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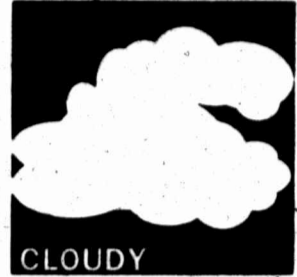
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## SUNDAY

February 21, 1999

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### Volunteer cooks needed for annual museum fund-raiser

Volunteer cooks are being sought for the Heritage Museum's annual food festival "Around the World in 80 Bites."

The festival, set for Feb. 27, offers visitors "bites" of dishes from countries all over the world or various regions of the U.S. Chefs should make enough of their featured dish for about 300 tastes.

Cooks can be individuals or businesses, and those who want to participate but need an idea for a dish can contact the museum for help.

Chefs will receive two passes and two free tickets to the event, which takes place from 5:30-7:30 p.m. at the museum. Call the museum, 267-8255, for more information.

### 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.

Masonic Lodge NO. 598, 7:30 p.m., 219 Main.

#### FRIDAY

Signal Mountain Quilting Guild, 9 a.m. to 5 p.m., St. Mary's Episcopal Church. Call 267-1037 or 267-7281. Bring a lunch.

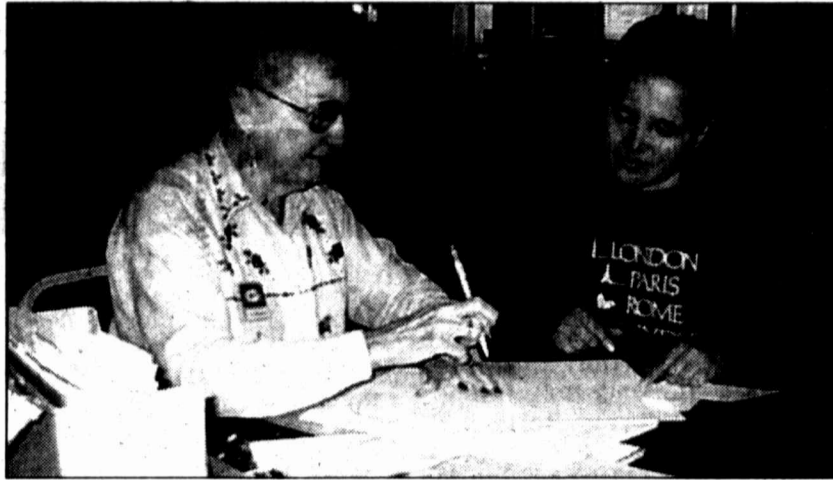
Spring City Senior Citizens country/western dance, 7:30 to 10:30 p.m. All seniors invited.

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HERALD photo/Debbie L. Jensen  
Volunteer Income Tax Assistance program coordinator Dorothy Kennemur, left, assists Ana Hinojos with her tax forms at the Spring City Senior Center.

## Income tax help available Mondays

By DEBBIE L. JENSEN  
Features Editor

Again this year, local residents can get help with their taxes from trained volunteers.

VITA, or the Volunteer Income Tax Assistance program, is available each Monday from 9 a.m. until noon at the Spring City Senior Center. Led by retired accountant Dorothy Kennemur, the group has already completed tax forms for more than 75 people.

"They've stormed in on us," Kennemur said, adding that

they have served young people, senior citizens, those needing help with claiming investments correctly, and those claiming child tax credits and earned income credit. The program began at the first of February, and runs through March.

The volunteers took 12 hours of training from the Internal Revenue Service and then passed a rigorous examination of their abilities, Kennemur said. Only then are they ready to help people with their taxes.

"If it is too complicated for us, we are responsible for knowing

that, and referring them to a professional," she said, but noted that the group has successfully filed taxes that involved dividends, self-employment, oil income and farm returns.

"We all just enjoy helping people," said Kennemur, who worked as an accountant for more than two decades at Webb Air Force Base before retiring. She has been part of the volunteer program for 18 years now. "Figures will scare a lot of people to death, but not us."

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## Big Spring getting set to take strides for MS

By BILL MCCLELLAN  
News Editor

Last year was the first time for the West Texas Division of the Multiple Sclerosis Society to hold an MS Walk in Big Spring and the local effort far exceeded anyone's goals.

As 197 walkers joined in to raise \$15,600, Big Spring was the nation's leader in both walkers and monies raised, on a per capita basis.

Now it's almost time for the 1999 MS Walk, and organizers are hoping for another big event.

"I'm really looking forward to seeing what Big Spring can do this year," said Kathryn Miller, special events coordinator for the West Texas Division of the Multiple Sclerosis Society.

"We would love for everybody to come out and participate again," said Leigh Corson, who is co-chairing the local event this year with Troy Tompkins. "One comment I heard last year from people who participated was that it was a lot of fun."



TOMPKINS



CORSON

Registration form in today's HERALD

The walk is scheduled for March 27 at the First Baptist Church. The route runs through the Coronado subdivision, through Comanche Trail Park and back to the church.

Registration starts at 9 a.m. and the walk itself begins at 10.

Walkers collect pledges, which go toward research for a cure as well as programs for people with multiple sclerosis.

Those who participate win prizes, depending on the amount of monies they raise. They range from a T-shirt to the top prize of two round-trip airline tickets.

While the prizes are an incentive, most volunteers are more concerned with having a good time and helping a worthy cause, said Corson.

"It's a beautiful route, it's really fun, and it's for an excellent cause," she said.

Multiple sclerosis is a disease that randomly attacks the nervous system. Symptoms range from numbness to paralysis and blindness. Those afflicted gradually lose control over their bodies.

Most people with MS are diagnosed between the ages of 20 and 40. It is unpredictable in that the progress, severity and specific symptoms of the

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## Stalled

### Oil and gas aid bill sits in committee

By JOHN H. WALKER  
Managing Editor

Texas oil and gas producers who thought having legislation that would remove the state's severance tax on oil and gas designated as an emergency piece of legislation would make a difference didn't count on Rep. Rene Oliveira (D-Brownsville).

Oliveira, newly appointed as chairman of the House Ways and Means Committee by House Speaker Pete Laney (D-Hale Center), has the bill bottled up in his committee.

Despite the fact the Senate took but a week to approve the bill, which would provide temporary relief to the state's smaller oil and gas producers.

And until it is approved there, it cannot advance to the full House for debate.

"It's going to take a little bit longer," Oliveira said last week, indicating that it will be at least Wednesday before the bill comes before his committee.

But by law, Oliveira must take action within the next eight days because the bills were introduced as emergency legislation and are on a 30-day clock.

House Bill 989, introduced by Tom Craddick (R-Midland), Robert Junell (D-San Angelo), Buddy West (R-Odessa), Judy Hawley (D-Portland) and Warren Chisum (R-Pampa), and Senate Bill 290, introduced by Rep. "Buster" Brown of Lake Jackson, would temporarily repeal state severance taxes on certain oil and gas wells until Aug. 31.

The bills would provide \$45 million in temporary tax relief, which apparently is a sticking point with Oliveira.

"Forty-five million dollars is a lot of money," Oliveira said. "I want to hear more about it."

The legislation would remove the state's 4.6 percent severance

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## Port-to-Plains proposal to get court's attention

By MARSHA STURDIVANT  
Staff Writer

Commissioners Monday will discuss the county's involvement in the Port-To-Plains Corridor during their regular meeting, as well as continue their discussion on the county budget.

"This is a worthwhile project, and I am pleased to see it coming back," said commissioner Bill Crooker.

Crooker said the city of

Lubbock has agreed to head an effort of promoting the thoroughfare from Colorado through the West Texas area into south Texas.

"I am going to recommend we join with other cities and counties, and be enrolled in this project, so to speak," Crooker said.

The cost to Howard County will be about \$3,370, he said, which will be placed into one general fund, along with monies from others who join the venture.

"The funds will be used by the city of Lubbock for the study and promotion of the Port-To-Plains Corridor," he said.

This interlocal agreement, a term used to describe a cooper-

ative between cities and counties, mirrors a similar highway proposal presented by Big Spring in 1992, Crooker said.

"This is really a resurrection of the old Interstate 27, but that U.S. system had become pretty much a dead issue," Crooker said.

The city of Big Spring is expected to discuss and possibly approve their involvement with the agreement as well, Crooker said.

In other business, commissioners are expected to discuss and approve continuing the matching grant for a district court coordinator, according to county auditor Jackie Olson.

"This is the second year of a

state wide project, and we share the coordinator with two other counties, Glasscock and Martin," Olson said.

Howard County's portion of the grant is \$10,320, she said.

Also, county treasurer Bonnie Franklin is expected to present her quarterly report concerning county investments as well as tax collection to date, Crooker said.

Eddy Jameson, road and bridge administrator, is expected to submit bids received for employee drug testing, as well as bids for vehicles for the department.

Jameson is also expected to

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## Alleged leader of drug operation pleads guilty

By MARSHA STURDIVANT  
Staff Writer

The alleged leader of a cocaine distribution network that reputedly existed in Howard County more than 30 years pleaded guilty Thursday to federal charges of drug trafficking.

Santos Arzola Mendoza, 71, pleaded guilty to conspiracy to possess with intent to distribute, and to distribution of a controlled substance, namely cocaine, said Dick Baker, assistant United States attorney in Lubbock.

Mendoza also pleaded guilty to a second count of distribution of cocaine within 1,000 feet of a school, in U.S. District Court before Judge Sam R. Cummings, Baker said.

And 30-year-old Phillip Mendoza Jr. pleaded guilty to the same set of charges, Baker

said. A third defendant, Jacob Scott Marin, 27, pleaded guilty to distribution of cocaine within 1,000 feet of school, which is punishable by up to 40 years in a federal penitentiary, up to a \$2 million fine, and six years supervised release, Baker said.

For the first charges of conspiracy to possess with intent to distribute, both Mendoza men face up to 20 years in prison, with three years to life supervised release, and up to a \$1 million fine.

Baker said the next step is a presentencing report, and the actual sentences will be imposed once those reports are submitted, Baker said.

He also said that the elder Mendoza's age and health will not be a consideration when he is sentenced.

These guilty pleas are the lat-

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HERALD photo/Gina Garza  
Bob Stapp (left), spokesperson for the Big Spring Professional Firefighters Association, looks on as Leslie Kurkline and Barry Barnett of the Harley Owner's Group (HOG) try out a thermal imaging camera at the Big Spring Mall on Saturday. The camera, which HOG is raising funds to purchase for the fire department, was on display for interested citizens.

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OBITUARIES

Felipe Dominguez

Rosary for Felipe Dominguez, 85, Big Spring, will be 7:30 p.m. Sunday, Feb. 21, 1999, at the Myers & Smith Chapel. Funeral mass will be 10:30 a.m. Monday, Feb. 22, at Sacred Heart Catholic Church with Rev. Cornelius Scanlan, pastor, officiating. Burial will follow in Mount Olive Memorial Park.

Mr. Dominguez died Friday, Feb. 19, at Scenic Mountain Medical Center following a short illness.

He was born on Aug. 23, 1913, in Marfa. He married Vidala Sosa. She preceded him in death on Feb. 20, 1980. Mr. Dominguez had been a long time resident of Big Spring. He was a member of St. Thomas Catholic Church and a member of the Crucillos. He had worked for Luther Coleman for a number of years as a concrete finisher. After retiring, he worked at his sons' station, Dominguez Brothers.

He is survived by: six sons, Luis Dominguez of Midland, Manuel Dominguez, Joe Felipe Dominguez, Andrez Dominguez, David Dominguez and Tony Dominguez, all of Big Spring; one daughter, Betty Hernandez of Eagle Pass; one brother, Rudolfo Dominguez of Odessa; two sisters, Gregoria Flores of Big Spring, and Rosa Hernandez of Monahans; 15 grandchildren; 29 great-grandchildren; and 10 great-great-grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by one daughter, Christina Rodriguez.

Pallbearers will be Ricky Dominguez, Andy Dominguez, Jr., David Dominguez II, Charles Dominguez, P.J. Dominguez, Marcos Hernandez, Bert Hernandez, and Luis Dominguez, Jr.

Arrangements under the direction of Myers & Smith Funeral Home.

Paid obituary

Mel Payne

Memorial service for Mel Payne, 58, McCamey, will be 3 p.m. Tuesday, Feb. 23, 1999, at Kingdom Hall of Jehovah Witness in McCamey with Alex Sabo and Mauri Rodriguez officiating.

Mr. Payne died Saturday, Feb. 20, at his residence following a lengthy illness.

He was born on March 20, 1940, in Boscobel, Wis. He married Phyllis Louise Quesinberry on March 10, 1973, in Victoria. Mr. Payne was a member of Kingdom Hall of Jehovah Witness in McCamey. He served in the United States Air Force from 1958 to 1962, as an Instrumentation Flight Instructor. He moved to McCamey in December of 1976 from Victoria and was last employed by Brown & Root as an electrician. He retired in

MYERS & SMITH FUNERAL HOME & CHAPEL

24th & Johnson 267-8288  
Felipe A. Dominguez, 85, of Big Spring, passed away Friday. Rosary will be 7:30 PM Sunday at Myers & Smith Chapel. Services will be 10:30 AM Monday at Sacred Heart Catholic Church. Burial will follow at Mount Olive Memorial Park.

NALLEY-PICKLE & WELCH Funeral Home

Trinity Memorial Park and Crematory  
906 Gregg St. (915) 267-6331  
Mel Payne, 58, died Saturday. Memorial services will be 3:00 PM Tuesday at Kingdom Hall of Jehovah Witness in McCamey.

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Survivors include: his wife, Phyllis Payne of McCamey; three daughters, Lori Pankhurst of Sydney, Australia, Rachel Campbell of Long Beach, Calif., and Ruth Tinner of Odessa; four grandchildren; his mother, Iva Payne of Branchardville, Wis.; two brothers, Marvin Payne of Monroe, Wis., and Dean Payne of McCamey; three sisters, Elenore Benet of Boscobel, Wis., Lenore Brown of Plattsville, Wis., and Leore Peterson of Argyle, Wis.; and a number of aunts, uncles, nieces and nephews.

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

TAX HELP

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This year's crew of tax-preparers includes Jean Tidwell, who has 17 years of experience with the program, Bill Gonzalez, Vaughn Martin, Paul Smith and Sam Barrow.

Volunteers double-check all their work, and they have a special hotline they can use when they need more information. VITA has one Spanish-speaking volunteer on staff this year as well.

On Monday, the group will even offer free electronic filing for people who come in that morning only.

The VITA program primarily is designed to serve the low-income, senior citizens and disabled residents. But volunteers don't turn anyone away, Kennemur said. Their only restriction is that they don't complete tax forms for businesses.

Call the senior center at 267-1628 for more information about the program. Anyone who needs help with their taxes this year but is unable to make it to the senior center can also call Kennemur at 398-5522.

OIL & GAS

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tax on crude oil and 7.5 percent severance tax on natural gas when the price paid falls below a certain benchmark.

For wells producing less than 15 barrels of oil a pay, the tax would be removed when crude oil prices fall below \$15 per barrel for a 90-day period on the New York Mercantile Exchange (NYMEX).

Gas wells producing less than 90 Mcf per day per well would be exempt when the NYMEX price falls below \$1.80 per Mcf. Morris Burns of the Permian Basin Petroleum Association said severance tax relief programs have, in the past, encouraged more production activity.

"In the past, some programs like enhanced recovery provided a 50 percent reduction in the severance tax. This would do away with the severance tax." And while the repeal of the tax would be effective only until Aug. 31, Burns said it would offer time to come up with a plan.

"It would give us the opportunity to expand on it," he said.

Oliviera did say he felt "optimistic that it would be considered favorably by the House. We are going to look at it very carefully."

COUNTY

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submit a proposal to commissioners concerning the speed limit on the 11th Place Extension.

New business commissioners will address the resignation of Howard County constable Stan Hughes, as well as the contract with the county trapper.

"We've had a contract with an individual for several years now, and he traps coyotes primarily, which are predators from the strand point of cattle or young stock," Crooker said. Also, commissioners will consider a bids for sheriff's department vehicles, as well as the sale of property in the Boydston Addition to the city.

MS WALK

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disease cannot be foreseen.

Other volunteers help with registration, host a rest stop, drive a support vehicle or handle other tasks.

"There were probably 50 volunteers in addition to the walkers last year," said Tompkins. "To make it happen requires volunteers. They do everything from mark the route to clean up after the lunch."

Scenic Mountain Medical Center will be the start-finish sponsor this year. Furr's will provide lunch for the walkers and volunteers. Media sponsors are the Big Spring Herald and KBST.

Local officers include Tricia Tompkins and Rhonda Leal, Team MS; Tonya Greaves, Volunteers; Tabitha Madry, Sponsorship and Marketing; and Gary Fuqua, Logistics.

Last year, a total of \$96,000 was raised in West Texas, with more than 1,200 people participating.

In addition to individual walkers, organizers are urging groups to participate. Any school, church, organization, club or company can put together at least four walkers to form a team. Team prizes will be given for the largest team, most money raised and more.

"Anyone who wants to get a team together can call myself or Troy to get a team captain packet," said Corson, who can be reached during business hours at 264-2525.

Anyone needing more information can contact Corson, or call the National Multiple Sclerosis Society at (915) 570-8248 or (806) 732-0708 or area wide at 1-800 FIGHT MS.

MS also has a website at www.nmss.org. The e-mail address is nmss@nwol.net

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est in a domino effect of admissions of guilt since Michael Shay Vanderbilt was found guilty in January by a jury of his peers.

These arrests and convictions are part of an on-going investigation into cocaine trafficking in Howard County, coined Operation Purple Cow by law enforcement officials.

About 24 law enforcement agencies concluded a two-year undercover investigation with a drug sweep through Howard County Nov. 13 that resulted in 23 arrests.

These three defendants join several others who have also pleaded guilty to the charges, Baker said.

Larcarnly Cross, 55, had been released on bond awaiting his court date. However, Baker said that bond was revoked when Cross violated the conditions, and he is again in custody.

BRIEFS

HOWARD COLLEGE IS OFFERING free adult basic education, including reading, writing, math, English as a second language and GED preparation.

Child care services are also now available at the Howard College campus. Call Howard College Special Services for more information at 264-5020.

BIG SPRING POLICE DEPARTMENT is taking applications for the spring Citizens Police Academy class. The class will receive 3.6 continuing education units at Howard College; and learn about the department's operations in the community.

Applications are now available on the police department's web page at police.big-spring.tx.us. Select patrol division, then citizens police academy, and you can download the application to your computer.

Applicants must be at least 18 years old. Call Sgt. Lee Everett at the police department at 264-2564.

THE MOBILE MEALS PROGRAM, also known as Meals on Wheels, needs volunteers to deliver meals.

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A BIG SPRING AROUND THE TOWN

If you can spare one hour per week to deliver eight or 10 meals, we need you. About 85 to 90 meals are prepared, packaged and delivered within the city limits of Big Spring. If you can volunteer, please call 263-4016 before 3 p.m.

THE CLASS OF 1969 will be having a class reunion on Oct. 15-16. We are searching for the following graduates:

Steven Aubrey Austin, Ruth Bailey (Collins), Shirley Baldock, Douglas Ball, Rhonda Barger, Warren Bell, L.D. Bender, Jessie Ladd Bennett, Linda Gail Benson, Brenda Bradbury, Dwight Brown, James Brown, Jessie Ray Brown, Kenny Brown, Sherry Buford, Allen Bunn, Mary Beth Burcham, Phillip Burchett, Bobbie Beatrice Byrd, Allen Carlile, Candace Carothers, Jimmy Ray Carter, Robert Michael Carter, Yvette Casillas (Padilla), Lucy Cervantes, Mary Lucy Cervantes (Stollo), Ema Chavez, Tim Childress, Gwen Clark, Billy Joe Clayton, John Douglas Cockerham, Elodia Corrales (Cherry), Kathryn Crenshaw (Milch), Benjamin Rush Crocker, Joann Davis, Alanda Deans, James Dement, Robert Christy Deming, Glenda Kay Digby, Robert Domino, Janie Duke, Rodney Dunman, Callan Elliott, Debra Miller Erhardt, Michael Evans, Clifton Ray Fidler, Pattie Lue Finke, Marva Elizabeth Foster, Debbie Fritz, Larry Froman, Dicky Wayne Gibson, Wanda Sue Gipson, Corky Grantham (Burcham), Darwin Griffith, Gary Grissom, Kerry Gunnels, Nancy Jo Hall, Thomas Ham, Theresa Heard, Bill Henry, Selestino Hernandez, David Hilario, Iascuilla Hilario, Luis Hinojos, Carlton Campbell Jackson, Johnny James, Doris Ann Jenkins, Deborah Ann Jensen, Nancy Kasch, Gary Kelly, Juanice Ann Key, Linda Key, Bertha Kirk, Victoria Lynn Knoepfel, Pam Lancaster, Susan Lawhon, Mary Francis Lee, Joy Legg, Kenneth Charles Le Roy, Barbara Long, Robertha Hazel Marks, Juanita Mata, Gerald Matin, Carolyn McMurtrey, Nancy McWhorter, Wanda Jane Mesimer, Gene Willard Meyers, Earsie Jean Miller, Carolyn Ann Montgomery, Karen Marie Moore, Irene Munoz (McCurdy), Sherry Muse, Coleman Nalls, Garland Newton, Larry Newton, Doris Virginia Noble, Jane Ovale, John Pannel, Ralph Passmore, John Patton, Richard Barry Payne, Roger Dale Peacock, Tony Perez, Janet Lee Perry, Alan Lee Peters, Angelina Carmen Phillips, Cynthia Jane Pinson, Sara Elizabeth Pohl, Cathy Poole, Arthur Porras, Michael Proctor, Paula Ramirez, Mary Rhodes, Janet Richardson (Akins), Peggy Rihard (Williams), Ophelia Alvarez Rios, Terry Joan Robertson, Jamie Rouch (Ethun), Pam Rowland, Karen Joyce Russell, Larry Russell, Jennifer Schneider, Adrian Saldivar, Adelyne Ann Scott (Lews), Rowan Settles, Larry Sloan, Gary Smith, Gerald Wayne Smith, Gwenthe Gayle Smith, Wendell R. Stewart, Sharon Swim (Lane), Dana Sue Templeton, Don Thompson, Robert Gale Thompson, Linda Rose Thorpe (Howard), Fidel Tovar, Jesse Trevino, Antonio Subia Valencia, Armando Flores Vera, Carl Van Vleet, Charlie Voight, Roy Lee Warren, Glen Webb, James Webb, Wm. David Webb, Michael David Wiggins, William Robert Wilson, Rocky Wooley, and Manuel Ybarra.

MEETINGS

Howard College board of trustees will convene at 12:30 p.m. Monday.

Items on the agenda include consideration of a tax abatement request from West Texas Renewable Limited Partnerships, renewal of insurance, the small class report and committee appointments. The board will also go into executive session to discuss property and employment of district administrative officers.

Big Spring Independent School District board will convene at noon Thursday to consider approval of a tech-prep subgrant and a report on property/mineral value for the district.

Moore Development for Big Spring, Inc. board will convene at 3 p.m. Wednesday.

Agenda items include a resolution in support of increasing funding for the Skills Development Fund, a resolution in support for InvestTexas, bids for a Big Spring industry brochure, a report from the retention and expansion committee and the director's report. The board is also to go into executive session to discuss employee evaluation.

Martin County Commissioners Court will convene at 9 a.m. Monday.

Agenda items include advertising for bids for pickups, consideration of Cap Rock Electric equity and membership redemption options, a budget amendment and insurance. Also on the agenda are requests to address commissioners from T.C. Tubb and Kenneth and Nelda Snodgrass.

POLICE

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

DOMESTIC DISTURBANCE was reported in the 900 block of Birdwell.

AMANDA HARVELL, 19, was arrested for preented driver's license issued.

TOE MARTINEZ, 36, was arrested for public intoxication.

FABRICIANO FOYAS, 40, was arrested for public intoxi-

TEXAS LOTTERY LOTTO:1,3,5,16,41,42

Lottery numbers are unofficial until confirmed by the state lottery commission.

SUPPORT GROUPS

SUNDAY

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

NA 8 p.m., St. Mary's Episcopal Church, 1001 Goliad. Call 268-4189 (pager no.).

MONDAY

TOPS Club (Take off pound sensibly), weigh-in 5 p.m. and meeting at 6 p.m., Birdwell Lane Church of Christ

Project Freedom, Christian support group for survivors of physical/emotional/sexual and/or spiritual abuse. Call 263-5140 or 263-2241 for dates/times of upcoming groups.

Alcoholics Anonymous, 615 Settles, noon open meeting.

Alzheimer's support group, 7 p.m., Canterbury South, 1700 N. Lancaster, first Mondays of each month. Call Galynn Gamble at 263-1271. The topic for Nov. 2 will be on "Validation therapy, connecting with your loved one."

SHERIFF

Howard County Sheriff's Department reported the following incidents between 8 a.m. Saturday and 8 a.m. today:

ERNEST GARCIA, JR., 26, was arrested for parole violation, motion to revoke probation/ending a child.

FRANCISCO LUERA, 28, was arrested for no valid drivers license, motion to revoke probation/carry prohibited weapon, and violate promise to appear.

ELDA MELINA BERNAL, 28, was arrested for prohibited substance in correctional facility.

BILLY GENE SHUBERT, 39, was arrested for criminal non-support.

ABEL MORELION, 33, was arrested for delivery/sell/possession of controlled substance.

RICHARD JAMES WHITE, 22, was arrested for motion to revoke probation/arson.

ARTHUR JUAREZ, JR., 17, was arrested for false report to police officer/law enforcement employee site arrest.

JAY BRUCE ANDERSON, 34, was arrested for false alarm or report.

ISHELL L. WILLIAMS, 31, was arrested for motion to revoke probation/fail to identify fugitive from justice.

STEVEN MAGANA, 21, was arrested for unauthorized used of a vehicle.

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# DNA evidence links victim's blood to items from accused killer's home

JASPER (AP) — Prosecutors tying together their case against dragging death suspect John William King showed blood on items taken from his apartment matched the blood of victim James Byrd Jr.

Frank Baechtel, an FBI forensic examiner, testified Friday clothes seized from King's Jasper apartment were splashed with blood from Byrd, the black man horrendously killed last June when he was chained to a pickup truck and dragged for three miles.

King, 24, is the first of three white men on trial for the murder, which prosecutors have said was intended as an initiation rite for a white supremacist gang being formed by King.

Shawn Berry, 24, and Lawrence Brewer, 31, are to be tried later.

All of them face life in prison or death by injection if convicted.

District Attorney Guy James Gray said his case would be completed by midday Monday. King's lawyers would not disclose their plans.

A denim shirt, along with jeans that had four bloodstains, were identified by a witness Friday as being worn the night of Byrd's murder by Berry. They later were found by authorities stuffed in a laundry basket at the apartment shared by King and Berry after the men already had been arrested. Byrd's DNA also was found on

shoes worn by each of the defendants, as well as on tires from the truck authorities said was used in the dragging.

DNA from Berry, Brewer and King was on cigarette butts from the crime scene. Brewer's was detected on a beer bottle.

"We were pleased with that evidence," Gray said. "I think it proves these three guys did what they're charged with."

Defense attorney Haden "Sonny" Cribbs refused to speak with reporters Friday.

Baechtel said a 24-foot chain, which prosecutors say was attached to Berry's truck and to Byrd's ankles during the dragging, lacked any DNA evidence.

Prosecutors said two of the defendants took it to a car wash

to clean it.

It later was found covered in a hole in the ground behind a friend's trailer home where the men used to play paintball games.

Friday's DNA evidence tied together 24 state exhibits. Thirteen of them were linked to fluids from Byrd.

In other testimony Friday, a Houston-based expert on gangs said his examination of King's writings and letters indicated to him the convicted burglar wanted to establish a white supremacist group in the Jasper area and needed to commit a crime to establish credibility.

"He's going to have to gain attention of the community," William Knox said.

Earlier testimony from a former prison mate of King's told how King envisioned a racial killing as an initiation rite for his white supremacist gang to be called the Texas Rebel Soldiers, a part of the Confederate Knights of America.

"In this case, one of things I found interesting, was the location of Mr. Byrd's body," Knox continued, referring to the dumping of Byrd's headless torso June 7 on a road between a black cemetery and church northeast of Jasper.

"It was a public place. This was designed to strike terror in the community," Knox told jurors.

Prosecutors say King's racist

beliefs, exemplified by a body full of tattoos he collected in prison, his writings and the physical evidence, spurred him to kill Byrd.

Defense attorneys say he adopted the racist agenda as the result of an assault and to help him cope with prison life where he was far outnumbered by black inmates.

Among seven witnesses Friday was Louis Berry, Shawn Berry's brother, who often visited the apartment.

"I don't think it should happen to anybody, the way this happened," he said. "All of it. I don't agree with it. People I associate with, friends and family, they don't agree with it either."

## Texas businesses fighting health plan rules

AUSTIN (AP) — A coalition of Texas business interests is fighting legislation that would require health-care plans to pay for more medical services, including infant hearing tests and infertility treatment.

Adding those services will mean higher premiums for employers, according to the groups.

Lawmakers have proposed at least 15 bills this session that would force health plans to cover more medical procedures, including cosmetic surgery for children with facial deformities and eyeglasses.

The coalition, which includes the Texas Association of

Business and Chambers of Commerce and the National Federation of Independent Business, wants a moratorium on health mandates.

"We feel very strongly that it's a choice for the people paying for the health plan, not the government," said Dave Pinkus, president of Small Business United of Texas. "It's the government telling you what you have to buy."

While the coalition was unable to stop legislation in 1997 to add more health mandates, the group said it would focus attention on the potential increase in premiums this year.

Many employers already have

started to drop health coverage for workers because of rising premiums, Pinkus said.

Rep. Dawnna Dukes, D-Austin, says health insurers would actually save money by paying for preventive treatments that help patients avoid costlier treatments later on.

"Largely you find that if there's a way... of not having to pay for it, they're going to do it," Ms. Dukes said. She wants health plans to cover estrogen replacement therapy.

The business coalition released research last week by two Baylor University professors who estimated that five of the required procedures have

increased premiums by 17 percent and caused 275,000 Texans to lose health coverage.

But according to the Texas Department of Insurance, mandates account for just 3 percent of claims paid by the large health plans in the state.

Rep. Carl Isett, R-Lubbock, is expected to file legislation asking lawmakers to conduct better cost-benefit analysis before passing more health-plan mandates.

"I think the picture that is missing at the Legislature is the incremental cost of those benefits," said Jeff Kloster, general counsel for the Texas Association of Health Plans.

## Immigrant smugglers using teen-agers as border guides

BROWNSVILLE (AP) — Children are being recruited by immigrant smugglers to guide groups of undocumented aliens crossing the border into Texas, Mexican officials say.

Officers with a Mexican police force patrolling the Rio Grande this week arrested four minors, ranging in ages from 14 to 16, while leading immigrants north.

"We believe this is a new trend to avoid long prison sentences that could break up the smuggling organizations," said Jose Garcia, legal counsel for the police force Grupo Beta.

The penalty for smuggling immigrants abroad ranges from six to 12 years in prison for adults. But minors could spend only a few hours in jail before being sent to a juvenile detention center, from where they could be released in a few months, Garcia told the Brownsville Herald.

"This is a serious crime," Garcia said. "That's why we believe they use these children, who are lured by the possibility of making as much as \$100 to \$200 for each batch of immigrants."

Among those arrested was a 14-year-old boy who makes a living of crossing the river to clean windshields on cars along Boca Chica and International Boulevards, authorities said.

The boy told Mexican officials that a professional immigrant smuggler contacted him while they were both detained at the Immigration and Naturalization Service offices in Brownsville.

The next time the boy encountered authorities, he and two other teens were leading 11 Mexican nationals across the river into Brownsville, Garcia said.

"I met this guy who goes by the name of Memo and Chilango while we were being processed for deportation in Brownsville," the boy said in a statement to Mexican officials. "He told us that he was from Houston and that he would give us \$20 for every person we were able to cross."

Adult immigrant smugglers usually charge a lot more money to take people across the river, but they usually take them all the way to Houston, Garcia said.

"We can tell them apart from the immigrants because they usually carry cellular telephones and beepers," Garcia said.

Grupo Beta arraigned 59 smugglers in 1997 and 23 in 1998, Garcia said.

The four minors arrested this week for immigrant smuggling would be sent to the Tamaulipas state district attorneys office in Matamoros.

## Friend of suspect in beating apparently kills himself

SEABROOK, Texas (AP) — First, a pledge was beaten to death after a fraternity party at Southwest Texas State University.

Three days later, the main suspect killed himself before police could question him.

Now, a third man — the suspect's best friend — apparently has shot himself to death.

All three were 21 years old.

The latest victim, Sonny Mullen, died Feb. 12 at a Seabrook apartment after shooting himself in the head, the Houston Chronicle reported Saturday.

Police said Mullen had been drinking heavily and was distraught over the death of his

best friend, Jeremiah Wilkerson, who had shot himself in the head three days earlier in the northeast Texas town of Edgewood.

Wilkerson was wanted in the Feb. 6 beating of Nicholas Armstrong at the Tau Kappa Epsilon fraternity house on the San Marcos campus. Armstrong died Feb. 8 at an Austin hospital without regaining consciousness.

"This is beyond tragic," said Mullen's father, Ronnie Mullen of Dale, near San Marcos. "What's going on with young people today? I'm taking (sleeping) pills. Either I can't sleep or I'm having nightmares trying to make sense out of all this."

Sonny Mullen did not leave a note when he died from one shot to the head while seated on a couch at an apartment that belonged to his sister's friend. The friend, whose name was not released, kept a .45-caliber pistol on a dresser and was in the bathroom when the shot was fired, police said.

Ronnie Mullen and his wife adopted Sonny, who was her cousin, when he was very young. Sonny Mullen grew up in the Dale area but had been working near Houston recently and had contacted his birth mother and some of her children.

Witnesses said Wilkerson and three other friends had crashed

the TKE party, which Armstrong had attended as a prospective member. The crashers were ejected, but later Wilkerson and another young man, whose identity has not been released because has not been charged, returned for revenge, investigators said.

Armstrong, a transfer student from Baytown's Lee College, had not helped remove the men, but was the only one in the fraternity's living room when Wilkerson came back. Armstrong apparently was targeted simply because he was there.

The Harris County medical examiner has ruled Mullen's death a suicide.

## Lawmen, pilots honored for rescue

CUERO (AP) — Two law officers and two helicopter pilots have been honored for rescuing an elderly South Texas couple and their dog during last year's flooding.

Winston Steen, 80, called the Gonzales County Sheriff's Department the night of Oct. 18 because water from the Guadalupe River had never before reached the house he'd lived in all his life.

Deputies cut off by flooded roads called for air support, provided by Petroleum Helicopters Incorporated of Galveston.

The next day, DeWitt County Sheriff Cliff Foulds and Department of Public Safety Sgt. Jeff Hudson leaped from a hovering helicopter into water so deep it had submerged a pickup in the couple's yard.

They half swam, half walked to the house, dodging floating furniture and refrigerators and finding the family's immersed hurricane fence and clothesline to get to the house.

"When we got to their house, Mr. Steen said, 'Who are you boys?' and I said I was DeWitt County Sheriff Cliff Foulds and DPS Sgt. Jeff Hudson," Foulds said.

"He looked at us and said, 'Sorry boys, I live in Gonzales County.' I told him it didn't matter, we were here to rescue them," Foulds said at an awards ceremony Friday night.

DPS Col. Dudley Thomas awarded Hudson with the Medal of Valor, the highest honor given a DPS employee.

The sheriff and pilots Max Montgomery and Joe Kane of PHI received the Commander's Award, the top award given to civilians.

"These four men did some

thing I don't think I could do," Thomas said.

In the past 30 years, the Medal of Valor has only been awarded about 10 times, said David McEathron, DPS chief of traffic law enforcement.

McEathron said Lois and Winston Steen, who waited in water up to their chins, nearly died.

"Little doubt remains that had the PHI not allowed their crew to execute the rescue and had Sgt. Hudson and Sheriff Foulds not provided a manual rescue, the elderly couple would

not have survived," McEathron said.

With the couple safely aboard the helicopter, the officers returned to their house to get the family dog, Mrs. Steen's purse and an overnight bag.

"I'm glad you all are here today, but especially I'm glad the Steens are alive to be here," a gracious Hudson said as he received his medal and framed citation from the colonel.

As he hugged Lois Steen and thanked her for coming, she said, "Don't thank me. I should be thanking you."

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"Congress shall make no law respecting an establishment of religion, or prohibiting the free exercise thereof; or abridging the freedom of speech, or of the press; or the right of the people peaceably to assemble, and to petition the Government for a redress of grievances."

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OUR VIEWS

Heading off Y2K suits a smart idea

A bill filed by Sen. Robert Duncan and Sen. Troy Fraser, known as SB 598 makes good sense to us. A similar bill in the House, HB 9, was filed by Rep. Brian McCall and Rep. Jim Pitts. The purpose of the bills is to reduce the amount of lawsuits that might be filed in the wake of the Year 2000 bug — computer date failures. They don't protect unscrupulous business people, who may view Y2K as an opportunity to buy cheap, then unload devices which are outdated or cannot be upgraded. They simply protect those manufacturers and sellers who make a "good faith" effort to notify their consumers of potential problems and offer to fix them at minimal or no cost. Certainly there are dealers who are more interested in making a sale than looking after the long-term welfare of their customers. Just as surely, there are customers who will put off upgrading their equipment — because of expense or bother — until it is too late. Those customers should not be allowed to sue a company that attempted to be prudent and professional, just because the customer procrastinated of felt the Year 2000 warnings were only scare tactics. Specifically, the bills would give computer manufacturers and sellers a defense in lawsuits if they notify computer users at least 90 days in advance of a potential failure and offer to fix it. Lawsuits would have to be filed no later than two years after the computer date failure first caused harm. And while the bills cover all potential disputes, they would not cover wrongful death, bodily injury or workers' compensation cases. The bills also create a Texas Year 2000 Project Office website and toll-free phone number to help computer manufacturers inform customers of potential problems. No one knows exactly what turmoil the Y2K bug will bring. But the bills filed by these legislators, including Duncan, who represents Howard County, and Fraser, a former resident of the county, will help ensure that it does not get out of hand — at least in the court system.

YOUR VIEWS

Editor's Note: The following three letters were written by juveniles charged with vandalism of the golf course and Festival of Lights. The letters of public apology are made as a part of their sentence.

DEAR COMMUNITY, I am very sorry for what I did to the park Christmas lights, golf greens and the golf pro-shop. I know most of you know who I am and please don't hold a grudge against my family; they didn't do it, I did. If you must hold a grudge or talk about someone do it to me. I am very sorry for what I did it should have not happened, but I did pay for what I did and I am still paying for it. Please forgive me cause I am sorry. D.P. AGE 16

TO THE COMMUNITY OF BIG SPRING, I would like to begin by saying that I am very sorry for the damages and the extra time that had to be taken due to my ignorance. This was the first time I had ever gotten into trouble. I know that what we were doing was wrong, but I went along anyway. I am not going to make excuses. I was punished to the extent of the law by being removed from the custody of my parents for a period of 42 days. I cannot say that it was what I expected. I was scared and I felt better knowing it was over, I didn't have this eating away at me, feeling the pressure of knowing that I could hurt so many people. Losing all the trust that my parents had for me. My dad has always said, "You can run but you can't hide." So now I will have to work 300 hours community service, 30 days house arrest, on probation til I'm 18 and pay restitution to the community of Big Spring. Try that at 15. No thank you I believe that crime doesn't pay. I got what I deserve for not using my head and instead of walking away I will pay. So please believe me that I am very, very sorry to the community of Big Spring. J.F. AGE 15

I am sorry for tearing the park lights down and tearing up the golf course. I'm sorry for breaking into the pro shop and stealing the money and beer. I'm sorry for breaking into the store the first and second time. I.S. AGE 14

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Needing some straight talk on education

As an Ivy League professor (Columbia, Dartmouth), I have had considerable experience with American education and plenty to say about it, both as regards university education and also kindergarten through grade 12. For one thing, the students we get — even at highly selective universities — though scoring well on the SAT tests, have in the vast majority of cases been only sketchily educated in grades K through 12. And the undergraduate curriculum they confront tends to be a smorgasbord at which they possess no rationale for course selection. But the universities will eventually solve their own problems. The real mess is in grades K through 12. Americans are alarmed about education, as well they might be. All the polls indicate this, education is at the top of most politicians list of promises, and President Clinton worked funds for additional teachers into the recent budget. Most people are aware that among industrialized nations, American high-school seniors score last in standardized tests — yet score at or near the top in "self-esteem."



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For example, the results have recently come in for the new Massachusetts Comprehensive Assessment Test. Failure was widespread across the board, but disastrous in "urban public schools." According to Education Commissioner John Silber, who is also the Chancellor of Boston University, 75 percent of students should score in either the "advanced" or "proficient" test categories. But the majority of fourth-, eighth- and 10th-graders scored in the "needs improvement" and "failing" categories. Eighth-graders, for example, answered incorrectly a simple math question in which they did not have to make the calculation itself but only select the most plausible answer from five "multiple-choice" possibilities. The brain-occluding question cited the population of Boston as 574,283 and the population of Massachusetts as 6,016,425. It asked, "What percentage of the population of Massachusetts is the population of Boston?" Obviously, about half a million out of 6 million, one out of 12. That ought to allow the student to rule out most of the answer choices. If in doubt, the calculation should take 30 seconds. More than half of Boston's fourth-graders failed the math test, with only 3 percent showing much experience with the subject. More than 50 percent of 10th-graders scored "failing" or "needs improvement" grades in English, math and science. Not unexpectedly, wealthier suburbs like Newton, Needham, Wellesley and Wayland had much better results than urban schools in Boston, Brockton, Fall River, Lawrence and New Bedford. Chancellor Silber observed about these calamitous results that they are the fault of "a culture that talks about making things easy." I will return to that point, but first let us have a dose here of largely unmentionable reality. For success in grades K through 12, what happens in the classroom is very important, but much more important is what happens at home. If the child grows up in a family where reading books and talking about them is commonplace, such a child has a huge advantage over one growing up in a home where television is a substitute for reading. Literate parents will evoke a much larger vocabulary in their children. Their discussions, not only about books but also about issues in current events and so on, will be much richer. And these parents are very likely to severely limit time their children spend in front of the tube. In that Massachusetts report, the difference between wealthy suburbs like Wellesley and poorer ones like Brockton is not mainly a matter of average family income, but a matter of local culture. Some cultures reward academic success, at home and also in the child's peer group, while others do not; some even discourage schoolwork. Though seldom talked about, it is not exactly a secret that the various ethnic groups differ widely on the scale of academic achievement. Jews, notably, achieve far out of proportion to their numbers in academic work. They care about reading, perhaps, some speculate, because they have been the people of "The Book." Whatever the reason, they excel academically and derivatively in income, the professions, and so on. As a group, they have made cultural choices. Not many aspire to be professional athletes. At the present time, Asians, even recently arrived and under difficult circumstances, are proving to be academic achievers as well, though, I am finding this true mostly in math and the sciences at the university level. Clearly their culture prizes academic success. The other American ethnic groups spread out over a wide spectrum as far as academic achievement is concerned. The child who walks through the door into kindergarten brings along a whole culture with its hierarchy of values, and the surrounding culture of that child has an enormous effect on what its likely performance in school will be. Money spent on a per pupil basis, on buildings, teachers,

grade-level testing — all of these count. But what the student brings to the classroom is vital. Of course, what happens in the classroom does matter, and Chancellor Silber is on the mark when he talks about a culture that tries to make things easy. The best study of this phenomenon is Thomas Sowell's book "Inside American Education." Teaching the necessary skills in math, for example, is hard work and often not entertaining. Even in an affluent suburb, I found that I had to drill my children on something as elementary as the multiplication table. Teachers often make things easy on themselves by making things easy on their students. It is much easier to spend an hour discussing the atom bomb, racism, pollution and whatnot than teaching real subject matter and fashioning real skills. Sowell illustrates the pervasiveness of nonsense in grades K through 12, even in schools in wealthy districts. This is true today also in prestigious and once rigorous private prep schools. In my own experience, I have not found students from Exeter or Lawrenceville any better prepared in literature and history than students from public high-schools. A year or so ago, other tests in Massachusetts revealed that applicant teachers who had come from graduate courses in education were unprepared and sometimes ignorant even of spelling and grammar. But teacher quality will not be improved as long as the big teachers' unions have a monopoly in the public schools. The unions have only one agenda — teacher security and income. For them, the rest is fluff. Even the Auto Workers could not get away with that. And the teachers' unions have a lock on the Democratic Party. So the "problem" of education in grades K through 12 has a number of aspects, and it is a very difficult knot to untie.



Pls thought Lewinsky insignificant

You can add two more names to the long list of Americans who think Ken Starr missed the boat with Monica Lewinsky. Rick and Beverly Lambert of Texas are a pair of private investigators hired by lawyers for Paula Jones in 1997 to dig up dirt about President Clinton's sex life. Their job was to find other women who were rumored to have had affairs with Clinton to help Jones' lawyers prove a pattern of sexual harassment. In the course of their research, the Lamberts came across a former White House intern named Lewinsky — who months later would become a household name as the scandal became front-page news. But the Lamberts didn't give Lewinsky a second look. "We blew (Lewinsky) off. We didn't even think she was important enough to talk to," Beverly Lambert told us. "We were looking for women who had benefited professionally as a result of a relationship with the president; she didn't fit the profile. Of course, we had no idea about Vernon Jordan or her job interviews in New York." "It sounds terrible, but at the point in our investigation that we heard about Lewinsky, we had heard so many stories and tales of women, that if we didn't find something unusual in the story, we ignored it," Beverly Lambert continued. "Lewinsky was of age, she was a white woman, she moved on to a mid-level government job, we just thought there wasn't a story here." The Lamberts were hired in October of 1997 and given six months to find women from Bill Clinton's past. Given a partial list that often included just first names and cities, the Lamberts were to pinpoint potential witnesses, with whom the lawyers would follow up and collect testimony. "We really didn't do a whole lot of investigating on any one person," Rick Lambert told us. "We would find out about a particular woman, interview corroborating witnesses and the woman herself, and make a determination whether or not we felt the lawyer team should follow up with a subpoena or any further questioning. We didn't have a lot of time to spend on any one person." Over the course of the investigation, the Lamberts interviewed 209 people. Lewinsky's name crossed their radar screen in the fall of 1997 — and was turned over to Jones' lawyers at about the same time as Linda Tripp was making her infamous tape-recordings. The Lamberts don't seem sorry that they missed the media circus that would have ensued had they — not Tripp and Lucianne Goldberg — first presented the story. Both Lamberts believe that Arkansas is much more fertile ground than Washington — and that it's Ken Starr who missed the "real" story.



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# Five killed, 14 are injured in chemical plant explosion

ALLENTOWN, Pa. (AP) — Five people were found dead Saturday in a chemical processing plant leveled by an explosion that blew out windows in nearby buildings and could be felt for miles. Fourteen people were injured.

The walls of the 25-foot high building at the Lehigh Valley Industrial Park collapsed inward and buckled after the explosion Friday night. Metal studs, concrete, glass and insulation flew through the air. A

large chemical cloud rose above the explosion.

"I don't think it could get much worse than what it was," said Capt. Dan Hartman, one of the first emergency workers to arrive at the scene. "Debris was strewn more than 100 feet around."

The building housed Concept Science Inc., a chemical processing company. State police were meeting with company executives, who weren't available for comment.

"The company was only operating about a week (in the building) so it's too early to make a judgment about the safety and propriety of the business operation there," Lt. Gov. Mark Schweiker said.

Four of the five victims worked at Concept Sciences. The fifth worked in the building but not for that company. Their names were not immediately available.

Autopsies were to be performed today.

Fourteen people, including six rescue workers suffering from chemical burns and chest pains, were taken to hospitals. One person was in critical condition.

Authorities believe the explosion was triggered during the distillation of a volatile chemical, hydroxylamine, which Concept Science uses to make an etching solution for computer chips.

Investigators also believe potassium hydroxide was

involved.

Nearby residents were asked to stay in their homes for about two hours while authorities determined the chemicals spewed into the air from the explosion were not harmful.

About 80 workers were decontaminated with a water and soap solution.

The blast at the industrial park, about 3 miles southwest of downtown Allentown and 50 miles north of Philadelphia, was felt and heard throughout

the area for miles.

Down the street from the plant, Nichola Pierce, 24, was on the phone with her supervisor at Inter-Media Marketing when the explosion happened.

"There was a flicker of light and a big bang and then the power went out," Mrs. Pierce said. "You could actually feel the ceiling come down and go back up again."

"It felt like a plane had landed on our roof. That's what we thought it was."

## Man receives life sentence for killing of mother of six

SARASOTA, Fla. (AP) — Before Daniel Rocha was led away to a life behind bars for killing a mother of six, his grandmother asked a judge to let her hug him for the last time.

"She believes she will never see him again," a defense attorney told Circuit Judge Nancy Donnellan on Friday.

Marie Purcell came forward in the courtroom, threw her arms around Rocha and hugged and kissed him. The 29-year-old Texan, shackled hand and foot, could not return her embrace. He closed his eyes. Then bailiffs took charge and fingerprinted him.

Rocha was convicted of first-degree murder in the death of Sheila Bellush, 35. The woman who had moved from Texas to Florida to start a new life was shot in the face and stabbed twice before bleeding to death with her then-2-year-old quadruplets nearby.

Prosecutors claimed that Mrs. Bellush's ex-husband, Allen Blackthorne, told Rocha that she was abusing their two teen-age daughters and that he

wanted to regain custody. The girls, like the quadruplets, also lived with Mrs. Bellush.

Rocha made arrangements to hire someone to harm Mrs. Bellush as a favor to Blackthorne, his golfing pal, prosecutors said.

The defense said Rocha intended only for Mrs. Bellush to be beaten.

A friend of Rocha's testified he recruited his cousin Jose Luis Del Toro, who borrowed a .45-caliber handgun and said he had broken into Mrs. Bellush's home and killed her.

Del Toro is jailed in Mexico and is fighting extradition. Blackthorne has not been charged with a crime and has denied involvement in any plot.

Rocha's lawyer said he planned to appeal Friday's sentence.

Before sentencing him, Donnellan had strong words for Rocha.

"Who made you God?" she asked. "Who gave you the right to inflict pain on another human life, let alone to take another's life."

## Embezzlement defendant like 'kid in a candy store'

LARGO, Fla. (AP) — The co-defendant in a swindling case involving the National Baptist Convention USA told jurors she was "like a little kid in a candy store," buying diamond jewelry, clothing and a home with the black church leader.

But Bernice Edwards told jurors that she and the Rev. Henry Lyons earned the more than \$1 million from companies doing business with the church and didn't cheat anyone.

"I made the money. I bought what I wanted," she said.

Ms. Edwards, testifying for the second day in her and Lyons' racketeering trial, also told the jury that she and Lyons, who is married, only had a professional relationship.

Prosecutors say Ms. Edwards, a convicted embezzler and the convention's former public relations director, was Lyons' girlfriend.

Lyons and Ms. Edwards are accused of swindling more than \$4 million from companies seeking to market life insurance policies, cemetery products and credit cards to members of the black church organization.

Prosecutors say they duped the companies with the promise of an 8.5 million-member mailing

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—Bernice Edwards, defendant

list that never existed.

Ms. Edwards' lawyer has said she was brought along as "window dressing" by prosecutors seeking to convict Lyons. His lawyers say his failed business deals are not criminal matters.

Ms. Edwards testified she received almost \$400,000 for her work on one project and she and Lyons shared \$1 million from another company — money she never reported as required under the terms of her three-year probation for embezzling funds from a Milwaukee school.

"I didn't report it because I didn't want it to stop. I felt good about it," she said. "I didn't want anyone to halt it."

She told the jury she wasn't in on any of the marketing deals with Globe Life Insurance Co. or the Loewen Group, a funeral home company. But she said that in 1995, Globe executives knew no membership list existed and asked her to help compile one.

She eventually received between \$350,000 and \$400,000 from Globe, she testified, saying the money was to reimburse her expenses and pay her for her work.

Ms. Edwards also worked with Loewen officials, she said, but denied she and Lyons said they could help investigate a huge civil verdict against the Loewen in Mississippi, as company officials testified earlier.

But, she said, Loewen paid her and Lyons \$1 million for defending them against bad publicity from the verdict.

Ms. Edwards, who earlier described herself to jurors as the youngest of 17 children and a struggling single mother of three, said she spent the windfall on jewelry, a \$700,000 waterfront home she purchased with Lyons and other expensive items.

"I bought these things because I worked hard to earn that money. It was my chance to buy some things I always wanted," she said. "I was like a little kid in a candy store."

Lyons also is charged with grand theft, accused of stealing almost \$250,000 from the Anti-Defamation League of B'nai B'rith intended to rebuild burned black churches in the South.

He faces federal trial in April on 54 counts of bank fraud, wire fraud, extortion and money laundering.

## Debate rages over roles of black Southerners in Civil War

ATLANTA (AP) — Like other members of the Sons of Confederate Veterans, Emerson Emory says he wants to preserve his Southern heritage. His mission, however, is especially challenging — and controversial.

The 74-year-old Dallas psychiatrist is black, and his insistence that many black Southerners not only supported the Confederacy but fought for it in the Civil War often draws reactions ranging from skepticism to outrage.

"Most of the reaction was among my friends in the black race — they couldn't understand," Emory said. "I think it's one of those things that they don't want to hear anything about."

While recognition of the role black soldiers played for the Union — dramatized in the movie "Glory" — has grown in the past decade, there remains little recognition — or even acknowledgment — of black Confederates.

There is sharp debate about their numbers, if any, and why they would have supported the South.

Emory, a World War II Army veteran, was turned down last summer in his request to pay tribute to black Confederates at ceremonies in Washington that honored nearly 200,000 black soldiers who fought in the Civil War.

The African-American Civil War Foundation's historian wrote that the memorial was dedicated to the troops who fought to end slavery and expressed doubt that black men served the Confederate Army.

Civil rights leaders also criticized the teachers of a class last fall at Randolph Community College in North Carolina. The teachers — Sons of Confederate Veterans members like Emory — contended that some slaves were loyal to the South.

Charles Kelly Barrow, a Zebulon, Ga., high school teacher who is white, has spent years researching blacks in the Confederacy.

Besides many disbelieving blacks, he said, there are whites who don't want to admit that blacks fought for the South.

"They're in opposition either way. Certain people have always tried to divide white and

black Southerners," he said.

Barrow's 1995 book, "Forgotten Confederates," is an anthology that draws upon wartime newspaper accounts, later accounts of Civil War reunions, essays, obituaries and pension records to show evidence of blacks serving the Confederacy.

As early as 1863, Confederate Maj. Gen. Patrick Cleburne urged that blacks be enlisted as soldiers.

There was opposition from Confederates who questioned whether men serving as soldiers could be returned to slavery after the war and who would work the region's farms if slaves were taken away.

In March 1865, the Confederate Congress authorized black soldiers, but there's little indi-

cation that any all-black Confederate units went to war.

However, there are accounts that, from the war's beginning, blacks in gray sometimes were armed in battle.

"Most of the Negroes had arms, rifles, muskets, sabers, Bowie knives, dirks, etc.," Union Capt. Isaac W. Heysinger wrote in an 1862 account of the Maryland campaign. He said there appeared to be thousands among the Confederate Army.

However, those on the other side of the debate point to the thousands of slaves who fled to the North and joined the fight against the Rebels.

Many of those who remained behind likely did so out of fear and an expectation that they would soon be free regardless, they say.

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# Deadline for Kosovo talks has been extended until Tuesday

RAMBOUILLET, France (AP) — The Kosovo peace talks will be extended until Tuesday afternoon, the French foreign minister said today, as Western nations tried to salvage a deal with a defiant Yugoslav president and avoid resorting to NATO missiles and bombs.

U.S. Secretary of State Madeleine Albright and ministers from five European countries spent the day in discussions with the Serb and ethnic Albanian sides into the evening in the 14th-century Chateau de Rambouillet.

Foreign Minister Hubert Vedrine told reporters the talks

would be extended until Tuesday at 3 p.m. (9 a.m. EST). Earlier, a U.S. official confirmed Serb comments that the major stumbling-block was the Serb refusal to accept NATO troops in Kosovo, a province in southern Serbia, the main Yugoslav republic.

"The Serbs refuse to engage seriously on the military question," the official said.

Albright met with the ethnic Albanian side, then with Serbian President Milan Milutinovic. Also involved were British Foreign Secretary Robin Cook and Vedrine, co-hosts of the peace conference.

Albright made clear who she felt was preventing a deal, accusing the Serb negotiators, led from Belgrade by President Slobodan Milosevic, of "evasion and delay."

"I would hope that Milosevic will wake up and smell the coffee," she said.

Albright said the Serbs had shown a lack of desire to negotiate on the main sticking point: a NATO force of international troops to enforce a deal.

A deal on the political but not the military aspects, she said, would be like "a table top without legs."

The military component pro-

vides for a NATO force of up to 30,000 troops to enforce the deal. Yugoslav President Slobodan Milosevic adamantly refuses to accept foreign troops.

In a statement late today, Milutinovic, the Serbian president, said "there is a chance that a minimal agreement on the political resolution of the issues" can be reached.

He blamed U.S. envoy Christopher Hill for the delay, saying he had "acted in an absolutely unacceptable manner" in his demand that Serbia accept NATO troops on its territory.

In an interview with

Associated Press Television News, Yugoslav Deputy Premier Vuk Draskovic said the fact that talks were still going on "is a good signal which tells us there is hope for a political settlement."

He added: "The bombing of Yugoslavia would only strengthen anti-American and anti-European forces, and Americans cannot understand this."

A Serbian source close to the talks, speaking on condition of anonymity, said the Serbian delegation had no problem with the political part of the agreement, which would give Kosovo

wide autonomy within Serbia.

But the source said the delegation was not going to accept any form of military presence, "no matter what it's called."

Albright arrived in Rambouillet in an 11th-hour effort to coax Serbs and Kosovo Albanians into signing a three-year interim accord, giving the Serbian province wide autonomy backed by a military force.

Foreign ministers from the Contact Group — which includes the United States, Russia, France, Britain, Germany and Italy — finally made their announcement in the early evening.

# Clinton says parties should put aside 'any destructive feelings'

WASHINGTON (AP) — President Clinton says Americans want Republicans and the White House to put aside "any destructive feelings" from their bitter fight over impeachment and concentrate instead on the nation's business.

Clinton said Friday he does not think the impeachment ordeal had harmed the presidency.

Rather, he said, "the Constitution has been, in effect, re-ratified."

But he added, "I can't say that I think this has been good for the country. But we will see. I

expect to have two good years here."

He acknowledged that his wife, Hillary, had been through "a very exhausting year" after the revelation of his sexual relationship with Monica Lewinsky.

A week after being acquitted by the Senate, Clinton held a joint news conference with visiting French President Jacques Chirac.

It was abbreviated, with only three questions each from French and American reporters. Clinton declined an opportunity to stay longer.

The president said he had

urged his wife, as she decides whether to run for the U.S. Senate from New York, to "take some time, get some rest, listen to people on both sides of the argument and decide exactly what you think is right to do."

He said he would support whatever she decides and that "she would do a fabulous job" in the Senate.

Clinton and Chirac warned Yugoslav President Slobodan Milosevic he will be held accountable if he refuses to accept an internationally sponsored peace agreement for the Serbian province of Kosovo. NATO has threatened airstrikes

unless an accord was reached today.

"It would be a mistake to extend the deadline," Clinton said. Chirac said there was "unqualified agreement" between Paris and Washington about Kosovo.

Halfway through the news conference, Clinton encountered his one and only question about impeachment: What lessons had he learned from his ordeal and has the office of the presidency been damaged. It was his first news conference in two months.

"I've learned a lot of lessons," a subdued Clinton said. He said

that "presidents are people, too. I have learned, again, an enormous amount of respect for our Constitution, our framers and for the American people."

He said he would advise future presidents "to decide what you believe you ought to do for the country and focus on it and work hard."

"The American people hire you to do that and will respond if you work at it and if they sense that you're doing this for them."

The American people expect Congress and the president to get back to work, Clinton said. He said Americans expect

both sides "not to have any destructive feelings — or if we do — not to let them get in the way of our doing their business."

"I don't believe that any of us can afford to let what has happened get in the way of doing our best for our own people and for the future. And I'm going to do my very best to do that."

On Friday night, Clinton touted his education and neighborhood investment initiatives to a friendly audience of civil rights activists, saying the programs would help close the gaps in opportunity and give all Americans a "chance to live their dreams."

# Deep divisions remain over how to conduct census

WASHINGTON (AP) — Time is running out with neither side willing to budge on one of the most intractable problems Congress will face this year: how to count Americans in the 2000 census.

At stake in the once-a-decade measurement of population shifts is reapportioning the 435 House seats, redistricting state and local legislative bodies and distributing more than \$180 billion in federal funds.

Both parties say their abiding principle is an accurate census, but they're far apart on how to achieve it. In an early sign of troubles ahead, Democrats boycotted a House Government Reform census subcommittee vote on one aspect of a GOP plan that it says would improve the head count.

The panel's ranking Democrat, Rep. Carolyn

Maloney of New York, was out of the country at the time and accused subcommittee Chairman Dan Miller, R-Fla., of breaking an agreement by going ahead without her. Any foundation of trust, she said in a letter, "has suffered a serious weakening by your actions."

Miller fired back that "bipartisanship is a two-way street. Your divisive comments in recent weeks calling into question the motives of individual members, including the speaker, leave doubt that comity is your goal."

Behind the harsh words is the dispute over statistical sampling, an idea the National Academy of Sciences endorsed after the 1990 census. It estimated 4 million Americans, the first census that was less accurate than the previous one. Many of those not counted were

minorities who usually vote Democratic, and reapportionment using sampling could work to the advantage of Democrats.

Under the sampling plan, the first 90 percent of the populace would be counted by traditional means, the last hard-to-reach 10 percent by sampling.

Republicans insist that sampling violates the constitutional requirement for "actual enumeration" of all Americans every 10 years. Democrats say sampling is the only way to ensure equal representation. In 1990, Maloney said, counters missed one of every 10 black males. "We can't settle for a census that counts blacks as nine-tenths of a person," she said.

President Clinton, in his State of the Union address this year, again backed "a census that

uses the most modern scientific methods." He also showed his commitment to sampling in 1997 by vetoing the first version of a popular disaster relief bill in which the Republicans had inserted anti-sampling language.

In year-end budget talks last October, the two sides were so far apart on the census that they finally decided to approve money for the Commerce Department, which contains the Census Bureau and other agencies, only through June 15.

The Supreme Court weighed in last month with a decision that sampling cannot be used to determine how many members of Congress each state should have. But the court did not say whether sampling was proper for state or local redistricting or to determine who gets federal funds.

# Reno asked to look into whether Starr lied in House testimony

WASHINGTON (AP) — A Democratic lawmaker wants Attorney General Janet Reno to look into whether Independent Counsel Ken Starr lied under oath to the House Judiciary Committee's impeachment hearings last year.

In a letter to Reno, Rep. Barney Frank of Massachusetts criticized Starr's answer to a question from Frank about alleged grand jury leaks from Starr's office. The questioning occurred last Nov. 19 as the

committee was considering impeaching President Clinton on the basis of Starr's report about his liaison with former White House intern Monica Lewinsky.

"Given the way Mr. Starr has treated people who have gotten in his way in this investigation ... if he were investigating himself in this matter he would have almost certainly charged himself with perjury," Frank said. "I do not wish to follow Mr. Starr's example of using

perjury as a political tool. But I do think ... his disregard of the truth in testifying under oath ... directly relevant to his fitness to continue as independent counsel."

Meantime, Justice Department officials continued to weigh how to proceed with an investigation of Starr's Lewinsky probe. Justice officials wrote Starr recently stating their intention to launch such an inquiry but have held off beginning it pending resolu-

tion of issues raised by his response, officials have said.

Questioning whether the Justice Department should be investigating him, Starr has proposed that an outside counsel handle the inquiry rather than the department's internal watchdog agency, the Office of Professional Responsibility.

It was learned that the consideration of Starr's demand for an outside counsel is still in a preliminary stage in the department.

# Woman's accusation against Clinton denied

WASHINGTON (AP) — President Clinton's lawyer says allegations that the president sexually assaulted an Arkansas woman more than 20 years ago are "absolutely false."

In her first published accounts, Juanita Broaddrick said "I was sexually assaulted by Bill Clinton" at a Little Rock, Ark., hotel in 1978 when he was state attorney general.

The story of the alleged attack on Mrs. Broaddrick has been circulating for years. She has only now agreed to talk.

According to Mrs. Broaddrick, she first met Clinton when he visited the nursing home she operated in 1978. He was running for governor at the time and she was a campaign worker. Clinton invited her to visit him at campaign headquarters, she said.

Mrs. Broaddrick said she was in Little Rock for a nursing home seminar and called the headquarters and arranged to meet Clinton for coffee at her hotel. He suggested they have

coffee in her room, she said. In the hotel room, Clinton forced her to have sex, Mrs. Broaddrick said.

Clinton lawyer David Kendall issued a denial.

"Any allegation that the president assaulted Mrs. Broaddrick more than 20 years ago is absolutely false," Kendall said.

White House spokesman Joe Lockhart was dismissive of the first published account of Mrs. Broaddrick's story, which appeared in Friday's Wall Street Journal.

"I spend very little time read-

ing the Wall Street Journal editorial page," Lockhart told reporters. "They lost me after they accused the president of being a drug smuggler and a murderer."

In the AP interview, Mrs. Broaddrick said she did not go to the police at the time "because of the mentality of the '70s. There I was, I was married, I was also in a relationship with another man, and ... I was there alone in a hotel room with the attorney general and I didn't think anyone would possibly believe me."

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### IN BRIEF

#### Lady Hawks continue winning ways at toumey

Howard College's Lady Hawks went into Saturday's late games at the Cowtown Classic collegiate softball tournament in unbeaten fashion.

The Lady Hawks chalked up three wins in pool play on Friday, opening with a 4-3 win over Galveston College before blanking Northern Oklahoma 4-0 and shutting out Hutchison (Kan.) 9-0.

In Saturday's tournament opener, the Lady Hawks took a 9-3 win over Bossier Parrish, La., behind the pitching of Brandy Smith and a spectacular 3-for-4 performance at the plate by Josie Rosovich.

Those three hits included a pair of singles and a home run.

The Lady Hawks followed that win with another shutout, blanking Southern Nazarene of Bethany, Okla., 7-0 behind Maria Lopez's two-hit, 13-strikeout pitching performance.

#### Dorothy Garrett playoff games slated this week

Basketball fans will be treated to more high school basketball playoff action at Dorothy Garrett this week.

The week begins at 6 p.m. Monday when Borden County's boys will face Wellman in a Class A bi-district championship.

Tuesday's games will feature Abernathy and Albany squaring off in a Class 2A boys' bi-district game at 6 p.m., followed by Ira and Klondike in an 8 p.m. Class A boys' bi-district game.

Coliseum director Stan Feaster said another playoff game has been confirmed for Friday, Feb. 26, when Ozona's Lions will take on either Tahoka in a boys' 2A area game at 8 p.m.

#### Little League coaches clinic slated Feb. 28

Howard College head baseball coach Brian Roper will conduct a clinic for Little League coaches and parents from 2 p.m. to 4 p.m. Sunday, Feb. 28, at Jack Barber Field.

The free clinic, Roper explained, will provide fundamentals and teaching skills to help volunteer coaches better prepare their young players for the upcoming season.

#### American Cancer Society offering 1999 golf passes

Officials with the Howard County unit of the American Cancer Society are encouraging local golfers to take advantage of the 1999 Texas Golf Pass.

The pass provides golfers with up to 450 rounds of golf for a \$35 fee.

Both the Big Spring Country Club and the Comanche Trail Golf Course are participating.

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11:30 a.m. — NASCAR North Carolina 400, TNN, Ch. 35.

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###### Men

2:30 p.m. — Syracuse at UCLA, Tulane at North Carolina, or Louisville at Cincinnati, ABC, Ch. 2 and Ch. 8.

###### Women

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3 p.m. — Arizona State at Oregon State, FXS, Ch. 29.

5 p.m. — Washington at California, FXS, Ch. 29.

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12:30 p.m. — U.S. Figure Skating Championships exhibition, ABC, Ch. 2 and Ch. 8.

##### GOLF

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4:30 p.m. — Senior PGA GTE Classic, final round, ESPN, Ch. 30.

##### HOCKEY

2 p.m. — Colorado Avalanche at Dallas Stars, FOX, Ch. 3.

7 p.m. — Pittsburgh Penguins at Philadelphia Flyers, ESPN, Ch. 30.

##### SOCCER

2:30 p.m. — Chile at United States, ESPN, Ch. 30.

## Foul troubles hamper Lady Bearkats in 59-44 area win

HERALD Staff Report

MIDLAND — Garden City's Lady Bearkats improved their record to 26-2 Friday night with a 59-44 Class 1A area round playoff win over Wink's Lady Wildcats in the Midland Christian High School gymnasium.

The win was anything but easy, however, as the Lady Kats were forced to scratch and claw their way to the win that allowed them to advance to a 7 p.m. Tuesday regional quarterfinal showdown with No. 8 ranked Vega (19-12) in Plainview.

While not a thing of beauty, Garden City committed 31 turnovers, the Lady

Kats' win skein was kept intact. They haven't lost since Dec. 12 when they ran afoul of Coahoma's Class 2A playoff-bound Bulldogettes.

Wink never really threatened an upset after Garden City took an 18-13 lead into the second period, but the Lady Kats kept running into problems of their own making.

Chief among Garden City's problems were foul problems for three starters — J'Laune Niehues, Stormi Chandler and Meagan Goodwin — that left them sitting on the Lady Kat bench for much of the third quarter and some of the final frame.

"We got into foul trouble, but our bench saved us," first-year Garden City

boss Keith Stone said following the win. "Jill Hoelscher, Whitney Eoff, Tiffany Kujawski and Kina Lonkford all came in and played well."

Primarily the reserves kept the Lady Wildcats at bay until Garden City redeemed itself with impressive free throw shooting down the stretch.

Sophomore M'Lynn Niehues paced the Lady Kat attack with a game-high 19 points, while her older sister added 14 and Kyndra Batla added 10 more.

His team's 13-of-15 free throw shooting in the Lady Kats' 19-point fourth quarter pleased Stone.

"We work on free throws all the time," he explained. "I told the girls that it will win games for you. I believe it did

tonight."

Wink, which finishes the season at 22-4, got 17 points from Jess Anne Fernandes, while Jennifer Hawkins had 14 and Casey Slaughter scored 10 more.

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#### Garden City 59, Wink 44

WINK — Abby Abilo 0 1-2 1, Erin Wulf 0 0-0 0, Jess Anne Fernandes 5 5-9 17, Michelle Harbin 0 0-0 0, Casey Slaughter 4 2-4 10, April Tinkler 0 1-5 1, Jennifer Hawkins 5 4-6 14. Totals 14 14-28 44.

GARDEN CITY — Kina Lonkford 0 0-0 0, Tiffany Kujawski 0 1-2 1, Meagan Goodwin 3 0-1 6, M'Lynn Niehues 7 5-8 19, Stormi Chandler 1 4-4 6, J'Laune Niehues 6 2-4 14, Kyndra Batla 2 4-5 10, Whitney Eoff 0 2-2 2, Jill Hoelscher 0 0-0 0. Totals 19 18-28 58.

#### Score by Quarter:

Wink 13 8 10 13-44  
Garden City 12 13 8 19-58

Three-point goals: Wink 2 (Fernandes 2); Garden City 2 (Batla 2). Total Fouls: Wink 22, Garden City 24. Fouled Out: Slaughter, Hawkins, J. Niehues. Technical Fouls: None. Records: Wink finishes at 22-4; Garden City is 26-2.

## Coahoma, Stanton too much for 2-2A Bulldogettes

### Bulldogettes get sweet revenge with 58-52 win

By JOHN A. MOSELEY

Sports Editor

Revenge ... sweet revenge ... that's what Coahoma's Bulldogettes enjoyed Friday night with a 58-52 win over Ozona's Lady Lions in a Class 2A girls' area basketball playoff at Dorothy Garrett Coliseum.

As a result, the Bulldogettes will now face Farwell's Lady Steers in the first game of a Coahoma-Farwell playoff doubleheader at 6:30 p.m. Tuesday in the Lubbock Monterey gymnasium. Following that game, the Coahoma's boys will take on Farwell in a bi-district boy's playoff set for an 8 p.m. tip.

The Bulldogettes, who for the previous four years had been unable to beat powerhouse Ozona teams that annually robbed them of bids for district championships, proved that this was not the same type of Coahoma team the Lady Lions were used to seeing.

What's more, these were not the same Lady Lions — there were no stars the likes of Amber Tarr or Amber McWilliams.

And from the outset, it was clear what first-year Bulldogettes coach Matt Garrett had in mind — pound the ball inside to 6-foot-2 Jayci Roberts and 6-foot Suzanna Wood for high percentage shots.

And when Ozona tied to shut down Coahoma's twin towers by collapsing its 1-3-1 and 2-3 zone defenses, the Bulldogettes answered with a collection of three-point shots by Cassie Tindol, Kortney Kemper, Kelli Buchanan and Crystal Atkinson.

Oddly enough, that scheme is what Bulldogettes coach Matt Garrett calls his "Ozona" offense, which he developed after watching the Lady Lions at the state tournament three years ago.

That game plan seemed to work to perfection in the first few minutes of the game, as the Bulldogettes jumped out to a quick 7-2 lead, only to see Ozona rally in the final minutes behind 3-point shots by Kelli Anne Gobie and Diana Ellison.

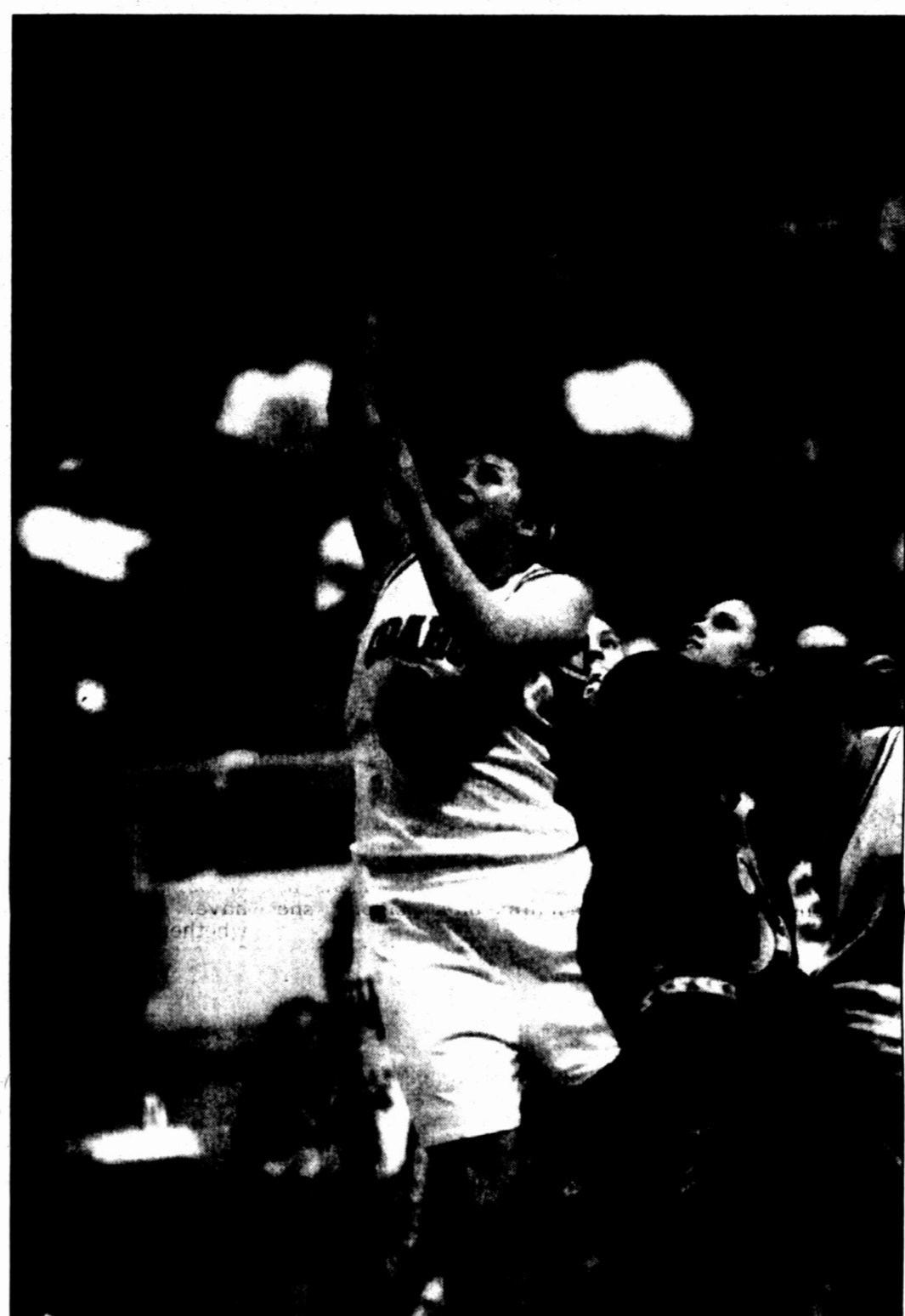
In fact, the Lady Lions took a momentary lead before freshman guard Crystal Atkinson nailed a three-pointer at the buzzer to give the Bulldogettes a 14-12 lead going into the second period.

And when Coahoma seemed to go ice cold from the field in the first four minutes of the second quarter — a Wood basket from the paint being the Bulldogettes only score in the first 3:45 of the period — Ozona took the lead and held it until halftime.

The roles would be completely reversed in the third quarter, however, and the Bulldogettes would make Ozona pay dearly for its one period of supposed dominance.

Coahoma opened the second half with a 12-2 run before Ellison managed to score five unanswered points.

Tindol, however, squelched any hope



Coahoma's Suzanna Wood (45) puts up a shot from the lane and scores while Ozona's Diana Ellison (30) can only look on during the third quarter of their Class 2A girls' area basketball playoff game at Dorothy Garrett Coliseum. Wood scored 12 points in helping to lead the Bulldogettes to a 58-52 win.

the Lady Lions might have had for a rally when she hit back-to-back three-point shots 22 seconds apart to give the Bulldogettes a 44-35 lead going into the final eight minutes of play.

"Our outside shooting in the third quarter was big ... really big ... huge," Garrett said following the game. "And our free throw shooting down the stretch put it away for us. Free throws were big for both teams tonight."

For Lady Lions coach Dickie Faught, the difference was the Bulldogettes decided height advantage.

"I felt like we were so mismatched inside," Faught said, noting that post Angela Branch was Ozona's only player taller than 5-foot-8. "I figured the game would come down to rebounding and scoring inside. I knew this, and they were bigger than us ... much stronger around the basket and we were.

"We did everything we needed to give ourselves a chance to win," he added, "but we just got overpowered inside."

Trailing by nine points going into the fourth quarter, the Lady Lions refused to day and immediately went on a 9-2 run behind Branch and Ellison, pulling to within two, 46-44, with 5:02 remaining.

Just as Branch was closing that run with a three-point play, Coahoma's Kelli Buchanan was fouled under the Ozona bucket and made both ends of a one-and-one.

And when Gobie missed a three-point try on its next trip down the court, Wood was fouled while grabbing the rebound. She went to the line and hit both free throws.

That increased the Bulldogettes' lead

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### Pressure defense provides big key in Lady Buff rally

By JOHN A. MOSELEY

Sports Editor

Defense ... defense ... and more defense.

That's been the secret to success for Stanton's Lady Buffaloes all season and it was again Friday night in a 38-29 come-from-behind win over Wall's Lady Hawks in a Class 2A area basketball playoff.

The Lady Buffs, runners-up to Coahoma in District 3-2A, had just seen the Bulldogettes knock off Ozona in the first game of Friday's playoff doubleheader at Dorothy Garrett Coliseum, and were hoping to do the same to the District 2-2A champion Lady Hawks.

But for the first 16 minutes of play, Stanton looked for all the world as if it had no business being on the same court with the well-coached Lady Hawks.

Simply put, the Lady Hawks conducted a clinic in ball control during the first half, passing the ball time and time again until getting the high percentage shot.

What's worse was Wall's ability to thwart the Lady Buffs' attempt to mount a full court pressure defense. And that was further complicated by Stanton's inability to score in the first half.

In fact, the Lady Buffs didn't score their first point, a Brandy Allred free throw until six minutes had elapsed in the first quarter. And they wouldn't score again until Rachel Madison hit a shot from the paint with four seconds remaining in the period.

Stanton wasn't much better defensively in the second half, but did manage to stay within striking distance and trailed just 17-10 at the halftime break.

All that changed at halftime.

"That start ... well, scared doesn't begin to describe it," admitted Lady Buffs coach Tim Van Hecke, who admitted to having been visibly shaken by his team's poor start.

"We had to go into the locker room and do some soul searching," Van Hecke added. "We showed up just nervous as could be and it you could see the result. I just asked them if that was the way they wanted their season to end."

It obviously wasn't, because the Lady Buffs stepped onto the court in the second half and turned pressure defense and strong shot selection into a lopsided affair.

"We knew the press would be our bread and butter," Van Hecke said after receiving congratulations from a huge Stanton following that covered the coliseum floor following the win. "We just never got into it in the first half ... of course, it helps when you make your shots and they have to inbound the ball."

The result was a 12-4 Lady Buffs run

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## Playoff-seasoned Lady Coyotes too much for Robert Lee

By VALERIE AVERY

Herald Correspondent

FORSAN — Borden County junior Lindsey Smith hit a three-pointer a minute before halftime giving the Lady Coyotes some much-needed breathing room en route to a 59-43 thrashing of District 20-1A champion Robert Lee in their area playoff game Friday night.

Smith, who finished with 14 points, hit her second three-pointer to open a tight contest at the 1:22 mark of the second quarter. Valerie Wootan hit a short jumper and Ky Merritt fed Amanda Watts for a 29-16 edge heading into the locker room.

"It was a big basket and it really settled out girls down," second-year head coach Gallan Winegarner said. "It gave us some confidence."

But it was Watts who kept Borden County in the game early — nailing four field goals and a free throw in the opening period to start what would be a team-high 16 points, seven rebounds and three steals.

Seventh-ranked Borden County began making a run when the 6-foot-1 Wootan hit a layup with 2:55 left in the first quarter and Watts followed with three consecutive field goals — one, an under-the-backboard spin move — for a 16-6 lead.

Robert Lee did not roll over, however, outscoring the Lady Coyotes 6-0 in the closing minute to trail 16-12 after one quarter.

Both teams hit a dry spell in the second quarter, turning the ball over and missing shots. Borden County lost control of the ball nine times in the first half and No. 22-ranked Robert Lee gave it up

10 times before Smith hit her back-breaking shot.

The Lady Coyote defense held Robert Lee to four points in the second quarter for a 29-16 halftime advantage and out-rebounded the Lady Steers, 19-12. Wootan pulled down five boards in the first half.

They were probably frustrated that they weren't getting the open look, Winegarner said of the Lady Steers.

When Robert Lee had trouble scoring, they had problems moving the ball down the court. The Lady Coyotes recorded 15 steals, three apiece by Watts and Merritt.

"I think our defense turned the game around," Winegarner said. "I knew if we played hard, it would be difficult for them to shoot over us."

Robert Lee's young team struggled

until the fourth quarter when Whitney Montgomery and Kelli Osborn hit back-to-back three-pointers within 21 seconds. Minutes later, they cut the Borden County lead to 12, 55-43, with 1:54 remaining in the game.

By then, though, the game was out of reach.

The Lady Coyotes played keep away down the stretch as Robert Lee fouled in a bid to recover the ball.

Freshman Jodee Helwig and Montgomery, a senior, paced the Lady Steers with 12 points apiece.

Robert Lee closed its season with a 25-5 record, while the Lady Coyotes, the District 18-1A co-champions, improved to 26-5.

Borden County will now take on

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SPORTS EXTRA

TABC RANKINGS

The Texas Association of Basketball Coaches top 10 poll, with records through Feb. 13:

BOYS

Table with 3 columns: Rank, Team, Record. Lists top 10 boys' basketball teams including Duncanville, Midland, Fort Bend, etc.

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Table with 4 columns: Team, W, L, Pct, GB. Lists Eastern Conference teams like Orlando, New York, Miami, etc.

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Jelani McCoy on the injured list.

TORONTO RAPTORS—Waived G Marko Milosevic. Signed F Sam Marks on the injured list. Signed C Paul Rogers.

UTAH JAZZ—Waived F Anthony Anderson.

FOOTBALL

National Football League

MIAMI DOLPHINS—Signed LB Roben Jones to a five-year contract extension.

HOCKEY

National Hockey League

CAROLINA HURRICANES—Assigned F Shane Willis to New Haven of the AHL.

COLLEGE

CONFERENCE USA—Reprimanded Cincinnati men's basketball coach Bob Higgins for comments made over the public address system during a game Feb. 17.

REGIONS

REGIONS—Named Nick Allotti defensive coordinator. Moved Bob Foster to linebackers coach and Don Pellum to defensive line coach.

RHODE ISLAND

ANNOUNCED the resignation of Linda Zernke, women's basketball coach, effective immediately. Named Dayna Smith interim women's basketball coach.

Hawks offense, strong pitching power three-game series sweep

By JOHN A. MOSELEY Sports Editor

A two-out RBI single by third baseman Drew Topham gave Howard College's Hawks a thrilling 4-3, 12-inning win Saturday, completing a three-game sweep of Vernon Regional Junior College's Chaparrals.

The sweep, which improved the Hawks' overall record to 13-1 going into Wednesday's 1 p.m. home doubleheader with Lubbock Christian University's junior varsity, was a major accomplishment in the eyes of Howard head coach Brian Roper.

"This was a tremendous baseball team...one that has lots of power, and with the exception of a couple of errors they weren't able to get anything off our pitchers."

"We also played good defense...had a couple of errors there late in the first game Friday, but for the most part we were exceptionally solid defensively."

The extra-innings heroics by Topham made Duite Welch the winning pitcher in Saturday's finale, while sophomore Brandon Claussen benefited from four Hawks home runs in the day's opener en route to a 13-3 Howard victory.

The Hawks opened the three-game stand with an 8-3 win on Friday behind impressive pitching from sophomore transfer Nick Webb.

Webb, a Houston Bellaire product who spent his freshman season at the University of Texas, went seven complete innings Friday, allowing just one run on two hits, one of them a solo home run in the fourth, while striking out seven and walking just two batters.

Josh Duwe relieved Webb in the eighth and gave up a first-pitch homer to the Chaps' No. 9 hitter, catcher Tim Fisher. Welch came on to close out things in the ninth, allowing a run on two hits.

According to Webb, however, Howard's pitchers didn't have much to worry about.

"We've got a great defense and the team showed it today," he said. "But the most important thing was the guys got the some runs early. When you get that kind of offense early, it makes

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to six and Ozona would get no closer.

While Ellison finished the night with 24 points and game-high honors, Goble's 10 points was the best the Lady Lions could muster.

Coahoma, on the other hand, got 16 points from Tindol, while



HERALD photo/Jim Fiero

Howard lefthander Nick Webb delivers a pitch during his seven-inning stint against Vernon's Chaparrals at Jack Barber Field on Friday. Webb picked up the victory, as the Hawks pounded out an 8-3 win.

my job easy."

It also makes things a bit easier when all your pitches are working for strikes.

"I was able to mix it up on them pretty well," Webb admitted. "I had four pitches today and could throw them all for strikes. You can't lose much when you've got command of your pitches like that."

While Webb and Duwe each gave up solo home runs and Welch was touched for back-to-back hits, there was never any real doubt after the third inning that Howard was running on cruise control.

The Hawks jumped out to a 2-0 lead in the first inning when Rhett Wells singled to right with one out and scored when Topham took the first pitch he saw.

Howard added two more runs in the top of the second with a two-out rally. Designated hitter John Coleman got things start-

ed with a single to right and shortstop Shane Webb followed with a single up the middle that put runners at the corners.

Coleman made it 3-0 when he scored on a throwing error by Vernon's Fisher and Webb scored a few moments later on a single up the middle by center fielder Kennard Bibbs.

The Hawks added two more in the third when Chad Verrett drew a lead off walk and scored on a one-out double down the left field line by first baseman Caleb Reger. Reger would make it a 6-0 game when Webb supplied an RBI single.

After Vernon second baseman Hayden Chinn hit his solo shot in the fourth inning, the Hawks got some more offense going in the fifth when Verrett led off with a double and moved to third on a ground-out by John Michael Herrera. Seconds later it was a 7-1 game when he scored on suicide squeeze.

Roberts finished with 14 and Wood added 12 more, as the Bulldogettes improved to 21-9 on the year.

Ozona finishes its season with a 23-9 record.

COAHOMA — Crystal Atkinson 0 1 0 0 3, Brandie Hart 1 0 0 0 2, Kortney Kemper 0 1 3 6 6, Cassie Tindol 2 3 3 4 16, Kelli Buchanan 0 1 2 2 5, Jaci Roberts 7 0 0 2 14, Suzanna Wood 4 0 4 4 12. Totals 14 6 12 16 58.

Score by Quarters: Ozona 12 13 10 17 52, Coahoma 14 10 20 14 58.

Three-point goals: Ozona 5 (Goble 2, Ellison 3); Coahoma 6 (Atkinson, Kemper, Tindol 3, Buchanan). Total Fouls: Ozona 15, Coahoma 10. Fouled Out: None. Technical Fouls: Buchanan. Records: Ozona finishes at 23-9, Coahoma is 21-9.

Coronado wins Boosters tourney

HERALD Staff Report

As was expected, Lubbock Coronado's Mustangs piled up 111 team points with wins in both boys' and girls' doubles and in the girls' singles to edge Odessa Permian's Panthers for top honors Saturday in the Big Spring Boosters Tennis Tournament.

Permian managed second-place finishes in both singles and doubles divisions to score 99 team points, while Midland High's Bulldogs were third with 72 points.

Big Spring's young host squad fared better than even coach Ralph Davis could have expected. While their 40 points left them next-to-last in the strong eight team field.

"I'm really pleased with the way our kids played," Davis said following the tournament. "We were a little more competitive in the boys division than I think most people expected us to be."

"The seeds turned out to be pretty accurate...most of the favorites won and the girls' we had seeded played pretty much the way we expected them to play," Davis added.

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HERALD Staff Report

Big Spring's best finish came from the doubles team of YuChing Li and Stephanie Lewis, who went into the tournament seeded fourth and finished in that spot, dropping a 6-2, 6-3 decision to Lubbock Coronado's Cassie Davis and Tiffany Cochran.

Coronado's sister tandem of Courtney and Kristen Steinbock took the girls' doubles title, while the Mustangs' Mitchell Anderson and Scotty George took the boys' doubles final.

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MENS MAJOR WEEK 20 RESULTS-Rainbow Home Improvement over Team 12 8:0, Bob Brock Ford 92-60, Trio Fuels 90-82, Parks Convenience 87-65, BSI 78-73, A&B Poleline 74-78, O'Daniel Trucking 72-80, BSFD-1 66-86, Mason's Roofing 66-86, Rainbow Home Improvement 64-88, Team 12 2:15-50.

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VA COUPLES WEEK 18 RESULTS-Team five tied Team two 4-4, Team six over Team three 8-0, Team eight over Team ten 8-0, Team four over Team nine 6-2, Team seven tied Team one 4-4, hi sc team series Team six 2019, Team nine 1994, Team nine 693, Team four 675, hi sc series men Junior Barber 703, Manuel Gutierrez 821, Randy Robertson 555, hi sc game men Junior Barber 264, Manuel Gutierrez 219, Mike Shankes 214, hi sc series women Denise Richard 495, Vicki Evans 482, Irene Yanez 188, Jan Graham 187, hi sc game men Sam Horton 639, Denise Richard 627, Vicki Evans 603, hi sc game women Sam Horton 263, Vicki Evans 230, Branda McCright 225.

VA COUPLES WEEK 19 RESULTS-Team nine over Team ten 8-0, Team seven over Team eight 8-0, Team four over Team three 8-0, Team two over Team one 8-0, Team six over Team five 8-0, hi sc team series Team six 1991, Team seven 1960, hi sc game men Team six 711, Team seven 687, Team four 685, hi sc series men Gene Richard 516, Jim Gathner 576, Manuel Gutierrez 556, hi sc game men Gene Richard 244, Jerry Bacon 215, Jim Gathner 212, hi sc series women Denise Richard 512, Irene Jackson 489, Jan Graham 487, hi sc game women Irene Jackson 482, Irene Yanez 188, Jan Graham 187, hi sc game men Sam Horton 639, Denise Richard 627, Vicki Evans 603, hi sc game women Sam Horton 263, Vicki Evans 230, Branda McCright 225.

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in the third quarter that gave Stanton a 22-21 lead going into the final eight minutes.

Wall would retake the lead twice in the first minute of the fourth quarter, but a layup by Rachel Madison gave the Lady Buffs a 26-25 lead with 7:05 to play and Stanton would never trail again.

The key would not only be the Stanton press, which forced 10 turnovers down the stretch, but the Lady Buffs' ability to convert at the free throw line.

Stanton's final field goal of the game would come with 6:38 remaining in the game when Rainnie Hull powered up a shot from inside.

It was Hull's only field goal of the game, but she and Madison went a combined 10-of-12 from the line down the stretch and iced the win.

"We've been good at it all year," Van Hecke said of the Lady Buffs' fourth-quarter free throw shooting, "but it was wonderful to see these girls come through and do it again tonight."

Hull's 7-of-8 free throw shooting in the fourth quarter allowed her to share team- and game-high honors with Madison, both scoring 12 points on the night.

The Lady Buffs, who improved to 19-7 on the year, now face No. 5 Hale Center, a 72-38 winner over Eldorado, at 7:30 p.m. Tuesday in Seminole.

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Score by Quarters: Stanton 3 7 12 16 38 Wall 10 7 4 8 29

Three-point goals: Stanton 0; Wall 1 (Seifick). Total Fouls: Stanton 11, Wall 19. Fouled Out: Weishuhn, Seifick. Technical Fouls: None. Records: Stanton is 19-7, Wall finishes at 22-11.

LADY COYOTES

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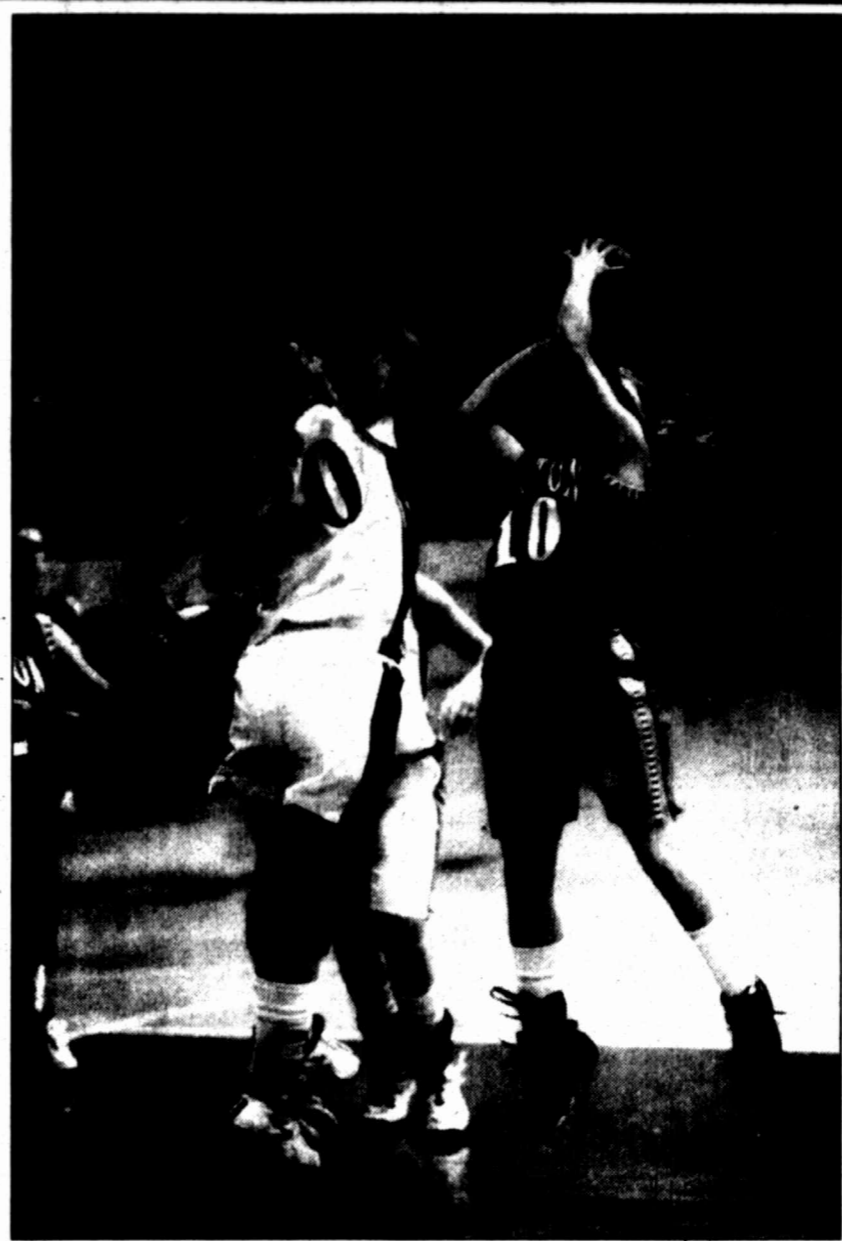
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Score by Quarters: Borden County 16 13 13 17 59 Robert Lee 12 4 9 18 43

Three-point goals: Borden County 2 (Smith); Robert Lee 3 (Osborn 2, Montgomery). Total Fouls: Borden County 15, Robert Lee 21. Fouled Out: Wojtek. Technical Fouls: Robert Lee bench. Records: Borden County is 26-4, Robert Lee finishes at 25-5.



STANTON'S Brandy Allred (10) puts up a shot over the defensive effort of Wall's Trisha Hoelscher (30) during the third quarter of Friday's Class 2A area playoff game at Dorothy Garret Coliseum. The Lady Buffs took a 38-29 comeback win.

Bulldogettes open with win over Greenwood

GREENWOOD — Defending Class 2A state champion Coahoma opened the season the way it finished last year — with an impressive victory.

The Bulldogettes got no-hit pitching from sophomore Amber Bingham to edge Midland Greenwood 1-0 Saturday. Bingham struck out 10 batters, walked one and hit one other with a pitch.

Greenwood made its only threat in the third. A walk and an error left runners on second and third with no outs. Bingham fanned the next batter to put one away, then Coahoma retired the side on a double-play ball handled by first baseman Kim Elmore, who threw to third baseman Kayla Smith.

Erin Smith picked up the loss, allowing just three hits. Kayla Smith got two of those hits and Carmen Hipp had the other.

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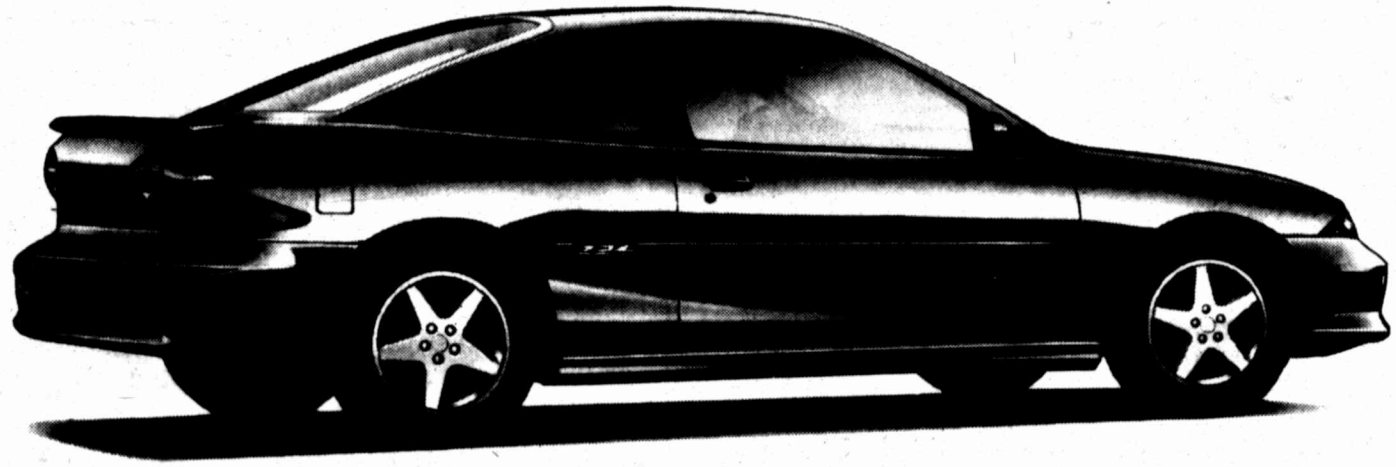
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◆Before he abandoned the ring for an acting career, Tony Danza's record as a middleweight boxer was 12 wins, three losses.

◆American inventor Alexander Graham Bell wrote for National Geographic Magazine as H.W. Largetamb, an anagram of his name.

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# Seeing RESULTS

Janie Swafford steers her student out of the classroom and into the hall. Once there, she turns to face him and encourages him to walk, slowly at first, using his long white cane and following the sound of her voice.

Jason Welch, 19, is blind and mostly deaf. He was also born with some mental retardation. Swafford and he have been working together since 1993.

"This way, Jason," she said, guiding him with her voice. Although he is functionally deaf, he can hear the sound and uses it to help him navigate.

Swafford, a special education teacher for 15 years, is the Big Spring Independent School District's only specialist in mobility and orientation. That means she helps students with impaired mobility, ranging from those who need a little assistance getting around, to those totally blind who must learn to navigate their world without sight.

"I enable them to be mainstreamed into the system," Swafford said. But it is obvious that the word "mainstream" has little to do with her job. Her day is spent in tasks ranging from guiding Jason, and teaching him new skills, to teaching another student to read braille, to orienting the very young child toward skills he will have to master later.

"I do something different every hour," Swafford said, still guiding Jason through the halls of the high school. It is nearly deserted at this time, and he is free to practice climbing and descending stairs, opening doors and following the sound of Swafford's voice throughout the building.

"His cane is considered an extension of his finger," the teacher explained. The white, folding cane has a golf ball on the end that helps hold it down while he's walking, and makes it glide more smoothly across the cracks in the floor.

Orientation and mobility as a specialty started after World War II, when men began returning home blinded by their war injuries. Swafford explained that was the first time modern society had recognized that blind people were not all functionally impaired.

"Those men had lost their vision," she said, "but they didn't lose their intelligence. It was realized at the time that they needed some help learning to get around."

VA medical centers began orientation and mobility programs at that time, to serve those wounded soldiers.

The same principles that worked half a century ago, and some new technology, have given Welch a new life.

"He wouldn't go anywhere by himself up until three years ago," Swafford said. "Now he makes choices. I can see him make choices."

One of the choices he makes is that when he hears the laughter of his fellow high school students coming from the classrooms he passes during his walks, he wants to go inside.

"He loves being around the other students," Swafford said. Sometimes she works with him in the busy halls between classes, so he can experience new challenges in his regular "workouts."

When they reach a door, Swafford points on it lightly, saying "Here it is, Jason." Tentatively, he approaches the door and she helps him find the handle.

He pushes doors open easily most of the time, but if he must pull, the teacher has to help a little more. Swafford said his progress has been wonderful, and rewarding for her as well as him.



In the photos: At left, Orientation and Mobility Specialist Janie Swafford guides blind student Jason Welch up a set of stairs at Big Spring High School. Above, Swafford uses her hand to show Welch where to put his, and to encourage him. Below, Swafford guides Welch in opening a door while helping him navigate through the halls of the high school. At bottom, Swafford walks in front of Welch as he makes his way through the deserted halls. Although Welch is mostly deaf, he can hear some sounds, and uses Swafford's encouraging voice as a guide.



"Just seeing the success the kids have, it's all worth it," she said.

"Good job!" she exclaims to Jason as he goes through another door.

Currently the teacher is working with several younger kids — the district is responsible for helping the visually impaired from birth to age 21. She said one of her students in particular, age 2, has a very bright future ahead.

"With the use of computers now," Swafford said, "you can get books that talk, or the computer can print an entire book for you in Braille. There is so much technology now, there are no limits anymore."

In her classes to earn a master's degree, Swafford experienced some of what it is like to be blind. After some training, students were blindfolded and left in an unfamiliar neighborhood to find their way back to a designated point.

"It was very scary," Swafford said. "But I always knew I could pull the blindfold off if I had to."

"The only thing you've got is that cane."

Students also went to restaurants wearing special glasses that blocked their vision. Swafford said servers, assuming the "blind" patron was also mentally impaired, often asked the companion what the other person wanted.

"People think because you are blind that you don't have your mind, either," she said. To promote understanding of people who are different, Welch is mainstreamed into an algebra class at the high school. He isn't required to do the work of which he's not capable, but he does have an influence on the classroom, Swafford said.

"That way, the other kids realize he's a human being who deserves their respect," she said. "With other people around, he enjoys himself, he laughs when they laugh."

"Anytime somebody's different, we automatically assume that's a negative difference."

Story and photos by Debbie L. Jensen

## Many surprises found in tour of Big Spring's 'giant' industry

We are told to "walk for good health"; I certainly had a "good health" walk on Jan. 15. My daughter, son-in-law, granddaughter and I visited a "giant" called Western Container Corporation. We had obtained an appointment for an interview and tour of the manufacturing plant.

The main building covers approximately 215,000 square feet and is constructed primarily of concrete and steel. This building houses offices, a large meeting room and the machinery required for the manufacture of preforms and bottles for Coca-Cola Company.

Before going into the actual interview and tour, let us explore a bit of history of this place. The plastic bottle manufacture idea was first introduced here by oilman John Dunnigan. He and others saw the need for long term, cheaper, lighter, more durable plastic

bottles for Coca-Cola Company. It was actually begun in 1979 and as of July 1980, was established at 1701 Apron Dr. (on the airport), Big Spring.

Within two months, 29.6 million bottles had been shipped. Just 5 short years later in December of 1985, shipments were 424 million bottles. It is a P.E.T. bottle manufacturing company. The company grew by leaps and bounds and the total company wide shipments were projected at 2.7 BILLION bottles and preforms in 1998. The means an excess of 150 million bottles per month. Western Container Corporate headquarters still remain in Big Spring. There are other satellite or "blow mold" plants now — one located in Houston, two in California and the latest built in 1998 in Hattiesburg, Mississippi.

"Blow mold" is the process by which the preforms are blown

into actual bottles. Big Spring and one other plant supply all the preforms for the other blow mold factories.

Upon arrival at the plant, Barbara Morrison escorted us to the upper level classroom and introduced us the general manager, Alf Marsh and to Gary Bishop, production manager. Alf Marsh and to Gary Bishop, production manager, our tour guide. Here we were shown the resin pellets, the raw material, and the different sizes of preforms. A preform for an average size coke bottle is about the size of a man's thumb in circumference and probably

4 inches long — a round-ended plastic tube. Preforms for one, two and three liter bottles are somewhat larger.

Gary proved to be a congenial, knowledgeable, and informative guide. I learned a lot. Barbara had remarked that once we toured the plant we'd never look at a plastic bottle in the same way. And how right she was!

We learned so much before actually beginning the tour: They now produce 6.1 million preforms in each 24-hour period; that is more than a year's production in the earlier years of the plant.

They maintain 12-hour work shifts with continuous operation. There are 167 hourly wage earners and 20 in management in the local plant, with over 620 company wide, plus 65 on-the-road truck drivers. Six trucks leave the local plant every day. It takes heat and pressure to

blow-mold a preform into a bottle. It takes 600 PSI of pressure to blow the preform into a bottle. There is 550 degrees of heat in the injection machine.

When we descended into the lower level, we could see the "giant" hopper which is filled with 8,000 pounds of resin pellets, approximately an eight-hour supply, and is brought in by rail. All moisture must be taken out of the resin before it is used. Forced air flow at 350 degrees accomplishes this feat.

Almost everything is automated. Conveyor belts overhead whiz by so fast it almost makes one dizzy. They carry both preforms and bottles. Dangerous machines are enclosed in steel housing; safety is high priority here. Their goal is 250,000 hours without an accident. If they reach this projected goal, each employee will get a \$75 bond as a bonus.

I was fascinated by the AGV

machines auto guided vehicles) which run around their appointed trails moving bins of preforms. They are small but seemingly powerful little fellows. A bin full of preforms slide onto the platform behind the machine, it immediately takes off to a conveyer belt. The full bin is pushed off and an empty takes its place and AGV returns to base for another load carrying the empty bin to be refilled.

I was impressed by the friendly attitudes between workers and management. Employees are encouraged to voice ideas which might be valuable to the company. They are also encouraged to learn new skills and always be on the lookout for ways to improve production.

Sometimes teams work together on an idea for

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MYRTLE GRIFFITH

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## WEDDINGS

## Turner-Gonzalez

Balinda Carol Turner and Zyon Gonzalez were united in marriage on Feb. 6, 1999, at Cedar Ridge Church of Christ, Big Spring, with Andy Weaver, minister and cousin of the bride, officiating.

She is the daughter of Robert and Wanda Turner of Coahoma, and the granddaughter of Elton and Shirley Weaver of Big Spring, the late Edith Weaver of Coahoma, and the late Ocie Turner of Big Spring.

He is the son of Fred and Anita Gonzalez of Big Spring, and the grandson of Domingo Rios of Big Spring and the late Jessi Rios.

Given in marriage by her father, Robert Turner, the bride wore a long white sleeveless gown with side cut-outs in a criss-cross design.

She carried a bouquet of three white roses with blue and silver accent ribbon.

James Best, Jeremiah Best and Johnathan Best were the ushers.

Following the ceremony, a reception was held in the Coahoma Community Center.

The wedding cake was a two-tiered lattice style white cake



MRS. ZYON GONZALEZ

with blue accent flowers. White doves with a white flower archway topped the cake.

The bride is a 1996 graduate of Coahoma High School and attended Howard College. She is employed by Le Carousel Boutique.

The groom is a 1996 graduate of Big Spring High School. He is employed by Western Container.

The couple have made their home in Big Spring.

## Author's 'Cottage' is kept neat and tidy

"Rose Cottage," Mary Stewart. The Ballantine Publishing Group, New York, New York. November, 1998. 264 pages. \$5.99.

Kate Herrick's life did not have an auspicious beginning. Even though she lived with a loving mother and grandmother, she never knew her father. Then, when Kate was a young girl, her mother suddenly decided to run away with a gypsy man, and the gossipy community never let Kate forget that she was the child of an unwed mother, a mother who left her only daughter.

Kate continued to live with her grandmother in a small English cottage on an estate where her grandmother worked for the owner's family. In the early 1940s Kate married a young soldier, but before his

tour of duty was over, he was killed in action.

As a widow, Kate was financially secure, and finding she needed something to do with her life, she assumed suitable, but rather boring employment.

With Kate living independently, her grandmother leaves the cottage to return to her Scottish homeland. Suddenly one day she requests that Kate return to Rose cottage to collect the old family things and prepare her grandmother's posses-

sions for moving. Within the first few days, Kate hears of strangers visiting the cottage, and because of the chatter of the villagers, Kate becomes convinced that her mother is still alive and may be trying to find her. While her desire to know the truth is strong, there is also the fear of the unknown.

Mary Stewart has been writing tales of suspense for the last 40 years, and in "Rose Cottage" she continues her masterful ability to bring intrigue and emotion to the written page. Stewart's talent in painting vivid descriptive scenes makes the English surroundings come alive, and depicts the cottage as a place of refuge.

The story of "Rose Cottage" is understated in almost every area, but it is this restraint (which is unusual in most of

today's fiction) that gives the reader a desire to know more about Kate, her actions, and the characters with whom she comes in contact.

Stewart gives Kate the primary role, and very little background is developed for others in the story; however, it is through the clever telling of Kate's relationship with various persons that other background is gleaned.

One of the true jewels to be found in Stewart's writing is the sentences that are placed within the story that are more than a part of the plot; they are a gentle philosophy that seem to apply to everyone. "Rose Cottage" is a book for everyone. It is a true delight!

RATING: (\*\*\*\*) four out of four = A superbly crafted tale!



PAT WILLIAMS

## More people eat out, but do they eat right?

WASHINGTON (AP) — Americans eat out twice as often as they did in the late 1970s, putting their nutrition at risk because the meals they get away from home contain more fat and less fiber, iron and calcium, a government survey finds.

Health-conscious Americans do a good job making sure their meals are high in fiber, iron and other nutrients when they cook at home, according to the report released Tuesday by the Agriculture Department.

But the proportion of meals eaten away from home has nearly doubled, from 16 percent in 1977-78 to 29 percent in 1995 — an upward trend that will likely continue, the government said.

And meals eaten away from home haven't kept pace with the nutritional improvements in home-cooked foods, the report said.

Instead, food made outside the home contains more things that Americans tend to eat too much of — like fat and saturated fat.

And foods eaten away from home contain fewer of the nutrients that people don't get enough of — like calcium, fiber

and iron. Dr. Dennis Bier, director of the Children's Nutrition Research Center at Baylor College of Medicine in Houston, said the report sends the message that consumers must carefully choose their food.

"You have to pay twice as much attention to what you eat out of the home," Bier said.

For instance, fat makes up 31.5 percent of the calories in foods at home. But it makes up 37.6 percent of the calories in away-from-home foods, the Agriculture Department said.

The fiber content of food prepared outside the home was 25 percent less and the calcium content 20 percent below nutritional benchmarks. For iron intake, food prepared away from home was 29 percent below the nutritional benchmark.

The report was based on food consumption surveys from 1977 to 1995. Away-from-home food is defined as everything from fast-food places to restaurants, cafeterias and vending machines.

"Americans should be aware of this nutritional gap," said Agriculture Secretary Dan Glickman. "It reinforces the

need for nutrition information and education in schools and at home, so that everyone can make more healthful food choices."

Americans may simply have different attitudes when eating out, leading to the nutrition gap, the report notes.

"Consumers may believe that it is less important to consider the nutritional quality of food away from home or be less willing to sacrifice taste when eating out," the report said.

Several fast-food chains and restaurants have introduced reduced-fat foods in the past, only to withdraw them from their menus because of consumer disinterest, the report noted.

And with the increasing numbers of households in which both adults work, and the number of affordable fast-food restaurants; there's no sign Americans will revert to the kitchen table for meals anytime soon.

"We expect to eat out more and more in the future," said Bing-Hwan Lin, a USDA economist who helped write the report. "This eating out may present a challenge to us in improving our diet."

## HUMANE SOCIETY



Pictured: "Rip" - Grey point Siamese mix, female, 1 plus years old, spayed.

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

"Gray Lady" - Short hair grey/white female, 1 year old, spayed.

"Dainty Lady" - Short hair Siamese mix, cream colored female, 1-2 years old, spayed.

"Poppy" - Tabby grey tiger female, 1 year old, spayed.

"Smoky" - DSH, grey/brown female, 2 years old.

"Savannah" - DLH, tortoise shell female, 1 year old, spayed.

"Terry" - Orange tabby, DSH male, 2 years old, neutered.

"Blossom" - Grey/white tabby, male, 1 year old, neutered.

"Tony" - DSH, black, real friendly male, 2 years old, neutered.

"Bobby" - Grey/white tabby, shy male, 1 year old, neutered.

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.

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fiere passion — and a connection to the history of the surgeon's own family. Most of his wife's family was lost in Hungary in the Holocaust. Many members of his father's family were killed in Russia.

He hung on Mannheim's words. And then his curiosity grew even more intense. Mannheim mentioned that he had received some interesting information through a network of Holocaust survivors: A woman named Ceshia Glazer, living in Sydney, Australia, might be the Ceshia that Mannheim once knew.

Brodsky could hardly believe it. He told Mannheim that he was already planning to visit Australia in four months. He promised the old man that he would search for Mrs. Glazer. Mannheim nodded, smiled and assumed the doctor was just being polite.

But then Max Brodsky, the doctor's son, said something

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## Search for meaning

## Man seeks keeper of diary lost in concentration camp

DALLAS (AP) — Fifty-five years had passed, but he could still see her in his mind. The young, pretty woman with bleached-blond hair.

She was friendly to him and the other Jews. That was uncommon. She was smart and strong-willed. Yet her eyes were dark and sad and hid secrets.

He worked with her in a laundry outside a concentration camp near Warsaw, Poland. He was a prisoner. She was a civilian laborer.

"We came from this dirty camp every night, to a warm, clean room," he says. "And there she was, a beautiful girl in a white coat. It was something that brought me back to a normal life, for a few hours."

He suspected she was a Jew passing as a Christian with false papers. When the guards weren't watching, he slipped her page after page of a diary he had found. It was the diary of a girl who had died in Warsaw's Jewish ghetto. He hoped the young woman could save it.

Within months, he was transferred to another camp, and a year later, the Second World War ended.

Max Mannheim always wondered what had happened to the young woman in the laundry. He knew her only by her first name, Ceshia (pronounced Chesha).

He had survived four concen-

tration camps. He had survived the Holocaust.

Had she survived? Had the diary?

... This is the story Mannheim told a Dallas doctor and his son last June in Wurzburg, Germany. That evening, they sat with several guests in a Greek restaurant, dining on salad, seafood and souvlaki. Dr. James Brodsky, an orthopedic surgeon visiting on business, had been invited by a cousin to meet Mannheim, who lectures about the Holocaust.

Mannheimer, a 79-year-old man with wild, white, wispy hair, teased 16-year-old Max Brodsky about sharing his first name. The teenager, a serious, thoughtful sophomore at Greenhill School, listened but remained quiet and grinned.

Later, Mannheim rolled up his sleeve. The Brodskys read the number "99728." It had been tattooed at Auschwitz.

Seated across the table, Brodsky saw in the old man a

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## GIANT

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Improvement. Gary told us of the team's idea that saved the company \$8,000. No worker is allowed to stay in whatever job he/she does and they are allowed to bid on job openings if they have learned that particular skill.

The company offers classes, some paid by the company, others taken on the employee's time and at their expense. This gives the employee a good chance for promotions. Barbara said, "We want brain power. It is more important than physical power."

Gary emphasized that a multi-skilled employee is more valuable to the company than someone with perhaps only one skill, so they help employees in many ways to become more valuable. Wages are good, benefits are excellent with insurance and retirement programs. The 12-hour work shifts are long, but they have a good many days off.

Management stresses workers to be on time, respect the company and fellow workers and practice safety and good house-keeping in the work areas. One 12-hour day a year, the plant shuts down for inspection and repair of electrical equipment.

At the present time they are in the process of purchasing from Canada an injection machine which can double the present output of preforms. It costs \$1.5 million plus \$800,000 for the mold.

A tremendous amount of water is used here, mostly for cooling bottles, preforms etc. They maintain their own RO system with two units which produce 150,000 gallons of RO water per minute.

Gary said it more than pays for its cost in corrosion prevention of the many metal

parts in the plant.

Each bottle and each preform has embedded numbers which tells an inspector exactly where, when, what time, and which machine produced it. Therefore, any flaw or problem surfacing can be traced back to the source in minutes. Production quality is checked constantly.

When an employee reaches the 15-year mark he or she and a companion are presented an all-expense-paid cruise as a bonus for loyalty through the years.

Expenses of production are greatest in the raw material (resins), with transportation the next greatest cost. Scrap material is ground up and recycled, but Western Containers is not a recycling plant.

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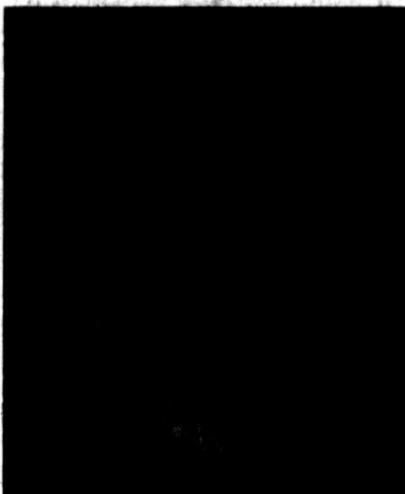
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## GETTING ENGAGED



Laura Curry and Randall Earnst, both of Lubbock, will exchange wedding vows on April 24, 1999, at the Historic St. Paul on the Plains Church in Lubbock with Rev. Gary Groves, associate pastor of First Christian Church in Midland, officiating.

She is the daughter of Donald Green of Shallowater, and Charlotte Curry of Lubbock.

He is the son of W.C. and Leslie Earnst and the grandson of Joy Rambo Roberts, all of Big Spring.



Kayla Truitt and Wade Roberts will be united in marriage on July 10, 1999, at Hillcrest Baptist Church with Dr. Robert Lacey, pastor, officiating.

She is the daughter of Charles and JoAnn Truitt of Big Spring.

He is the son of David Roberts and the grandson of Bertha Shires, both of Big Spring.



Pamela Renee Porter and Christopher Jason Cimino, both of Lubbock, will unite in marriage on May 15, 1999, at the First Presbyterian Church in Big Spring with the Rev. William F. Henning, officiating.

She is the daughter of Dr. and Mrs. M.A. Porter and granddaughter of Martha Fielder. He is the grandson of Mr. and Mrs. Anthony Cimino of Big Spring.

## ON THE MENU

### SENIOR CITIZENS CENTER

**MONDAY**-Beef stew, green beans, salad, cornbread, milk, fruit.

**TUESDAY**-Chicken, potatoes, blackeyed peas, salad, milk/rolls, cookies.

**WEDNESDAY**-Catfish, rice, broccoli, salad, milk/cornbread, pudding.

**THURSDAY**-Charbroiled steak, potatoes, green beans, salad, milk/rolls, cobbler.

**FRIDAY**-Turkey & dressing, sweet potatoes, peas & carrots, salad, milk/rolls, fruit.

**FORSAN SCHOOL**  
**MONDAY**-Fish, macaroni and cheese, cabbage slaw, hush

### SEARCH

Continued from Page 2B that stayed with the Holocaust survivor. "Don't worry," the boy said. "We will find Cesha."

When the Nazis first occupied Czechoslovakia in 1938, Max Mannheimer was a department store clerk in the town of Neutitschein.

In those first years, Jews were allowed to do only manual labor, and so Max became a road construction worker. He married and tried to dream of a good future.

That ended in January 1943, when he, his wife and his family were sent to a concentration camp near Prague, then to Auschwitz in Poland. With its gas chambers and crematoriums, Auschwitz was the largest of the extermination camps. An estimated 1.5 million people died there.

Max was placed in a barracks with his two brothers. The rest of his family disappeared. For 10 months, the 23-year-old endured cold, hunger, beatings, sickness. He watched one brother waste away from typhoid fever before he was taken off, never to be seen again.

In October 1943, Max and his surviving brother were transferred to a Warsaw concentration camp. When the Germans first occupied Warsaw three years earlier, they confined more than 350,000 Jews to the 3.5-square-mile ghetto. Thousands died of starvation and disease. Many more were transported to the death camps. From March to April of 1943, the remaining 60,000 Jews fought the Nazis to the death.

"The ghetto was burned out and destroyed," Mannheimer says by telephone from his home in Munich. "We were sent there to clean up the ghetto, to clean up the bricks to be used for other buildings."

In the rubble, a co-worker found a 12-page journal. Max hid it in his clothing.

"The diary: It was very touching," he says. "A young girl. They had no gas, no electricity. They were hungry. Nothing to drink. They lived in a basement, among the destroyed buildings. It was really a last cry. I think she felt no hope. It must have been very shortly before the end, before the uprising."

The last entry in the diary read: "The Germans are coming."

A month later, Max was reassigned to wash the clothes of German soldiers at a laundry

puppies, fruit, milk.

**TUESDAY**-Burritos, pinto beans, scalloped potatoes, banana cake, fruit, milk.

**WEDNESDAY**-Chicken sandwich, french fries, salad, banana pudding, milk.

**THURSDAY**-Hot dogs, chips, salad, pork and beans, cookies and fruit, milk.

**FRIDAY**-Ham and gravy, whipped potatoes, green beans, hot rolls, jello, milk.

**COAHOMA SCHOOLS**  
**MONDAY**-Chicken tenders (burritos), breaded okra, creamed potatoes, rolls, milk.

**TUESDAY**-Taco salad (corn dogs/fries), blueberry cobbler, milk.

**WEDNESDAY**-Spaghetti w/meat (chili dogs), corn salad, bread, pudding, milk, pickle spears, milk.

**THURSDAY**-Taco beef pie (chicken patty on bun), pinto

beans, salad, dessert, cornbread, milk.

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

**SANDS SCHOOLS**  
**MONDAY**-Barbecue on bun, french fries, ranch style beans cobbler, milk.

**TUESDAY**-Chicken nuggets w/gravy, mashed potatoes, green beans, hot rolls, jello, milk.

**WEDNESDAY**-Tamales, salad, pinto beans, cornbread, cobbler, milk.

**THURSDAY**-Sliced turkey w/gravy, sliced potatoes, june peas w/carrots, hot rolls, fruit, milk.

**FRIDAY**-NO SCHOOL

**BIG SPRING SCHOOLS**  
**MONDAY**-Tamales w/chili & cheese (pizza pocket), ranch style beans, celery w/peanut

butter, grapes, milk.

**TUESDAY**-Chicken nuggets w/ranch (corn chip pie), potato wedges, pickle spears, rainbow freeze bar, hot roll, milk.

**WEDNESDAY**-Taco (chef salad), salad, carrot sticks, spanish rice, mixed fruit, milk.

**THURSDAY**-Pizza (tuna salad), mashed potato, rosy applesauce, lemon pie, milk.

**FRIDAY**-Cheeseburger (smoked sausage), salad, french fries, corn on cob, strawberries & bananas, milk.

**STANTON SCHOOLS**  
**MONDAY**-Pizza or baked potato/bread stix, green beans, tossed salad, peach cup, milk, fruit drink.

**TUESDAY**-Baked fish or corn-dog, macaroni & cheese, mixed vegetables, apple wedges, french bread, milk, fruit drink.

**WEDNESDAY**-Beef taco or

burrito, buttered corn, lettuce/tomato salad, pineapple cup, cornbread, milk, fruit drink.

**THURSDAY**-Baked chicken or beef tips, steamed rice/gravy, peas & carrots, cherry short-cake, hot roll, milk, fruit drink.

**FRIDAY**-Cheeseburger or hamburger, french fries/catsup, hamburger salad, fresh fruit, cookie, milk, fruit drink.

**ELBOW SCHOOLS**  
**MONDAY**-Pizza, corn, salad, fruit, milk.

**TUESDAY**-Chili & beans, salad, crackers, fruit, milk.

**WEDNESDAY**-Bar-B-Q on bun, potato wedges, salad, fruit, milk.

**THURSDAY**-Grilled cheese sandwich, fresh veggies, fruit, milk.

**FRIDAY**-Fish, macaroni & cheese, peas, fruit, milk.

## WHO'S WHO

Angela Tubb of Big Spring, and Tandi Peugh of Stanton have been named to the Dean's List at Lubbock Christian University for the fall semester of 1998.

In order to be considered a part of the Dean's List, a student must be taking a minimum of 12 semester hours and achieve a 3.5 grade point average or better for the entire semester.

Peugh earned a perfect record of 4.0.

Hardin-Simmons University announces that Scott R. Owen of Big Spring received a degree during fall commencement exercises Dec. 11, 1998.

Owen earned a master of physical therapy from HSU's College of Arts and Sciences.

Alyssa E. Taylor has been named to the Dean's Honor Roll of Scholars at the University of North Texas.

Only students who have earned a 3.5 grade point average on a course load of 12 or more hours during the past semester earn the distinction of the Dean's Honor Roll.

Her major is journalism with a minor in advertising. She is the daughter of David and Barbara Taylor of Big Spring.

Jacob Brewer, who earned a master of physical therapy degree from Hardin-Simmons

outside the concentration camp. It was there he met Cesha. A pretty girl, she had long, wavy blond hair, held back by barrettes. The color, though, didn't seem to match her large, almond-shaped eyes.

In July 1944, Max and his brother were transferred to the Dachau concentration camp in Germany. There, they were liberated by the U.S. Army in April 1945. Weak with typhoid fever, Max weighed 80 pounds.

He returned to Czechoslovakia and worked for a group that helped Holocaust survivors. He married and had two children.

Last summer, after James Brodsky returned to Dallas from Germany, he was a man with a mission. He contacted a friend in Sydney and asked him to find Cesha Glazer. It turned out to be relatively easy. The friend located her in a suburb of Sydney.

In September, she wrote a note to Brodsky's friend: "I do not allow myself to hope too much, but it would be nice to be 'found' by somebody. So far, I am the only survivor from my family. The name Glazer is my married name. During the war, I used several other names."

In October, Brodsky traveled to Australia with his 14-year-old son, Gregor. On their last day in Sydney, father and son drove to Mrs. Glazer's house.

A 75-year-old woman with short gray hair, thick glasses and large, almond-shaped eyes opened the door.

She was trembling, and her voice shook. She hadn't slept the night before.

Captivated by the story his brother and father had brought back from Germany, Gregor wasted no time trying to determine whether this was the woman at the laundry. He began to ask her: Where were you in the war? What were you doing?

Cesha Glazer was born Esther Oryl, the daughter of a Jewish tailor in Warsaw. When Germany invaded Poland in September 1939, she was a teenager living with an aunt in Warsaw. Her parents and sister lived in a nearby town, and her brother was in the army. Eventually, her family was driven into the Warsaw ghetto.

Through friends, Esther obtained the identification papers of a Christian girl who had worked for a Jewish family. She took on the identity of Czeslawa Kaska, with the nick-

name Cesha, and bleached her hair.

She slipped out of the ghetto and rented an apartment. She found a job as a courier between the ghetto and the outside world. The work allowed her the access to support her starving family.

Then, in July 1942, her parents, sister and extended family were deported to Treblinka, an extermination camp where 700,000 people died. She never saw them, or her brother, again.

"When I lost my parents, I tried to help other people," she says by telephone from her home in Sydney. "And save them. This kept me going. Defiance, too."

She took six Jews into her apartment. They built a brick wall over a small alcove in her kitchen and created a place to hide. Four of the six survived the war, she says.

Cesha worked at the laundry to support them. She befriended a young man who slipped a girl's diary. Months before, from outside the ghetto, she had watched what the diary described.

"I had seen and heard the uprising," she says. "We went up to the roof in the nighttime to see the fires. I could see them dying there and being burned alive and fighting. The diary was very important to me. It was there for us to remember."

In 1993, at the Holocaust museum in Sydney, Mrs. Glazer had a chance visit with a Greek Jew, who wrote details of the conversation in a letter to friends in Greece.

Four years later, a copy of that letter was sent to a Holocaust museum in Belgium, where it fell into the hands of a man who was interned at the Warsaw concentration camp with Max Mannheimer. He, too, had known Cesha. He'd read Mannheimer's memoirs, and knew of his search for her, so passed the information on to him.

Mrs. Glazer cried when she realized that Mannheimer and some of the other survivors had never forgotten her, and in fact had told their grandchildren stories about her.

"Since I haven't found anybody of my family, they are like family," she says of the Warsaw camp survivors. "They are people I knew then, and they have kept for me very close, very good feelings."

## NEWCOMERS

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

Tommy and Marilyn Todd, from Plainview. He is the manager of Higginbotham Bartlett Co.

Heather Donaghey and daughter Caiden, Plainview. She is a student at Howard College.

Joe Jr. and Maria Diaz and daughter April, from Winters. He works for Johnson Construction.

Joe and Denise Balough and son Christopher, Midland. He is retired from the Air Force, and she is employed by the Big Spring Humane Society.

Brian and Gloria Huston, Las Cruces, N.M. He is self-employed.

Marguerite (Bunny) Hagood and her mother Betty Bishop,

Abilene. She works at Pollard.

George and Bridget Mendoza and daughter Isbella, Odessa. He works for Enviro Kleen.

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## Legislation would protect self-help law books and software

AUSTIN (AP) — While the state has moved against some publishers of do-it-yourself legal books and computer programs, a state legislator wants to make certain they're allowed.

Rep. Steve Wolens, D-Dallas, has introduced a bill he said would clarify state laws governing the practice of law in Texas and eliminate the possibility

that distributing or selling books and computer software could be considered a means of practicing law.

Wolens' bill comes after a federal judge in Dallas issued a preliminary decision last month that a popular self-help legal computer program violated Texas law.

That decision came amid an

ongoing debate over whether computer self-help software programs are so sophisticated that they have crossed the line from reference material into something that constitutes the unauthorized practice of law.

"This is a classic case where the law is not keeping up with technology," Wolens said.

The American Bar

Association said Texas appears to be at the forefront in prosecuting claims against the self-help publishers, the Austin American-Statesman reported.

A 1995 ABA report noted that courts had ruled in the past the First Amendment protected books that offered do-it-yourself legal forms.

Wolens' bill would strip

authority from the Unauthorized Practice of Law Committee, set up by the Texas Supreme Court, to halt investigations of and lawsuits against legal how-to publishers.

A Dallas subcommittee has been at the center of the investigations and controversy over its methods.

The Texas Supreme Court last

fall heard arguments over a challenge by one self-help publisher, Nolo Press-Folk Law Inc. of Berkeley, Calif., against the secrecy of the subcommittee's investigation. Nolo Press asked the court to require the unauthorized practice committee to disclose the scope of its inquiry.

The court has not ruled in the case.

### IN THE NEWS

**DR. SAEED "STEVE" AHMED**, pediatric practitioner at Family Medical Center, has completed the certification examination of the American Board of Pediatrics, earning him the designation of Diplomate in Pediatrics.



AHMED

**DR. AHMED** currently serves as vice president of the Permian Basin Medical Society and as chief of pediatrics and OB/GYN at Scenic Mountain Medical Center. He earned the American Medical Association Physical Recognition Award in 1998 and 1999, and the Primary Care Award from the University of San Francisco for treating febrile children.

Collaborating with the American Academy of Pediatrics, he sponsored pediatric research in an office setting on febrile children, diarrhea and asthma.

**RAYMOND LOPEZ**, of the McDonald's restaurant at 1110 N. Douglas, has been awarded a Bachelor of Hamburgerology degree from McDonald's Hamburger University, for graduating from the university's advanced operations course.

All McDonald's restaurant managers, franchisees, mid-management and company executives are required to complete the course. Managers are trained in every aspect of general business management, including customer service, personnel practices, quality assurance, equipment fundamentals, accounting and marketing. Course work also includes training in effective communications with personnel, suppliers and customers.

Area school board candidates and interested citizens can learn more about the demands and rewards of school board service at a **CANDIDATE WORKSHOP** set for Feb. 25 from 7-9 p.m. at the Region 18 Education Service Center, 2811 LaForce Blvd., in Midland.

The workshop will provide community members and individuals thinking about running for the board with a better understanding of what is involved in being elected and serving as a trustee.

Topics to be covered include the school board's duties and responsibilities, important ethical practices during board service, how board members are accountable for the education of students and keys to responsible campaigns.

Admission is free. For more information, call Lisa Carothers at TASB, (512) 467-0222 or 1-800-580-8272, ext.



Hotline Utility Construction of Stanton, erects poles near the intersection of FM 700 and U.S. Highway 87.



Members of the Big Spring Ambassadors Club and representatives of the Big Spring Area Chamber of Commerce joined employees of the Casa Blanca Restaurant for a ribbon-cutting. The restaurant recently underwent remodeling.

## Toutin' Texas

### Pun-filled ads will tout Texas swing, longhorns the Panhandle and more

AUSTIN (AP) — With tourists pumping about \$29 billion into the state economy, Texas is launching a pun-filled advertising campaign to tell out-of-staters that Texas is "more than you think."

TV commercials and magazine ads will use visual puns to tout everything from Western swing (golf) to the Panhandle (a chef sauteing) to longhorns (a jazz saxophone).

And as for its legendary size, well, one ad notes that the biggest Texas ranch is larger than the whole state of Rhode Island, while the whole state of Texas covers 266,807 square miles, and: "That's bigger than France, pardner."

The \$9 million ad barrage debuts this week, adding to the successful "Texas, it's like a whole other country" campaign, said Tracy McDaniel, deputy executive director for tourism with the state Department of Economic Development.

"By telling travelers 'it's more than you think,' we're dismissing stereotypes and emphasizing aspects that many out-of-state travelers don't associate with Texas, such as our vast music scene, our championship golf courses and our geographical variety," Ms. McDaniel said. TV commercials will run on 22 national cable television networks. Printed advertisements will go in 60 publications. Internationally, the campaign will appear in Canada, Latin America, Mexico, the United Kingdom and Germany.

A separate series of public service announcements will be given to Texas TV stations, urging residents to "see Texas first."

"Our goal is to promote Texas a premier destination," said Marion Szurek, tourism representative for the Economic Development agency's governing board. "This massive advertising campaign is one of the tools."

The commercials offer a series of puns that juxtapose a traditional word image of Texas

with a more unconventional site. Among those: "Wagon train" shows a line of roller coaster cars; "Western Swing" shows a golfer; "Stage Coach" shows an orchestra conductor; "Country Music" has a German Polka band.

The magazines ads continue the theme: "Big Spread" pairs photos of a sprawling ranch with a hammock on a deserted beach; "Yeeehaaw" pairs a rodeo rider with screaming kids on a roller coaster; "Longhorns" pairs a steer with a saxophonist.

Those ads also provide travelers with some lesser-known facts: There are 5,000 species of wildflowers in Texas; 72 Texas musicians have won Grammys; one ranch's fences stretch for 1,431 miles; the state has 13 major theme and amusement parks; there are more than 800 bed and breakfasts in Texas, along with 94 guest ranches.

Ms. Szurek, director of the San Angelo Convention and Visitors Bureau, said the tourism push is for more than just bragging rights.

Spending \$29.3 billion a year in Texas, tourists help provide 487,000 jobs, a \$9.7 billion payroll, \$1.1 billion in state taxes and \$871 million in local taxes, the state estimates.

"Every single Texan saves \$805 a year in taxes they would have to pay because tourism underwrites that exact amount," she said.

## Key senators introduce telecommunications legislation

AUSTIN (AP) — The price of making an in-state long distance call would be cut by 6 cents a minute under legislation filed last week.

The bill filed by Sens. David Sibley, R-Waco, and Troy Fraser, R-Horseshoe Bay, sets out a four-step plan to reduce the amount local phone companies can charge long-distance companies to complete in-state long distance calls.

The access charges, which

long-distance companies pass on to consumers, would be reduced from 12 cents to 6 cents.

"Reducing access rates will slash the cost of long distance calls made within our state," said Sibley. "The cost of a call from Hillsboro to El Paso should drop dramatically."

The first reduction would come this summer when the Public Utility Commission completes an already planned 3 cent reduction, Sibley said. Another

1 cent reduction would kick in Sept. 1, according to the bill.

The last two steps hinge on how quickly the PUC decides Southwestern Bell is ready to enter the long-distance market. The access charge would be reduced by one cent when the company enters the long-distance market and again one year later.

"I am firmly committed to reducing the local access charges that Texans pay for

long distance calls and I believe this bill is a good vehicle to start out discussion in the Senate," Fraser said.

The bill also extends the rate cap for residential and business local telephone service until Sept. 1, 2003. The cap was set to expire Sept. 1.

Pending its entry into the long-distance market, Southwestern Bell would also gain the authority to use flexible pricing for some optional

services, including caller identification, call waiting and voice mail.

Bill Maddox, spokesman for Southwestern Bell, said the legislation provides "the opportunity to start addressing important industry issues. We look forward to working with the Legislature to produce a bill that best serves Texas consumers ... and continues the transition toward less regulation."

## Area FFA, 4-H youth hope to make a big hit at Houston Livestock Show

By **BILL McCLELLAN**  
News Editor

More than a hundred FFA and 4-H members from Howard, Glasscock, Martin and Dawson counties are participating in the Houston Livestock Show, which began Friday in the Astrodome in Houston.

The event continues through March 7. These FFA and 4-H exhibitors showcase their animal projects during the second week of livestock competition — during the junior show. The first week, professional breeders and ranchers compete for top dollars and global recognition.

Entries in both the open and junior shows combine with horse show entries to make the Houston Livestock Show the world's largest.

Officials are expecting close to 15,000 entries this year in the junior show. Divisions include market steers, market barrows, market lambs, market poultry, beef and dairy heifers, breeding gilts, breeding sheep, goats, commercial steers and breeding rabbits.

Top animals in each of the four major categories — steers, lambs, barrows and poultry — are eligible for market auctions. In 1998, junior market auction sales totaled \$5,546,591.

"We are extremely excited about our

show this year," said John Sykes, assistant general manager of the agricultural exhibits and competition department. "Texas 4-H'ers and FFA members have worked countless hours on their projects, learning specific life skills such as responsibility, time management and financial management."

Participating Sands FFA students include Kami Hamerick, lambs; and Carson Agrave, Dee Fryar, Clay Hart, Johan Loewen and Steven Nichols, barrows. Chance Nichols will be competing in the calf scramble.

Students from Coahoma FFA include Brandon Long, steers and barrows; Walt Bordelon, Ricky Crawford, Rusty

Crawford, Traci Crawford, Carmen Hipp, Travis Hipp, Bobby Newton, Lorin Wolf, Weylin Wolf, Chad Born, Justin Born, Amber Choate, Gene Corse, Jamie Corse, and Randall Rich, barrows; Cassie Damgaard and Mandi Hanslik, lambs; Jason Key and Lindy Barr, and Keith Brockman and Courtney Brockman, heifers. Keith Brockman is also participating in the beef scramble.

Participants from Big Spring FFA are Aaron Boadle, Teri Denton and Heather Harris, steers; Lindsey Marino and Landon Wegner, lambs; and Ricky Brackeen, Scott Crowell, Brandi Cypert, Kristie Gunselman, Lochie

Musgrove and Jud Opegard, barrows; and Julie Gross, Tammie Gross, Heather Harris, Jud Opegard, Andy Ison, Matt Piercefield and James Rawls, goats.

From Grady FFA are Lacey Cox, Sandi Cox, Cole Romine and Halli Tubb, lambs; Lacy Cox, Sandi Cox, Bryan Clayton Creech, Winston Holloway, P.J. Pruitt, Cole Romine, Shanna Wells and Sherra Wells, barrows; and Cody Wells, goats.

Stanton FFA students participating are Karyn Cook, Keith Cook and Thomas McKenzie, barrows.

See **LIVESTOCK**, Page 5B

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Governor

WASHINGTON — The second time government increase the emergency response to help the industry reduce market.

The Energy announced it will allow companies to store as much as 10 million barrels of oil in return for a storage fee.

With prices rising, the opportunity for even modest gains from the market might be attractive to companies. The prices might rise, but they also involve a significant financial risk at a time when

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# Government moves to increase emergency oil reserve supply

WASHINGTON (AP) — For the second time in a week, the government took steps to increase the amount of oil in its emergency reserve, hoping also to help the ailing petroleum industry reduce supplies on the market.

The Energy Department announced it will allow companies to store as much as 70 million barrels of oil in its underground reserve for a year or more in return for some of the oil as a storage fee.

With prices severely depressed, the opportunity to remove even modest amounts of oil from the market for a year might be attractive to some companies that are betting prices might rebound in the future, industry analysts said.

But they also said the amount involved is not enough to significantly affect prices, especially at a time when inventories

are high. Worldwide oil prices are at a 12-year low. Oil sold on the spot market Wednesday at \$11.59 a barrel.

Energy Secretary Bill Richardson said opening the Strategic Petroleum Reserve on the Texas-Louisiana coast for private storage is "a unique opportunity ... to add to our energy security" at a time when private storage space is hard to find and prices are depressed.

The American Petroleum Institute reported that crude oil stocks at the end of January were at 330.2 million barrels, up almost 3 percent from the previous month. About 19 million barrels of oil are consumed daily in the United States, according to the API.

The oil stored temporarily in the reserve would remain the property of the commercial owner, but some of it would be turned over to the government

in lieu of a fee and become part of the reserve's permanent inventory, officials said.

The Strategic Petroleum Reserve currently has 481 million barrels of government-owned oil that can be used in case of an emergency. The reserve has a capacity of 680 million barrels.

Two weeks ago, Richardson announced the planned purchase of 28 million barrels of oil for the reserve from federal leases in the Gulf of Mexico. Instead of cash, the government would forgo royalties up to the value of the oil.

The idea of opening some of the emergency reserve to private storage is not new.

The government offered a six-month storage plan last year, but found few companies interested. This time "we've gotten a lot of inquiries," said Energy Department spokesman Tom

Welch. The department set a March 10 deadline for offers and said it could receive oil at a rate of 150,000 to 200,000 barrels a day at its Big Hill storage site south of Beaumont, Texas. The oil must be stored in six empty caverns at Big Hill for at least a year, officials said.

Much of the interest is expected to come from smaller producers, mainly independents, and not from the large multinational companies.

"I didn't detect any urgent bells going off," said Chris Kelley, a spokesman at the American Petroleum Institute, which represents the major oil companies.

"But we're encouraged by the administration's latest attempt to think of the oil and natural gas industry in a positive light." The administration has been

criticized by some members of Congress from oil states for not doing more to help the depressed domestic oil industry. Last month alone, 11,500 oil industry workers lost their jobs, according to industry figures.

The government doesn't predict any substantial price rebound anytime soon. Prices could be depressed well into the next decade and not likely exceed \$14 a barrel until after 2000, the Energy Information Administration predicted recently.

In a related action, the Energy Department announced it would spend \$19 million to help small producers pay for new technology needed to produce oil from fields where recovery has been difficult. The federal money, provided on a matching basis, was hoped to prompt increased private spending on use of such technology.

## Domestic rig count sets fifth all-time low

HOUSTON (AP) — The number of rigs actively exploring for oil and natural gas in the United States fell by 13 to an all-time low of 531 Friday. It's the fifth consecutive week the industry has reached a record low.

Until Houston-based Baker Hughes Inc. reported 588 working rigs five weeks ago, the company's lowest rig count had been the 596 reported June 12, 1992.

Baker Hughes has kept track of the count since 1944. The tally peaked at 4,530 on Dec. 28, 1981, during the height of the oil boom.

The company says there probably are fewer rigs looking for oil and gas now than at any time since industry's emerging days of the early 1900s.

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- Garza, Chila J., 704 NW 6th, Seminole
- Helms, Johnny Michael, Jr., 538 Westover No. 15, Big Spring
- Hernandez, Omega, P.O. Box 1574, Big Spring
- Klaus, Jeremy Daniel, 1202 College, Big Spring
- Lane, Tiffany M., 217 Shannon, Clyde
- Larson, Joanna L., 810 W. 15th, Big Spring
- Lefevre, Laura D., 2704 Larry, Big Spring
- Lloyd, Justin James, 1202 College or 538 Westover, Big Spring
- Lopez, Michael, 602 N. Flint, Lamesa
- Lozano, Sandra, 1513 Sycamore, Big Spring
- Luck, Jeffrey Paul, 810 S. Hickory
- Lujan, Gloria, 1411 S. Grant 73, Odessa
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- Martinez, Evelyn, 717 E. 21st, Colorado City
- McDorman, Daniel, 133 Spring Creek Rd., Abilene
- Murphy, Pat, 538 Westover Apt. No. 127, Big Spring
- Neal, Marcus P., 1109 Lancaster, Big Spring
- Norwood, Colton Reese, 3704

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Palencia, Lucinda, P.O. Box 61 or 101 NW 8th, Big Spring  
Pearce, Juanita, Box 133, Westbrook

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Perkins, Teri L., 1108 Nolan, Big Spring

Pesina, Jose Marcos Rubin, 2115 Warren St., Big Spring  
Saenz, Luisa Marie, 3200 Ave C, Box 68 (SWCID), Big Spring  
Scoggin, Christy Fowler, 809 Tubbs Rd., Big Spring

Scott, Kenneth Dale, 1640 W. Henderson, Paris  
Servantes, James Candy, P.O. Box 521, Big Spring

Shairrack, Clarence Marvin, HCR 7, box 108, Lamesa, or 3102 S. Anderson Rd., Big Spring  
Smith, Dustin W., 4405 Brookdale Dr., Midland

Spiller, Robert, 105 Heaton, Big Spring  
Trevino, Rebecca, Box 285, Gardent City

Valadez, Cynthia, 208 Chestnut, Snyder  
Valadez, Grace, 1806, 37th, Snyder

Wollaston, John S., 6406 Shawnee, Midland  
Womack, Travis, P.O. Box 1400, Peluerville  
Zapata, A. Lisa, 901 Scurry, Big Spring

Zapata, Sylvia Reyes, 710 Lorilla, Big Spring

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Howard County 4-H students include Nick Bailey, Trevor Bibb, Chad Born, Justin Born, Frances Clark, Cassie Gover, Kyle Kight, Morgan Kight, Megan Knight, Cody Dwight McCann, Lindsay Moates, Chance O'Daniel and D.D. Wright, steers; Meredith Ware, lambs; Trevor Bibb, Terrell Bibb, Teryn Bibb, Tonia Brooks, Mandi Hanslik, Morgan Kight, Collin McMillan, Chance O'Daniel and Kaylon Stanley, barrows; and Frances Clark, Meagan Kothmann and Cheyenne Rawls, goats.

Bert Dewitt Matthies, 77 and Murriel Atchison Platte, 68  
Timothy Brian Rockwal, 19, and Santos Luisa Olivias, 2  
Christopher Valbuena, 24 and Melissa Hernandez, 24

**Court Records:**

**Deeds:**  
**Warranty deeds:**  
grantor: Frank Del Bosquez  
grantee: Glenn Kennedy  
property: lots 4-5, blk. 4, Lakeview Addition  
filed: Feb. 5, 1999

grantor: Tommy Lee Garman and Kathy Degenstein Garman  
grantee: Shawn and Jennifer Boyd  
property: lot 1, blk. 10, Edward Heights Addition  
filed: Feb. 5, 1999

grantor: C.E. and Jemie Carmichael  
grantee: Mary F. Whittley  
property: lot 8, blk. 21, Monticello Addition  
filed: Feb. 5, 1999

grantor: Robert A. and Corni S. Chase  
grantee: Chuck Rosenbaum  
property: all of lots 4-6, blk. 18, Cole & Strayhorn Addition  
filed: Feb. 5, 1999

grantor: Mark and Tina Sundry  
grantee: Gary and Rita Faulkner  
property: lots 12-13, blk. 7, Monticello Addition  
filed: Feb. 5, 1999

grantor: Ricky Dean McCormick and Betty S. McCormick  
grantee: Vernon W. Cotton  
property: lot 13, blk. 2, Avon Village Addition  
filed: Feb. 9, 1999

grantor: Conrado O. Acosta  
grantee: Mario and Patricia Isabel Flores  
property: the north 1/2 of lot 23, blk. 99, Original Town of Big Spring  
filed: Feb. 9, 1999

grantor: Linda K. Ross  
grantee: E.R. Lozano  
property: 1 - lot 28, blk. 14, Monticello Addition; 2 - lot 2, blk. 11, Monticello Addition  
filed: Feb. 9, 1999

grantor: Charles V. and Joyce S. Wash  
grantee: Wash Enterprises, Inc.  
property: two certain tracts of land located in section 7, blk. 32  
filed: Feb. 9, 1999

grantor: Charles Wash, Inc.  
grantee: Christian Renewal Center  
property: two certain tracts of land located in section 7, blk. 32  
filed: Feb. 9, 1999

**warranty deed with vendor's lien:**  
grantor: Chuck Rosenbaum  
grantee: Shannon Devore  
property: all of lot 4, blk. 18, Cole & Strayhorn Addition  
filed: Feb. 6, 1999

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grantee: Shannon Devore  
property: all of lot 5, blk. 18, Cole & Strayhorn Addition  
filed: Feb. 6, 1999

grantor: Mark and Tina Sundry  
grantee: Gary and Rita Faulkner  
property: all of lot 2, blk. 3, Stanford Park Addition  
filed: Feb. 5, 1999

grantor: Lee Roman and James H. Lemons  
grantee: Chris and Kim Evans  
property: lot 10, blk. 3, College Park Addition  
filed: Feb. 9, 1999

grantor: Chuck Rosenbaum  
grantee: Pete Rosenbaum  
property: the east 25' of lot 29 and all of lot 30, blk. 10, Edwards Heights Addition  
filed: Feb. 9, 1999

**gift deed:**  
grantor: Juanita Herrera and Marcelino Herrera  
grantee: Jesse Herrera  
property: tract all of lot 1-2, blk. 10, Wrights Airport Addition  
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**Family:**  
Charity Price vs. Richard Price  
Rachel P. Galindo vs. Eloy Cabello Rodriguez  
Melonie Robles vs. Larry H. Ramirez  
Ex Parte Renea Rister  
Blenda Kay Jones vs. Lonnie Cecil Jones  
Andrew Chavarria vs. Rebeca Leiba Chavarria

**Divorce:**  
Monica Angelita Guerra vs. Stevie Guerra  
Debra L. Anderson vs. Sammy D. Anderson  
William D. Woodard vs. Theresa G. Woodard  
Cindy Langston vs. Daniel Langston  
Carrie Lynn Holguin vs. Ismael Holguin

**Accounts, notes & contracts:**  
Jimmy Crosson & Martha McCarver vs. Ronnie Moser  
Co-Ex Pipe Company and Alpha Equipment, Inc. vs. Blacklance Corp.  
Cosden Employees Federal Credit Union vs. Charles C. Huitt  
Cosden Employees Federal Credit Union vs. Jon W. Amos  
Cosden Employees Federal Credit Union vs. Carolyn Binham  
Cosden Employees Federal Credit Union vs. Kenneth Casbeer  
Cosden Employees Federal Credit Union vs. Gerry L. Dupree

**Injuries & damages with a motor vehicle:**  
Robert Earl Honeycutt vs. Sky Massingill  
Mary D. Galaviz vs. Francisco R. Ornelas

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 1 Miscellany  
 8 Engaged in formal argument  
 15 Reddish rash  
 16 Like very narrow roads  
 17 Endanger  
 18 Light, dry white wine  
 19 West of Hollywood  
 20 Tangany and Gabor  
 22 Jagged flower of the Rolling Stones  
 25 Thorough  
 28 Join in  
 30 "Got Mail"  
 31 Bard's contraction  
 32 Repair greens  
 34 Like Nash's lama  
 35 Medical staff members: abbr.  
 36 Bucket  
 40 Newsman  
 43 Blamish  
 45 Breaks off  
 49 Grand Opry  
 50 Stretched  
 52 Fill an empty flat  
 53 Go-between's charge  
 56 Homer-hitter  
 57 Ripps  
 58 Sign of healing  
 60 Jim Bakker's org.  
 61 Contains in a box  
 64 Very self-centered  
 66 Those on a quest  
 67 Hodgepodge  
 68 Wright and Brewer  
 69 Promised

DOWN  
 1 More forbidding  
 2 Lettuce choice  
 3 Phases  
 4 Quilter's gathering  
 5 Dullage  
 6 Still breathing  
 7 Milky Way, e.g.  
 8 DiMaggio brother  
 9 Brian, formerly of Roxy Music  
 10 Popular read  
 11 Native Alaskan  
 12 Scorekeeper  
 13 Add more pizzazz  
 14 Digs more  
 21 Buzz off!  
 24 Retain  
 26 Greene novel, "Travels with My..."  
 27 Parts of eyes  
 29 Evaluates again  
 33 Craps shooter  
 37 Statutes  
 39 12/24 and 12/31  
 40 Most out of condition  
 41 One to whom property is transferred  
 42 Statler's  
 44 Unlucky cohorts  
 46 Marrying in haste  
 47 Put on a revival  
 48 Bought time  
 51 Leave a bivouac  
 54 Male duck  
 55 Artist's stand  
 59 Tree stump  
 62 Period of history  
 63 Draft letters  
 65 Womanizer

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