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BSISD trustees to hear report on oil valuations

Keith Toomire, Howard County chief appraiser, will report to the trustees for the Big Spring Independent School Board during a special meeting at noon Thursday in the board room.

As chief appraiser, Toomire is visiting with all taxing entities to disclose his findings of the declining mineral values within the county.

Also on the agenda, Ron Logback is expected to provide an update on the status of the new junior high school, and any other facility.

And trustees will be asked to accept grant money for the Tech-Prep program at the high school.

WHAT'S UP...

TODAY

□ 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. Bring a lunch.

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

SATURDAY

□ Dance 8:30 p.m., Eagles Lodge, 704 W. Third. □ The Heritage Museum, 510 Scurry, 10 a.m. to 5 p.m.

□ The Pottion House, 200 Gregg, a restored historic home, is open from 1-5 p.m.

MONDAY

□ Texas Tech Ex-Students Association Big Spring Chapter, 6 p.m., Sparenberg Building, 309 S. Main.

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

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

TUESDAY

□ Beginning line dance classes, 9 a.m., Senior Citizens Center.

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Howard College one of few to offer Microsoft training program

By MARSHA STURDIVANT
Staff Writer

Meeting the challenge of the coming millennium, Howard College offers in-demand training through a Microsoft Authorized Academic Training Program.

"The only other closest one at present is Odessa College, and that's it in West Texas. Even Texas Tech doesn't have this, we have some of their faculty taking classes here," said Kent Easley, assistant professor of

Computer Information Systems at Howard College.

Easley said the Microsoft Corporation seeks qualified individuals to prepare business and industry to reach into the next century with computer information systems, and job openings exceed applicants.

"Microsoft has 40,000 jobs world wide, and while they have qualified people, they don't have enough of them. Nationwide, there are 600,000 job openings that cannot be filled," Easley said.

In an effort to bridge this gap,

he said Microsoft has prepared specific classes that require completion of the course along with passing a specified test, to receive certification.

"The idea is to make you an expert working with Microsoft products," Easley said.

This semester, Howard College is offering two Microsoft courses. A total of six classes will be offered through the next year, he said.

Easley explained that what these courses offer is training to become an information technology expert.

"Information technology (IT) is a broad-based term for working in the computer field," he said.

IT includes not just programming, but also teaches people how to use their systems, as well as installing software and networking systems, he said.

"These are the people you call when you need help," he said.

A networking system, Easley said, is a group of computers that share information, such as files and documents, and that use a central printer.

And because of the demand

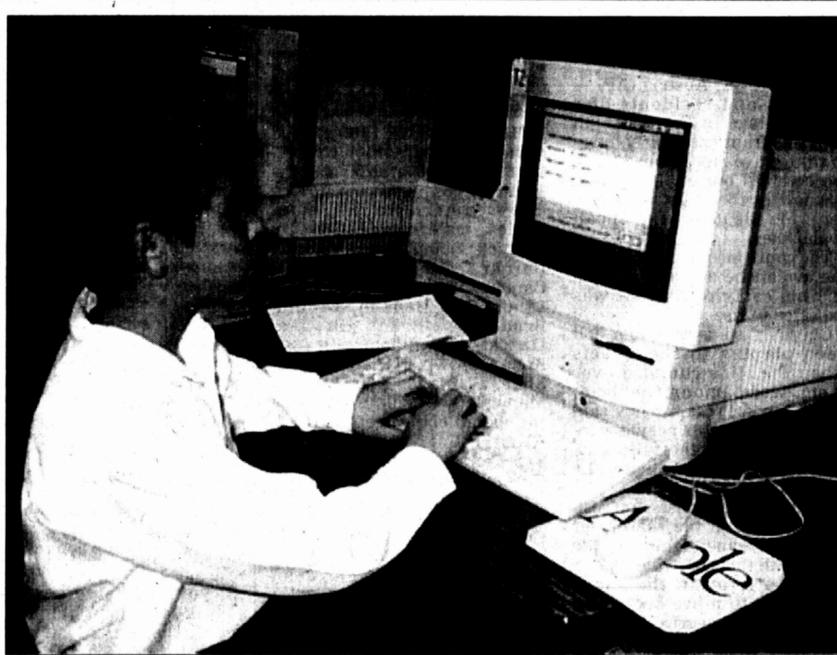
for IT workers, Easley said salaries are competitive as well.

"With one certification and a little bit of experience, such as an internship, the average salary is \$58,000. But that's not entry level," he said.

The six classes available through the Microsoft Authorized Academic Training Program are designed to teach a graduate how to create a network of computers.

Also, students learn how to operate and install Microsoft

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Coahoma fourth grader William Richardson works in the school's computer lab Tuesday. The lab recently received a donation of software from the PTA.

PTA a positive force for elementary at Coahoma, parents, teachers say

By DEBBIE L. JENSEN
Features Editor

When Candy Parrish's daughter was ending her kindergarten year at Coahoma

Elementary almost year ago, Parrish decided to join the PTA.

The problem was, there was no parent-teacher association at the school; it hadn't been active for a couple of years. So Parrish got a group of parents together and decided to change that.

With the 1998-99 school year now more than half over, they can confidently call their effort a success.

"We started with 36 members and now we have 136," Parrish said. They have already sponsored a festival, recognition parties for students and luncheons for teachers. A fundraiser at Christmas time raised about \$5,000, and the group has already turned some of that money back to support the school.

Recently, the PTA purchased a computer software program for the school's computer lab. Teacher Charla Walker said

"Reading Plus" will upgrade the lab and enhance learning for students who use it. She calls the \$1,500 PTA donation well-spent.

"We had bought a new math program this year," Walker said of the lab, where new computers are being installed. "We wouldn't have had the money to buy a reading program, too. It would have had to wait."

"Reading Plus" is designed for those in third through sixth grades. It is aimed at both those who need extra help on reading, and those who don't. The latter group can use "Reading Plus" to accelerate their learning, while those who need more help can use it to catch up.

Elementary Principal Cindy Fowler said the PTA has become a valuable link between school staff and parents.

"It gives us a way we can sit down with parents and discuss things that are going on at school," she said. "It's an open line of communication." With PTA, she said, "parents can really feel they are involved, that they are contributing to their child's education."

The local parent-teacher association, she said, is strong and well-run.

"It's made up of dedicated and caring parents who are willing

to work with us."

Parrish said she's pleased with the successes the PTA has seen this year. The group has provided snacks and appreciation luncheons for teachers, pizza parties for students, and held a very successful fall festival that brought in many from the community.

"We have a lot of people who help on these events," she said, "but I'd like to see more participation. I'm still not sure sometimes that it's going to work."

While plenty of parents are willing to help out at PTA activities, there is not a lot of participation at the meetings, Parrish said. The PTA is getting ready to have board elections again, and is in need of new board members to get things going for next year.

"But there have been a lot of very positive things come out of it," Parrish said. "I think we've provided a way for a lot of people who don't get to do many things in the school to come up and participate. It would be nice if we had more participation, but it's growing slowly."

The effort she and other board members have put toward the group, she said, has paid off.

"Anytime you can get more parents involved in your school system, it's worth it."



FOWLER



FUQUA

CAWTHON

Despite economic woes, city receives positive audit report

By BILL McCLELLAN
News Editor

Results of the city of Big Spring's annual outside audit were positive, a partner in the firm that conducted the audit said Tuesday.

"It's an excellent report," Gary Davis, with West, Davis & Company, told city council members.

He said the 140-plus pages of financial statements reflect that while the city doesn't have much money, it is working to solve its problems.

The city has about \$260,000 in unrestricted funds and "that's not much working capital," Davis said. "I wish you had

more money. It's just not there."

He recommended that the city pass a resolution noting that \$2.7 million in the Correction Center Fund is available if necessary.

"It might help the city's overall projection of itself," he said. "It does point out the fact that

reserves do exist."

City manager Gary Fuqua said city staff will put together a resolution for future council consideration.

"That, (the Correctional Center Fund) is our one security," Fuqua said.

Davis noted that when the city began the 1997-98 fiscal year, it was \$121,000 in the red. When it ended the year, it was \$1,000 in the red, or \$30,000 "to the better."

"The trend is there," he told the council. "You are doing a good job."

Davis told the council that cooperation of the city staff while the firm was conducting the audit was "exemplary. Everything we asked was pro-

vided to us."

Fuqua noted that city staff is working to cut costs where ever possible.

"Once we received the draft of the audit we began going over that," he said. "We are looking where we can cut corners where ever we can."

He said that while the city won't be affected directly by the drop in oil valuation, an indirect affect is anticipated. He noted that people are spending less money and that sale tax revenues have already decreased.

"We will be looking at where we can save money and we will keep the council up to date on some of these things we are doing," he said.

Councilman Chuck Cawthon said that despite the tough economic times, he wants the city to consider funding a portion of the Port-to-Plains project. The purpose of the project is to establish a designated trade route with will traverse Texas on U.S. 87, through Amarillo, Lubbock, Big Spring and San Angelo.

On Monday, Howard County Commissioners Court voted unanimously to join the project, at a cost to the county of \$3,370. The city's portion would be \$14,353.

"I wish we would put it on the agenda for next time," Cawthon said to city staff. "At least that will give us a chance to talk about it."

City council TNRCC mandates give council little choice but to ante up for renovations

By BILL McCLELLAN
News Editor

Big Spring City Council members on Tuesday awarded a bid of almost \$138,000 for chlorine

facility renovations at Roy C. Hester Water Treatment Plant, but did so with the hopes that the price tag won't be that high.

"We recommend that you accept this bid and give staff latitude to negotiate with the contractor to try and bring the cost down," Todd Darden, director of community development, told council members.

Officials had originally estimated about \$90,000 for the project, but material costs have since more than doubled, Darden said.

He said the city might be able to do some of the work itself. Other avenues will also be considered, and if additional funds are needed, the city will further prioritize its utility-related projects, including the possibility of cutting back on water line replacement.

"That's a worst-case scenario though," city manager Gary Fuqua said after the meeting. "We don't want to touch the water line project if at all possible."

Council members had little choice but to go ahead with the project. The Texas Natural Resource Conservation Commission (TNRCC) has mandated the renovations and said they must be completed prior to the end of the fiscal year.

If the renovations are not made, TNRCC could fine the city as much as \$10,000 a day, officials said.

The project consists of renovation of the existing chemical feed building into a chlorine feed and storage building.

Wardrop & Associates, Inc. of Lubbock submitted the lone bid \$137,923 which was accepted by the council.

While council members were in agreement with almost every issue before them Tuesday, a



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recommendation to allow the city manager to approve placement of stop signs within the city failed, 3-4.

"I have faith in the city manager, but I think this is something that should go through city council," said councilman Greg Biddison.

When asked about complaints in reference to stop sign placement, Fuqua said, "They normally go through without a hitch, but from time to time there is some opposition."

Voting for the resolution were Stephanie Horton — who introduced the issue as a time-saving measure a month ago — Joann Smoot and Oscar Garcia. Opposed were Biddison, Tommy Tune, Chuck Cawthon and mayor Tim Blackshear.

In other business the board approved the annual audit as presented by Gary Davis of West, Davis and Co. and the sale of Lot 12, Block 7 in the Boydston Addition to Mr. and Mrs. Joe Lira.

Council members also appointed Greg Brooks to the Parks & Recreation Board, Bill Brooks to the Planning & Zoning Commission and Jim Little to the Airpark Board.

In other new business, the council approved payment of late homestead exemption refunds.

On second reading, council members approved an ordinance providing fees for crime prevention rewards.

Also on second reading, the council:

- authorized expenditures of \$104,000 for a D-6 Caterpillar dozer and \$56,000 for a rubber tire loader/tool carrier for the landfill;

- authorized expenditures of \$18,801.04 for a rubber tire loader for the street department.

- approved requesting that the Texas Department of Transportation install a railroad crossing arm at U.S. Highway 80 and Anna;

- approved vouchers;

- approved minutes from the Parks and Recreation board.

- authorized the city manager to enter into an agreement with Firetech to sell the fire department's snorkel unit.

OBITUARIES

Tim Salazar

Tim Salazar, 66, Big Spring, passed away on Tuesday, Feb. 23, 1999, at Scenic Mountain Medical Center following a three year illness.

A rosary will be 7 p.m. Wednesday, Feb. 24, 1999, at Myers & Smith Chapel. Funeral Mass will be 11 a.m. Thursday, Feb. 25, 1999, at Sacred Heart Catholic Church with Rev. Cornelius Scanlan pastor, officiating.

Tim was born on Jan. 24, 1933, in Stanton. He married Gina Martinez on Dec. 21, 1960, in Big Spring. He had been a lifetime resident of Big Spring and also a lifetime member of Sacred Heart Catholic Church, and had served as an altar boy for a number of years. He was also a member of the Holy Name Society. He was also a member of the U.S. Army. At the time of Tim's death, he was employed at Scenic Mountain Medical Center as a surgical technician.

He is survived by: his wife, Gina Salazar of Big Spring; two daughters, Debbye Valverde and her husband, Larry, and Denise Salazar, all of Big Spring; three sisters, Inez Salazar, Flora Salazar and Mary Salazar, all of Big Spring; two brothers, Frank Salazar and his wife, Ruth, Joe Salazar and his wife, Cruz, all of Big Spring.

Special family friends: Gabrielle Deanda, Jesse and Clara Hernandez and family. Numerous aunts, uncles, nieces and nephews, and four sisters-in-law and one brother-in-law.

He was preceded in death by his parents, Catarino Salazar and Chavella Garcia Salazar and one sister, Juanita Salazar. The family suggests memorials to the American Cancer Society; P.O. Box 2121; Big Spring; 79721.

Pallbearers will be Pete Trevino, Albert Deanda, Henry Garcia, Tony Martinez, D.J. Alvarez, and Ike Low.

Honorary pallbearers will be all family and friends and all previous and current employees of Scenic Mountain Medical Center and Malone-Hogan Hospital.

Arrangements under the direction of Myers & Smith

Funeral Home & Chapel.
Paid obituary

Maurine S. Harrison

Maurine S. Harrison, 95, Big Spring, died on Tuesday, Feb. 23, 1999, in a local assisted living facility. Service will be 10 a.m. Friday, Feb. 26, 1999, at Nalley-Pickle & Welch Rosewood Chapel with Royce Clay, a Church of Christ minister from Colorado City, and Rodney Tedford, minister of Birdwell Lane Church of Christ, officiating. Graveside service will be 3:30 p.m. Friday at Eastland Cemetery, Eastland.

She was born on Oct. 18, 1903, in Marlow, Okla. (Oklahoma Territory).

She married Ervin J. Harrison on Sept. 12, 1924, in Eastland County. She later married James Ernest Brice in 1927, in Sulphur Springs. After this marriage she remarried Ervin Harrison on Oct. 6, 1944, and he preceded her in death in February of 1964. She was a teacher and received her permanent elementary certificate from East Texas State Teacher's College in Commerce on May 4, 1928.

Mrs. Harrison and her husband owned and operated Harrison Novelty in Ranger for 20 years before moving to Fort Worth in November of 1963. She had lived in Fort Worth for 22 years before moving to Big Spring in July of 1985.

She was a member of Birdwell Lane Church of Christ.

Survivors include: a daughter and son-in-law, Jean and Russell Tidwell of Big Spring; two sons and daughters-in-law, Don and Wanda Harrison of Grand Prairie, and Earnest Edwin and Carol Brice of Sulphur Springs; a sister, Helen Alexander of San Antonio; 15 grandchildren; 32 great-grandchildren; 20 great-great-grandchildren; and several nieces and nephews.

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

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Windows 4.0, how to interface the Internet and set up an Internet service for business, he said.

Once certified, a person becomes a Microsoft certified professional, and will know how to create a network, he said.

"A person can get the certification without reaching their degree, or have a degree in another area. High school students may take the courses and pass the certification tests," Easley said.

To enroll in a Microsoft course, Easley suggested a student complete the introduction to computer course offered at Howard College.

"A student needs to be familiar with a computer, and know what the various parts are," he said.

For more information call Easley at 264-5123.

Crewman says fatal flight not reckless

CAMP LEJEUNE, N.C. (AP) — A backseat crewman aboard the Marine jet that cut an Italian ski gondola cable, killing 20 people, testified Tuesday that he didn't think the pilot was "flat-hatting," or flying recklessly.

"I didn't have any reason to believe we were flying below" the minimum altitude, said Capt. William Raney, 27. "If at any time I thought we were going out to flat-hat, I would have stopped the flight."

Raney's testimony came as prosecutors wrapped up their case in the court-martial of Capt. Richard Ashby, 31, who is charged with involuntary manslaughter and other counts and could get 200 years in prison. Prosecutors say Ashby was flying too low and too fast and executed a dangerous 360-degree roll before hitting the cable last February.

Raney sat in one of the EA-6B Prowler's back seats, where the

jet's radar detection and jamming equipment is located. Just before the plane hit the cable, Raney told an eight-man military jury, the pilot sharply banked the jet.

"It was obvious he was trying to miss something," Raney said. "It was very jerky, very abrupt."

On cross-examination, Raney said he was not concerned about his safety until the impact and he praised Ashby as a safe, professional pilot.

Raney was called as a government witness under a grant of immunity. Last week, the jury heard from Capt. Chandler Seagraves, 29, another backseat crewman. The navigator, Capt. Joseph Schweitzer, 31, still faces trial.

Dozens missing in Austrian avalanche

INNSBRUCK, Austria (AP) — Tourists and residents of a small village in the Austrian Alps dug frantically early today to try to save more than 30 people believed buried under tons of snow in the latest in a winter of deadly European avalanches.

The confirmed death toll from the avalanche at Galtuer stood at nine early today, but was expected to rise.

Children, some of whom had been playing in the streets when the slide rumbled over them, were among the dead. The Austria Press Agency said early today that 32 people were still missing in the village in the Tyrol region, near the Swiss border.

Firefighters, tourists and residents joined in the search for survivors, some digging in the snow with their bare hands.

After a letup in the snowstorm, the first avalanche rescue units left nearby Landeck shortly after dawn today by helicopter for Galtuer. The main road into the village was blocked by an earlier avalanche.

"It's a terrible day for Tyrol," provincial governor Wendelin Weingartner said Tuesday.

The Galtuer avalanche is one of the worst to strike Central Europe this winter as the region continues to endure its heaviest snowfall in 50 years.

Tens of thousands of travelers were stranded in train stations, traffic jams and isolated resort towns across France, Italy Switzerland and Austria as the avalanches buried homes, roads and railways.

At least 60 people have died in avalanches in Europe this year.

SUPPORT GROUPS

WEDNESDAY
•Gamblers Anonymous, 7 p.m., St. Stephen's Catholic Church, room 1, 4601 Neeley, Midland, Call 263-8920.

•Alcoholics Anonymous, 615 Settles, noon open meeting and 8 p.m. 12 and 12 study.

•Narcotic Anonymous, 8 p.m. St. Mary's Episcopal Church, Call 268-4189 (pager no.) Step study.

THURSDAY
•Alcoholics Anonymous, 615 Settles, noon open meeting.
•A.D.D.A.P.T. non-profit support and learning organization about attention deficit disorder, learning disorders and dyslexia. Meets second Thursday of September, October, November, January, February, March,

A BIG SPRING AROUND THE TOWN

April and May, Cerebral Palsy building, 802 Ventura, Midland.

•Alzheimer's support group, noon, Scenic Mountain Medical Center, third Thursday of the month. Call Janice Wagner at 263-1211.

•Grief Support related to the death of a loved one. Call Nurses Unlimited, Inc., at 264-6523.

•Alzheimer's Association Support Group, last Thursday of the month, Comanche Trail Nursing Center, 3200 Parkway, 7 p.m. Call Viola Barraza at 267-9459.

•Narcotic Anonymous, 8 p.m. St. Mary's Episcopal Church. Call 268-4189 (pager no.)

•Al-Anon support group, 8 p.m., 615 Settles.

IF YOU HAVE A SUPPORT GROUP LISTING, PLEASE SUBMIT IT IN WRITING.

REUNIONS

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, Brent Brooks, Dwight Brown, James Brown, Kenny Brown, Mike Brumley, 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 (Sotello), 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, Kerry Gunnels, Nancy Jo Hall, Thomas Ham, Theresa Heard, Bill Henry, Selestino Hernandez, David Hilario, Iascula Hilario, Luis Hinojos, Carlton Campbell Jackson, Johnny James, Doris Ann Jenkins, Deborah Ann Jensen, Nancy Kasch, Gary Kelly, Juanice Ann Key, Linda Key, Charles Kimble, Bertha Kirk, Victoria Lynn Knoepfel, Susan Lawhon, Mary Francis Lee, Joy Legg, Kenneth Charles Le Roy, Barbara Long, Roberta Hazel Marks, Juanita Mata, Gerald Matin, Carolyn McMurtrey, Nancy McWhorter, Wanda Jane Mesimer, Gene Willard Meyers, Earsie Jean Miller, Thomas Molina, 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, Peggy

TEXAS LOTTERY

PICK 3: 6,3,7
CASH 5:8,9,14,15,37

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

Riherd (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.

Please contact Shelane Parnell Roberts at 267-2798 or 267-5858 if you have any information on these graduates.

THE CLASS OF 1954 is having their 45th class reunion, Oct. 15-16. We have been unable to locate the following class members:

Lunnell Barron, Doss Brookshire, Martha Buford, Norma Burns, Rebecca Chadwick, Viola Chandler, James Day, Glenda Drennan, Pat Everett, Angel Franco, Wayne Lankford, Donald Malone, David McNeely, Kim Milling, Arlene Mitchell, Lewis Newell, Jeanette Petty, Wanda Rouse, Shirley Spero, J.W. Thompson, Joy towery, Jack Wactendorf, Don Washburn, Mike Williamson, and Ronald Young.

If you can help us with an address or phone number for one of these class members, please call 267-6400.

MARKETS

May cotton 57.605 cents, up 70 points; April crude 12.33, down 15 points; Cash hogs steady at \$1 lower at 20 cents even; cash steers steady at 62 even; April lean hog futures 44.40, down 85 points; April live cattle futures 67.85, up 22 points.

courtesy: Delta Corporation. Other markets were unavailable by press time.

POLICE

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

•MAJOR ACCIDENT was reported at the intersection of Seventh and Gregg.

•FORGERY was reported in the 700 block of I-20. A counterfeit \$20 bill was reported passed.

•MINOR ACCIDENTS were reported in the 200 block of West Marcy, at the intersection of Second and Benton, and at the intersection of Third and Gregg.

•MELVIN JOHNSON, 51, was arrested for local warrants.

•DOMESTIC DISTURBANCE was reported in the 500 block of Nolan, 600 block of Caylor and 600 block of Northeast Eighth.

•HARASSMENT was reported at the police station.

•JUVENILE PROBLEM was reported in the 1300 block of

Harding and 1500 block of Tucson.

•BURGLARY OF A HABITATION was reported in the 1800 block of State.

•AARON RODRIGUEZ, no age given, was arrested for local warrants.

•DISTURBANCE/FIGHT was reported in the 600 block of Northeast Eighth.

FIRE/EMS

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

TUESDAY

7:14 a.m. — 300 block W. 11th, medical call, patient transported to Scenic Mountain Medical Center.

7:53 a.m. — 1700 block Nolan, dumpster fire, extinguished by responding units.

7:56 a.m. — 1800 block S. Gregg, traffic accident, patient transported to SMMC.

4:46 p.m. — 1200 block Gregg, medical call, service refused.

6:29 p.m. — 1200 block Rannels, medical call, patient transported to SMMC.

SHERIFF

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

•MARCOS ALBERT AYALA, 25, was arrested for possession of marijuana less than 2,000 pounds more than \$50 pounds, and for driving while license suspended or invalid.

•EMILIO HERNANDEZ SANCHEZ, 53, was arrested for motion to revoke probation of driving while intoxicated, third offense.

•MARC WESLY SCHMIDT, 21, was arrested for motion to revoke probation of possession of marijuana less than two ounces.

•RUBEN CORTEZ CASTILLO, 53, received judgment sentence for driving while intoxicated second offense.

•ABEL MORELION, 33, was arrested for motion to revoke probation of possession of a controlled substance.

RECORDS

Tuesday's high 69
Tuesday's low 30
Average high 63
Average low 33
Record high 85 in 1918
Record low 14 in 1960
Precip. Tuesday 0.00
Month to date 0.00
Month's normal 0.52
Year to date 0.28
Normal for the year 1.15

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Marjorie Squires, Patsy Lopez, Kadi Spargo & William Stapp

MYERS & SMITH FUNERAL HOME & CHAPEL
24th & Johnson 267-8288
Tim Salazar, 66, died Tuesday. Rosary will be 7 PM tonight at Myers & Smith Chapel. Funeral will be 11 AM, Thursday at Sacred Heart Church, burial will follow in Trinity Memorial Park.
Lottie V. Gilmore, 70, died Monday. Services are pending.
Dave Nelson, 89, died Tuesday. Services are pending.

NALLEY-PICKLE & WELCH Funeral Home
Trinity Memorial Park and Crematory
906 Gregg St. (915) 267-6331
Maurine S. Harrison, 95, died Tuesday. Services will be 10:00 AM Friday at Nalley-Pickle & Welch Rosewood Chapel. Graveside services will be at 3:30 PM Friday at Eastland Cemetery, Eastland, Texas.
Florence K. Hallam, 94, died Tuesday. Services are pending with Nalley-Pickle & Welch Funeral Home.

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Paroled offender indicted for assault of boy

HOUSTON (AP) — A paroled sex offender accused of using his catering business to prey on youngsters has been indicted for the aggravated sexual assault of a 13-year-old boy.

Five other charges in which Mitchell Ray Nicholas, 38, is accused of aggravated sexual assault of a child or indecency with a child will be presented to a grand jury later, prosecutor Denise Oncken said Tuesday.

She said boys ranging in age from 7 to 15 were molested between 1995 and 1998 at various locations around Harris County. The incident for which Nicholas was indicted occurred on Oct. 25 at a Houston motel, she said.

Police arrested him Dec. 15 at his court-ordered sex offenders counseling session.

Nicholas is in the Harris County Jail, held without bond.

House considers repeal of DL law

AUSTIN (AP) — Requiring Texans under 18 to be enrolled in school or a graduate equivalency degree course when they apply for a driver's license should be repealed because it hurts good students more than it punishes bad ones, a state lawmaker said Tuesday.

The 1989 law was meant to help keep at-risk minors in school by making them attend private, public or home schools for 80 days or spend 45 days in a GED course before enrolling in a driver's education class needed to get a license.

State Rep. Ron Wilson, D-Houston, has filed a bill to repeal the law. He told members of the House Committee on Public Safety the current law results in dropouts driving without taking driver's ed.

"I think it is more important to have people behind the wheel who know what they are doing rather than enforce a bill that has no impact," Wilson said.

Byron Barnes, a driver's ed teacher at Houston Community College, calls the current law "something like exterminating bugs and killing the dogs and cats along the way."

Over the past 10 years, Barnes said he has watched the attendance requirement hurt foreign students, transfer students and chronically ill students, instead of dropouts.

"All the law does is punish students who are not dropouts," Barnes said.

But Julian Shaddix, the executive director of the Texas Association of Secondary School Principals, said his informal survey of Texas principals showed just the opposite.

"I had 25 principals tell me... this law is one more weapon in our arsenal to keep kids in school," he said. "This law may not be good for the principal or for the attendance clerks — because it can be a hassle — but it is good for the kids... even if it just keeps one kid in school."

VA postpones closing Kerrville hospital

SAN ANTONIO (AP) — The federal Veterans Affairs hospital in Kerrville has been given a six-month reprieve and will remain open until at least Sept. 30.

Agency officials announced Tuesday they have postponed eliminating the remaining in-patient beds at the Kerrville VA Hospital.

Twenty acute medical beds and five intensive care beds were to close March 16, but will remain open until at least Sept. 30, the VA said.

The original plan called for construction of "a 10-bed observation unit" at the hospital, but that's also been delayed, VA officials said.

In a statement issued before the VA announced its decision, U.S. Sens. Phil Gramm and Kay Bailey Hutchison joined with U.S. Rep. Lamar Smith, R-San Antonio, in taking credit for prompting the VA's change of heart.

"After months of questioning and prodding, the VA has rightly concluded that Kerrville and our veterans need the services provided at the Kerrville VA Medical Center," Gramm said.

"I will do everything in my power to make this decision permanent," he added.

More than 12,000 signatures have been gathered on petitions asking that full funding be restored to the hospital that the VA proposes to downsize as part of a shift in emphasis from inpatient care to clinic-based out-patient health services.

Foreign cattle maybe sneaking into state

HOUSTON (AP) — Officials with the Texas Animal Health Commission say they're worried a growing number of foreign cattle, disguised as Mexican cattle, are passing into the state through Mexico and bringing possible health risks to Texas herds.

The state's animal inspection arm has expressed concern that non-Mexican cattle are being held to lesser standards than the health-inspection and quarantine requirements of the U.S. and their native lands. The Texas Journal of The Wall Street Journal reported in today's editions.

The problem surfaced last summer, when about 5,000 Australian cattle appeared in Mexico bound for feedlots in Texas and New Mexico.

The animals were denied entry, but inspectors said they believe as many as 225 may have been mistaken for Mexican cattle and were allowed across the border. Then in November, two bulls from Guatemala that had arrived from Mexico were discovered at a cattle-breeding operation in Elgin.

The two cases "could just be the tip of the iceberg," said Terry Beals, executive director of the Texas Animal Health Commission.

Beals said foreign nations are becoming increasingly desperate to sell their cattle elsewhere because of the Asian economic crisis. Texas, with its massive cattle-feeding industry that thrives on cheap cattle, is a prime target, he said.

Foreign importers can also save hundreds of dollars per animal in quarantine costs by shipping them through Mexico, where inspection standards are more lax.

In response to the two incidents, Texas Animal Health Commission officials in a December letter asked the U.S. Department of Agriculture and its veterinarians, who police the border, to address the problem.

Federal officials say the state's concerns are overblown. Rules vary depending on the country of origin, but livestock typically spend at least 30 days in quarantine in their home nation as well as at least 30 days in quarantine in the U.S. Australian cattle must spend 30 days in an enclosed facility in Australia and 60 days in a similar facility in the U.S.

Clinton, GOP discuss working together

WASHINGTON (AP) — Republican congressional leaders won't say they trust President Clinton, but they are willing to try finding bipartisan solutions with him to Social Security, taxes and other issues.

Just 11 days after the Senate acquitted the impeached president, congressional leaders met with him at the White House Tuesday to feel each other out on the year's agenda. It was their first prolonged meeting since July 15, 1997.

There was no substantive, specific progress on any of the issues they will address this year. But with each side eager to demonstrate that it has moved beyond impeachment to policy making, each said they were willing to try working

through their differences.

"The president knows full well that what the American people expect from their political leaders in Washington is to work together and get their business done," White House spokesman Joe Lockhart said. "And that's exactly what today's meeting was about."

Sounding almost the identical theme was Senate Majority Leader Trent Lott, R-Miss.

"We're going to work together, hopefully across the party lines in the Congress and with the administration, to do what the American people expect of us," he said.

Lott and House Speaker Dennis Hastert, R-Ill., however, declined several opportunities to say they trust Clinton. When

the impeachment trial ended Feb. 12 with Clinton's acquittal in the Senate on perjury and obstruction of justice charges in the Monica Lewinsky affair, Lott questioned whether he could trust the president.

"The issue is, will we work together to get our job done? That is the real issue," Lott said Tuesday in parrying the question.

Said Hastert: "We are starting to work to put together ideas, and that's the first step."

The issue also came up inside the 80-minute meeting, said aides from both parties who spoke on condition of anonymity.

They said Lott and House Majority Leader Dick Armey, R-Texas, told Clinton that over-

hauling Social Security and Medicare are so politically sensitive that Republicans would first have to believe Democrats would not use them against the GOP in next year's elections. Democrats have often accused Republican candidates of endangering the two programs, which serve tens of millions of elderly voters.

In a hint of disputes to come, Clinton insisted that lawmakers reserve 77 percent of anticipated future budget surpluses to bolster Social Security and Medicare, participants said. Republicans have broadly agreed to dedicate 62 percent of the projected surpluses for Social Security, but want to use much or most of the rest for tax cuts.

Feds announce arrests in church burnings

INDIANAPOLIS (AP) — The curiosity of a campus police officer has led to the arrest of a man authorities say has confessed to burning as many as 50 churches in 11 states.

The Justice Department announced Tuesday that Jay Ballinger, 36, has been arrested and charged with setting fire to seven churches in Indiana dating to 1994. He was arrested earlier this month after being questioned at a hospital where he was being treated for burns.

Federal authorities also said they were looking into whether Ballinger and two co-defendants have any connection with the burnings of predominantly black churches in the South.

"We're aggressively pursuing

leads in Tennessee and Alabama regarding these Indiana-based defendants," said Jim Cavanaugh, director of Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco and Firearms' Tennessee-Alabama division. "We think they have traveled extensively down South."

Officials said Ballinger confessed to setting up to 50 church fires between 1994 and 1998 in Kentucky, Tennessee, Mississippi, Georgia, Indiana, Ohio and Alabama. Authorities refused to identify the four other states.

Also charged are Angela Wood, 24, of Atlanta, identified in court documents as Ballinger's girlfriend, and Donald Puckett, 37, of Lebanon, Ind.

The arrests were made with the help of the National Church Arson Task Force, established in 1996 after a series of fires at black churches in the South.

Wood has admitted to serving as a lookout during some of the fires, according to court documents, and both Wood and Puckett are believed to have helped Ballinger burn down the Concord Church of Christ in Lebanon in 1994 after satanic symbols were scrawled on the porch.

All three suspects are white and most of the church burnings in Indiana have involved rural churches with predominantly white congregations.

Judith Stewart, U.S. Attorney for southern Indiana, would not

comment on a possible motive. The ATF said searches of Ballinger's home turned up a gasoline container and satanic books and writings.

The arrests came after Ball State University Sgt. Steve Hiatt overheard an emergency radio call for help at a Muncie address on Feb. 9.

Hiatt, an 18-year campus officer, recognized the Ballinger name from a previous church arson investigation. He went to a hospital and interviewed Ballinger's father, who said his son was badly burned when he came home early Feb. 7. An Ohio church had been burned the night before.

The officer notified federal investigators.

Racist convicted of dragging black man to death

JASPER, Texas (AP) — A white supremacist was convicted of murder Tuesday and could get the death penalty for chaining a black man to a pickup truck and dragging him until his body was torn to pieces in a crime that shocked the nation with its savagery.

The jury of 11 whites and one black took less than 2 hours to reach a verdict against John William King in the slaying last June of James Byrd Jr. Courtroom spectators applauded and the victim's relatives broke into tears.

The jury then heard evidence on whether the 24-year-old laborer should get the death penalty or life in prison for one

of the grisliest racial crimes in the United States since the civil rights era. The penalty phase was expected to continue Wednesday morning.

"I am relieved," said Stella Brumley, Byrd's sister. "That's all we wanted, was justice."

His son, Ross Byrd, said: "All I know is that there's one down and two to go."

King was the first of three white men to go on trial in the slaying, which prosecutors said he carried out because he wanted "something dramatic" to gain credibility for a racist group he was organizing.

King leaned forward when the verdict was read, shielding himself from cameras, then sat back

in his chair with his fingers on his chin.

One of his lawyers said King was not surprised by the verdict and considered himself the victim of a conspiracy.

"I hope he receives life without parole," the Rev. Jesse Jackson said from New York.

"If these three men saw killing as a solution in their sick state, then we in our sober and sane state must know killing is not a solution."

NAACP President Kweisi Mfume said the case "clearly shouts across the world for the urgent need of this Congress to move quickly to strengthen and to pass anti-hate legislation."

President Clinton said nation-

wide expressions of outrage over Byrd's death "demonstrate that an act of evil like this is not what our country is all about." He added: "Our work for racial reconciliation and an end to all crimes of hatred in this country will go on."

Byrd's head and arm were found torn off after he was pulled nearly three miles while tied by his ankles with a 24-foot logging chain.

The murder thrust Jasper into a national spotlight that many in the half-black timber town of 8,000 contended was unfair.

Members of the Ku Klux Klan and New Black Panthers descended on Jasper, about 100 miles northeast of Houston.

Broadcasters may sue to block DirecTV's plans

WASHINGTON (AP) — Broadcasters are considering suing the nation's largest satellite TV company over its plans to continue providing CBS and Fox programs beyond a court-ordered Sunday cutoff date.

But the satellite company, DirecTV Inc., maintains it can offer the network affiliates because a federal court order with a Sunday deadline applies only to the company's former programming supplier, the president of DirecTV, Eddy Hartenstein, said Tuesday.

But Fox Senior Vice President Peggy Binzel called DirecTV's action a "flagrant violation" of the court order and said the net-

work may sue DirecTV to stop it from carrying Fox programming.

CBS and the National Association of Broadcasters said they may also sue.

DiracTV's announcement was the latest twist in an ongoing fight between satellite TV companies and broadcasters over how viewers who get their TV from satellite can watch network's local affiliates.

Federal law allows DirecTV and other satellite companies to provide "distant" network signals — which come from other broadcast areas — to customers only if those customers can't receive their local stations

using rooftop antennas.

That's where the dispute is occurring.

The satellite and broadcasting industries have been at odds for years over how to interpret an arcane legal test for determining when a satellite customer can't get a local signal.

Even with DirecTV's action, several hundred thousand satellite customers nationwide are still supposed to be cut off from Fox and CBS programs on Sunday, under the court order obtained by the networks last year.

Beginning Thursday, DirecTV, based in El Segundo,

Calif., plans to offer customers nationwide the option of buying a new package of broadcast network stations, including CBS' affiliate in Los Angeles and Fox's affiliate in New York, Hartenstein said.

Hartenstein contends DirecTV can legally do this because the court order is only against PrimeTime 24, until recently a leading programming provider to it and other major satellite companies, such as EchoStar.

DiracTV has terminated its contract with PrimeTime 24, Hartenstein said. EchoStar also has ended its contract.

Terrorist attacks thwarted, paper says

ARLINGTON, Va. (AP) — U.S. intelligence agencies have stopped accused terrorist Osama bin Laden from carrying out at least seven bomb attacks on overseas facilities since the bombings of two U.S. embassies last August, USA Today reported.

Citing unidentified senior intelligence officials, the paper said the thwarted attacks were against the Prince Sultan Air Base in Saudi Arabia where more than 50 U.S. jets are kept and against embassies in Albania, Azerbaijan, Ivory Coast, Tajikistan, Uganda and

Uruguay.

The officials told the paper those embassies were chosen because — like the African embassies attacked last summer — they are in older buildings lacking modern security.

Bin Laden has been indicted for the August bombings of the U.S. embassies in Kenya and Tanzania that killed 224 people.

The USA Today report said the six embassy attacks were prevented when U.S. intelligence agencies used a reconnaissance satellite to monitor bin Laden's telephone calls and tipped off local officials.

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OUR VIEWS

See you wearing red on Thursday at The Dorothy

Howard College's Hawks and Lady Hawks will play their final home games of the 1998-99 basketball season Thursday night at Dorothy Garrett Coliseum.

Not only will Thursday night's games with South Plains College's teams be the final opportunity for local fans to see Howard's teams on their home court this season, but will also be the cheapest ticket in town.

Billed as "Pack The Dorothy Night," college officials have announced that anyone wearing red will be admitted to Thursday's 6 p.m. and 8 p.m. games free.

Both Howard teams have enjoyed spectacular seasons.

The Hawks have already wrapped up the Western Junior College Athletic Conference (WJCAC) men's championship. And with a 23-5 record overall, having fashioned a perfect 13-0 slate in WJCAC play, can close out an unbeaten conference slate with a win over the Plainsmen.

The No. 9-ranked Lady Hawks have spent the entire season rated among the nation's top 15 teams and enter Thursday's regular season finale with a 26-3 record and 11-2 mark in WJCAC play. And like the men, the Lady Hawks will be traveling to Abilene next week for the Region V tournaments.

To our way of thinking, there's no question Howard College offers the best package of men's and women's basketball anywhere in West Texas.

And with the college offering free admission to tomorrow night's games, this is the perfect opportunity for the entire community to come out and display their support before the Hawks and Lady Hawks head out of town for the playoffs.

So, put on something red tomorrow evening and join us in packing The Dorothy.

YOUR VIEWS

TO THE EDITOR:
In response to Mr. Weaver's letter Thursday, Feb. 18, some things he listed I fully agree with. Our Legislators were placed in government for our representation. Seems as though special interests have more influence than we do.

It is difficult to whitewash a fence when the brush is saturated with black paint. Clinton has been found guilty of lying under oath and according to the wording of our constitution he was duly impeached. The Senate exonerated him for reasons most of us understand. He is now a 'duck' with only one leg and one wing.

This 'witch hunt' would have ended months earlier except for the finger pointing "...Listen to me. I did not have sex with that woman...". Evidence proves him a liar. Evidence also indicates he obeys only the laws that are beneficial to

him. And he makes these laws up as he goes along. As far as the drawn out search by Judge Starr, Starr is an appointee of the Clinton administration. Any time you can appoint an office, that office can be vacated just as easily.

So before you start whitewashing a man who serves only those who support him, clean your brush out. Look at the Utah "National Monument" deal that only benefits the Lippo Group, one of his Indonesian contributors.

It seems Clinton is trying to subvert the Constitution and in its place form a new type government of which he is King Clinton, not Lame Duck Clinton.

And you can bet your bipie that the Republican Party is in EXCELLENT shape and will take both the House and Senate by a landslide in the next election.

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Is the USDA's inspection system too lax?

A little over two months ago, armed with surgical gloves and digital thermometers, parishioners and a handful of food-safety experts gathered at Our Lady of the Wayside Church in Chaptico, Md., to serve the church's annual dinner.



JACK ANDERSON

"There were a few nervous jokes among ourselves, but no one really brought it up," said Mary Farr, who had co-chaired previous year's dinner.

"It" was what happened at last year's dinner. Stuffed ham, tainted with salmonella, made nearly 750 people sick and killed one woman.

Farr and the church learned a painful lesson. For this dinner, food safety officials began working with the parishioners five months beforehand. "(We) really wanted to make sure we did things right," Farr said. The precautions paid off. No one went home sick from salmonella.

Nationwide, salmonella struck over 40,000 people in 1997. But what the churchgoers and other victims could not have known was that their

sickness was in large part the result of a federal inspection system that was soon to take a turn for the worse.

Since the 1960s, scientists had been urging government officials to supplement their "poke and sniff" inspection system for meat and poultry with microbial testing. But it was not until the early 1990s that epidemic levels of food-borne illness forced the USDA to act.

In January 1998, USDA began microbial testing. Implementation would take three years. The nation's 300 largest slaughterhouses came under the new system first, followed by 3,000 mid-size plants a year later, and the remaining "mom and pops" in January 2000.

USDA was quick to declare victory. In her "State of the Union" speech before the Association of Food and Drug Officials, Catherine Woteki, undersecretary for food safety, said "we are (also) finding that the large majority of plants are meeting the salmonella performance standards." Woteki then cited data showing a 30 percent drop in salmonella contamination on chicken carcasses.

But not everyone went along with the cheery declaration. Felecia Nestor, an attorney for the Government Accountability Project, asked to see the data on which USDA was claiming victory over salmonella.

Nestor made several discoveries.

She found, for example, that the new system allowed inspectors to approve astonishingly high levels of salmonella-contaminated meat for consumption: 57 percent contamination in ground turkey, 51 percent in ground chicken, and 36 percent in fresh pork sausages.

To make matters worse, government inspectors neither inform the plant of failure or require any action until a full sample set is taken, which takes between 53 and 82 days.

As a result, Nestor concludes in a soon to be released report, "millions of pounds of contaminated product... (are) labeled with the seal of government approval, purchased and consumed by millions of unsuspecting consumers."

If a meatpacker fails the first test period, the USDA requires the plant "take immediate action" to meet the standard, and a second test period will begin within 60 days.

If a plant fails a second test period, USDA regulations require that someone involved with the company's safety plan fix the problem, after which a third test period may be set. If a plant fails a third time, USDA will "withhold inspection," effectively shutting down the plant. But even this is not as bad as it seems. Inspectors are sent back to work once the company provides "satisfactory

written assurances" that things will be better.

Nestor also found serious problems with the USDA's database. After a three-month wait for information, USDA sent her a disk with missing data. When a second disk was sent three weeks later, it was also missing data.

Finally, a third disk with all the relevant information arrived. But when Nestor matched data between the disks, she found dozens of inconsistencies. Dates, sample sizes and failure rates simply didn't match up. Nestor also found large gaps in sample sets, instances where too few samples were taken and missing sample results.

USDA officials told our associate Ashley Baker that problems with Nestor's data were the result of human error.

"The specific database is fed by three systems. There's a checking and editing process that the information normally goes through, and it's my understanding that the data (Nestor) got had not gone through that," said Beth Gaston, a spokesperson.

Finally, Nestor found that in 1998, USDA had collected salmonella data in less than 30 percent of their plants. Bottom line? USDA claims of safer food were based on inconsistent data gathered at less than one-third of its plants under a lax inspection system.



One memorable lamb sale

Marvin Sewell of Big Spring has been a cattle trader for more than sixty years. "I think I bought and sold more cattle than anybody in West Texas," says Marvin.

"I grew to twenty thousand a year." He started his business on horseback in the 1920s.

He owned the Big Spring Locker Company and used to slaughter cattle within sight of city hall. Customers could buy an entire tenderloin for five dollars.

Marvin said hogs used to run wild in downtown Big Spring and one cold day they huddled up close together under steps leading up to the porch of a cafe.

A gunfight broke out between a couple of customers and the sound frightened the hogs and they ran away, taking the steps with them. When customers started pouring out of the cafe,

several of them fell off the porch because they remembered steps being there when they went in and expected them to still be there.

In 1947, a ranching friend of Marvin was dying from Brite's disease. His family had spent all their money and then some on fighting the illness, but the man died. The family was destitute. The man's widow took care of children and did ironing. Their two children, a boy and a girl, were just entering their teenage years, but managed to bring in a little money doing various small jobs.

The boy managed to buy four lambs and planned to sell them at a 4-H auction. He asked Marvin to help get the lambs to the auction.

When Marvin got to the ranch where the boy lived, he encountered a sight that still haunts him today. "Dogs had scratched under the fence during the night and tore those lambs all to pieces," says Marvin. "It was a terrible thing. There was a black dog come up, with blood on his face. I told the boy that we were going to have one dog less, and I started to my pickup to get a .22 automatic rifle."

The boy told Marvin, "No, that was daddy's dog. We can't kill it."

Marvin almost broke down. He asked the boy to help him put a tarp in the bed of Marvin's pickup, then they put the four lamb carcasses on the tarp. He told the boy to go in the house, get cleaned up and wipe away those tears.

Marvin told the boy, "We're gonna take them to the 4-H auction."

When they arrived at the auction barn, one of the men at the pens told Marvin to "get those bloody things out of here." But the owner of the barn told Marvin to stay. Marvin told the crowd about the boy's father's illness, how the family was broke and how the boy was looking forward to bringing his lambs to auction, but they were attacked by dogs just hours before the auction started.

Those four lambs sold for one hundred dollars each. The grand champion at the auction brought fifty dollars.

That boy, now a man, has done well in the insurance business. He told Marvin the other day, "Mother doesn't have to take in ironing anymore."

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QUICK TRIVIA

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◆In 1994, Charles Walker played 306 simultaneous games of checkers at Dollywood in Tennessee. He won 300 of them.

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

Helping others

Castillo learns to appreciate Big Spring in her job with the Salvation Army

By GINA GARZA
Features Assistant

Being able to help someone in their time of need is what Danelle Castillo's job is all about.

She has been employed with the Salvation Army for about eight years.

"I had always wanted to be a nurse and went to nursing school. I soon realized that I didn't have a life," she said.

"I needed a job so I went to the Salvation Army to apply."

She didn't get a job right away.

"I literally begged ... them until they agreed to hire me," said Castillo. "I felt like I had a calling there."

She had to have a crash course in spotting a good can. She also started out as being a case worker for the Salvation Army.

"Now, I oversee all social programs, the GED classes, emergency shelter and public relations," she said.

She said that being able to help someone get out of where they were before is a great feel-

ing. "Many people feel the Salvation Army is a security blanket," said Castillo.

"It's a great reward for me when someone comes up to me and tells me they couldn't have done it without the Salvation Army."

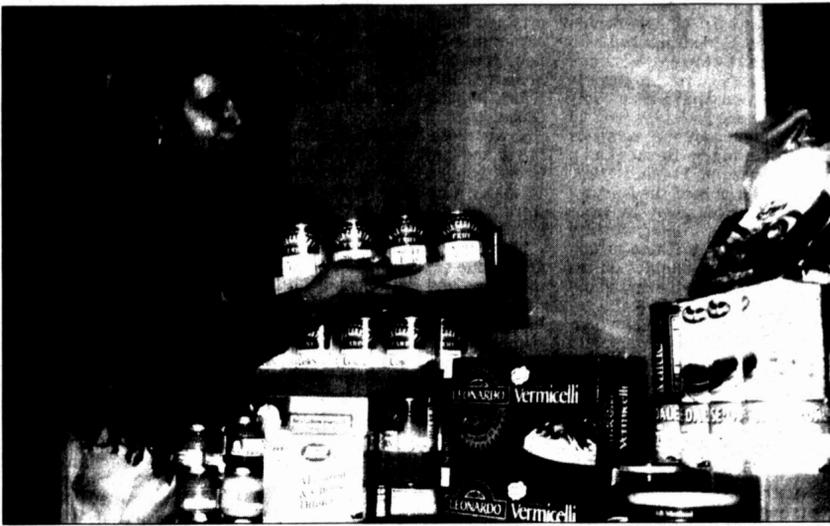
The greatest lesson she has learned has been to be more involved in the community and to give back to Big Spring.

"I hope someday I can be a roll model for someone who needs a little push to find the right direction," said Castillo. "Be grateful for what we have. Big Spring is really a great community. When there's a need or a cause, we come together."

The Salvation Army is able to help people with many different needs. "Some of the things we do for others is to help with rental assistance, utilities, emergency food and lodging, among other things," Castillo said.

"I'm not the Salvation Army; I'm just part of it," she added.

There are also volunteers who come in to teach piano



Danelle Castillo is shown in 1997, working at the Salvation Army as part of the community-wide canned food drive. As social services director for the agency, she is involved in many of its projects.

lessons.

"We try to look at the big picture and try to get as close to the problem as we can," she said.

Castillo is required to attend three conferences a year to retrain her in many areas.

"I think it's a challenge not knowing what tomorrow will bring and be able to help oth-

ers," she said.

Keeping her work in the office is not always easy.

"I do take my work home a lot of times, because you have a heart," she said. "I try to do everything I can to help a client. I'll be on every board if necessary."

Helping people is what Castillo does best.

"The job is an adventure in itself because there's so much out there that I may not know anything about, but I feel I've been down that road through others, and it makes me want to give back."

If you need to find out what other services the Salvation Army offers, you can call Castillo at 267-8239.

Walk the state for your health

Want To Walk Across Texas? If Hank Williams could waltz across Texas for love, couldn't you and a group of friends walk across the Lone Star State for health?

"Walk Across Texas" is an eight-week program sponsored by the Texas Agricultural Extension Service that could spark some friendly competition in Howard County. Teams of eight will compete to see who can log the most miles walking, jogging, or even biking.

The kick-off for the Howard County "Walk Across Texas" program is April 17 during the Big Spring Area Health Fair, but the time is now to begin forming your teams.

Each team will elect a captain who will keep track of the mileage walked, jogged or biked and then report it to the County Extension office. Mileage will be posted in the Extension office so that teams may regularly come by and track their progress. The team that walks the farthest will be recognized at the closing ceremony in June.

But all participants come away with a healthy physical fitness habit — walking.

Many people are unaware of the positive benefits of exercise. According to the American Heart Association, heart disease is the number one problem in the United States. The risk of heart disease could be significantly reduced by regular exercise.

According to the Texas Department of Health, the positive effects of physical activity are not limited to lowering the risk of heart disease.

Not only does regular exercise help relieve stress and anxiety, "physically active people outlive inactive people," TDH reported.

Participating in Walk Across Texas is not only a great way to get involved in the community, it is a healthy habit.

To participate, first get a team together. Biking and jogging teams are limited to four people. Choose a team captain and name your team.

Fill out a registration form available at the Howard County Extension office located in the basement of the Howard County Courthouse, 300 Main Street, Big Spring. There will be a small registration fee for each team entry.

"Walk Across Texas" will be a lot of fun, it will offer friendly competition and help participants to form a healthy fitness habit.

If you would like more information concerning the Walk Across Texas program please contact the Texas Agricultural Service — Howard County at 264-2236.

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DANA TARTER

Need to improve your luck? Move your furniture

NEW YORK (AP) — Helen Weinstein couldn't understand why her one-bedroom apartment hadn't sold in 10 months. After all, it was a luxury condo overlooking Manhattan's East River and had been furnished by the 58-year-old interior designer herself.

So she sought help from R.D. Chin, a feng shui practitioner who suggested moving a chair, adding a mirror and making other small changes.

The apartment sold the following week.

"It was a half-dozen easy changes, not involving much money and little effort. It was amazing," Ms. Weinstein said.

Feng shui (pronounced fung

shway) — meaning "wind" and "water" — is the ancient Chinese system of managing luck and good fortune by constructing buildings and placing furnishings in homes and offices in alignment with nature. From the front door, where the "chi," or life force, enters, to the toilet, where "chi" can drain away, everything counts.

Widely practiced in Asia, feng shui is surging in popularity from Manhattan to Hollywood as a New Age road to prosperity and happiness, even if the scientific basis is shaky.

"One of the key questions is: How do you measure this life

force? How come no one's ever measured it?" said Dr. Steven Barrett, a retired psychiatrist in Allentown, Pa., specializes in debunking health myths.

There are multitudes of publications, courses, do-it-yourself kits and Internet sites devoted to feng shui.

A magazine, "Feng Shui for Modern Living," began publication last April in London with a circulation of more than 121,000, mostly in the United States.

Now feng shui practitioners are rearranging households to bring on prosperity.

"There's a logical connection," Chin said. "If you feel better, your health is better. If

your health is better, you can do more business, earn more money, improve your love life."

Practitioners can charge hundreds of dollars an hour for a consultation. Adopting feng shui principles can mean rearranging a bed or desk to avoid the vulnerability of having one's back to the door, or unblocking doors and other entrances to increase one's opportunities.

People are also told that before they rent or buy a home or business, they should learn about the current residents.

New occupants, it is said, often repeat the fate of predecessors.

"Most people aren't in tune with their environment," said feng shui practitioner Barry Gordon.

"These days, people are so busy that they aren't picking up what their senses are telling them about their environment."

Instead of paying for a consultation, Rita Martins, a Brazilian living in New York, applied the feng shui principles herself, paying particular attention to the "relationship section" of her home, where she put a pair of candles and a picture of a couple kissing.

Now, "I am very lucky in love, thank God," she proclaimed.

Popular bridge is almost too far

REGENCY (AP) — Just as farm wife Francesca Johnson led photographer Robert Kincaid to the Bridges of Madison County, television personality Bob Phillips guides people to a remote bridge in Central Texas.

Almost on a daily basis, Phillips answers questions about how to get to the scenic suspension bridge featured in the opening segment of his television show, 8 Country Reporter.

Although Phillips doesn't get as personally involved with his viewers as Francesca did with Kincaid in Robert Waller's popular novel, some might say Phillips' bridge is just as beloved, breathtaking and hard to find (at least for Kincaid) as the covered bridges in Iowa.

The well-of-the-beaten-track Regency Bridge, about a 3 1/2-hour drive southwest of Dallas, spans the Colorado River and connects Mills and San Saba counties. One of the few remaining cable suspension bridges in Texas, it's just outside the ghost town of Regency (population 25), where the only surviving building is an abandoned country store.

The nearby small towns of Goldthwaite in Mills County and San Saba in the county

Can you find it?

THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

KNOW BEFORE YOU GO DIRECTIONS - Here are Bob Phillips' directions to the bridge (although the Texas Department of Transportation will be steering guests to the bridge via a slightly different route on the day of the rededication):

From Goldthwaite, take FM574 west about 15 miles until FM573 intersects the road on the right. Continue on 574 for a short distance until you see a dirt road on the left. Turn onto it, and you'll see the bridge a few miles south of FM574.

- TxDOT's directions: From Goldthwaite, take FM574 west approximately 15 miles to CR432. Turn south (left) and go approximately 7 miles and veer to the left and you'll be on CR433 south. Go approximately 1 mile. County roads are dirt roads and will have "arrow" signs.

REDEDICATION - The ceremony will be at 11 a.m. March 1 on the north side of the bridge (in Mills County).

the bridge as their own. Goldthwaite is about 90 miles west of Waco.

Since August, the bridge has been closed for more than \$1 million in repairs, which means ranchers with livestock on both sides of the river have had to drive 40 miles out of their way.

Much to the delight of cattlemen and tourists alike, the bridge will reopen at 11 a.m. March 1 with much fanfare. Phillips will lead the procession across the restored bridge in his Suburban. Bands from both nearby schools will entertain along the banks of the river and play the 8 Country Reporter theme song (or Texas Country Reporter, as it is known outside of the Dallas market) as Phillips crosses the bridge.

The parade also will include a Model A Ford car club from Austin and a restored 1918 Liberty truck driven by the Texas Department of Transportation.

Goldthwaite will have a 1928 American LaFrance firetruck on hand.

The procession will start on the San Saba side and cross north into Mills County.

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READERS CORNER

"Just An Ordinary Man" He call himself just an ordinary man.

But little did he know that what he was wasn't ordinary at all.

For in this ever-changing world he stood tall in the things he did.

He stood up for the what was right and the wrongs he took up with the Lord

He walked proudly by his sweetheart (his wife) for over 60 years.

The love he felt for her still shone bright in his eyes.

His children were his riches.

Most every Sunday he was found in church.

A church where he had worshipped the Lord for over 30 years.

Some of those years were spent teaching others about the Lord.

Later he was proud to be a deacon.

A duty he was proud of.

But as ill health left him unable to complete his duties as a deacon,

He seemed content to sit in his pew.

Smiling at others and brightening up their lives with his sweet words.

He's gone now.

The Lord called him home, Leaving only memories of a Not so ordinary man called Woodrow Jones.

Now an angel in Heaven

Written in memory of one who brightened many lives with his kind and loving ways...

"Blessed is the man whose delight is in the law of the Lord."

Psalms 1:1-2
Lana F. Anguiano

"Come Spring"

Adapted by Dolly Bryant in memory of Alvey A. Bryant, Sr.

I stood in the hospital room of a father

Who often bowed his head to pray.

His heart so weak, he struggled to breathe

I brushed a tear away.

He was watching for Jesus to take him home,

He breathed a sigh and then replied,

I'll be home with Jesus, Come Spring

Before the cotton blooms in my field

I'll be gathering cattle in a better land,

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SLICE of life!

COMMUNITY NEWS

Girl Scouts of Troop 463 worked with the Big Spring Evening Lions Club in the adult eyeglass recycling program on Feb. 13. Aimee Ham, president, along with Megan Reyes, Rachel Yanke, Ava Dominguez, Morgan Long, Blythe Long and Alicia Johnston with leaders Carol Reyes and Lorie Long participated as part of a community service project.

Under the guidance of Lions, the scouts sorted and cleaned glasses, saw a demonstration of reading the prescription of the lens, filling out labels for each pair and filing glasses into the Lions' inventory of more than 4,000 pair.



FOR YOUR INFORMATION

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.

SPRING TABERNACLE CHURCH, 1209 Wright, has free food for the area needy from 10 a.m. to noon every Thursday.

THE LAST WORD

If we had to tolerate in others all that we permit in ourselves, life would become completely unbearable.

Georges Courteline

Govern a family as you would cook a small fish — very gently.

Chinese proverb

We owe almost all our knowledge not to those who have agreed, but to those who have differed.

Charles Caleb Colton

Artichokes aplenty

After tough times, crop expected to do well this year

CASTROVILLE, Calif. (AP) — Kenny Lazerini picks a soft-ball-sized artichoke from a bin and gives it a squeeze.

"You hear that squeak?" the grower asks. "This is going to be an excellent year."

Three rough seasons of floods, heat and El Nino rains brought soggy, small, expensive and silent artichokes to store shelves. This year, barring a late freeze, the cycle will be broken.

In the fields surrounding Castroville, the self-proclaimed Artichoke Capital of the World, chest-high plants are laden this month with the tender, edible thistles.

"We really want consumers to enjoy their artichokes this year because Lord knows, it's been rough," said Mary Comfort, executive director of the California Artichoke Advisory Board.

Artichokes, first commercially grown in the United States in 1922 by Italian immigrants, are produced exclusively in California and almost entirely on the central coast in a foggy, moist microclimate where it's never too hot or cold.

Last year, the crop value was \$46 million, with most sold in large metropolitan areas on the

East and West coasts. More than one-third of Americans have eaten a fresh, cooked artichoke, but those who have tried to enjoy one during the past few years have been sadly disappointed.

The most severe weather problems many farmers can remember came in March 1995, just weeks before the harvest peaked. One of the most vicious storm systems in state history washed away millions of dollars worth of vegetables on the Central Coast, including about half the artichokes.

Farmers worked to recover, replanting the perennials with root cuttings.

Then came El Nino, bringing more than \$500 million of damage to California's agriculture, and soaking the roots of the artichokes until they couldn't absorb nutrients from the soil.

"After El Nino, the artichokes were scarce, they were expensive and they didn't taste so good," said Ray Bei, whose family has for 35 years run the Giant Artichoke produce market in Castroville, about 80 miles south of San Francisco.

Traditional Green Globe artichoke farmers grow plants cloned from root stock planted 80 years ago. As their crops

declined in recent years, large produce companies have been experimenting with several new types of hardier artichokes grown from seed — the Big Heart, Imperial Star and Desert Globe.

So far these hybrids lack the flavor and texture of the classic Green Globes, but consumers — many unaware that they were trying a new variety — have had little choice.

This year has been easy on artichokes. Rainfall has been moderate, and four days of bitter temperatures in late December that almost entirely wiped out California's citrus crop barely frosted the artichokes.

Those being harvested this month are reaching store shelves with some brownish scars on the outside, but no internal damage. And when the artichoke season reaches its height in March and April, the vegetables should be green, robust, heavy and tastier than they've been in years.

Prices, which have reached as high as \$3 each for jumbo artichokes in recent years, are expected to drop to below \$1 each. Smaller artichokes may be as cheap as 20 cents a pound.

BRIDGE

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Attendees are urged to watch the proceedings from the Goldthwaite side, where hamburgers, chips and cold drinks will be sold after the parade. Or, as an alternative, people are encouraged to bring picnic lunches and quilts to spread on the ground.

Goldthwaite and San Saba have a long-running, good-spirited rivalry, which was evident as San Saba County Judge Harlen Barker and Mills County Judge Randy Wright met to discuss rededication ceremony plans.

They originally discussed the option of starting the procession in Mills County.

"That's right," Barker says. "You always want to go from Mills County and get across the bridge into God's Country."

But because of a larger area for people to gather on the Goldthwaite side, it was decided to start on the other side.

"I hate to send anyone to Goldthwaite," Barker says. "We have a tradition that rivals Odessa and Midland," Wright says. "We like to give each other a little static."

In reality, the bridge has brought the two communities together. Both have worked hard to preserve the bridge and are proud of the span that connects them.

San Saba is the Pecan Capital of the World and sometime home to actor Tommy Lee Jones, who owns a ranch east of town. Goldthwaite bills itself as the Gateway to the Texas Hill Country.

Phillips discovered the bridge in spring 1987.

He and part of his crew were returning from a Vanishing Texas River Cruise on Lake Buchanan and were looking for scenic places to film Phillips driving his signature Suburban.

They were on the Goldthwaite side when they stumbled upon the bridge. Phillips is known for traveling the back roads of Texas, and this discovery is proof. Getting to the bridge from that side involves traveling on at least 5 miles of dirt road. It's not a bridge the average person stumbles upon.

The crew returned to shoot the opening segment in August of that year, and it became a part of the show that fall.

"Immediately, the phones started ringing, and the phones have not stopped ringing since," Phillips says.

Right away, people wanted to know where the bridge was. And nearly every day since then, Phillips Productions is asked for directions to the bridge. The directions are kept posted by the phone.

It is the No. 1 question Phillips hears. "People will ask, 'I have one question for you... and I say, 'Where's that bridge?' They always look shocked and ask, 'How did you know?' as if they were the first to ever ask the question."

Now people are sending e-mail requests for directions. Phillips says he recently got a request from a Texan living in Germany. He also got one from a viewer in Wyoming who watches the show via satellite.

Goldthwaite and San Saba have reaped benefits from the television exposure. About 750,000 to a million people watch the show each week, Phillips says. What once was merely a functional bridge for ranchers now is a tourist attraction.

Now if you go to San Saba or Goldthwaite and ask people, "Where's that bridge," they know exactly what you're talking about and can tell you, Phillips says.

The Regency Bridge is the third bridge to span the Colorado River at this spot.

The original one, built in 1903, was supported by concrete pillars. It collapsed in 1924 when Luther Jernigan and sons Malcolm and Raymond drove a herd of cattle across the bridge. The cows became frightened when a car entered from the other end and caused a stampede. Nine-year-old Raymond was killed in the mayhem.

Raymond's brother, Hawley, who retired in December as a Mills County commissioner, worked toward having the bridge restored, as well as getting a new state historic marker commemorating the tragedy.

The second bridge was destroyed by a flood in 1936. The current bridge was built in 1939, a foot and a half higher than the previous flood waters.

The new historic marker notes that the suspension bridge became the pride of the area: "Youths gathered there in the 1940s to picnic, dance and sing."

It remains a recreational area to a limited degree. A few years ago, a bungee-jumping company from California set up an operation at the bridge, but because the bridge is so remote, business was not brisk enough and it pulled in the cords.

Other than nearby ranchers, most of the folks who come to visit the bridge now are fans of Phillips. As a whole, Bob Phillips' viewers are not people who jump off bridges — even with a cord.

The initial restoration that began last August was funded by the Federal Highway Administration (80 percent), the state of Texas (10 percent) and both counties (5 percent each). It included removing all the old lumber and putting in new decking, replacing rails, painting, and driving new steel piling for an approach span on the Mills County side. The cost was \$300,000.

"But once the project began, we realized that there could be a problem with the cables," says Howard Holland, area engineer with the Texas Department of Transportation. The cables run into the ground where corrosion can occur. Although they could not determine how much corrosion had occurred, they decided the orig-

inal design flaw was too big a risk. "It was a good time to make the correction work," Holland says.

That meant an additional \$735,000 to splice the cables into above-ground concrete pillars. The counties panicked at the additional cost, but the Federal Highway Administration paid 80 percent, and the state paid 20 percent of the additional expense.

The Texas Department of Transportation also handled all the design and construction management.

"Without TxDOT, we might not be sitting here today," Barker says.

And without Phillips' stumbling upon the bridge, TxDOT might not have restored the bridge, Wright says.

Its television exposure did move the project up on the priority list, Holland says. Otherwise the hard-to-find bridge might have been forgotten.

Walt Lambert of Muskogee, Okla., is overseeing the cable work. This is a relatively simple job compared with the restoration of the Royal Gorge suspension bridge in Colorado that he was in charge of back in the mid-1980s.

"There aren't that many suspension bridges left," he laments. "Most have been torn down."

His work involved painstakingly matching and splicing each wire. Each cable has 475 wires. If each wire is not matched exactly, there could be a problem with the tension of the bridge, he says.

Plotting the return of pop polka

Two-time Grammy nominated band Brave Combo chases a hit

"You can't escape irony any more ... You have to almost be in tune with this secret cynical language to be able to understand it. And, in a way, polka just blasts that apart totally. The slate is clean."

— Brave Combo leader Carl Finch

ENNIS (AP) — Put on your dancing shoes and roll out the barrel. Brave Combo is plotting a polka revolution.

It's no joke, says Carl Finch, the thin, bespectacled founder of the genre-smashing 20-year-old Denton group. Polka has topped the charts before. And with the swing music revival having primed the pop music pump for horn sections and organized dancing, polkamania might well be right around the corner.

"I think polka music is so different that it could come on like the Beatles almost," said Finch, who at 47 is old enough to remember Beatlemania. "Like 'Wow, who opened this door?'"

If and when that door flies open, Finch hopes it's Brave Combo hop-step-step-stepping through.

The band, which has recorded nearly 20 albums and entertained countless sweaty college bar and dance hall crowds since its May 1979 inception, is one of five Grammy nominees in the best polka album category

for its latest release, "Polka Party with Brave Combo: Live and Wild." The award ceremony is Wednesday in Los Angeles.

Brave Combo also was nominated in 1996 for its album "Polkas for a Gloomy World." The Grammy went that year to Jimmy Sturr, who is nominated again this time.

Finch and his five bandmates — saxophonist Jeffrey Barnes, bassist Bubba Hernandez on bass, trumpeter Danny O'Brien, drummer Alan Emert and percussionist Joe Cripps — are hopeful for the Grammy but realistic about beating Sturr, a perennial favorite.

What they're really after, however, is a crossover hit.

In an interview at a cavernous Czech dance hall that sits amid cow pastures on the outskirts of this central Texas town, Finch insisted the idea of polka as pop isn't that far-fetched.

The Andrews Sisters' 1938 hit "Beer Barrel Polka" sold more than a million records, and polka giant Frankie Yankovic had two million-sellers in the late 1940s.

"I think ... what has to happen is that somehow a polka — which you just aren't calling a polka but a song that is a polka — breaks and people dig the sound of this like they would dig Ska and they would like this sound," he said. "And then

after it breaks you go, 'By the way, that's a polka.'"

Barnes, a shaggy, bearded wizard of the sax, clarinet, flute and a number of other wind instruments, recalls reading a Rolling Stone review of Brave Combo in 1981, two years before he joined the band.

"It says 'This could be the bounce out of left field that the contemporary dance scene needs,'" said Barnes, 47. "And you know, maybe it could be still."

The music and dance of polka was brought to the United States by immigrants from Germany, Poland and other European nations.

Like many musicians of his generation, Finch's influences in the 1960s and '70s came from pop, including the Yardbirds and Led Zeppelin. But he grew bored with pop in the mid-'70s — "about the time the Eagles had their 50th hit," he says.

It was in a Woolworth store in his hometown of Texarkana that he found polka, along with cha-cha and mambo albums.

"This was a music that was not being looked at from a pop perspective at all," he said. "It was still as closely tied to the ethnic roots as it was to any kind of pop sense."

"I was going, 'Man, I like this music. There's something here that just streamlines something in me, an energy flow or something.'"

READERS

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Before the pastures are green,
Before the calves start to bawl,
I'll be home with Jesus,
Come Spring.

There's a big gate standing open,
A gentle voice calls me home,
Soon I'll be in God's country,
In a pasture of my own
With my troubles all behind me

And my body free of pain,
When the winter showers are over
And the sandstorms start to blow
I'll be home with Jesus,
Come Spring.

Now the cows have all calved
in his pasture,
And the warm winds blow
Across the cotton fields of green,
He has gone where angels sing,
Earth's loss is heaven's gain

But we'll meet again
When God gathers His children home,
Come Spring.

"That We Might See"
Invisible to human eyes
He was God's image from the start
He is always near and willing
To be "seen" by the heart.

The human mind can't understand
What is yet to be, but
His Spirit in the human heart
Opens minds and eyes to clearly "see."

Human hands can't feel and touch
His Precious Spirit from above,
But opened minds and willing hearts
Have felt the power of His love.

Human wisdom couldn't know Him

Till He showed us heavens view,
When He came to earth to save us
And our spirit man renew.

God gave us His very best,
Jesus Christ the Perfect One.
That we might "see" and "feel" and "know"
The love of God through His Son.

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IN BRIEF

Abernathy, Ira post wins in games at 'The Dorothy'

Abernathy's Antelopes and Ira's Bulldogs took bi-district wins before an estimated crowd of 1,000 Tuesday night in a schoolboy basketball play-off doubleheader at Dorothy Garrett Coliseum.

The Antelopes took an 85-73 Class 2A win over Albany's Lions behind Brady Barton's 20 points and the double-digit scoring support of Matt Pierce, Cleve Riley and Brad Legan.

The Lopes rebounded from a 24-20 deficit at the end of the first quarter to take a 42-38 halftime lead and iced the game away with a 27-point fourth quarter.

Albany was paced by guard Brian Bartee, who hit eight three-point shots and finished with 29 game-high points.

Ira got 27 points from Jerek Brown and 24 more from Richard Wilkins in taking a 78-67 win over Klondike in their Class A showdown. Logan Daves added 12 more for the Bulldogs.

The Cougars got 28 game-high points from Ty Barton, but couldn't match the Bulldogs' three-pronged attack of Brown, Wilkins and Daves.

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

Ozona's Lions will take on Tahoka's Bulldogs in a boys' 2A area game at 8 p.m. Friday.

And on Saturday, Iraan's Braves will play Hale Center's Owls in another Class 2A boys' area game at 7 p.m.

Big Spring night slated Friday by Jackalopes

Friday will be "Big Spring Night" for the Odessa Jackalopes game against the Waco Wizards at the Ector County Coliseum.

Incidents expected to be on hand for the game which begins at 7 p.m. Friday.

Mayor Tim Blackshear will drop the ceremonial first puck prior to the game and Big Spring Symphony trumpeter Jose Gonzales will play the national anthem.

Reduced tickets, priced at \$7 and \$9, are available by calling Carroll Jennings at 267-5201.

Forsan's Jerrod Fishback semifinialist for award

Forsan senior Jerrod Fishback, who earned all-district honors in during the Buffs' best season in more than a decade in 1998, has been named a semifinialist for the 10th annual Christian Athlete of the Year Award.

Finalists for the award will attend an awards banquet where the winner will be announced at 6:30 p.m. Monday in Irving.

Little League coaches clinic slated for Sunday

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 at Jack Barber Field.

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

Tennis carnival scheduled at Figure 7 on Saturday

The Crossroads Tennis Association and Jim Blacketter Tennis will host a free tennis carnival from 2 p.m. to 5 p.m. Saturday at the Figure 7 Tennis Center in Comanche Trail Park.

More than 50 local businesses have donated prizes for the carnival.

ON THE AIR

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Steers thinclads, deeper in talent, shine in practice meet

By JOHN A. MOSELEY
Sports Editor

With Tory Mitchell, the nation's top sprinter a year ago, returning for his senior season, it's understandable that Big Spring boys' track coach Randy Britton is excited about the upcoming schoolboy track and field season.

Without question, Britton admits expecting impressive results from Mitchell, who as a junior not only registered record times at the District 4-4A and Region I meets in the 100 and 200 meters, but took the Class 4A state championship in both races.

What's more, Mitchell topped those performances by beating the nation's best, winning the 100 and 200 at the National Junior Track and Field Championships in June.

Mitchell, despite being hampered by a tender hamstring, is already off to a strong start — having won the long jump, 100 meters and anchored Big Spring's 400-meter relay team to a first-place finish in a practice meet with

Abilene High and San Angelo Central on Saturday.

He won the long jump with a leap of 22 feet, took the 100 meters with a 10.02 clocking and combined with relay teammates Kyle Britton, Jimmy Hawkins and Doug White to post a time of 42.9 seconds.

"There's no question that everyone is going to have their eye on Tory," Britton said of the Steers sprinter who earlier this month signed a letter of intent to play football and run track at the University of Miami.

"As long as he stays healthy, Tory's going to be the premier sprinter in the country ... he's going to get plenty of attention ... always has," Britton added.

But after having taken what amounted to a five-man team into the District 4-4A meet a year ago, Britton admits being almost as happy with having a larger team to work with as he is in having Mitchell wearing the Steers' black and gold togs.

"We've got more kids out running and that's exciting," Britton said as he pre-

pared the Steers for a three-way practice meet with Abilene High and Merkel on Saturday. "We still don't have the depth I'd like to have, but we've got quite a few more kids running than we did last year and several of them are pretty talented young kids."

The Steers' depth showed in last weekend's practice meet, as Big Spring took multiple places in a number of events against Class 5A competition.

In addition to Mitchell's win in the long jump, Big Spring added a third-place showing from White, who turned in a 19-7 lead, and Sam Gray added a fourth-place jump of 18-6.

Braden Wagner added a first-place in the pole vault with a 10-6 effort and Keith Newton's 111-foot toss gave him third in the discus.

Hawkins finished second in the 100 meters behind Mitchell, posting a 10.96 time and was second in the 200 meters — a race Britton chose not to enter his stellar sprinter — with a 22.4 clocking. Sophomore Jason Woodruff was third in the 200 meters with a 23.4.

Freshmen Willis Morrison and Jarce Parnell finished first and second, respectively, in the 300 intermediate hurdles — Morrison posting a 43.1 time, while Parnell finished at 44.4.

In addition to his second-place finish in the long jump, White finished second in the 400 meters with a 52.2 time.

And in the longer events, the Steers were well represented by Rolando Ledesma and Ben Garcia. Ledesma won the 1,600 meters with a 5:10.0 clocking and was second in the 800 meters with a 2:08.0, while Garcia was second in the 1,600 with a 5:15.0.

"The really encouraging thing is that we had some really good times considering how early it was in the season and how young some of our kids are," Britton explained. "With the depth we have, we're going to be more competitive. We'll be going to some extremely tough meets ... like the Texas Relays and the one at Dallas Jesuit ... but that's going to be a great showcase for our older kids and tremendous experience for the younger ones."

Farwell ousts Coahoma from playoffs

HERALD Staff Reports

LUBBOCK — Coahoma's Bulldogs and Bulldogettes saw their stays in the Class 2A basketball playoffs come to an end Tuesday night in losses to Farwell's Steers and Lady Steers at Lubbock Monterey High School's gymnasium.

In the evening's opener, the Lady Steers used a full-court press and tenacious defense to oust the Bulldogettes, 64-43, in their regional quarterfinal.

And in the nightcap, Farwell's Ryan Roberts hit a jumper from the free throw line with 4.8 seconds remaining to give the Steers a 45-44 comeback win over the Bulldogs in bi-district action.

The Bulldogs took control early in the game behind the play of senior swingman Blake Nichols, who scored 15 of his team-high 17 points in the first half to give Coahoma a six-point, 25-19, lead.

Coahoma pressed the issue early in the third quarter, trying to continue its up tempo game that had yielded the first half advantage.

A quick three-pointer from Ryan Deckham and a Brandon Hancock layup gave the Bulldogs a 30-49 edge.

But Farwell coach Gary Cates called a timeout, and following the break, the Steers put up a full-court press and began to chip away at the Bulldogs' lead.

In the fourth quarter, Farwell's Brett Curtis developed a hot hand and scored the Steers' first six points of the period and gave his team its first lead at 41-40.

The Bulldogs finished their season with a 22-9 record.

In the opener, the Bulldogettes got 18 points from Cassie Tindol, but the Lady Steers' pressure created numerous ball-handling errors on Coahoma's part.

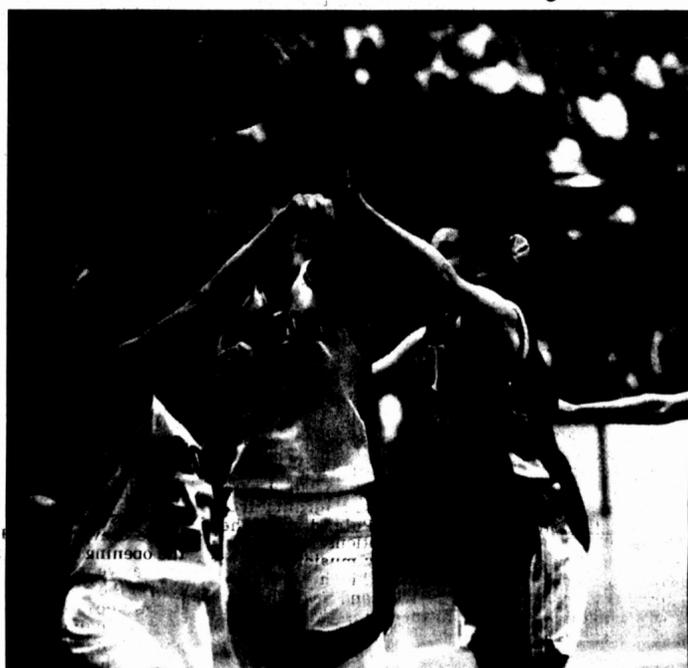
Coahoma managed to stay within striking distance through the first half, pushing the ball inside to posts Suzanna Wood and Jayci Roberts.

But just as the Lady Steers seemed to become vulnerable, Farwell's Nicole Stout hit a buzzer-beater for a 25-20 halftime lead.

With their press still creating problems for the Bulldogettes, the Lady Steers began to produce offensively and at the end of the third quarter, Farwell's lead was 41-31.

And when Wood fouled out of the game 34 seconds into the fourth quarter, the Lady Steers capitalized by scoring 23 points down the stretch to widen the gap.

The Bulldogettes only double-digit scoring came from Tindol, while Wood finished with eight points and Roberts added seven more. Coahoma finished 22-9 on the season.



Coahoma's Suzanna Wood (45) pulls down a rebound, as teammate Kortney Kemper (22) flashes across the lane in the Bulldogettes area win over Ozona. Coahoma lost to Farwell in Tuesday's regional quarterfinal, 64-43.

GIRLS' GAME
COAHOMA — Hart 2 0 2 4, Kemper 1 2 2 4, Tindol 8 2 3 18, Buchanan 2 0 0 4, Roberts 2 3 3 7, Wood 3 2 2 8, Totals 19 9 12 43.
FARWELL — Crawford 9 5 6 23, Miller 2 2 3 9, Stout 1 0 0 2, Kattwasser 4 4 6 12, Bennett 3 9 11 15, Woods 1 0 0 2, Totals 20 19 25 64.
Score by Quarters:
Coahoma 12 8 11 12 43
Farwell 15 10 16 23 54
Three-point goals: Coahoma 0; Farwell 3 (Crawford 2, Miller 1).
Total Fouls: Coahoma 20, Farwell 13. Fouled Out: Wood, Tindol.
Technical Fouls: None. Records: Coahoma finishes at 22-9, Farwell is 23-8.

Hale Center too much for Lady Buffs, 58-36

SEMINOLE — A flu bug and Hale Center's No. 5-ranked Owlettes proved to be more than Stanton's Lady Buffs could overcome Tuesday night, as they dropped a 58-36 decision in Class 2A girls' regional quarterfinal game.

Stanton, which finished the season with a 20-10 mark, was hampered by a flu virus that struck three starters.

Hale Center, now 26-3, jumped out to an early 16-6 lead in the first quarter

and never looked back. Scoring early and often, the Owlettes capitalized on their transition game. As a consequence, the Lady Buffs were never able to fully implement their press.

Stanton's woes were worsened by not being able to score effectively. Julie Adams paced the Lady Buffs with 10 points on the night, while Jonna Moore added eight points and Stephanie Washington had six more.

Hale Center had Jametra Clark, a 6-foot-1 post, who pumped in 19 points. Teammate Dana Black added 17 points, while Sandra Cenicerros added 10 more.

Hale Center 58, Stanton 36
STANTON — Madison 2 1 2 5, Hull 1 1 2 4, Adams 3 4 8 10, Washington 3 0 0 6, DeLeon 0 3 4 3, J. Moore 3 1 2 8, Teichman 0 0 0 0, Saigado 0 0 0 0, Alred 0 0 0 0, Christon 0 0 0 0, K. Moore 0 0 0 0, Thompson 0 0 0 0, Totals 12 13 18 36.
HALE CENTER — Clark 9 1 2 19, Black 8 0 0 17, Cenicerros 4 0 0 10, Hickman 3 0 0 7, Shaver 1 0 0 2, Tjerina 1 0 0 2, Matthews 0 1 2 1, Totals 22 2 4 58.
Score by Quarters:
Stanton 8 7 12 9 36
Hale Center 18 15 14 11 58
Three-point goals: Stanton 2 (Hull, J. Moore); Hale Center 4 (Cenicerros 2, Hickman, Black). Total Fouls: Stanton 6, Hale Center 15. Fouled Out: None. Technical Fouls: None. Records: Stanton finishes at 20-10, Hale Center is 26-3.

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Lady Bearkats eliminated by No. 8-ranked Vega

LEVELLAND — Vega's Lady Longhorns lived up to their No. 8 ranking Tuesday night with a 73-41 Class A regional quarterfinals win over Garden City's Lady Bearkats.

The loss marked the second straight year in which the Lady Kats have missed qualifying for the regional tournament.

Vega, which will be joined at this weekend's regional tournament at South Plains College by District 8-1A rival Sudan, jumped out early and outscored Garden City 45-20 in the first half.

From there it was simply a matter of coasting to the win for the Lady Longhorns who improved to 21-9 on the season.

Cami Rea and teammate Kelly Cleavinger both scored 17 points in sharing game-high honors, while Kimberly Artho added 14 more for Vega.

Garden City got 15 points from senior post J'Layne Niehus, but she was the only Lady Bearkat to finish in double figures.

The Lady Bearkats finished 26-3 after having a sixth straight district title.

Vega 73, Garden City 41
VEGA — Rea 6 0 0 17, Cleavinger 6 5 5 17, M. Meyer 0 2 4 2, Perrin 0 0 0 0, K. Meyer 0 0 0 0, Artho 7 0 1 14, Sunderman 2 0 0 5, Selman 1 0 0 2, Schank 0 0 0 0, Basford 2 1 2 6, Robinson 1 0 0 2, May 4 1 1 9, Totals 28 9 13 73.
GARDEN CITY — Lanford 0 0 0 0, Kujawski 0 0 0 0, S. Eoff 0 0 0 0, Hurt 0 0 0 0, Goodwin 3 1 2 7, M. Niehus 2 4 8 8, Chandler 2 0 0 4, J. Niehus 6 3 5 15, Batta 0 0 0 0, Braden 0 2 4 2, W. Eoff 2 0 0 4, Hoelscher 0 1 4 1, Totals 17 12 25 41.
Score by Quarters:
Vega 19 16 13 15 73
Garden City 9 11 10 11 41
Three-point goals: Vega 6 (Rea 4, Sunderman, Basford); Garden City 0. Total Fouls: Vega 14, Garden City 11. Fouled Out: None. Technical Fouls: None. Records: Vega is 21-9, Garden City finishes at 26-3.

Lady Coyotes advance with win over Windthorst

CLYDE — Borden County's Lady Coyotes improved their record to 26-4 Tuesday night with a 76-56 regional quarterfinals win over Windthorst's Lady Trojans.

Julie Mayes paced the Lady Coyotes with 27 points, while Lindsey Smith had 20 points and Valerie Wootan added 16 more in the lopsided win.

Borden County jumped out on top early, outscoring the Lady Trojans 20-7 in the first eight minutes of play and went into halftime with a 38-23 lead.

The Lady Coyotes advance to this weekend's Region II, Class 1A tournament at McMurry University in Abilene.

Windthorst finishes with a 24-6 record.

WJCAC champion Hawks, Lady Hawks headed to regionals

WJCAC champions and proud of it!

This seems to be the feeling among Coach Tommy Collins' Howard College Hawks.

The Howard cagers came two games closer to an undefeated conference schedule this past week as they defeated South Plains Texans, 85-54, and then traveled to Clarendon College on Monday to take an 80-57 win over the Bulldogs.

The wins improve the Hawks' record to 23-5 for the season and a perfect 13-0 in conference.

Timing is everything, and the Hawks seem to be peaking at the right moment.

Local fans will have one more opportunity to see the Hawks in action this year at home as they host Frank Phillips College on Thursday night. Game times are 6 and 8 p.m.

Looking ahead, the Howard Hawks will enter the Region V

HAWK HIGHLIGHTS

By STAN FEASTER



Basketball Tournament as the No. 1 seed from the western conference and will play the northern conference's fourth seed (probably Temple or Hill) at 8 p.m. Thursday, March 4.

All Region V tournament games will be played at the Hardin-Simmons University gymnasium and will be broadcast on KBST-AM 1490 with Steve Samuels providing the play-by-play.

The Lady Hawks assured themselves of the No. 2 seed in the Region V women's tournament by posting wins over South Plains College, 76-54, and Clarendon College, 69-52. T

Currently 26-3 for the year and 11-2 in conference play, the Lady Hawks next take on the Frank Phillips Lady Plainsmen at 6 p.m. Thursday.

Looking ahead, the Lady Hawks will open the Region V Tournament at 1 p.m. Wednesday, March 3, facing the Northern conference's third-seeded team (probably Ranger or Hill).

All Lady Hawk games will be broadcast on KBYG-AM 1400 with Bob Bell providing the play-by-play.

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Dorothy."

The Howard Baseball Team improved to 13-1 for the year with a pair of victories over Hardin-Simmons' Cowboys 15-3 and 12-6.

They then played not quite so nice a host to the Vernon Regional Junior College's Chaparrals taking a three game sweep with scores of 8-3, 13-3, and 4-3.

Next up for the Hawks will play a doubleheader today beginning at 1 p.m., taking on Lubbock Christian University's junior varsity at Jack Barber Field.

The Hawks will then travel to El Paso this weekend for a three-game conference series.

The Lady Hawk Softball team is on a roll. After leaving Odessa with a 2-0 mark the softballers headed to Sul Ross State University and took convincing 10-0 and 18-1 victories.

The Lady Hawks would then compete in the 36-team Cowtown Classic in Fort Worth, finishing third.

The Lady Hawks posted wins over Galveston College 4-3, Northern Oklahoma 4-0, Hutchinson (Kan.) 9-0, Bossier Parrish (La.) 9-3, Southern Nazarene (Okla.) 7-0 and Cowley County (Kan.) 9-0.

Howard suffered its first loss of the year to WJCAC rival Midland College 5-1 in the semifinals. Both teams could face each other in tournament play before the Lady Hawks host Midland College for a four-game conference series on Friday and Saturday, March 19-20.

Coach Andy Mace's 10-1 squad will travel to the El Paso Tournament this weekend.

Stan Feaster is sports information director at Howard College. His column appears on Wednesdays.

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ty and solution-finding abilities
are high. View obstacles as chal-
lenges, and you will hop over
them. If you are single, romance
is passionate and exciting. If
attached, plan on that special trip
or second honeymoon. Love can-
not help but blossom. Be willing to
spend some money to add to the
niceness of your relationship.
Cancer can be provocative.
ARIES (March 21-April 19)
**** Use work as a means of center-
ing and calming yourself. You
stretch emotionally and break bar-
riers. Take time for yourself; med-
itate and analyze. Your perspec-
tive changes because of a partner's
input. Get on the Internet and seek
new information. Tonight:
Retire into your thoughts.
TAURUS (April 20-May 20)
**** Talks open you up.
Friendships expand; so does your
possibility of networking. You easily
convince others that you are
on the right track. Go with the
flow. Maintain your sense of direction,
knowing what you want.
Another finally gets off his duff.
Tonight: At a favorite spot.
GEMINI (May 21-June 20)
**** Handle funds as you want
to. Listen carefully to options;
then, head in the desired direction.
Your work, energy and abilities
come together. Be willing to
put in those extra efforts. Your
understanding makes a difference.
Tonight: Check out a sale.
CANCER (June 21-July 22)
**** You are on top of things.
Incorporate a potential trip or new
beginning. Your willingness to
work with existing information
allows you to brainstorm and
come up with unusual ideas. A
child or loved one voices his con-
cerns. Remain sensitive to others.
Tonight: Let the fun and games
begin!
LEO (July 23-Aug. 22)
**** Gather information; assume
a low profile. You don't have to
understand what is going on.
Instead, get to the bottom of a
problem, even if it means jolting
someone out of his happy haze.
Know you are heading in the right
direction. Tonight: Curl up with a
big book.
VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22)
**** Don't let anyone cause you
to lose your focus. Stay on target.

HOROSCOPE
Know what works for you. Take
action. Another might be taken
back by your assertiveness.
Nevertheless, others will work
with you. Together, you come up
with interesting ideas. Tonight:
Make fun happen.
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**** Be careful just how much
you spend on an investment that
could benefit your career. Weigh
the pros and cons. Make firm
decisions. Somehow, another mis-
understands you. You decide, espe-
cially when it comes to spending.
Tonight: Put in an extra hour or
two at work.
SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21)
**** Take action. Clearly, oth-
ers respond. Be willing to take a
risk and perhaps plan something
that others might feel is too far in
the future. By putting this wish
out into the universe, you are tak-
ing the first steps in making it so.
Tonight: Get tickets to a concert or
musical.
SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21)
**** Let others express what is
on their minds. Your gut feelings
tell you what is really going on
within a partnership. You might
also need to be more open. In the
present atmosphere, others hear
you loud and clear. Tonight: Make
time for a favorite person.
CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19)
**** Others seem (and are!) in
control presently. Listen to their
ideas and suggestions. Don't take
another's pushing personally. This
person wants you to go in his
direction. He actually means well,
but will resort to whatever tactics
he needs to. Communication is
key. Tonight: Go along with another's
plans.
AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18)
**** Work remains a high priority.
Stay focused, despite another's
demands. A boss wants what he
wants. You aren't going to con-
vince him otherwise. You have the
resources and energy to meet chal-
lenges. You gain because of your
consistency. Tonight: Off to the
gym.
PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20)
**** Break past restrictions.
Think about how you mix a lot of
ideas because they simply don't
work for you. Be creative, direct
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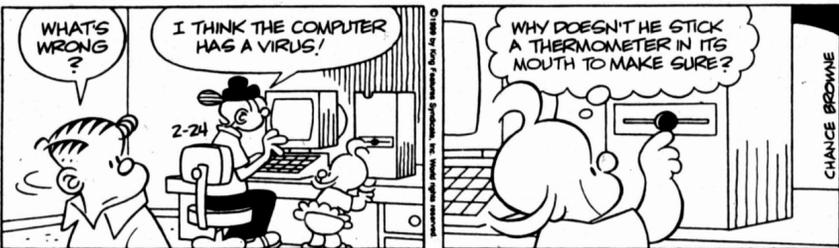
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