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Financial audit shows Housing Assistance Program in better shape this year

By CARLTON JOHNSON
Staff Writer

Approximately one year ago the city's comprehensive annual financial report and annual audit revealed several discrepancies in the Housing Assistance Program (HAP), which have been corrected, according to an audit update by Austin-based West, Davis & Company.

Last week, Gary Davis presented the annual financial report and audit for fiscal year 1997 to the Big Spring City Council and said the city has received a clean opinion — meaning an excellent report.

"Where the HAP is concerned, we've noticed significant improvements, especially in the area of travel expenses," Davis said.

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Last year's audit showed that travel expenses were intentionally overstated and cash advances were wrongfully retained by former HAP Director Marva Scurlark. Other travel costs were found to be questionable in terms of time, cost and substantiation, and several of the travel advances were not approved by the city manager.

The costs associated with questions from the 1996 audit of the program totaled \$12,101.28. No similar findings were noted during the 1997 audit, according to Davis.

The second finding of the 1996 audit involved the tenant waiting list.

The audit noted two instances where applicants were moved up on the waiting list and immediately served,

despite some 200 other applicants being ahead of them on the list.

West, Davis & Company questioned Scurlark about the matter and was told by the former director that the incident occurred because the applicants were referred by a council member.

No further occurrences were reported during the 1997 audit.

The third area questioned in last year's audit involved office expenses.

The audit stated, "We noted one instance where over \$200 was spent to custom frame certain certificates received by the HAP director. In addition, we noted where HAP funds were used to purchase general supportive advertisements in general circulation newsletters in the amounts of \$399 and \$425."

"These advertisements were in general support of the organizations publishing the newsletters and did not appear to be required, reasonable or necessary for the program's operations."

The cause of this incident was fictitious documentation and city policies not being followed by the housing program, according to the audit. The cost of this incident was \$1,024.

No similar findings were made during the 1997 audit.

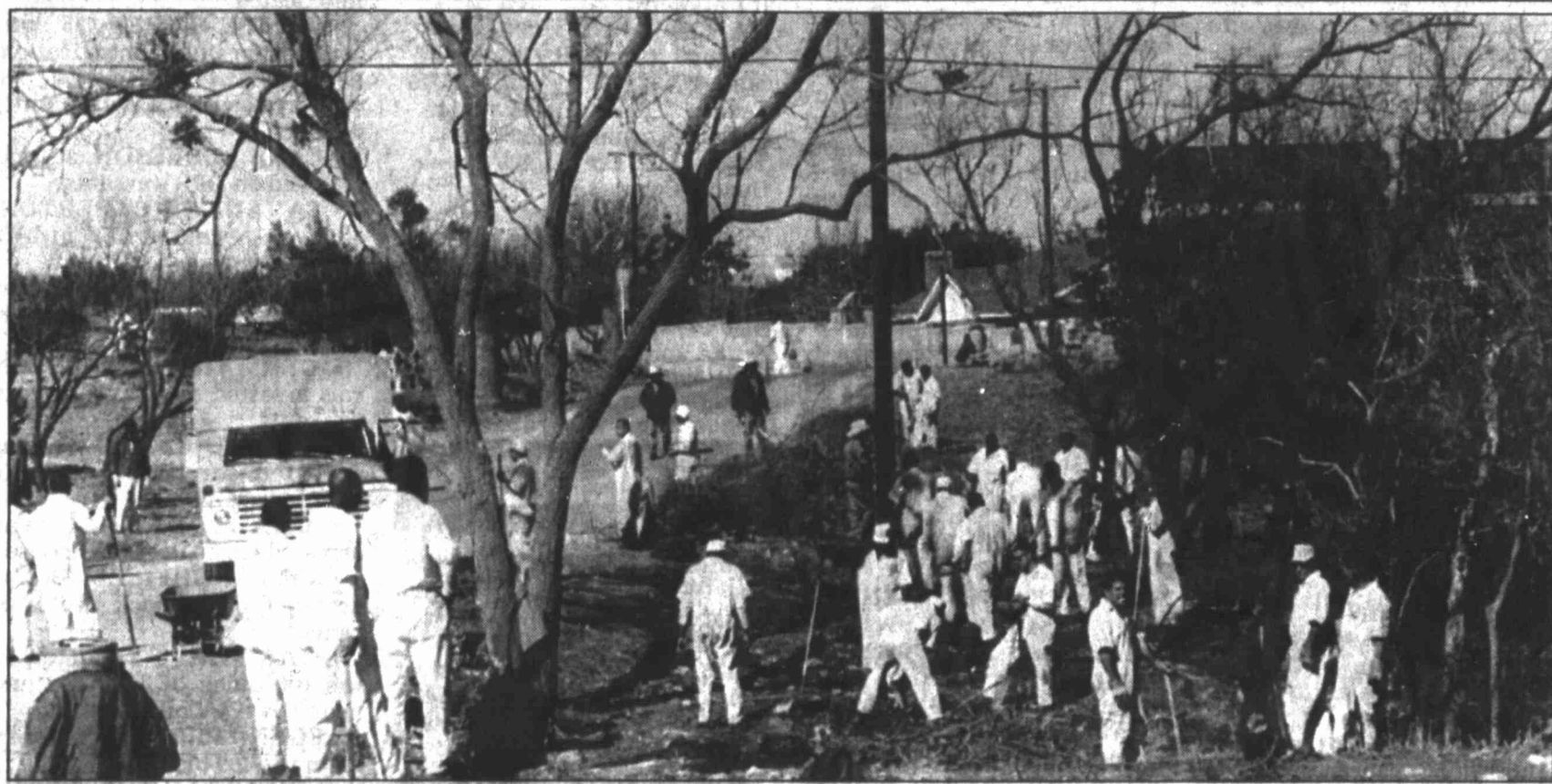
The final incident reported in the 1996 audit, involving the housing program, involved tenant files.

Approximately 35 files were audited for specific compliance with the following errors noted: one file was changed to include an additional

dependent and child support payments one tenant's rent was increased but not charged until three months later; one file incorrectly calculated income due to confusing employer pay information; one file incorrectly based income on erroneous pay information; and several rent payments were not posted to the HAP registers.

Some 50 tenant files were audited during the 1997 audit and seven deficiencies were found and easily corrected, according to Davis. No further deficiencies were noted.

Noting the improvement made in the housing program under new director Mark Gentry, Davis said the only recommendation his firm made in the 1997 audit was training for the HAP staff in fraud recognition.



Wilderness Camp inmates clear underbrush near the area of the historic spring in Comanche Trail Park. While the inmates are working to clear heavy out vegetation, there have been complaints that the near-clear cutting at ground level leaves little or no vegetation to hold the soil in place when it rains and water runs toward the lake.

Moore money

No action taken after board splits over where to deposit \$300,000 from TexPool funds

By CARLTON JOHNSON
Staff Writer

The Board of Directors of Moore Development For Big Spring Inc. recently concluded a month-long discussion on the corporation's investment strategies.

In January, board secretary/treasurer Charles Beil informed the board members that approximately 40 percent of nearly \$1 million in Moore funds is invested in CDs and the remainder is invested in TexPool, the state's investment service for public funds.

Board members' January discussion of Moore's investments indicated that Moore would like to stair-step its investments in CDs, especially some of the funds invested in TexPool.

Moore president Joyce Crooker wanted to stair-step some of the investments as an opportunity for Moore to keep some of its money in local banks which would, in turn, help the local economy.

"I don't see any reason for us to leave \$535,000 in TexPool," Moore vice president Eddie Cole said.

At the request of board members, Beil looked into the idea of investing Moore funds in local banks in \$100,000 increments and recently made his report and recommendation to the rest of the board.

"My evaluation of Moore's cash flow analysis is that we can safely more \$300,000 to \$400,000," Beil said. "This is a conservative maneuver."

Beil spoke to representatives of local banks and found the best one-year interest rate on CDs to be 6 percent at Norwest. TexPool's current rate is 5.57

percent. "The only way for us to gain (by moving funds from TexPool to a local institution) is to use a median figure of \$350,000," Beil said. "For example, in 12 months we could gain \$1,500 with Norwest."

"For the small amount of gain, I question the wisdom of making such a move," Beil added. "I recommend that it's not practical to move money to local institutions at current interest rates."

Cole argued that TexPool is at 5.57 percent right now (TexPool has a daily floating rate), but if it drops, Moore will have missed out on drawing 6 percent locally.

"I don't anticipate a drop," Beil said.

"Investing locally is a no lose situation because we help the local economy instead of Austin," Cole said.

Investing Moore's funds locally at this point and time would be nothing more than giving local institutions surplus, according to Beil.

No motion was made on Beil's recommendation, but board member Terry Wegman did second Cole's motion to invest \$300,000 locally at 6 percent.

Beil and Crooker voted against the money switch while Cole and Wegman voted for it, but because board member Phil Carruthers was absent, the motion died.

Moore is also being careful with its investments because it will need approximately \$200,000 for the Texas Veterans Home awarded to Big Spring last summer. Construction is expected to begin on the first two homes sometime in May and the second two homes before the end of the year.

Howard set to be leader in distance learning

By KATHY GILBERT
Staff Writer

Distance learning is poised to explode all over Texas, and Howard College intends to be a part of it, Vice President for Instruction Ken Tunstall said this week.

"Distance learning will hit on a large scale in Texas," he said. "In six months we want to be a focal point for distance learning."

Because of two recent grants of \$190,000 and \$350,000 from an anonymous donor the college calls their "angel," Howard College can retrofit and expand their distance learning program.

"We want to be a big player in distance education — as a facilitator and access point."

All three phases of their dis-

tance learning plan can be completed as a result of the grants, Tunstall said.

Distance learning rooms will be created or remodeled at the Big Spring, Lamesa and San Angelo campuses. Satellite distance learning rooms will be installed at prisons, and the capability of reaching students in their homes and in high schools can be developed, he said.

Howard currently has two rooms dedicated to courses provided by television. These classrooms will be remodeled and the number of courses offered will grow from 13 to between 15 and 25.

These classrooms are linked by satellite to videocameras in other classrooms. Howard students can watch a class taking place anywhere in the world

and receive credit for it.

In terms of offering classes from other schools "We'll have to pick and choose quality," Tunstall said. "We have to look at the needs of the students."

As a provider of courses for others on the networks, Howard will continue to offer the kinds of programs it has offered in the past, but expand course offerings, Tunstall said. "Then we'll expand into classes where we have a niche, for instance interpreter training at SWCID (SouthWest Collegiate Institute for the Deaf)."

Large networks for educational programming will emerge in the next year, allowing Howard to offer a wealth of classes.

Howard is already a member of the REACH system, a regional network. Soon the school will become a member of the SKATE

consortium, a three-state distance learning network. REACH and SKATE will be available in May, Tunstall said.

Funded by a Texas Infrastructure Grant, Howard will also be hooked up to a network including all community and technical colleges in the state. In the future all four-year colleges in Texas will be included, Tunstall added.

The "virtual college" created will allow Howard to offer almost any classes it chooses, he said.

Finally, Howard can participate in a developing semi-national system sponsored by the Western Governors Association.

All colleges west of the Mississippi River can link up to this network that is still a work-in-progress.

Educational diagnosticians being recognized this week in schools

By KATHY GILBERT
Staff Writer

Educational diagnosticians, the unsung heroes of public school special education, are being recognized this week.

These professionals perform a very important but not well-understood



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function, Richard Light, Director of Special Education for the Big Spring Independent School District explained.

"They're in the background," Light said, "but they work very hard, very unselfishly and they deserve to be recognized."

Educational diagnosticians test children for language ability, perceptual motor skills, intelligence, adaptive behavior and academic achievement. They also determine eligibility

for special education services and recommend appropriate programs.

"Since 1973 special education has gone from babysitting to a more viable branch of the educational system," Claude McKiddy, longtime diagnostician for the Big Spring schools said.

Before the era of modern special education students were sent to "special ed" classrooms "more as a source of relief to

general education," McKiddy explained.

Any student with a behavior problem could be labeled a "special education student," and sent to classrooms where students were controlled, but learned little. Eventually these students graduated, and were sent out into the community with few schools, and serious problems.

Today, primarily due to changes in three revisions to

special education statutes since 1973, school districts are required to test students suspected of having learning difficulties. They then must design programs that fit the students' needs.

In other words, educational diagnosticians help hold schools accountable to provide a quality education for special students. They also provide valuable information that helps districts do a better job.

"Around 1978 districts were required to create an Individual Educational Plan, based upon the results of students' testing," McKiddy said. "The teacher now has to build upon the students' actual strengths, and work to eliminate weaknesses."

The special education program is more successful than ever, McKiddy, who has been a diagnostician for eight years

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Public Schools Week under way on local campuses

EDITOR'S NOTE — Because several schools were edited out of this story in the Sunday edition, it is being re-run in its entirety.

By KATHY GILBERT
Staff Writer

Parents and community members are invited to join the Big Spring schools in celebrating Texas Public Schools Week, today through Friday.

State and area campuses have many creative programs planned to show off the schools.

The focus this year is on elementary schools, Assistant Superintendent Murray Murphy said.

"The kids have been going to school for 4-6 weeks and we feel like it's a good time for students to showcase their work," he noted.

Elementary students also take the writing portion of the Texas Assessment of Academic Skills (TAAS) test on Tuesday.

This week is also Texas Student Lunch Week and Texas Educational Diagnosticians' Week.

Parents and community members are invited to eat at BSISD schools. "Serving nutritious foods that taste good is the goal of our school lunch program," Food Service Director Joann Smoot said.

Parents are asked to contact the school in advance if they plan to eat lunch with a student.

Here's a schedule of events for the Big Spring schools:

- Local Masonic Lodges invite school personnel to breakfast at 7 a.m. Monday at the Masonic Lodge, 211 1/2 Main Street. S.M. Anderson

Kindergarten Center
• Wednesday - Red, White and Blue Day. Gather at the flagpole at 8:50 a.m. to pledge to the American and Texas flags.

• Thursday-Friday - Open House, 8:30 a.m. - 5:30 a.m.

• **Bauer Magnet School**
• Wednesday - Pastries for Parents, 7:30 - 8:15 a.m.

• Thursday - School Spirit shirt day.

• Friday - Individual student parents' "Latitudes"; Grade 5 States' Fair in cafeteria.

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WEATHER

Tonight: Tues: Wed: Thur:

Tonight, clear. Lows 23 to 30. Tuesday, sunny. Highs around 65. Tuesday night, fair. Lows mid 30s to lower 40s. Extended forecast, Wednesday through Friday, dry. Lows mid 30s to lower 40s. Highs in the 60s.

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OBITUARIES

Ruth Springer

Services are pending for Ruth Springer, 74, of Granbury, with Gilbreath Funeral Home of Stanton. She died Saturday, Feb. 28, in Granbury.

Petreta Elizabeth Caudill

Private graveside services for longtime Big Spring business owner Petreta Elizabeth Caudill, 87, were today at Elmwood Memorial Park, Abilene. A service in celebration of her life was at First Baptist Church Chapel.

Mrs. Caudill died Saturday at an Abilene health care facility. She was born in San Saba on Feb. 23, 1911, and moved to Abilene with her parents at an early age, where she attended school. She lived in Big Spring from 1961-1980, where she was the owner/manager of Caudill's Specialty Shop. There are no local survivors.

Tommy C. Hubbard

Tommy C. Hubbard, 68, died Sunday, March 1, 1998. Services are pending at Myers & Smith Funeral Home.

Lester Wilbanks

Lester Wilbanks, 90, died Sunday, March 1, 1998. Services are pending with Myers & Smith Funeral Home.

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College Heights Elementary School

- All week - Troll Book Fair, 8:30 - 10:30 a.m. and 1 - 3 p.m.
Tuesday - Pastries for Parents, Library, 7:30 - 8:15 a.m.
Thursday - Open House, 6:30 - 7:30 p.m.
Friday - Pride Day, wear College Heights T-shirt or red and black.

Kentwood Elementary

Tuesday-Thursday - Book Fair, during open house 7:15 - 8:30 a.m.

- Wednesday - Hat and Sock day
Thursday - Western Dress Day, Open House and PTA meeting, 7 p.m.
Friday - Sweats/Wind-Suit Dress Day, Pastries for Parents, 7:8:15 a.m.

Marcy Elementary

- Tuesday - College Wear Day, PTA Open House, 6 p.m.
Wednesday - Parents Accelerated Reader Day! Parents invited to take the Accelerated Reader Test with their students.
Wednesday - Bad Hair Day! Prize for worst hair style.

- Thursday - Drop, Stop and Read Day! Throughout the day, students and staff will drop everything they are doing and

read.

Thursday - House Slipper Day! Prize awarded for silliest slippers.

Friday - Crazy Hat & Marcy T-Shirt Day! Prize awarded for craziest hat.

Moss Elementary
Tuesday - National Anthem Day. Play national anthem in the morning.

Wednesday - Wear Texas T-shirt. Bureau of Lectures.

Thursday - Cowboy and Native American Day. Dress in Western or Native American clothes.

Thursday - Open House, 6 p.m.

Friday - Silly Hat Day.

Washington Elementary
Wednesday - Pastries for Parents, Grades 1 & 2. Crazy Hat Day

Thursday - Pastries for Parents, Grades 3 & 4. Sunglasses Day.

Friday - Washington T-shirt day. CCC Computer Lab Open House.

Goliad Middle School
Tuesday - "Hats off to education!" Everyone wear a hat. Spelling bee in the library, 9:30 a.m. Band concert, 6:30 p.m., Open House 7 p.m., Meet the teacher in the classroom, 7:30 p.m.

Wednesday - 70s Day. Wear 70s style clothes. Parents invited to have lunch with students.

Thursday - Random Act of Kindness Day. Western Day. Dress up in western clothes.

Friday - War Paint Day. "Get Ready to Fight TAASI". "Parenting in the 90s" by Dr. Ron Cohorn for parents, at 11 a.m.

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and a special education teacher for 13 years, said.

"About 45 percent of the people who finish the special education program and graduate go on to hold down jobs, to become contributing members of the community rather than living off of it."

Prior to the advent of special education, only about 12-15 percent of special education students held down jobs after graduation, McKiddy added.

"Forty-five percent is not good," McKiddy said, "but it's so much better than before. It's telling us our program is working and beneficial."

Educational diagnosticians are required to have a master's degree, a valid Texas teaching certificate, three years of classroom experience and must complete a 33-hour special program before they can be certified, the governor's office said.

After more than three months, all seven home

DES MOINES, Iowa (AP) — Their mother wept with joy, their father grinned and their grandfather said he couldn't praise the Lord enough.

After 3-1/2 months in the hospital, the last two of the McCaughey septuplets went home Sunday to join their famously large family and the 60 volunteers who help take care of them.

"It's great, finally, everybody under one roof," said Kenny McCaughey, carrying a bundled-up daughter Alexis in one hand and Natalie in the other before heading to the family's small three-bedroom house in Carlisle, 10 miles south of Des Moines.

The mother, Bobbi McCaughey, thought about all the trips she had made to Blank Children's Hospital to visit Natalie and Alexis. "I'm very happy," Mrs. McCaughey said. "It'll be weird not to come up every day."

The birth of the septuplets on Nov. 19 was the first of its kind in the United States since 1985, when a California woman delivered seven babies, three of whom survived.

The McCaugheys' four boys and three girls were born about nine weeks before their Jan. 25 due date. Normally, doctors hope that babies born prematurely will be ready to go home around the date they would

have been born if the pregnancy had been carried to term.

The rest of the septuplets — Kenneth, Brandon, Joel, Kelsey and Nathan — went home in January. Natalie and Alexis had not been eating as aggressively as their brothers and sisters, so they were hospitalized longer, said Wes Yoder, a spokesman for the family.

Natalie weighed just 2 pounds, 10 ounces at birth, but she is up to 7 pounds, 10 ounces. Alexis, who was 2 pounds, 11 ounces at birth, now weighs 5 pounds, 11 ounces.

When Natalie and Alexis left the hospital, the rest of the septuplets — Kenneth, Joel, Brandon, Kelsey and Nathan — were there, protected from light snow in pink and blue blankets. Big sister Mikayla, 2, was also on hand, as were Mrs. McCaughey's parents, the Rev. Bob Hepworth and wife Peg.

"We brought them here for a small reunion," Kenneth McCaughey said. "It's part of being a family."

Meanwhile, the hospital in Saudi Arabia where septuplets were born in January has threatened to call the police if the parents don't take their babies home.

Four of the seven babies were issued discharge slips last week but their parents say they are not ready to take them home. Doctors said Sunday the hospital nursery is overcrowded and they are running out of patience.

BRIEFS

BIG SPRING YMCA WILL have a spring break camp for kids whose parents must work during the upcoming school holiday. Trained staff will provide activities in a structured environment March 9-13 from 6:30 a.m.-6 p.m. For more information, call the YMCA at 267-8234.

THE TEXAS DEPARTMENT OF Health will provide a shot clinic on Saturday, March 7, from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. at 501 Birdwell Lane. Parents must bring the child's shot record or a note from a school nurse. Call 267-9775 for more information.

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

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

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

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

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

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

CITIZENS POLICE ACADEMY SIGNUP through March 3. Citizens are invited to learn about their community and its police force through a free course offered by the Big Spring Police Department.

BIG SPRING AROUND THE TOWN

The course runs from March 3 through May 19 and meets on nights and weekends. For an application and information call Sgt. Lee Everett at 264-2565.

THE KIWANIS CLUB OF Big Spring is holding their annual pancake supper. The event will be Thursday, March 12, at Howard College Cafeterium with continuous serving from 5 to 8 p.m.

Bacon and sausage will be served with the pancakes, and it is all you can eat for \$4.

The proceeds from the pancake supper go to benefit local community youthwork, scholarships and support the Key Club.

Tickets are available at the door or can be obtained from any Kiwanis Club member. Call 267-5768 for more information.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

TUESDAY
Most Excellent Way, a chemical dependency support group, 7 p.m., Living Water Church, 1008 Birdwell Lane. Call 267-1424 after 5 p.m. or 263-3168 between 8 a.m. and 5 p.m.
Al-Anon, 8 to 9 p.m., 615 Settles.

MARKETS

March cotton 65.20 cents, up 55 points; April crude 15.44, steady; Cash hogs \$1 higher at 33.50; cash steers steady at 59; April lean hog futures 48.25, down 77 points; April live cattle futures 64.55, up 15 points. courtesy: Delta Corporation. Noon quotes provided by Edward D. Jones & Co.

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FIRE/EMS

Following is a summary of Big Spring Fire Department/EMS reports:

Friday
5:25 a.m. — 600 block of Goliad, medical call, patient transferred to Scenic Mountain Medical Center.

10:29 a.m. — 900 block Goliad, medical call, patient transferred to SMMC.

3:58 p.m. — 100 block NW 4th, trauma call, patient transferred to SMMC.

5:20 p.m. — 1900 block North 87, trauma call, patient transferred to SMMC.

6:32 p.m. — 3200 block Parkway, medical call, patient transferred to SMMC.

7:17 p.m. — 1900 block Wason Road, medical call, patient transferred to SMMC.

Saturday
7:17 a.m. — 3000 block W. FM 846, traffic accident, service refused.

7:59 a.m. — 1600 block Owens, medical call, patient transferred to SMMC.

6:58 p.m. — 2300 block Wason, medical call, patient transferred to SMMC.

9:51 p.m. — 2300 block Wason, medical call, patient transferred to SMMC.

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Sunday
9:23 a.m. — 3700 block Calvin, trauma call, service refused.

9:02 a.m. — 2300 block Wason, medical call, patient transferred to SMMC.

1:26 p.m. — 900 block Goliad, trauma call, patient transferred to SMMC.

5:00 p.m. — 2000 block Morrison, medical call, patient transferred to SMMC.

5:19 p.m. — 3300 block Auburn, medical call, patient transferred to SMMC.

POLICE

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

ROY GOMEZ, 24, was arrested for public intoxication.
TRACY LAMBDIN, 25, was arrested for driving while intoxicated.

JAMES HAYES, 35, was arrested for public intoxication.
ROGELIO MENDEZ, 28, was arrested for assault/family violence.

CARL BURLESON, 36, was arrested on DPS warrants.
SAVANNAH CAPERTON, 42, was arrested for public intoxication.

ROBERT COYLE, 30, was arrested for driving while license invalid.

GERMAINE STAPLETON was arrested on Travis County warrants.

EDUARD CANTU, 43, was arrested for driving while license invalid.

CHAD DEAX, 24, was arrested for no driver's license.
KYLE HIGHFIELD, 33, was arrested on Lubbock DPS warrants.

GAS THEFT reported in the 400 block of Johnson and near Town & Country #103.
FOUND PROPERTY reported in the 400 block of W. 6th.

BURGLARY/HABITAT reported in the 1600 block of Lincoln.

THEFT reported in the 1500 block of E. 4th and the 500 block of E. 13th.

ASSAULT reported in the 1700 block of Yale.

COUNTERFEIT reported in the 300 block of Gregg.

RECORDS

Sunday's high 58
Sunday's low 27
Average high 66
Average low 36
Record high 86 in 1974
Record low 6 in 1922
Precip. Sunday 0.00
Month to date 0.33
Month's normal 0.03
Year to date 1.84
Normal for the year 1.30

PUNCH #77 PRIMARY March 10, 1998 EARLY VOTING Feb. 23, 1998 GENERAL ELECTION NOV. 3, 1998 DEMOCRATIC POLLING SITES: Precinct 203 - Goliad Precinct 202 - Washington Precinct 205 - Kentwood Precinct 207 - Coshoma Precinct 206 - Forsan
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MYERS & SMITH FUNERAL HOME & CHAPEL 24th & Johnson 267-8288 Lester Wilbanks, 90, died Sunday. Services are pending. Tommy C. Hubbard, 68, died Sunday. Services are pending.

NALLEY-PICKLE & WELCH Funeral Home Trinity Memorial Park and Crematory 906 Gregg St. (915) 267-6331 Domingo W. Abreo, 92, died Saturday. A prayer service will be held at 7:00 PM, tonight, at the Nalley-Pickle & Welch Rosewood Chapel. Funeral service will be at 10:00 AM, Tuesday, at Iglesia Bautista La Fe. Interment will follow at Mt. Olive Memorial Park.

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Lawmakers say ultimate course must be removing Iraq's Saddam

WASHINGTON (AP) — While war with Iraq has been averted for now, the crisis will not end until Saddam Hussein is removed from power, lawmakers from both parties say.

"I think we have got to change the objective and say that our nation is going to be on the side of liberating the people of Iraq from their prisons or from the terror of his dictatorship," Sen. Bob Kerrey, D-Neb., said Sunday on NBC's "Meet the Press."

"As long as Saddam Hussein is in power, we will be faced with this challenge of his unending zeal to acquire and use weapons of mass destruction," Sen. John McCain, R-Ariz., agreed on the same program.

The Clinton administration accepted, with the caveat it reserves the right to strike militarily if Saddam reneges on his word, the agreement reached a week ago between U.N. Secretary-General Kofi Annan and Saddam that opens Iraqi "presidential sites" to

international weapons inspectors.

But there has been little confidence on Capitol Hill in the viability of the accord, and Republicans in particular have derided Annan for saying he could do business with Saddam.

"Saddam has been definitely strengthened by what has happened because he now is saying that he defeated the United States one more time," Sen. Orrin Hatch, R-Utah, said on NBC.

Kerrey and Sen. Arlen Specter, R-Pa., among advocates of a long-term campaign to overthrow Saddam, said the Iraqi leader should also be brought up before the war crimes tribunal in The Hague. "If we were to make efforts to topple him," Specter said on CBS' "Face the Nation," "we would certainly be within our rights in a much broader way since he has been declared a war criminal, and perhaps through a trial tried in absentia."

White House national security advis-

er Sandy Berger, in a guest column in Sunday's Washington Post, reminded those who want to overthrow Saddam by proxy that the United States did not do well in supporting anti-government movements in Hungary in 1956, Cuba in 1961 or Iraq in 1991. "We have learned the dangers of starting something we were not prepared to finish," Berger wrote.

Annan, in an interview in this week's Time magazine, said congressional criticism of his diplomatic efforts were "unfortunate. ... I don't really know what is driving some of the statements coming out of Washington."

Last week, Annan canceled a trip to Washington planned for today so he could remain close to U.N. headquarters while the Security Council did its work. But an aide said part of the reason was criticism of the deal by leading Republicans, including Majority Leader Trent Lott, R-Miss.

"The environment in Washington was less welcoming than one might have wished," John Ruggie, assistant U.N. secretary-general, was quoted as saying in USA Today.

A spokeswoman for Lott said Annan had requested a meeting to discuss repayment of back U.S. dues to the United Nations, but Lott's schedule was "too congested" to see with Annan.

Annan, in the Time interview, said he made it clear to Saddam that he faced imminent destruction if he did not allow weapons inspections. "I asked him whether he wanted to destroy all these wonderful edifices, because that is what will happen."

Annan described Saddam as a "man who was very calm, very monotonous in his voice, with no theatrics" who "shows no emotion in his face."

Annan was supported by chief U.N. weapons inspector Richard Butler, who said on ABC's "This Week" and

CNN's "Late Edition" that the secretary-general's diplomatic achievement was "extraordinary."

Butler said there was some concern that the addition of diplomats to the inspection teams going into eight presidential sites could reduce the element of surprise. He said he remained in full control of the inspection process and "if they keep their promise, our access will actually be improved."

But former U.N. weapons inspector David Kay said the addition of diplomats to the teams will cause delays, and "delay is the worst enemy of an inspector. Unless you surprise the Iraqis, you have no hope of finding anything. They literally move things out the back door while you are at the front door."

Iraq's weapons program will continue as long as Saddam is in power, Kay said, "regardless of whether you have inspections or, quite frankly, regardless of whether you have air attacks."

Father of cop's girlfriend killed after alleged family dispute

SAN AUGUSTINE (AP) — A man who once vowed he would die for his daughter has been fatally shot by her police officer boyfriend in a killing under investigation by the Texas Rangers.

Jed Thomas Parrish, 49, was shot to death in front of horrified family members early Friday morning outside the San Augustine Inn, where his daughter, Sarah, worked.

According to employees at the motel, Parrish and his wife had been upset over their daughter's affair with police officer Brandon Bailey and had gone to the inn to meet with her.

"Her parents hadn't seen (Sarah) for three days and they wanted to talk to her," Kirit Patel, manager of the San Augustine Inn, told the Beaumont Enterprise.

Jed Parrish's intense concern for his daughter led him to the hotel, Patel said.

"(Jed) once told Sharon, 'I can die for my girl. I won't let anybody do anything to her,'" Patel said. "He loved her that much."

Shortly before 1 a.m., Patel saw Bailey and fellow police officer Mike Noll parked in a patrol car outside the motel. When Patel asked what they were doing there, Bailey said he had just dropped Sarah off and was waiting for her.

Patel said he left and returned several minutes later when he heard gunfire.

A press release issued by local police said Bailey and Noll "observed a family altercation between a daughter and her parents."

The statement said that when the two officers tried to intervene, they were attacked by Jed Parrish and his son, William Thomas Parrish, 22.

"While attempting to intervene they were reportedly attacked by the father and his son," the statement says. "As a result on (sic) the altercation, Jed Thomas Parrish, 49, was fatally wounded by police officer Brandon Bailey after Bailey received serious injuries when he was repeatedly struck in the head with a metal flashlight and brass knuckles."

Patel said he left and returned several minutes later when he heard gunfire.

Bailey then shot Parrish twice, in the arm and chest, according to the news release.

Asked if Bailey was involved in the fight because he was the cause of tension between Sarah and her parents, the chief declined to comment.

Nor would he explain how the two officers happened across a family disturbance if they weren't called there.

The sheriff's office, which dispatches calls for the police department, received a call only after shots were fired. No one reported a family disturbance at the motel before the shooting, said chief Deputy Lynn Lyons.

William Parrish remains in custody in lieu of \$200,000 bond, charged with two counts of aggravated assault on a police officer.

Bailey is on paid leave pending his recovery and the outcome of an investigation by the Texas Rangers. The results of that investigation will be presented to a grand jury.

Noll was slightly injured in the scuffle, police said.

Case of missing 12-year-old near Houston being treated as criminal investigation

THE WOODLANDS (AP) — More than two months after a 12-year-old girl disappeared, telling friends she was planning to run away, the case is being treated as a criminal probe.

And as authorities continue their search for Michelle Prasek, they complain that her mother and live-in boyfriend have not been all that helpful with the investigation.

Montgomery County Sheriff Guy Williams said detectives attempted to administer lie-detector tests to three people close to Michelle.

"Of those three, one of them failed by showing deception, one of them refused to take it and another one passed it," Williams said. "We have some people we feel are being deceptive. I wish they would cooperate fully with us."

Although Williams would not identify the three people, sources said they were Michelle's mother, Beth Prasek, her boyfriend, Mark Seguin, and Michelle's father, Richard Prasek of

Kingsville.

The sources said Seguin failed the test, and Mrs. Prasek refused to take it. Richard Prasek passed, sources said.

Mrs. Prasek declined comment, but said she had nothing to do with the disappearance.

"I don't think any relatives or anyone close to me had anything to do with it," she said. "Obviously, I'm doing anything I can to find her."

Michelle disappeared the morning of Dec. 19 after telling a friend she was planning to run off to the Conroe area. Prior to her disappearance, Michelle had been through months of counseling to help her cope with her home life, according to friends and family. Her parents divorced four years ago and Seguin moved in last year.

While investigators initially viewed it as a runaway, they said it is now being treated as a criminal investigation.

Strep hotline stays busy over weekend

AUSTIN (AP) — A new telephone hotline to answer questions about a deadly strain of strep bacteria got a rash of calls from a concerned public this weekend.

More than 400 people called into the new hotline to ask state and local health workers if their symptoms were indicative of the invasive Group A streptococcus bacterium.

Since December, 13 people in Texas died after becoming infected with the bacteria. A 16-month-old Austin child and a 9-year-old Round Rock girl became the latest victims when they died.

The higher incident rate of strep A infections prompted the Texas Department of Health to open the phone line.

Even though the line was scheduled to open at 9 a.m. Saturday, Health Department spokeswoman Lynn Denton said 60 people called Friday night after the phone numbers were announced.

During the early spate of calls, Denton related the callers' symptoms to Dr. Kate Hendricks of the Health Department.

"She said, 'That can wait; that one can wait,' but she found

three she called back and said, 'Get your child to the emergency room,'" Denton said.

Health Department worker Laura Tabony said she'd had calls from parents wanting to know if it was all right to take their kids to a playground.

"If those children are robust and healthy and follow personal hygiene," Tabony said, "there isn't any more concern now than at any other time."

Children should be sure to wash their hands several times a day, and especially after playing outside.

Health officials said the number of strep A cases varies from year to year, and stressed that

the infection is still a low risk for most people despite this year's higher tally. Since December, 73 cases have been reported in the state.

Parents of children one year and older have been urged to vaccinate them against chickenpox, which is believed to be a risk factor for strep A.

EDITOR'S NOTE: The phone line will be open through Friday from 7:30 a.m. to 6 p.m. The toll-free number is (888) 388-6332 or (512) 834-6795 in the Austin area.

For information on where to get chickenpox vaccinations, the number is (800) 252-9152.

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The 26 cents per month surcharge would not be billed to customers who receive ELC. However, customers who receive ELC and pay less than the maximum \$3.50 a month residential ELC charge or less than the maximum \$7 business ELC charge will have to pay the additional 26 cents per month charge.

Expanded Local Calling was created in 1993 by Texas legislation that requires telephone companies to provide toll-free calling between small towns that share a community of interest such as a school or hospital district. The legislation allows telephone companies to recover costs not paid through customer charges by applying a surcharge to all other customers in the state who do not receive the ELC service or who do not pay the maximum ELC rate. The maximum monthly ELC rate allowed under state law is \$3.50 per line for residential customers and \$7 per line for business customers.

Southwestern Bell estimates that the 26 cents per month per line charge will recover the \$27 million annual cost of providing ELC service that is not recovered from ELC rates.

If approved by the PUC, the monthly statewide surcharge of 26 cents per line per month will begin with the April, 1998 billing cycles, with an agreement to refund all or part of the charge if the PUC does not approve it.

For questions about the reasons for the charge, please call the Southwestern Bell Business Office listed in your directory.

The PUC assigned Docket Number 18513 to this proceeding. The deadline for intervention in this matter is March 31, 1998. Persons who wish to intervene or comment in these proceedings should notify the PUC by March 31, 1998. All requests to intervene should be mailed to the Public Utility Commission of Texas, P.O. Box 13326, Austin, TX, 78711-3326. For information intervening, please call the PUC at 1-888-782-8477 or at 512-936-7120.

Southwestern Bell Telephone Company (Southwestern Bell) presentó una solicitud ante la Comisión de Servicios Públicos de Texas (PUC) para cobrar 26 centavos más al mes por línea para recuperar los costos por el servicio de Llamadas Locales Ampliadas (ELC) a ciertos clientes en Texas.

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Southwestern Bell calcula que los 26 centavos al mes por línea cubrirán los \$27 millones del costo anual del servicio ELC que no está cubierto por las tarifas de ELC.

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La PUC asignó el número de registro de 18513 a este procedimiento. El plazo de intervención sobre este asunto terminará el 31 de marzo de 1998. Las personas que deseen intervenir o hacer comentarios sobre este procedimiento deberán notificar a la PUC antes del 31 de marzo de 1998. Todas las solicitudes de intervención deberán enviarse por correo a Public Utility Commission of Texas, P.O. Box 13326, Austin, TX 78711-3326. Para mayor información sobre la intervención, por favor comuníquese con la PUC al 1-888-782-8477 o al 512-936-7120.

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OUR VIEWS

Efforts of women honored this month

Time and time again, society has attempted to right the wrongs of the past, bring those marginalized or ignored back into the respect they deserve.

That is why, in 1981, Women's History Month was established. For too long, scholars recognized, history was focused on the accomplishments and activities of men. The history of women, it seemed, was written in invisible ink.

Or as local fourth grader Cassie Emerson put it, history "is mostly about men and how they fight their wars."

For 72 years, women fought for the right to vote, facing ridicule, acts of terror and injury. Activists rallied for decades to end discrimination against women in employment, athletics, service to country and ownership of property, among many other areas.

This month, the local community plans a number of events marking the important place of women in our lives. Also this month, the Herald will examine the role of women in history and in our culture today — how they live, what inspires them, what obstacles they face. In the process, perhaps readers will be inspired to see women differently — the important roles they have played nationally and locally, the vital contribution women have made to our way of life.

The most important outcome of a month devoted to women's history might be something else, however. It might be that young girls of our community can see that, thanks to the hard-won battles of the past, they have a clearer road to a more promising future.

Many of them already know it, like Kelli Warrington and Emily McCann, who have big plans for the rest of their lives. The two fifth graders have started an environmental club in their neighborhood.

"I don't want to be growing up in a messed-up world," Kelli said. "I can do something about it."

As those girls understand, the accomplishments of women in the past have paved the way. But their future is up to them.

YOUR VIEWS

To the Editor:

Enough is enough is enough! The other afternoon my daughter and I drove down to the spring to see the observation deck and all of the improvements that had been made over the last year in our park.

What a disappointment to see that vandals had already broken out the foot and side lights on the deck.

Later that evening we made a second trip and noticed that all the security lights around the parking area, deck, and spring area were also not working. I guess this, too, was the work of vandals. This had got to stop!

Most everyone now has cellular phones, report this criminal action when you see it. Money, manpower, and pride went into the work around the spring. Why should we let losers destroy the beauty of our park and spring? This is the name-sake of our city, a tourist attraction, and a great place for walking. Let's keep it clean, safe and beautiful. Let's all do our part to stop this useless destruction. I challenge the city to keep the spring lights and park security lights in good working order and everyone to report vandalism. If you were new to Big Spring or just passing through, what would your impression be? Think about it! Let's all do our part.

CHARLES SMITH
Big Spring

To the Editor:

Just a few words to publicly thank the wonderful people of

Big Spring for their generosity toward a stranger in their community.

Mr. Ronald Meabon was a resident at Comanche Trail Nursing Center for skilled nursing care. He had been in Big Spring since Dec. 14 when he became seriously ill and collapsed at the truck stop. He was admitted to Scenic Mountain Hospital where he was treated before coming to us on Jan. 14.

Through a series of circumstances beyond his control, he was isolated here, away from home, family and employer through the holidays.

When it was time to finalize his discharge, we learned his insurance carrier would not cover travel expenses. After exploring other options and community resources I realized I could not meet this resident's need by conventional means so I called Bob Lewis and explained Mr. Meabon's plight. Within hours of our conversation he had obtained an opportunity for me to speak to the Kiwanis Club and Greater Big Spring Rotary.

After meeting with these groups, donations were provided to pay for his airfare home.

I am a firm believer in the power of people who come together for a common goal but nowhere have I seen it practiced to the degree it is in Big Spring. I salute this generous community and I'm so glad to work here.

LETTIE M. ENGLAND
Social Services Director
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Get to work — then you'll be much happier

By GARY FINCKE

For Scripps Howard News Service

When I was in eighth grade, my father dragged me to a presentation called "The Joy of Work." A speech was given, brochures were distributed and questions were accepted from the audience. Miraculously, as far as I was concerned, not once during that hour did someone express doubts about the "joys" being celebrated.

I was 13, and most likely my father hoped that I would understand his work ethic (and his concerns for mine) better after learning he wasn't the only human being who believed in work. His timing was bad, but he would be pleased to know that I'd happily lead such a presentation today.

In fact, I'm such a believer in the joy of work that I'm convinced leisure is more stressful.

Certainly, I wasn't surprised when I read recently it's unlikely that people, as we're often told, work themselves to death.

I'm under most stress when I don't have something new to learn or write. It's more stressful to teach the same class twice than it is, despite the extra preparation, to teach two

different classes.

"It can't be," I can hear some readers screaming. And when I taught high school I thought it would be relaxing, one year, to have only two preparations; one for three sections of tenth graders and another for two sections of seniors. It didn't work. By the time I was scheduled to meet the third group of tenth graders I didn't even want to go to class.

It's one more thing that convinced me to establish a curriculum modeled after colleges, creating classes based on interest and particular skills rather than the accident of age. Suddenly, I had four or five preparations, and I was frantic, but happier, and so were the students who saw me in the afternoon.

The only people I ever meet who seem to work themselves to death are the people who take no control over their jobs. When I worked in the Heinz factory, my coworkers raced to punch out, cursing me if I dawdled by the time clock. There was stress — a job any ordinary person could master, sometimes within hours, always within days. And then? Nothing to do but watch the clock.

But there were possibilities for accomplishment. The

unskilled people engrossed in their jobs were the women doing piecework (they received bonuses for quantity) and a man with whom I was paired to lift crates of frozen chicken and beef.

The other workers had stress, not him. He stood in the pooling blood and heaved twice as many crates as the slackers, but he was happy in exhaustion. And after a while, so was I.

As long as people believe their work can succeed through their own initiative, the stress is an asset. Being a self-starter isn't a trait for extra credit; it's a trait that's necessary for happiness.

Athletes are constantly under stress, and nearly all of them welcome it. Pressure doesn't increase on players as they accept more challenges and work their way through play-offs and tournaments. It increases as they lose and are forced to accept smaller challenges.

Thirty years ago I played college tennis, and for 20 years I've coached it, and it's more stressful to coach than to play. Why? Because ultimately the match isn't mine. The players, who seem to be under the most stress, relax as the match progresses and they discover the

effectiveness of their skills and strategies. The coach, who is under less stress at the beginning, becomes more tense as the match goes on because his control of the outcome diminishes.

Students say they are "all stressed out" by tests, but give them no tests and see how much stress there is in realizing their efforts are never measured. College Board Exams and Graduate Record Exams create tension for those who are taking them, but it's a healthy stress. I couldn't wait for the next tennis match, and I couldn't wait to take those tests. Despite the possibility of failure, I was more alert and alive at those times than I've ever been on any "vacation," when I had time to myself.

As we acquire more and more "time-saving devices," we have more and more leisure. However, 100 cable TV channels are no more likely to please than 10. The existence of a thousand video games doesn't produce personal satisfaction. And a stretch of time with "nothing to do" can be terrifying.

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No peace yet for girl killed in bombing

By RHETA GRIMSLEY JOHNSON
Syndicated Columnist

Sarah Collins Cox is about my age, grew up in the same state, spoke the same language, went to the same brand of church.

Yet Sarah Cox survived a war, one I missed. She lost her sister, Addie Mae, in that war, the one fought in city buses and at lunch counters and with the occasional bombing of churches and innocent children.

She lost Addie Mae once, and Sarah refuses to lose her again. "We will keep looking," she tells me. Then she says her lawyer won't let her talk more.

Sarah won't give up on finding her sister's remains that are somewhere in a neglected urban graveyard. That is all she has to say.

It was 1963. It was Youth Day at the Sixteenth Street Baptist Church, an imposing structure on a downtown corner lot.

Taylor Branch describes the scene in his definitive work on the Rev. Martin Luther King Jr. years, "Parting the Waters":

"By then, 10-year-old Sarah Collins had staggered out through the gaping hole in the wall where the stone staircase had been. Her brother ran around screaming that his sister was dead, and in the added shock it was some time before anyone understood that he did not mean Sarah but older sister Addie Mae, 14.

Ambulance medics scooped up Sarah Collins among some 20 others and headed for University hospital.... The hospital was a noisy blur of shrieks, hymns, television cameras, and shouted orders from crowd-control guards...."

Addie Mae and three of her classmates were dead in their Sunday School clothes. They wore white. My sisters and I saw their pictures on the TV that night. We all saw their pictures. Pictures of those four little girls touched the nation in places other pictures failed to reach.

Dr. King preached the funeral for Addie Mae and two of the others. "At times, life is hard," he said, "as hard as crucible steel."

They buried Addie Mae at a cemetery called Greenwood near the Birmingham airport. A wooden stick that said "Addie Mae" marked the spot. It stayed there for 27 years, until a local executive bought Addie Mae a marble headstone.

The graveyard went the way some neighborhoods go: downhill. Weeds and wild animals and vagrants came. Vandals raided the graves. In 1989 there was an effort to clean it up. But by 1995, when ministers attending the National Baptist Convention made a pilgrimage to the cemetery, they were shocked. Greenwood was again a disgrace.

Sarah decided this year to move her sister. The family wants

Addie Mae in a mausoleum in a cemetery called Elmwood. They hired a man named Jim Stokes to exhume the body. He is with Superior Concrete and Vault Co.

First, Jim Stokes dug beneath the headstone, the one put there in 1990. The plot was empty. After talking to a former custodian, he tried nearby. At the second location Stokes found a rusty casket and a dental plate. He found the corpse of an old person, with dentures.

"It's difficult when you don't have a thing to go by," Stokes said. "If somebody comes forward with more information, I'll try again."

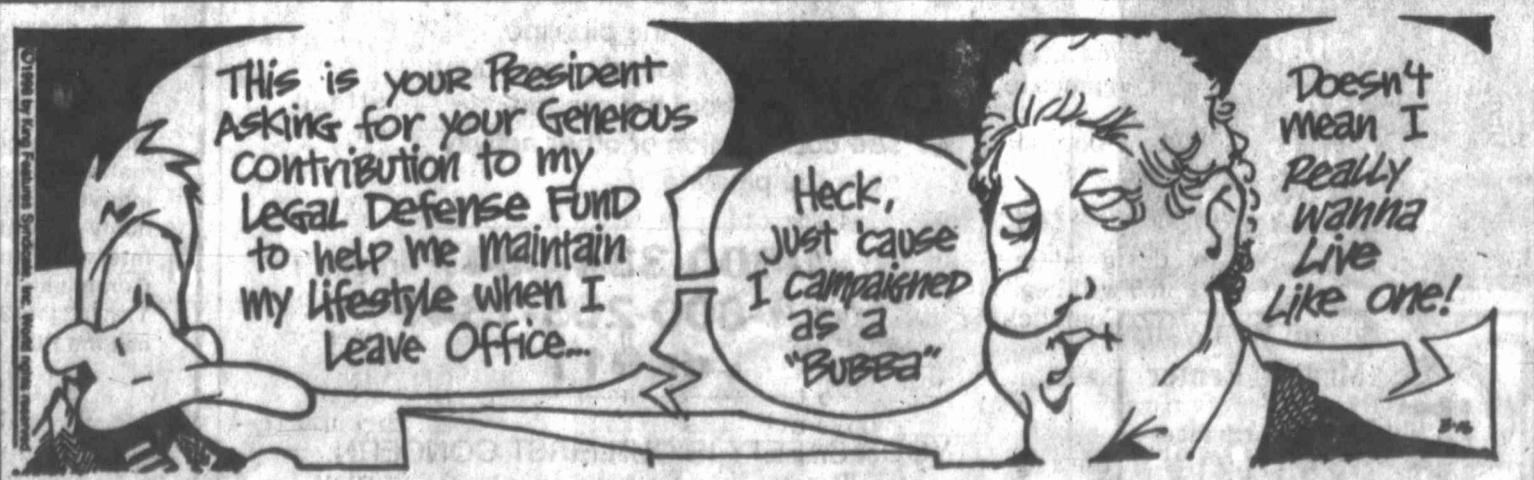
It seems such a shame, a raw and wrong thing, that the story should end like this. As hard as crucible steel.

Stokes supposes the wooden stake at some point fell over and was put back into the ground at the wrong place in the 20-acre graveyard.

On the recent King holiday, things in some cities went terribly awry. In Memphis disorderly anti-Klan protesters were sprayed with tear gas — to the delight of the Klan, of course. In Baton Rouge, La., one young black man killed another in a parade celebrating the man of peace.

There was a certain clarity to the Movement in 1963. There was evil, there was good. Nobody sane could argue with the insanity of killing little girls.

Mallard Fillmore
by
BRUCE TINSLEY



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Steers close tourney with 4-0 win over Lamesa

HERALD Staff Report

Despite winning just one of three games at the Levelland Invitational Baseball Tournament during the weekend, Big Spring coach Bobby Doe walked away from the experience encouraged by the Steers' play.

"Thursday was just one of those days," Doe said of the Steers' 11-8 opening-round loss to Lubbock Cooper. "We're up 4-0, and all of a sudden, the wheels just fall off ... we commit seven errors and our pitching blows up."

Freshman Clint Bamert, making his first varsity start and struggling under the pressure, took the loss.

When Bamert encountered trouble, Doe called on J.J. Aguirre, who also suffered control problems, for relief. He then called on James Darling, who — he later learned — was suffering from a stomach virus that prohibited him from joining the team when it returned Friday.

Although the Steers would lose their second game of the tournament, a 3-1 decision to Borger,

Doe was pleased with his team's effort.

"It was a tremendous game," he explained. "Both teams pitched their aces and it was a thriller. We have one error that allows them to score two runs, otherwise, we couldn't have played better."

Senior righthander Jeff Denton went the distance in absorbing the loss, despite scattering just three Borger hits. The Steers managed five hits, but were unable to combine them effectively.

Big Spring closed out the tournament turning the long ball into a 4-0 win over Lamesa later in the day Friday, evening their season record to 2-2.

In the process, Bamert chalked up his first win, going five innings, allowing just one hit and refusing to yield a single walk to the Golden Tornados. Clayton Pate, the Steers' starting catcher, threw the final two innings, chalking up the save.

"Clint was a different pitcher the second day," Doe noted. "He threw strikes ... pitched very well. But I'm glad we didn't have to play a fourth game

because we were pretty much out of pitching. Darling was so sick he couldn't even go with us Friday and you don't normally want to be in a position where your catcher has to go out to the mound in relief."

The Steers scored all the runs they'd need in the third inning. After pushing across one run, Big Spring got a little insurance when Brock Gee clubbed a two-run homer to make it 3-0.

In the next inning, Jason Brock blasted a solo home to cap the scoring.

"We really played well Friday," Doe said. "We played 14 innings an only committed one error ... it's the kind of baseball we're capable of playing. We just ran into a good Borger team that played extremely well against us. That first game ... well, sometimes you're just going to have days like that. Hopefully, we won't have any more like it."

The Steers return to action Friday, playing host to Lubbock High's Westerners in their home opener at 4 p.m. They'll return to Steer Park at noon Saturday for a doubleheader with Levelland.

Bufs to face Jim Ned in Merkel on Tuesday

HERALD Staff Report

Having avenged last season's playoff loss to Tahoka with a 63-55 bi-district win over the Bulldogs Friday, Stanton's No. 6-ranked Buffaloes will now face Jim Ned's Indians in an area playoff at 7:30 p.m. Tuesday in Merkel.

Ticket prices for the game are set at \$4 for adults and \$2 for students.

The Bufs, now 19-1 overall, will have a decided height advantage over the Indians (23-6), much as they did over Tahoka, but Stanton coach Doug Gordon said he was concerned about the Indians' overall quickness and pressure defense.

The Indians knocked off Coahoma, 72-54, Friday night, turning an early run in which they forced the Dogs out of their game with full-court, man-to-man pressure.

"They also do a great job of rebounding," Gordon said. "We've got to be ready for them."

Lady Hawks' seed OK with Corkery

By JOHN H. WALKER

Managing Editor

Howard College's Lady Hawks (28-2) are in the one game at a time part of the basketball season now — and it begins at noon Tuesday at Midland College's Chaparral Center.

The Lady Hawks, No. 4 in the nation but the No. 3 seed from the Western Junior College Athletic Conference after losing a coin toss, face Grayson College's Lady Vikings (26-3) in the opening game of the Region V Tournament. Grayson is the No. 2 seed from the Northern Texas Junior College Athletic Conference.

Other first round games include South Plains (22-7, W1) vs. Temple (17-13, N4) at 2:30, New Mexico Junior College (13-11, W4) vs. Weatherford (26-2, N1) at 5 and Midland (23-7, W2) vs. McLennan (17-9, N3) at 7:30.

The Howard-Grayson winner will play the South Plains-Temple winner at 5 p.m. Wednesday followed at 7:30 by the NMJC-Weatherford winner going against the Midland-McLennan winner. The championship will be at 7:30 Thursday.

Howard began final tournament preparations with a spirited two-hour workout Sunday afternoon. The team was to practice early Monday afternoon in the Chaparral Center.

Lady Hawks Head Coach Matt Corkery said Grayson has a big and talented team, with three starters at 5-feet, 11-inches of better.

"They have the No. 1 and 2 scorers in the Northern Conference with (Jennifer) Boniot and (Tiffany) Moss ... they're really good," he said.

Boniot, a 5-8 Dallas sophomore, averages 21.5 points per game while Moss, a 5-11 sophomore from Glenarden, Md., averages 18.6 points.

As a team, the Lady Vikings average 80.7 points per game offensively while allowing a conference leading 55.6 points on defense. Howard averages 82.4 points offensively and allows 49.9 defensively — both best from the west.

Corkery said being the No. 3 seed from the west didn't bother him.

"I really like it, actually," he said. "You have to win all of your games to go (to the nationals) anyway and if we win, we'll have off from about 2 Tuesday until 5 Wednesday, so

we can get some rest."

Corkery said Grayson has an excellent team.

"But there's nobody from this point on out that you'll see who doesn't," he said.

Corkery said Lady Hawks fans will see a team in Grayson that does a lot of the same things Howard does.

"Coach (Bill) Brock has a reputation of always playing good, solid defense and this team is no different.

"They do a lot of pressing and I'm sure they'll get in the passing lanes to try and get the steal or break up the flow," he said.

Corkery said Howard has a three-step game plan for the tournament.

"This time of the year, the tempo on offense is important," he said. "You want to get good shots and you don't want to give up easy shots."

"You want to play good position basketball and you want to control the boards. If we can get some second and third shots and keep them from doing that, then I think we can keep the game on our pace."

In addition to Boniot and Moss, Grayson is expected to start 5-11 Childress freshman Cara Steed, 5-4 Flatonia freshman Candace Gosch and 6-1 Australian sophomore Kirsten Geppert.

Moss averages 10.0 rebounds and Geppert 8.5 per game while Moss is among Northern Conference leaders in assists with 4.8 per game.

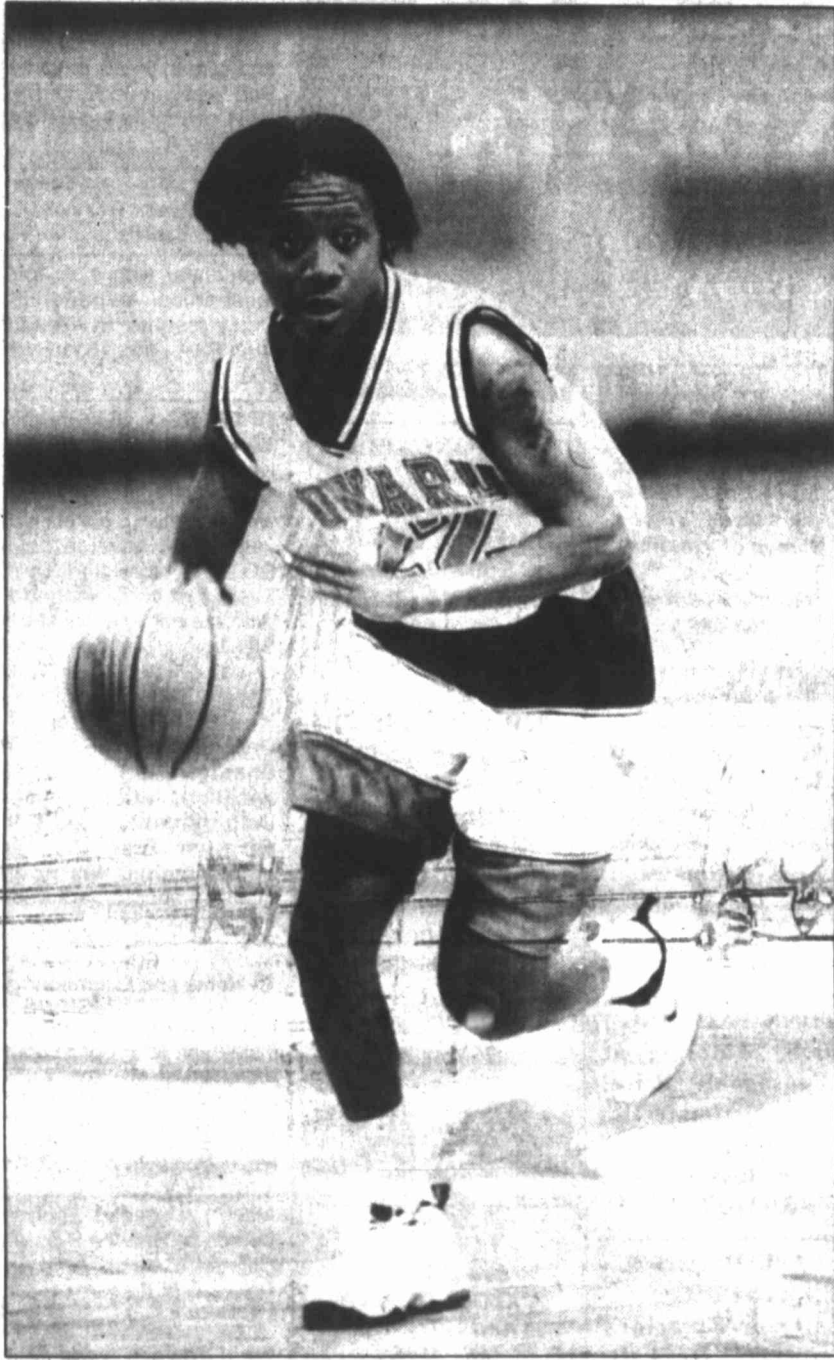
Corkery is expected to start Shawnta Johnson (16.0 ppg), Karlita Washington (14.3 ppg, 6.5 assists), Latraica Spencer (9.1 ppg), Ricka McKee (8.1 ppg) and Jeanine Horton (5.6 ppg).

Johnson and Donelle Jones (8.0 ppg) share the team lead in rebounding at 5.5 each per game, followed by Spencer with 5.3 caroms.

Spencer also leads the team in field goal percentage at 57.0, while three teammates — Johnson, Jones and Latasha Moore — are all shooting better than 50 percent from the field.

Washington leads the conference in 3-point field goals at 45 percent, followed closely by McKee at 35.9 percent while Washington is hitting 75 percent of her free throws.

LADY HAWKS NOTES ... Tournament passes are on sale at the Chaparral Center for \$10. Day passes are \$5 and \$3 ... Big



HERALD photo/Jim Ferro

Lady Hawks guard Karlita Washington (22) brings the ball upcourt during Howard's final home game of the season. Washington is the team's second-leading scorer going into Tuesday's Region V opening-round game with Grayson County.

Spring freshman Kim Robertson has managed to get rid of a safety-type boot to where she is now wearing a sandal-type piece of footwear.

STARTING ROSTERS

Anticipated starters for Tuesday's noon tip-off between Howard College's Lady Hawks (28-2) and Grayson County Community College's Lady Vikings (25-3):

GRAYSON	Name	Ht.	Class	Hometown
11	Candace Gosch	5-4	Fr	Flatonia
20	Cara Steed	5-11	Fr	Childress
23	Jennifer Boniot	5-8	So	Dallas
35	Tiffany Moss	5-11	So	Glenarden, Md.
42	Kirsten Geppert	6-1	So	Australia

HOWARD	Name	Ht.	Class	Hometown
11	Ricka McKee	5-6	Fr	Coleman
20	Shawnta Johnson	5-11	So	Fresno, Calif.
22	Karlita Washington	5-6	Fr	Washington, D.C.
34	Jeanine Horton	5-9	So	Riverside, Calif.
50	Latraica Spencer	6-0	So	Lockhart

Hawks drop pair to NMJC, manage to salvage one win

HERALD Staff Report

HOBBS, N.M. — Howard College's Hawks found inconsistency their biggest problem Friday and Saturday, dropping two of three games to New Mexico Junior College's Thunderbirds.

NMJC took the opening game Friday, taking advantage of shaky pitching and hitting on the Hawks' part to take a 7-5 win.

To coach Brian Roper's way of thinking, his Hawks never did manage to put all facets of the game together in any of the three contests.

"We played great defense in the first game, but didn't have very good pitching," Roper explained. "We followed that with a dominating performance on the mound by Josh Jones, but we didn't hit that well behind him."

"In the third game, we didn't pitch well early, but got great relief, but we didn't hit and didn't play good defense."

The Hawks, who managed just six hits in the opener, took an early 2-0 lead when Brandon Plumlee welcomed himself back into the Howard lineup with a two-run homer.

But the Thunderbirds jumped

on Dute Welch for two runs of their own in the first game, followed that with another in the third and scored three more in the fourth.

Trailing 7-2 going into the ninth, the Hawks mounted a rally, but Trey Terrazas' three-run home run wasn't enough to overtake the homesteaders.

With Jones pitching like he did a year ago — scattering five hits, striking out six and refusing a single walk — the Hawks took a 5-2 win in Saturday's first game.

Both teams scored single runs in the first inning, but the Hawks got all the runs they'd need in the third when Ryan Mathews hit a three-run homer.

Mathews finished the game 3-for-4 at the plate, while William Hawkins was 3-for-4 with two doubles and Plumlee continued his hitting with a 2-for-4 showing.

The rubber game, however, proved to be a nightmare for starting pitcher Chris Lengefeld, as he gave up five earned runs in 2 2/3 innings, suffering the loss in a 6-4 defeat.

Brandon Claussen turned in a strong relief stint, but the Hawks' only real offense came on homers by Bryan Phillips and Kelley Pettit.

Steers golfers finish sixth at Midland's invitational

HERALD Staff Report

MIDLAND — Big Spring's Steers managed a two-day total of 334, 337-671 to finish tied for sixth with District 4-4A rival Sweetwater in the Midland Invitational Golf Tournament Saturday.

Another 4-4A representative, Andrews' Mustangs, fell just short of a comeback bid for the team championship.

Opening the final round 19 strokes off Borger's pace, Andrews turned in the best team round of the tournament with a 303 Saturday to finish at 628 — on stroke off Borger's 627 total.

Lamesa finished third in the field, followed by El Paso Burgess and Pampa. Hereford

finished eighth in the division.

Sammy Rodriguez led the way for the Steers with a 77, 79-156 total, while Rudy Gamboa turned in an 86, 83-169. Blake Weaver finished at 83, 88-171; Heath Bailey turned in an 88, 88-176; and Chris Rodriguez rounded out the varsity scores with a 90, 90-180.

Big Spring's junior varsity finished 13th in its division.

Richard Galgan paced the Steers JV with a 94, 90-184. Aaron Harland had a 96, 94-190, while Josh Long finished at 100, 94-194. Jamie Womble's 96, 100-196 and Zac Hall's 100, 98-198 rounded out the JV scoring.

The Steers golfers head to Andrews this weekend for the Andrews Invitational tournament.

SPORTS BRIEFS

From staff and wire reports

Little League umpires meeting slated

The Big Spring Little League Baseball Association has scheduled a meeting for prospective umpires for 7 p.m. Monday, March 9, at the Dora Roberts Rehabilitation Center, 306 W. Third.

The association is in desperate need of umpires for the coming season and invites anyone interested in learning to call games to attend the meeting.

For more information, contact Donald Spence at 267-7780 or Michael King at 287-2939.

Midgets tennis program begins today

A midgets tennis program, designed for youngsters between the ages of 6 and 9 will begin today at the Figure 7 Tennis Center in Comanche Trail Park.

The program will meet from 3:30 p.m. to 6:30 p.m. each Monday through May 25, with the exception of school holidays.

The only cost for students in the Big Spring Independent School District will be a can of new

tennis balls.

Classes will be taught by Figure 7 professional Jim Blacketer, Ralph Davis, Ray Villarreal and Dennis Smiley.

For additional information, contact Blacketer by calling 264-6834.

Softball leagues seeking umpires

Church and industrial slowpitch softball leagues are currently seeking people interested in working as umpires this season.

Those interested are asked to attend an umpires meeting set for 7 p.m. Thursday at 2225 Lynn Drive in Big Spring.

For more information, contact Ray Berry at 264-0890 or Jessie Rios at 264-6129.

YMCA planning indoor soccer program

The Big Spring YMCA is currently taking registration forms from youngsters interested in taking part in an indoor soccer league.

No tryouts for the program will be held. All boys and girls from kindergarten through the sixth grade are encouraged to take part.

The deadline for registrations is Saturday.

For more information, contact YMCA officials at 267-8234.

'Meet the Pro' tennis social is Saturday

A "Meet the Pro" tennis social has been scheduled for 1 p.m. to 5 p.m. Saturday at the Figure 7 Tennis Center.

Designed as an afternoon of tennis fun for players of all levels, the event will be a chance for members of the community to meet tennis professional Jim Blacketer, discuss their tennis needs and learn about upcoming tennis programs.

The social is being sponsored by the Big Spring Tennis Boosters.

Spring break tennis camp scheduled

A spring break tennis camp has been scheduled for Monday through Friday, March 9-13, at the Figure 7 Tennis Center in Comanche Trail Park.

The camp, which will have a limited enrollment, will be designed for midgets, beginners, intermediate and advanced players.

Midgets, youngsters between the ages of 6 and

9 just learning the game, will have classed from 9 a.m. to 10 a.m. The five hours of camp instruction will be priced at \$30 per player.

Beginners classes will be from 10 a.m. to noon each day, while intermediate sessions are from 2 p.m. to 4 p.m. and advanced players' classes will be from 4 p.m. to 6 p.m. The fee for those classes is \$65 per player.

For more information, contact Jim Blacketer by calling 624-6834.

Stallings fifth at indoor championships

Jeremy Stallings, the former Stanton High School and University of Florida track star, finished fifth in the 800 meters final at the USA Track and Field Indoor Championships in Atlanta Saturday.

Stallings was clocked at 1:49.14 after having reached the finals with a 1:50.17 during Friday's prelims. Olympian Mark Everett took the 800 meters win with a 1:47.84.

The meet concluded Stallings' indoor schedule and he will open the outdoor season March 27 when he returns to his alma mater to compete in the Florida Relays.

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