



College dilemma: how to get \$21 million

By STEVE REAGAN
Staff Writer

Howard College trustees have a problem — how do you raise \$21 million without dropping too much of a burden on taxpayers?

College officials say almost all the buildings on the Big-Spring campus are in some need of renovation, and many of the structures need a major facelift.

College President Dr. Cheryl Sparks said total cost of the renovation projects, as revealed at Monday's trustees meeting, will be \$21 million.

That figure would pay for a plethora of needed renovations, Sparks said, including campus-wide upgrades of the electrical, water, sewer and heating, ventilation and air conditioning systems, construction of additional science labs and remodeling at several buildings.

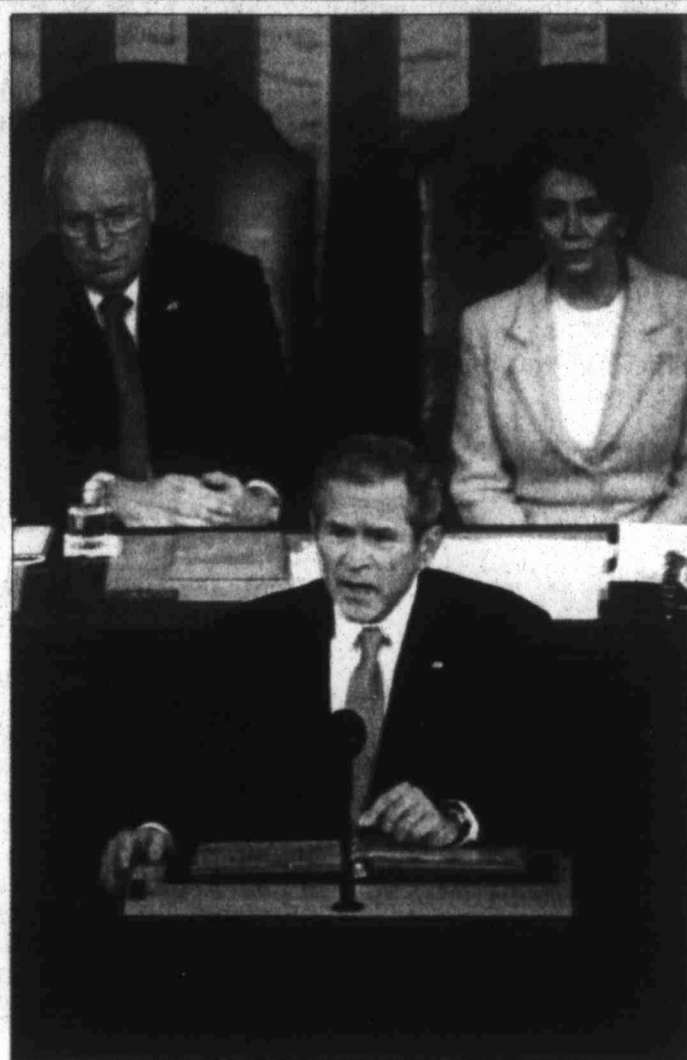
The task facing the college, she noted, is how to shift as much of a burden away from taxpayers as possible.

"We're going to continue to look for available revenue resources," Sparks said. "That includes energy management contracts, grants and donations."

Another possible source of non-taxpayer money could be revenue bonds, which would be paid off by student fees and other in-house sources. The college used revenue bonds in the late 1980s to finance additions to the college dormitories.

However, those sources may not fund the full extent of needed renovations, which would mean that officials would, in all likelihood, call for a bond election sometime in the

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MCT photo/Chuck Kennedy
President George W. Bush is backed by Vice President Dick Cheney and Speaker of the House Nancy Pelosi (D-Ca) as he delivers his State of the Union address to a joint session of Congress in the House of Representatives Chamber on Tuesday.

Bush urges Congress, give Iraq policy a chance

But Democrats have no intention of doing so

By DAVID ESPO
AP Special Correspondent

WASHINGTON — President Bush wants Congress to give his controversial strategy for Iraq a chance to work. Defiant Democrats say they'll give it a vote, and use their newly won control over the House and Senate to oppose the deployment of an additional 21,500 troops.

"And we will continue to hold him accountable for changing course in Iraq," House Speaker Nancy Pelosi and Senate Majority Leader Harry Reid said Tuesday night in a blunt response issued before the applause had fully faded on Bush's State of the Union address.

His polls poor and public sentiment opposed to the war, Bush appealed to the Democratic-controlled Congress to work with him to face "difficult

President's proposals

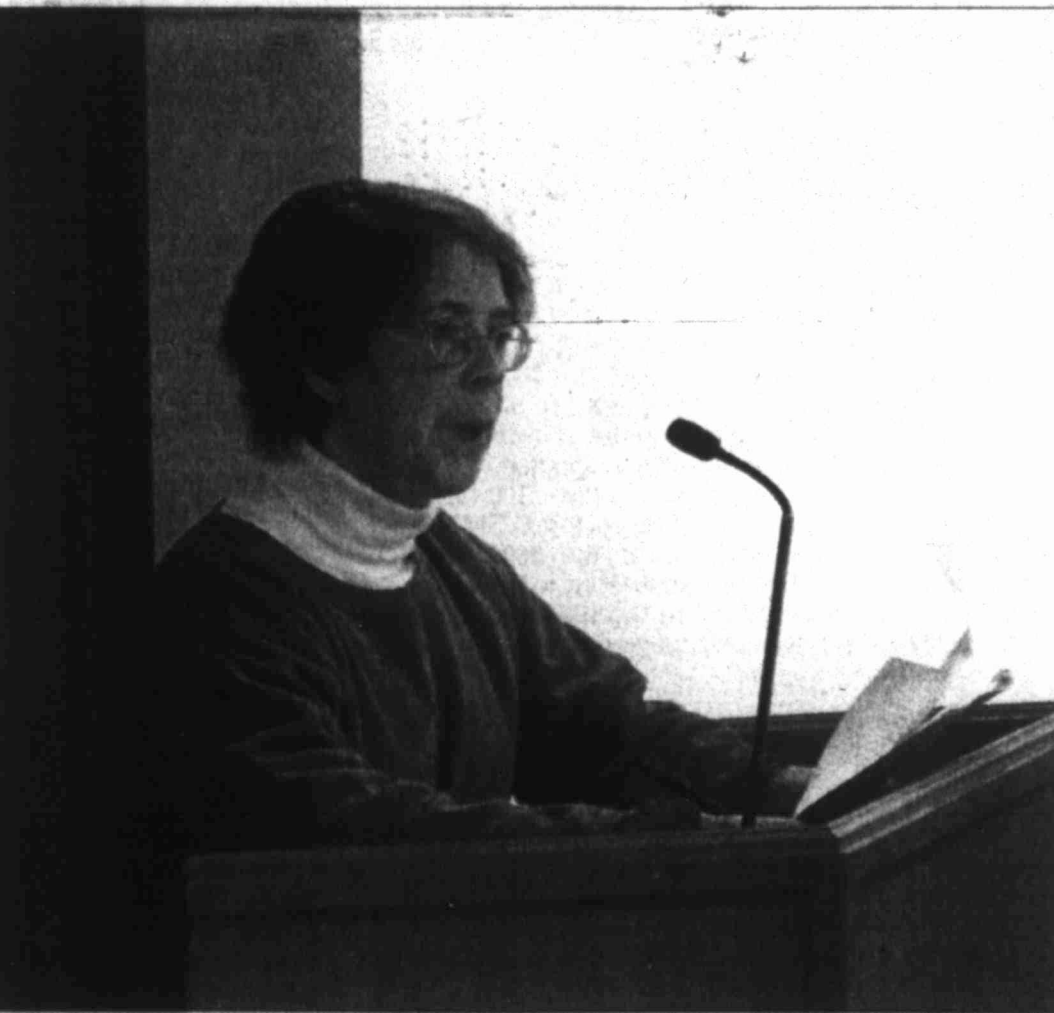
- Energy — Reduce U.S. gasoline usage by as much as 20 percent by 2017.
- Health — Make employer-financed health care benefits taxable income after a deduction of \$15,000 for families and \$7,500 for individuals.
- Iraq war — Call on the Iraqi government to meet benchmarks of progress, but without set consequences.
- Immigration — Call on Congress to pass comprehensive immigration reform, including a temporary worker program for foreign workers.
- Education — Let poor children in persistently struggling schools transfer to private schools and crack down on schools that have failed to meet goals for several years.
- Military — Add 65,000 soldiers to the U.S. Army and 27,000 Marines in five years.

Source: The Associated Press

challenges and determined enemies" at home and overseas.

"First, we must balance the federal budget. We can do so without raising

taxes," he said. He urged lawmakers packed into the House chamber to send him legislation. See STRATEGY, Page 3A



HERALD photo/Thomas Jenkins
Local resident Rita Brown asks the Big Spring City Council to not terminate its lease agreement with KBYG Radio Station owner David Pappajohn during Tuesday night's meeting.

Council gives KBYG owner another chance

By THOMAS JENKINS
Staff Writer

Local AM radio station KBYG got a stay of execution during Tuesday night's meeting of the Big Spring City Council, which voted unanimously to give station owner David Pappajohn another chance to pay the rental fee for the facility.

Located on municipal property in Comanche Trail Park, the station was the focus of an executive session held by the council in an effort to address several missed rent payments.

According to Peggy Walker, city finance director, Pappajohn currently has an outstanding balance of \$1,325 with the city.

"We're not in the business of closing local businesses, and I believe this is the best option we could come up with."



Biddison

"The lease agreement was signed in May 2005," said Walker. "It was April of 2006 before the city received the first payment from Mr. Pappajohn. A payment of \$1,500 was made and applied against the bal-

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BIG SPRING DAY IN AUSTIN

Officials with the Big Spring Area Chamber of Commerce announced this week the biennial Big Spring Day in Austin will be held March 7.

According to Debbye ValVerde, executive director for the Chamber, an agenda for the one-day trip to the state capitol, including transportation to and from the event, is expected to be released in the near future.

Typically during Big Spring Day in Austin, local residents and officials meet with state legislators during the afternoon gathering, which culminates on the lawn of the capitol building. Call 263-7641 for more information.

Longtime administrator leaves BSISD for Pecos personnel post

By STEVE REAGAN
Staff Writer

Rey Villarreal, who was assistant superintendent of Big Spring schools for several years, has left the local district.

Villarreal, who was relieved of his assistant superintendent duties earlier this month, resigned as director of curriculum and grants Tuesday, Superintendent Michael Downes said.

Villarreal assumed his new duties as



Villarreal

director of personnel for the Pecos school district this morning, a spokesperson at that district said today. He was hired by the Pecos school board Monday evening.

Attempts to contact him today were unsuccessful. The Sanderson native served the local school dis-

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Obituaries

Jean Hanke



Jean Hanke, 71, of Big Spring died Tuesday, Jan. 23, 2007, in a Midland Hospital. Funeral services will be at 2 p.m. Friday at Myers & Smith Chapel with burial at Trinity Memorial Park.

She was born May 23, 1930, in Dodge City, Kan. to Loretta and Henry Gildner. She married J. L. "Jud" Hanke, Oct. 6, 1950, in San Angelo. They moved to Big Spring in 1952 from San Angelo. He preceded her in death on June 4, 1989. She had worked for the Big Spring Independent School District as a bus driver and cafeteria cashier at Airport Elementary, Goliad Jr. High, and Big Spring High School. She was a member of Berea Baptist Church.

She is survived by one son, Earl Hanke of Big Spring; one granddaughter; one sister, Lynn Hilton of Alaska; and one brother, Don Gildner of Arizona.

Arrangements are by Myers & Smith Funeral Home. Pay your respects online at www.myersandsmith.com

David Wayne Green



David Wayne Green, 45, of Big Spring, died Monday, Jan. 22, 2007, in a local hospital. Funeral services will be held at 11 a.m. Saturday, Jan. 27, 2007, at the Nalley-Pickle & Welch Rosewood Chapel with the Rev. Floyd Green Jr., pastor of House of Hope Community Church, Colorado City and the Rev. Benjamin D. Watson, pastor of Jordan AME, Denver, Colo., officiating. Interment will follow at Trinity Memorial Park.

The family will receive friends from 7 p.m. to 8 p.m. Friday at the funeral home.

David Wayne was born in Big Spring on March 9, 1961, to the Rev. and Mrs. Floyd Green Sr. He attended and graduated from Big Spring High School in May of 1983. In his lifetime, he worked and enjoyed going to the West Texas Centers where he made many friends. He was a member of Bakers Chapel AME Church.

He is survived by his father the Rev. Floyd Green Sr.; four brothers, Floyd Green Jr., James Green, Richard Green and Lonnie Green; four sisters, Mary Watson, Rosie Green, Claudette Forward and Evelyn Wilkins; many nieces, nephews, great-nieces, great-nephews; his two aunts, Modette Shields and Ruthie Shields; many cousins and a host of friends.

He was preceded in death by his mother, Coriene Shields Green; two sisters, Ruby Anding and Eboni Wakefield; one brother, the Rev. Bobby Lee Green; and his grandparents, Harry and Corine Shields and Herman and Christine Green.

The family requests memorials be made to the West Texas Dialysis Center, 501 Birdwell Lane, Suite 10, Big Spring, 79720 or to a favorite charity.

Arrangements under the direction of Nalley-Pickle & Welch Funeral Home & Crematory of Big Spring. Online condolences can be made at www.npwelch.com

Mary Prevo

Mary Prevo, 95, of Big Spring, died Wednesday, Jan. 24, 2007, in a local nursing home. Her services are pending with Nalley-Pickle & Welch Funeral Home & Crematory of Big Spring.

Jerry Currie

Jerry Currie, 76, of Big Spring, died Tuesday, Jan. 23, 2007, in a local hospital. His services are pending with Nalley-Pickle & Welch Funeral Home & Crematory of Big Spring.

Take Note

• **THE 5TH ANNUAL RELAY RASCAL RAZZMATAZZ** will be held at 10 a.m. Feb. 24, in the Big Spring Municipal Auditorium. Entry forms are available at KBST and the Big Spring Area Chamber of Commerce. Entry deadline is Feb. 20.

• **SAY IT WITH CAKE FUNDRAISER TO BENEFIT RELAY FOR LIFE** orders are being taken until Feb. 9. Personalized heart-shaped cakes in either 8-inch size for \$5 or 5-inch size for \$3.50. Your choice of chocolate or vanilla. Delivery is available. Contact Angel Sosa at 264-4108 or Georgia Torres at 267-1312.

• **DO YOU KNOW SOMEONE WHO WANTS TO LEARN ENGLISH?** Amparo Snipes will be offering free lessons at Baptist Temple Church, 11th and Goliad. For more information, contact her at (432) 267-6885.

• **HANGAR 25 AIR MUSEUM WILL HOLD** its annual meeting and Veteran of the Month reception Thursday, Jan. 25. The meeting will begin at 6 p.m. for museum members and previous Veteran of the Month honorees. Non-members wishing to attend the Veteran of the Month reception for Col. Harry A. Spannaus and for the unveiling of the new permanent display, the "Spannaus Office," are encouraged to arrive at 7 p.m.

• **THE PET PATROL** helps locate lost pets and owners of found pets. To volunteer or for more information, call Melanie Gambrell at 267-PETS (7387).

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Police blotter

The Big Spring Police Department reported the following activity between 7 a.m. Tuesday and 7 a.m. today:

- **FRANK JACKSON**, 48, of 107 W. 19th Street, was arrested Tuesday on a local citation and a charge of possession of drug paraphernalia.
- **JUDY CASTILLO**, 38, of 1509 Lancaster, was arrested Monday on three local warrants.
- **RAMON ALVEAR**, 28, of 406 Lancaster, was arrested Tuesday on a charge of public intoxication.
- **JAMES MARK BALIOS**, 51, of 1904 E. 25th Street, was arrested Tuesday on a charge of Class C assault-family violence.
- **UNATTENDED DEATH** was reported in the 1600 block of Martin Luther King Blvd. Police officials say there is no suspicion of foul play.
- **THEFT** was reported in the 1700 block of FM 700.
- **POSSESSION/DELIVERY OF DRUG PARAPHERNALIA** was reported in the 100 block of 19th Street.
- **FRAUDULENT USE/POSSESSION OF IDENTIFYING INFORMATION** was reported in the 1600 block of Lancaster.
- **CRIMINAL MISCHIEF** was reported:
 - in the 800 block of Nolan.
 - in the 1600 block of Lancaster.
- **BURGLARY OF A HABITATION** was reported:
 - in the 400 block of Westover Road.
 - in the 1500 block of Scurry.
- **ASSAULT CLASS C/FAMILY VIOLENCE** was reported in the 600 block of Caylor.

Sheriff's report

The Howard County Sheriff's Office reported the following activity:

- Note — Officials with the Howard County Jail reported having 37 inmates at the time of this report.
- **ANDRES AGUILAR LOPEZ JR.**, 31, was arrested Tuesday by the HCSO on a charge of accident involving injury/death.
- **JUDY ANN CASTILLO**, 38, was transferred to the county jail Tuesday by the BSPD on a charge of criminal mischief impairing public communications/supply.
- **BEVERLY ARMSTRONG**, 45, was arrested Tuesday by the HCSO on motions to revoke probation for failure to identify - intentionally giving false information (two counts) and charges of bondsman off bond for possession of a controlled substance, parent contributing to non-attendance, possession of drug paraphernalia and displaying an expired vehicle registration.
- **ANDRES LEE JUAREZ**, 25, was arrested Tuesday by the HCSO on a motion to revoke probation for possession of marijuana - two ounces or less in a drug free zone and a charge of bondsman off bond for possession of a controlled substance.

Fire/EMS

The Big Spring Fire Department and Emergency Medical Services reported the following activity:

- **TRAFFIC ACCIDENT** was reported near the intersection of Kenney and Tucson. Service refused.
- **TRAUMA** was reported in the 3600 block of Connaly. One person was transported to SMMC.
- **TRAUMA** was reported in the 1500 block of E. Fourth Street. One person was transported to SMMC.
- **MEDICAL** was reported in the 1100 block of Ridgeroad. One person was transported to SMMC.
- **MEDICAL** was reported in the 2600 block of Chanute. One person was transported to SMMC.
- **MEDICAL** was reported in the 100 block of Chevy Chase. One person was transported to SMMC.

Lottery

ATLANTA (AP) — The jackpot in the multistate Mega Millions lottery drawing grew to \$43 million Wednesday.

None of the tickets sold for Tuesday's \$33 million drawing matched all five lotto numbers and the Mega Ball. The next drawing will be Friday.

The winning numbers from Tuesday's drawing were: 3, 5, 15, 26 and 53. The Mega Ball number was 35.

AUSTIN (AP) — Results of the Cash 5 drawing Tuesday night:

Winning numbers drawn: 3-5-17-21-28.
Number matching five of five: none.

AUSTIN (AP) — The winning Pick 3 numbers drawn Tuesday night by the Texas Lottery, in order: 4-0-2.

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- TODAY**
- Optimist Club meets at 7 a.m. in the Howard College Cactus Room.
 - West Texas Opportunities will hold a public meeting at 10 a.m. in the Howard County Library to explain the types of services WTO provides.
 - Senior Circle meets at 10:30 a.m. at Scenic Mountain Medical Center for Sit and Be Fit Chair Aerobics. Those 50 years and older are invited to attend. Call 268-4721.
 - Downtown Lions Club meets at noon at the Howard College Cactus Room.
 - Duplicate Bridge Club meets at 1 p.m. in the Big Spring Country Club.
 - Eagles Lodge Ladies Auxiliary meets at 7 p.m. in the Eagles Lodge, 703 W. Third.

- THURSDAY**
- Gideon International Big Spring Camp U42060 meets at 7 a.m. in Herman's Restaurant.
 - Coffee Club meets at 10 a.m. in Gale's Sweet Shoppe.

Weather

Tonight...Partly cloudy. lows in the upper 20s. North winds around 10 mph in the evening becoming light and variable.

Thursday...Partly cloudy. Highs around 50. Light and variable winds.

Thursday night...Mostly cloudy. Lows in the lower 30s. Light and variable winds.

Friday...Mostly cloudy. Slight chance of rain and snow in the morning. Then a slight chance of rain in the afternoon. Highs in the lower 50s. South winds around 10 mph. Chance of precipitation 20 percent.

Friday night...Mostly cloudy. A 20 percent chance of rain in the evening. Lows in the mid 30s.

Saturday...Mostly sunny. Highs in the mid 50s.

Saturday night...Partly cloudy. Lows in the lower 30s.

Sunday...Partly cloudy. Highs in the upper 40s.

Sunday night...Mostly cloudy. Lows in the upper 20s.

Monday...Mostly cloudy. Highs around 50.

Monday night...Mostly cloudy. Lows in the lower 30s.

Tuesday...Mostly cloudy. Highs in the lower 50s.

Support Groups

MONDAY

- Encourager's Support Group for all widows and widowers meets the first and third Monday of the month. For more information, call Nancy Hale at 398-5239.

TUESDAY

- The National Alliance for the Mentally Ill (NAMI) support group meets from 3 p.m. to 4:30 p.m. in the Howard County Library, 500 S. Main. Anyone who has a mental illness or has a friend or family with mental illness is invited to participate. Call Felicia Talley at 268-3835 for more information.

- Al-Anon, 615 Settles for family members and friends of alcoholics meets at 8 p.m.

- Alcoholics Anonymous, 615 Settles, noon to 1 p.m. and closed discussion meeting 8 p.m. to 9 p.m.

WEDNESDAY

- RSD (Reflex Sympathetic Dystrophy, a chronic pain disease), a new support and informative group meets at 213 Circle. Call Lucy at 264-1213 for more information.

- Dual Recovery Anonymous (DRA), 7 p.m. to 8 p.m. at the Howard County Library Basement Community Room. DRA is a 12-step meeting for those who have a desire to stop drinking and/or using drugs and also have a mental or emotional illness.

All meetings are non-smoking and coffee is not available but members can bring their own coffee or non-alcoholic beverage. For more information, call Deidra F. at 263-0027, ext. 236 during regular business hours, 8 a.m. to 5 p.m.

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isolation helping more Americans afford health insurance, reduce the nation's dependence on foreign oil, overhaul immigration laws and renew his signature No Child Left Behind education program.

Bush arranged a trip to Wilmington, Del., for the day after his speech, eager to plug his energy proposals at a DuPont Co. facility where scientists conduct research on the use of plants in the production of biofuels such as cellulosic ethanol.

But Democrats determined they would keep the public spotlight on the war, with the Senate Foreign Relations Committee expected to approve a nonbinding measure that rejects Bush's planned troop increase as "not in the national interest of the United States."

As is customary, Republicans cheered longer and louder than Democrats when Bush walked down the middle aisle of the House chamber to deliver his annual address to Congress and the nation.

But it was the Democrats' turn to whoop it up when the president remarked he was the

first chief executive to "begin the State of the Union with the words Madam Speaker." Pelosi, seated next to Vice President Dick Cheney on the dais behind the president, smiled and reached down to shake his hand as members of her rank and file erupted in cheers.

And if there was only one president in the hall, his self-styled successors were sprinkled throughout the audience. One of them, Sen. Hillary Rodham Clinton, D-N.Y., sat one row behind another, Sen. Barack Obama, D-Ill., neither one giving any indication the other was nearby.

In power for the first time in a dozen years, Democrats have talked optimistically of finding common ground with the president and Republican lawmakers on immigration, education and other areas.

But they voiced concern with his proposal to subject a portion of some taxpayers' employer-provided health insurance to taxes, and were unenthusiastic about his proposals on energy.

The war is an issue apart — a conflict that helped Democrats win control of Congress in last fall's elections, and that leaves Republicans torn between a president of their party and public opinion.

Democrats chose Sen. Jim Webb of Virginia to deliver the party's formal televised response to the speech, and the former Republican Navy secretary and Vietnam veteran responded with a blistering attack on the president, the war and the consequences.

"The president took us into

this war recklessly. He disregarded warnings from the national security adviser during the first Gulf War, the chief of staff of the Army, two former commanding generals of the Central Command," and more, Webb said.

"We are now, as a nation, held hostage to the predictable

— and predicted — disarray that has followed."

Republican leaders generally expressed support for Bush's Iraq strategy. "If we fail in Iraq, or withdraw our troops prematurely, the terrorists will follow us home. Success is our only option," said Rep. John Boehner of Ohio.

Memorable moments from the State of the Union address

WASHINGTON (MCT) — Here are highlights from the State of the Union address and its reception, at a glance:

—Speech theme: "We are not the first to come here with government divided and uncertainty in the air. Like many before us, we can work through our differences and achieve big things for the American people."

—A historic moment: Bush paid tribute to House Speaker Nancy Pelosi by noting that he was the first president to open a State of the Union message with the words, "Madam Speaker."

—President Bush on the Iraq escalation: "In the end, I chose this course of action because it provides the best chance of success."

—Democratic response on Iraq: "The majority of the nation no longer supports the way this war is being fought, nor does the majority of our military. We need a new direction." (Sen. James Webb, D-Va.)

—Bush on the economy: "We are now in the 41st month of uninterrupted job growth. . . . Unemployment is low, inflation is low and wages are rising. This economy is on the move."

—Democratic response on the economy:

"Wages and salaries for our workers are at all-time lows as a percentage of national wealth. . . . College tuition rates are off the charts. Our manufacturing base is being dismantled and sent overseas." (Sen. James Webb, D-Va.)

—Domestic policy priorities: Cut U.S. gasoline consumption by 20 percent in 10 years; give tax break to individuals purchasing health insurance and tax as income generous employer-provided health insurance; extend No Child Left Behind education act; enact comprehensive immigration overhaul law.

—Best line from critics: "The best news is that the president has left the Flat Earth Society on global warming. Unfortunately, he is not taking action that would help curb global warming." (Dan Becker, Sierra Club)

—Biggest nonstarter in speech: "With enough good sense and good will, you and I can fix Medicare and Medicaid — and save Social Security."

—What's next: Bush travels to Wilmington, Del., to tout his plans to expand medical insurance coverage. The Senate Foreign Relations Committee is expected to approve a nonbinding resolution opposing a U.S. troop increase.

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ance, which was \$3,575 at the time. The next payment was made two months later in the form of a check for \$1,000, which brought the balance down to \$2,050."

Walker said the last two payments made by Pappajohn — a pair of \$1,500 checks for November and December of last year — were returned for insufficient funds.

Local resident Rita Brown spoke on behalf of KBYG Radio Station, asking the council to not close the broadcaster.

"When we moved to Big Spring about two-and-a-half years ago, I can't tell you how many times I told people about our cute little town and the neatest community-based radio station they have," said Brown. "I told them how you can call in to buy, sell or trade something, or to seek jobs or look for someone to do jobs for you."

"Through our travels we've learned that other towns have these kinds of stations, but none have the announcers that ours

has. I'm asking for you to please not close the radio station or censor its programming. I hope you can work something out with Mr. Pappajohn."

Councilman Greg Biddison made the motion that the council give Pappajohn a chance to catch up on his rent, drawing unanimous consent from the rest of the council.

"I make a motion we authorize the mayor and the mayor pro-tem to take action to proceed to terminate the lease of David Pappajohn at any time in the next six months if the following conditions are not met," said Biddison. "First, payment in full of the \$1,325 representing past-due rent in the form of cash or cash equivalent by the close of business Wednesday at 5 p.m. Second, remit monthly rental payments of \$325 no later than the 10th day of the month in which the payment is due. A returned check will constitute non-payment."

Pappajohn, who was present at the meeting but did not address the council, said he was thankful for the decision.

"I'm thankful to the council for determining the outcome that they

did," said Pappajohn. "For letting me go ahead and stay at the station and make the payments. Certainly, that was a fault at my end and I appreciate the council taking it up and looking at it. We'll get back on track and we're looking at doing some good things in the community."

Biddison said he felt the terms approved by the council were fair, and he's glad to see the city working to keep a local business on its feet.

"I feel like we're willing to work with Mr. Pappajohn on the terms of the lease," said Biddison. "As you can tell, we've been working with him for quite a while. We don't want to close him down. We're not in the business of closing local businesses, and I believe this is the best option we could come up with."

Also during the meeting, the council approved:

• Final reading of a resolution authorizing the mayor to execute a renewal agreement with the West Texas Water Ski Club.

• Final reading of a resolution authorizing the mayor to execute a mutual release of all claims

with Thomas A. Land regarding the city's occupancy of and alleged damages to property.

• Final reading of a resolution authorizing the mayor to execute a contract with Scenic Mountain Medical Center for its WorkSTEPS program.

• Final reading of a resolution authorizing the mayor to execute a joint election agreement with Big Spring Independent School District.

• Final reading of an ordinance calling for a special election to be held May 12 for the purpose of voting for or against the recall of McEwen.

• Final reading of a resolution authorizing the mayor to execute an election services contract with the Howard County

Elections Administrator.

• Final reading of a resolution establishing TexSTAR Investment Pool as an authorized investment and authorizing the mayor to execute an application for participation.

• First reading of a resolution authorizing the city manager to execute a contract with Maximus, Inc.

• First reading of a resolution authorizing and

directing the mayor to execute a contract with Texas Parks and Wildlife Department for the supply of water to the Big Spring State Park.

• The investment report for the quarter ending in December 2006.

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near future.

"The board will consider that as an option, as they will have other revenue sources," Sparks said.

School bond elections can only be held in May and November. To hold an election in May, trustees would have to formally call for the vote by early March, Sparks

said. But she quickly added that trustees will try to forestall that action as long as possible.

"They will continue to look ... at alternative means of financing," Sparks said. "They will look at the full gamut of funding."

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VILLARREAL

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strict first as a counselor before moving into administration several years ago.

Big Spring ISD trustees reassigned Villarreal at their Jan. 12 meeting, said Downes, who declined to give a reason for the board action.

Downes said BSISD will interview candidates for the assistant superintendent post Feb. 5 and 6, with board action on hiring expected Feb. 8.

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-FIRST AMENDMENT

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OTHER VIEWS

Use common sense with passport rules

Beginning Tuesday, U.S. citizens re-entering the United States by air are required to show passports as an entry requirement.

The same rule applies to citizens of Mexico, Canada and Bermuda who are entering this country by air.

There's been some misinformation and consequent worry concerning the passports. It's been rumored that everyone re-entering the United States will need passports. That's not true, at least right now.

The new passport rule applies only to those people traveling by air. At this time passports won't be required for citizens re-entering the United States by land or sea. Locally, of course, that means if you cross into Jurez for lunch or to shop or visit, you won't need a passport to re-enter this country.

However, the "land and sea re-entry" requirement for passports is scheduled to take effect between January 2008 and June 2009. This could have severe consequences along the borders and at the very least will certainly cause a lot of confusion.

Using passports to travel between countries is common practice throughout the world. But Americans aren't used to that when it comes to the northern and southern borders.

If such re-entry rules are put in place in 2008 or 2009, great care must be taken that it doesn't interrupt commerce along the border. Indeed, after outcries from lawmakers who represent northern and southern border areas, Homeland Security officials are taking a look at options.

Just using El Paso as an example, there are a lot of U.S. citizens who cross the border every day, but who really can't afford to plunk down nearly \$100 for a passport. And at border crossings, where ways of speeding up traffic are always being sought, the use of passports could clog up the works.

We recognize that the new passport rules are a function of increased border security. That's certainly necessary. But common sense, logic and, yes, humanity must be used when increasing security.

—The El Paso Times

A SMALL PRAYER

by K. Rae Anderson

When we come to You with our problems, Lord, we won't get tossed into a tizzy.

Amen

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Howstuffworks nice place to visit

A few years ago, I discovered the HowStuffWorks.com Web site on the Internet and soon had printed a binder full of articles that explain how various technologies work. Reading them helped me learn more about search engines, viruses, firewalls, Internet radio, instant messaging, HDTV and other topics.

More recently, I wanted to learn more about how podcasting works, so I returned to the site, selected computer stuff, and entered podcasting in the search box. There are several articles, including the basic "How Podcasting Works."

Besides covering the basics of how podcasting works, the author notes that some say podcasting is democratizing the mainly corporate-run world of radio because it enables anyone with a computer to become a radio disc jockey, talk show host, or recording artist.

Another article, "How iTunes Works" includes ample information on iTunes and how to use it, from downloading the software and importing music, to creating playlists and burning them on CDs.

If your interests go beyond technology (I hope so), there are also thousands of articles on other topics, including health, home, cars, entertainment and more.

When I click on the home channel, for instance, a list of articles (with pictures) tempts me to click and read more about: How Robotic Vacuums Work, How Dishwashers Work, How Housebreaking Your Pet Works, and How Krispy Kremes Work, for example.

I have to say I have a thing against Krispy Kremes and any foods that are deep-fat fried and filled with sugar. Plus, Krispy

Kremes seem to be the most oily and sugary of the lot. So I click there and read the article looking for justification for my prejudice, but find little-to-nothing about the ingredients or health consequences. However, I do learn that Krispy Kreme makes about 5 million donuts a day. Great.

Next, I click to How Housebreaking Your Pet Works. I once had trouble teaching an Italian Greyhound not to go inside and am curious what the article suggests. In fact, it does a pretty good job describing the problem, the pet's issues, and how to help him or her learn where to go, plus, the importance of getting there first.

There are many interesting topics covered in HowStuffWorks and, I've found the information to be clear and easy to understand. Well, maybe not everything. I still think understanding how HTML Web pages work, HDTV broadcasting and a few other technologies are pretty complicated. But at least after reading the explanations, I have a better understanding.

The site also provides travel information as well as hotel and restaurant information and ratings from the Mobil Travel Guides, and reviews of consumer products from Consumer Guide. Links to these resources are located at the top of the HowStuffWorks banner on all pages.

Besides the sizeable collection of articles available on the site, HowStuffWorks also provides a print and online magazine, HowStuffWorks Express (<http://express.howstuffworks.com>). It's designed to help fourth through eighth grade students learn, as well as have fun with science and technology.

The magazine includes a feature article section that provides numerous articles covering topics such as Under Your Skin: How the Human Body Works, and Spreading the Digital Disease

(about computer viruses). Click on AskMarshallBrain, for example, to see answers for kids' questions such as: Why are mosquitoes so annoying? And, Are people actually being frozen for the future?

The Autopsy Library includes explanations of things that interest kids, such as: TiVo, Xbox 360 controller, electronic keyboard, vending machine, Super Soakers, camera phone, and more.

When I look up others' reviews of the main HowStuffWorks Web site, the findings are mainly positive. Adults and kids who use the site have said things like: It helps you become the family genius; and, it's helpful for research and learning, and also lots of fun.

One person notes that a typical search provides different approaches to a topic, and most definitions contain photographs, graphics, or animated diagrams to demonstrate how the things work.

Further kid comments include: This Web site is just cool — it has a lot of information on any topic you can imagine, and it answers almost every question you may have; and, the authors have done a great job making explanations understandable so that a sixth grader can get the general idea and still maintain the depth and details that adults want.

The only negatives I've found include comments like: The site is a little cluttered; and, it's a little slow in loading pages, and provides information overload.

If you're at all curious, take a few minutes to browse HowStuffWorks.com. I bet you'll find at least one topic that intrigues you, and maybe you'll even click to go there and find out how it works.

Linda Knapp writes for non-experts who want to learn more about using technology in their personal lives. To read other columns, go to www.gettingstartedremix.net. Write her at lnkapp@seattletimes.com

LINDA
KNAPP

YOUR VIEWS

TO THE EDITOR,
Law makers — listen up!

In spite of all our expressions and concerns about alcohol and driving, and despite some changes in DWI laws, our Texas Legislature in keeping dangerous impaired drivers off our streets and highways has accomplished not much.

Of course, no lawmaking body anywhere can simply decree an end to the irresponsibility of impaired driving.

These drivers are living, breathing traffic hazards, being allowed behind the wheel of a vehicle, and are a public menace, finding ways to steer a deadly weapon

along our streets, to put we, the responsible drivers, and our passengers at great risk.

Now that our Legislators are back in session, and the insanity associated with our loved ones dying needlessly at the hands of an impaired driver weighing heavily upon us.

We would encourage our lawmakers to consider appropriations for well-considered public education, perhaps borrowed and adapted from other states that have enacted strong DWI legislation, telling us clearly, impaired driving is not to be tolerated.

Alcohol is the catalyst of bad social chemistry and when combined

with driving, poses a great threat of needless death and injury.

We encourage you to act and diminish this threat by passage of a substantial increase in the alcohol excise tax rate, stronger DWI Laws and providing alcohol to minors.

CHARLES HODGES
ADMINISTRATOR - STOP
DWI INC. PERMIAN
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TO THE EDITOR:

Well, 2006 is finally over and the new year of 2007 has just begun and with the editor's permission I would like to take this time to give special thanks.

First of all to all firefighters, both city and

county, to the Howard County Sheriff's Office, the Big Spring Police Department, the 911 dispatchers and DPS officers. Also to all doctors and nurses at Scenic Mountain Medical Center.

And who could forget all of their families and close relatives, because while we are at home celebrating Thanksgiving, Christmas, birthdays and ballgames, they are on duty keeping our families safe and sound and making our community a good and decent place to raise our children.

To these special people, thank you!

JAMES (DICK) DUBOSE
BIG SPRING

Making sheep into movie stars

The folks down under have turned agriculture into show business. On two different occasions in New Zealand we saw a sheep show. The first one was at what is called a sheep station. Here it would be called a mansion, with beautiful gardens, tall graceful trees and green grass you could see for acres. It was on an island near Queenstown only approachable by boat.

We dined in the mansion's main dining room beneath crystal chandeliers. The entrée of the gourmet meal was lamb, with a choice of shank or sliced. We were in one of the country's best grape growing regions, so local wines accompanied the meal.

Around sundown we wandered over to the demonstration area. A border collie herded sheep over an immense pasture that had a small mountain at one end. That's where the sheep tried to go, but the border collie brought them to the two

pens in front of the crowd. A man with a microphone gave the dog commands. We heard his whistles and shouts.

He then invited everyone into a small theater and he walked on stage, put on some leather pants, grabbed a huge sheep and sheared it, giving humorous commentary as he did so. When he finished he took the blanket of wool, all in one piece, and spread it out on a table for the crowd to touch.

We then went to a store attached to the theater to shop for woolen items and souvenirs.

The second sheep show was in what is called The Agridome near Rotarua.

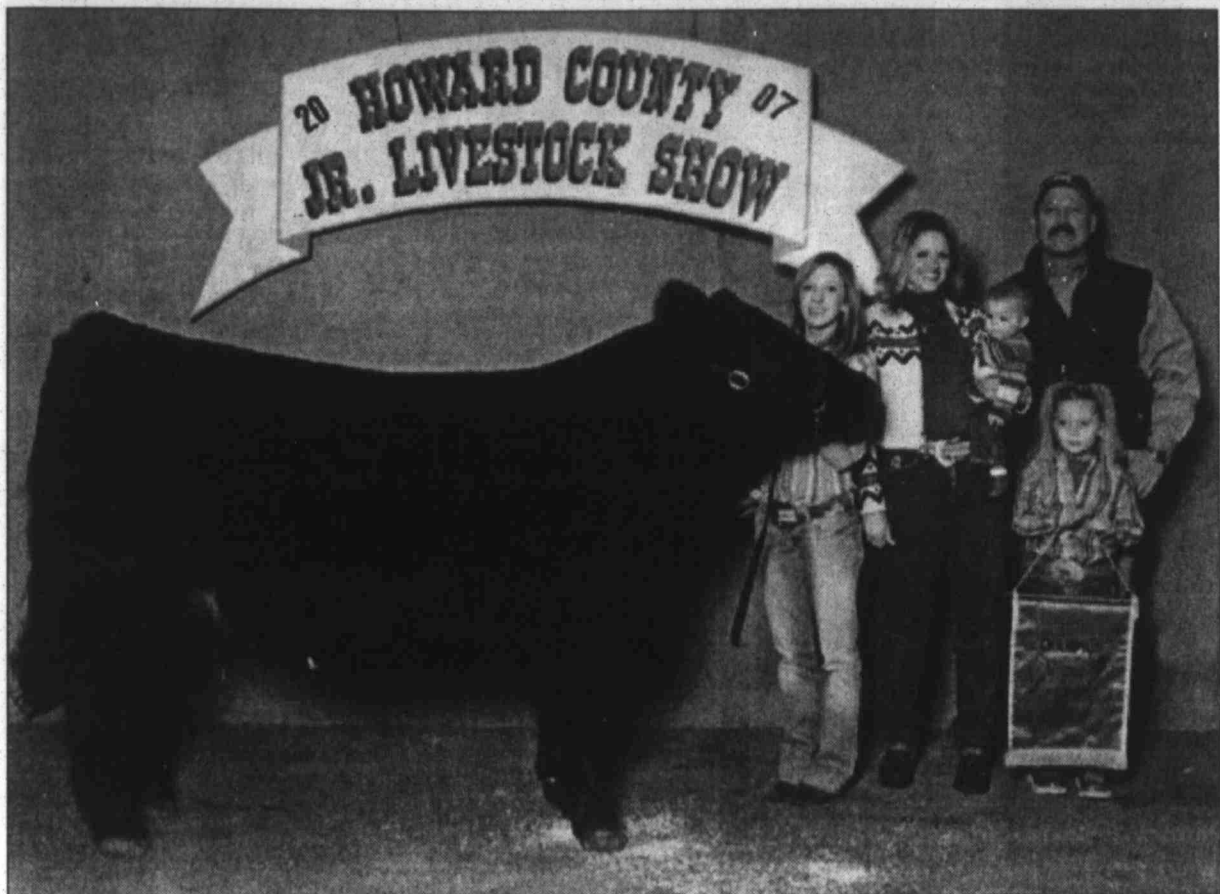
It is a huge place with seats for more than a thousand. It was a full house. Nearly every seat was taken. Nine different breeds of sheep were tethered on stage in a stair step formation with Merino, the best, being at the top. Again, the sheep shearer was a comedian and got the audience involved in what he was doing. He sheared a sheep, then auctioned it off. The person who bought it was from a cruise ship and had no way of getting the sheep home. So he gave

her a chocolate sheep for being a good sport. He then brought a cow on stage and had different people from the audience come up and milk it.

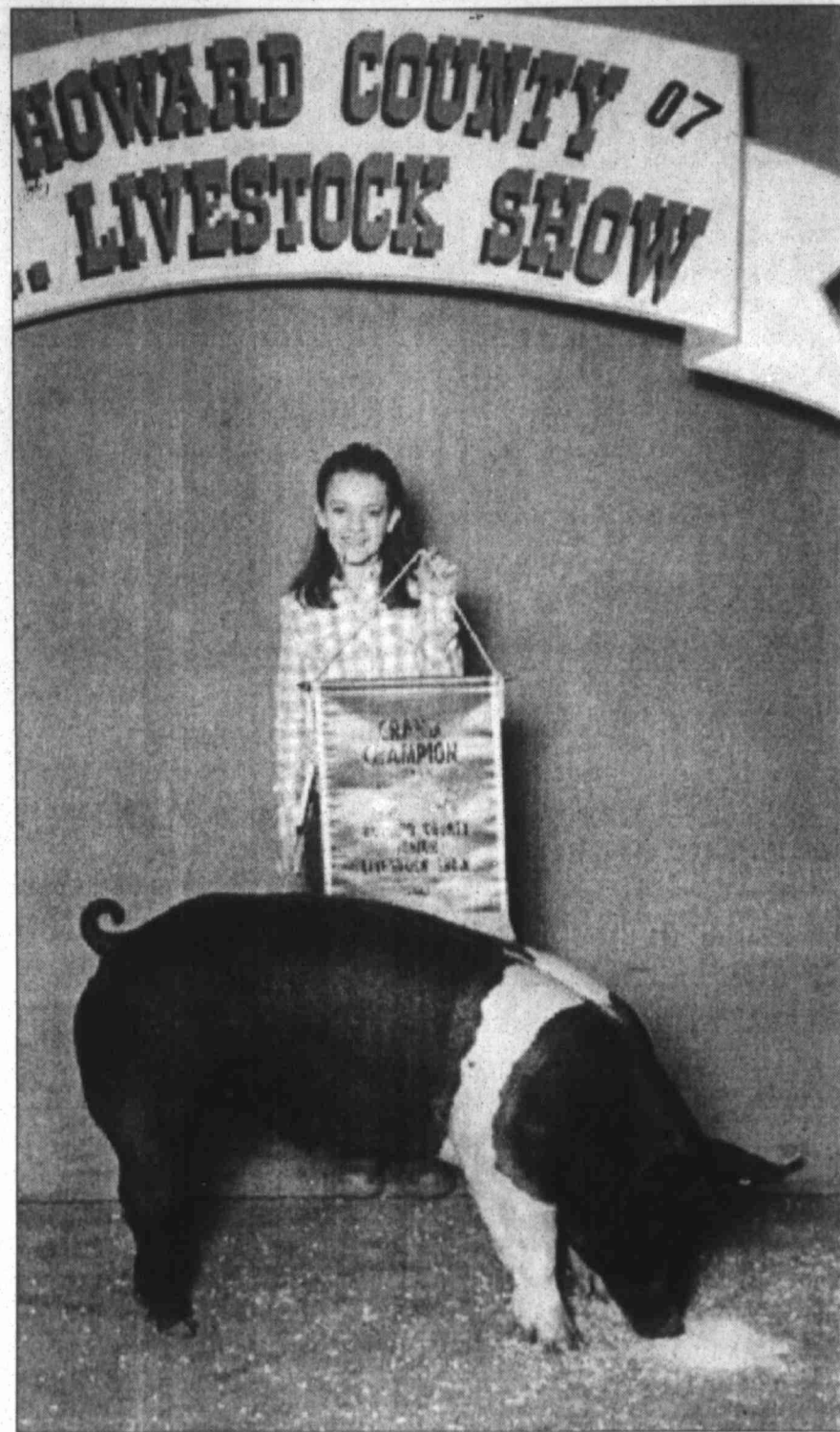
The Agridome is on a huge sheep ranch that has a café and big souvenir store. New Zealand has 40 million sheep, which are the basis for the country's main industry.

We had a fabulous trip. We cruised, took overnight visits to some interesting places, visited friends and made new ones. It was fascinating to see the night sky from a different angle. Onboard ship one night we saw the Southern Cross, visible only in the southern hemisphere. We saw The Remarkables, a mountain range where Lord of the Ring was filmed. We saw geysers on the upper island, reminding us of Yellowstone. The country might be the most beautiful place I've ever seen. It is full of lakes and orchards and vineyards and lush green hills and vibrant young people. We've already started thinking about our next trip over there. It's only a 10-hour flight from LA to Auckland.

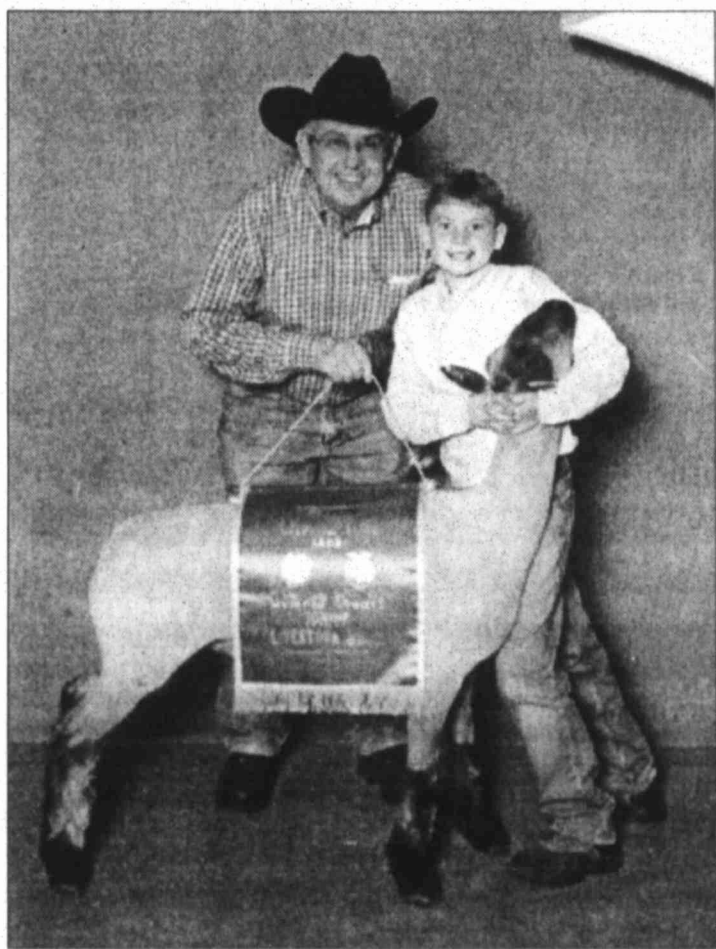
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Grand Champion Steer — Brittnee Nix, representing Howard County FFA, shows her winning steer as the Blissard family, Aubrey, Amanda, Mike, and Myka, stand by. Buyers were Cat Construction and Manhattan Petroleum.



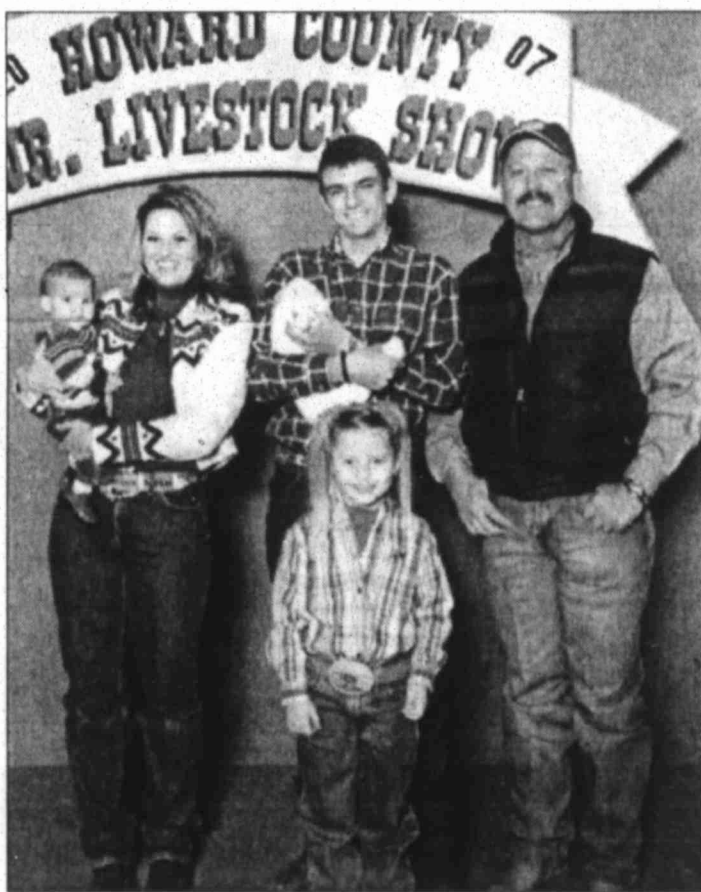
Grand Champion Barrow — Yanci Yeater, Howard County 4-H, shows her winning pig, purchased by the Big Spring Banking Center.



Grand Champion Lamb — Big Spring Farm Supply owner Ronnie Wood is pictured with Tanner Christie of Howard County 4-H.

Howard County Junior Livestock Show Grand Champions

Photos by Bruce Schooler



Grand Champion Rabbit — Aubree Blissard, Amanda Blissard, Mike Blissard and Myka Blissard, representing CAT Construction, stand with Coahoma FFA member James Lee Morgan (center, back).



Grand Champion Goat — Emilea Brumley, Howard County 4-H, poses with her lamb and H-E-B representatives Carmen Colon, left, and Melanie Green,

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 IN THE MATTER OF COUNTY FINANCES IN THE HANDS OF
 TERESA THOMAS TREASURER OF HOWARD COUNTY,
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COMMISSION'S COURT HOWARD COUNTY, TEXAS IN
 REGULAR SESSION JANUARY TERM 2007
 IN ACCORDANCE with Section 114.026, Local Government Code,
 we, the undersigned constituting the entire Commissioners Court of
 said County, certify that on the 17th day of January, at the Special
 term of Court, we compared and examined the monthly report of
 TERESA THOMAS, Treasurer of Howard County, Texas, for
 December 2006, and finding the same correct, entered an order in
 the Minutes approving said Report, which states total cash and other
 assets on hand as \$4,044,658.87.
 Mark J. Barr, County Judge
 Emma Brown, Commissioner Pct. 1
 Jerry Kilgore, Commissioner Pct. 2
 W.B. "Bill" Crooker, Commissioner Pct. 3
 Gary Simer, Commissioner Pct. 4

SWORN TO AND SUBSCRIBED BEFORE ME, by Mark Barr,
 County Judge, and County Commissioners of said Howard County,
 each respectively, on this the 17th day of January, 2007.

Attest: Donna Wright, County Clerk

FILED FOR RECORD THIS 17TH DAY OF January 2007, and
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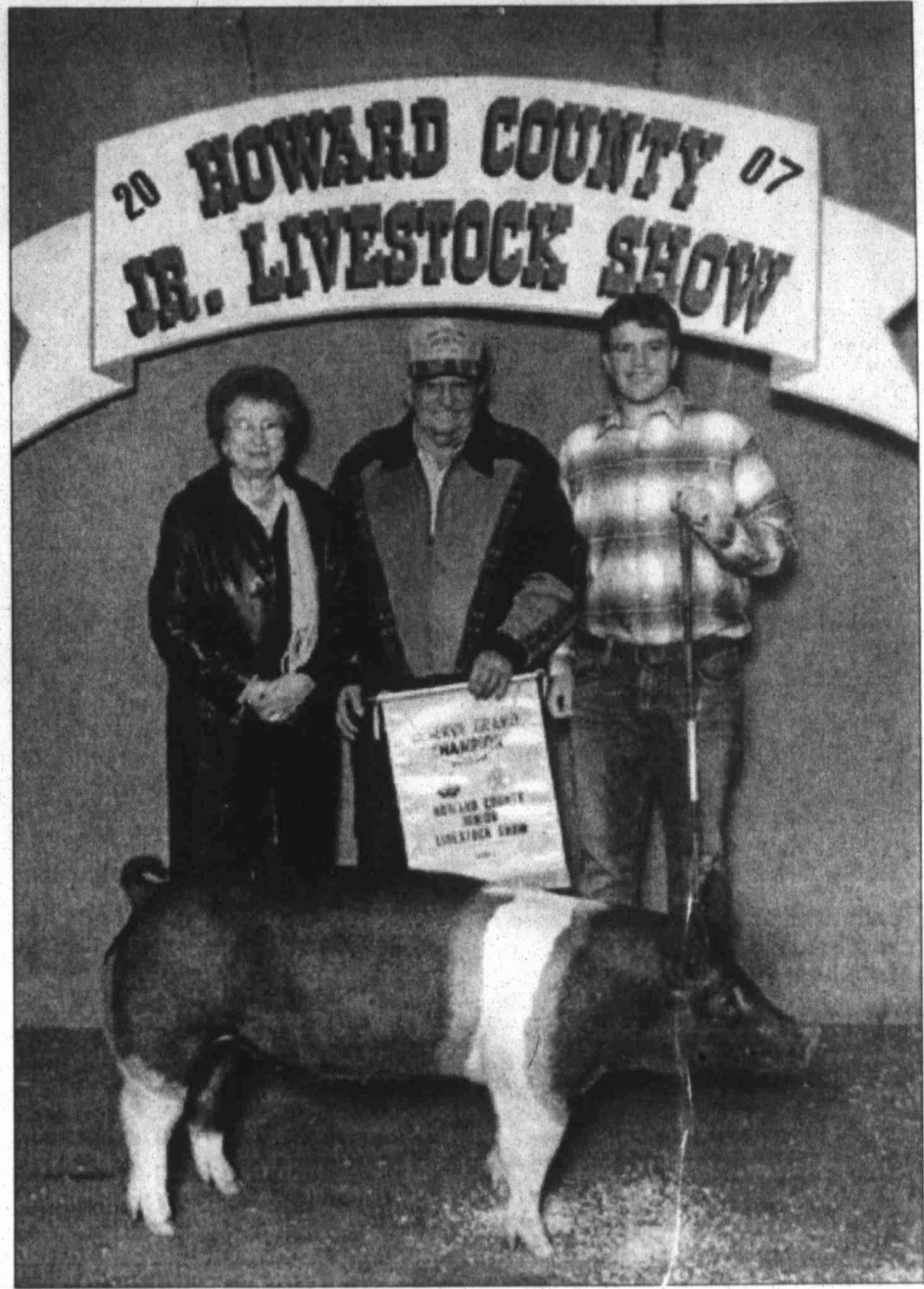
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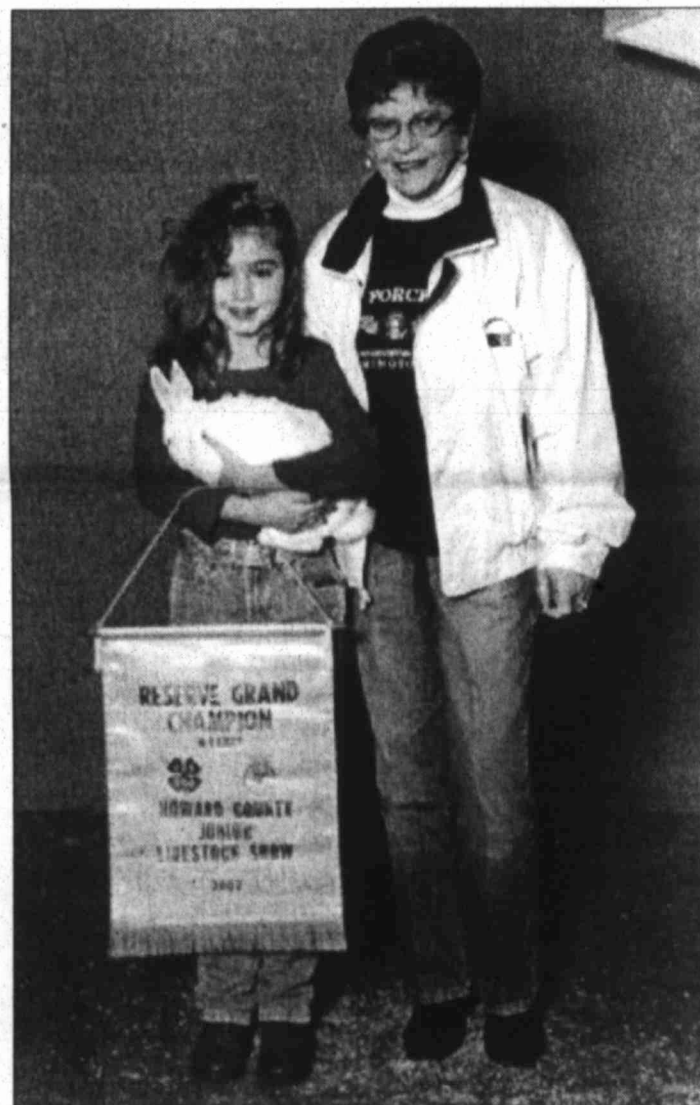
Reserve Grand Champion Steer — Buyers Guy and Connie Newell, Cowboy Construction, pose with Laurel Nix of Howard County 4-H.



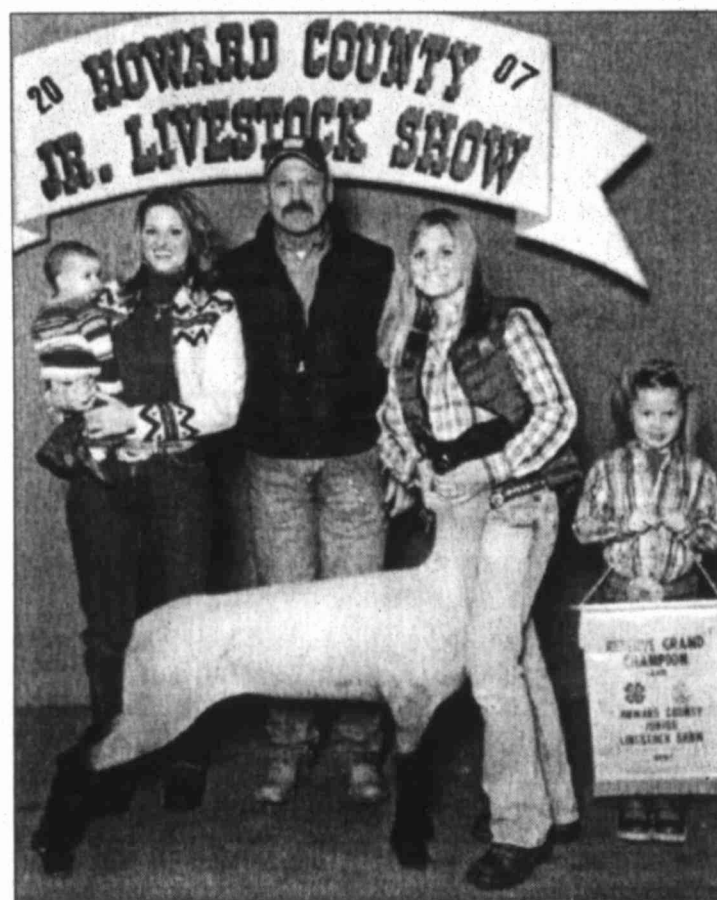
Reserve Grand Champion Barrow — Laverne Gaskins and Joe Mac Gaskins pose with Logan Gaskins of Sands FFA.



Reserve Grand Champion Goat — Brittnee Nix, representing Coahoma FFA, shows her winning goat, purchased by In Cotton Farms and Marcos Phillips.



Reserve Grand Champion Rabbit — Nova Caldwell, Howard County 4-H, shows the rabbit purchased by Sherry Wegner, owner of the Sherry Wegner Agency.



Reserve Grand Champion Lamb — Members of the Blissard family, Aubrey, Amanda, Mike and Myka, pose with Kelsey Jones of Howard County 4-H. The buyers are CAT Construction and R&H Well Service.

Reserve
Grand
Champions

photos by Bruce
Schooler

Contract Bridge

By Steve Becker

A Comprehensive Diagnosis

South dealer.
Neither side vulnerable.
NORTH
♠ 10 9 3
♥ A 9 5
♦ J 6 4
♣ J 9 7 2

WEST EAST
♠ 7 4 ♠ A 8
♥ J 8 6 3 ♥ K 10 7 2
♦ 9 7 5 3 ♦ Q 10 8
♣ K 8 5 ♣ Q 10 6 4

SOUTH
♠ K Q J 6 5 2
♥ Q 4
♦ A K 2
♣ A 3

The bidding:
South West North East
1♦ Pass 1NT Pass
4♦

Opening lead — three of diamonds.
The best way of approaching the play of most suit contracts is to start by counting losers. Applying this rule to the present case, you note that there is a loser in each suit. Since losing four tricks means down one, you naturally look for a way to save one of those tricks.

The most obvious way of attempting to pick up a trick is to put up dummy's jack of diamonds on the opening lead, hoping West has led away from the queen. Unfortunately,

East produces the queen, which you win with the ace.

The next step is to try to develop an extra heart trick where only one presently exists. If you succeed, you might eventually be able to get rid of one of your minor-suit losers on dummy's ace of hearts. However, the extra heart trick can be gained only by leading a heart from dummy toward your queen, and this requires first getting there to make the play.

Accordingly, you lead the five of spades to the nine at trick two. East takes the ace and returns a diamond. You win with the king and lead the six of spades to the ten, noting with satisfaction that both opponents follow suit.

Now comes the low heart from dummy. East takes the king, cashes a diamond and switches to a club. You win with the ace, cash the queen of hearts, lead your carefully preserved deuce of trumps to the three and then discard your club loser on the ace of hearts to bring in the contract.

The entire procedure requires careful planning and a moderate amount of luck. Making four spades is far from certain at the start, since the outcome depends on how the adverse cards are divided, but by playing in the recommended fashion, you at least give yourself a chance for the contract.

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Why not check this out?

New books are trickling in and most seem to be non-fiction. This is just a sample of what has been added to the collection. Be sure and check the 2007 New Book Binder at the front desk.

Did you watch "Dancing with the Stars"? Wasn't Emmitt something? The Library has picked up "The Complete Idiot's Guide to Ballroom Dancing" (793.33 ALL J) by Jeff Allen. It purports to be No. 1 in this category. I believe that Howard College also offers ballroom dancing classes in their continuing education courses. There may be not connection, but we also picked up "Wine for Dummies" (641.22 MCC E) by Ed McCarthy, a certified wine educator. It has interesting information on where wine is produced, what the different terms mean, how to read a wine list, how to buy wine and how not to be intimidated by snooty wine snobs.

Frederick W. Schmidt is an Episcopal priest and director of spiritual life and formation for the Perkins School of Theology in Dallas. He has written "What God Wants for Your Life" (248.4 SCH F) to try and answer the most perplexing and enduring religious questions to discern God's will in a given situation. In a review from *Publisher's Weekly*, the book's blend of mainline Christian theology, biblical exploration and personal stories about probing God's will through spiritual discernment gives grounding for Christians who struggle with that issue. Schmidt starts the exploration with "God-questions" to "usher us into another way of being, a new way of seeing the word." Most powerful is his chapter on "signs and wonders," which includes his explanation for why he has serious reservations about the practice of looking at every event in our lives as a "sign from God" pointing to a choice we are to make. Schmidt also cautions against thinking of God's will as a fixed and certain "to-do list." So how would he have us discern God's purpose? Listen to and with our lives, love God and enjoy the freedom that comes in using the gifts and graces to make choices. This is an important book on Christian spiritual discernment.

This is a sometimes painful subject, but most of us will be faced with this situation: "How to Care for Aging Parents" (306.874 MIR V) by Virginia Morris. It is the essential reference book for anyone who is or will be caring for the elderly. It is clearly written, carefully researched and thoroughly indexed to provide quick access to all questions.

In another review from *Publisher's Weekly*, comes a skilled essayist as well as an ecologist, Daniel B. Botkin. In "Strange Encounters: Adventures of a Renegade Naturalist" (333.72 BOT D), he combines science, wit and a gift for characterization to craft these consistently engaging essays. Many deal with contradictions and uncertainties that may never be resolved by research

alone. In "Winds of a Condor's Wings," he describes a 1980 project that he was engaged in as a member of a committee to advise the State of California how to save the condor, whose population had declined to only 22. Three sets of so-called experts were unable to agree on what factor was chiefly responsible for the condor's decline or whether captive breeding or reintroduction to the wild should be pursued to sustain the species.

"The Ecology of Cancer" is a touching account of his late wife's illness and how the questions she raised about chemotherapy motivated Botkin to establish an experimental workshop, as a memorial to her, composed of both biologists and cancer researchers who are learning from one another.

In another piece, "How Many Bowhead Whales Ever Lived on the Earth," Botkin recounts his collaboration with John Bockstoce, an anthropologist studying Yankee whaling, whose complex personality springs to life on the page. There are many humorous inclusions, like "Is It Okay to Let Your Dog Drink from the Toilet?" a witty reflec-

tion on a study about the good-guy bacteria in toilet bowls. In all, this is a refreshing, open-minded collection about nature, ecology and science.

Here is a really neat coffee table book to look at and read: "The Amazing Faith of Texas: Common Ground on Higher Ground" (204.097 SPE R) by Roy Spence. In the past years, when the subject of faith and religion came up, it seemed that more was written about what divided Texans than what

united them. To explore that subject, a group of people boarded a Winnebago and criss-crossed the state to uncover what made us faithful (and it isn't necessarily a Christian faith). The book is based on three precepts: a commonality that grows out and a shared belief in Faith; the Golden Rule and Values. This is truly a book to buy and keep for yourself. One phrase that struck me, is this one: "God is an equal-opportunity listener."

Howard County Library hours are 9 to 6, Monday to Friday and Saturday, 9 until 5. The Internet/Video room closes one half hour before

closing. The Library is located at 500 S. Main St. In case of bad weather, it is always a good idea to call to see if we are open. Our general policy is this: if the school districts open at 10, the Library will open then. If school is

cancelled due to really bad weather, then call. Our phone number is 264-2260. The Web site is www.howard-county.lib.tx.us

Hollis McCright is director of the Howard County Library.



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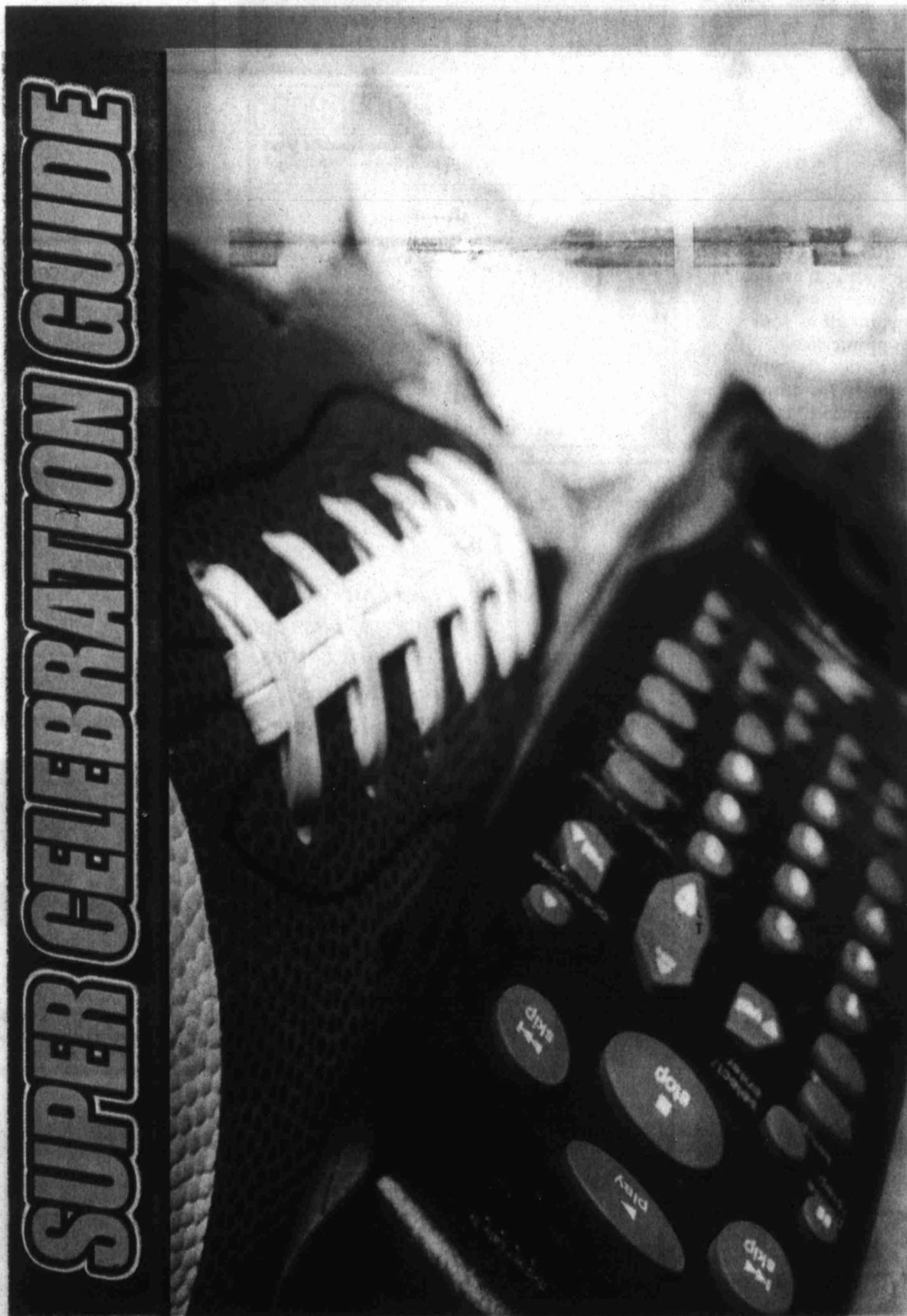
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IN BRIEF

Forsan Buffaloes nip Hamlin by two



The Forsan Varsity Boys basketball team defeated Hamlin 36-34, in Hamlin, Tuesday night.

The Buffaloes were led on offense by Seth Johnson who went 2-for-3 from beyond the 3-point line and scored 10 points.

Cameron Parker added 10 points and Adam Bailey pulled down 14 rebounds.

The Buffaloes were 6-for-7 from the free throw line on the night.

Forsan made a great defensive stand on two different occasions over the final 12 seconds of the game to preserve the win.

The Buffaloes record is now 14-5 and 1-1 in district play.

Forsan will return to the court at home Friday night vs. Rotan. This is a make up game that was rescheduled due to bad weather.

Oklahoma coach staying a Sooner

Oklahoma football coach Bob Stoops said Tuesday he is not a candidate to coach the Dallas Cowboys or to leave the Sooners for any other job.

"To end speculation here in the heart of recruiting, I want to make it clear that I am not interested in any other coaching positions at this time," Stoops said. "I am too excited about our future at Oklahoma and the program we're continuing to build."

Stoops is 86-19 in eight seasons at Oklahoma, where he has coached the Sooners to four Big 12 Conference titles and the 2000 national championship.

The Cowboys have hired an Oklahoma coach before — albeit a retired one. Barry Switzer, who won three national titles with the Sooners, coached Dallas for three seasons, winning a Super Bowl.

Big Spring loses its defensive intensity

MIKE GRIMES

Sports Editor

The Big Spring Steers lost their second home game in row Tuesday night, falling to the Plainview Bulldogs, 81-52.

Four minutes into the game, the Bulldogs showed just how tough they were going to be as they grabbed three offensive rebounds on one possession and Evan Hearn muscled his way to the basket for 2 of his 20 points.

Bulldogs 12, Steers 5. And that was just the beginning.

Jason Walker matched up well with Hearn when the BSHS guards were able to get him the ball, but the problem was getting the ball over midcourt and setting up the Steers offense to run a play.

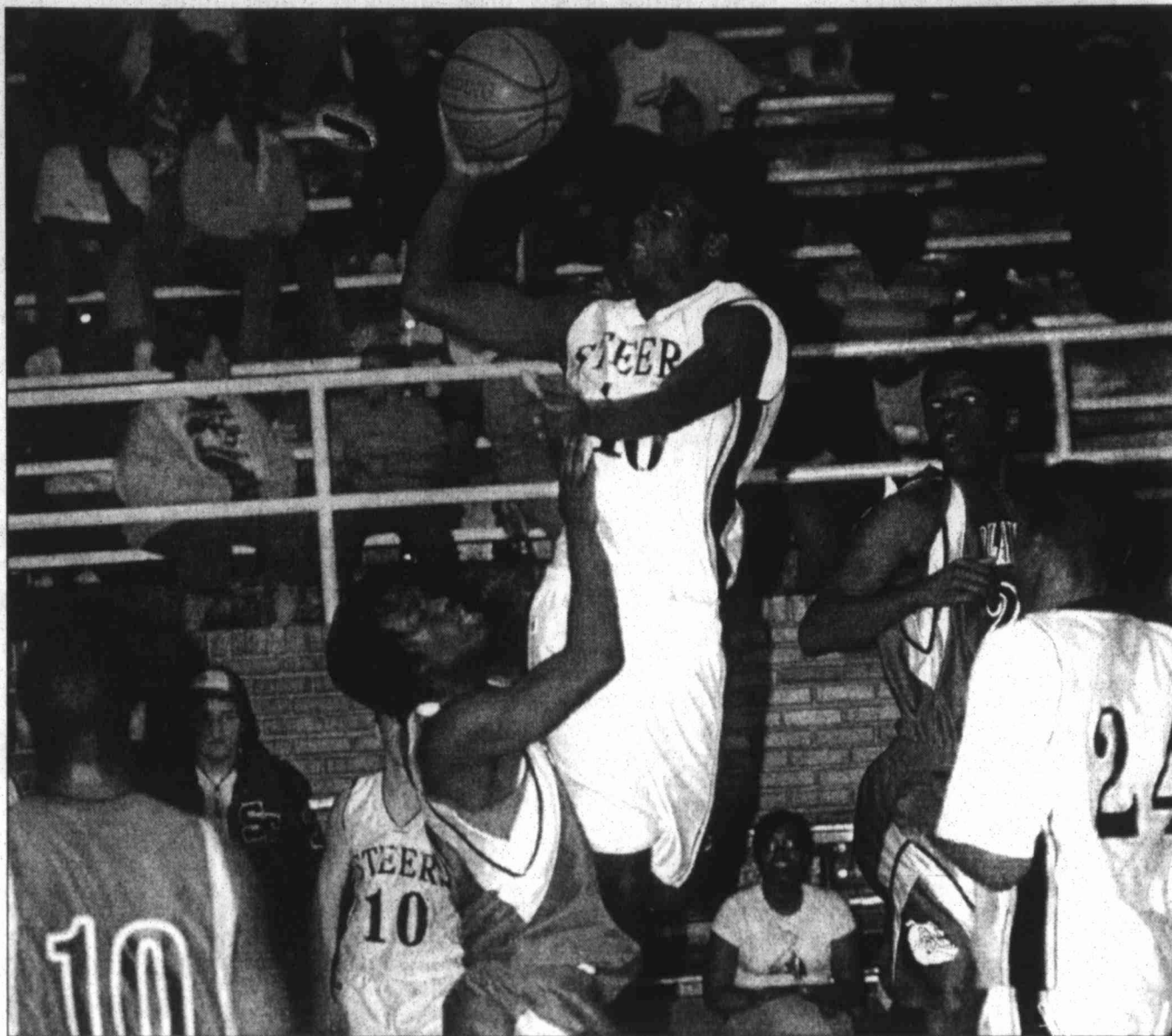
Walker was the Steers leading scorer with 14 points, but all too often he was left standing under the basket, fighting for position and not touching the ball.

"In that first half they were just shooting lights out on us," Joey Martin, the BSHS coach said. "You have to give Plainview credit there, but on offense our guards spent way too much time going east and west, and not enough time heading to the basket or finding the open man."

Rondell Trevino was hitting 3-pointers from the baseline for the Steers, but again the problem was getting him the ball on a consistent basis.

Trevino and senior forward Scott Fankhauser scored 9 points each, but that paled in comparison to Hearn's 20 points and the Bulldogs leading scorer, Zal Smiley, who hung 23 on the Steers.

At the end of the first quarter



Big Spring junior guard Lance Gross drives and shoots with one hand in the second half of Tuesday night's 81-52 loss to Plainview. The Steers basketball team is now 15-10 on the season.

Big Spring had been outscored 22-9.

After three possessions and three turnovers halfway through the second quarter, the Steers found themselves trailing 40-27,

and then watched as the Bulldogs scored the final 5 points of the period to take an 18-point halftime lead.

In the third quarter, the Steers traded baskets with the Bulldogs

until Hearn, the Plainview running back headed for North Texas to play football, scored on consecutive layups to push the

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Big Spring Lady Steer Desire Yanez drives to the basket as a Plainview defender can't keep up with the point guard's speed. The lady Steers dropped the district game and are now 0-4 in district.

Lady Steers stumble against Lady Bulldogs

MIKE GRIMES

Sports Editor

Big Spring girl's basketball team showed its youth and inexperience in the first half Tuesday — that's why the Lady Steers (0-4, district) were beaten by the Plainview Lady Bulldogs, 72-33, at the Steer Gym.

From the opening minutes of the contest, the Lady Steers struggled to get into a rhythm on offense or defense, as evident by the 19-6 first-quarter Lady Bulldog (3-1) lead and the 43-8 halftime deficit.

"We're in a learning process right now — even at this point in the district race," Lady Steer head coach Sherman Chew said. "The way the first half went, this was a good test for some of our young players — actually, all we have is young players on this team. The second half really showed some character and heart that this team has ... despite what the scoreboard said, I was proud of the Lady Steers tonight."

In the second half, the BSHS girls showed the talent, dedication and heart that had been missing.

Storming out of the locker room, the Lady Steers rattled off 9 points in the first two minutes of the third quarter. That was more than the girls scored in the first 16 minutes of the first half. The Lady Steers not only played tough in the third quarter, they set the tempo on both ends of the court and

outscored Plainview, 15-12.

"We didn't play as a team in the first half," explained the Lady Steers' Heather Sheppard. "At the break we realized that we were all embarrassed by what happened on the court and we knew that the only way to keep it from getting any worse was to start playing together."

As the Lady Steers continued to battle and scratch their way back into the game, Plainview began to rest its starting five. In the final period, the Big Spring girls had spent so much energy trying to get back into the game that they had very little left in the tank.

Sheppard, the Lady Steers starting center, led both teams in scoring and rebounding with 16 and 12.

"In the first half I don't know that we could have played much better," Lady Bulldog's coach Danny Wrenn said after the win. "Give some credit to Big Spring, they never gave up tonight and that Sheppard — she played great tonight. She was scoring, rebounding and blocking shots like this was a two-point game."

"This was a good win for us, but I can't help but to walk out here impressed with how Big Spring competed in the second half and how well Sheppard played tonight."

Desire Yanez scored 7 points on the night and Jordan

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Bulldogs miss opportunity for 2nd place spot

MIKE GRIMES

Sports Editor

In the race for second place in District 5-2A, the Coahoma Bulldogs (16-9) were defeated 53-37 by Merkel.

From the opening tip the visiting Bulldogs looked like they were still on the bus and not prepared to play basketball. It was a contrast to the defensive style that allowed Coahoma to get back into the district race last week when Colter Morgan set a

new school record with 14 blocked shots.

That performance is now a distant memory.

In the first eight minutes of the game Coahoma was outscored 14-6 and then followed that up by allowing Merkel to score 18 points in the second quarter.

By the time the two teams headed to the locker rooms, Coahoma was staring at a 32-14 deficit.

"We just played poorly

tonight," Coahoma coach Kim Nichols said after the loss. "This is very disappointing and not what we expected. We let them take it to us and the score reflects that."

Jason Gonzales, the Bulldogs leading scorer this season, was able to hit for 15 points and Stephen Ewing added 6 more in the losing effort.

After halftime both teams traded baskets — literally, as Merkel was able to maintain its 18 points

lead, 39-21.

Over the final 8 minutes the Bulldogs were unable to rally and ended the game with what Coach Nichols called a "surprising" 16 point loss.

Coahoma is now 5-3 in district and locked in the three-way tie for third place.

This Friday night the varsity Bulldogs will return to action as they host Hawley at 8 p.m. Coahoma will be looking for its sixth district win,

Mavericks lead from start to finish

By TRAVIS REED

Associated Press Writer

ORLANDO, Fla. — Dirk Nowitzki had 33 points, 10 rebounds and eight assists, and Josh Howard added 25 points to help the Dallas Mavericks beat the Orlando Magic 111-95 on Tuesday night for their eighth straight victory.

For the second consecutive night, the Mavericks led from beginning to end. They pushed the margin to 25 points in the second quarter with a 15-5 run capped by Nowitzki's three-point play, and kept it around 20 most of the second and third periods.

The Magic pulled closer in the third with a 13-4 run, but it happened with the defending Western Conference champions resting Nowitzki.

It was the closest the Magic had been since 8 minutes into the first quarter, and aside from a quick basket to begin the fourth, it was the closest they would come.

Dallas rattled off six unanswered points, including a fast-break dunk from Nowitzki, to put the lead back at 14 and out of Orlando's reach.

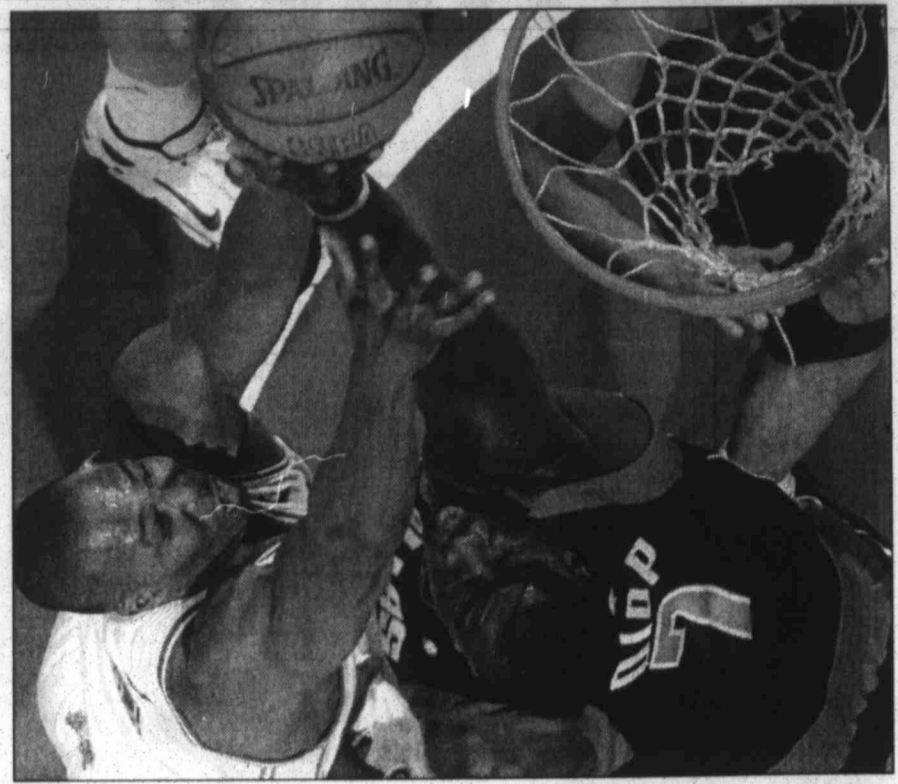
Jameer Nelson scored 23 points for the Magic and keyed the third-quarter run that brought Orlando back into the game. Hedo Turkoglu scored 17, Grant Hill had 15 points and Dwight Howard finished with 15 points and 14 rebounds.

Dwight Howard attempted only 10 shots from the field, even though all three Dallas big men (Eric Dampier, DeSagana Diop and DJ Mbenga) were in foul trouble

for the majority of the game. Jason Terry had 14 points and six assists for the Mavericks, and Devin Harris had 13 points.

Nowitzki scored at will, going 12-for-17 while hitting everything from mid-range jumpers, layups and drives — and the rest of the Mavericks weren't far behind in the first half. Dallas shot 26-of-40 from the field, including 8-of-11 by Josh Howard for 18 points in the period.

The double-double was Nowitzki's 26th of the season, a mark it took the Maverick's leader and All-Star 63 games to reach last season. After going 35-8 in its first 43 games, Dallas is already a couple of games ahead of its pace last season, when it won a franchise-record 60 games.



MCT photo/Gary W. Green/Orlando Sentinel
Orlando Magic's Dwight Howard battles for a rebound with Dallas Mavericks' DeSagana Diop during the Mav's 111-95 victory.

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lead to 24.

By the end of the period the Steers were in a 64-37 hole.

"We have to put this game behind us right now," a visibly upset Martin said after the game. "We're in a do or die situation now and we have nobody to blame but ourselves. I hate to put this kind of pressure on us right now, but if we are going to do something

that has not been done in a long time around here — make the playoffs — we're going to have to win Tuesday night."

If the fourth quarter is any indication of games to come, the Steers could be in some trouble.

Big Spring was unable to make any type of run on the Bulldogs and as Plainview emptied its bench, the Steers failed to make the defensive stand they were searching for. The result was an ugly, 29-point home loss. "Lack of defense, that's

all I can say about tonight's game," Langdon said from the steps heading down into the Steers locker room. "We played pretty good on offense, but we never played any team defense. It takes two or three guys to play well on the offensive end, but we have to have all five guys on the court playing tough defense. That's the key, we need everyone on the court to play all out on the defensive end. That should be the first goal when anyone steps on the court."

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Chesworth continued to play tough defense from the point guard position. Chesworth was instrumental in holding one of the districts top scorers, Caitly Gilleland, to only 11 points.

Gilleland led the Lady Bulldogs in scoring, but she was held 6 points below her season average.

"We competed and we never gave up tonight," Chew added after the home loss. "What more can a coach ask for from his players? I was very proud of them for not giving up and for coming out and competing against a very talented Plainview team."

Friday, the Lady Steers have an open date, but they will return to the court Tuesday, as they travel to face Frenship. The next home game is scheduled for Feb. 2 at Steer Gym.

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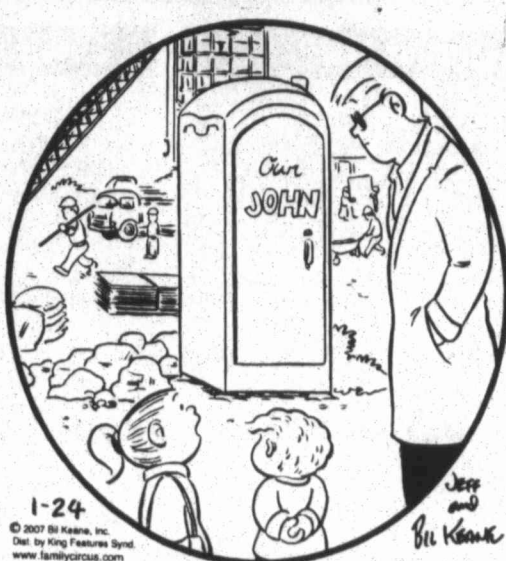
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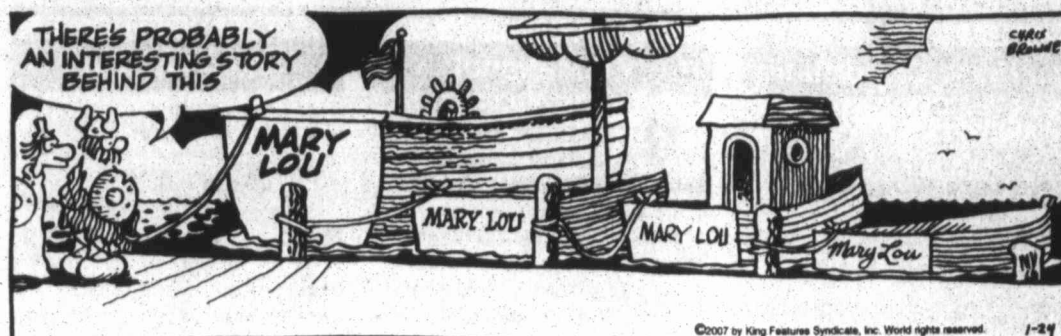
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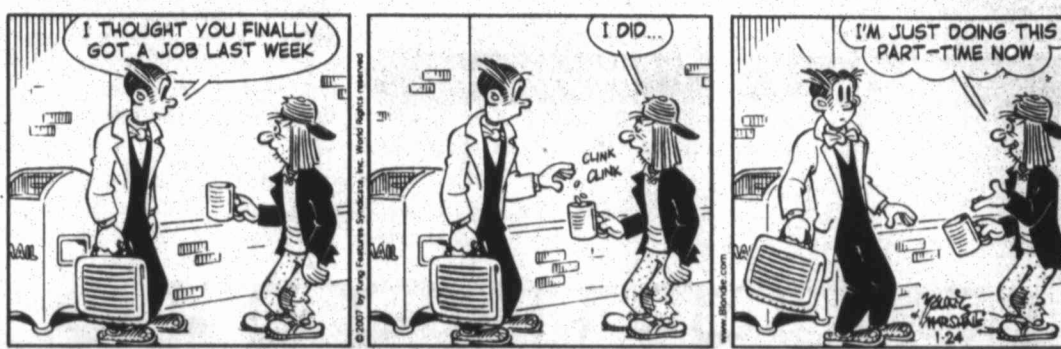


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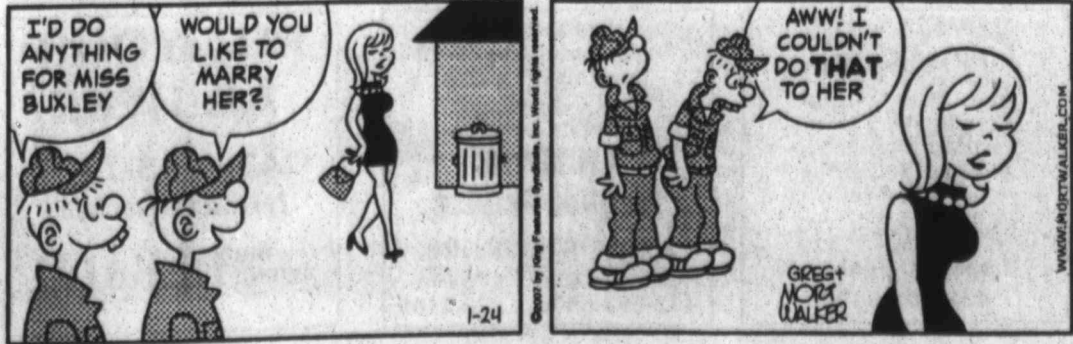
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Today is Wednesday, Jan. 24, the 24th day of 2007. There are 341 days left in the year.

Today's Highlight in History: On Jan. 24, 1848, James W. Marshall discovered a gold nugget at Sutter's Mill in northern California, a discovery that led to the gold rush of '49.

On this date: In 1742, Charles VII was crowned Holy Roman Emperor during the War of the Austrian Succession.

In 1924, the Russian city of Petrograd (formerly St. Petersburg) was renamed Leningrad in honor of the late revolutionary leader (however, it has since been renamed St. Petersburg).

In 1943, President Franklin Roosevelt and British Prime Minister Winston Churchill concluded a wartime conference in Casablanca, Morocco.

In 1978, a nuclear-powered Soviet satellite, Cosmos 954, plunged through Earth's atmosphere and disintegrated, scattering radioactive debris over parts of northern Canada.

In 1987, gunmen in Lebanon kidnapped educators Alann Steen, Jesse Turner and Robert Polhill and Mitheleshwar Singh (all were eventually released).

In 1989, confessed serial killer Theodore Bundy was put to death in Florida's electric chair.

In 2003, the new Department of Homeland Security officially opened as its head, Tom Ridge, was sworn in.

Today's Birthdays: Actor Ernest Borgnine is 90. Evangelist Oral Roberts is 89. Actor Jerry Maren ("The Wizard of Oz") is 88. Actor Marvin Kaplan ("Top Cat") is 80. Cajun musician Doug Kershaw is 71. Singer-songwriter Ray Stevens is 68. Singer-songwriter Neil Diamond is 66. Singer Aaron Neville is 66. Actor Michael O'Keefe is 61. Actor Daniel Auteuil is 57. Comedian Yakov Smirnoff is 56.

Bandleader-musician Jools Holland is 49. Country musician Keech Rainwater (Lonestar) is 44. Comedian Phil LaMarr is 40. Olympic gold-medal gymnast Mary Lou Retton is 39. Rhythm-and-blues singer Pat Brown (Society of Soul) is 37. Actor Matthew Lillard is 37. Actress Merrilee McCommas is 36. Actress Tatyana Ali is 28. Actress Mischa Barton is 21.

Thought for Today: "The most fatal illusion is the settled point of view. Since life is growth and motion, a fixed point of view kills anybody who has one."

— Brooks Atkinson, American drama critic (1894-1984).

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Answer to previous puzzle

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Newsday Crossword

- ACROSS**
- 1 Miss Hawkins of *Li'l Abner*
 - 6 Doom partner
 - 11 Partakes of
 - 14 Make amends
 - 15 Horn-honking Marx
 - 16 Pro quarterback Manning
 - 17 Deteriorating
 - 19 On, as a bulb
 - 20 Initial contribution
 - 21 "Sorta" suffix
 - 22 Theater district
 - 24 Talk wildly
 - 26 Deck out
 - 27 One of Edison's 1,000+
 - 30 Church's cut
 - 31 "Columbus sailed the blue..."
 - 32 Huck Finn's transport
 - 33 Puppy's cry
 - 36 Hieroglyphics key
 - 40 Wd. in Roget's
 - 41 Give approval to
 - 42 Hulk the wrestler
 - 43 Proposed price
 - 45 Easy putts
 - 46 Hotel selling point
 - 49 Duck or chicken
 - 50 Ceremonial hammers
 - 51 Sty mother
 - 52 Nile snakes
 - 56 "been robbed!"
 - 57 Tom Hanks film of '86
- DOWN**
- 1 Long tale
 - 2 Like ___ of bricks
 - 3 "Let's ___" (Porter tune)
 - 4 Cochlea site
 - 5 Brain scan; Abbr.
 - 6 House hunter
 - 7 Mascara target
 - 8 Source of iron
 - 9 *The Mikado*, for one
 - 10 In fashion
 - 11 Name-tag word
 - 12 O'Connor's Supreme Court successor
 - 13 Refuse to release
 - 18 Windshield feature
 - 23 Chowd down
 - 25 Part of AD
 - 26 Grant's bill
 - 27 Lobster traps
 - 28 Stiff and sore
 - 29 New driver, often
 - 30 Turkic invader
 - 32 Type in again
 - 33 Yankee great's nickname
 - 34 ___ uproar
 - 35 Confines
 - 37 Hooper's routine
 - 38 Big Band clarinetist
 - 39 Statuettes' spot, on a wedding cake
 - 43 Indivisible
 - 44 Word often preceding "rich"
 - 45 Crier's employer
 - 46 Tummy trouble
 - 47 Expert
 - 48 Meet component
 - 49 April 1 victims
 - 51 Hook henchman
 - 53 Light on one's feet
 - 54 Porky and Petunia
 - 55 Dele undoer
 - 58 Sci-fi visitors
 - 59 Body-shop fig.

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Legals

City of Big Spring Zoning Board of Adjustments and Appeals

The City of Big Spring Zoning Board of Adjustments will hold a meeting on Wednesday, January 31, 2007 at 5:30 pm in the City Council Chambers, located at 307 E. 4th Street, Big Spring, Texas to consider the following:

- Tom Hines, LT 3 BK 5 of Mittel Acres Division, Located at 1804 Benton, is requesting a side yard carport variance.
- Colby Ditto, LT 25 BK 5 of College Park Division, Located at 626 Tulane, is requesting a side yard variance.
- Bert Hillger, LT 1 BK 24 of College Park Division, Located at 3301 Auburn, is requesting a side yard variance.

Kenny Davis
Chief Building Official
#5214 January 17 & 24, 2007

PUBLIC NOTICE

The Howard County Auditor will accept sealed bids until 10:00 A.M. on February 8, 2007 for Office and Printing Supplies. Specifications may be obtained in the Auditor's Office, 300 S. Main, Room 203, Big Spring, TX or by calling (432) 264-2210. Bids will be presented to the Commissioners' Court at 10:00 A.M. on February 12, 2007 for their consideration. The Court reserves the right to reject any or all bids.
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1.1.1. The Big Spring Area Local Federal Coordinating Committee (LFCC) is soliciting applications from federated groups, charitable organizations or a combination thereof, interested in being considered to serve as the Principal Combined Fund Organization (PCFO) for the 2007 campaign. A legal notice has been published in The Big Spring Herald announcing this solicitation for a PCFO. The applicable CFC regulations are:

- Title 5, Code of Federal Regulations, Part 950.104 authorizes the LFCC to solicit applications from federations, charitable organizations, or combinations thereof to serve as the PCFO; and to select a PCFO to act as its fiscal agent and campaign coordinator for the CFC.
- Title 5, Code of Federal Regulations, Part 950.105 outlines the responsibilities of the PCFO. In addition, § 950.601 provides additional requirements governing the release of contributor names. The primary responsibility of the PCFO is to support the federal government in managing a comprehensive local workplace fundraising campaign while ensuring the fiscal integrity, accountability, and transparency of the process. A primary goal of the PCFO is to conduct an effective and efficient campaign in a fair and even-handed manner. Only federations, charitable organizations or combinations thereof may serve as the PCFO.
- 1.1.1.2. All application proposals submitted for consideration must be received by the LFCC post-marked no later than February 16, 2007. Applications may also be hand-delivered. Interested organizations should submit their application proposals to the LFCC, c/o Elizabeth Lowery, West Texas VA Health Care System, 300 Veterans Boulevard, Big Spring, TX 79720. Only application proposals addressing all of the key elements and deliverables outlined in Title 5, Code of Federal Regulations, Part 950.105 will be considered for review by the LFCC.
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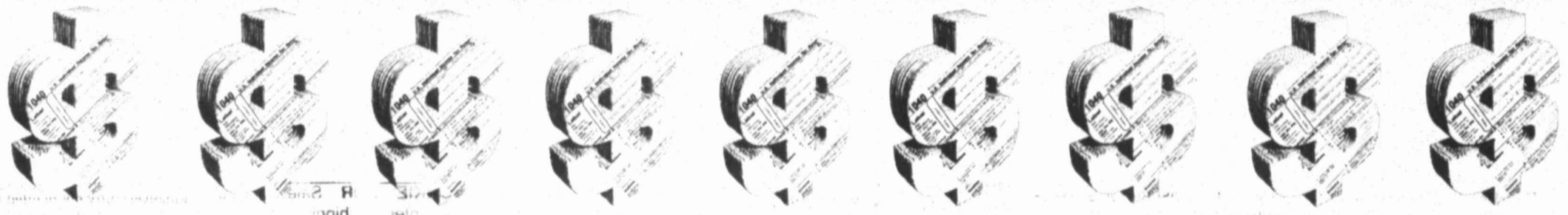
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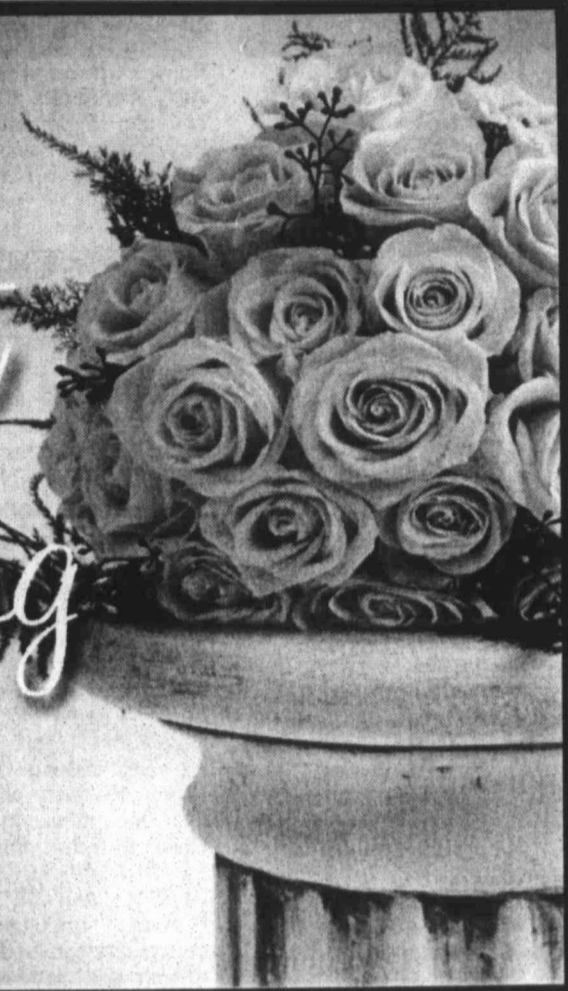
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