauges have measured barely half an inch.

A state of emergency has been declared and residents are under orders to cut water consumption by 10 percent.

Some residents are already lining up with jugs at county water spigots, brush fires have threatened thousands of homes and the island's prized macadamia nut groves and ornamental plant growers face a dire growing season.

It's all because El Nino, the warming phenomenon across the central Pacific, pushes storms that normally pass over Hawaii farther to the north, diverting their heavy rainfall directly to California, said Roger Pierce of the National Weather Service.

The Big Island, which is not the only part of the Hawaiian chain that is affected, has been through this before: the 1982-83 El Nino was followed by a record dry year.

Some farmers are resorting to desperate measures.

One, who spoke on condition he be identified only as Rodney, has been breaking state law by siphoning water from a nearby stream to spray his crop of taro, the plant that is the source of poi, the staple of the traditional Hawaiian diet.

"I have two choices," Rodney said, "do it or lose everything. If I don't pump the water, I might as well file for bankruptcy."

No significant rain is expected for another two months.

"It's like a slow death," said Lee Kunitake, executive director of the U.S. Department of Agriculture's Farm Service Agency. "If this continues for another two months, we are going to be in a serious emergency."

An emergency already is being experienced by 7,500 homes that rely on rainwater to cook and bathe.

At a county-owned spigot, Derek Pagan moves a hose from one container to the next, part of the daily ritual of obtaining 120 gallons of water for several families.

"It's just survival," Pagan said.

Jeanne Miller is all smiles as the K&T Water Hauling truck pulls up to her Glenwood home to deliver 4,000 gallons — a two-month supply for seven people.

"This is a learning experience for me," said Miller, who just moved from Honolulu. "I'm used to turning on my faucet whenever. I just wish I could take a long, hot bath."

People on public water systems can be fined for watering lawns or crops, or washing cars.

Outdoor burning is banned, but that hasn't prevented brush fires from charring 2,500 acres and threatening 3,000 homes.

"There is a tremendous fire hazard," said Harry Kim, Hawaii County's civil defense chief.

"The type of vegetation and grass we have here ... is as explosive as an old Christmas tree right now."

Case against Saddam built on record of violations

WASHINGTON (AP) — At the core of President Clinton's case for bombing Iraq are two charges: persistent violations of U.N. resolutions since the Gulf War ended in 1991 and growing worries about Saddam Hussein's ability to harm his neighbors.

Taken together, the United States is using these charges to cast the Iraqi president as a cheater whose defiance is making a mockery of the United Nations and as a bully who is a grave threat to the world.

The first allegation is hard for Iraq to deny, the other hard for Clinton to prove.

The White House says Saddam, meeting U.N. Secretary-General Kofi Annan in Baghdad this weekend in possibly climactic talks, is violating U.N. Security Council resolutions he accepted at the end of the Gulf War seven years ago. The United Nations itself, not just the United States, makes that charge.

The second allegation is that while defying U.N. demands, Saddam has managed to stash chemical and biological

weapons and a small number of missiles to deliver them. This is a widely shared suspicion, but remains only that.

Even as the threat of war looms, Saddam maintains he has given up his weapons of mass destruction and has no intention of making more. He considers U.N. inspections an American-led plot to throttle his regime.

In trying to convince the American public and U.S. allies that military force against Iraq may be required, Clinton cites a litany of U.S. complaints that have accumulated since the Gulf War ended. These include:

—Lying about an Iraqi germ-warfare program. For four years after the Gulf War, Iraq denied it had biological weapons. After Hussein Kamel, chief organizer of Iraq's weapons programs, defected in 1995 and spilled the beans, U.N. inspectors found thousands of gallons of anthrax and other biological agents. They also found Scud warheads fitted with biological weapons.

—Deceiving the United Nations on chemical weapons.

Iraq initially denied it had produced any VX, a deadly nerve agent, but when pressed it admitted to producing 260 liters of VX. The United Nations says the true figure was 3.9 tons.

—Harassing U.N. inspectors. One U.N. official reported being "manhandled" in a U.N. monitoring helicopter last September. There have been reports of other forms of interference. In a report last month to the Security Council, Richard Butler, chairman of the U.N. disarmament commission for Iraq, said Iraqis at a site under inspection had moved ahead of the inspectors, "possibly to 'cleanse' the site."

—Importing, through covert means, materials prohibited under the U.N. resolutions. Last year, for example, the inspectors discovered an Iraqi operation in which its intelligence service helped acquire prohibited gyroscopes designed for long-range ballistic missiles.

—Obscuring basic facts about Iraq's program to build nuclear weapons. The closer inspectors get to rooting out this information, the faster Iraq closes its

doors, Clinton asserts. The United Nations lacks certain information that would help establish an effective monitoring system to ensure that after disarmament is declared complete, Iraq does not reconstitute a nuclear program.

The current crisis has evolved over the seven years since American troops spearheaded a U.N.-sanctioned force to oust the Iraqi army from Kuwait, which it invaded Aug. 2, 1990. As a condition for stopping the pummeling his army was taking, Saddam agreed to a U.N. disarmament demand requiring that Iraq destroy its nuclear, chemical and biological weapons, as well as missiles with a range greater than 150 kilometers, or 94 miles.

Saddam also agreed to allow the United Nations to monitor and verify that Iraq was not using, developing, building or buying any of the banned weapons. To do this, the organization created a Special Commission, known as UNSCOM, and it is Iraq's interference with UNSCOM inspectors' access to certain sites in

Iraq that has brought the current crisis to the brink of war. Clinton asserts that even if the inspectors were allowed to finish their work in Iraq, Saddam would remain a menace to his neighbors, potentially to America.

Calling Saddam a "predator" guilty of lies and stonewalling, Clinton said Tuesday in a speech at the Pentagon that Iraq is a "rogue state with weapons of mass destruction, ready to use them or provide them to terrorists."

"Someday, some way, I guarantee you, he'll use the arsenal," the president said.

David Albright, president of the Washington-based Institute for Science and International Security and an expert on Iraq's nuclear program, said this week he strongly suspects Iraq has not abandoned its nuclear ambitions.

"Iraq's efforts to obscure basic facts about its nuclear weapons program, and the fact that it has kept various weapons design teams together, leads to the conclusion that it will again try to build a nuclear weapon."

Bush getting help from father's friends

DALLAS (AP) — Texas Gov. George W. Bush is getting a lot of help from people who once served his father in the White House, according to a Dallas Morning News computer analysis.

Gov. Bush has collected more than \$40,000 from at least 38 alumni of his father's administration, many of whom are first-time givers who didn't contribute to his 1994 campaign, according to the newspaper.

"I'm a big fan of the Bush family," said Paul Lambert, a New York City lawyer who President Bush appointed ambassador to Ecuador.

Lambert contributed \$5,000 to the governor's campaign and helped organize a New York fund-raiser.

"I don't think it could have gone better," Lambert said of the event. "He answered questions very directly and very effectively. I heard the phrase used several times that he's, quote, star quality."

Bush's spokeswoman, Karen

Hughes, said the contributions were "a nice compliment."

"He knows many of these people personally," she said. "It's a nice compliment to him and his leadership and his ability that they would contribute money and consider him a friend."

Democrats have complained that Gov. Bush has tapped too much money from his father's network of friends, outside of Texas.

"It underscores the fact that this is the establishment candidate, not just in Texas, but a person the Republican establishment sees nationally as their candidate," said Democratic consultant Ed Martin of Austin.

Billy Rogers, campaign manager for Democratic gubernatorial candidate, Garry Mauro, noted many of the contributors are from outside Texas.

"It doesn't look like Gov. Bush is getting money from people who want to put Texas families first," Rogers said.

Gov. Bush has stressed that

he is focused on returning as Texas governor and not a presidential run in 2000.

The Dallas Morning News analyzed campaign contributions to Gov. Bush's re-election campaign from July 15, 1997, to Jan. 31, 1998. According to the reports, of the \$8 million raised during the period, more than \$1 million came from outside Texas.

According to the review, nearly a dozen Bush former ambassadors have contributed to his campaign in addition to Lambert. Bruce Gelb, who served as ambassador to Belgium, gave \$5,750; C. Howard Wilkins Jr., ambassador to the Netherlands, gave \$2,500 and Glen Holden, ambassador to Jamaica, gave \$1,000.

At least three member of the cabinet have contributed: Commerce Secretary Barbara Franklin gave \$1,000; Defense Secretary Richard Cheney gave \$2,000; and Transportation Secretary Andrew Card gave \$500.

Husband-wife team sentenced for fraud

DALLAS (AP) — A Dallas woman has been sentenced to 30 months in prison and ordered to pay more than \$3 million in restitution for heading a fraudulent investment scheme that targeted people in Texas and 12 other states.

U.S. District Judge Jerry Buchmeyer handed the sentence to 36-year-old Kathy Smith Kingsmore last week for securities fraud.

Richard E. Kingsmore, 38, a pianist and composer who once served as orchestra director at Prestonwood Baptist Church, received a six-month prison term for failing to report his wife's crime.

Both pleaded guilty last year. Neither of the Kingsmores addressed Buchmeyer during their sentencing, but their attorneys made impassioned pleas for lenient treatment.

"It's very difficult for a man to go to the authorities and report the mother of his children," Michael Carnes, Kingsmore's lawyer, told the judge.

Investigators for the FBI and U.S. Securities & Exchange Commission began questioning the couple and some of their

associates in 1996 about her bogus Eurobond investment program.

Before the move to Winston-Salem, N.C., the couple and several of her investors took trips to London and Nekar Island on investor money, court records show. She also spent \$800,000 on a Florida beach house. The Kingsmores lived in a three-story brick home in far north Dallas before SEC investigators subpoenaed them.

The couple is believed to have made \$3.4 million from the scheme.

An FBI investigation of other people involved with Ms. Kingsmore's scheme is continuing, and she has agreed to cooperate with prosecutors. But neither her attorney nor Assistant U.S. Attorney Leonard Senerote would identify any targets of the inquiry Friday.

Ms. Kingsmore still must appear March 9 in state district court in Collin County for sentencing on her no-contest plea to a charge of theft of more than \$20,000. In that case, she has admitted she deliberately used a worthless check to buy a 1996 Suburban from a car dealer-ship.

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Region seeds on the line as Lady Hawks host Clarendon on Monday

By JOHN H. WALKER
Managing Editor

Howard College's Lady Hawks, Midland College's Lady Chaparrals and South Plains College's Lady Texans are all assured of a spot in the Region V Tournament March 5-7 at Midland College.

The only question now is who will be seeded in what position when the teams from the Western Junior College Athletic Conference (WJAC) face off against the teams from the North Texas Junior College Athletic Conference in the Chaparral Center.

In large part, it could depend on what happens when Howard (26-2, 10-2) plays host to Clarendon (16-6, 7-5) in the final home game of the year Monday night at 6 in Dorothy Garrett Coliseum.

If Howard, Midland and South Plains each win their final two games, the teams will be seeded by power rankings — which should mean the Lady Hawks would be the No. 1 team from the WJAC. If any of the three falter, the seedings could be up in the air.

If you're Clarendon, it's a bit more complicated. The Lady Bulldogs hold a two-game lead over New Mexico Junior College. If Clarendon loses against Howard and

South Plains and NMJC beats both Frank Phillips and Odessa, then the two teams will be tied for the fourth and final playoff berth.

But for Howard, the bottom line is simple — take care of business tonight against Clarendon and Thursday on the road at Frank Phillips and let Midland and South Plains worry about themselves.

That was clearly Matt Corkery's frame of mind following last Thursday's 72-69 upset loss at South Plains.

"More than anything," the Lady Hawks head coach said, "we have to worry about the Lady Hawks. If there's

anything wrong, we have to find out and address it and be ready to play against Clarendon."

Howard defeated Clarendon 67-60 on the road on Jan. 29 in a game that was hard fought all the way. And even though Howard never trailed in that game, the Lady Hawks had to fend off a late Clarendon rally that brought the Lady Bulldogs from 12 down to final margin in just 85 seconds.

Corkery is concerned about Clarendon and, based on the up and down play of the Lady Hawks over the past few weeks, well he should be.

Other than a strong second half in which they literally blew Midland

College off of the floor at Dorothy Garrett, the Lady Hawks have, more times than not, seemed listless and lethargic ... failing to fully execute plays and giving up easy baskets.

Despite Clarendon's 7-5 conference record, the Lady Bulldogs have some outstanding players.

Jamaican Andrea Watson led all scorers in the first game with 21 points while New Yorker Kiri Neptune added 12 and Albuquerque's Maxie Flores chipped in 11.

Watson and Neptune remain among the conference leaders in both scoring

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Lady Steers rip Greenwood, 14-2

Relief pitching from Canales stumps visitors

By JOHN A. MOSELEY
Sports Editor

It took a couple of innings for Big Spring's Lady Steers to truly find their stroke, but when they did, there was virtually no place for Midland Greenwood's Lady Rangers to hide Friday.

As a result, the Lady Steers romped to a 14-2 win in the home opener, the game being called with one out in the bottom of the fifth inning.

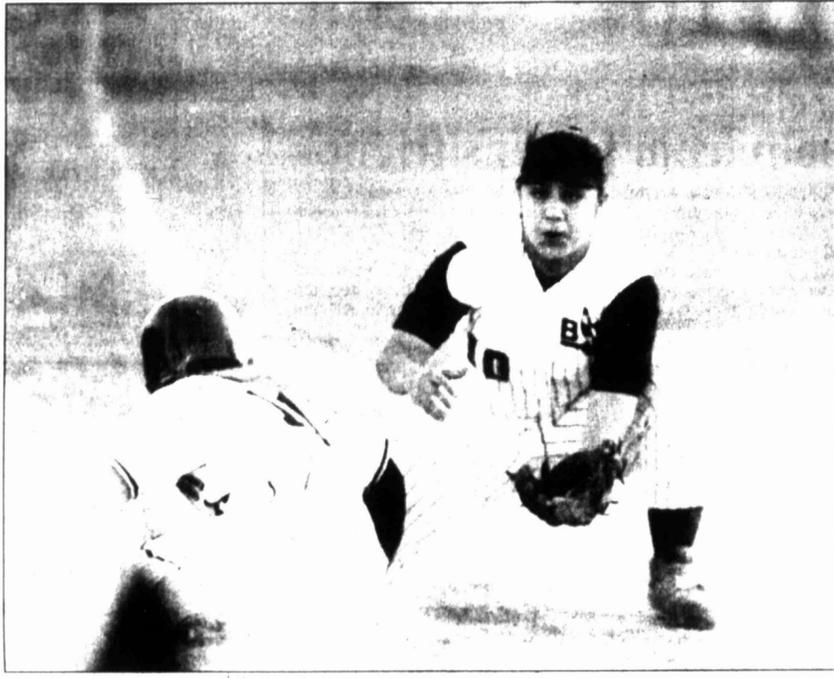
The Lady Steers somewhat lethargic start, they scored just two runs in the first inning and another in the second, left Big Spring coach Wes Overton pointing to a lack of enthusiasm on his team's part early in the home opener.

"That's kind of like we practiced all week," Overton said following the win that leaves the Lady Steers with a 2-0 record going into Tuesday's 5 p.m. doubleheader at Lubbock Monterey. "We looked like we were just going through the motions."

"Our pitching wasn't what I wanted at the start of the game and we weren't hitting that well," Overton added. "I knew we would eventually get her (Greenwood pitcher Kim Mauldin) timed. She wasn't overpowering, it just took us a while to figure out how to hit her."

When they did, the Lady Steers literally shelled Mauldin who went the distance in absorbing the loss. She worked 4 1/3 innings, yielding 11 earned runs on 11 Big Spring hits. She walked six, uncorked five wild pitches and hit one batter.

Lady Steers starter Angie Phillips, despite a less than spectacular two-inning perfor-



HERALD photo/Jim Fierro

Big Spring third baseman Melissa Martinez (10) waits on the throw from catcher Jessica Cobos in an attempt to pick off Midland Greenwood's Morgan Stroud (11) during the fourth inning of Friday's home opener for the Lady Steers. While Morgan was able to get back safely, she would not score and the Lady Steers would go on to take a 14-2 win.

mance, walked away with the win. She allowed both Greenwood runs, neither earned, while giving up three hits. She walked three and struck out two.

Jessica Canales came on in relief in the top of the third and was spectacular, allowing just one Lady Rangers hit while walking one and striking out two in three innings of work. It was a performance that drew praise from her coach.

"Jessica did a great job in relief," Overton said. "She's been our biggest surprise pitching wise this year. Her velocity has really improved."

"That's one of the nice things about having several good

pitchers," he continued. "Angie struggled a little ... she wasn't pitching poorly, but it just wasn't her day. It's a real luxury to be able to bring in a reliever that's going to throw a strong game."

Phillips ran into trouble in the top of the first, walking lead off hitter Tracy Harrison. Lady Rangers catcher Holly Kiehne reached base on a fielder's choice play and moved to second when shortstop Kristin Equininos singled to left.

Then, with two out, Greenwood's Morgan Stroud singled to right, and when the ball got past Canales in right field, allowing Kiehne to score. Canales did manage to keep

Equininos from scoring, throwing her out at the plate.

The Lady Steers answered with two runs of their own. Monica Rubio led off with a walk and moved to third in successive wild pitches and scored on a single by catcher Jessica Cobos.

Melissa Martinez kept things going by drawing a walk and Sunni Smith ripped a line drive to third that Greenwood's Harrison couldn't hold. The error allowed Cobos to score from second.

Greenwood avoided additional damage, ending the inning on a double play and tied the

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Steers linksters finish 13th at Abilene Invitational

HERALD Staff Report

After soaring to a disastrous 343 on the Fairway Oaks Country Club course Friday during the opening round of the Abilene Invitational boys' golf tournament, Big Spring's Steers were looking for a kinder experience Saturday on the Maxwell Municipal Golf Course.

While the Steers 316 was better than they'd fared the second day, it wasn't enough to leave them any better than 13th in the 17-team field with a two-day total of 659.

District 4-4A rival Andrews took the team championship with a 304, 299-603, that left the Mustangs with a 16-stroke margin over runnerup Abilene Wylie (317, 302-619). Odessa Permian and Odessa High finished tied for third with two-day totals of 621.

Abilene High was fifth with a 323, 299-622, followed by Lubbock Coronado, Abilene Cooper and Midland Lee. San Angelo Lake View was ninth with a 341, 301-642.

"Hopefully, this was our one bad tournament of the year,"

Steers coach Gary Simmons said after watching his four-man team seemingly disintegrate on the final three holes Saturday. "We had a chance of finish the day at 300 today and let the last three holes literally eat us alive."

"We're just going to use this one as a lesson that we've still got a lot of work to do," he added. "One of them is that we've got to learn to finish strong."

Sammy Rodriguez led the way individually for the Steers with a 79, 79-157, while Blake Weaver

turned in Big Spring's second best total of 81, 82-163. Heath Bailey added an 88, 79-167, while Rudy Gamboa rebounded with a Saturday from a nightmarish 95 Friday, his 77 allowing him to finish the tournament with a 172.

The Steers golfers head for Midland next weekend for the Midland Invitational. The varsity will play rounds at the Green Tree Country Club and at Hogan Park, while junior varsity rounds will be played at the Ranchland Country Club and at Hogan Park.

Bulldogettes, Lady Buffs fall; Sands, Garden City advance

HERALD Staff Report

Coahoma's Bulldogettes saw their plans for an extended run in the Class 2A girls' basketball playoffs go awry, as Albany's Lady Lions handed them a 59-55 bi-district loss.

It was somewhat ironic that the Lady Lions, a team Coahoma coach David Cox felt would be unable to handle the Bulldogettes' superior height, would be able to thank the smallest player on the court for the come-from-behind win in the final minute.

Akisha Waters, a 5-foot-2 junior guard, made two free throws with 37 seconds remaining to trim a 56-53 lead to just one point and then put the Lady Lions ahead to stay by stealing the in-bounds pass and hitting a field goal.

She would add two more free throws in the closing seconds to ice the win that moves Albany into the area round with a 22-8 record.

"We just didn't play very well and happened to do it on a night that Albany played its best game of the season," Cox said following the loss that left

AREA PLAYOFF ROUNDUP

the Bulldogettes with a 21-11 ledger.

"We spent the whole night trying to come back after they took the lead early," he added, noting that the Bulldogettes had expected to benefit from a physical game. "We just didn't do the things we've done all season. I felt that if it got physical inside the lane, it would be to our advantage, but it wasn't. We missed short shots and didn't get to shoot many free throws. And when we did go to the line, we didn't shoot very well."

"We had some defensive breakdowns, too," Cox continued. "They hit seven 3-pointers, and that really made a difference."

Perhaps most disastrous for the Bulldogettes was being limited to just three points in the second quarter that allowed Albany to take a 24-19 lead into the intermission.

Shana Earnest, who scored 10 of her 12 points

in the third quarter, helped the Bulldogettes pull to within 36-35, but the Lady Lions' Catherine Huffman hit a pair of 3-point shots that gave Albany a 42-37 lead going into the final eight minutes.

Coahoma battled back and took the lead when Krista Stanislaus hit a field goal with 1:04 left and swiped an in-bounds pass. Tara Sterling was fouled moments later but hit just one of her two free throws.

That's when Waters put on her one-girl show, allowing the Lady Lions to reassume control. She finished with a game-high 17 points, while teammate Erin Woods had 13. Huffman and Kayce Edgar had 11 points each.

Stanislaus led the way for the Bulldogettes with 15 points in the final game of her career, while Cassie Tindol matched Earnest's 12-point production.

Class 2A bi-district playoff in Merkel
ALBANY — Erin Woods 4 3 4 14, Ragan Riley 0 2 2 2, Kayce Edgar 4 2 4 11, Akisha Waters 5 6 9 17, Kindal Wilson 2 1 2 6, Catherine Huffman 4 0 0 11, Totals 19 14 21 59.

Carl Coleman recalls road that led him to ACU's Hall of Fame

By JOHN A. MOSELEY
Sports Editor

More than 40 years after leaving the head football coach's job at Big Spring High School to enter private business, Carl Coleman stepped back into the sports highlight Saturday as one of this year's inductees into the Abilene Christian University Sports Hall of Fame.

Coleman, a guard on Abilene Christian's football teams from 1934 through 1938, while admitting being very honored by his induction, says he still wonders why Coach A.B. (Bugs) Morris was ever interested in signing him to a scholarship.

"I don't know why he ever wanted me ... most I ever weighed was 158 pounds," Coleman said of Morris before he and his wife Maxine left Big Spring on Friday for a weekend of activities on the ACU campus — several of them involving their granddaughter Kenye Kay Butts.

"I'd been out of school for a year, but I wanted to go to school," Coleman recalled, noting that the nation was in the depth of the Great Depression, and as the son of a Roscoe cotton farmer, the only way he was able to attend college was on a scholarship. "I'd gone to talk with coach Morris, but he didn't sign me right away."

"Then one Monday morning, I'd been picking cotton and I went up to my father and told him that I was going to school somewhere," he continued. "He wished me luck and said maybe he could send me \$10 a month or so."

Believing Morris wasn't interested in him, Coleman went to visit several Roscoe players who were playing for McMurry College across town.

"I talked to the head coach there and he said he wanted me to play for them, but they didn't have anyplace for me to sleep — all the dorm rooms were taken," Coleman said. "They told me to come back the next day and they'd try to have a place for me by then."

"I didn't have anywhere to stay so I went back across town to the Abilene Christian campus and one of the first people I ran into was Coach Morris. He said he'd spent the whole day trying to find somebody who could drive over to Roscoe and tell me he wanted be to come play for him."

So started what the 84-year-old Coleman admits has been a lifelong love of his alma mater and the building of friendships that have lasted a lifetime.



Courtesy photo

Carl Coleman is pictured here while posing with members of his Big Spring High School Steers football team in the early 1950s. Coleman, who coached the Steers from 1949 through 1955, was inducted Saturday into the Abilene Christian University Sports Hall of Fame.

"That was the greatest time to go to school ... middle of the Depression and nobody had any money, but we had a great time," he recalled. "I don't think there were but two guys on the whole campus that owned cars."

"We really didn't do all that much, really, we'd just all get together ... sit around and talk ... play mumble-peg ... whatever we felt like doing at the time," Coleman added. "But we had a lot of fun together ... still do. Those of us that are still around get together several times each year."

After graduating from college, Coleman found his first coaching job in Big Spring as an assistant to Pat Murphy and spent 1 1/2 years before moving to Andrews — an assistant coaching stint that lasted just 4 1/2 months before the moved to a job in McCamey that lasted one year.

He left McCamey to become the head football coach at Pecos High School and spent five years at the Eagles helm before moving to Stamford for a couple of years.

In 1949 he returned to Big Spring as the head coach and held the Steers reigns through

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COAHOMA — Tara Sterling 2 4 10 8, Shana Earnest 5 2 2 12, Allison West 0 2 4 2, Cassie Tindol 5 1 2 12, Ellie Woods 2 2 2 6, Krista Stanislaus 6 3 5 15, Totals 20 14 25 55.

Score by Quarters:
ALBANY 14 11 11 23-59
COAHOMA 16 3 18 20-85

3-point goals: Albany 7 (Woods 2, Waters, Wilson, Huffman 3); Coahoma 1 (Tindol). Total fouls: Albany 21, Coahoma 19. Fouled out: Wilson, Woods, Tindol. Technical fouls: Woods. Records: Albany is 22-8. Coahoma closes season at 21-11.

Garden City 60, Wink 47

Wink's young Lady Wildcats made things difficult for Garden City's Lady Bearkats in their Class 1A area playoff game at Crane, but made the fatal mistake of having to foul in a bid to get the ball back in the closing minutes of the game.

The Lady Bearkats, who'd never been able to build more than a seven-point lead to that point, and had seen Wink pull to within 43-40 midway through the fourth quarter, were nothing but spectacular at the free throw line at crunch time.

With 2:03 remaining in the game, Garden City

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From Tomba to Tara, Winter Olympics was a little bit of everything

The ASSOCIATED PRESS

NAGANO, Japan — Make it an even dozen for Dahlie.
Bjorn Dahlie, the Norwegian cross-country skiing great, extended his Winter Olympics record by picking up his 12th medal in the last race of Nagano — a gold in the 50-kilometer. It was his record eighth gold medal, too.
Dahlie, who also owns four silver medals, collapsed in the snow after finishing his trek through the course in Hakuba. Dahlie's Nagano performance — three golds, one silver — put him two medals ahead of the old record-holder, Soviet cross-country skier Raisa Smetanina.
The silver medal went to Niklas Jonsson of Sweden; Christian

Hoffmann of Austria won the bronze. Only one medal remains undecided: the hockey gold. The game pits Russia, the successor to the powerhouse Soviet Union teams, against the Czechs, who rode goaltender Dominik "Dominator" Hasek's hot glove hand into the finals.
The Czechs beat both the United States and Canada on the way to the gold-medal game. The Soviets won 10 gold medals in 12 Olympics from 1956-1992.
The hockey game ends an Olympics with a little bit of everything — from the Herminator to the Dominator, from Tomba's departure to Tara's arrival, from ugly Americans to gorgeous mountain backdrops.
Not all the Americans were ugly. For the second straight Olympics, the

United States posted its best Winter Games showing: 13 medals. America's women led the way, taking eight of the medals and four of the six U.S. golds.
The youngest Olympic figure-skating champion, Tara Lipinski, and teen teammate Michelle Kwan captured the last two U.S. medals with a 1-2 finish in figure skating.
Lipinski's coming-out party was three-time skiing gold medalist Alberto Tomba's farewell. And La Bomba's torch was picked up by the Herminator — Austria's Hermann Maier, who survived a 100-foot fly-and-crash to capture a pair of gold medals. The ugly Americans — some members of the U.S. hockey team — trashed their rooms at the Olympic Village.
The medals count before the hockey

game: Germany topped the list with 29 (12 gold, 9 silver, 8 bronze). Norway was second with 25 (10-10-5), while Russia (9-5-3) and Austria (3-5-9) had 17 apiece.
— **SHORT TRACK SPEEDSKATING:** America's best hope at a medal went out early Saturday as Andy Gabel skidded into a wall during a heat of the men's 500 meters. But three gold medals were captured during the last night of short track.
In the 500 meters, Takafumi Nishitani of Japan was the winner, followed by An Yulong of China and Hitoshi Uematsu of Japan. Chun Leekyung of South Korea won the women's 1,000 meters; Yang Yang S of China won the silver and Won Hye-kyung of South Korea the bronze.

And in the men's 5,000-meter relay, Canada won, while South Korea took the silver and China the bronze.
— **BOBSLED:** The U.S. four-man bobsled team came close — painfully close — to ending the United States' 42-year Olympic medal drought, winding up two-hundredths-of-a second out of a bronze medal.
Driver Brian Shimer shouldered all of the blame.
"It's nobody else's fault other than mine," Shimer said. "Every guy on the sled did his job. I didn't have my best runs."
Making it worse, four medals were awarded: gold to Germany, silver to Switzerland, bronze to both Britain and France. The latter pair tied for third.

LADY STEERS — COLEMAN

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score in the top of the second with an unearned run.
Big Spring answered in its half of the second, Canales scoring what proved to be the winning run after getting a two out single, moving to second on a wild pitch and scoring on a Rubio single.
The Lady Steers broke it open with four runs in the third, making the most of four hits, a walk and a Greenwood error.
They added two more as Smith came up with a triple down the left field line to plate Cobos who's walked, and then scored a moment later when Mauldin threw the ball away trying to throw out Juanita Valdez at first.
Canales started the Lady Steers' rally that would end the game in the top of the fifth by reaching base on an error and moving to second on a wild pitch. Rubio then singled to leave runners at the corners.
Canales scored when Kiehne made a wild throw in an attempt to pick her off at third. Honey Belew then drew a walk and Cobos hit a single to left to score Rubio. Martinez was hit by a pitch to load the bases and the Lady Rangers got a little bit of a break when Smith grounded to third, allowing them to force Belew at the plate.
Valdez doubled to left to drive in two runs moments later, however, and Phillips singled to score Smith, prompting the umpires to call the game long after the requirements had been met for ending the game on the 10-run rule.
Rubio and Phillips led the way offensively for the Lady Steers, both going 2-for-3 at the plate. Rubio was credited for two runs batted in and Belew had 3 RBIs. Cobos was 2-for-2, while Smith and Valdez were both 2-for-4 on the day.

LADY HAWKS

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and rebounding. Watson averages 18.8 points and 9.1 rebounds while Neptune averages 14.8 points and 8.8 rebounds. Flores averages 11.5 points and 6.1 rebounds.
"They have a couple of goods kids (Watson, Neptune) who are among the top scorers and rebounders in the conference," Corkery said. "We have to get ourselves ready for them."
Howard counters with Shawnta Johnson and Karla Washington as far as double figure scoring goes.
Johnson averages 16.5 points and Washington 15.0 while Latraica Spencer averages 8.6 points per game and Donelle Jones 8.0. Latasha Moore scores at a 7.8 points per game clip and Ricka McKee 7.6 for a Howard team that entered last week averaging 82.8 points per game.
Howard ends its regular season on the road Thursday in Borger against Frank Phillips.
Monday's other games match South Plains (20-7, 10-2) at Western Texas (6-21, 2-10), Frank Phillips (7-15, 2-10) at New Mexico Junior College (11-11, 5-7) and Odessa College (9-16, 2-10) at Midland College (21-7, 10-2).

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the 1955 season.
He ended his coaching career in the summer of 1956 and went into business, founding the Smith & Coleman Oil Company which he operated until selling the company in 1982.
He did not retire, however, having purchased several acres of farm land he still farms today.
While Coleman admits having enjoyed his coaching career and still reaps rewards from the relationships he built during those years, he admits it wasn't difficult to leave the profession.
"I knew that no more than I was making, I'd never be able to send my daughters through college," he noted. "My daughter (Kay Wilson) teaches at the high school now and makes five times as much money as I did back then ... maybe more than that."
It was a clean break, too.
"I've watched just one workout since I left the job," he said, saying he never wanted for his successors to ever feel he was wanting to meddle. "But we're still big fans ... still have 14 reserved seats for all the games. We missed a few (Steers games) this year because I have a grandson who plays on the varsity in Midland, but we still saw most of them and I was there for the playoff games against Ysleta and Canyon Randall."
While many coaches are remembered for the impact their players say were made on their lives, and Coleman is no different, he maintains his play-

ers were perhaps more of an inspiration for him than he was for them.
"I've coached some great players ... players who went on to play professional football," he explained, "but I think the one's I'm the proudest of are the ones that made successes of themselves outside of sports."
"One year at Pecos I had a backfield of four guys ... none of them weighed more than 140 or 145 pounds," Coleman recalled. "The quarterback went on to become a lawyer, my running back became a dentist, the blocking back is a CPA and the wingback became an engineer. And the center on that team became a doctor."
"I can think of at least five of my players who've gone into the ministry and one's a well-known heart surgeon," he added. "I didn't have anything to do with that. Seeing what they did with their lives inspired me."
Perhaps the most famous of the players Coleman coached was Charlie Johnson who quarterbacked the National Football League's St. Louis Cardinals, Houston Oilers and Denver Broncos.
"Charlie was just 16 years old when he graduated, so I didn't recommend him to the big college programs and encouraged him to go to a junior college," Coleman remembers. "He went to Schreiner College, but they dropped the program after his first year and he was playing on the basketball team. They were

in town playing in a tournament at Howard College.
"Some coaches from New Mexico were here and contacted me, saying they were looking for a quarterback. I told them about Charlie ... that he could throw the ball, but we hadn't thrown the ball much because I'd never had anyone who could catch it. They wound up signing him and he went on from there."
"I think he (Johnson) always felt bad toward me because I didn't recommend him to some of the bigger schools because he was so young," Coleman admitted, "but I probably did him a favor he doesn't know about."
While Coleman says he does-

n't hear from former players and students all the time, Maxine contends there's almost constant contact.
Perhaps none more telling than a note he received in early January from Bill Birdwell and his wife, Novie. Birdwell, who'd played on Coleman's team as a senior in 1949, now lives in Whitefish, Mont.
His letter said volumes about the way he remembers his coach:
"I am sorry this letter comes after the holidays ... but I could not allow the season to pass without passing to you our wishes for you and yours, continued health and happiness,"

the note read.
"Without modesty," it continued, "I want you always to know that we consider you a gem among gems. May your memories always be pleasant ones. Few men live a lifetime and retain such an emotional grip on the heart of an entire community as you have done."
It's a grip that Coleman figures to continue for some time.
"I'm not in too bad a shape," he offers. "I guess the only thing wrong with me is that my knees are wearing out. But I'm still getting around everywhere I want to go."
Saturday, they carried him into the ACU Hall of Fame.

Duval stays hot for third straight round

The ASSOCIATED PRESS

TUCSON, Ariz. — David Duval pushed into record territory Saturday to take a commanding lead in the \$2 million Tucson Chrysler Classic.
Duval shot a 4-under-par 68 for a 54-hole score of 20-under 196 — still the best three-day score ever at Tucson National, a 7,148-yard course where Arnold Palmer set the three-day record at 200 in 1967.
Jim Colbert tied Palmer's mark in 1980 and Robert Gamez matched it in 1990.
Duval, who played the final three holes in double bogey-birdie-bogey, also came within two strokes of matching John

Huston's 22-under, 54-hole total at last week's Hawaiian Open, the best on tour this year.
Justin Leonard is seven strokes back Duval after a 68.
Duval and Leonard, playing in a final threesome that included Scott Hoch, both birdied the next-to-last hole but bogeyed No. 9, their final hole, after choosing to complete play rather than return Sunday.
Their threesome didn't start until mid-afternoon and played the back nine first while others completed the rain-postponed second round.
David Toms started nine shots behind Duval and also shot 68 to position himself for a final-round charge at 205.

Hoch, David Ogren, Tim Herron, Steve Lowery and Tom Lehman were 10 shots back, with Rocco Mediate, Jim Furyk and Tommy Tolles at 207.
A successful defense of his 1997 title seemed out of the question for Jeff Sluman, who barely made the cut and then shot a 70 to pull in at 213.
Duval had played 23 holes in par or better until the 202-yard, par-3 seventh. His tee shot landed in a bunker before topping his second shot into another bunker.
Both birdied No. 8 and bogeyed the closing hole. Duval had one bogey in his opening-round 66 and another on Friday, when he shot 62.

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QUICK TRIVIA

◆The word "mouse" comes from the old Sanskrit word for thief.

◆The first commercially produced antibiotic was tyrothricin, created by Rene Jules Debos in 1939 from soil bacteria.

Do you have a good story idea for the *life!* section? Call 263-7331, Ext. 236.

Big Spring Herald

Sunday, February 22, 1998

Beauty by the shard

In her spare time, dental assistant June George finds "splendor in the glass."

In fact, that will be the name of George's stained glass studio, which she hopes to open behind her Big Spring home later this year.

For two years, George has been creating splendor from cut and polished pieces of colored glass. She learned while living in Round Rock, from a friend who practiced the art.

"I had wanted to do it for a long time," she explained. "It looked hard to do, and stained glass was expensive to buy. So I thought if I could make it, I could have these nice things I had seen."

There have been costs, though. Besides the money spent on equipment, George also has plenty of cuts and scrapes to show for her time spent with broken glass.

"In the process, you do nick and cut yourself," she said.

Monetarily, George said she advises her students that they can spend between \$50 and \$250 to get started in stained glass. The pieces of colored glass are purchased through the mail or at stained glass stores (which aren't plentiful in this area.)

Glass is sold by the pound, and cost varies from about \$6-\$12 a pound.

Patterns can be used for the designs, and George finds inspiration in other places as well. She recently created a David-and-Goliath-themed window that will hang in Wesley United Methodist Church. The design was the front of a coloring book.

Several patterns must be made of each design before a single piece of glass is cut. George marks the paper patterns with the color of glass she will use for each piece.

Glass is first scored with a special tool, then broken into the shape needed. Edges can be ground to smooth them.

A full-sized pattern can be used to lay the cut pieces of glass on and insure a good fit in the finished piece. George's tiny band saw includes a diamond cutting edge, and grinds the piece as it cuts.

Much of her inspiration can come from churches, where both antique and modern stained glass windows can be found in a variety of patterns. Recently, George was asked to try to repair some windows for a local church, but discovered she couldn't match the glass.

Antique stained glass was actually that — glazed pieces of clear glass. Now colored glass is used, and the two are not always identical.

A piece can take hundreds of hours of work. A carousel horse George created took about 200 hours. Some smaller pieces — like the popular "suncatchers," can be made in a weekend.

"I could never make the same pattern twice, exactly the same," George said. "Every time it's going to be a little bit different."

Some pieces of glass George works with are so small



Story by Debbie L. Jensen
Photography by Linda Choate

they must be handled with tweezers. The lace-up sandals on the David figure in that window, for example, uses some individual pieces of glass in tiny proportions.

"Basically what you're doing," she said, "is putting a glass puzzle together."

The pieces of glass are held together with solder or

lead, depending on the piece. A special foil is wrapped on the edges of glass before attaching them.

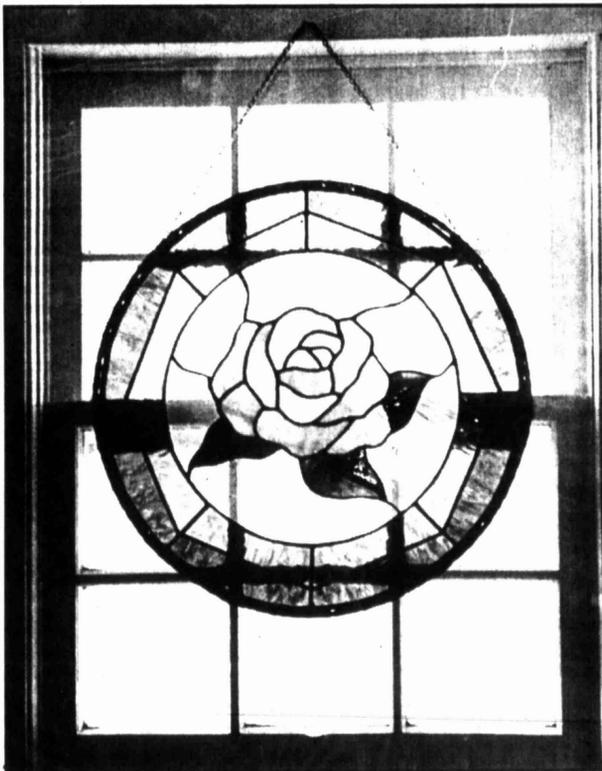
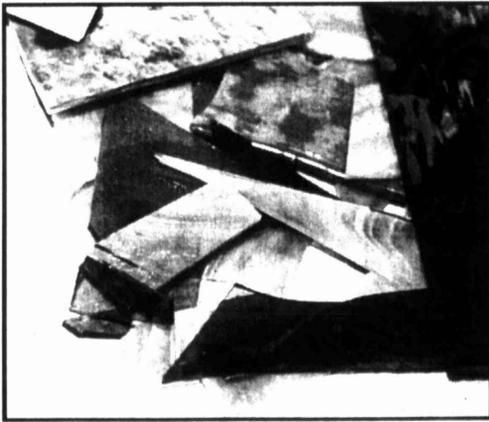
The work is messy. Water is used, so electric saws and grinders sling a thin "mud" on clothes, tables and walls.

George said she was pleasantly surprised by the many textures available in glass. Some types have a wavy texture suitable for hair, or a horse's tail. Others are rough and mottled, like a soldier's armor.

Red glass, the most expensive, is also a favorite. On the David and Goliath piece, Goliath's helmet is topped by rough shards of red that make it stand out.

Despite the difficulty, stained glass art can be learned by almost anyone, George said.

"You can learn to do it," she said. "It's not one of those things you must be a natural talent to do."



In the photos: At top, stained glass artist June George finds beauty in cut pieces of colored glass. Top left, a window featuring this carousel horse took 200 hours of work to complete. At left, George's first stained glass piece hangs in her kitchen window. She made it while taking private lessons in the art. Far left, small pieces of glass are piled on a work table in her studio, waiting for a place in one of her pieces.

Handy dandy, clip and save, choose and use advice column

It's amazing how few people are willing to take all the friendly advice most of us are ready to give them.

We know in our hearts we're better equipped than the other guy to fix it, raise it or save it — if they would just do it our way.

Part of it has to do with the old saying, You Get What You Pay For. Folks who don't pay a bit of attention to what I tell them will put down good money for a How-To book on the same subject.

Advice, in book form, lends authority.

I have stacks of The Secrets Of, Remedies For, Tips On and How-To books. Some of them

defy their own category. My COOKS' SURVIVAL GUIDE has hints for cleaning the bathroom and doing the laundry:

1. Clean a clogged shower head with a plastic bag full of white vinegar tied around it for a few hours.

2. White vinegar in the rinse water keeps shower curtains pliable.

Most of my cook books turn me off with their snootiness. I hate terms like 'ivory-colored cheeses', 'pungent creamy interior', and words like 'frappe'. I'd rather have a recipe for buffalo burgers that begins, Never skin a buffalo across the grain!

I like my COUNTRY WIS-

DOM BOOK, although it's sometimes confusing. It's still puzzling over something in the Hunting Wisdom chapter. It says, "There is a secret to hanging birds and game. Hang birds by the head; hang game by the legs."

I always thought they shot them.



Eunice Choate
Herald Columnist

Their advice for sore throats, in the Rural Remedies chapter, stops short. "Apply fat bacon or pork to outside of throat and hold in place with a scarf." I would add, put the cat out.

This one is good. In the section, Weather and Signs of Rain. "Leaves turn over and show their bottom sides before a rain." My Aunt Bessie used to do that.

The advice-to-the-lovelorn, and rules-for-dating type books begin to repeat themselves. People, anyway, don't usually buy these until their love lives are already down the tubes and it's too late for advice.

Boiled down and condensed, these books advise — Never

date a woman whose make-up glows in the dark, or a man whose suit does.

I never finish reading an advice book without thinking, "I could have written that."

But, counting The Ten Commandments, POOR RICHARD'S ALMANAC, and Dr. Laura's series of ten stupid things all of us do every day in any given situation, all the good stuff has been used.

Maybe what we need is, what to do on those days when we feel like our slip is showing, or the hem is out of our dress, or we find ourselves staring at a wall not knowing WHAT is wrong with us.

My advice, on those days, is:

1. Put onions in it.
2. Look in the junk drawer.
3. Bang it on the side.
4. Let it fester.
5. Don't pick at it.
6. Try a coat hanger.
7. Jiggle it.
8. Use your sleeve.
9. Get the knot out.
10. Punch rewind.
11. Cut that part off.
12. Turn it sideways.
13. Wrap a rag around it.
14. Let it sit a minute.
15. Use the silver tape.
16. Ease up on it.
17. Pretend you don't see 'em.
18. Say the line was busy.
19. Throw water on them.
20. Clip and save. Feel free to choose and use.

GETTING ENGAGED

April Yvette Martinez and Cornelio Ramirez will unite in marriage on April 4, 1998, at the Howard County Fair Barn with Justice of the Peace China Long officiating.

She is the daughter of Olga and Cruz Sanchez, Big Spring, and Ernesto Diaz, Snyder.

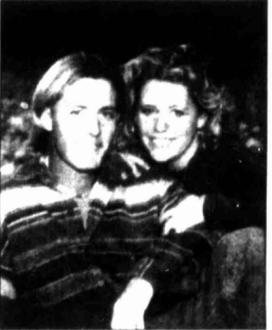
He is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Bobby Bingham.



Natasha Diane Dancer and Christopher David Rivera will exchange wedding vows on April 18, 1998, at Miracle Revival Center with Pastor Gregg Taylor and Pastor Hodges officiating.

She is the daughter of Debra Dancer, Big Spring, and Lawrence Dancer, Odessa.

He is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Lupe Ontiveros, Jr., and Mr. and Mrs. David Rivera.



Megan Harris and Glenn Lewis will be united in marriage on June 6, 1998, at Colonial Hill Baptist Church with Dr. Ronald Smith, uncle of the bride and pastor of Westminster Presbyterian Church in Indianapolis, Ind., officiating.

She is the daughter of Bill and Nancy Harris, Snyder.

He is the son of Ike and Penny Lewis, Snyder, and the grandson of Cecil and Natalie Peurifoy, Big Spring.



Kimberly Baker and Roy Campbell, both of Canyon, will exchange wedding vows on April 4, 1998, at the First Baptist Church in Canyon with Cliff and Shirley Francisco, Ministers of First Baptist Church in Canyon, officiating.

She is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Robert Baker, Canyon.

He is the son of Mr. P. Q. Campbell, Amarillo.

Author cooks up tasty snack, not one to savor

"Cook's Night Out." Joanne Pence. Harper Paperbacks, New York, New York. January 1998. 291 pages. \$5.00.

The daughter of wealthy parents, Angie Amalfi spends days in her kitchen cooking up chocolate delights as she attempts to make her name as a gourmet candy maker. Seeing her kitchen piled high with various types of candy she has rejected as "just not perfect," she realized she has no one to eat all the goodies. Angie remembers reading about a mission for the homeless where they serve meals, and decides to deliver boxes of the delicacies to them.



Pat Williams
Paperback Book
Reviewer

Not only is her candy accepted with grateful arms, Angie is recruited to work with the mission. While Angie feels frustrated at her inability to find the perfect chocolate confection, she is also happy to be using her talents in fund-raising for such a worthwhile effort.

Angie's boyfriend, police detective Paavo Smith, is not comfortable with her close associations at the mission, and frequently tries to warn her away from the activities there.

Meanwhile, Paavo is busy trying to uncover the perpetrators of a numbers-running racket, and is completely taken by surprise when he is accused of being a crooked cop on the take.

He suspects that someone is setting him up, but does not know who is behind the charge or what the motive might be. Angie is devastated with Paavo's situation and finds her own ingenious and not-so-subtle methods of solving the crime and proving Paavo's innocence.

"Cook's Night Out" is Joanne Pence's fifth book of a series, all filled with murderous plots which use cooking as the humorous relief.

Pence's characters never seem to reveal themselves fully, leaving the reader wondering whether facts were left out as a part of the plot or just carelessly omitted. Also, Pence might want to be more careful with details; within the story there are many small situations or predicaments that are never fully explained.

Unlike many books on the shelves today, Pence does not feel the need to use coarse language or inappropriate sexual situations to tell her story. Her humor is very good, often bringing a slight smile rather than a good laugh.

"Cook's Night Out" would be a good book to read on a plane trip, and it would be easy to leave it in the seat pocket when you leave.

RATING (***) two out of four. Care for insomniacs.

Volunteer fundraiser was a great success

Critical incident stress management training program planned Monday-Tuesday

There is no better example of "giving from the heart" than the annual Valentine's Fund-raiser sponsored by the Volunteers of BSSH.

For the sixth year, they worked for weeks preparing bouquets of bears, candy, horseshoes, balloons, and even writing songs for that special Valentine. Friday morning, two groups of singers led by Charles Rainwater and Delores Currie rolled out early in the morning to spread Valentine happiness throughout our community.

Carol Scott, as a candy kiss, Flynn Long, Joyce Bradley, Gary Groves, and new volunteers Jackie Henry and Ken Moore made 34 appearances as singing Valentines. It ran smoother than ever, under the direction of Gypsy Gulley and Susan Lewis and their detailed timing and routing.

Back at the office, Penny Hill turned out flower arrangements, while Sam Woodruff, Linda Hawthorne, Ike and

Quida Watznauer, and Bonnie Hale worked the balloon and bear stations. Betty Lee and Ruth Stephenson took phone orders and color-coded deliveries for the drivers. Hazel Duggan, Shirley Bodin, Emma Jean Hall, Kate Irons, Linda Hawthorne, Jerry Currie, Don Newsom, JoAnne and Dean Forrest, Karen Brewer, and Karen Allen covered the town with hearts and flowers. Earlier, Erma Steward and Joyce Russell collected and cleaned vases. Even if it was Friday the 13th, it was a lucky day for all of us.



Kathy Higgins
State Hospital

Chairman, Don Newsom, stated, "This was the most successful Valentines we have had, and we want to thank the community for supporting this project. I specially want to thank the BSSH volunteers for the long, hard hours they gave to this."

Plans are being made for the State Volunteer Meeting, March 26-28 in Addison. Volunteers need to get their

reservations in as soon as possible. The spring Awards Luncheon will be April 23 at the hospital. Details will be available soon. Plans for the Annual Reception and Dance were finalized at the Board Meeting in February. The reception will be at the home of Don Newsom, and the dance at the Stampede, May 1.

BSSH will offer a Critical Incident Stress Management training program Feb. 23-24 in the Auditorium.

Instructor Vaughn Donaldson will present the workshop, which includes continuing education units for many professionals. Cost is \$25 per person, workbook included. To register, call 268-7241. Late registration will be accepted Monday.

Kathy Johnson Higgins is the Director of Community Relations at Big Spring State Hospital, which includes the Volunteer and Public Information Department.

WHO'S WHO

Kamie Schwartz, 17-year-old senior at Garden City High School, was recently named as the Most Outstanding Gifted and Talented Student of the Glasscock County ISD. She was one of 17 other outstanding students in Region 18 who were recognized during a banquet at the annual regional conference. Kamie's other activities include: serving as Student Body President for the second consecutive year, St. Lawrence CYO President for the second consecutive year, Beta Club, Glasscock County, Football Sweetheart, UIL, One Act Play, UIL, Current Events and the Small Schools Academic Decathlon Team.



SCHWARTZ

She is the reigning Miss Permian Basin Fair and Expo as well as the reigning Miss Texas All Star Teen. She also volunteers for the American Cancer Society and Habitat for Humanity.

Kamie plans to attend West Texas A&M University and major in business management. She is the daughter of Floyd and Martha Schwartz of St. Lawrence and the granddaughter of Emma Doe of Big Spring and Joe and Rose Schwartz of Garden City.

Jarrod Bedingfield of Stanton was recently awarded one of the All-American Vocational Student Awards by the Tools For Tomorrow program. Bedingfield, a Stanton High School senior, was presented a \$100 savings bond and will



BEDINGFIELD

see his winning project go on to state competition in May.

One winner will be chosen from each state, and all winners at the state level will earn \$500 U.S. Savings Bonds. National judging will follow later in the year.

More than 1,700 students at Texas Tech University received degrees during 1997 fall commencement exercises. Keynote speaker at the exercises was Thomas R. Phillips, chief justice of the Texas Supreme Court.

Graduating students included the following: Brian Gregory Earnst with a BS in Engineering Tech., Debra Kay Hendrickson with a bachelor of arts, and Heath William Hendrickson with a bachelor of science in electrical engineering, all of Big Spring.

More than 3,800 Texas Tech University undergraduate students qualified for academic honors lists at the end of the fall semester.

Students on the President's List earned a 4.0 grade point average while enrolled in 12 or more semester hours of classwork. Students who earned 12 or more hours with a grade point average of 3.5 to 3.9 qualified for the Dean's List.

Area students making the honor rolls included the following: Adrian DeLaRosa, Kelly Lynn Harrell, Elisa Michelle Hinojos, Bradley Jason Lentz, Kirstie Ann Moates, Jason Nils O'Brien, Benjamin Raymond Russell, Jamie Ruth Glass Walker, Ryan Cole Williams and Ashley Ann Youngblood, all making the Dean's List; and Stacey June Hollar, Lenae Michelle Moore and Jeffrey Matthew Moss, all making the President's List. Brandi Rachelle Gressett of Coahoma, also made the President's List.

The following students earned degrees during the fall 1997 commencement exercises held at Texas A&M University: Andrew Culloden Bell, Coahoma, with a BS in Mechanical Engineering; Brady Curtis Johnson with a BS in Construction Science; and Steven Ray Meek with a BS in Agricultural Development, both of Big Spring.

Texas A&M University also

named its honor roll for the 1997 fall semester.

The Dean's Honor Roll recognizes students taking at least 15 semester hours who have maintained at least a 3.75 grade point ratio, and the Distinguished Student recognizes students who earned a 3.25 to 3.75 GPR while taking at least 15 hours.

Among those recognized were: Aaron Maxwell Barr, Justin Keith Wood, both of Coahoma, Steven Ray Meek, Kacey Delyse Forks and William Colin Woodall, all of Big Spring.

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Michael M. and Tiffany Grand and child Kelsey, Ft. Hood. He

is employed by Scenic Mountain Medical Center.

Gilberto S. and Lupe Sanchez, son Gilbert and daughter Marina. Van Horn. She works for the BSISD.

Jose A. and Lori Tergero, son J.C. and daughter Brandi, Austin. He is employed by the Big Spring State Hospital, and she is employed by HEB.

Randall Scott, Ballinger. He works for Del Mar Drilling Co., Inc.

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ANNIVERSARIES

The Smiths

George and Elizabeth Smith will celebrate their 40th wedding anniversary on Feb. 28, 1998, at 6:30 p.m. at Hillcrest Baptist Church Garden Room, hosted by their children and spouses.

He was born in Roscoe, and she was born in Forest, La., as Elizabeth Largent. They met at the First National Bank while both were employed there.

Mr. and Mrs. Smith were married on Feb. 28, 1958, in the home of George's uncle, W.B. Younger. They have three children, Danny Smith of Coupland, Kim Bradberry of Killeen, and Lisa Barber of Big Spring, and four grandchildren. They have lived in Big Spring during their marriage.

Mr. Smith is retired from Cosden, and Mrs. Smith is the librarian aide at College Heights Elementary.



MR. AND MRS. SMITH

They are affiliated with Hillcrest Baptist Church. They enjoy crafts, camping and their grandchildren.

HOROSCOPE

HAPPY BIRTHDAY FOR SUNDAY, FEB. 22:

Go for what you want this year; you are full of ideas, energy and happiness. Others respond to you in a big way. You are unusually successful in big groups, networking and making new friends. Because of your personality, your life expands; new options are a daily event. Only go for the golden opportunities. If you are single, don't count on that status continuing. The love of your life could dance into the coming year. If attached, the two of you become closer when you work for a common goal. CAPRICORN loves being with you.

ARIES (March 21-April 19) Take the lead, and bring friends together. Good news comes your way, but you must keep it a secret! It might be hard not to twinkle, or let another know. Make plans for a good evening. Prepare an easy dinner, order out or let everyone contribute. Tonight: Fun is easy!

TAURUS (April 20-May 20) Make calls, contact others and heed instincts about a friendship. One of your friends is full of news, with perhaps a sprinkle of spice added for good measure. Good feelings surround you, them and an unexpected get-together. Tonight: Sunday-night festivities.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20) One-to-one relating has a special overtone. Share more, and be more open. A career matter or a decision involving your public image is important. You see many options. Now, choose! It is your call. A respected friend or relative shares with you. Tonight: A force to behold!

CANCER (June 21-July 22) Others want you and drag you out the door (as if you are unwilling!). Accept plans for a fun outing. There is a lot to see; divergent points of view become evident. Make plans for a vacation; try something different and new. Tonight: It could be a late night!

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22) Take time to rest and spend with a significant other. You need to reconnect on a deeper level and share your feelings. You can transform your tie, make it more vital. Understanding seems to flow between the two of you. Tonight: Get a good night's

SLEEP ****

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) Romance seems to be the normal outcome of a visit. If you are single, an encounter today could be significant. If attached, return the fire to your relationship. Take up a new hobby or another pleasurable activity. Tonight: Romp.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22) You mind is on work, home and designing a life that is more functional and rewarding. Re-organize, and eliminate red tape. Make your life work. A co-worker proves to be full of fertile tidbits. Don't hesitate to take positive actions. Tonight: Happy at home!

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21) Make calls, and reach out for others. Whatever you have been putting off, now is the time to take action. Allow your imagination to run wild. Another helps you open up. A loved one shares feelings with you. Intimacy marks the moment. Tonight: Flight might away!

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21) Spend time with family members and friends. Enjoy a mellow day at home. A home improvement is an excellent idea. Get started; price, the materials or the work. You will like the results. A child has a strong sense of what he would like. Listen. Tonight: Order in.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19) You don't have to do much because you are full of ideas and plans. Let go, and enjoy what is happening. Take time to reacquaint yourself with a neighbor. There is lots of news. Laughter breeds more laughter. Tonight: Good time for all.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18) Intuition is strong with funds. You see many ways of making money, and visualize more of what you want. Check out costs of a purchase. Buy a lottery ticket, head for the casinos or make an affordable bet. You're lucky right now. Tonight: Enjoy life.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20) You are full of thoughts and energy. Do not sell yourself short, but stay on target. Join friends; go out for munchies or to a movie. You are likely to meet new people and have a great time on the way. Tonight: Wherever the action is.

ON THE MENU

SENIOR CITIZEN CENTER

MONDAY-Chicken fried steak, potatoes, green beans, salad, milk/rolls, apple crisp.

TUESDAY-Chicken, potatoes, squash, waldorf salad, milk/rolls, cobbler.

WEDNESDAY-Beef stew, green beans, gelatin salad, cornbread, milk, pudding.

THURSDAY-Cat fish, potatoes, okra & tomatoes, coleslaw, milk/rolls, applesauce.

FRIDAY-Roast beef, baked potatoes, peas & carrots, salad, milk/rolls, fruit.

SANDS SCHOOLS

MONDAY-Sandwiches (ham or grilled cheese), beef & vegetable soup, potato chips, ice cream, milk.

TUESDAY-Bar-be-que ribs, ranch style beans, potato salad, pineapple, rolls, milk.

WEDNESDAY-Beef & cheese chalupas, salad, corn, pudding, milk.

THURSDAY-Steak fingers/w/gravy, mashed potatoes, green beans, hot rolls, jello, milk.

FRIDAY-Fiesta, pork & beans, corn on cob w/butter, cookies, fruit, milk.

STANTON SCHOOLS

MONDAY-Steak fingers or grill cheese, french fries, vegetarian beans, fresh fruit, french bread, milk, punch.

TUESDAY-Salisbury steak or pot pie, mashed potatoes/gravy, broccoli/cheese, mixed fruit, hot roll, milk, punch.

WEDNESDAY-Chili fries or chicken fajita, pinto beans, lettuce/tomato salad, pineapple cup, cornbread, milk, punch.

THURSDAY-Baked ham or baked chicken, sweet potatoes, tossed salad, fruit gelatin, gingerbread, milk, punch.

FRIDAY-Steak burger or cheeseburger, tator tots, hamburger salad, apple wedge, cookie, milk, punch.

COAHOMA SCHOOLS

MONDAY-Frito pie, tex-mex beans, milk, cherry cobbler.

TUESDAY-Spaghetti w/meat (burritos), corn, salad, bread, chocolate pudding, milk.

WEDNESDAY-Chicken & dumplings (corn dogs & fries), mixed vegetables, carrot sticks, milk, apple pie.

THURSDAY-Taco beef pie (chicken patty on bun), baked beans, salad, dessert, milk.

FRIDAY-Pizza, fries, salad, milk, cookies. Teachers only baked potato or salad.

BIG SPRING SCHOOLS

MONDAY-Taco (chicken salad on lettuce, crackers), corn, celery w/peanut butter, grapes, milk.

TUESDAY-Sausage pizza (sliced baked ham), 1/2 baked

potato, fried okra, cherry jello, hot roll, milk.

WEDNESDAY-Crispy chicken sandwich (chef salad (meatless offered), crackers), broccoli w/cheese sauce, potato rounds, banana, orange cream cup, milk.

THURSDAY-Tamales w/chili(chicken strips, whipped potatoes), ranch style beans, pineapple tidbits, hot roll, milk.

FRIDAY-Sack Lunch Day-Ham/cheese sandwiches (chicken fried steak, whipped potatoes), carrot sticks, green apple, flavored potato chips brownie, milk.

GARDEN CITY SCHOOLS

MONDAY-Beef, bean burritos, chili, sliced peaches, corn, brownie, milk.

TUESDAY-Green beef enchiladas, salad, pinto beans, pudding, cornbread, milk.

WEDNESDAY-Tuna casserole, green peas, salad, saltine crackers, cake, milk.

THURSDAY-Chicken breast patties, mashed potatoes, green beans, applesauce, hot rolls, milk.

FRIDAY-Fish nuggets, tarter sauce, coleslaw, blackeye peas, cornbread, cookie, milk.

WESTBROOK SCHOOLS

MONDAY-Corn dogs, mustard, pork & beans, macaroni & tomatoes, applesauce, milk.

TUESDAY-Chili beans, potato rounds, carrots, pineapple, cornbread, milk.

WEDNESDAY-Turkey &

dressing, gravy, green beans, cranberry sauce, mixed fruit, sliced bread, milk.

THURSDAY-Chalupas, cheese, corn, tossed salad, peach cobbler, milk.

FRIDAY-Beef stew with vegetables, cheese or peanut butter sandwiches, apple crisp, milk.

FORSAN SCHOOLS

MONDAY-Chili cheese fries, ranch style beans, salad, cookies/fruit, milk.

TUESDAY-Bean chalupas, corn, salad, fruit/teddy grahams, milk.

WEDNESDAY-Cheeseburger packets, fritos, salad, fruit, milk.

THURSDAY-Beef tamales, ranch style beans, spanish rice, salad, churros, milk.

FRIDAY-Chicken nuggets/gravy, whipped potatoes, green beans, hot rolls, jello with fruit, milk.

ELBOW SCHOOL

MONDAY-Cheeseburger macaroni casserole, pea salad, fruit crackers, milk.

TUESDAY-Baked fish, macaroni & cheese, green beans, hushpuppies, fruit, milk.

WEDNESDAY-Tacos with sauce, cheese, salad, corn, fruit, milk.

THURSDAY-Oriental stir-fry veggies, egg roll, rice, fruit, milk.

FRIDAY-Hot dogs/chili, vegetarian beans, potato salad, fruit, milk.

HUMANE SOCIETY



Pictured: "Beethoven" Male Saint Bernard mix, 1-2 years old, neutered.

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These, plus many more dogs and cats are awaiting adoption. Adoption fees for dogs are just \$50 and cats are \$40. This includes spaying or neutering, vaccinations, wormings and rabies shots. Also covers feline leukemia tests for cats. All pets come with a two-week trial period.

STORK CLUB

Karissa Jo Dixon, girl, Feb. 5, 1998, 8:59 a.m., seven pounds four ounces and 18 inches long, parents are Kim and Van Dixon.

Grandparents are Joe and Gary Raczka, Big Spring, and Carol and Joyce Dixon, Ashdown, Ark.

Morgan Paige Flores, girl,

Feb. 17, 1998, 1:29 p.m., eight pounds 9 1/2 ounces and 20 1/2 inches long; parents are Tori and Frankie Flores.

Grandparents are John and Debra Borchardt and Sukie and Rosa Flores, all of Big Spring.

Ross Edward Freeman, boy, Feb. 12, 1998, 6:15 p.m., seven pounds two ounces and 19 1/2 inches long; parents are Kara and Chad Freeman.

Grandparents are Joyce and Steve Coleman, and Carolyn and John Freeman. Great-grandparents are Bernice and E.W. Nail, Frankie and Charlie

Brown, Lucy and Jay Hoover and Christine Freeman, all of Big Spring.

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High costs causing people to lack insurance coverage

By LEE BOWMAN
Scripps Howard News Service

WASHINGTON — A new study suggests that 6 million Americans have gone without employer-sponsored health care insurance over the past eight years because they couldn't afford to pay their share of the premiums.

The squeeze is expected to get even worse, according to an analysis prepared for labor groups, with between 8 million and 12.5 million more workers and their families forced to opt out of company sponsored coverage in the next five years.

If health plan premiums continue rising and employers continue to shift the burden to

workers, the study released Thursday by the AFL-CIO projects that health premium costs for workers could average more than \$2,600 a year by 2002, up \$1,000 from the average today.

"With half the people who have employer coverage earning less than \$50,000 a year, that could be a considerable burden," said Peggy Conerton, a health care specialist with the union.

Health care consultant John Sheils of The Lewin Group, chief author of the study, noted that in 1988, the average worker's share of health insurance premiums paid by employers was 10 percent; by 1996, that share had risen to an average of 22 percent.

The study, based on a variety of government and private surveys and Census statistics, says that between 1988 and 1996, the cost of family insurance coverage to employers rose by 111 percent, while the cost of the share of premiums paid by workers rose 146 percent.

The increase has been even steeper for single worker coverage, where the costs paid by employees have gone up 284 percent, while overall premium costs to employers have increased by just 79 percent.

Sheils said that's largely because many companies only recently started requiring employee contributions for individual coverage, while most have required workers to share

the cost of family coverage for decades.

"And this happened largely during a period when employers were able to keep their premium increases fairly low by turning to managed care," Sheils said. "Now, with premiums expected to rise 5 to 10 percent this year, the pressure may become considerably greater on workers."

"This study just confirms the concern I hear about the rising cost of health insurance from working families everywhere I go," said AFL-CIO President John Sweeney.

"I hear story after story from workers who had to drop their family coverage because they

were paying more for health coverage than for any other expense, including rent or groceries or clothes for their kids. I don't know how many times I've heard workers say their recent pay increase, as small as it was, got eaten up by an increase in health insurance costs."

The Lewin study echoes a report by government economists last fall that found even though 75 percent of workers are offered health coverage through their jobs, only 60 percent are covered, and that the percentage of workers opting for the coverage had fallen by 8 percent between 1987 and 1993. The government economists also said it appeared this

decline was due to increased cost-sharing demanded by employers.

Although Sweeney said the study bolsters arguments for a federal mandate that employers be required to provide workers with coverage and pay at least 75 percent of the cost, any such requirement is adamantly opposed by business.

President Clinton was unable to push such an employer-mandate through Congress when it was controlled by Democrats five years ago, and the Republicans in control now are even less sympathetic.

Many are looking instead at plans that would detach health coverage from employment.

Texans not saving for retirement

AUSTIN (AP) — A new state report says Texans are lagging behind in saving money for retirement, education, home purchases and other major events in their lives.

The latest issue of Fiscal Notes, published by the state comptroller's office, Thursday reported that many Texas households fit the profile of non savers.

In particular, Texans appear unlikely to hold such assets as stocks or investment real estate associated with retirement savings, the report said.

Because of the state's younger-than-average population, the report says many Texas are behind what it calls the "entitlement curve" for the elderly.

By the time today's 33-year-old Texans are ready to retire, they may have to wait an extra two years to receive Social Security payments, the report said.

"In all likelihood, Social Security will not be sufficient for retirement in the future," Comptroller John Sharp said.

"But, long before these families reach retirement age, they will be facing other decisions, such as buying a first car, a first home or sending a first child to college," he said.

Sharp said Texans need to weigh the costs and benefits of saving compared to spending.

"If Texas families are to be financially secure and independent in the future, they must start working toward that goal today."

According to the report, Texas' relatively young population also means workers contribute disproportionately to the Social Security system through payroll taxes.

In addition, the state's per capita income is below the national average, so a higher share of wages are paid to Social Security, yet retirees receive lower monthly Social Security payments than the U.S. average.

The report said Texas workers are less likely than other Americans to be covered by employee pension plans. U.S. Department of Labor figures showed only 45 percent of full-time workers in Texas covered by pensions.

Savings habits are closely linked with education levels, the comptroller's office reported. Texas has more than 2.5 million high school dropouts,

WELCOME ABOARD



Courtesy photo
Members of the Big Spring Area Chamber of Commerce and the Ambassador's group welcome Carroll Insurance to Big Spring's business community during a recent ribbon cutting. Cutting the ribbon is owner Kyle Carroll, who is joined by his wife Jeannie (center of ribbon) and mother Betty Carroll. Big Spring's newest insurance company is at 1704 E. FM 700.

Economist: Cattlemen can't tie Oprah to cattle market plunge

AMARILLO (AP) — There's no way to pinpoint Oprah Winfrey's show about "dangerous foods" as the cause for a cattle market decline in the spring of 1996, according to an economist testifying in her defense.

Iowa State University agricultural economics professor Marvin Hayenga on Thursday told jurors in the talk show host's beef defamation trial that myriad factors were depressing cattle prices around the April 16, 1996, program.

"There is no way to sort out the Oprah show for all of that price decline, as is being claimed in damage calculations," said Hayenga, who presented several charts on behalf of the defense.

Hayenga began testifying after Diane Hudson, the show's executive producer, finished being grilled by plaintiffs' lawyers. Her questioning became so intense at times that U.S. District Judge Mary Lou Robinson often admonished counsel for being argumentative and repetitive.

Through it all, Ms. Hudson calmly refused to acknowledge that anyone made any false statements despite plaintiffs' persistent attempts to get her to do so.

"As far as I was aware, there were no falsehoods on the show," Ms. Hudson testified. "I

believe today as I did then that guests believed what they were saying was true."

A group of Texas cattlemen claim that a market plunge following Ms. Winfrey's talk show about "dangerous foods" cost them \$12 million. They're suing her, her production company and vegetarian activist guest Howard Lyman for business disparagement.

Part of the show centered on mad cow disease, which has stricken British herds since the 1980s. A unique, related strain of a similar human ailment is suspected of killing 23 people there.

Neither mad cow disease nor the human variant has been reported in the United States.

Under friendly questioning by Lyman attorney Barry Peterson, Hayenga testified that oversupply, weak exports and seasonal factors pushed already slumping cattle prices lower in the spring of 1996.

"This (declining market) was already happening in response to a drop in consumption in Southeast Asia, Japan particularly, ... not regarding anything to do with what happened on this show," Hayenga said.

Hayenga also targeted cattleman Paul Engler's assertion he lost more than \$4 million by selling cattle on the futures market because he was spooked by the episode.

Hayenga testified Engler waited too long after the show — two weeks or more — to "hedge" by selling futures.

"If the show is cause for this particular action (hedging) in the futures market, in my view it needs to be much more immediate," Hayenga said.

Coca-Cola widening lead in soft drink war

NEW YORK (AP) — Coca-Cola Co. extended its lead in the \$54.7 billion U.S. soft drink business last year as Pepsi-Cola Co. gave ground despite a strong showing by its Mountain Dew brand.

That was the picture that emerged Thursday from a pair of reports published by top industry watchers which found Coca-Cola's brands collectively expanded their share of the market while Pepsi's brands slipped.

"Coke had a terrific year," said John Sicher, editor and publisher of Beverage Digest.

He attributed the Atlanta-based company's performance to good marketing, the introduction of the citrus drink Surge and expanded availability of the Barq's root beer brand.

The news wasn't all downhill for Pepsi-Cola as Mountain Dew was the fastest growing of the major soft drink brands.

Coca-Cola brands including Coca-Cola Classic, Diet Coke, Sprite and Barq's collectively accounted for 43.9 percent of the domestic soft drink market in 1997, up 0.8 percentage points from a year earlier, according to the Beverage Digest/Maxwell report.

But Pepsi-Cola's brands lost ground, with their combined market share dropping 0.1 percentage point to 30.9 percent, the report said.

Pepsi-Cola, based in Somers, N.Y., has brands like Pepsi, Diet Pepsi and Slice as well as Mountain Dew.

"By our standards, 1997 wasn't a stellar year for us," said Pepsi-Cola spokesman Larry Jabbonsky.

Dallas-based Dr Pepper/Seven Up, a division of Cadbury Schweppes of the United Kingdom, was third among the soft drink companies with 14.5 percent of the U.S. market, down 0.2 percentage points from 1996, according to Beverage Digest. Numerous smaller companies split the remaining 10.3 percent.

Beverage Marketing Corp., an industry research and consulting firm, found identical changes for the top three companies but said that left Coca-Cola at 44.6 percent, Pepsi-Cola at 30.7 percent and Dr Pepper/Seven Up at 14.3 percent of the market.

Among individual brands, Beverage Digest said Coca-Cola Classic remained the top seller despite falling 0.2 percentage points to 20.6 percent of the market.

The Pepsi brand stayed in second place at 14.5 percent but lost 0.4 percentage point of market share. Diet Coke was third at 8.5 percent, down from 8.7 percent in 1996.

Mountain Dew leaped ahead of Sprite and Dr Pepper to claim fourth place.

PARTY'S & MORE



Courtesy photo
The Big Spring Area Chamber of Commerce and members of the Ambassador's group recently welcomed Big Spring's newest fun place to shop — Party's & More. Cutting the ribbon are Marcus and Theresa Del Toro along with employee Lonnie Prater. Party's & More is at 406 E. FM 700.

Consider several points carefully before buying a house

By PAMELA REEVES
Scripps Howard News Service

Some families are so eager to buy a house that they plunge in without taking a realistic look at whether they really can afford to become owners. The result can be disastrous — or at the least, financially uncomfortable.

If you're not prepared financially, you might find yourself living in a splendid house without a penny to spare for anything else," says Kathleen DeFrances of Source One Mortgage. "Or you might overextend to the point where you can't keep up with your mortgage payments and risk

losing the house."

Source One, a national mortgage banker, has put together a list of points to consider before you set out to buy. They require some work on your part, but the more you know, the more comfortable you will be with your home buying decision.

1. "Add up the probable costs for a house in your price range. Include monthly mortgage payments, moving costs, settling in costs, taxes, insurance and property repair and maintenance. Are these costs higher than you pay in rent? If so, can you afford more for housing than you are currently paying?"

You won't be able to figure out all these costs exactly, but you can come close. The mortgage payment is easy. Choose a mortgage amount, ask a local lender to quote you an interest rate and then either use an online mortgage amortization calculator or ask a real estate agent to run the numbers for you. Call a mover to get an estimate of moving costs. A real estate agent can give you a good estimate of property taxes and insurance.

Figuring out property repairs and maintenance is harder. If the house you buy is new or in good shape, you probably won't have to spend too much right away. But figure that some

appliance or other will need replacing and that other things — furnace, roof, basement water leaks — will go wrong at some point and you will have to deal with them.

2. "Analyze your current expenses. Keep a record of everything you spend over a period of time — say, three months. Do you usually have some money left at the end of each pay period? If not, you may need to change some of your spending habits before you can seriously consider buying a house."

It's easier to cut down spending when you have a goal. Give up all frills and sock away \$300 a month. At the end of a year

you'll have \$3,600 plus a little interest. That's enough for a 3 percent down payment on a \$120,000 mortgage.

3. "Try out the cost of home ownership. Start now to put aside money from each pay check in whatever amount you decide you could pay over your current housing costs. If you find you can do this, you may be ready for home ownership."

For example, on a \$120,000 mortgage at 7 percent interest, the monthly mortgage would be \$798. Add in \$250 a month for insurance and property taxes and the total comes to \$1,048 a month. If you're paying \$700 a month in rent now, that's \$348

a month more to own a house. Can you live with that increase long-term, or at least until you get a raise?

4. "Analyze the up-front costs involved in purchasing a home. Your up-front costs include the down payment and various closing costs."

You can make a down payment of as little as 3 percent with government backed mortgages (FHA and VA) and with some other loans. Figure closing costs to be at least 3 percent of the amount of your mortgage. On the positive side, all the interest you'll be paying on the mortgage will lower your tax bill unless you stick with the standard deduction.

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PUBLIC RECORDS

Justice of the Peace
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Precedent 1, Place 1
Bad Checks/Warrants Issued:
The addresses listed are the last known addresses. Names on this list remain until all fines have been paid. If any problems with this list, please contact China Long's office at 264-2228.

- Alvarez, Juanita, 203 N.E. 10th, Big Spring
- Alvarez, Rashalee, 3601 Andrews Hwy No. 708, Midland
- Calderson, Jose, 158 De Chantle No. 225, San Antonio
- Castillo, Sandra, 944 E. 16th St., Big Spring
- Castro, Hector, 1708 E. 11th, Big Spring
- Chavera, Marcos, HCR 72, box 17, Stanton
- Christian, Traci, HCR 69, Box 147, Big Spring
- Claxton, Michael R., 706 Johnson, Big Spring
- Clay, Terry, 2126 Hickory, Colorado City
- Coates, Daryle, P.O. Box 1558, Big Spring
- Cramer, Ronald, P.O. Box 1126, Clovis, N.M.
- Crow, Kenneth Charles, 1310 Tucson, Big Spring or Box 634, Forsan
- Deanda, Benjamin Jr., 704 E. 15th, Big Spring
- Ellis, Randy, 3200 40th St., Snyder
- Flores, Elizabeth A. Vasquez, 928 Waco No. 19, Colorado City
- Garner, Van Burk, 501 N. Birdwell, Big Spring, or 601 George Ave. No. 108, Midland
- Hellums, David, 1002 N. Main No. 29, Big Spring
- Hill, Robin K., 1508 Blue Bird, Big Spring
- Howell, Lawrence John, HC 76 Box 144 A2, Big Spring
- Lujan, Patsy, 621 Sgt. Paredez, Big Spring
- Mathis, Mark, Rt. 4, Dublin
- Rose, Robert 2403 Alabama, Big Spring
- Salas, Sylvia, 224 1/2 S. Cecil, Hobbs, N.M.
- Stout, Jerry G., 7311 N. Co. Rd. 16, Shallowater
- Young, Charlene G., 12469 S. FM 644, Hereleigh

Howard County Clerk's Office:

Marriage Licenses:

- Rye Taylor Bavin, 26, and Robin M. Vottero, 28
- Ernest Eugene Clanton, 55, and Patsy Blancett Curry, 63
- Arthur Valdez, Jr., III, 25, and Jennifer Lynn Szyperski, 25
- Robert Donald Underwood, 61, and Mary Anderson Davis, 46
- Marcos Rocha, Jr., 28, and Delфина Garcia, 20
- Johnny Garcia, Jr., 20, and Melissa Christine Miller, 19
- Clifton Lee Canady, 34, and Brenda Mae McKee, 32
- Freddie Leon Everton, 63, and Lenita Mahurn Roberts, 60
- Rocklan Stone King, 51, and Donna Cheryhomes, 42

County Court:

Court Records:

Order of dismissal: Charles Gary Tessner, Catherine Lynn Edwards, Tony James Roberts, Robert H. Mitchell, Jr., Raymond Puga Nunez, John Ramirez, John Corbett Willford, Sandra Hinojos, Simon Antonio Saldaña, Linda Herrera Holmes, Ramon Lopez, Jr., Rosalyn Young, Tommy Lee Williams, John David Avara, Julian Millan, Jr., Enrique Maldonado Estrada, Tract S. Devore, Nicholas Lance Hise, Rosh Rangel Roberts

Order continuing defendant on probation & extending period of probation: Irene Hinojosa, Richard Salazar

Order discharging defendant from probation: William Lewis Steagald, Tammy Jo Davidson, Robert Karl Jones

Revocation of probation & imposition of sentence: Ernesto Morales, Jr., Gary Lee Fox, Jimmy Nash, Gary L. Fox

Judgment & sentence DWL: Ernesto Morales \$100 fine, \$129.25 court cost and 90 days in jail

Motion to dismiss revocation of probation: Juan Marquez, Guy Dewayne Webster

Order: Juan Marquez, Tracy S. Devore, Guy Dewayne Webster

Probated judgment possession of marijuana under two ounces: Richard Wayne Roberts \$500 fine and 180 days in jail

Judgment & sentence possession of marijuana under two ounces: Paul Daniel Lee \$300 fine, \$219.25 court cost and 30 days in jail

Judgment & sentence DWLS: Joe Luis Mendoza \$250 fine, \$219.25 court cost and 30 days in jail

Probated judgment fleeing from police officer: Richard James White \$500 fine and 180 days in jail

Probated judgment DWL: Esperanza Connie Vera \$750 fine and 180 days in jail

Probated judgment make alcohol available to a minor: Christopher D. Cruz \$100 fine and 180 days in jail

Probated judgment DWL: Mariselda C. Carrillo \$500 fine and 180 days in jail, Elvira Brito \$400 fine and 180 days in jail

Judgment & sentence fail to stop and give information: Kathy Ann Kremisky \$500 fine and \$184.25 court cost

Judgment & sentence unlawfully carrying a weapon: Denny Leon Roberts \$500 fine, \$219.25 court cost and 90 days in jail

Probated judgment unlawfully carrying a weapon: Jessie Acosta Tarrin \$100 fine and 180 days in jail

Probated judgment theft over \$50/under \$500: Roty Cervantes \$250 fine and 180 days in jail

Judgment & sentence theft over \$50/under \$500: Lonnell Lott \$500 fine, \$219.25 court cost and 90 days in jail, Michael Alexander Lewis \$500 fine, \$254.25 court cost and 90 days in jail

Probated judgment criminal trespass/school property: Raul Mendez \$100 fine and 180 days in jail

Deed Records:

Warranty Deeds:

grantor: Estate of Nella I. Tompkins, deceased

grantee: Anita Maxine Dickson

property: lot 2, blk. 1, McEwen Addition

filed: Feb. 9, 1998

grantor: Charles Hall and Terry Hall

grantor: Chuck Rosenbaum
property: lot 19, blk. 1, Amended Piner Heights Addition
filed: Feb. 9, 1998

grantor: Thomas H. Jackson
grantee: Cuthbert Center, Limited
property: tract no. 5 of the William B. Currie Subdivision, a subdivision out of the southeast 1/4 of section 42, blk. 32, T-1, T&P RR Co.
filed: Feb. 9, 1998

grantor: Michael J. WIH and Janet Ausbury
grantee: Candant Mobility Services Corp.
property: lot 7, blk. 3, Piner Heights Addition
filed: Feb. 9, 1998

grantor: Hayes Stripling, Jr.
grantee: Harold G. Talbot and Paula Talbot
property: tract 1 - a 0.48 acre tract of land out of the northwest part of section 6, blk. 32, T-1-S, T&P RR Co.; tract 2 - a tract of land out of the northwest 1/4 of section 6, blk. 32, T-1-S, T&P RR Co.
filed: Feb. 9, 1998

grantor: Southwestern A-1 Pest Control, Inc.

grantee: Max Moore Properties, Inc.
property: tract 1 - lot 6, blk. 3, Marshall Fields Estate; tract 2 - all of lot 2, blk. 11, Suburban Heights; tract 3 - all of the north 50' of lot 3, blk. 79, Original Townsite of Big Spring; tract 4 - lot 46001A, The Creek Townhomes, Phase I, Horseshoe Bay Plat 4.61, Burnet County; tract 5 - 0.477 acre tract of land, more or less, out of the original Barnes 25 acre tract and out of the southeast 1/4 of section 5, blk. 32, T-1-S, T&P RR Co.
filed: Feb. 9, 1998

grantor: H.O. Akin, Jr.
grantee: Linda Jo Akin
property: lot 3, blk. 18, Kentwood No. 2 Addition
filed: Feb. 10, 1998

grantor: Joshua and Doris Owusu
grantee: John and Jill Brode
property: lot 7, blk. 5, Coronado Hills Addition
filed: Feb. 10, 1998

grantor: John D. and Jill A. Brode
grantee: Guido R. and Nina A. Toscano
property: 4.740 acre tract of land out of the northwest 1/4 of section 1, blk. 32, T-1-S, T&P RR Co.
filed: Feb. 10, 1998

grantor: Susan Self Rose
grantee: Rebecca Self Enriquez and Jose Flores Enriquez
property: a 2.0 acre tract of land out of the west part of section 25, blk. 33, Certificate No. 2046, T-1-S, T&P RR Co.
filed: Feb. 11, 1998

grantor: Betty Jo Petty
grantee: Nancy Joann Raney and Harold Houston Roberts, Jr.
property: 3/4" I.P. set for the southeast corner of section 31 and the southwest corner of section 32, blk. 33, T-1-S, T&P RR Co.; 3/4" I.P. set for the northwest corner of section 41 and the northeast corner of section 42, blk. 33, T-1-S T&P RR Co.; beginning at a stake in field set for the southeast corner of section 31 and the southwest corner of section 32 from which a 3/4" I.P. the northwest corner of section 41 and the northeast corner of section 42, blk. 33, T-1-S, T&P RR Co.
filed: Feb. 11, 1998

grantor: Danny Harland Homes, Inc.
grantee: Eugene A. and Pamela S. Brewer
property: all of lot 1, blk. 3, Highland Caprock Subdivision
filed: Feb. 12, 1998

grantor: Stan Feaster
grantee: Bill and Juanita Briley
property: a 1.0 acre tract of land out of the southwest 1/4 of section 13, blk. 32, T-2, N, T&P RR Co.
filed: Feb. 12, 1998

grantor: Dilipkumar D. Bhakta and Manjula D. Bhakta
grantee: Big Spring Bhakta Motel, Inc.
property: a 2.0 acre tract of land out of section 45, blk. 32, T-1-N, T&P RR Co.
filed: Feb. 17, 1998

Gift Deed:
grantor: Betty Jo Petty
grantee: Nancy Joann Raney
property: undivided 1/2 interest in surface estate only of 163.32 acre tract in section 32, blk. 33, T-1-S, T&P RR Co.; undivided 1/2 interest in surface estate only of 169.16 acre tract in section 31, blk. 33, T-1-S, T&P RR Co.; the surface estate only of a tract containing 5 acres in the northeast 1/4 section 31, blk. 33, T-1-S, T&P RR Co.
filed: Feb. 11, 1998

grantor: Penny B. Birmingham
grantee: Minnie Bell Birmingham
property: lot 7, blk. 23, Monticello Addition
filed: Feb. 11, 1998

Warranty deed with vendor's lien:

grantor: Chuck Rosenbaum
grantee: Mark Maas
property: lot 19, blk. 1, Amended Piner Heights Addition
filed: Feb. 9, 1998

grantor: H. Meredith Remley and Sara E. Remley
grantee: Cecilia Moskoe and Alan Moskoe
property: all of lot 7, blk. 31, College Park Estates
filed: Feb. 11, 1998

grantor: Russell Stewart Meyer
grantee: Manuel Zambrano
property: lot 6, save and except the north 6' thereof, blk. 2, Central Park Addition
filed: Feb. 12, 1998

grantor: Bruce D. Meyer
grantee: Gilberto and Hermelinda Jacquez
property: a 0.50 acre tract of land out of the southeast 1/4 of section 43, blk. 31, T-1-N, T&P RR Co.
filed: Feb. 13, 1998

Trustee's deed:

Quit claim deed:
grantor: Loyd and Pat Underwood
grantee: Stan Feaster
property: a 1.0 acre of land out of the southwest 1/4 of section 13, blk. 32, T-2, N, T&P RR Co.
filed: Feb. 13, 1998

grantor: Melinda Kay Hawes, fka Melinda Kay Feaster
grantee: Stan Feaster
property: 1.0 acre tract of land out of the southwest 1/4 of section 13, blk. 32, T-2, N, T&P RR Co.
filed: Feb. 13, 1998

grantor: John C. Smith, Jr., aka John Calvin Smith, Jr.
grantee: Vickie Jo Smith aka Vickie Jo Davidson
property: lot 10, blk. 2, Suburban Heights Subdivision
filed: Feb. 18, 1998

118th District Court

Court Filings:

Family:
In RE: Aline Marichen Howard Margarita Trevino vs. Joe Trevino Barbara Montemayor vs. Frank Montemayor
Erlinda Olivas vs. Guerrero Olivas Barbara Haynes vs. James Edward Haynes

Christine M. Castro vs. Robert Arista Lakisha Moshay Lang vs. Elijah Cole Rebecca Delatour vs. Raymond Delatour Judy May Villa vs. Reynaldo Sanchez Kelly Dawn Bradberry vs. Gabriel A. Barzaza
Candidia Lynn Farmer vs. John Edwin Farmer

Susana Clemens vs. James Troy Nelson Herlinda Franco vs. Fernando Franco Patricia Ann Morris vs. Otis Porter Nancy Futrelle vs. James "Jimmy" Futrelle
Alfredo Ledesma vs. Magdalena Ledesma
Charles Joseph Floyd vs. Shani Jean Floyd

Divorce:
Bobby Derl Foster, JR. vs. Koni Foster Diana Sanders vs. Mark Sanders Velda D. Hartman vs. Michael P. Hartman Nona Sieler vs. Michael D. Sieler Guillermo Alejo Trevino vs. Susa Maria Mata
Guillermo Alejo Trevino vs. Susie Trevino Kristi Dian Rodgers vs. Kevin D. Rodgers Stacy Dene Durrett vs. Carl Durrett
Charlene Yvonne Aguilar vs. Pete Rosendo Aguilar
Grace Sawyers vs. Kurt D. Sawyers Mary A. Henry vs. Wayne Evert Henry Michael Shawn Eason vs. Lus Maria Eason

Tricia Ann Chavez vs. Jaime G. Chavez Faron Myles Miller vs. Kimberly Kay Miller Nora Yanez vs. Billie Yanez Richard Rains vs. Christy Lynn Rains Dena D. Jobe vs. Troy M. Jobe Mary Garza Johnson vs. James Earl Johnson
Lisa Carol Sanchez vs. Ricky Angel Sanchez

Abel Carrillo vs. Dorothy Ruth Awtrej Carrillo
Marc Todd Nieman vs. Delilah Yvonne Nieman
Donna Dee Fann vs. Jimmy Ted Fann Darryl Ray Newton vs. Sherrie Louise Newton

Esther Granado vs. Thomas Granado
Accounts, notes & contracts:
Norwest Bank Texas, N.A., vs. Pro-Pliffield Electric, Inc. and Billy G. King
Tim Blackshear Co., dba Blackshear Rentals vs. John Strickling
Citizens Federal Credit Union vs. Jose Manuel Holguin
Jack Cathey Construction vs. San Angelo Outlaws Hockey Club and San Angelo Coliseum
Carl V. Bradley, dba Bradley Supply vs. Big Spring Instrument
Citizens Federal Credit Union vs. Adrian Gonzalez

Injuries & damages:
Patricia Hoffman vs. HEB Food Stores
Injuries & damages with a motor vehicle:
Jeffrey David Nichols vs. Daryl Mason Mullican and Freeman & Son
Other:
Rulings:

PUBLIC NOTICE

Notice is hereby given by the Texas Department of Public Safety that an administrative hearing will be held to show cause for the suspension of drivers license (not to exceed one year) upon the finding that the below listed person(s) are habitual violators of the traffic law as provided in Article 6667b, Section 22, Paragraph (a), V.C.S. The hearing will be held before the Judge of the Justice of the Peace Precinct 1, Place 2, located in the Howard County Courthouse, 300 South Main, Big Spring, Tx. on March 4, 1998 at 10:00 a.m.
James Michael Perez, 14352572
Antonio Lopez Franco, 10422137
AVISO AL PUBLICO
El Departamento de Seguridad Publica (Texas Department of Public Safety) le informa que se tendra una audicion administrativa para demostrar causa de suspension de licencia de manejar (que no exceda un ano), debido a que las personas nombradas en esta lista son violadores habituales de las leyes de trafico definidas en el Articulo 6667b, Seccion 22, Paragrafo (a), V.C.S. Esta audicion se llevara a cabo ante el Juez de Justicia de la Paez Precinct 1, Place 2, ubicado en el Howard County Courthouse, 300 Main, Big Spring, Tx el March 4, 1998 a las 10:00 a.m.
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Antonio Lopez Franco, 10422137
1761 February 22, 1998

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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. 1998 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 PM 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:
Arapark Office, 2000 Arapark 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 of 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. Bid packages will 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: Tim Blackshear, Mayor
Signed: Tom Ferguson, City Secretary
1757 February 15 & 22 1998

TAKE TIME OUT FOR YOURSELF READ

PUBLIC NOTICE

The Local Employee Committee of the State Employee Charitable Campaign will begin accepting applications on February 25, 1998, from health and human service charitable organizations desiring to participate in the 1998 State Employee Charitable Campaign. Qualifying nonprofit agencies in Andrews, Crane, Ector, Howard, Martin, Midland, Pecos, Upton, Ward, and Winkler counties desiring to apply may obtain application kits from the Local Employee Committee at the local campaign manager office, 1209 W. Wall St., Midland, TX 79701; telephone 915/685-7700. Application deadline is April 6, 1998. 1766 February 22 & 23, 1998

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1771 February 22, 1998

PUBLIC NOTICE

CITY OF BIG SPRING, TEXAS
The City of Big Spring announces a public meeting to solicit Citizen's comments and suggestions of the Draft Master Plan for the Big Spring McMahon-Wrinkle Airport and Industrial Airport. The meeting will be held as follows: DATE: February 25, 1998. LOCATION: Airport Management Office building 1106, 2000 Ricksbaugh Drive, Big Spring, Texas TIME: 5:30 PM. For those unable to attend, please forward your comments to 2000 Ricksbaugh Drive West, Big Spring, Texas 79720 by February 25, 1998. 1762 February 20 & 22 & 24, 1998

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Requests for a public hearing from persons who can show they are adversely affected, or requests for further information concerning any aspect of the application should be submitted in writing, within fifteen days of publication, to the Environmental Services Section, Oil and Gas Division, Railroad Commission of Texas, P.O. Box 12967, Capitol Station, Austin, Texas 78711 (Telephone 512/463-6792).
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ADDRESS: Application may be mailed to 4502 Knickerbocker Rd., San Angelo, TX 76904 or any TxDOT office.
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INVITATION TO BID Bids for the construction of the Basement Remodel of the Howard County Library will be received at the Commission's Court located at 300 Main 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 of agent authorized to bind the Bidder to a contract. Each Bidder shall deliver their bid in a sealed envelope to the Owner on 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 J. Philip Furquerson, 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 formally in connection therewith. 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