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Trial Monday for 3 juveniles

Trial will be held at 8 a.m. Monday in county court for three juveniles charged with vandalism at Comanche Trail Park. County Judge Ben Lockhart will preside.

Moore board will convene Wednesday

Moore Development for Big Spring, Inc. board will convene at 3 p.m. Wednesday in the chamber board room. Consideration of a workforce survey, Freecom application, A&M composite application and a report from the industry retention and expansion committee are on the agenda. Other items include employee medical insurance, purchase of a display booth and December financials and investment report. The board will also go into executive session to discuss an employee matter and real property.

WHAT'S UP...

MONDAY
□ Big Spring Evening Lions Club, 6:30 p.m., 1607 E. Third.

TUESDAY
□ Beginning line dance classes, 9 a.m., Senior Citizens Center. Call 267-1628.

WEDNESDAY
□ Optimist Club, 7 a.m., Howard College Cactus Room
□ Big Spring Downtown Lions Club, noon, Howard College Cactus Room. Call Terry Hansen at 264-5175.
□ Line dancing, 1 p.m., Senior Citizens Center, Industrial Park.
□ Eagles Lodge Ladies Auxiliary, 7 p.m., Eagles Lodge, 704 W. Third.

THURSDAY
□ Gideons International Big Spring Camp No. 4206, 7 a.m., Hermans.
□ Big Spring Senior Citizens Center art classes, 9:30 to 11:30 a.m. for 55 and older.
□ Kiwanis Club, noon, Howard College Cactus Room.

FRIDAY
□ Spring City Senior Citizens country/western dance, 7:30 to 10:30 p.m. All seniors invited.

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County to discuss hiring a consultant to avoid Y2K problems

By MARSHA STURDIVANT
Staff Writer

Howard County Commissioners Court will consider hiring a computer consultant Monday to investigate any Y2K problems with county computers. "We don't know if there are any problems, but we need someone to look at the PCs employees have on their



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desks," said county judge Ben Lockhart. Bids may be awarded for vehicles for the sheriff's department, and a grievance committee member will be appointed. "We select a grievance committee from the grand jury pool every year, and we had one decline to serve, so we have to draw another name," Lockhart said. The grievance committee is in place for county employees to present salary grievances or other employee complaints. "I've been here nine years, and we haven't used it yet, to my knowledge," he said. County officials are also expected to

change the company currently providing drug testing of employees, at the request of Eddy Jameson, road and bridge administrator. "We currently drug test all new employees, and any employee that drives a county vehicle. This is random testing," Lockhart said. Also on Monday's agenda is officially naming Howard County librarian Lorraine Redman the county literacy coordinator. Redman is also expected to discuss the leaks at the library. "We had someone from Midland come and look at the library, and we expect

her to tell us their findings as well," Lockhart said. Phil Furqueron, construction administrator, is also on the agenda to discuss the courthouse and library renovations. And Keith Toomire, Howard County appraiser, is expected to tell commissioners the amount of decreased mineral values for the county. "I'm not looking forward to that. We cut last year's budget to the bone, and I don't know how we can cut any more," Lockhart said. The meeting will convene at 10 a.m. in the commissioners courtroom on the second floor of the courthouse.

Ben Bancroft, Pat Simmons selected as city's 1998 'Man of the Year' and 'Woman of the Year'

By JOHN H. WALKER
Managing Editor

Big Spring attorney Ben Bancroft and Pat Simmons, a strong advocate of efforts to beautify the community, were named Friday night as "Man of the Year" and "Woman of the Year" at the annual banquet of the Big Spring Area Chamber of Commerce.

Simmons, who retired from the Big Spring State Hospital in 1991, is a Big Spring High School graduate involved in a number of areas in the community.

She organized the Comanche Trail Festival of Lights, which just completed its second year and has already attracted thousands of visitors to Big Spring. She was a founding member of Proud Citizens, and also organized Code Patrol.

She was coordinator of the 70th anniversary of the First Church of the Nazarene and involved in the drive-through nativity as a greeter and publicity chairperson. She also serves as a greeter at church and is involved in CrossPoint Ministries.

An avid birder, Simmons serves as compiler for the annual Christmas Bird Count, something she has done for the past five years. She also served as chairperson of CraneFest.

But until her involvement with the Comanche Trail Festival of Lights, Simmons has been best known for her efforts to beautify the community.

She started the Yellow Rose Community Beautification Program and has headed up several "Great Texas Trash Off Days," coordinated statewide by the Texas General Land Office.

Simmons volunteers at Mountain View Nursing Home and also visits residents at



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Carriage Inn. She has been involved in the Big Spring High School Exes Association since the early 1970s and has coordinated reunions with her high school class for more than 20 years.

She is a member of the Citizens Police Academy, which assists the police department with traffic during parades and special city functions.

She currently serves on the Parks Board and is a member of the Retired Senior Volunteer Program. Simmons was born in

Howard County and two sons, Shelby of Dallas and Dennis of Coahoma.

A native of San Antonio, Bancroft moved to Big Spring in 1969 and began his community involvement at that time.

He is currently active in the Big Spring Rotary Club, serving as community service director.

He is also actively involved in The Friends of the Settles, Ambassadors Club and Convention and Visitors Bureau of the Big Spring Area Chamber of Commerce.

He served as chamber presi-

dent in 1993 and has served as an officer or director of numerous organizations within the community, including the YMCA, Dora Roberts Rehabilitation Center, West Side Community Center, Kiwanis Club and Big Spring High School Booster Club.

He is the former chairman of the Howard County Republican Party.

Bancroft graduated from St. Mary's University in San Antonio in 1963 and entered the Marines as a legal officer. He

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Trial

Impeachment process opens opportunities for education

By DEBBIE L. JENSEN
Features Editor

As the impeachment trial of President Bill Clinton unfolds, it generates interest among students and other citizens about the process of our government, local educators said.



TUNE

Tommy Tune, a government and history instructor at Howard College, said he uses discussion about the trial in his government classes. But he says many students, like the general public, were at first confused about the process and its end result.

"When the process began," he said, "there was widespread misconception that impeachment meant removal from office." With understanding of recent events, however, has come the understanding among students that the process is two steps: impeachment, followed by a trial for removal.

Like college students, many citizens have probably become more knowledgeable about — and perhaps interested in — their government during the past few months, said Tune, who also serves on the Big Spring City Council.

"I think the level of interest has picked up; the general level of interest has risen," he said.

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Howard College looking to the future with distance learning, new technology

By MARSHA STURDIVANT
Staff Writer

Now that Howard College has branched into areas of workforce training, distance learning, and strong academia, officials said 1999 will be the year of bigger and better growth. "Our first thrust will be con-



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tinued interest in enhancing the quality and providing a supportive atmosphere at Howard College," said president Dr. Cheri Sparks.

"Those two things — quality and a supportive atmosphere are critical to a fine institution. We will continue to make every effort in building those two areas."

Enhancing and implementing the distance learning program is also a top priority in the new year, she said.

Howard College dedicated the four nearly \$500,000 distance

learning laboratories in August 1998. By linking the three Howard College campuses — Big Spring, San Angelo and Lamesa — electronically with area universities, education is limited only by the availability of classes.

And the spring of 1999 saw enrollment increase for Big Spring and Lamesa, due in part to the distance learning opportunities available.

"We have the opportunity to offer professional development

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Multipurpose center, increased enrollment are goals for SouthWest Collegiate Institute

By MARSHA STURDIVANT
Staff Writer

SouthWest Collegiate Institute for the Deaf looks toward the new year with the promise of a new multipurpose center, dreams of a diagnostic center, and



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increasing enrollment. "We have the funding for a nice multipurpose center. Now we have to have blue prints and go through the bidding process and then award bids. We hope to have that started this year," said SWCID provost Ron Brasel.

The center will offer SWCID students a state-of-the-art athletic facility, complete with college regulation size basketball courts, volleyball courts and racquetball, he said. Increasing enrollment will be emphasized again this year for

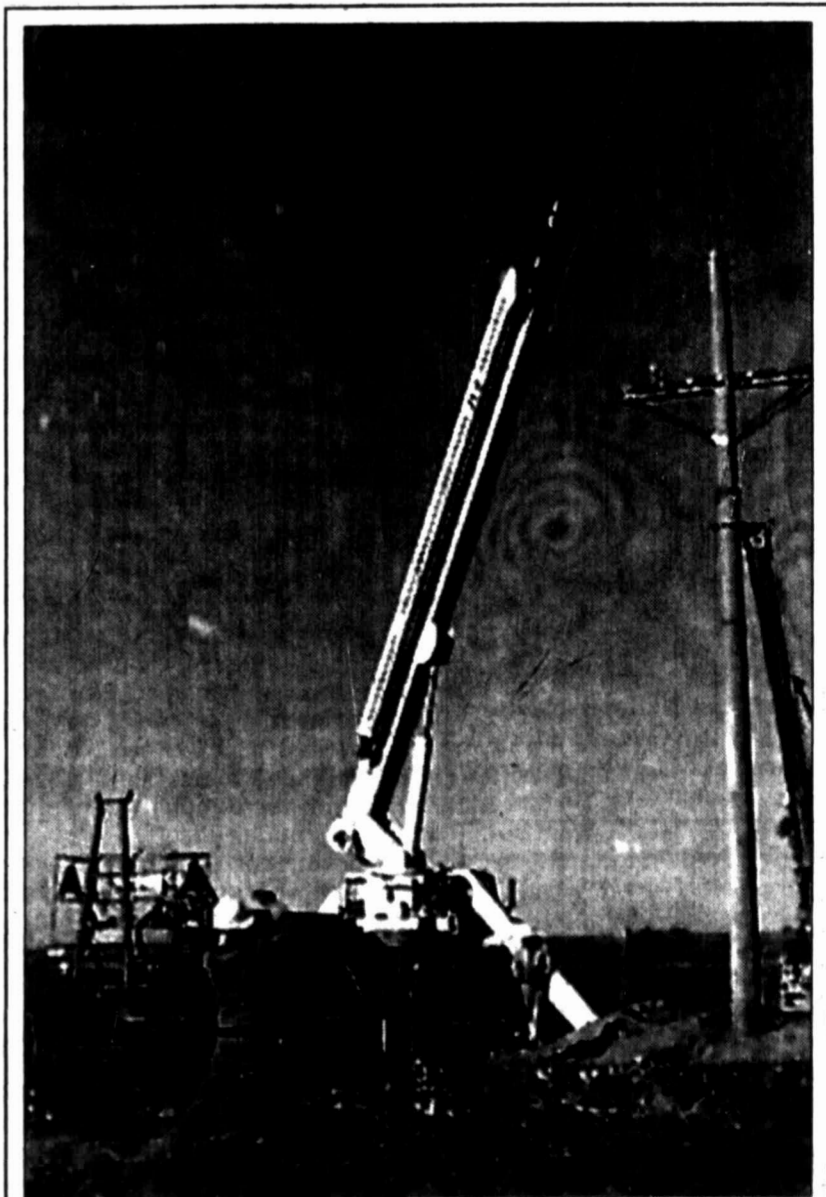
the college, which is one of two deaf colleges in the nation. And students may come from around the globe, he said.

"We've been told we have some international students interested in attending our college," Brasel said.

Other building projects the college hopes to see develop are a remodeling of the Student Union Building, which needs a new roof.

"We hope to move the cafe-

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Mike Perry gives direction on levelling one of the powerline poles being erected by Cap Rock Electric on North FM 700.

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OBITUARIES

Linda Stanford

Linda Stanford, 49, Big Spring, died on Friday, Jan. 22, 1999, in a Lubbock hospital.

Mrs. Stanford's body was donated to medical science. Memorial service will be 2 p.m. Monday, Jan. 25, 1999, at Nalley-Pickle & Welch Rosewood Chapel with Rev. Richard Dickerson, pastor of Temple Baptist Church in Amarillo, officiating.



STANFORD

She was born on April 7, 1949, in Big Spring.

Linda grew up in Borden County and graduated from Borden County High School in 1967. In 1968, she graduated from Dallas Fashion Merchandising College and had worked in Dallas in retail merchandising. After returning to Big Spring in 1970, she worked at the PX at Webb Air Force Base for a number of years. Linda had worked as a volunteer at Canterbury for the past 12 years.

She was a member of Vincent Baptist Church.

Survivors include: her mother, Lura Perry of Vincent; a brother and sister-in-law, Glen and Sharon Perry of Vealmoor; a nephew and his wife, Stacy and LaDena Perry and daughter, Kally, all of Midland; and a nephew, Brent Perry of San Angelo; numerous aunts, uncles, cousins and friends from Canterbury.

She was preceded in death by a son, Jarratt Stanford and her father, Max Perry.

The family suggests memorials to the Borden County EMS; Gail, 79738, or a favorite charity.

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

Paid obituary

Jerry Don Hughes

Jerry Don Hughes, 63, Big Spring, died on Saturday, Jan. 23, 1999, in a local hospital.

Service will be 11 a.m. Monday, Jan. 25, 1999, at Nalley-Pickle & Welch Rosewood Chapel with Rev. Keith Wiseman, assistant pastor of First United Methodist Church of Lubbock, Dr. Ed Williamson, pastor of First United Methodist Church of Big Spring, and Don Swinney officiating. Interment will follow at Trinity Memorial Park.



HUGHES

He was born on Oct. 16, 1935,

in Big Spring, and married, Becky Morrow on Aug. 17, 1973, in Big Spring.

Jerry Don was a lifelong resident of Big Spring and graduated from Big Spring High School in 1954, and attended Texas A&M College. He worked as a welder for Hughes Oil Field Service and had worked for Hester & Robertson Mechanical for several years. He worked for Price Construction for 18 years and then owned and operated Hughes Welding and Muffler until retiring due to ill health in 1994.

He was a member of First United Methodist Church and was a veteran of the United States Army.

Survivors include: his wife, Becky Hughes of Big Spring; one son, Scott Hughes of Big Spring; one step-son, Larry Morrow of Odessa; two daughters, Paula Hughes and Jenny Perry, both Big Spring; his mother, Leona Hughes of Big Spring; two brothers and one sister-in-law, Roy and Karen Hughes of Dallas and James Hughes of Austin; and six grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by his father, Earl Hughes and one brother, Dennis Hughes.

Pallbearers will be Mike Burrows, Don Caldwell, Roy Hester, Gary Hise, Jimmy Parker, Gerald Cox, Jimmy Johnson and Ray Austin.

The family suggests memorials to the donor's favorite charity.

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

Paid obituary

Maynard Bates

Graveside service for Maynard Bates, 73, of Pecos, will be Wednesday, Jan. 27, 1999, in the Talpa Cemetery, Coleman.

Mr. Bates died Saturday, Jan. 23, in a Big Spring hospital.

He was born on May 10, 1925, in Hamlin. He married Wanda Brown on Nov. 21, 1951, in Florence, Ariz. He grew up in Nolan County and had lived in Pecos since 1953. He worked as an oilfield pumper for Paul Williams Contract Pumping until he retired. Mr. Bates was a Baptist and a veteran of World War II, having served in the United States Army.

Survivors include: his wife, Wanda Bates of Pecos; one daughter, Lorrie Walker of Pecos; two sons, Nolan Bates of Brenham and Tim Bates of Afton, Tenn.; one brother, Erma Bates of Lampasas; one sister, Violet Hale of Lampasas; six grandchildren; and one great-grandchild.

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

Flora Dee Wilson

Service for Flora Dee Wilson, 74, of Stanton, will be 2:30 p.m. today at the First Baptist Church in Stanton with Rev. David Harp officiating. Burial will follow in the Evergreen Cemetery, Stanton.

Mrs. Wilson died Friday, Jan. 22, 1999, in a Midland hospital.

She was born on July 12, 1924, in Stanton, and was a lifetime resident. She married James A. Wilson, Jr. on July 21, 1942, in Stanton. She was a member of the First Baptist Church in Stanton. Mrs. Wilson worked for Thornton Implement Company as manager and later as part owner.

She was also a member of Beta Sigma Phi Sorority, the Martin County Hospital Auxiliary, the Martin County Friends of the Museum, and the Martin County Art Club.

Survivors include: her husband, James A. Wilson, Jr. of Stanton; two sons, Bob Wilson and Bill Wilson, both of Stanton; one daughter, Mary Barnhill of Stanton; a sister, Corene Manning of Stanton; four brothers, Fred Cook of Littlefield, Jack Cook, Eddie Cook and Wayne Cook, all of Stanton; six grandchildren; four great-grandchildren; and numerous nieces and nephews.

The family suggest memorials be made to the Martin County Historical Museum; P.O. Box 929; Stanton; 79782, or a favorite charity.

Arrangements under the direction of Gilbreath Funeral Home, Stanton.

Philip H. Parks

Philip H. Parks, 51, formerly of Big Spring, died suddenly at his residence in Fort Worth on Friday, Jan. 22, 1999. Funeral arrangements are being made in Fort Worth.



PARKS

Mr. Parks grew up and went to school in Big Spring, graduating from Big Spring High School in 1965. He later attended college in Fort Worth and graduated with a business degree. He was employed by A-1 Rentals at the time of his death.

Survivors include: his wife, Susan of Fort Worth; one son, Jerry Parks of Fort Worth; one brother, Bob Parks of Big Spring; and a sister, Lisa Jordan of Euless.

Funeral arrangements are pending in Fort Worth.

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served the last 15-months of his tour of duty in Okinawa and Vietnam

He was born in Wichita Falls, began school in Tulsa, Okla. and graduated from San Antonio's Harlandale High in 1956.

He played collegiate baseball at Oklahoma State University and was on the 1959 squad that won the NCAA National Championship. He was named to the NCAA All-America Team. Bancroft graduated from OSU in 1960.

He has two daughters, Merribeth and Holly, and one son, George. He is married to the former Kay Jons of Midland.

Prior to the announcement of the Man and Woman of the Year recipients, outgoing chamber president Ray Kennedy thanked chamber members, volunteers and board members, along with chamber staff, for their support during his year as president.

Incoming president Chuck Williams challenged those in attendance to work to help market the community.

Williams told the group that until more was done to clean-up and energize the downtown area, gains in other areas of the community would be offset.

Keynote speaker for the banquet was Big Spring humorist Bob Lewis as "Tumbleweed Smith."

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"People are learning how the government works."

Despite calls for the Congress to "get back to the business of the country," Tune pointed out that this is not a time the governing body would normally be in regular session. Committee meetings, which would normally be going on at this time, are largely continuing.

Tune said he objects to those who call the current action a "Constitutional crisis," because the process of impeachment is spelled out completely in the Constitution.

"You can argue the issue was not enough to start the process, but the House of Representatives ... decided it was."

Americans are currently seeing in action one of the fundamental tenets of our government — the system of checks and balances among branches of government, Tune said.

As for the sentiment of the general public, Tune said polls may not tell the whole story.

"One of the things that is being cited is these poll numbers about job approval," he

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said: "You can make the argument that when people say the president is doing a good job, that means things are going well in the country."

Just like the public tends to blame a president during bad economic times, they tend to credit their leader when things are going well, Tune said. But those polls don't directly address whether Clinton should be removed from office.

"I think if there's any fear and trepidation about removal, it's that it might rock the economic boat," Tune said. "I think resistance to removal is based on not doing anything that might upset the apple cart."

Many so-called "swing voters" may have opinions about the situation, but they often don't hold it as strongly as those who are staunchly Republican or Democrat, Tune said.

Senators are expected to vote early this week on two issues — whether to call witnesses, and possible dismissal of the trial.

Tune said he expects the trial to continue, probably stretching into late February or March, including testimony of witnesses. Gathering witness testimony — just like impeachment itself — will be a lengthy process.

But if Senators vote not to call witnesses, and go immediately to a vote of guilt or innocence, Tune said the trial may end as early as the end of this week.

Some local high school teachers said they are using the trial in their classrooms also, in various ways.

Paul Lindell, teacher at Forsan High School, said the impeachment process comes up in classroom discussions.

"The students generally show interest," he said. And apparently, they show their opinions about President Clinton's actions as well. Lindell said the students have already "tried him and hung him."

At Coahoma High School, Mike Conley uses cable television to show his students the actual trial on C-SPAN. The class also spends about an hour each week discussing the process.

"The majority of my students are interested, and they respond with good questions," Conley said.

Although teachers are finding the impeachment process valuable as a teaching tool now, it is likely to become more so in the future — when more is known about the situation, Tune said.

"As time marches on, remember that we will learn more tidbits of information, making this more valuable in a historical sense."

Herald intern Diana Julian contributed to this report.

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in this area. We will continue to utilize and improve the skills we have with this new medium," Sparks said.

Another focus for the new year will be finding innovative ways to deliver developmental studies to Howard College students.

Sparks said through the use of computer software and new formats, college officials are brainstorming new ways to present courses needed.

"Statistics tell us we have an increasing and growing number of students that need developmental studies, particularly non traditional students. We want to make sure we are prepared to meet the needs of our community," she said.

And continuing to place emphasis on tomorrow's college students will also remain a priority for Howard College this year.

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Programs in place, such as I Had A Hammer for fifth graders, Next Generation Day for eighth graders and Educational Pursuit for high school juniors, will continue this year.

The college is seeking additional ways to reach youngsters.

"Our goal is to do whatever we can to encourage young people to go to college, where ever they chose to go. Of course, we would love to see them as Howard College students, but our emphasis will be to introduce college to students," Sparks said.

Also, concurrent enrollment classes with high schools and the college will continue. Currently, Big Spring High School students may enroll in college credit courses.

"We are currently working with Forsan ISD and other districts in an effort to introduce college to students while they are in high school," Sparks said.

In San Angelo, the work force training center, a project in conjunction with Angelo State University and the school district, will continue moving ahead.

And the Lamesa campus will continue to offer distance learning.

"We've seen an increase of students on that campus, which means we are going in the right direction," she said.

SWCID

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ria to the student union building, which will give us more space in our current facility. We'd like to put the library where the cafeteria is currently," Brasel said.

Bringing SWCID on line with new distance learning technology is another area Brasel said might be incorporated this year.

"We are hoping for funding for that, because with distance learning we will have immediate access to the main campus, although we may go to the main campus at any time now," he said.

An increase in vocational technical programs for SWCID students will be an academic priority this year, he said. Currently, staff is pursuing several different areas that might be offered students in that department.

"We are considering additional certificates and associates of applied sciences degrees and degree and certification programs that will expand our vocational technical programs," Brasel said.

MEETINGS

Coahoma Independent School Board of trustees have called a special meeting for 7 p.m.

LOOK WHOSE 40 - TODAY
Happy Birthday Debra

Monday in the faculty dining room at the elementary school. Items on the agenda include a student discipline issue and personnel. No special reports are expected.

Howard College board of trustees have a regular meeting Monday at 12:30 p.m. in the board room of the Student Union Building.

Keith Toomire is expected to give a report concerning county mineral values, and an official enrollment report is also expected.

Also, the president's evaluation is expected for executive session, and a report on the SWCID advisory board meeting is expected during the president's report.

In other business, trustees may approve a resolution from the Dora Roberts Foundation, consider the sale of delinquent tax property, and consider bids for AutoCad software.

Hiring new personnel for the Cornell program is expected, and approval of a SWCID advisory committee is expected.

Martin County Commissioners Court will convene in special session at 9 a.m. Tuesday.

Items on the agenda include a request for use of the rodeo arena, a request from Nelda Snodgrass concerning needs, purchase of a typewriter for the justice of the peace office, improvements and repairs and a request to change the county's Section 125 Plan to a different company.

Martin County Commissioners Court will convene in special session at 9 a.m. Tuesday.

Items on the agenda include a request for use of the rodeo arena, a request from Nelda Snodgrass concerning needs, purchase of a typewriter for the justice of the peace office, improvements and repairs and a request to change the county's Section 125 Plan to a different company.

Big Spring Police Department reported the following incidents between Friday at 8 a.m. and Saturday at 3 p.m.:

• THEFT was reported in the 1800 block of Gregg.

• CLASS C ASSAULT was reported in the 200 block of East 10th.

• MINOR ACCIDENTS were reported in the 2600 block of Gregg, FM-700 and Birdwell, and at 4th and Main.

SHERIFF

Howard County Sheriff's Office reported the following incidents between Friday at 8 a.m. and Saturday at 3 p.m.:

• JOHN WEST RUSK, 30, was arrested on local warrants.

• KRISTINE HENDRIX, 18, was arrested on warrants for theft and burglary of a habitation.

• JUAN GONZALES RENTERIA, 49, was arrested for driving while intoxicated.

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SHENANDO support fund has the volunteers w ing through the Wanda May Pitts motel clerk who week ago.

Pitts was last after checking a The Lodge Motel on Jan. 17, north Interstate 45.

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Comptroller unveils new Texas 100 index to track economy

AUSTIN (AP) — A new stock index will help track the performance of the Texas economy, Comptroller Carole Keeton Rylander announced Friday.

The Texas 100 Stock Index will replace the Texas Stock Index as one of 10 components of the Comptroller's Index of Leading Economic Indicators, Ms. Rylander said.

The TSI, created in 1986, tracked the stock prices of 46 publicly-traded companies based in Texas, she said.

The Texas 100 index follows 100 publicly-traded companies, whether or not they are based in Texas, that employ

the greatest number of Texas workers. The 100 companies listed employ 990,000 Texans and pay more than \$26 billion in annual wages, Ms. Rylander said.

According to the comptroller, the new index more accurately reflects investors' confidence in the Texas business climate "whether these companies are headquartered here in Texas or in Frankfurt, Germany, or in Tokyo, Japan," Ms. Rylander said.

In December, the average value of the Texas 100 stocks rose 4.9 percent, and would have been up 19.5 percent

from December 1997 if the index had existed, the comptroller said.

During the same 12 months, the Standard & Poor's 500 index was up 26.7 percent and the Dow Jones Industrial Average rose 16.1 percent.

The Texas 100 Stock Index contains six sectors: energy, entertainment and travel, high tech, manufacturing, retail and the services and finance sector.

High Tech stocks helped advance the index, while the 18 companies in the energy sector dropped 4.3 percent during 1998, Ms. Rylander said.

"High Tech businesses have become

a powerful force in the state's economy," she said.

Six of the high tech companies are based in Texas: Southwestern Bell, Dell Computer Corp., Compaq Computer Corp., Texas Instruments Inc., Tandy Corp. and Alcatel USA Inc.

Seven of the energy companies are headquartered here: Exxon Corp., Halliburton Co., Baker Hughes Production, Lyondell Petrochemical Co., Ultramar Diamond Shamrock, Texas Utilities Co. and Houston Industries Inc.

Three retail companies on the index are Texas firms: J.C. Penney Co. Inc.,

Southland Corp. and Stage Stores Inc.

Fifteen companies in the entertainment and travel sector include these Texans: Brinker International, The Sabre Group, Luby's Cafeterias, Southwest Airlines Inc., Continental Airlines and American Airlines Inc.

Only one services and finance company on the list is based in Texas: Electronic Data Systems.

The smallest sector of the Texas 100 includes three companies classified as other manufacturing: Pilgrim's Pride, Trinity Industries Inc. and Temple-Inland Forest Products Inc.

10-time DWI offender sentenced to 10 years

DALLAS (AP) — The new judge in the case of a Garland man convicted 10 times for drunk driving has revoked the probation earlier given to the 35-year-old defendant by another jurist.

State District Judge Harold Entz had accepted Clifton J. Neiswander's guilty plea in November and placed him on probation for 10 years.

Entz, testifying for the prosecution at a new hearing Friday, said he took Neiswander's promises to reform to be a "sincere attempt to get himself

going." Following Entz's testimony, Judge Manny Alvarez sentenced Neiswander to 10 years in prison for violating the terms of his release.

Neiswander received probation for an August arrest — his tenth — that came while he was free on bond for his ninth arrest on a charge of driving while intoxicated. The judge ordered Neiswander to submit immediately to urinalysis and report to a probation officer, but Neiswander did neither. Prosecutors subsequently filed

a motion to revoke his probation.

Neiswander told The Dallas Morning News in December he didn't understand that Entz wanted him to submit to urinalysis immediately after sentencing.

He also said he did not report to a probation officer because he heard an arrest warrant had been issued for him and he didn't want to go to prison.

Neiswander added he didn't continue court-ordered therapy for alcohol addiction because he would have been arrested if he

had, "and that didn't make a lot of sense."

"I appreciate him giving me probation," he told The News. "I was not trying to screw him around."

Prosecutors had demanded prison for Neiswander after his guilty plea to DWI.

"I would say that the judge was apparently wrong in his decision that this individual wanted to get his life straightened out, which we tried to tell him," said Norm Kinne, Dallas County first assistant district attorney.

North Texan accused of embezzling \$6.3 million

FORT WORTH (AP) — A woman who processed claims for two insurance companies is accused of taking \$6.3 million for Las Vegas gambling sprees, more than a dozen cars and a \$1 million house.

A federal criminal complaint charges Sharon Sue Lee, 47, of Burleson, with stealing from United Benefit Life Insurance Co. in Fort Worth.

Federal authorities began investigating Ms. Lee after receiving a tip that she had paid

cash for about 13 new and antique cars, ranging from a 1934 Ford to a 1999 Ford pickup, over the past 18 months.

Her lawyer, Michael J. Rogers of Cleburne, said he could not discuss the case.

"There's not much we can say other than we're representing her and looking at the facts as we understand them to be, and hopefully we'll get this case resolved," Rogers told the Fort Worth Star-Telegram.

Lee was released on \$100,000

bail pending indictment, Assistant U.S. Attorney Richard Roper said. He declined to comment further.

Court documents say Ms. Lee started working for United Benefit in June 1997 as vice president of claims. One year later, Lee offered to provide a service known as "unbundling" claims, for United Benefit through her own company, National Network Recovery Group of Fort Worth.

Court records say that Ms.

Lee used her access to United Benefit's computer systems to create fraudulent invoices bearing the names of legitimate policyholders and service providers. She later re-entered the computer system and had the checks made out to one of several companies she had created, the complaint says.

The government alleges the scheme also defrauded United Benefit's business partner, Central Reserve Life Insurance Co. of Cleveland, Ohio.

Another teen missing in Montgomery County

SHENANDOAH (AP) — A support fund has been set up for the volunteers who were searching through the weekend for Wanda May Pitts, an 18-year-old motel clerk who went missing a week ago.

Pitts was last reported seen after checking a customer into The Lodge Motel around 5 p.m. on Jan. 17, north of Houston on Interstate 45.

Shenandoah Police Chief John Chancellor reported that \$150 was missing from the motel's cash register, though the clerk's purse was left behind undisputed.

Ms. Pitts, who lived at the motel and did not have a car, left her personal possessions in her room along with about \$80 in cash.

Child Watch and other organi-

zations are joining law enforcement officers in daily searches for Pitts, who moved to the motel about two months ago from Houston.

Organizers of the Wanda Pitts Family Support Fund said more volunteers, especially those with horses or all-terrain vehicles, will be needed for the major searches to be mounted through Sunday in various

parts of the county.

It is the second such disappearance from the area this month. On Jan. 2, the body of 19-year-old college student Melissa Trotter was found in a secluded area of Sam Houston National Forest, in north Montgomery County.

Police say Ms. Trotter, missing for nearly a month, was strangled.

Oil industry experts say United States might soon be out of the oil business

LUBBOCK (AP) — Those who work in the heart of the oil patch say the domestic oil industry won't soon recover from its current sorry state.

"When the (oil) surplus is gone, it's not like business will go back to normal," Morris Burns, executive vice president of the Permian Basin Petroleum Association, said. "The workers have gone on to other things and many companies are looking to get out. The rig count shows that we are losing workers in the industry ... people who actually are the backbone of what we do," he said.

T.J. Phillips, who owns T.J. Oil in Goldsmith, said Burns wasn't overstating the case.

"I can't imagine things getting worse than this," said Phillips, whose small town is about 45 miles north of Odessa. "Everyone here has some connection to oil and is really hurting."

The rig count fell to an all-time low 588 Friday. Oil companies are shutting rigs down because of plunging oil prices, the product of falling demand from suffering Asian economies and oil-producing nations, and continued oversupply by those same countries.

"We're in a bust right now, for absolute certain," said Raymond Kincaid, sales and testing manager at Rig Testers Inc. of Abilene. "If there's no rigs running, then we can't work."

By cutting back exploration

and production too deeply, the U.S. industry risks getting so far behind it can't recover, said Alex Mills, executive vice president of the North Texas Oil & Gas Association.

"When you can't replenish your reserves, it's just a matter of time before you have to call it quits and when that happens, we are certainly at the mercy of foreign nations and this, I believe, is exactly what they want," he said.

"I can remember in 1981 when we had nearly 5,000 rigs operating. Seems like such a long time ago now."

National energy officials are taking note.

Robert M. Gallagher, special executive advisor to Secretary of Energy Bill Richardson, said producers should develop and implement strategic plans for survival amid expected low prices.

"We are all in this together and must find way to survive the hard times, because the oil industry is a critical component of our economy and the main component for national security," Gallagher said.

But Kermit oilfield worker Ruben Ramirez says he isn't going to hold his breath for any meaningful government intervention. He believes he's about to be laid off.

"Everyone is too busy worrying about President Clinton's affair," said Ramirez. "We need jobs. People who live in the oil patch know what is happening."

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OUR VIEWS

Man and Woman of Year examples for us all to follow

When the evening began, they were just two local residents who care about their community. But by the end of Friday night's Big Spring Area Chamber of Commerce Annual Banquet, Ben Bancroft and Pat Simmons had been named "Man and Woman of the Year."

Their efforts to beautify, restore and in many ways improve Big Spring brought them the much-deserved recognition. They join a prestigious group of previous honorees who all gave something extra to the community.

Simmons is well-known for her work with beautification projects such as Great Texas Trash Off. She worked tirelessly to organize and continue the beautiful Comanche Trail Festival of Lights.

She also serves on the parks board for the city of Big Spring, and is active with the Citizens Police Academy.

Perhaps lesser known is her commitment to giving of her time to the less fortunate; she is a regular visitor and volunteer for the elderly and hospitalized of our community. With all her other activities, we find it remarkable that Simmons makes time to brighten the lives of others in need.

A local attorney, Bancroft is an active member of the Big Spring Rotary Club. A lengthy list of non-profit agencies he has served as a director includes the YMCA, Dora Roberts Rehabilitation Center and West Side Community Center.

But his involvement has not stopped there. Bancroft also gives his time as a member of Friends of the Settles, the Ambassadors Club and Convention and Visitors Bureau of the Big Spring Area Chamber of Commerce. He is also a past chamber president.

We congratulate this year's honorees for what is obvious — their hard work and dedication to making this community a better place.

We also hope they will serve as an example for others. It seems the more one gets involved in worthy projects, the more worthy projects one finds to serve.

Our 1998 Man and Woman of the Year, Ben Bancroft and Pat Simmons, are two of the best examples of that.

OTHER VIEWS

Now, Jamaica is learning something about the ABCs of spelling bees.

- A. Don't beat America.
- B. See A.
- C. See B.

For 70 straight years, a U.S. citizen won the annual national spelling bee. But last year, Jamaica's Jody-Anne Maxwell spelled C-H-I-A-R-O-S-C-U-R-I-S-T (an artist who works with light and shade) and became the first noncitizen to triumph.

This year, Jamaica is out. It traditionally picks its winner in August. New rules disqualify any representative who wins her regional spell-off before February. Spellers chosen before February have too much

time to study, spelling bee officials said.

Huh? It's not as if Jamaica is becoming the East Germany of spellers, force-feeding kids alphabet-soup steroids. Too bad America can't recruit professionals, as we did when foreign basketball teams challenged our Olympic dominance.

Officials of the Scripps-Howard event swear there's nothing retributive in the rule change that disqualified Jamaica's up-and-spellers. It's just a coincidence. Even people who haven't studied under the Jamaican system can spell F-I-S-H-Y.

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Nurse Ratchet for President? Only for some

A few weeks ago columnist Maureen Dowd turned out a piece on the future of the presidency. She is among the brightest stars in the galaxy of The New York Times, a writer's gift for the telling phrase. In her column of Dec. 6 she provided a text for today's meditation.

"Bill Clinton," she began, "is undisciplined, unruly and untoward. His bawdy appetites and reckless indulgences have been sloshing over into our lives for what seems like an eternity. "So once our tortured involvement with this president ends, what sort of president will we want next? A control freak, of course. Someone who is all discipline and no spontaneity. All trust and no lust. Someone who knows how to dot the i's, go by the letter, follow the script, keep every hair in place and every button buttoned. After President McMurry, we will want Nurse Ratchet."



JAMES J. KILPATRICK

Nurse Ratchet? Who she? The allusion was lost on me. Over the holiday season I put the question to 29 acquaintances and colleagues. These were men and women with college degrees — journalists, lawyers, two doctors, a college professor. They provided a fair sample, I believe, of the audience Ms. Dowd addresses.

This was the tally: 13 of the respondents knew Nurse Ratchet, 16 did not. For the record: Nurse Ratchet, I learned, is a key figure in Ken Kesey's novel, "One Flew Over the Cuckoo's Nest" (1962). She is a martinet who runs the asylum in which the novel is laid. In the context of Ms. Dowd's column, the allusion was perfect. It was perfect, that is, for the 13 who got it.

Here I am plowing ground I have plowed before. The primary purpose of writing is to establish a bond of communication between writer and reader. Toward that end, we must have a common language. Within that language, we must have a common vocabulary. Within that vocabulary, writer and reader must share a common body of knowledge.

These truisms lead us to the very essence of the writer's art. With every page, every paragraph, every line, a writer must make editorial judgments. It is not necessary that

every reader comprehend every word. When writers try consciously to dumb down to their readers, we wind up with the prose of Dick and Jane and their dumb dog Spot.

Writers write not only for their supposed audience but also for themselves. Ms. Dowd must have been pleased with her perfect allusion to Nurse Ratchet. It is the kind of pleasure, H.L. Mencken once remarked, that a hen gets from laying an egg. Moreover, writers may have an obligation to expand the vocabularies of their readers. To some extent we are teachers. It's a noble profession.

The allusion to Nurse Ratchet worked for 45 percent of Ms. Dowd's readers. Is this enough? I don't know, and I doubt that any bright line can be drawn. It is all conjecture, it is all surmise. Consider a few examples:

Last summer columnist George Will, a gentleman of vast erudition, referred to former Sen. Sam Nunn as "a decorous Cassandra." Did everyone get it? Had 60 percent or 80 percent made the acquaintance of Priam's prescient daughter?

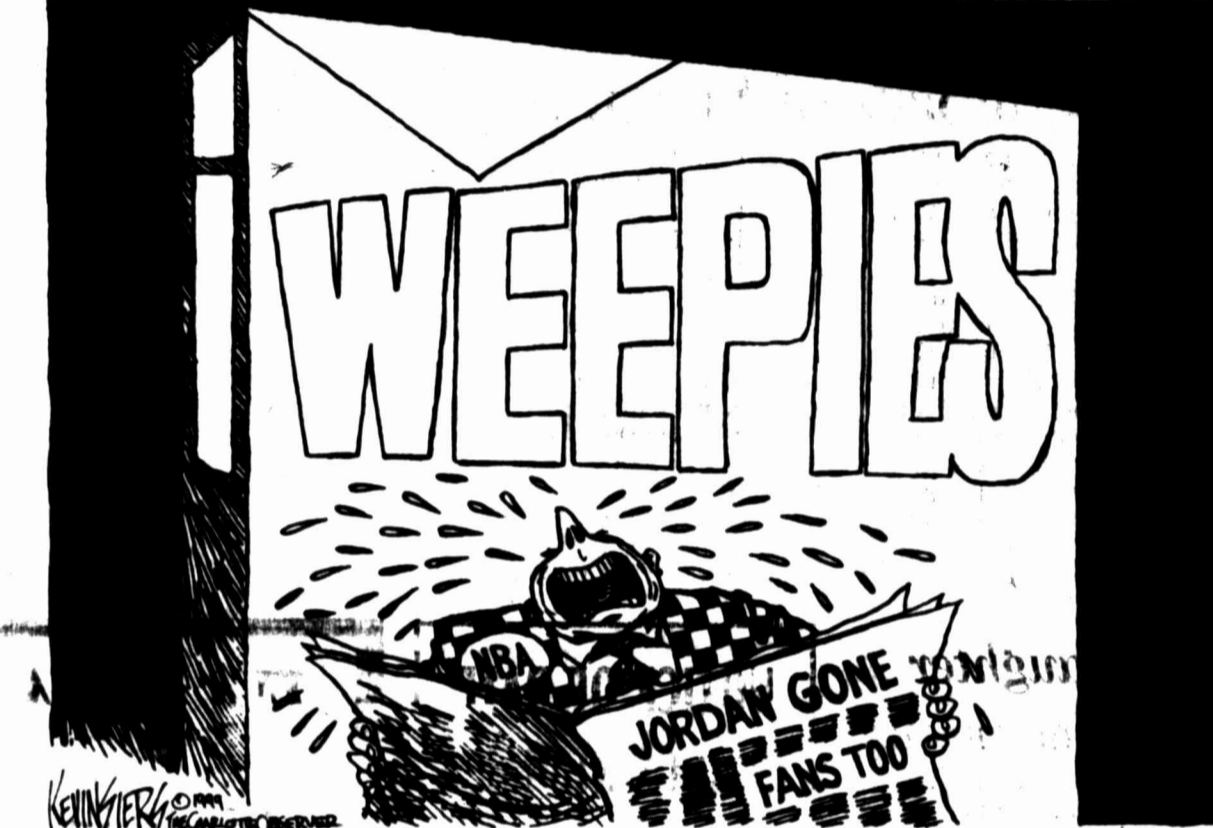
Has some satisfactory percentage of the reading audience met Procrustes? He was the inhospitable host who forced travelers to fit into his beds by cutting off their legs. In a column last summer, Joe Sobran

spoke of "today's Procrustean liberalism." Was the allusion clear in context? I expect it was.

How about Sisyphus? In USA Today, a drama critic gave three stars in December to "The Blue Room." The critic spoke of "a Sisyphusian futility with characters repeatedly hoping for intimacy via sex." In a catalog for garden tools, of all places, we find: "In recognition that some mowing jobs are Sisyphean, we offer this non-polluting compromise, a battery-powered mower that is quiet enough to hum over."

Do we all know that Sisyphus was a legendary king of Corinth who was condemned eternally to push a heavy rock up a hill in Hades, only to have it roll back down again? It is a useful allusion, as useful as Achilles' heel and the Trojan horse. A federal judge said the time had come when the Teamsters Union "must bear its own costs of cleansing its Augean stable." It was a Herculean task.

I have a gloomy feeling that allusions to biblical and mythological characters are largely lost on today's readers, but writers should persevere. Coleridge remarked that the best poetry is only generally, but not specifically, understood. The observation applies to Nurse Ratchet too.



Government and facts of existence

In view of the surreal turn American politics has taken lately, maybe we ought to review some basic facts of existence.

1. Life is short. Time expended on earning a living is, in effect, trading life for cash.

Therefore, taxing people is taking a portion of their lives. Since life is precious, it should never be taken lightly or squandered. Hence, government at all levels should be frugal.

2. Government is force. Forget the benign image baloney — the power of government comes out of the barrel of a gun just as old Mao Tse-tung said. Government coerces behavior, seizes wealth by force and redistributes it for the political benefit of the power-wielders.

Corollary A: Government is not a business and cannot be run like a business. Corollary B: Because the product of government is force and coercion, an efficient government is not desirable.

Now that is not to say that government cannot be useful. It is to remind you what the founding fathers of the country knew with every fiber of their being — that government is a

dangerous instrument and must always be controlled and kept in check.

3. Power is a greater addictive force than cocaine or sex. It follows then that people who do not wish to be ripped off and enslaved will be very careful as to what kinds of people they permit to hold power. The safe assumption is that people, once in power, will always try to use that power to further their own self-interests. Those who do not are always exceptions. Therefore, do not, out of habit, worship office-seekers, and look very hard at their character.

4. Liberty, or freedom, is the ability to make one's own choices in the absence of coercion. Nothing guarantees right choices, which is why the Declaration of Independence speaks of pursuing happiness and not catching it. Inherent in liberty is the willingness to let other people make their own choices. Human rights can be summed up basically as being left alone.

5. To live together requires compromising freedom. How much and how equitably individual freedom to choose is to be restricted for the common good is the chief task of statesmen. The result of their choice determines the character of the government, which can range from totalitarian (virtually no freedom) to libertarian (very few restrictions).

I'd say the factor that offers the bleakest outlook for America is the attitude of

Americans, from poor to rich, that the primary purpose of government is to provide them with economic benefits. I suppose this is the inevitable psychological consequence of having adopted a welfare state system.

That foreshadows a bad future, because once you sell your freedom for your bowl of porridge, the people in charge of the porridge will always keep the lion's share for themselves. It foreshadows a bad future because pretty soon you end up with more consumers than producers, so the supply of porridge steadily shrinks. To protect their share, in that event, the people in charge of the porridge will become increasingly brutal.

The factor that could offer the brightest future is a reawakening of traditional American spirit which recognizes that while freedom is risky and offers no guaranteed security, it does offer the best hope of both happiness and prosperity. This will require independent thinking, the integrity to resist bribes and the strength to resist the temptation of power.

I have no idea in which direction we will go. We will go one way or another because there is no standing still in life, either as an individual or as a nation. Continuous change and movement are the characteristics of living organisms.

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Furor over Lewinsky questioning throws Clinton trial into turmoil

WASHINGTON (AP) — President Clinton's impeachment trial dissolved into partisan debate Saturday, as lawmakers and lawyers alike duelled over a surprise attempt by House prosecutors to question Monica Lewinsky before the Senate decides whether to call witnesses.

As opposing attorneys clashed over that issue in the well of the Senate, a Republican spokesman predicted that an attempt by Democratic Sen. Robert C. Byrd to dismiss all charges "will certainly fail" when the roll is called next week. Republicans hold a 55-45 majority — but that is well short of the two-thirds majority needed to remove Clinton from office.

Inside the Senate, meeting for a rare second straight Saturday, White House Counsel Charles Ruff assailed the maneuver of House prosecutors in enlisting assistance from Independent Counsel Kenneth Starr in their effort to interview Ms. Lewinsky.

"Can you imagine what that little conversation is going to look like, held in the independent counsel's office, with the people there who have the capacity to put Ms. Lewinsky in jail?"

"Can we really say that it's just normal, just OK, to have one side using the might and majesty of the independent counsel's office threatening a witness with violation of an immunity agreement if she

doesn't fly across the country for this little chat? I think not."

Rep. Asa Hutchinson, R-Ark., rejected suggestions Ms. Lewinsky would be mistreated. "The White House counselors do not want to talk about the facts, the obstruction of justice. Just like in the House, they want to talk about the process, everything but the obstruction of justice," he said.

In their comments, both Ruff and Hutchinson were responding to questions posed by senators through Chief Justice William Rehnquist, who is presiding over Clinton's trial on articles of impeachment alleging perjury and obstruction of justice.

The furor erupted as U.S. District Judge Norma Holloway

Johnson ordered Ms. Lewinsky to appear for questioning, either by House prosecutors, or by lawyers from Starr's office on the prosecutors' behalf if she wishes.

Ms. Lewinsky flew back to Washington from California to comply.

Rep. Henry Hyde, the lead prosecutor, quietly wrote Starr on Thursday seeking his help in bringing Ms. Lewinsky to the table after her lawyers had refused to make her available voluntarily.

And in his own remarks on the Senate floor, Hyde responded to a question posed to him with a ringing defense of the effort he is leading to convict Clinton and remove him from office.

"There are issues of transcendent importance that you have to be willing to lose your office over," he said. "I can think of several that I'm willing to lose my office over. Abortion is one. National defense is another. Strengthening, not emasculating the concept of 'equal justice under law' is a third, he added.

In a Time/CNN poll released Saturday, 54 percent said they disapprove of how Republicans in the Senate are handling the impeachment trial. About four out of 10 said they disapprove of how Democrats are handling it. The survey of 1,024 adults taken Wednesday and Thursday had a margin of error of plus or minus 3 percentage points.

The court's ruling was the latest on a series of rapid fire

developments that left even senators struggling to keep up with the ebb and flow of events.

"I notice a shift every half day in terms of people thinking it will go on for months, or it's going to be over in a few hours," Democratic Sen. Russell Feingold of Wisconsin told reporters.

What's today's line? he was asked.

"I think it's going to go on for a while."

Senate Majority leader Trent Lott dispatched his spokesman, John Czwartacki, to tell reporters that an early morning closed-door meeting had produced "remarkable unity" against a Democratic bid to dismiss the charges and in favor of deposing witnesses.

Partisan battle looms on GOP tax-cut push

WASHINGTON (AP) — Despite assurances of bipartisanship, a fierce struggle is brewing between Democrats and Republicans over the GOP's proposal for a 10 percent income tax cut that would swallow a chunk of the budget surplus.

"The biggest battle may be on how we have a tax cut," said Rep. Charles Rangel, D-N.Y.

Still smarting from losses in the 1998 elections, Republicans are determined to push through a significant cut — relief for married couples and eliminat-

ing inheritance taxes are also atop their list — so they're not viewed by voters as a party obsessed with impeaching President Clinton.

"I pledge to you," House Majority Whip Tom DeLay, R-Texas, told a conservative audience last week, "this year the House leadership will fight tooth and nail to provide real tax relief to American families."

Democrats are just as adamant that the surplus — now estimated by the White House at \$4.4 trillion in the

next 15 years — should be used mainly to keep Social Security and Medicare from insolvency as the huge baby boom generation retires.

In his State of the Union speech, Clinton made those programs the top priority for the surplus and outlined other spending plans but made no mention of broad tax relief. His coming budget proposal does contain a variety of modest tax credits for child care, disabled workers and other targeted needs.

Even if agreement is reached

with Republicans on Social Security and Medicare, House Minority Leader Dick Gephardt said a 10 percent across-the-board income tax cut is unfair.

He cited an analysis by the liberal Citizens for Tax Justice showing that the GOP proposal translates into an average tax cut of \$99 for people earning below \$38,000, but \$20,697 for people making more than \$301,000.

That same analysis estimated the overall cost of the cut at more than \$1 trillion over 10 years.

U.S. warplanes bomb missile sites in southern Iraq — again

WASHINGTON (AP) — American warplanes, threatened again by Iraqi MiGs and anti-aircraft ground fire, dropped laser-guided bombs Saturday on two surface-to-air missile sites.

The two F-14 Tomcats and two F/A-18 Hornets, which had been on routine patrol in the "no-fly" zone over southern Iraq, returned safely to the USS Carl Vinson in the Persian Gulf, according to the Pentagon and U.S. Central Command outside Tampa, Fla.

The incident, the latest in a string of test-of-will clashes since a mid-December bombing campaign by British and American forces, occurred at 1:15 a.m. EST, after the American planes detected two Iraqi warplanes "darting in and out" of restricted airspace, a U.S. official said.

The Americans "responded to a threat initiated by two Iraqi MiG-21s flying south of 33rd parallel in Iraq and ground fire from anti-aircraft artillery," said Lt. Col. Mike Milord, a Pentagon spokesman.

There was "no air-to-air engagement" between the Iraqi

and U.S. planes, Capt. Michael Shavers, a spokesman for Operation Southern Watch, said from Riyadh, Saudi Arabia.

Each of the four U.S. fighters loosed precision-guided bombs on the Iraq air-defense installations, Shavers said, and damage was being assessed at midday.

At the White House, National Security Council spokesman David I. Satter said the confrontations would alter U.S. resolve to enforce the flight-interdiction zones that Iraqi President Saddam Hussein agreed to at the end of the 1991 Persian Gulf War.

"As the president has made clear, we will continue to enforce the no-fly zone vigorously and take appropriate action to protect our aircraft and continue to contain the threat Saddam poses to the region and international community," Leavy said.

Aircraft mainly from a NATO base in Incirlik, Turkey, are maintaining a similar no-fly policy in northern Iraq. Officials there said no Northern Watch missions were flown Saturday because of very bad

Mrs. Clinton outlines impact of Social Security on women

WASHINGTON (AP) — Most Americans first heard about Social Security as they registered for their cards to help them get their first jobs as teenagers. But most people — women in particular — are only beginning to understand how the system benefits them, Hillary Rodham Clinton said Saturday.

"The future of Social Security is, without a doubt, one of the most important issues facing our country and facing women in America today," the first lady said. "Yet many of us are

just beginning to get involved in the debate, and we're just starting to learn about how Social Security affects us as women."

Mrs. Clinton's comments opened the teleconference "What Every Woman Should Know About Social Security." The gathering linked Washington to 10 major cities across the nation. It was intended to stress the significance of preserving the retirement program and explain how Americans, particularly women, benefit from it.

More than half of all elderly women would fall below the poverty level without Social Security, Mrs. Clinton said. Currently, she said, Social Security is the only income source in four women receives.

"When you go to the supermarket, when you go to church or to synagogue, when you're walking down the street, I want you to think that every other woman you see who is over 65 would be living below the poverty line if it were not for Social Security," she said.

Women have "unique life patterns," because they live longer than men, Mrs. Clinton said. They also make lower lifetime earnings and, therefore, reach retirement with smaller pensions and other financial assets.

Speaking after the first lady, Rep. Jennifer Dunn, R-Wash., said the Social Security system must be preserved "at least at the current level so that women will have peace of mind that Social Security will be there for them as they move into retirement."

Mom accused of killing daughter to bilk insurer for gambling money

CHICAGO (AP) — A woman bent on feeding her gambling addiction suffocated her 7-week-old daughter to collect on a \$200,000 life insurance policy, federal prosecutors said.

"She would do anything to get money with which to gamble — including the unthinkable," prosecutor Ronald Safer told jurors Friday as the trial of Dina Abdelhaq began.

Ms. Abdelhaq, 34, is charged with scheming to defraud Allstate Insurance Co. of \$200,000 in life insurance benefits.

The infant "was killed in a way designed intentionally to create the false appearance that she had died of Sudden Infant Death Syndrome," the indictment states.

Ms. Abdelhaq is not charged with murdering her young daughter, Tara, who was found dead in her crib in 1995. Bob Benjamin, a spokesman for the Cook County state's attorney's office, which would bring such charges, declined to comment on the case during the trial.

Ms. Abdelhaq, who denies killing Tara, took out a life insurance policy about a month

before her daughter died.

The medical examiner's office has listed the cause of Tara's death as undetermined. Another Abdelhaq daughter, Lena, died under similar circumstances about a year before Tara was born.

Prosecutors claim that Ms. Abdelhaq tried to disguise Tara's death as sudden infant death syndrome, or crib death. Lena's death was initially listed as SIDS by the medical examiner, but the cause of death was changed to undetermined after Tara was found dead.

Both sides agree that Ms. Abdelhaq, an unemployed welfare recipient, is a gambling addict. Her attorney, Scott Frankel, told jurors that his client has a gambling problem "the like of which you may never have seen." In one instance, he said, she sold off her mother's jewelry at a pawn shop near two riverboat casinos in the Joliet area.

But Frankel said that Ms. Abdelhaq is not a killer. He said the medical examiner had not found any signs of homicide in the case of either of the two girls.

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Tornadoes kill eight in Arkansas, Tennessee; three other states hit

LITTLE ROCK, Ark. (AP) — Ravaged by tornadoes that claimed eight lives and destroyed hundreds of homes in five states, Southerners — and one very prominent former resident — struggled to express their shock.

"The fact that the Governor's Mansion, where Hillary and I raised Chelsea for 12 years, was actually in the path of the storm made it all the more real to me," President Clinton said Friday.

The Little Rock storm knocked over trees at the Governor's Mansion and blew down a treehouse where Chelsea Clinton once played. Clinton plans to visit Arkansas on Sunday for a first-hand look at the damage.

James Lee Witt, director of the Federal Emergency Management Administration, planned visits to Arkansas and Tennessee today.

One of Little Rock's oldest areas, the 100-year-old Quapaw Quarter, was sliced in half by a twister that killed three people Thursday night. Four other people were killed in White County, north of Little Rock.

After pounding Arkansas, the storm moved into Tennessee, killing a woman west of Nashville when she went outside to get her dogs. The state was still trying to recover from storms that killed nine people on Sunday.

A tornado also slammed into the historic district of

Clarksville, Tenn., early Friday, leaving gaping holes in buildings like the 121-year-old courthouse.

It cut off power to 25,000, ripped apart a five-block area, tore through the center of Austin Peay State University and skipped into a residential neighborhood.

Today, downtown residents and business owners will get their first look at the destruction, accompanied by police or state troopers.

"There are walls here with no support. The first gust of wind could blow them down," said Clarksville Fire Chief Eugene Keel.

Classes were canceled and won't resume until all buildings

are checked for soundness, said Austin Peay President Sai Rivella. The school was making lodging arrangements for the 300 or so students with no friends or relatives to put them up.

In downtown Clarksville, the Madison Street United Methodist Church, which underwent a \$1.3 million renovation last year, was heavily damaged.

"It's like a death has happened," the Rev. Doug Norfleet said.

Two blocks away, 124-year-old Trinity Episcopal Church lost its steeple and sanctuary, but the large, round stained-glass window in front remained whole.

Kari Carson sat cross-legged on the wet sidewalk, staring up at her second-floor apartment in a building that was heavily damaged.

"My whole life was here and it's gone. It's all gone," she said. "I know it could have been a lot worse, but this is just so depressing."

Power was knocked out to more than 100,000 homes in Arkansas and Tennessee, and Gov. Mike Huckabee declared emergencies in 16 Arkansas counties and asked Clinton for federal assistance.

In Alexandria, La., an apparent tornado ripped apart businesses and downed electrical lines, cutting power to hundreds of residents. Mobile

homes, trees and power lines also were damaged in Mississippi.

In Alabama, severe storms cut through the state, damaging houses, downing power lines and blowing the roof off a church.

The American Red Cross set up shelters in the storm-ravaged areas and provided hot meals. The Arkansas Office of Emergency Services estimated 920 homes were damaged in the state, including 308 in Little Rock.

According to the Red Cross, the nation has had 101 tornadoes this month, which normally is the quietest for tornadoes. The previous mark for a January was 52 in 1975.

Explosion kills three, demolishes buildings

BRIDGEPORT, Ala. (AP) — Glass shattered, the earth shook and three people were killed when a natural gas explosion reduced part of this city's tree-lined downtown to rubble.

The boom could be heard miles away Friday as bloodied victims staggered from the site where utility crews had been working.

"I ran outside and saw it, and the building was just gone," said Misty Flynn, who was shopping in a convenience store. "A city worker came running at me and his face was all bloody. He was saying, 'It blew my eye out.'"

The smell of gas lingered for hours. Residents poured into the area to see if their relatives who had been working or shopping in the district had survived.

The three killed were utility workers. At least seven others were seriously injured, and

numerous others suffered cuts and bruises.

The explosion occurred around 10:15 a.m. as a Bridgeport Utilities crew was digging near a gas line, said police Officer Paul Smith. A backhoe was being used at the site.

"The lights went off and boom," said Louise Matthews, who lives a few blocks outside downtown. "I didn't know what happened. I thought the world had ended."

A building used for storage, a vacant building and another undergoing renovation were destroyed. A physician's office, a hardware store, a taxidermy studio and a U.S. Post Office were seriously damaged.

The blast ripped tar from roofs and shattered windows several blocks away in this northeast Alabama town of 4,000.

"It felt like an earthquake,"

said Tommy Lands, the Stevenson police chief who heard the explosion in his city nine miles away.

The downtown area was evacuated for several hours until workers contained the gas leak. But the area was cleared several more times into the evening as workers investigated other potential leaks.

The search for a possible fourth victim was suspended while damaged buildings were checked, said sheriff's deputies. The Alabama National Guard was called in to prevent looting overnight.

Ronnie Peacock arrived on the scene after hearing the explosion.

"One of the men I just saw laying there was my brother-in-law's best friend," he said. "They were like brothers. He's going to be devastated. It's just unbelievable. Everybody knows everybody here."

Boeing to settle lawsuits for \$15 million

SEATTLE (AP) — Rhonda Capps says she had seen so little advancement of fellow blacks during 13 years of work at The Boeing Co. that she recently felt ready to quit.

But a settlement forged between the aerospace giant and black workers who sued the company for various discriminatory practices has given her hope.

"The other day I changed my mind," said Capps, an electrical engineer and one of the suit's plaintiffs. "I want to see this work."

Boeing agreed Friday to pay \$15 million to settle allegations it discriminated against blacks

in hiring, promotions and workplace treatment.

The company admitted no wrongdoing.

The proposed settlement, which will go mostly to 20,000 past and present black employees, was announced by Boeing chairman Phil Condit, the Rev. Jesse Jackson and lawyers for the plaintiffs.

About \$3.7 million will be used for equal-opportunity and diversity training at Boeing.

The deal would settle two class-action lawsuits filed last year.

It is subject to approval by a federal judge.

"This settlement ensures fur-

ther expansion of our efforts to improve our promotion processes, enhance training opportunities and ensure employees have avenues available to address their concerns," Condit said.

The agreement is "a significant step on the long journey to making Boeing the best it can be," said Jackson, who helped broker the deal.

The lawsuits were filed on behalf of employees in the Seattle and Philadelphia areas who alleged they were treated with hostility and passed over for promotions that went to less-qualified white employees.

Boeing is the world's biggest maker of passenger jets.

White House sees urgency in threat of attack

WASHINGTON (AP) — In the six years since President Clinton's first defense secretary declared "the end of the Star Wars era," the administration has come nearly full circle in weighing the threat posed to America by long-range nuclear missiles.

After years of insisting the threat lay far in the future, the administration says the future has arrived.

"We are affirming that there is a threat, and the threat is growing," Defense Secretary William Cohen declared last week in announcing that the administration is asking Congress for \$6.6 billion over the next five years to build a national defense against missile attack.

Cohen's statement provoked criticism from Russia and

China — the only countries with nuclear missiles that can reach American territory. The comment also marked a turning point in the administration's view about whether small-scale nuclear wannabes like North Korea, Iran and Iraq can develop ballistic missiles with intercontinental range.

As well, it brought the Democratic administration's approach closer in line with the Republicans, who have argued for years that Clinton was underestimating the missile threat. The Republicans favor a crash program to build missile defenses as soon as possible.

At a flashy news conference in the Pentagon on May 13, 1994, then-Defense Secretary Les Aspin declared that the end of the Cold War and dissolution of the Soviet Union meant the

United States had no further need to invest heavily in a futuristic shield against all-out nuclear attack. Aspin officially killed the Strategic Defense Initiative that President Reagan launched in 1983, which became known as Star Wars for its emphasis on space-based weaponry to shoot down missiles.

"This signals the end of the Star Wars era, and it signals the end of a battle that has raged in Washington for a decade over the best way to avoid nuclear war," Aspin declared.

Aspin relegated the national missile defense work to a "technology" program — meaning mainly lab work rather than engineering an actual weapons system. His successor, William Perry, began a turnaround in April 1996.

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Mace undergoes angioplasty
Howard College softball coach Mace again listed in hospital after suffering a second heart attack Friday.

Baseball boost to hold meeting
The Big Spring Baseball Boosters meet at 7 p.m. Monday at the BSHS Athletic Center.

Softball boosters first meeting
The Big Spring Softball Boosters held their first meeting at 6:30 p.m. Tuesday at the BSHS Athletic Center.

Hunter Education scheduled for
A hunter education class is scheduled for all on or after Sept. 15. The class will be conducted by the Big Spring Area Commerce Office at the corner of 1st and 2nd streets.

BOWLING
11 a.m. — PBA Open, ESPN, Ch.

COLLEGE BASKETBALL
Men: Noon — Missouri, CBS, Ch. 7.
3 p.m. — Michigan, Indiana.
Women: 2 p.m. — Utah, FXS, Ch. 29.

FOOTBALL
3 p.m. — Hula 30.

GOLF
2 p.m. — Bob Classic, first round and Ch. 8.
7 p.m. — Senior MasterCard Charitable, ESPN, Ch.

GYMNASTICS
2 p.m. — Inter NBC, Ch. 9.

HOCKEY
3 p.m. — NHL FOX, Ch. 3.

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IN BRIEF

Mace undergoes second angioplasty procedure

Howard College Lady Hawks softball coach Andy Mace is again listed in good condition at Lubbock Methodist Hospital after suffering a second heart attack and undergoing a second angioplasty procedure Friday.

Mace, who suffered a mild heart attack late last week, had undergone tests at the Lubbock hospital where doctors found one artery with a 90 percent blockage, according to Stan Feaster, the college's sports information director.

Feaster said Mace developed a blood clot in the affected artery and suffered a second heart attack. He underwent another angioplasty and is now expected to be released from the hospital Monday.

In addition, Feaster said doctors have told Mace he must spend the next two weeks resting before resuming his normal schedule.

Baseball boosters slated to hold meeting Monday

The Big Spring Steers Baseball Boosters Club will meet at 7 p.m. Monday at the BSHS Athletic Training Center.

Members involved in selling advertising for the club's poster are supposed to have those ads completed prior to the meeting.

All parents of prospective baseball players at Big Spring High School are urged to attend.

For more information, call Jim Clements at 267-1069.

Softball boosters slate first meeting for Tuesday

The Big Spring Lady Steers Softball Booster Club will hold its first meeting of the season at 6:30 p.m. Tuesday at the BSHS Athletic Training Center.

All parents of Big Spring High School softball players, as well as other supporters of Lady Steers softball are urged to attend.

Hunter Education course scheduled for Feb. 20-21

A hunter education course, required for all hunters born on or after Sept. 2, 1971, will be conducted Feb. 20-21 at the Big Spring Area Chamber of Commerce offices located at the corner of Third and Gregg streets.

Boyce Hale will be the instructor for the classes which are scheduled for 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. both days. A few of \$10 per person will be charged.

For more information, call Hale at 267-6957 or Dibrell's Gun Shop at 267-7891.

ON THE AIR

TODAY:

AUTO RACING

Noon — IRL Indy 200, ABC, Ch. 2 and Ch. 8.
11 p.m. — NASCAR Winston Cup-Jiffy Lube 300, TNN, Ch. 35.

BOWLING

11 a.m. — PBA Albuquerque Open, ESPN, Ch. 30.

COLLEGE BASKETBALL

Men

Noon — Missouri at Kansas, CBS, Ch. 7.
3 p.m. — Michigan State at Indiana.

Women

2 p.m. — Utah at Fresno State, FXS, Ch. 29.

FOOTBALL

3 p.m. — Hula Bowl, ESPN, Ch. 30.

GOLF

2 p.m. — Bob Hope Chrysler Classic, first round, ABC, Ch. 2 and Ch. 8.
7 p.m. — Senior PGA MasterCard Championship, final round, ESPN, Ch. 30.

GYMNASTICS

2 p.m. — International Cup, NBC, Ch. 9.

HOCKEY

3 p.m. — NHL All-Star Game, FOX, Ch. 3.

SKIING

2 p.m. — World Cup Men's Slalom, ESPN, Ch. 30.

Lady Steers get first 5-4A win; Steers fall in OT again

By VALERIE AVERY
Herald Correspondent

FORT STOCKTON — Big Spring's Lady Steers eased past Fort Stockton 56-42 Friday in their first district win of the season, while the Steers dropped their second consecutive overtime game 59-57 on an off-balance last-second shot by the Panthers.

The Steers are 7-16 and 1-2 in district play and were coming off an emotional overtime loss Tuesday to league leader San Angelo Lakeview when they lost in OT to the Panthers.

The Lady Steers improved to 5-19 and 1-4 in district action with the win.

First-year head coach Kathy Loter's Lady Steers jumped to a quick 12-6 first quarter lead against a physical Prowlers

squad behind a balanced scoring attack from five of her players.

Junior Laura Johnson picked up the pace in the second quarter scoring 9 of the Lady Steers second quarter points, including four field goals and one free throw for a substantial 31-20 lead heading into the locker room.

"(Johnson) had a really good ball game," Loter said. "She probably had the best game she played all year. She had 13 points and a lot of rebounds (9). Teamwise, we only had 12 turnovers, and that was good considering it was a really physical ballgame."

Both teams combined for 54 fouls and 58 free throws.

Melissa Henniken and Heather Gibbs dropped into points in the third quarter as the Lady Steers outdistanced Fort

Stockton's sputtering offense 13-9 for a 44-29 edge entering the final period.

"Toward the end of the third quarter we were playing well and we had a 26-point lead," Loter said. "We were doing a good job defensively, but the Fort Stockton girls started hitting everything they threw up."

The physical Lady Panthers mixed up their man and zone defenses, but couldn't stop the Lady Steer shooting.

Amy Jackson and Meghan Pudliner scored the Lady Steers only field goals in the fourth quarter for a 12-point team effort for the Lady Steers and the win.

"Hopefully this win will motivate us to play a little bit better against Sweetwater (Tuesday)," Loter said. "We'll play better than we did last time."

The Steers saw their second consec-

utive overtime game end in heartbreak as a 50-45 lead with 1:00 left in regulation evaporated when reserve guard Victor Lopez fired two 3-pointers to give the Panthers a 51-50 lead. Lance Brock forced the overtime as he connected on a free throw.

Fort Stockton raced to a 56-51 lead in the extra period before the junior Brock stole the ball and Chello Williams hit a bucket to bring it to 56-53. The Panthers Luke Groth made one free throw with 1:34, but reserve senior Michael Strain hit two free throws to get the Steers within 57-55.

The Panthers went into their stall offense, but the Steers forced a turnover with 30 seconds remaining. The Steers

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Lady 'Cats knock off Sands

Wildcats victory keeps Mustangs winless in 4-1A

By JOHN A. MOSELEY
Sports Editor

LENORAH — It took just 10 minutes Friday night — the final two minutes of the first half and the eight that constituted the third quarter — for Grady's No. 7-ranked Lady Wildcats to assure themselves of their first win in recent memory over Sands' Lady Mustangs.

Having trailed almost the entire first quarter, Grady broke open a tight 22-20 game in the final two minutes of the second frame on a three-pointer by Katie Yates and a pair of jumpers from Caroline Madison to take a 29-20 halftime lead.

That was only a hint of what was to come, though, as the Lady Wildcats doubled their score in the third quarter — turning three-point shooting from Meagan Mims and Rebecca Robles into a virtual nightmare for the Lady Mustangs.

As a result, the Lady Wildcats took a 58-28 lead into the fourth quarter and were able to coast home for a 65-34 victory.

The win improved the Lady Wildcats record to 21-2 overall and gave them a 3-1 record midway through the District 18-1A schedule. It also left them alone in second place behind No. 3-ranked Borden County league-leading Lady Coyotes.

Sands fared no better in Friday's nightcap, as impressive three-point shooting by Grady's Frankie Garza and Jim Bob Haggerton combined with Greg Gibson's strong performance inside staked the Wildcats to a 75-59 win over the Mustangs.

From the evening's outset, however, it appeared as if the Lady Mustangs — the Crossroads Country's winningest school-girl program of the 1990s — would continue their mastery over arch rival Grady.

Three-point goals from Lacey Webb and Anna Hall staked Sands to an early 8-1 lead that seemingly stunned a capacity crowd.

The Lady Wildcats managed to stay close, thanks to a couple of three-point bombs from Robles. Still another late in the period by Haley Madison left Grady trailing by just one, 16-15, going into the second quarter.

Most of the second period's offensive production came from inside the paint, and that trend continued to the midpoint of the third period.

After seeing Sands trim their halftime margin to 29-24 at the start of the third quarter, the Lady Wildcats went on a 10-2 run that made it a 39-26 lead.

Sands' Brianne Fryar snapped the skein with a jumper from the lane at the 4:10 mark, but the Lady Mustangs would not score again until almost a minute had elapsed in the fourth quarter.

Meanwhile, the Lady Wildcats went on a rampage, scoring 19 unanswered points and effectively ending any hope a large Sands following might have held for a comeback.

"This is the first time we've beaten them



Sands guard Lacey Webb (12) loses the ball as she attempts to dribble through a pressing doubleteam applied by Grady's Meagan Mims (12) and Katie Yates (34). Mims and Yates helped lead the Lady Wildcats to a 65-34 win.

(Lady Mustangs) since I've been here," said a more than pleased Lady Wildcats coach Johnny Peugh, now in his fifth year at the Grady helm. "They've had some great teams and they're still very good now, but we've got a great group of kids here."

"We're capable of playing well against people inside and can shoot the ball well from the perimeter, too," he added. "But the big thing that made the difference for us tonight was that we only had 11 turnovers. And when you only have that many turnovers against a team that presses as well as they do, you've played remarkable basketball."

Robles paced the Lady Wildcats with 22 points, while Yates finished the night with 13. Mims and post Rebekah Adams added nine points each to the Grady total and Caroline Madison chipped in seven more. What's more, Grady put together an

impressive pressure defense of its own, forcing a number of Sands turnovers and allowing just eight points for both Fryar and Hall. Not one Lady Mustang finished the night in double figures.

With the loss, the Lady Mustangs drop to 11-5 overall and 2-2 in district play.

In the nightcap, the Wildcats improved their season record to 14-8 and 2-2 in district play behind twin 21-point performances by Garza and Gibson.

Game-high honors would belong to Sands' Coby Floyd, however, as he rang up 25 points before having to sit out the final 2:21 with five fouls.

The Wildcats jumped out to a 13-8 lead following a sluggish first quarter for both teams, then extended that margin to as much as 11 points before seeing the

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Williams finds time for 'Hula'

WAILUKU, Hawaii (AP) — As he makes his way along the banquet circuit, collecting numerous awards as college football's best player, Ricky Williams still has time to play one more game before turning pro.

The Heisman Trophy-winning Texas tailback says he returned for his senior season in part to play in a college football all-star game, like he will today for the South in the Hula Bowl.

"When you grow up you watch all the All-Star games," he said. "I was kind of upset last year because juniors couldn't play. I really wanted to be a part of something like this my whole career."

Williams had to make time for the game in between accepting awards and attending banquets that will keep him traveling for the next month.

Williams flew to Hawaii on Wednesday from Dallas, where on Tuesday he received the Doak Walker Award as the nation's best running back. After the Hula Bowl, it's back to Austin for a parade with the football team, then off to the Super Bowl, then to his hometown of San Diego for another awards banquet.

And that's just the start. "Then the ESPYs in New York on the 15th and then the Maxwell Award on the 23rd and the Touchdown Club in Columbus on the 20th, then I go to Walter Camp on the 25th of February," Williams said. "I think then I go to baseball," spring training with the Texas Rangers.

Williams admits he's a bit out of shape for playing football, but said he told South coach Mike Price he wants to play as much as possible. "Coach, I think he figured I didn't want to play much, but he asked me and I said I want to play the whole game if possible," Williams said. "I came here to play."

Miami Dolphins scout Tom Braatz said Williams' condition will be factored in by scouts, not that he has much to prove. "He's been on airplanes and receiving a lot of awards, so we know he's not going to be in peak shape," Braatz said. "He's not going to be like he was when he finished that last game."

Williams started his college career in Hawaii, rushing for 95 yards and two TDs as a fullback for Texas in it 1995 season-opening win over the Rainbows.

Bulldogs knock off post; Stanton sweeps two from Plains

HERALD Staff Reports

GAIL — Coahoma's Bulldogs kept pace with league-leading Stanton in the District 3-2A basketball chase Friday night, knocking off Post's Antelopes 78-66 in a game played at the Borden County High School gymnasium.

Senior swingman Blake Nichols scored a game-high 26 points in leading the Bulldogs to the victory, while guard Ryan Peckham added 24 more and post Michael Kinard chipped in 15 more.

Coahoma jumped out to a 10-point lead in the first quarter and was never threatened from there, outscoring the Antelopes in all but the fourth quarter.

The Antelopes' 21 points in the final eight minutes went for naught, however, as the Bulldogs responded with 20 of their own.

The Bulldogs, now 17-6 overall and 3-2

in district play will play, host to Stanton's Buffaloes on Tuesday in a pivotal 3-2A showdown.

BOYS' GAME
COAHOMA 78, Post 66
COAHOMA — Garcia 4, Harding 1, Nichols 26, Hancock 8, Peckham 24, Kinard 15.
POST — Todd 4, Knight 23, Conner 6, Flutt 9, Jefferson 9, Uih 4, Crawford 10.
Score by Quarters:
Coahoma 23 16 19 20 78
Post 13 15 17 21 66
Records: Coahoma is 17-6 overall and 3-2 in District 3-2A; Post is 9-11 overall and 0-5 in District 3-2A.

Stanton post sweep over Plains' teams

PLAINS — Stanton's Buffaloes and Lady Buffs swept teams from Plains in District 3-2A basketball action Friday.

The Buffs took a 70-65 win over the Cowboys, while the Lady Buffs pounded

the Cowgirls, 66-32.

Doug Gordon's Buffs, now 7-4 overall and 4-1 in district play, were forced to hit free throws down the stretch to keep their one-game lead on Coahoma in the 3-2A boys' standings.

Senior post Chad Smith paced Stanton with 22 points, while Justin Cobb and point guard Kyle Herm added 16 and 12 points, respectively.

The loss left Plains' boys with a 16-6 mark overall and a 2-3 district slate.

Stanton shut down Plains in the second half of the girls' game, as they chalked up a 16-0 shutout during the third quarter. Rachel Madison led the way for the Lady Buffs with 20 points.

In junior varsity action, Stanton's boys improved to 8-2 overall with a 55-54 win.

GIRLS' GAME
STANTON 66, Plains 32
STANTON — Allred 1 2-2 4, Madison 6 6-9 20, Hull 2 2-

5 7, Techman 4 0-0 2, Adams 4 0-0 8, Washington 2 0-0 4, DeLeon 1 2-5 4, Moore 2 1-2 7, Totals 19 13-24 66

PLAINS — Gray 1 2-3 4, Palmer 1 0-1 2, Reiman 2 0-2 4, Bowers 1 2-4 4, Flores 2 2-3 7, Newland 5 1-1 11, Totals 12 7-14 32

Score by Quarters:
Stanton 12 14 16 14 66
Plains 10 12 0 10 32

Three-point goals: Stanton 3 (Hull, Moore 2); Plains 1 (Flores). **Total Fouls:** Stanton 16, Plains 18. **Fouled Out:** None. **Records:** Stanton is 13-8 overall and 4-1 in District 3-2A.

BOYS' GAME
STANTON 70, Plains 65
STANTON — Herm 2 7-8 17, Cobb 6 4-5 16, Mathias 2 0-0 4, Kelly 2 3-6 7, Hull 3 1-2 7, Cook 1 0-2 2, Smith 3 2-3 22, Totals 26 17-26 70
PLAINS — Garcia 7 0-2 17, Sisson 2 0-0 4, McClellan 2 0-0 4, Shurt 10 6-11 27, Galligors 1 2-3 4, Lume 1 1-2 3, Bell 3 0-0 6, Totals 26 9-18 65
Score by Quarters:
Stanton 15 17 16 24 70
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Three-point goals: Stanton 1 (Herm); Plains 4 (Garcia 3, Shurt). **Total Fouls:** Stanton 18, Plains 22. **Fouled Out:** None. **Technical Fouls:** None. **Records:** Stanton is 14 overall and 4-1 in District 3-2A; Plains is 16-9 overall and 2-3 in District 3-2A.

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SPORTS EXTRA

WILD CATS

Wild Cats
Saturday, Jan. 2
Miami 24, Buffalo 17
Arizona 20, Dallas 7

Wild Cats
Sunday, Jan. 3
Jacksonville 25, New England 10
San Francisco 30, Green Bay 27

DIVISIONAL PLAYOFFS

Divisional Playoffs
Saturday, Jan. 3
Atlanta 20, San Francisco 18
Denver 38, Miami 3

Divisional Playoffs
Sunday, Jan. 10
New York Jets 34, Jacksonville 24
Minnesota 41, Arizona 21

CONFERENCE CHAMPIONSHIPS

Conference Championships
Sunday, Jan. 17
Atlanta 30, Minnesota 27, OT
Denver 23, New York Jets 10

SUPER BOWL

Super Bowl
Sunday, Jan. 31
Atlanta vs. Denver, 5:25 p.m. (FOX)

COLLEGE BOWLS

College Bowls
Saturday, Jan. 23
South 31, North 21

College Bowls
Sunday, Jan. 24
Hula Bowl
At Kaula, Hawaii

TABC POLLS

TABC Polls
The Texas Association of Basketball Coaches top 10 poll, with records through Jan. 16:

TRANSACTIONS

BASEBALL

Baseball Transactions
CLEVELAND INDIANS—Agreed to terms with LHP Ron Villone on a one-year contract.

OKLAHOMA ATHLETICS—Agreed to terms with 1B Jeff Ball on a minor-league contract.

NATIONAL LEAGUE
CHICAGO CUBS—Agreed to terms with RHP Terry Adams on a one-year contract.

FLORIDA MARLINS—Placed 3B Josh Bojko on the voluntary retired list of California of the PCL.

HOUSTON ASTROS—Named Kimball Crossley scout.

NEW YORK METS—Agreed to terms with INF Mariano Duncan on a minor-league contract, and INF Mike Kinkade on a one-year contract.

SAN FRANCISCO GIANTS—Named Staci Stauffer vice president of public affairs.

BASKETBALL

National Basketball Association
NBA—Reinstated G Latrell Sprewell from the suspended list.

ATLANTA HAWKS—Signed F Christian Laettner to a three-year contract and traded him to Detroit for C Scott Pollard and a conditional first-round draft choice.

BOSTON CELTICS—Signed F Antoine Walker to a six-year contract extension. Signed F Paul Pierce and F Popeye Jones.

CLEVELAND CAVALIERS—Signed F Ryan Sheckler.

DALLAS MAVERICKS—Signed C John Williams.

DENVER NUGGETS—Re-signed G Cory Alexander and G Eric Washington. Signed F Tremaine Fowlkes, G Tyson Wheeler, F Mark Randall, G Kelly McCarty and F John Turner. Waived C Priest Lauderdale.

DETROIT PISTONS—Renounced the rights to G Matt Sealey, F Grant Long and F Rick Mahorn. Waived G Charles O'Bannon. Re-signed G Joe Dumars and G Jerry Stackhouse. Signed F Loy Vaught and G Fud Buechler to multi-year contracts.

HOUSTON ROCKETS—Signed F Scottie Pippen to a five-year contract, complete with a trade send F Ray Rogers and a 1999 second-round draft pick to Chicago. Re-signed F Matt Bullard, F Omthila Harrington, G Matt Maloney, F Eddie Johnson and F Anthony Miller.

INDIANA PACERS—Re-signed C Rick Smith and F Mark Pope to two-year contracts. Signed F Al Harrington and F Norman Nolan.

MILWAUKEE BUCKS—Signed G F Del Curry and G Adonis Jordan to one-year contracts.

MINNESOTA TIMBERWOLVES—Signed G Malik Seelye. Agreed to terms with F Joe Smith.

NEW YORK KNICKS—Re-signed C Herb Williams. Signed F Kurt Thomas.

PHOENIX SUNS—Signed C Joe Kleine, C Horacio Llamas, G Mark Milic, G Toby Bailey and G James Collins.

PORTLAND TRAIL BLAZERS—Signed G Greg Anthony to a two-year contract. SACRAMENTO KINGS—Signed C Wade Davis to a six-year contract. Re-signed F Corliss Williamson to a one-year contract. Signed G Jason Williams, C Jerome James, G Vernon Maxwell, and G Jon Barry. Renounced the rights to G Mahmoud Abdul-Rauf, F Mark Hendrickson, G Anthony Johnson, F Billy Owens, C F Olden Polynice and C Michael Stewart. Released G Isaac Fontaine, F Ryan Peryman, G Dylan Rigdon and F Randy White.

SAN ANTONIO SPURS—Signed F Jerome Kersey.

SEATTLE SUPERSONICS—Signed F Billy Owens. Signed C Vladimir Stepania to a three-year contract.

TORONTO RAPTORS—Re-signed G Alvin Williams to a three-year contract. Agreed to terms with F Vince Carter on a three-year contract.

VANCOUVER GRIZZLES—Signed F Charlotte Parks, G Mike Bibby, F Felipe Lopez and F J.R. Henderson to three-year contracts.

FOOTBALL

National Football League
BALTIMORE RAVENS—Named Matt Simon running backs coach, Mitt Jackson wide receivers coach, Steve Shaffer defensive backs coach, and Mike Smith defensive assistant coach.

GREEN BAY PACKERS—Re-signed LS Rob Davis. Signed CB Rodney Armstrong and CB Denrose Mossy, TE Roderick Lewis, OT Antonio Davis and OL Daryl Carter.

KANSAS CITY CHIEFS—Named Gunter Cunningham coach.

PHILADELPHIA EAGLES—Named Jim

FRIST-PLACE VOTES

First-place votes in parentheses and records through Jan. 16:

- 1. Barton County, Kan. (9) 19-0
2. Indian Hills, Iowa (5) 18-1
3. Kilgus, Texas (2) 17-1
4. Tallahassee, Fla. 16-2
5. SW Missouri State 16-2
6. Boone, Ohio 17-1
7. Spartanburg, S.C. 14-4
8. Georgia Perimeter 18-1
9. Pasco-Hernando, Fla. 13-1
10. Weatherford, Texas 17-1
11. Kankakee, Ill. 12-3
12. Bossier Parish, La. 18-2
13. Dixie, Utah 17-3
14. Schoolcraft, Mich. 12-0
15. Kennedy King, Ill. 16-3
16. Snow, Utah 19-1
17. Hutchinson, Kan. 15-3
18. Utah Valley State 14-3
19. Mesa CC, Ariz. 14-3
20. Allegany, Md. 14-3

NATIONAL HOCKEY LEAGUE

NHL—Assigned G Patrick Lalime to Kansas City of the AHL.

CALGARY FLAMES—Assigned G Jean-Sebastien Giguere to Saint John of the AHL. Reassigned G Andrei Treflov to Detroit of the AHL.

PHOENIX COYOTES—Assigned RW Stephen Leach, C Trevor Letowski and C Rob Murray to Springfield of the AHL.

ST. LOUIS BLUES—Assigned G Rich Parent to Worcester of the AHL.

INTERNATIONAL OLYMPIC COMMITTEE

IOC—Announced the resignation of Bashar Mohamed Altarabusi, delegate from Libya.

COLLEGE

AUBURN—Suspended junior men's basketball F Chris Porter three games for violation of team rules.

CHATTANOOGA—Named Donnie Kirkpatrick offensive coordinator and Lorenzo Ward defensive coordinator.

COLORADO—Named Gary Barnett football coach.

VANDERBILT—Promoted secondary coach Anthony Folino to defensive coordinator.

JUCO-WOMEN

The top 25 teams in the National Junior College Athletic Association Division I women's basketball poll:

- 1. Trinity Valley, Texas 18-0
2. Westark CC 16-0
3. Gulf Coast, Fla. 17-0
4. Grayson County, Texas 18-0
5. Connors State, Okla. 17-1
6. Southwestern, Okla. 17-1
7. Seawart County, Kan. 14-6
8. Southern Idaho 15-2
9. Tyler, Texas 15-2
10. Seminole, Fla. 14-3
11. Barton County, Kan. 15-1
12. Howard, Texas 17-2
13. Central Arizona 14-2
14. NE Oklahoma 15-2
15. Belleville 12-2
16. Vincennes 14-1
17. NE Mississippi 14-1
18. Central Florida 17-3
19. Western Nebraska 17-2
20. Walters State, Tenn. 15-3
21. Salt Lake 17-0
22. Middle Georgia 11-0
23. New Mexico JC 13-5
24. East Central, Miss. 17-2
25. Northeast, Neb. 13-1

LOCAL BOWLING

DOUBLE TROUBLE
WEEK 20
RESULTS—Strike Force 6-2, Santa Fe Sandwichez 6-2, Killer B's 6-2, Looney Toons 2-6, The Four of Us 8-0, for 1 O-8, Professional Health Care 0-0, Bob's Custom Woodworking 0-0; hi sc team game Santa Fe Sandwichez 705, Killer B's 724, The Four of Us 842, hi sc team series Santa Fe Sandwichez 2182, The Four of Us 2053, Killer B's 2022; hi sc team game Santa Fe Sandwichez 858, The Four of Us 842, Killer B's 831; hi sc team series Santa Fe Sandwichez 2441, The Four of Us 2422, Killer B's 2343; hi sc game ABC Don Ewing 245, Joe Rodriguez 229, Richard Rowden 226; hi sc game ABC Joe Rodriguez 258, Don Ewing 246, Gerald Dunlap 238; hi sc game ABC Joe Rodriguez 651, John Heiland 754, Hestring 616; hi sc game WBC Diane Ewing 196, Wakenda Dunlap 179, Monette Rowden 174; hi sc series WBC Diane Ewing 495, Jill Ringinger 474, Wakenda Dunlap 456; hi sc game WBC Diane Ewing 232, Wakenda Dunlap 226, Jill Ringinger 224; hi sc series WBC Jill Ringinger 646, Diane Ewing 603, Lorrie Beaty 603; most over ave game ABC Joe Rodriguez 66, Don Ewing 47, Gerald Dunlap 43; most over ave series Joe Rodriguez 75, John Heiland 51, Don Ewing 19; most over ave game WBC Diane Ewing 41, Jill Ringinger 39, Wakenda Dunlap 38; most over ave series WBC Jill Ringinger 91, Lorrie Beaty 57, Wakenda Dunlap 33.

STANDINGS—Santa Fe Sandwichez 101-59, Killer B's 99-61, The Four of Us 92-68, Strike Force 84-76, 4 for 1 81-79, Looney Toons 74-86, Professional Health Care 58-63, Bob's Custom Woodworking 33-119.

LADIES MAJOR

WEEK 18
RESULTS—Rainbow Brits 8-0, Big Spring Music 0-8, Pack-Sender 6-2, Day 8, Day Builders 2-6, Wynns Winners 18-2, Miss-Haps 2-6, Neighbors Auto Sales 3-5, Cline Construction 5-3, Green House Photography 2-6, Dream Team 18-2, Psycho Pysters 4-4, A&B Farms 4-4, Something Else 6-2, Rocky's 2-6, Barber Glass & Mirror 8-0, Carol's 0-8; hi sc team game Big Spring Music 893, Dream Team 648, Something Else 643; hi sc team series Something Else 1868, Big Spring Music 1865, Dream Team 1826; hi sc team game Cline Construction 886, Rainbow Brits 878, Dream Team 876; hi sc team series Rainbow Brits 2544, Dream Team 2510, Cline Construction 2479; hi sc game WBC Betty Gibson 205, Solia Cruz 196, Stormy Ward 194; hi sc series WBC Betty Gibson 552, Lavonne Brunley 511, Laura Hughes 504; hi sc game WBC Solia Cruz 267, Betty Gibson 256, Faye Day 250; hi sc series WBC Betty Gibson 705, Solia Cruz 694, Locke Schooling 665; most over ave game WBC Solia Cruz 65, Betty Gibson 52, Faye Day 49; most over ave series WBC Betty Gibson 93, Solia Cruz 88, Locke Schooling 65.

STANDINGS—Rainbow Brits 90-54, Pack-Sender 83-61, Big Spring Music 80-64, Wynns Winners 78-66, Day & Day Builders 77-67, Cline Construction 74-70, Dream Team 73-71, Neighbors Auto Sales 72-72, Miss-Haps 72, Psycho Pysters 70-74, Green House Photography 70-74, Something Else 68-75, A&B Farms 68-76, Rocky's 64-80, Carol's 52-92.

TUESDAY COUPLES

RESULTS: Houston Appliances over Nix Dirt Co. 8-0, A Timeless Design over Parks Agency, Inc. 8-0, White Motor Co. Stanton over Cowboys 8-0, Double R Cattle Co. over Kories Robertson Body Shop 6-2, Scurry Rentals over Carlos' Restaurant 6-2, BSI over KC Steakhouse 6-2, Dub's Wonders tied Ips & Downs 4-4, Tonn Cleaners (unopposed), Professional Health Care (postponed); hi sc game man Lionel Crisp 222; hi sc series man Laurie Wells 582; hi sc game woman Laurie Wells 582; hi sc series woman Lionel Crisp 255; hi sc game man Lionel Crisp 255; hi sc series man Clayton Treasway 760; hi sc game woman Cruz 661; hi sc team game KC Steakhouse 739; hi sc team game A Timeless Design 801; hi sc team series KC Steakhouse 2116; hi sc team series A Timeless Design 2003.

WEDNESDAY NITE TRIO

RESULTS—Back-A-Action over Big Spring Music 6-2, Robertson Body Shop split with Lulu's Family 4-4, Bowl-A-Rama Pro Shop over Comet Cleaners 6-2, Arrow Refrigeration over A Timeless Design 6-2, Allan's Furniture over Spanky's 6-2, KC Steakhouse over HSP 582, hi sc over Alley Cats 8-0, Slow Starters over American State Bank 6-2, MAM's split with Fiesta Dodge 4-4, Loan Stars over The Astros 8-0, Moonhead Transfer split the Western Auto 4-4; hi sc game man Jerald Burgess 256, hi sc series man Jerald Burgess 667; hi sc game Jerald Burgess 289, hi sc series man Jerald Burgess 766; hi sc game woman Pattie Hill 236, hi sc series woman Pattie Hill 508; hi sc game woman Pattie Hill 280, hi sc series woman Pattie Hill 730; hi sc team game Robertson Body Shop 582, hi sc team series Robertson Body Shop 1661; hi sc team game Lulu's Family 742, hi sc team series Robertson Body Shop 2057.

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GIRLS' GAME

Grady 65, Sands 34
SANDS — Lacey Webb 1 1 0 0 5, Shelly Biegrowe 1 0 0 1 2, Jessica Peacock 0 1 2 2 5, Starr Hopper 0 0 0 1 0, Anna Hall 4 0 0 0 8, Trisha Nichols 0 0 0 0 1, Brianna Fyler 3 0 2 3 8, Brandi Taylor 3 0 0 1 6. Totals 12 2 4 8 34.

GRADY — Samantha Yates 0 0 0 0 0, Megan Mims 1 2 2 9, Rebecca Roberts 2 5 3 4 22, Sherre Rivas 0 0 0 0 0, Haley Madison 0 1 0 0 3, Lacey Cox 0 0 0 0 0, Caroline Madison 3 0 1 2 7, Katie Yates 3 2 1 1 13, Baile Greenhaw 1 0 0 2, Rebekah Adams 3 0 3 6 9. Totals 13 10 9 15 65.

GUYS & DOLLS

WEEK 19
RESULTS—Big Spring State Park over Karat Patch 8-0, Headhunters Beauty Salon over Hestres Mechanical 8-0, Dell's Cafe over Greenhouse Photography 8-0, Flo's Yellow Rose over Greenhouse Photography 8-0, Ken Beeler 200, hi sc game woman Velma Campbell 170; hi sc series man Ken Beeler 575; hi sc series woman Velma Campbell 170; hi sc game man Ken Beeler 224; hi sc series man Ken Beeler 187; hi sc series man Ken Beeler 187; hi sc series woman Ruby Puser 594; hi sc team game Flo's Yellow Rose 667; hi sc team game Flo's Yellow Rose 805; hi sc team series Flo's Yellow Rose 2272.

STANDINGS—Flo's Yellow Rose 106-46, Big Spring State Park 99-54, BSI 73-71, Hestres 61-6, Ken Beeler 59-59, Headhunters Beauty Salon 72-80, Dell's Cafe 62-90, Karat Patch 61-91, Greenhouse Photography 60-92.

NHL

Friday's Games
No games scheduled
Saturday's Games
No games scheduled
Today's Game
All-Star game at Tampa, Fla., 3 p.m.

WNFL

Friday's Games
Alexis 4, Fort Worth 3
El Paso 11, Odessa 6
Anarillo at Waco, p.p.d., weather
Monroe 2, Shreveport 0
James Madison 82, American U. 66
Austin at Arkansas, p.p.d., weather
Central Texas 4, San Angelo 1

Saturday's Games
Anarillo at Abilene (n)
El Paso at Odessa (n)
New Mexico at San Angelo (n)
Arkansas at Shreveport (n)
Austin at Tupelo (n)
Corpus Christi at Central Texas (n)
New Mexico at El Paso
Waco at Odessa

Sunday's Games
Monroe at Abilene
Alexis at Lake Charles
Shreveport at Arkansas
Fort Worth at Central Texas
Corpus Christi at San Angelo
New Mexico at El Paso
Waco at Odessa

COLLEGE SCORES

MEN'S GAMES
EAST
Bucknell 96, George Mason 86, 20T
Canisius 74, Manhattan 68
Colgate 65, Lafayette 57
James Madison 82, American U. 66
La Salle 98, St. Joseph's 95, 20T
Navy 80, Lehigh 45
New Hampshire 84, Massachusetts 57
Villanova 73, West Virginia 62

SOUTH
Centenary 87, Cent. Florida 80
Rutgers 93, Tennessee 77
Georgia Tech 77, Virginia 65
Jacksonville 76, Troy St. 68
Kentucky 76, Mississippi St. 49
Memphis 83, South Florida 70
Mississippi 85, Georgia 76
North Carolina 52, Wake Forest 40
Ohio St. 77, Michigan 62
UCLA 82, Louisville 70

MIDWEST
Iowa St. 70, Texas Tech 62
Nebraska 71, Colorado 55
Ohio St. 89, Minnesota 60
Penn St. 65, Illinois 61
Rutgers 72, Notre Dame 70

SOUTHWEST
Arkansas 118, Providence 79
Texas A&M 57, Baylor 56

FAR WEST
Portland St. 76, Montana St. 75, OT

WBC-MIN

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GRADY

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Mustangs close the gap back to five, 31-26 at halftime.

A 23-13 run in the third period, capped by a pair of Garza three-pointers, and an eight-point start to the final frame that included a pair of threes by Haggerton, doomed the Mustangs, who saw their season mark drop to 1-14 and closed the first half of league play winless.

While Floyd was getting 18 points of support from Seth Smithson and 11 more from Stuart Bell, the Wildcats answered with 15 points from Haggerton and scoring from all but one of the players on the 10-man Grady roster.

"We really shot well in the second half ... that really makes a difference," Wildcats coach Carl Krug said following the win, taking particular note of Garza's contribution. "Frankie's been shooting the ball very well lately. I just hope he keeps it up, because that gives us an entirely different dimension offensively."

Grady's teams not head into a crucial road trip Tuesday when they pay a call on Borden County. Sands will take on Rotan.

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Rutgers 93, Tennessee 77
Georgia Tech 77, Virginia 65
Jacksonville 76, Troy St. 68
Kentucky 76, Mississippi St. 49
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Ohio St. 77, Michigan 62
UCLA 82, Louisville 70

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SCHOLARSHIP FUNDS AVAILABLE

Investigators meet, bribery scandal shakes Olympics officials again

LAUSANNE, Switzerland (AP) — On the eve of a watershed meeting that could determine the future of the Olympics, IOC leaders Saturday promised a major house-cleaning to root out corruption and reform the system for choosing host cities.

"This is a sad day," executive board delegate Jacques Rogge said as IOC officials considered recommending expulsions of at least seven of their own members, an unprecedented action. "But we will do what we have to do."

The credibility of the International Olympic Committee — and perhaps the future of the games themselves — was at stake as officials concluded their investigation into the Salt Lake City bribery scandal, which has set off the biggest corruption crisis in the organization's 105-year history.

"These are fairly difficult times for

the IOC," Australian board member Kevan Gosper said. "I can assure you we will emerge stronger as a result of this event."

The U.S. Olympic Committee led a chorus of support for embattled IOC president Juan Antonio Samaranch, who has faced increasing calls from outside the organization to resign.

"It's very important he stay in that position," USOC executive director Dick Schultz said. "He certainly has our support."

IOC leaders also sought to control the damage from the latest revelations in the unfolding crisis — that Australian officials used financial inducements to help Sydney win the right to stage the 2000 Summer Games.

"With the facts I have, I have no reason to believe that was bribery," Gosper said.

There was a sense of calm before the

storm as IOC officials locked themselves inside their marble bunker on the shores of Lake Geneva to consider what action to take against members implicated in the Salt Lake City scandal.

Thirteen members were cited for accepting cash payments, scholarships, free medical care and other favors — reportedly totaling close to \$800,000 — stemming from Salt Lake's winning bid for the 2002 Winter Games.

"There are cases among them that are just unacceptable, brutal corruption, when simply money was asked for," said Rogge, a Belgian who sits on the inquiry panel.

Two of the 13 suspects — Finland's Pirjo Haeggman and Libya's Bashir Mohamed Attarabulsi — resigned this week. Samaranch said another seven could face expulsion orders.

Outside the Chateau de Vidy, the IOC's headquarters, barriers were set up and police and security guards kept a close watch on scores of journalists gathered in the street.

IOC cars whizzed past the media through into an underground parking lot, allowing the inquisitors and the accused to enter the building through a private entrance.

In a prepared statement, the IOC said the inquiry panel was in the "final stages" of its deliberations and would continue late into the night to complete its report before Sunday's session.

The IOC said six members appeared before the commission in person to defend themselves. They were not identified.

Members who didn't appear will be judged on written replies submitted earlier to the IOC.

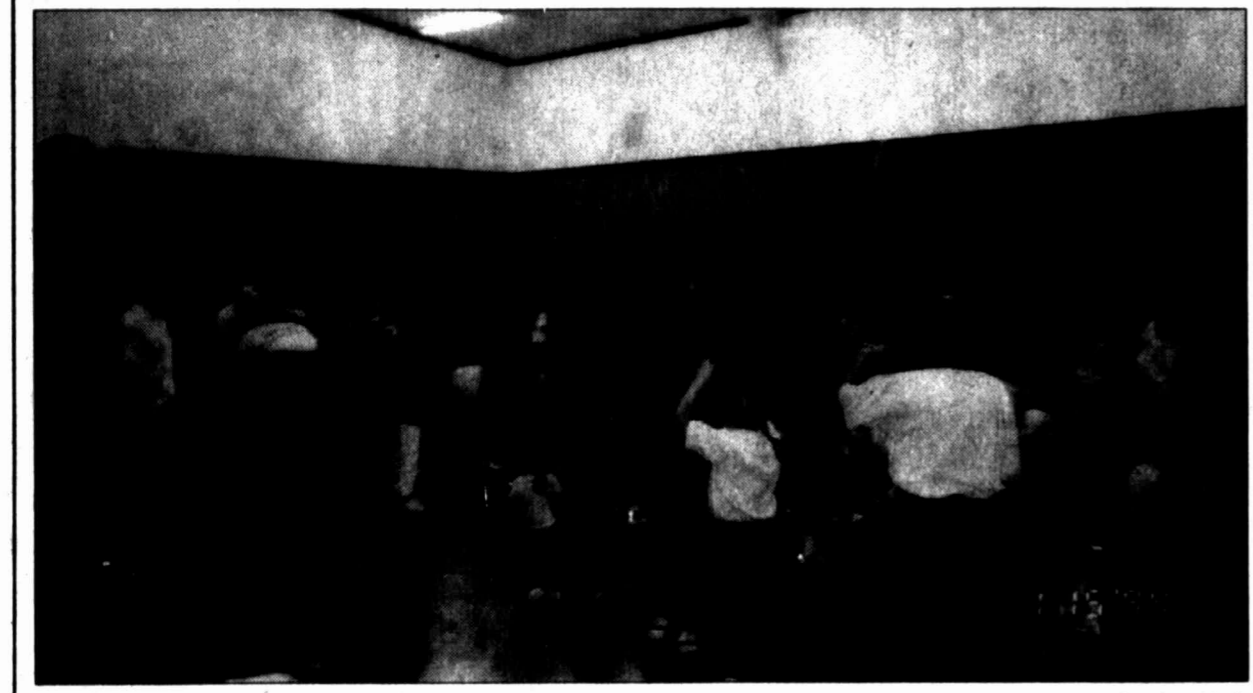
The commission will report its find-

ings and recommendations to the executive board, including proposed expulsions and plans for overhauling the bidding and selection process.

The board's final decisions will be announced Sunday night by Samaranch. The body is expected to recommend a ban on visits to bid cities by IOC members. There was apparently no agreement yet on whether the final selection of host cities should be left to a small body rather than the full IOC membership.

The recommendations will be put to a meeting of the general assembly March 17-18. If members found guilty of corruption refuse to resign, the case will go to the assembly, where a two-thirds vote is required for expulsion.

Meanwhile, Gosper said he saw nothing "sinister" in the \$70,000 inducements offered by Australia's Olympics chief to two African IOC members.



Youngsters taking part in the Big Spring Youth Basketball Association go through a skills practice at the Church of the Nazarene recently. The program, which involves more than 250 youngsters, conducts group skills practices one each week in addition to team practices. Games are played on Saturdays at Runnels Junior High School and at the Trinity Baptist Church. All participants in the league will be admitted free to Friday's Big Spring-Snyder game and will be recognized during half-time at the Lady Steers' and Steers' games.

STEERS

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returned the favor before Williams stole the ball and made two from the charity stripe to tie the game at 57 with 20 remaining.

Nathan Sawyer made an off-balance jumper with two seconds remaining to give Fort Stockton the win.

"It hurts so bad because we can taste it and then it's just snatched away from us," first-year head coach Jimmy Avery said. "We had plenty of chances, but we just couldn't put it away at the end."

The Steers struggled early falling behind 7-2, before senior Casey Cowley took control of the game, scoring the first 10 points as the Steers trailed 17-10 at the 4:31 mark of the second quarter.

"(Cowley) played really well," Avery said. "He had 13 rebounds and 19 points. He kept us in the game early on."

Big Spring trailed until the 3:00 mark of the fourth quarter when Brock (10 points, 10 rebounds) rebounded a missed shot and threw it in for a 45-43 lead. John Purcell hit a basket and Williams nailed his second trey in the fourth quarter to push the lead to 50-45 before Fort Stockton's Lopez got his first entry into the game.

The Panthers set two screens for Lopez and he nailed the two three-pointers to send the game into overtime.

Big Spring's defense helped the Steers stay in a game where they shot a miserable 34 percent and were 48 percent from the charity stripe. The Steers also committed 22 turnovers in the losing effort.

"I still believe in them and they believe in themselves," Avery said. "I know this sounds repetitive, but if they keep working hard, the fruits of their labor will pay off. They're a good group of hard-working

kids. We'll get it together. We have seven more district games."

Big Spring's JV Steers came from behind in the third quarter for a thrilling 48-47 win.

The Lady Steers JV squad edged Fort Stockton 46-43 led by Brittany Bryant's 18 points, including three treys and a 3-for-4 performance from the free throw line.

GIRLS' GAME
Big Spring, 56, Fort Stockton, 42
BIG SPRING — Leslie McLellan 1 0 2 1 3, Amy Jackson 2 0 7 2 6, Chandra McBee 0 0 4 4 4, Julie Adams 0 0 2 1 1, Heather Gibbs 2 0 1 0 4, Melissa Forth 1 0 1 1 4 6, Laura Johnson 5 0 5 3 13, Meghan Fudliner 3 0 2 0 6, Melissa Henniken 4 0 6 5 13, Totals 18 0 40 20 56.
FORT STOCKTON — D. Valeriano 0 0 0 0 0, A. Gonzales 0 0 0 0 0, C. Ortiz 3 0 5 1 7 2, Galindo 1 0 3 1 3, A. Fuentes 0 1 0 0 3, J. Munoz 0 0 0 0 0, C. Robledo 4 0 6 3 11, K. Galvan 0 0 2 1 1, J. Carrillo 3 0 0 0 6, J. Gonzales 4 0 2 1 9, A. Garrison 0 0 0 0 0, E. Celaya 0 0 0 0 0, J. Leach 0 0 2 2 2, B. Torres 0 0 0 0 0.

Score by Quarters:
Big Spring 12 19 13 12 - 56
Fort Stockton 6 14 9 13 - 42
Three-point goals: Big Spring 0, Fort Stockton 1 (Fuentes); **Total Fouls:** Big Spring 22, Fort Stockton 32. **Fouled Out:** Gibbs, Johnson, Valeriano, Carrillo. **Technical Fouls:** None.

BOYS' GAME
Fort Stockton 59, Big Spring 57 (OT)
BIG SPRING — Chello Williams 2 2 5 2 12, John Purcell 1 0 0 0 2, Jason Walker, 0 0 0 0 0, Michael Strain, 1 0 4 4 6, Doug Tipton 2 0 0 0 4, Jason Woodruff 0 0 0 0 0, Andy Hall 0 0 6 2 2, Lance Brock 4 0 7 2 10, Casey Cowley 8 0 5 3 19, Blair Nutting 1 0 0 0 2, Totals 19 2 27 13 57.
FORT STOCKTON — Chris Hognin 0 0 0 0 0, Andrew Alvarez 1 0 0 0 2, Luke Groth 3 0 0 4 3 23, Florencio Regno 2 3 2 0 13, Ricky Lopez 0 0 0 0 0, Harold Russell 0 0 0 0 0, Nathan Reeves 2 0 1 0 4, Nathan Sawyer 4 1 3 1 12, Chase West 0 0 0 0 0, Victor Lopez 0 2 0 0 6, Aaron Hernandez 0 0 0 0 0, Totals 19 6 10 4 59.

Score by Quarters:
Big Spring 6 10 21 14 6 - 57
Fort Stockton 7 13 17 14 8 - 59
Three-point goals: Big Spring 2 (Williams); Fort Stockton 6 (Regno, 3, Sawyer, Lopez, 2). **Total Fouls:** Big Spring 16, Fort Stockton 23. **Fouled Out:** Cowley, Reeves. **Technical Fouls:** None.

ROUNDUP

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Lady Bearkats grab District 4-1A lead

STERLING — Garden City's Lady Bearkats took sole possession of first place in the District 4-1A girls' basketball standings Friday with a 53-40 win over Sterling City.

The Lady Bearkats, now 18-2 overall, improved to 4-0 in district play behind the scoring lead of the Niehues sisters.

J'Layne Niehues paced Garden City with 18 points, while M'Lynn Niehues added 16. Kyndra Batla added 11 more for the Lady Bearkats, who now must travel to Water Valley on Tuesday.

Forsan drops pair to Junction teams

JUNCTION — Forsan's Buffaloes and Queens continue to look for their first wins in District 2-2A play following a pair of defeats to Junction's Eagles and Lady Eagles.

The Lady Eagles opened the evening's varsity action, rallying from a 19-12 halftime deficit to trail by just two points going into the final eight minutes of play, eventually taking a 37-33 win over the Queens.

Jancy Crow paced the Queens with 10 points, but was Forsan's only player to notch double figures.

In the nightcap, Daniel Whetsel scored 11 points for the Buffs and Daniel Smith added 10 more, but the Eagles never allowed Forsan to get on a run and took a 50-43 win.

Borden County sweeps wins from Westbrook

WESTBROOK — Borden County's Coyotes and Lady Coyotes kept their stranglehold on the District 18-1A basketball standings with a sweep of Westbrook's Wildcats and Lady Wildcats on Friday.

The Coyotes remained unbeaten in league action with a 79-62 win over the Wildcats, while the No. 3-ranked Lady Coyotes pounded Westbrook, 73-35.

In the evening's varsity opener, the Lady Coyotes got 25 game-high points from 6-foot-11 sophomore post Valerie Wooten and 19 more from 5-foot-9 junior wing Julie Mayes. Junior guard Lindsey Smith chipped in 15 more for the win.

The nightcap saw the Coyotes' Jeff Dennis and Colt McCook lead the way, Dennis scoring a game-high 23 points, while McCook was right behind with 21. Kevin Pinkerton rounded out Borden County's double-digit performances with 16 points.

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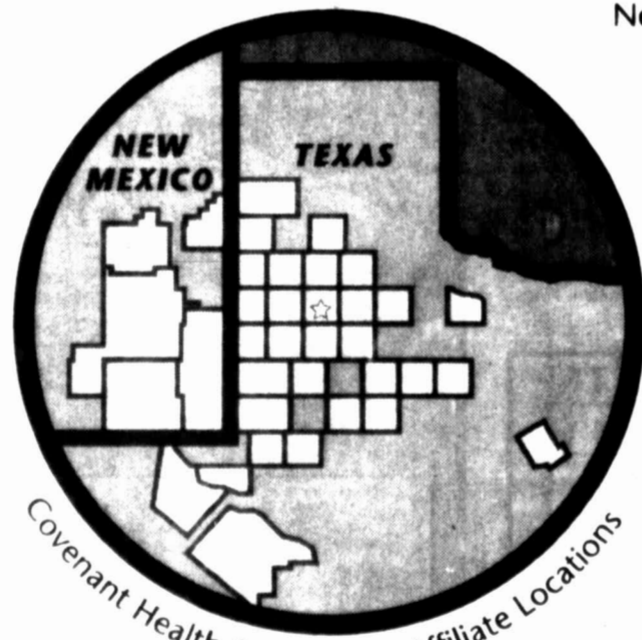


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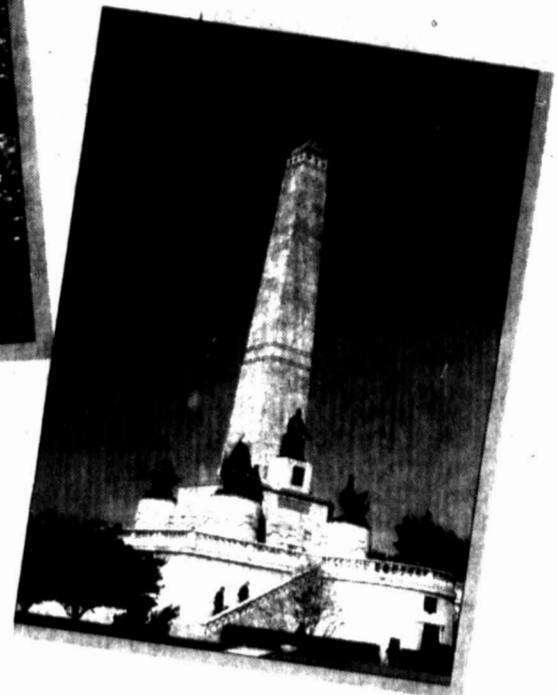
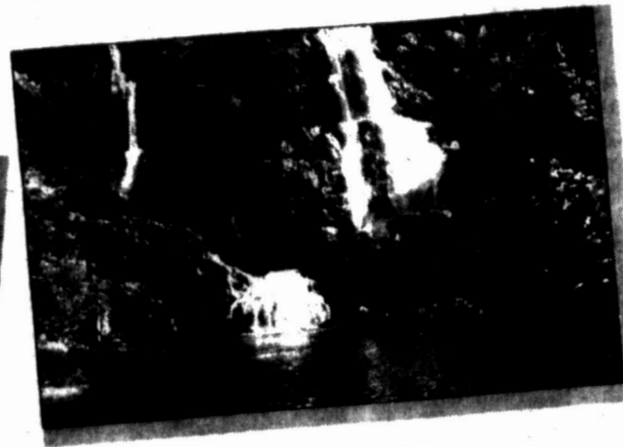
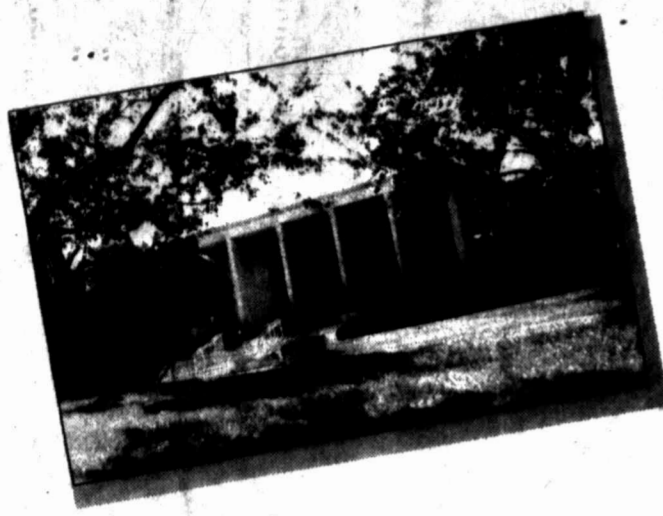
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RSVP and have a great trip...

Big Spring senior citizens travel to exotic destinations each year with the Retired Senior Volunteer Program Travelers. But they leave some of their money at home, funding projects that will support the community's young people, and the needy.

This year, the travelers will go to such places as England, Scotland and Wales, Nova Scotia and the northwestern United States. Proceeds from some of the trip fees, meanwhile, will pay for bicycles for needy kids, buy stuffed animals to comfort children in trouble, and support other community projects.

"I'm not good at asking for donations," explained Nancy Jones, director of RSVP. "And in Big Spring, there is a lot of competition for donations. This is a way for me to be self-sufficient and still do the projects we want to do."

At Christmas, RSVP supplies needy children with refurbished, used bicycles. The agency bought stuffed bears this year, dressed them with donated materials and gave them to police officers, who will give them to children who are involved in difficult situations, such as domestic violence.

Each year, on Make a Difference Day, RSVP will participate in programs that benefit the community's needy families. And in a new program this year, RSVP volunteers will remind new mothers when their infants need vaccinations.

All of these programs, and others, are possible because of the travelers, Jones said.

While they visit historic monuments, cruise the oceans, see big-name shows and musical acts, they support the community.

"It makes us more well-rounded," Jones said. "We're busy doing for the community, and this just makes it more we're able to do."

Retired Senior Volunteer Program Travelers Showcase 2 p.m. today Dora Roberts Community Center

Lena Bilbrey loves her job as tour director for the RSVP Travelers. Her company, Bilbrey Tours of Abilene, arranges the tours, and she usually goes along.

"My daughter tells me that every time I come home, she asks me how the tour went, and I say, 'This was the best one I've ever been on,'" Bilbrey said. "That's every time I come home."

Bilbrey will be at the RSVP Travelers Showcase today at 2 p.m. at Dora Roberts Community Center. Anyone interested in learning more about this year's slate of tours is welcome.

In coming months, Bilbrey will accompany seniors from Abilene, San Angelo and Big Spring on 19 trips, beginning in March. They will range from a one-day shopping spree before Christmas to the 20-day tour of the Great Northwest.

RSVP Travelers will see A Chorus

Line" in Fort Worth. They will go to Branson, Mo., twice. They will tour Palo Duro Canyon and Alaska. They will see the fall foliage of New England.

Most trips are taken on a large bus, or motor coach, and several trips involve cruises. Many of them focus on historic sites, something Bilbrey finds is popular with her senior citizen travelers.

"This age group really wants to know facts about areas they visit. Wherever we are going, we will stop and see attractions along the way."

Often, a local person will get on the bus and give first-hand knowledge about the area, such as during the group's trip to Washington, D.C.

There are also activities aimed at making friends along the way.

"I always say they are paying for the trip, the hotels, the food," Bilbrey said.

"But the bonus is the friendships we make."

And another bonus is the ease of group travel, Bilbrey added.

"This is absolutely hassle-free," she said. "They just show up with their bags."

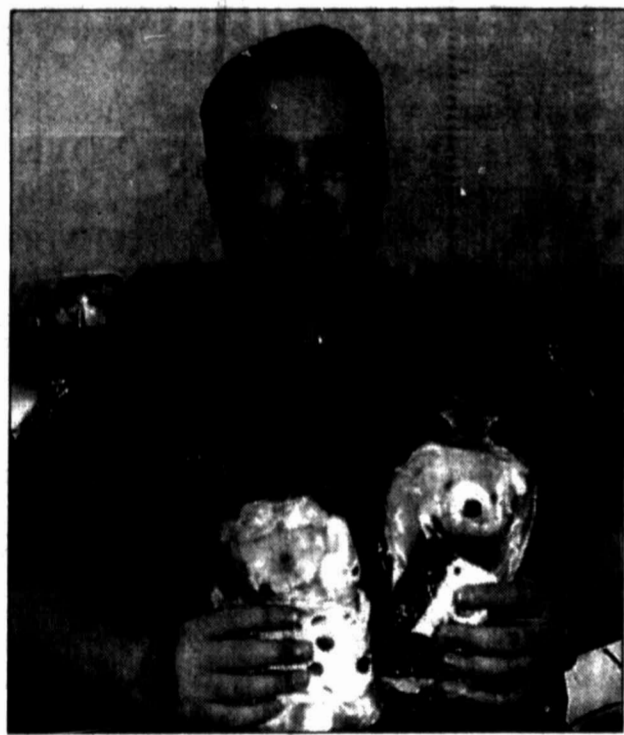
And safety is another important element, she added, especially for elderly widows and widowers, who might not travel by themselves out of fear.

"One of the nicest things about this is the security and safety," Bilbrey said. Single seniors, she said, are never left out of activities, even if they take the trip alone.

Bilbrey said traveling with seniors is also easy, and enjoyable, for her.

"They are the best travelers," she said. "They are the most excited, the most punctual, and they are delighted to see anything new. They like to learn, and that makes traveling more fun."

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In the photos at top: postcards from some of the past RSVP trips. At left, Big Spring Police Officer Lance Telchick holds some "trauma bears" donated to the department by Retired Senior Volunteer Program. Above, kids participated in a bicycle rodeo, with bicycle safety as its aim, during the city's health fair last year. Above, right, RSVP volunteer Helen Duggan helps kids with crafts at the Howard County Library summer reading program. The retired seniors are a large part of that program, and others through the library, each year.

...Stories by Debbie L. Jensen...Courtesy photos and photos by Debbie L. Jensen

When it comes to our kids, marketing money speaks their language

Money talks, whether or not we like what it says.

I saw a television commercial for a new kids' cereal. It's a hot cereal, and we think hot means healthy, right? But this one has something extra added — dinosaur eggs mixed in.

When you pour on the hot water, the "eggs" hatch, revealing colorful baby dinosaurs. One would presume that the kid is expected to then gobble up the dinosaurs as part of this "healthy" breakfast experience.

Yum! I can almost hear the spoons clanging against bowls in anticipation.

Actually, this idea repulses me. Maybe I've just seen "Jurassic Park" too many times. But do we really need another gimmick to get our children to eat breakfast? Whatever hap-

pened to eating because you're hungry? Does food have to be fun?

The answer, of course, is that it does. And we rely on marketing to make it so.

Like all kids in the 1970s, my brothers and I sat glued to the television set every Saturday morning, watching the parade of commercials for "fun" cereals. In this case, "fun" just meant colorful and loaded with sugar. We weren't sophisticated enough for hatching eggs.

But we weren't allowed to eat that kind of cereal. My parents said it had too much sugar. I had a friend whose mother knew about this and felt sorry for me; when I visited, she would fill a heaping bowl.

Sure, this marketing works — on us and our kids. Now that

I'm a parent, I am part of one of the most popular groups for the "guilt" marketing ploy.

"If you want the best for your baby..."

"Choosey mothers choose..." and similar messages blare at us through the television screen and magazine pages. Then they replay in our minds when we cruise the grocery store aisles.

Baby formula companies are among the best at reaching parents. In the last year, I have

received countless free samples of formula, coupons and brochures about the stuff.

Never mind that my 4-month-old daughter has never had a taste of formula; the companies don't know that. But they do know plenty of other things about me, and my child.

Shortly after I arrived home from the hospital, I received a slick, colorful booklet, "Bringing Baby Home." It was filled with advice from doctors, psychologists and, of course, formula marketers. It included a coupon for formula.

A month later, I received another brochure, "Your Baby at One Month." More advice, cute pictures and another formula coupon.

At this point, I became alarmed: Were they watching

me, too? Would the next brochure say, "Why don't you do something about your hair?" or "Wardrobe tips for new moms: Look great in your pajamas all day long?"

It was all about marketing. Even the hospital helped, giving me another sample of formula inside a "free" diaper bag from one of the companies.

Then I began to notice commercials aimed at parents: This diaper keeps your baby "more comfortable." Wouldn't any worthwhile parent want her baby to be comfortable? Guilt.

The problem is that these companies, who obviously have plenty of money, don't use it where it is needed. Every year, hundreds of products for children are recalled for safety hazards. Some even kill children.

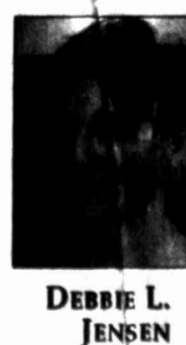
But do you see television commercials about this? Of course not.

Companies would no more advertise their mistakes than they would donate money to La Leche League to encourage breastfeeding.

But advertising recalls might save lives by reaching more households with children.

I saw a woman on a news show recently whose young son had been killed by a collapsing crib that was recalled years before. She said companies should be forced to spend money advertising recalls.

I agree. But wouldn't something if companies have to be forced, if because — as they those commercials about children?



DEBBIE L. JENSEN

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GETTING ENGAGED



Sharon Johnston and Jimmy Moore, both of Big Spring, will exchange wedding vows on Feb. 14, 1999, in the Dora Roberts Community Center.

She is the daughter of Karla Johnston of San Angelo, and Burton and Connie Johnston of Mentor on the Lake, Ohio.

He is the son of May Moore of Midland, and Jim and Becky Moore of Sherwood, Ark.



Michelle LeJeune and Jeff Rhodes will be united in marriage on Feb. 14, 1999, in Las Vegas, Nev.

She is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Mike LeJeune.

He is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Morris Rhodes, Big Spring and Viola Neas.



Daphne Eevon Lowe and Mike McKaskle, both of Abilene, will unite in marriage on April 17, 1999, in Lubbock.

She is the daughter of Joel and Debra Lowe of Plains.

He is the son of Charles and Jan McKaskle of Stanton.



Gaylene Greenfield and Darrell Hodnett will exchange wedding vows on Feb. 13, 1999, at the First Presbyterian Church with Rev. Flynn Long Jr., retired Presbyterian minister, officiating.

She is the daughter of Billy and Lillian Greenfield of Big Spring.

He is the son of Butch and Sherry Hodnett of Vincent, and grandson of Janie Wilson.

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Pippa Cochran has tried to break off her relationship with Billy, a local policeman; yet each time the subject comes up, Billy expresses his unhappiness with Pippa by using physical violence. One day not long after Pippa's mother died, Pippa learns her job will be terminated because of a corporate decision. As she leaves her office for the last time, Billy is waiting outside for her. With no warning, he begins to beat her unmercifully. Only because someone happened to come along to scare away Billy was Pippa's life saved.

After a short recovery, Pippa determines to leave Kentucky and begin a life in a new place. She answers a newspaper ad for an administrative assistant and companion to the man's disabled son. She is hired over the phone, and soon finds herself in California at an isolated estate owned and occupied by a reclusive and eccentric man.

Despite Pippa's misgivings about Seth and Chad Wyatt, her new employer and his spoiled son, she feels as if this place offers her refuge and safety. Pippa begins to make subtle changes in the household as she carries out her new responsibilities. She finds that using her unique combination of humor and kindness can soften the harshness of her employer, as well as the petulance of the wheelchair-bound youngster.

As Pippa realizes she has come to love the inhabitants of the estate, she is frightened when she learns of the attempts being made on the lives of those living with her. While a package bomb, poisoned candy, and cut brake lines have injured Seth in each incident, no one is quite sure who has been the primary object of such murderous attempts. During the same period of time, Billy learns where Pippa is living, and tries in various ways to frighten and intimidate her.

Patricia Rice is the author of four other books, and as a writer and storyteller, has garnered several prestigious awards. If this book is any indication, you will not be disappointed in anything of hers you might choose to read.

"Blue Clouds" is an exceptional book as it has great character development, suspense, and romance, as well as an underlying sweetness and goodness in the major characters. The reader may have an inkling of how things will end, but it's such an interesting journey to get there that it doesn't spoil the story.

RATING: (****) four out of four=Don't miss this one!



PAT WILLIAMS

ANNIVERSARIES

Olague



MR. AND MRS. OLAGUE THEN AND NOW

Diego and Elva Olague celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary on Saturday, Jan. 23, 1999, at Sacred Heart Church hosted by their children and grandchildren.

He was born in Big Spring, and she was born as Elva Rubio in Marfa. They met in the summer of 1947 at a dance in Big Spring. They were married Jan. 23, 1949, at St. Joseph Church in Stanton. Mr. and Mrs. Olague have four children, Diego Olague of Edinburg, Orlando Olague, Arthur Olague, both of Big Spring, and the late Juan Olague. They also have nine grandchildren and six great-grandchildren.

Mr. and Mrs. Olague have lived in Big Spring their entire



marriage. Currently, the Olagues are retired. Mr. Olague formerly worked for the Texas & Pacific Railroad, Truman Jones Properties and Bettle/Womack Pipeline Construction. Mrs. Olague formerly worked for the Settles Hotel, Desert Sands Hotel and Park Hill Terrace Apartments.

They are affiliated with Sacred Heart Catholic Church. They enjoy their family, grandchildren and great-grandchildren.

This was their comment about their 50 years of marriage, "We believe our faith in God and the love and understanding we have for each other has kept this marriage happy all these years."

Kennedy



MR. AND MRS. KENNEDY THEN AND NOW

Dennis and Charlene Kennedy celebrated their 25th wedding anniversary on Saturday, Jan. 23, 1999, with a reception hosted by and at the home of their daughter and son-in-law.

Mr. Kennedy was born in De Kalb, and his wife was born in Big Spring as Charlene Huitt. They met in Big Spring on Aug. 8, 1973, through mutual friends. They were married on Jan. 25, 1974, in Lawton, Okla., while Dennis was in the military.

Mr. and Mrs. Kennedy have four children, Vickie Carson, Patricia Sherman, Dennis Gonzales and Pamela Henry, all of Big Spring. They also have 12 grandchildren.



Mr. and Mrs. Kennedy have lived in Lawton, Okla., did two tours in Stuttgart, Germany, Fort Polk, La., and Fort Hood, before retiring from the U.S. Army in Aug. 1991.

Dennis is the manager of a Pizza Hut in Midland, and Charlene is a homemaker. They are affiliated with the First Assembly of God Church. Dennis enjoys working on the veteran web site he designed, and Charlene enjoys doing arts and crafts and fun things with her grandchildren.

This was Dennis' comment about their 25 years of marriage, "I'm a lucky man; I married a Christian woman. For a long happy marriage, put God not man as head of the house!"

VA nurses get chance for higher education

In conjunction with National Salute to Hospitalized Veterans Week, February 14-20, 1999, community groups and individuals are requested to make Valentines for our patients at the Big Spring VA Medical Center. For appropriate distribution, the valentines can be dropped off at my office (Room 1) or mailed to:



FRED COX

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A hearty welcome is extended to the new VA employees: Brenda McMillian, Pharmacist, Diane Moyers, Chief, Health Information Management Section, and Harriette Perry, Accountant.

VA COMMITS \$50 MILLION TO NEW NATIONAL NURSING INITIATIVE

The Department of Veterans Affairs (VA), the nation's largest employer of registered nurses, recently announced a national initiative to support its nursing workforce, including earmarking \$50 million for educational assistance for those seeking baccalaureate or higher nursing degrees. VA believes the scope of this initiative makes it the first of its kind in the nation.

"VA's aim is to ensure that VA's nurses are educationally prepared to provide the highest quality health care to veterans across the full range of current clinical practice roles, as well as the many new roles for nurses that are evolving," said Medical Center Director Cary D. Brown.

The first step in achieving the final element of the initiative was taken today with the signing of a Memorandum of Understanding between the Veterans Health Administration (VHA) and the American Association of Colleges (AACN).

The standards and implementation plans have been developed in collaboration with a variety of professional nursing organizations and institutions, labor unions, the American Nurses Association, the Nurses Organization of VA, and the American Association of Colleges of Nursing. Provision is made for continuation of nurses in their current grades and for entry level hiring of all nurses.

The education assistance element of VA's initiative will largely be implemented locally by VA's 22 integrated service networks — the field management units for VA health services under national guidelines that will assist local education initiatives in meeting best practices.

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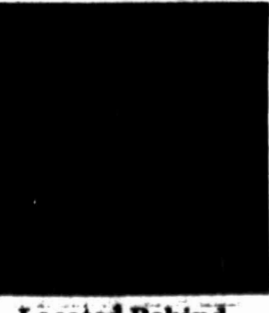
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WEDNESDAY-Fish, potatoes, spinach, coleslaw, milk/cornbread, fruit.

THURSDAY-Chicken salad sandwiches, soup, lettuce/tomatoes, milk/bread, pie.
FRIDAY-Turkey, sweet potatoes, peas/carrots, fruit salad, milk/rolls, cobbler.

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WEDNESDAY-Fish sandwich, french fries, salad, cookies and fruit, milk.

THURSDAY-Hamburgers, chips, salad, coconut cake, fruit, milk.

FRIDAY-Turkey roast and gravy, potatoes, green beans, fruit, hot rolls, milk.

ELBOW SCHOOLS
MONDAY-Pizza, new potatoes, fruit, milk.

TUESDAY-Beef fajita, spanish rice, salad, fruit, milk.

WEDNESDAY-Corn chip pie, beans, salad, pineapple, milk.

THURSDAY-Sloppy joes, tater tots, salad, pickle, milk.

FRIDAY-Stew, corn, salad, cornbread, fruit, milk.

STANTON SCHOOLS
MONDAY-Sloppy joes or grilled cheese, french fries, vegetable sticks, fruit cup, milk, fruit drink.

TUESDAY-Beef spaghetti or corn dog, green beans, tossed salad, applesauce, gelatin, french bread, milk, fruit drink.

WEDNESDAY-Tamale pie or beef taco, pinto beans, lettuce/tomato salad, pineapple cup, cornbread, milk, fruit drink.

THURSDAY-Baked ham or baked turkey, sweet potatoes,

mixed vegetables, cherry cobbler, hot roll, milk, fruit drink.
FRIDAY-Cheeseburger or hamburger, french fries, hamburger salad, fresh fruit, peanut butter bar, milk, fruit drink.

SANDS SCHOOLS
MONDAY-Burritos, salad, sweet potatoes, cake, milk.

TUESDAY-Pigs on the blanket, sliced potatoes, salad, cake or fruit, milk.

WEDNESDAY-Tamales, salad, pinto beans cornbread, pudding, milk.

THURSDAY-Roast beef w/gravy, green beans, whole new potatoes, hot rolls, fruit, milk.

FRIDAY-spaghetti w/meat sauce, corn, salad, batter bread, fruit, milk.

COAHOMA SCHOOLS
MONDAY-Nacho grande, ranch beans, fruit, milk.

TUESDAY-Baked ham (chili dogs), baked beans, potato salad, jello, milk.

WEDNESDAY-Chicken & dumplings (ham & cheese sandwiches), peas & carrots, fruit, milk.

THURSDAY-Beef Stew (corn dogs/fries), stromboli, fruit, milk.

FRIDAY-Pizza, tater tots, fresh fruit, milk.

BIG SPRING SCHOOLS
MONDAY-Chicken nuggets (steak sandwich), macaroni & cheese, english peas, peaches, hot roll, milk.

TUESDAY-Fish fingers (pizza pocket), broccoli w/cheese sauce, corn, mixed fruit, hushpuppies, milk.

WEDNESDAY-Mexican jambayla (chef salad), salad, border beans, rice, orange, milk.

THURSDAY-Pig in blanket (charbroiled meatballs), seasoned new potatoes, carrot sticks, jello w/fruit, milk.

FRIDAY-Sloppy joes (chicken fajita salad), french fries pinto beans, pickles spears, ice cream cup, milk.

HUMANE SOCIETY



Pictured: "Tigger" - Long-haired blue gray male, eight months old with green eyes.

Special Note: All dogs and cats presently available for adoption at the shelter have received their vaccinations, including rabies.

"Nemo" - Domestic short-haired, white with black spots, male, 2 years old, neutered.

"Kyle" - Domestic short-haired tabby with grey tiger strip, male, 2 years, neutered.

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"Jill" - Domestic long-haired tortoiseshell female, 2 to 3 years old, spayed.

"Bobbie" - Domestic short-haired gray and white tabby, 1 year old spayed.

"Patches" - Domestic short-haired gray base calico female, 2 years old, spayed.

"Trudy" - Domestic long-haired gray female, 2-3 years old, spayed.

"Poppy" - Domestic small short-haired brown tabby, female, 8 months, spayed.

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Free - wild barn cats. These, plus many more dogs and cats are awaiting adoption. Adoption fees for dogs are just \$50 and cats are \$40. This includes spaying or neutering, vaccinations, wormings and rabies shots. Also covers feline leukemia tests for cats. All pets come with a two-week trial period.

VA

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tice principles. It is estimated that more than 5,000 VA nurses are likely to return to school.

VA's nursing performance and education requirements are contained in "nurse qualifications standards" that were last revised in 1982. The former five-grade nurse classification system has been revised by a VA task force that collaborated with professional nursing organizations, unions, and VA management, using the American Nurses' Association "Standards of Clinical Nursing Practice." The education qualification standards reflect VA's need for nurses with additional education.

Fred C. Cox is the Community Relations Coordinator at the VA Medical Center.

GETTING ENGAGED



Sandra Gayle Culpepper and Brent Edward Robertson, both of Arlington, will exchange marriage vows April 17, 1999, at First Baptist Church in Glen Rose.

She is the daughter of Joe and Nancy Culpepper of Glen Rose, and the granddaughter of Wilbur and Doris Pope, Big Spring, and Gerald and Norma Culpepper, formerly of Coahoma. He is the son of Edward and Connie Robertson, Southlake.

WHO'S WHO

Blinn College, Bryan, has announced its academic honor students for the 1998 fall semester. From Howard County, Kara Hughes of Big Spring is recognized.

Blinn College is based in Brenham, with campuses in Bryan and Schulenburg.

The college recognizes those students with grade point averages of 3.25 or better as Distinguished Students and those with at least a 3.75 as President's Scholars.

Big Spring resident Molly Balthrop, a graduate of Big Spring High School and the daughter of Craig and Claudia Balthrop, has been named to the Austin College Dean's List for the Fall 1998 semester. Austin College is located in Sherman.

All students named to the Dean's List earned a semester grade point average of at least

3.67 on a 4.0 scale and are ranked in the top 20 percent of the student body.

Six Big Spring residents were candidates for graduation from the University of Texas at the Permian Basin in Odessa. Commencement ceremonies for summer and fall 1998 graduates were held recently.

Summer candidates and their degrees were as follows: Krieg D. Mitchell, BA in criminology; Thomas J. Musgrove, Jr., BA in criminology; and Amy P. Thomas, BA in English.

The fall candidates and their degrees were as follows: Loren F. Chandler, MBA in management; Melissa N. Covey, BA in English; and Carin D. Mattson, BA in humanities.

Two of the students qualified for honors based on their grade point averages. Mitchell and Thomas graduated cum laude.

STORK CLUB

Madison JoAnn Dietz, girl, Jan. 6, 1999, 8 p.m., six pounds 11 ounces and 18 inches long; parents are Shane and Amanda Dietz.

Grandparents are Deborah Hanson, Rita and Charles Dykes, Sarah and Teddy Dietz, all of Big Spring, and Lee Hanson of Indiana, Pa.

Ysabel Marie Soliz, girl, Jan. 4, 1999, 3:24 p.m., seven pounds eight ounces and 21 1/2 inches long; parents are Jaime Soliz and Stephanie Hernandez, Snyder.

Grandparents are Richard and Mary Hernandez, Alfonso Fred Soliz and Janie Garcia, all of Snyder.

Damien Lee Cisneros, Dec. 31, 1998, 5:42, seven pounds 4 1/2 ounces and 20 1/2 inches long; parents are Marissa Castaneda and Ramon Cisneros.

Grandparents are Connie Castaneda, Big Spring, and Joe and Delia Ybarra.

Ty Garrett Clark, boy, Dec. 28, 1998, 3:37 p.m., eight pounds 4 1/2 ounces and 21 inches long; parents are Shane and Kym Clark.

Grandparents are Duane and Lavone Lewis of Brownfield, and Charlie and Glenda Clark of Big Spring.

Mikayla Dawn Reid, girl, Jan. 13, 1999, 7:31 a.m., eight pounds two ounces and 20 1/2 inches long; mother is Melissa Reid.

Grandparents are Butch and Peggy Holcomb of Sand Springs, and Bobby and Sharon White of Big Spring.

Carolynn Saige Clark, girl, Jan. 10, 1999, 8 p.m., seven pounds 9 1/2 ounces and 20 3/4 inches long; parents are Chrystal Conaway and Brandon Clark.

Grandparents are James and Barbara Conaway of Big Spring and Lynn Lair of Glen Rose.

Megan Rae Mendoza, girl, Dec. 29, 1998, 5:23 a.m., six pounds 4 1/2 ounces and 19 inches long; parents are Ray and Esther Mendoza, Midland.

Grandparents are Mary Ann Rocha, Thomas and Elvira Olague, all of Big Spring, and Diana and Robert Villagas of Midland.

Justin Blain Trawick, boy, Jan. 11, 1999, 6:07 p.m., six pounds 13 1/2 ounces and 21 1/2 inches long; parents are Laura Trawick and Tim Knox.

Grandparents are Karen and Gilbert Hernandez, Annette and Tim Knox, all of Big Spring, and Joe and Nancy Ward of Colorado City.

Jaidan Taylor Vanover, girl, Jan. 10, 1999, 5:30 p.m., seven pounds 5 1/2 ounces and 21 inches long; mother is Regina M. Valdez.

Grandparents are Janie Valdez and Jaquin Valdez, Big Spring.

Ronnie Rene Rivera, Jr., boy, Jan. 7, 1999, 2:45 a.m., seven pounds 6 1/2 ounces and 20 inches long; parents are Ronnie and Veronica Rivera.

Grandparents are Rudy and Marcy Rivera of Big Spring, Rafael Ortiz and Gwynette Lozano of Midland.

Jaci Jenae Aquilar, Dec. 4, 1998, 11:01, five pounds 11 ounces and 19 1/2 inches long; parents are Raul and Christie Aguilar.

Grandparents are Raul and Amelia Aguilar, Naomi Valdez and the late Joe Garcia.

Mike Bryant Stovall, boy, Jan. 11, 1999, 3:36 p.m., four pounds one ounce and 16 1/2 inches long; parents are Douglas and Jessica Stovall.

Grandparents are Trudie Stovall and the late Mike Stovall of Big Spring, and Bill and Sandra Ribble of Corsicana.

IN THE MILITARY

Christopher W. Rollins has joined the United States Army under the Delayed Entry Program at the U.S. Army Recruiting Station, Manchester, N.H. The program gives young men and women the opportunity to delay entering active duty for up to one year.

Rollins, a student at Central High School, Manchester, N.H., will report to Fort Jackson, Columbia, S.C., for basic training on June 23. He is the son of Edgar Rollins of Manchester, N.H., and Susan White, Big Spring.

Air Force Airman Jacob L. Reid has graduated from basic military training at Lackland Air Force Base, San Antonio. Reid is the son of Gary E. Reid and Ruth E. Reid, both of Stanton.

He is a 1997 graduate of Stanton High School.



REID

NEWCOMERS

Newcomers welcomed recently by Joy Fortenberry and the Newcomer Greeting Service include:

Jacob and Melanie Brewer, and daughters Brianna and Brittany, Abilene. He is a physical therapist at Scenic Mountain Medical Center, and she is employed by Mary Kay Cosmetics.

Russell and Kellie Leach and son Ryan, Roswell, N.M. He works for York Research.

Chauncey and Barbara Hunter, daughters Porsha, Laci and Kendall, and sons Donald Jr. and Allen, Lamesa. She is a CNA at Scenic Mountain Medical Center.

Chandra Vinayadam, Brooklyn, N.Y.

Jacob and Holly Humble and sons Lucas and Kevin, Montrose, Colo. He is a student at Howard College.

Mary C. Arzate, Houston. She is retired.

John and Deadra Roberts, Garden City. He works for Phillips Fabrication Inc.

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Poultry industry agrees to encourage growers to better track waste

WASHINGTON (AP) — Chicken processors have agreed to urge farmers to keep better track of how they use animal waste. The plan comes as the government moves closer to implementing its own waste proposals for the livestock industry.

Under the poultry proposal, chicken companies would work with their farmers to develop litter management plans. The farmers would keep records of how they are storing and using the litter and then submit an

annual report to the appropriate state agency.

"This is going to accomplish the national goals of managing the impact of these operations on the environment, especially in regard to the use of poultry litter," Richard Lobb, spokesman for the National Broiler Council, said.

Animal waste runoff has become a controversial issue in recent years and has been blamed for some of the pollution in the nation's rivers and streams.

The Agriculture Department and Environmental Protection Agency in September released a draft waste management plan, which would be voluntary for the majority of farmers. The two agencies have been holding hearings for several months to elicit public comment.

The last of the 11 hearings was Tuesday in Annapolis, Md., where state lawmakers earlier this year passed one of the nation's toughest pollution runoff laws after an outbreak of *pestiferia*, a toxic microbe

blamed for killing thousands of fish off Maryland's Eastern Shore.

Agriculture officials praised the poultry industry for coming forward with a plan. "What we'll do is work with industry to make these things line up," said Carole Jett of USDA's Natural Resources Conservation Service.

Lobb said the various poultry companies will work with their individual producers on participation. The industry hopes to see all farms participating by

2008.

"Our expectation is companies will work with producers to make sure it happens," Lobb said. "The farmers work under contract with the company. The company can make this a condition of working with them. There are firms that are moving in that direction."

The government's proposal seeks to rein in large livestock feeding operations, which confine thousands of animals in a small space and produce huge amounts of waste. Of the 450,000

confined animal feeding operations in the country, only 15,000 to 20,000 are considered large operations.

Under the government plan, large operations would have to get permits from their respective states to ensure their compliance in waste disposal.

They would also have to develop guidelines on what animals are fed and how waste is handled.

Smaller operations would be urged, but not required, to develop similar guidelines.

IN THE NEWS

SHERRY WEGNER, owner of Sherry Wegner Insurance, 2121 Lamesa Highway, has been accepted by the National Registry of Who's Who as a Life Member for 1999. She is married to Bob Wegner.



DAVID PETREE, Howard County road-way maintenance section employee with the Texas Department of Transportation, was recently recognized with a 25-year service award. Petree is a maintenance technician.

JOHN ALLRED, County road-way maintenance section employee with the Texas Department of Transportation, was recently recognized with a 35-year service award. Allred is the assistant maintenance supervisor for the section.



BARBARA BRUMLEY has joined Edward Jones as a second investment representative in its Big Spring office, located at 219 Main Street. Brumley first came to Big Spring in 1972. She most recently was the Permian Basin Tech-Prep director and spent the previous 13 years with Howard College. She is married to Terry Brumley and they have three children — Aaron, LeAnn and Kate. For more information, call 267-2501.

TxDOT names Dallas native Bill Hale as district engineer

HERALD Staff Report

The Texas Department of Transportation (TxDOT) has named William L. "Bill" Hale as Abilene district engineer. Hale replaces Maribel Chavez, who was named as El Paso district engineer late last year. Chavez had been with the



Abilene District since mid-1992. In the position of district engineer, Hale will be responsible for management and engineering oversight of all district activities to include transportation, operations, right-of-way, design, construction, inspection, maintenance, safety and environmental functions as well as administrative and support activities for the 13-county district.

The Abilene district includes Borden, Callahan, Fisher, Haskell, Howard, Jones, Kent, Mitchell, Nolan, Scurry, Shackelford, Stonewall and

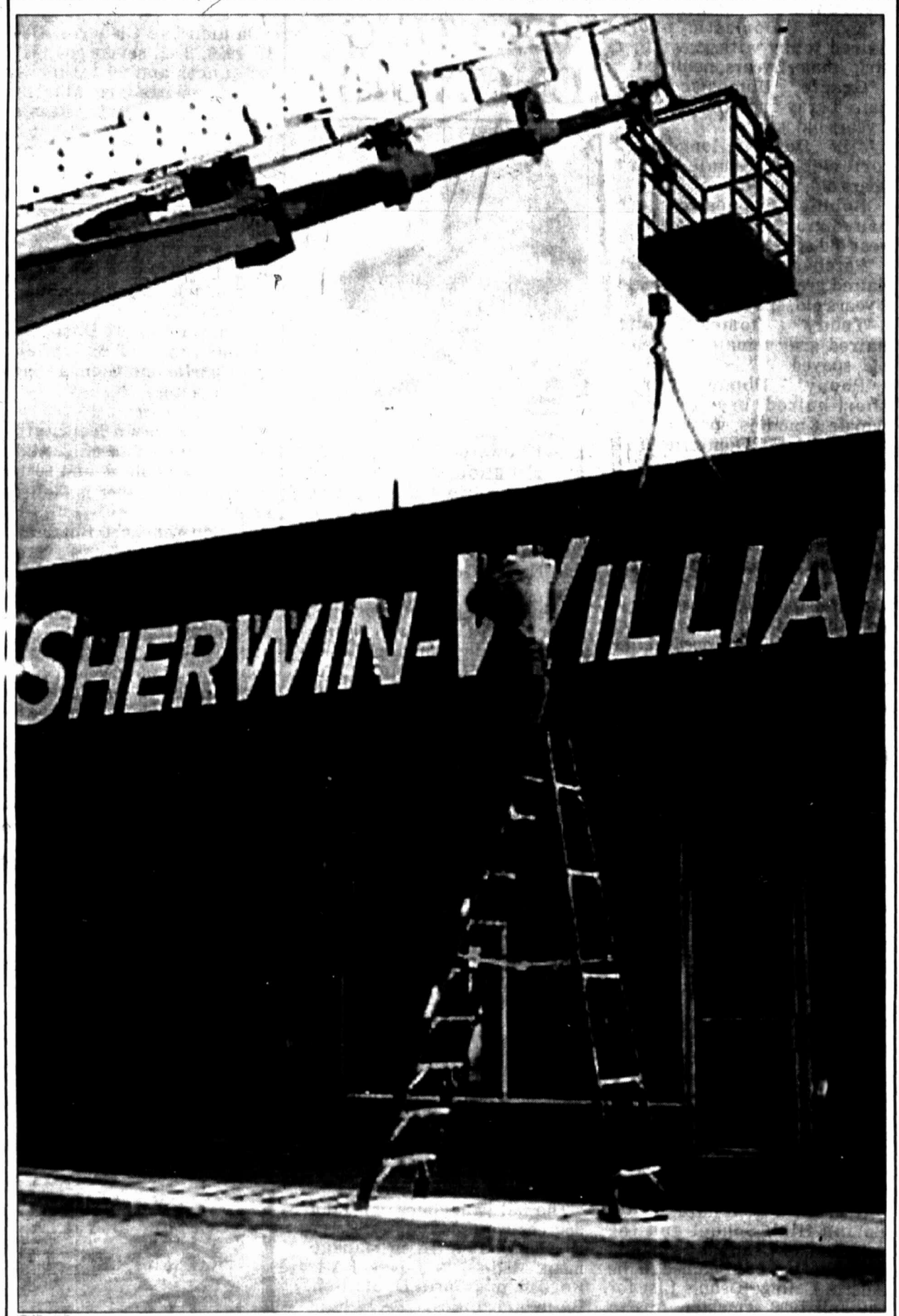
Taylor counties. Hale began his TxDOT career in May 1993 as an engineer assistant in the Dallas district. Prior to being selected in his present position, he was the area engineer for Southeast Dallas County in Hutchins. There, he oversaw all transportation-related projects and activities.

His office's average annual workload for the past three years has been \$60 million in design projects, \$70 million in construction and \$4 million in maintenance. In 1996, Hale received the

prestigious Luther DeBerry Award for his work with local officials on several major projects in the Dallas area.

Before moving to his position of area engineer in 1992, Hale was assigned to the Ellis County area office in Waxahatchie. While there, he worked in a variety of areas including planning, design construction and maintenance.

Hale earned a BS and masters degree in civil engineering from the University of Texas at Arlington. Hale and his wife, DD, have three children.



An employee of Southwest Sign Service and Odessa Sign and Lighting puts finishing touches on the Sherwin-Williams Paint sign at the store's new retail location at the corner of 23rd Street and Scurry in the north end of the Elrod's Furniture building. Renovation is being completed on the building's interior in anticipation of the upcoming move.

Oil patch

Domestic rig count falls to all-time low

HOUSTON (AP) — The number of rigs actively exploring for oil and natural gas in the United States plummeted to an all-time low 588 Friday in the latest sign of trouble for an industry crippled by collapsed oil prices.

"When it's as low as it is now, we're a pretty anemic industry," said John Bell, owner of a small independent oil company in the West Texas town of Kermit. "We're about as unhealthy as we can get."

The number of rigs operating this week dropped by nine from last week's 597 to surpass the previous low of 596 set on June 12, 1992, Houston-based Baker Hughes Inc. reported.

Baker Hughes has kept track of the count since 1940. The tally peaked at 4,530 on Dec. 28, 1981, during the height of the oil boom.

Tony McAloon, director of market research at Baker Hughes, said the record — while not unexpected — signifies that more bad news is on the way for domestic producers and oil service companies.

"We anticipate that the U.S. market will bottom-out sometime here in the course of '99," he said. "To find oil in the United States is more expensive than to find it in various international markets, and so although international locations can survive with low oil prices, many U.S. producers cannot."

Prices for oil have plunged to their lowest levels in more than a decade as demand withers from suffering Asian economies and oil-producing nations continue to churn out crude despite a huge oversupply in world markets.

In the United States, the world's second-largest oil producer after Saudi Arabia, the crisis has prompted companies to lay off workers, slash expenses and cut back or completely eliminate drilling projects.

In the Houston area alone, about 4,200 oil industry workers lost their jobs in 1998, including 2,500 positions in exploration and production, Texas Workforce Commission data show.

"Unfortunately, the number of rigs is directly linked to the number of jobs in the oil patch," said Morris Burns, executive vice president of the Permian Basin Petroleum Association, with 1,200 members in Texas and New Mexico. "All of the service industries — people selling pipe, mud, engineers, geologists — all of these people are working when the rigs are running and they're not when the rigs stop," Burns

STATE	THIS WEEK	LAST WEEK
Alaska	5	3
California	15	3
Louisiana	144	3
New Mexico	23	4
Oklahoma	65	3
Texas	206	48
Wyoming	29	4

SOURCE: Baker Hughes Inc.

said. Many companies have joined forces in hope that merging will help them weather the storm. But for the country's smaller producers, cutting back is the only answer.

"I've cut every cost except laying people off, and I'm not saying that won't happen," said oilman E.W. Carter, who has 10 employees at his tiny company in Osage County, Okla.

Carter, who has been in the business since the 1960s, said not a single rotary rig is operating in Osage County. During the oil boom as many as 40 were running, he said.

"It's just adding to a bleeding ulcer," Carter said of the record-low rig count. "It's another story of how bad it is."

Bell, in West Texas, said he usually drills as many as eight wells a year. Last year he drilled only one, and he's even less optimistic about the coming months.

"I don't know that I will drill a well this year for anybody," he said. "Everybody's in survival mode: they're laying off people in order to just survive. It's as bad as it gets."

Of the rigs running nationwide this week, just 122 were exploring for oil and 465 for gas. One was listed as miscellaneous. During the same week last year, a total of 996 rigs were operating in the United States.

Of the major oil- and gas-producing states, only Texas added rigs this week, rising by eight to a total of 206. Alaska had the fewest number of rigs running with five, down two from last week, followed by California with 13 rigs, down five.

New Mexico had 23 rigs operating this week, a decrease of four; Wyoming had 29, down one; Oklahoma had 65, down one; and Louisiana had 144, down two.

The count includes rigs drilling on land and offshore or in inland waters. It includes those rigs that use a significant amount of oilfield services and supplies and does not include cable tool rigs, small rigs that are truck-mounted or rigs that can operate without a permit.

Time is now to plan for pruning, transplanting plants

With the recent warm temperatures it hardly seems like winter! Now is the time to make plans for pruning and transplanting trees and shrubs.

Trees and shrubs are dormant now so it is a good time to prune as well as transplant. When transplanting a tree or shrub it is always best to prune 1/3 to 1/2 back to compensate for root loss.

The purpose of prun-

ing is to remove dead wood. The top portion of the roots should be balanced with the roots in order to stay healthy and maintain itself. Pruning can rejuvenate older plants, it can also assist in producing more and better flowers or fruit.

You should never top a shrub or tree. Always prune at the right time of the year. All cuts should be made properly and with good sharp pruning tools. Always prune a deciduous tree or shrub after transplanting. All pruning cuts should be made with a 90 percent angle to the branch on trees. Shrubs should be pruned to reach the desired shape as well as to receive maximum sunlight penetration.

Before planting your tree, know what the light requirements of the tree are. Always loosen the soil deep and far beyond the crown or drip line when planting a tree. After planting a tree or shrub do not over water or over fertilize during the winter months. Always keep grass and annuals away from the new tree. Staking a tree with a strap may need to be done.

(David Kight is the Howard County Extension Agent-Agriculture. His office is located in the basement of the Howard County Courthouse and his telephone number is 264-2236.)



Members of the Ambassadors Club and representatives of the Big Spring Area Chamber of Commerce join in as John Wesley's Pick-Pocket Billiards held its ribbon cutting last week.

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Texas battle brewing between feds, feedlot operators over manure

HOUSTON (AP) — Federal officials and feedlot operators are raising a stink over a particularly stinky issue: where to dispose of the millions of tons of manure produced each year in Texas.

There are about 140 feeding operations that fatten cattle for slaughter in Texas, and they produce 6 to 9 million tons of manure a year, the Texas Journal of the Wall Street Journal reported Wednesday. Poultry and hog operations add

to the dung heap.

Nearly all of the manure is sold or given to farmers who use it on their fields, supplementing or replacing chemical fertilizers.

But scientists at the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency are worried the manure is fouling waterways. They're proposing that farms in Texas, Louisiana, Arkansas, New Mexico and Oklahoma begin keeping track of how they use manure.

The EPA contends that in high concentrations, phosphorus can stimulate algae growth that kills fish and other aquatic life. Under the proposed rules, farms with high concentrations of phosphorus would have to stop using manure.

Texas officials who would be charged with enforcing the mandate said they would prefer to keep their current rules, which do little to govern where manure can be spread. They have asked the EPA to recon-

sider its proposals.

"In some areas, you might actually put people out of the feeding business," said John B. Hofmann, executive assistant to the head of the Texas Natural Resource Conservation Commission.

Environmentalists accused state officials of ducking their responsibility.

"If they wait until the federal government sets the standard, they don't have to take the heat for it," said Myron Hess, region-

al legal counsel in Austin for the National Wildlife Federation.

Ranchers and feedlot operators said the EPA plan would discourage using manure as a fertilizer, which state officials have pushed as a safer alternate to chemical fertilizers.

"We're talking about organic agriculture they're trying to regulate," said James Terrell, a spokesman for the Texas Association of Dairymen. "Why is the EPA trying to shove this

down people's throats?"

The dairymen's group has hired an engineering firm to show that phosphorus levels in some places are so low that manure regulations aren't needed.

Along with cattle and poultry groups, the dairymen also are considering making a counter-proposal, possibly to require commercial manure haulers to keep track of where they take the waste.

Small-time entrepreneurs rake in the cash at Y2K convention

LUBBOCK (AP) — When the millennium computer bug leaves supermarket shelves barren, cities powerless and communities in chaos, you'll wish you had Roy Leonard's \$2,000 Magna-Clair, which he says uses magnets to increase blood circulation in people afraid to leave their homes to exercise. Leonard says he can't keep them in stock.

The Lubbock man, whose full-time job is selling regular furniture, was one of dozens of entrepreneurs pushing preparedness Friday from the booths lining Lubbock Civic Center for one of the nation's first Y2K conventions.

The three-day convention, planned by God News Book Store, a locally owned Christian shop, drew hundreds of buyers and sellers convinced that a computer glitch caused

by the turn of the century could cause social and economic havoc. Computer scientists say computers may read only the last two digits of 2000 when computing the date, causing some systems to freeze up and in some cases, shut down at midnight on Jan. 1.

Most analysts say the problem will likely be a nuisance rather than a catastrophe. But the consensus at this gathering seemed to be that disaster was inevitable.

Thus the need for full-body hygiene wipes, solar-powered lamps and gas masks — in case martial law is declared.

"I think we're on the way to a major breakdown, in which things may never be the same again," said Jerry Gentry, who runs a business called Y2K Club out of his home in the East Texas town of Gladewater.

Gentry expects to sell out of his \$1,290 survival kit by the end of the year. The kit, designed to feed four people for one year, includes 20 containers of organic wheat, eight containers each of corn and soybeans, and several water filters.

"I feel we are doing these people a service — giving them a chance to buy things you can't find in a supermarket," Gentry said. "At worst, they'll be prepared in the case of any major disturbance for the better part of their life."

Some at the convention warned that the breakdown will leave people not just physically, but spiritually, needy.

That's where Steve Farrar's book "Spiritual Survival During the Y2K Crisis" comes in. The book offers tips about how to keep your faith strong in shelter-like conditions. For

example, the book suggests that families unable to leave their homes hold daily Bible studies.

Not all the conventioners were preaching panic.

James Stevens, author of "Back to Basics," told attendees at one seminar not to buy things they will never use.

"Don't panic, just prepare," Stevens said. "Don't buy anything you'll feel silly owning. You folks are smart and want to be prepared, but don't get into a bunker mentality."

Lubbock has been Ground Zero for Y2K preparedness before.

Last year, in what was called the first exercise of its kind in the nation, city officials staged mock "disasters" — a prison riot, 911 system problems — to simulate the anticipated millennium chaos. The so-called "Doomsday Test" garnered

national attention, and those who devised it testified before a congressional committee.

Why the Y2K obsession in Lubbock, a city of 120,000 in the middle of cotton country?

Some say severe weather and other vagaries of nature have made people keenly aware of how dependent the various parts of the economy are.

"People out here understand that it only takes one link of the chain to fall out to make the chain useless," said Michael Craft, who studies Texas' economy for an independent firm.

"People live by that principle

out here because of agriculture. When the drought hits, there is a massive chain reaction not too dissimilar, in principle, from what some people say could happen with Y2K."

And in ruggedly individualistic West Texas, people don't like the idea of not being prepared.

"I don't want to get caught with my pantry down," said engineer Lisa Brady, as she walked out of the convention with several Y2K books — including "Don't Get Caught With Your Pantry Down."

UPRR earnings up in fourth quarter

OMAHA, Neb. (AP) — Profits rose at Union Pacific Railroad in the fourth quarter.

But the railroad's Dallas-based parent company showed a loss because of a charge related to its trucking subsidiary.

The Omaha-based railroad earned \$85 million — or 35 cents a share — in the last quarter of 1998 ended Dec. 31, the company reported Thursday. That compares to a \$158 million loss in the fourth

quarter of 1997, when the railroad suffered a service crisis.

The jump in profits, say U.P. officials, reflects the railroad's progress in rebounding from severe traffic congestion that slowed service during parts of 1997 and 1998. Those problems cost the railroad more than \$1 billion in lost service and expenses.

The railroad's parent company showed a net loss of \$189 million, or 77 cents a share,

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Order of dismissal: Martin Silguero, Jeremy Minter, John Pat Malone, Donald James Richard, Mariann Williams Heffington, Charles Byron Harrington, Michael Dwayne Kincard, Dennis Wayne Boswell, Benny Isias, Tahn Dao Trai
Probated judgment theft over \$50/under \$500: Esequiel Calderon \$500 fine and 180 days in jail
Probated judgment criminal mischief over \$50/less than \$500: David Ira Adwell \$500 fine and 180 days in jail, Albert Gomez, Jr. \$500 fine and 180 days in jail
Probated judgment evading arrest: Albert Gomez, Jr. \$100 fine and 180 days in jail
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Probated judgment reckless driving: Johnny Joey Jones \$200 fine and 30 days in jail
Probated judgment DWLS: Johnny Joey Jones \$250 fine and 180 days in jail
Revocation of probation & imposition of sentence: Francisco Luera, II, Francisco Luera, Thomas H. Mendez, Little Buster Lawrence
Probated judgment possession of marijuana under two ounces: Julie Ann Mince \$300 fine and 180 days in jail, Billy Wayne Halford \$300 fine and 180 days in jail, Teresa Nieto \$300 fine and 180 days in jail
Make alcoholic beverages available to a minor: John C. Martinez \$100 fine and \$184.25 court cost
Probated judgment DWLI: Julie Ann Mince \$250 fine and 180 days in jail, Fred Albert Bailey \$250 fine and 180 days in jail, Adela Perez Deandra \$500 fine and 180 days in jail, Pete Campos \$250 fine and 180 days in jail
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Warranty deeds:
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Filings:
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Fabiola Ochoa vs. Mauricio Hernandez, JR.
Rene Buchanan vs. Virgil Allen Buchanan
Erika Eva Gay vs. Larry T. Barber
Divorce:
Kathryn Virginia Partlow vs. Charles David Partlow
Jeffrey Blaine Meeks vs. Holly Lynn Meeks
Yolanda Ramos Booth vs. David William Booth
Guido R. Toscano vs. Nina A. Toscano
Andy Martinez vs. Terrie I. Martinez
Rosemary E. Aguilar vs. Abram Aguilar
Other:
Tiffany Lynn Zachry
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FOR LEASE... Building on Snyder Highway. Call 263-5000

Apartments, houses, mobile home. References required. 263-6944, 263-2341

Furnished clean efficiency apartment. 408 1/2 W. 5th. \$250/mo. \$100/Dep. Bills pd. Sorry No Pets. 263-4922

Furnished one bdr. apartment. Extra clean. 1408 Donnelly \$275/mo. \$150/Dep. Water & gas paid. Sorry No Pets. 263-4922

Clean, fresh paint, 2 bdr. 1 bdr. w/garage, w/corn. Available 2/1/99. 1316 Stadium. \$350/mo. \$200/dep. 267-3853 or 267-4176

Clean 2 bdr., 1 bath in Coahoma. Near school. Water paid. Ref. & stove fum. \$325/mo. \$150/dep. Call 267-7138 after 5:30pm

FORSALE: 2 bdr., 1 bath trailer for rent. Call 263-0884 after 5:00pm

Small 3rd. Mobile Home. C/H/A, w/d. stove & ref. \$250/mo. \$150/dep. HUD Midway area. Call \$200/dep. anytime or after 2pm 267-3114

Three bedroom 1 bath in good condition in a nice neighborhood. \$150/mo. plus February 1st. 602 George \$275/mo. + deposit. Call 267-2286

THREE BEDROOM, 2 1/2 bath apartment, better than a house, gas heat and water included in rent, two car attached carport, washer-dryer connections and REMEMBER... YOU DESERVE THE BEST. Coronado Hills Apartment, 801 W. Marcy, 267-6500

Two Bedroom house. One bath, with garage. \$200. dep. \$325. mon. Call 263-4837 after 5:00 p.m.

THE CITY OF BIG SPRING is accepting applications for the position of Light Equipment Operator in the landfill until 2-4-99. Also accepting applications for Dispatcher, Mechanic 1, and Drafting Technician until filled. To check minimum qualifications and receive more information contact City Hall Personnel at 310 Nolan, Big Spring, TX 79720 or call 915-264-2346. The City of Big Spring is an Equal Opportunity Employer.

2 bdr., 1 bath. 800 East 15th. No Pets. Call 267-3841 or 556-4022

2 bdr. 1 bath, large rooms, pool, Sand Springs area. \$450/mo. \$250/dep. No Indor. Pets! Owner/Builder. 263-6514

3 bdr., 2 bath duplex. 2107 Main #A. \$250./mo. 915-363-6243

3 bdr. 1 bath duplex in Sand Springs area. Call 267-3841 or 556-4022

3/2/1 den, clean est. large, no pets. \$656. 267-2070

3618 Calvin. 3 bdr. brick with C/H/A, fenced yard, garage. 263-3300

Clean 1 bd. stove & refrigerator furnished. HUD approved. 509 E. 18th. \$215/mn. \$100/dep. Call 267-1543

PONDEROSA APARTMENTS *Furnished & Unfurnished *All Utilities Paid *Covered Parking *Swimming Pools 1425 E. 6th St. 263-6319

MOVE-IN SPECIAL One bedroom \$260 Two bedroom \$320

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HILLSIDE PROPERTIES Rent or Purchase Owner Financing 2 & 3 Bedrooms MOVE IN SPECIAL Recreational Area Basketball & Volleyball Pool 263-3461

HAPPY BIRTHDAY FOR SUNDAY, JAN. 24: Do your share of reality-checks this year. Just because you see something a certain way doesn't mean it really is. Confusion and misunderstandings could result from your tendency to illusion. Still, if harnessed, your imagination adds genius to projects, work and daily life. Walk through new doors and take risks you have been resisting. Sometimes breaking patterns is scary. If you are single and female, you could meet someone special, but may excessively glamorize them. If male, indecision cre-

ates chaos in your personal life. If attached, working on communication and ironing out misunderstandings maintains the health of your relationship. Taurus is an anchor—or a stick-in-the-mud!

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

ARIES (March 21-April 19) Forgive others' lack of clarity, especially with important plans. A parent could cause you to lose balance. Don't let your temper rule. As a result of your mood and those around you, you might isolate yourself.

FOR SALE: 3/2/1 Kentwood, inground pool, tile fence, excellent condition. Mid \$70,000's. 263-3125

3 Salespersons. Must have positive aggressive attitude. 1 to be computer literate. Apply in person, A & S Personnel, 1602 Scurry.

PUBLIC NOTICE PERMANENT BOARD WORK FORCE DEVELOPMENT BOARD/School-to-Career Partnership is seeking qualified individuals to participate in the purpose of this RFP is to obtain information from interested and qualified individuals who desire to provide school-based, work-based and continuing learning activities. These activities should facilitate informed decision making for youth as they move from school to career. The RFP is to be served by the PBWD SIC. The overall purpose of the initiative is to support the development and initial stages of the RFP. A Bidder's Conference will be held Tuesday, Jan. 26, 1999, from 10:15-12:00 p.m. at the Texas Workforce Center, 2000 W. Loop West, Suite 310, Fort Worth, Texas. For more information or for an RFP packet, please contact: Ann Bradford, SIC, 2408 N. Big Spring, Midland, TX 79705, or Fax 915/683-4718. 2160 January 24, 1999

NOTICE OF SALE OF REAL PROPERTY THE STATE OF TEXAS COUNTY OF HOWARD By virtue of a Order of Sale issued out of the District Court of Howard County, Texas, pursuant to judgment rendered in 118th Judicial District Court of Howard County, Texas, by the District Clerk of said Court, in the hereinafter numbered and styled suits and to me directed and delivered as Sheriff of said County, I did on the 2ND day of FEBRUARY, 1999, at 10:00 a.m. levy upon and will proceed to sell for cash to the highest bidder at public auction on the 2ND day of FEBRUARY, 1999, being the 1st Tuesday of said month beginning at 10 o'clock a.m. on said day, at the North Courthouse door of said County, in the right, title, and interest of the Defendants in such suit and in and to the following described real estate levied upon as the property of said Defendants, the same being and being situated in the County of Howard and the State of Texas, to-wit: Cause No. T-94-12-4236

NOTICE TO CREDITORS NOTICE is hereby given that original Letters Testamentary for the Estate of Irene Harding, Deceased, were issued on December 23, 1998, in Cause No. 12491, pending in the County Court of Howard County, Texas, to GAYLAN C. HARDING. The residence of the Independent Executor is Coahoma, Howard County, Texas; the post office address is: c/o: Lanny Hamby Attorney at Law P.O. Drawer 2199 Big Spring, Texas 79721. All creditors having claims against this Estate which is currently being administered are required to present them within the time and in the manner prescribed by law. I, DIED the 23rd day of December, 1998 Lanny Hamby Attorney for the Estate Sitter Bar No. 081930 2160 January 24, 1999

INVITATION FOR BIDS Sealed bids will be received by Mr. John Grant, General Manager of the Colorado River Municipal Water District, will be received at the office of the Colorado River Municipal Water District, P.O. Box 988, 400 E. 24th Street, Big Spring, Texas 79721, on Thursday, January 28, 1999 at 2:00 p.m. for the furnishing of the following items: Pump Control Valves And Valve Control Systems At this time and place the proposals will be publicly opened and read out. Any bid received after closing time will be returned unopened. Specifications are on file and may be examined without charge in the office of the Colorado River Municipal Water District, P.O. Box 988, 400 E. 24th Street, Big Spring, Texas 79721, telephone 915-267-6241. A cashier's check, certified check or acceptable bidder's bond, payable to the Colorado River Municipal Water District, in an amount not less than 5% (five percent) of the bid submitted, must accompany each bid as a guarantee that, if bid is selected, the bidder will comply with the terms set forth in the Proposal and Special Conditions. In case of ambiguity lack of clearness in stating proposed price, the Colorado River Municipal Water District reserves the right to adopt the most advantageous construction thereof, to reject any or all bids, and to waive formalities. The District anticipates that it will notify the successful bidder (s) by issuing a Purchase Order within thirty (30) days after the bid date. No bid may be withdrawn within one hundred twenty (120) days after date when the bid is opened. COLORADO RIVER MUNICIPAL WATER DISTRICT John Grant, General Manager 2145 January 10 & 24, 1999

Consider getting a head start on your taxes. Tonight: Out for a bite to eat.**

TAURUS (April 20-May 20) You could feel that an authority figure is pushing your buttons. This person means well, but there could still be a discrepancy between what he said and what you thought you heard. Don't let fatigue and frustration get to you. Tonight: Melt into a good movie.***

GEMINI (May 21-June 20) Everything that you think is important seems to fizzle right now. Is it your mood, or the day? Whatever the cause, why not plan a day for you? A friend means well, but still disappoints you. Communications run amok. Simply do your own thing. Tonight: Curl up with a good book.**

CANCER (June 21-July 22) Get together with friends. Do not be upset if someone you respect confuses plans. A partner has his own idea about what is right here. Let off steam through getting into a sport or chatting over a meal. Tonight: Where the gang is.***

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22) Pressure ignites tempers. You might not be able to make a must appearance. Getting the full story from a partner is unlikely. They might be hazy about the facts — or deliberately misleading you. Use your intuition to discern. Tonight: Avoid responsibilities.***

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) Make an additional effort to reach for one at a distance. A partner is difficult, especially when you try to have a conversation. Something you think is clear and easy is a maze to another. Be explicit. Confirm plans. Tonight: Do something where you can be mum... a movie?***

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22) You toss your hands into the air as that ever-troublesome associate chases upheaval once again. You might wonder if this individual feeds off misunderstandings. Your temper flares, and for good reason. One-to-one relating is akin to lighting a fuse. Tonight: Head in your own direction.***

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21) Others clearly want their own way, and putting your two cents in is counterproductive. Understand that you could be more tired than usual. Be even-

tempered as you handle confusion. A domestic matter challenges you; communication proves difficult. Tonight: Accept what is.***

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21) Your energy isn't endless; remember your own needs. You might lose your temper early on. Put your feet up, postpone plans and take care of yourself. You could have a feisty discussion or two, especially over money. Tonight: Get a good night's sleep.**

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19) You could be cranky with a family member or loved one. Of course, this might be long overdue. Be especially careful with your financial dealings. Money could be slipping through your fingers and you might not even be aware. Do some stern accounting. Tonight: Use your ingenuity!***

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18) You are out of kilter. Worse still, when you decide to tell another why, you can't anchor. Confusion might prevent you from recognizing the core issue. Sensitivity to others will not help you figure out which way to go. There will be an answer eventually. Tonight: Cocoon.***

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20) Ask questions and remain secure, despite a sense that you could be floundering. Your instincts are off, and you're in need of grounding. Think through decisions; perhaps postpone them. You could enjoy yourself just hanging out. Don't expect a lot from friends. Tonight: Be careful with your funds!***

BORN TODAY Singer Neil Diamond (1941), actor Michael Ontkean (1950), former gymnast Mary Lou Retton (1968)

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Pay as you go is best way to avoid credit treadmill

DEAR ABBY: I'm writing this in the hope that it will help other young people at risk with credit cards. I had to live this experience to know, but perhaps my hard-earned lesson will help others.

The first time you open an envelope containing a small, hard piece of plastic with your name on it, the battle is lost. With credit card in hand, you rush off to the mall.

Once you have used the plastic to activate it, it's, "Look out world, here I come!" You see something you want — you buy it. You may experience a momentary twinge of guilt, but you'll worry about it later.

Some people think this is because of the kind of personality you have, or the way you were raised, or that you didn't learn the value of money when you were young. None of that was a factor with me, nor is it with many other young people. I think that at age 18, the temptation is just too strong.

I'm not the only person in my circle of friends who's in this situation. At 18, earning \$5.50 an hour, I had no money experience and no business having a credit limit of around \$3,500. Thanks to my creditors — who aren't in it for the best interests of consumers — I'm working to pay off debts of more than \$10,000. After four years, I've only reduced it to \$6,500. The interest, late payment fees and finance charges are double my original purchases.

Perhaps hearing this firsthand from someone under 25 will help young people at risk: Listen to your parents about the dangers of credit. Please think twice about your future, because if you use plastic now, your future credit rating won't be worth the paper it's printed on. Trust me. I know from

experience. Now I pay only with cash when I can afford to splurge, which isn't often. But it's far more rewarding and less stressful. — NO MORE CREDIT, PORTLAND, ORE.

DEAR NO MORE CREDIT: I'm printing your letter for all to see as a warning. However, perhaps you should place the blame for your predicament a little closer to home. According to the publication Credit World (March/April 1998), credit cardholders between the ages of 18 and 24 account for only 18 percent of late payments — while consumers ages 34 to 44 account for 29 percent, the largest proportion of overdue bills. In fact, the generation of Americans born in the mid-'70s and who are quietly coming of age are ambitious, enterprising and responsible young adults.

Learning responsible use of credit is vital. According to Teen-Age Research Unlimited, 39 percent of America's 18-and 19-year-olds have credit cards in their own names. Students should ask their teachers whether personal financial literacy information or training is provided in their curriculum. If it's not, educators should know that free workshops are offered by Consumer Credit Counseling Service. Contact it at (800) 388-2227.

DEAR ABBY: Can I get pregnant when I am getting or having my menstrual period? Can a girl get pregnant having her first intercourse? — WORRIED GIRLFRIEND IN PENNSYLVANIA

DEAR WORRIED GIRLFRIEND: Yes to both questions. Unless a girl's menstrual periods are 100 percent "regular," there is no absolutely "safe" time. Very few girls have perfectly regular cycles, and because of this, the rhythm method (also known as "baby roulette") is unreliable. Also, a boy can father a child from the time he experiences his first ejaculation, which usually occurs between the ages of 11 and 15.

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ABIGAIL VAN BUREN

THE NORTH NINETY FEET (N90) OF LOT TWO (2) AND THE EAST TEN FEET (E10) OF THE SOUTH FIFTY FEET (S50) OF LOT TWO (2), BLOCK THIRTY (30), COLE AND STRAYHORN ADDITION TO THE CITY OF BIG SPRING, HOWARD COUNTY, TEXAS. Cause No. T-96-03-4452

State of Suit and Property. HOWARD COUNTY, ET AL VS. G. GILBERT LOT TWELVE (12), BLOCK TWO (2), MOUNTAIN VIEW ADDITION TO THE CITY OF HOWARD COUNTY, TEXAS. Cause No. T-96-04-4461

State of Suit and Property. HOWARD COUNTY, ET AL VS. MIKE TOWAR TWO TRACTS OF LAND OUT OF TRACT NO. SIXTEEN (16), WILLIAM B. CURRIE SUBDIVISION, WHICH IS PART OF THE SOUTH EAST QUARTER OF SECTION FORTY-TWO (42), BLOCK THIRTY-TWO (32), TOWNSHIP ONE-NORTH (1N), T4P BY CO. SURVEY, HOWARD COUNTY, TEXAS, MORE FULLY DESCRIBED ON EXHIBIT B, PAGES 1 THROUGH 3, ATTACHED HERETO AND INCORPORATED HERETO FOR ALL PURPOSES AS IF REPEATED VERBATIM.

A parcel and piece of land out of and part of Tract No. 16, out of the Wm. B. Currie Subdivision of the Southeast 1/4 of Section 42, Block No. 32, T4P, 1-N, T4P Ry. Co. Survey, Howard County, Texas, and described by metes and bounds as follows: BEGINNING at a point in the South boundary line of said Tract No. 16, 50 feet Westward from the Southeast corner of said tract for 100 feet; THENCE Northward and parallel with the East boundary line of said Tract No. 16, 150 feet to point for corner;

THENCE Westward and parallel with the South boundary line of said Tract No. 16, 50 feet for corner; THENCE Southward and parallel with the East boundary line of said Tract No. 16, 150 feet to the South boundary line of said Tract for corner;

THENCE Eastward 50 feet to the East boundary line of said Tract No. 16, 150 feet for corner; THENCE Eastward 50 feet to the East boundary line of said Tract No. 16, 150 feet for corner; THENCE Eastward, along the South boundary line of said tract, 50 feet to the PLACE OF BEGINNING.

Said sale to be made by me to satisfy the judgment(s) rendered in the district court and numbered cause(s), together with interest, penalties and costs of suit, and the proceeds of said sales to be applied to the satisfaction thereof, and the remainder, if any, to be applied as the law directs.

Witness my hand this 7th day of Jan, 1999. W. B. (BILL) JENNINGS SHERIFF OF HOWARD COUNTY, TEXAS BY: ED COVINGTON DEPUTY 2154 JANUARY 16, 17 & 24, 1999

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