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BSSH surplus sale planned Wednesday

Big Spring State Hospital will hold a surplus sale March 3 at the recycling building west of Rip Griffin's. Items for sale will include desks, tables, chairs, office equipment, VCRs, televisions and other appliances. Viewing and bidding will be held from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. Monday and Tuesday and Wednesday at 2 p.m. Call 263-0618 for more information.

WHAT'S UP...

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. Call 267-1622.
□ Coahoma senior citizens luncheon, 11 a.m., Coahoma Community Center.
□ VFW Post No. 2013, VFW Hall, 7 p.m.
□ Big Spring Chapter No. 67, Order of the Eastern Star, 7:30 p.m., Masonic Lodge, 219 Main.

WEDNESDAY

□ Optimist Club, 7 a.m., Howard College Cactus Room
□ Big Spring Downtown Lions Club, noon, Howard College Cactus Room. Call Terry Hansen at 264-5175.
□ Line dancing, 1 p.m., Senior Citizens Center, Industrial Park.
□ Fraternal Order of Eagles Aerie, 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.
□ Coahoma Lions Club Annual Pancake Supper, 5 to 7:30 p.m., Coahoma Elementary School cafeteria. Tickets are \$3.50 and children not yet in school may eat free. The supper is held in conjunction with school open house and Public School Week.

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Rain Rally receiving support from all across the region

By MARSHA STURDIVANT
Staff Writer

Organizers for the West Texas Rain Rally have received many calls supporting the need for divine intervention with the drought.



The rally is scheduled for 6:30 p.m. Monday at the First Baptist Church.

Baptist Church.

"Calls have been coming in all from over the area, in support of the prayer time. We've had people call from Lenorah, Knott, Stanton and Snyder. This looks very promising," said Eddie Tubbs, pastor at First Baptist.

Along with telephone calls from out-lying communities, Tubbs said the 200 or so flyers prepared to announce the rally have all been distributed.

Tubbs, along with First United Methodist Church pastor Ed Williamson, Big Spring

mayor Tim Blackshear, area farmers and ranchers, business owners and community members, organized the rally to bring an end to the dry West Texas weather.

"We need to get back to the basics. God gave us this land and He'll give us the moisture," Tubbs said.

Thus far, Howard County is down about an inch of rain for average yearly rainfall, according to the USDA Agricultural Research Station, which records rainfall.

As of Friday, Howard County

had received .28 inches of rain. Normal precipitation for this time of year is 1.26.

In 1997, the county received nearly six inches less rainfall, 13.55. Normal yearly rainfall is 18.58.

"This drought is not something science can take of. I believe we need to get down on our knees and ask the Lord to help us through this...to send us rain to heal the land," Tubbs said.

Tubbs said he recently spoke with a representative from the Colorado River Municipal

WEST TEXAS RAIN RALLY
Song and prayer
Non-denominational
8:30 p.m. Monday
First Baptist Church

Water District, who said area lakes have reached all-time lows.

Lake Thomas contains just 3.4 percent of capacity while

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Young ones get lesson in table manners

By DEBBIE L. JENSEN
Features Editor

Dressed in their Sunday best, a group of prekindergarten students went to the Brandin Iron Inn Wednesday to practice their table manners.

"That means no banging, no yelling and don't spit your food," said Natalie Baskin, 4. The students from First United Methodist Church's Children's Day Out program also practiced keeping their voices down, and their elbows off the table.

"What do you say?" teacher Loryne Colette prompted when servers brought their drinks.

"Thank you," came the quiet chorus.

"Manners in general are difficult, especially table manners," Colette said.

"We've talked about asking someone to pass something, not just reaching over them, and talking quietly to our neighbors instead of shouting across the table."

Among the hardest lessons is not talking with your mouth full. Colette said, "On the basic please and thank you, they are pretty good already."

"We're learning to be nice," explained Kaitlyn Hector, 5.

"No spitting and no kicking."

"It's really nice and good to have manners," added Morgan Slaughter, 5. "Be quiet, and don't get anything on your shirt."

Caleb Lester, showing his manners, wore a dress shirt and tie to the luncheon. He proudly pointed out that he had tied the tie himself.

Colette and fellow teacher



Julie Stutz tastes one of her french fries while Brandin Iron Inn server David Booth gives Caden Rosenbaum his chicken strips. The kids were eating lunch at the restaurant to practice their table manners.

Candy Parrish gave gentle reminders as the children drank their sodas, occasionally forgetting their manners and blowing bubbles with their straws.

Then the food arrived, and after the prayer, the real work began.

"Unfold your napkin and place it in your lap," Parrish suggested.

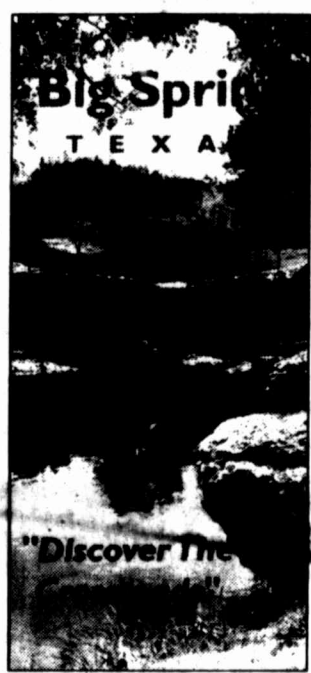
"Oops," said Julie Stutz, who had taken a bite of her chicken strips. She quickly unfolded her napkin.

"I think they are so sweet," said Brenda Parker, who seated the group at the family restaurant. "This is real good practice for them. They have to be taken to eat out so they're exposed to it, and know how to act. Things like that don't bother us here."

"Table manners are something a lot of us (parents) don't get around to much anymore," explained Candy Parrish, a teacher in the program. "How many families do you know who have time to sit down and eat dinner together more than once or twice a week?"

"You don't learn many table manners driving down the road eating Burger King."

New, locally-produced brochure touts Big Spring



By BILL MCCLELLAN
News Editor

A new brochure promoting Big Spring is now available for distribution by the Convention and Visitors Bureau through the Big Spring Area Chamber of Commerce.

"We're very proud of this new brochure, which was designed, written and produced locally," explained CVB chairman John H. Walker.

Walker said the brochure was the first project Andrea Earle took on after she was named as CVB director late last summer.

"It is a quality product," he said of the eight-page, full-color brochure. "One thing CVB is as proud of as the brochure itself is that it is a project that was done in

Big Spring."

Walker said the brochure was designed by a three-member committee — Earle, Frances Wheat and Mel Prather — and that the committee worked with Shirley Lee of ShirLee Graphics in the final presentation. The brochure was printed by Big Spring Printing. Photos in the brochure were taken by Prather.

"In the initial stages of this project, some of the area chambers tried to get us to use an out-of-town firm to do the brochure," Walker said, "but they wanted more to design the brochure than CVB spent on the entire project."

"This is a first-class promotional piece on our community that I feel everyone will be proud of. I know the members of the committee who worked on the brochure should be

proud of it and it is quite a success story for Andrea as her first project."

The brochure has a photo of the historic spring on the cover along with the wording "Big Spring, Texas" and "Discover The Crossroads."

The inside front cover has a brief history of Big Spring, relating its historic location at the crossroads of the Southwest — from the time of Capt. Randolph Marcy and the Comanches to the days when the Overland and Santa Fe Trails crossed here to the present, with the community at the intersection 1-20 and U.S. 87.

The community's crossroads location is emphasized on a Texas map.

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Junell says state will help schools deal with revenue loss

By JOHN H. WALKER
Managing Editor

With eight Crossroads Area school districts projected to lose \$5,721,692 in revenue this year

because of declining mineral values, key state lawmakers are telling them not to worry.

"We're not going to let those schools take that kind of loss," State Rep. Rob Junell

(D-San Angelo) said Thursday. Junell also chairs the House Appropriations Committee.

Statewide, a total of 759 school districts are in a situation

where oil and gas reserves comprise more than 20 percent of the school's total value, or where oil and gas was valued at more than \$250 million as of Jan. 1, 1998.

Total losses for those districts are estimated to exceed \$154 million. The losses will affect school districts in fiscal year (FY) 2000 and will affect the state — through the school funding formula — in FY 2001.

Twenty-one of the 25 districts with the greatest projected revenue losses are in West Texas, and two — Glasscock County and Borden County — are in the Crossroads.

Glasscock is projected to lose \$1,461,129 and Borden County \$1,305,000, although at least one superintendent is not sure exactly how hard the financial hit will be.

"We'll have to wait to see what the legislature does," explained Glasscock County's Charles Zachry. "There are a lot of factors that will have to be considered when we start looking (at how the lost revenue will be dealt with)."

Hardest hit among the state's schools is the Iraan-Sheffield district in eastern Pecos (Fort Stockton) County, where losses are projected at \$8,332,800.

Four other districts — Andrews, Ector (Odessa) County, Seminole and Denver City — will all lose more than \$5 million.

Ten days ago, Junell told the Colorado City Record that compensating the districts for their projected losses will not be difficult this year.

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SCHOOL DISTRICT MINERAL LOSSES

The projected lost revenue to school districts in the Crossroads Area because of a decline in mineral values. Data is from a list compiled by the Comptroller of Public Accounts based on information supplied by county appraisal districts.

| DISTRICT | COUNTY | LEVY LOSS |
|-------------------------|-----------|--------------------|
| Glasscock | Glasscock | \$1,461,129 |
| Borden County | Borden | \$1,305,000 |
| Forsan | Howard | \$734,882 |
| Crady | Martin | \$615,798 |
| Sands | Martin | \$497,429 |
| Coahoma | Howard | \$391,577 |
| Big Spring | Howard | \$363,367 |
| Spencer | Martin | \$363,315 |
| 8 district total | | \$5,722,492 |

OBITUARIES

Sam Hartfield

Service for Sam Hartfield, 54, Big Spring, will be noon Monday, March 1, 1999, at Myers & Smith Funeral Home Chapel.



HARTFIELD

He was born on Sept. 30, 1944, in Sequin. He graduated from Big Spring High School and Howard College. HE served his county in the U.S. Army. He was a paratrooper, serving with the 101st Airborne and 82nd Divisions.

Survivors include: his wife, Lorraine; two sons, Samuel Gregory Hartfield of San Diego, and Hamilton Malone Hartfield of Big Spring; one daughter, Kimberly Elizabeth Hartfield of Big Spring; his father, Clarence Hartfield, Sr. of Big Spring; two brothers, Clarence Hartfield, Jr. of Big Spring, and Dennis Hartfield of Temple; one sister, Jo Etta Johnson of Baltimore, Md.; and a host of other family and friends.

Memorials may be made to Vista Hospice Care Foundation; 3210 East 11th Place; Big Spring, or Mt. Bethel Missionary Society; 630 NW Sgt. Paredes St.; Big Spring.

Arrangements under the direction of Myers & Smith Funeral Home.

Jesse Earl Angel

Service for Jesse Earl Angel, 87, Stanton, will be 2 p.m. Monday, March 1, 1999, in the First Baptist Church of Stanton with Rev. David Harp officiating. Burial will be in the Evergreen Cemetery.

Mr. Angel died Saturday, Feb. 27, in a Stanton care center. He was born on June 14, 1911, in Ira, and moved to the Courtney community in Martin County in 1927. He then moved to Stanton in 1958. He married Obara Hazlewood on Dec. 28, 1932. Mr. Angel was a farmer and contract builder. He was a member of the First Baptist Church, Oddfellows Lodge and was a 51 year member of the Masonic Lodge.

Survivors include: his wife, Obara Angel of Stanton; a son, Thomas Edward Angel of Dallas; two daughters, Jessie LaRue Pierce of Decatur, and Zanna Angel Traweek of Plains; and 11 grandchildren.

The family suggests memorials be made to the First Baptist Church, P.O. Box 1168; Stanton; 78782; or to the Martin County Historical Museum; P.O. Box 929; Stanton; 79782.

Arrangements under the

NALLEY-PICKLE & WELCH Funeral Home

Trinity Memorial Park and Crematory 906 Gregg St. (915) 267-6331

MYERS & SMITH FUNERAL HOME & CHAPEL

24th & Johnson 267-8288 Nicolasa V. Moya, 66, died Thursday. Rosary will be 7:00 PM Sunday at Myers & Smith Chapel. Funeral services will be 3:00 PM Monday, at Myers & Smith Chapel. Sam Hartfield, 54, died Friday. Services will be at 12:00 noon Monday, at Myers & Smith Chapel.

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direction of Gilbreath Funeral Home, Stanton.

Robert C. "Bo" Frayser

Service for Robert C. "Bo" Frayser, 87, Vinita, Okla., formerly of Big Spring, will be 2 p.m. Monday, March 1, 1999, in the Burckhalter Memorial Chapel with Rev. Liz Rolf-Kanerva officiating. Burial will be in Fairview Cemetery.

Mr. Frayser died Thursday, Feb. 25, in the VA Hospital in Muskogee, Okla.

He was born on Sept. 9, 1911, in Vinita, Okla. He worked 36 years as an electrician for Shell Pipeline. He married Beatrice Bradshaw on March 13, 1943, in Shreveport, La. They lived in Big Spring for 17 years. He was in the U.S. Army and served in World War II. Mr. Frayser was a member of the VFW, the American Legion and a 32nd degree Mason in the Masonic Lodge of Vinita, Okla., and a member of the Pilgrim Presbyterian Church of Vinita.

Survivors include: his wife, Beatrice Frayser of Vinita, Okla.; a daughter, Rebecca Jim of Vinita, Okla.; two sons, Clark and Tim Frayser, both of Broken Arrow, Okla.; a brother, Charles Frayser of Vinita, Okla.; and seven grandchildren. Arrangements under the direction of Burckhalter Funeral Home, Vinita, Okla.

Nicolasa V. Moya

Rosary for Nicolasa V. Moya, 66, will be 7 p.m. Sunday, Feb. 28, 1999, at Myers & Smith Chapel. Service will be 3 p.m. Monday, March 1, at Myers & Smith Chapel with Deacon Horace Yanez, of St. Thomas Catholic Church, officiating. Burial will follow at Mount Olive Memorial Park.

Mrs. Moya died Thursday, Feb. 25, at her residence after a long illness. She was born on Feb. 10, 1933, in Corpus Christi. She married Teodoro Moya on April 17, 1950, in Alice. He preceded her in death in 1990. She moved to Colorado City three years ago from Big Spring. She was a homemaker.

Survivors include: one daughter, Janie Salazar of Colorado City; four sons, Benito Moya of New York, Ted Moya of Del Rio, Manuel Moya of Midland, and Conrad Moya of Colorado City; one sister, Isabel Moya of Lockney; and 10 grandchildren. Arrangements under the direction of Myers & Smith Funeral Home & Chapel.

RALLY

Continued from Page 1A Lake Spence is at 15 percent capacity.

"Technology cannot pull us out of this hole. We can have the best seed, fertilize the soil, have the best tractors, but if we don't have rain we don't have anything," Tubbs said.

An opportunity for the community to join and unify with one purpose and one objective is the reason for the rain rally, he said.

"This rally is for three things. Personal repentance, which literally means a turning to God. Also, we are encouraging four to five people to pray together, and also we are inviting people to come to the altar and pray," Tubbs said.

A non-denominational event, the rally is open to any and all community members who chose to join the prayer and fellowship. First Baptist Church is a location site, only, he said.

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"This isn't about denominations. This is about going to the Lord and asking Him to help us," Tubbs said.

Music by Jody Nix and Stan Hughes, minister of music and First Baptist, will begin the rally.

"We're going to have music that deals with people," Nix said. "We'll have songs about the country...songs that the people know and will understand." "We want everyone to participate," Nix said.

SCHOOLS

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On Tuesday, second grade parents are encouraged to visit their child's classroom to observe a Saxon Math lesson. Check with teachers about time.

First grade parents are encouraged to attend a demonstration of the Accelerated Reader program from 2:15-3 p.m.

Wednesday, parents are treated to pastries from 7:30 to 8:15 a.m., and Thursday is School Spirit Day, a time to wear school T-shirts.

Friday, a Reading Rodeo is planned from noon until 2 p.m. Presented by third graders, parents are invited to visit the school and read Texas-themed books with their children.

Fifth graders will have a State's Fair from 1-2 p.m. as well. Students will present their research into individual states, and serve food to all parents attending.

College Heights has planned a Troll Book Fair each day of the week. An Open House is set for Thursday from 4-5:30 p.m.

Kentwood Elementary plans a western day Tuesday, and a Parent-Teacher Association Open House from 7-8:30 p.m. Wednesday is weird sock day, sweat suit and wind suit day is Thursday and Friday is Kentwood T-shirt day.

On Friday parents are invited for pastries at 7 a.m.

Marcy Elementary invites students to wear their favorite college logo T-shirt Monday. Open House is set for Tuesday at 6 p.m. Friday is 60s day, for bell bottom, bead and tie-dye enthusiasts.

Parents may take accelerated reader tests with their children Wednesday. "Stop, Drop and Read" gives students and faculty an opportunity to stop what they're doing and read for enjoyment Thursday.

Moss Elementary students have invited Jody Nix to perform from 2-3 p.m. Monday. The musical program will feature a play written by third-grade teacher Lana Schooler, as well as the singing talents of band director's Rocky Harris, Frank Truex and Wendy Thomas.

Tuesday is dress in red day, dress in white is set for Wednesday, and dress in blue Thursday.

Washington Elementary students have a Troll Book Fair planned all week, and pastries for parents each morning, beginning with first grade on Monday.

A TAAS brown bag mini workshop is set for Tuesday for third-fifth graders, and Washington T-shirt day is Friday.

Goliad Middle School celebrates the entire week with Random Acts of Kindness. Monday is dress up day, Tuesday is hat day and Wednesday is 70s day.

Thursday offers students a chance to shine with shades day, and Friday is the War on TAAS, a pledge to exceed state scores. Open House is Tuesday beginning at 6:30 with a special band and choir program for par-

Scenic Mountain Medical Center 1601 W. 11th Place 263-1211

PUBLIC HEARING ANNOUNCEMENT The public is urged to attend a hearing hosted by the Texas Department on Aging, the Permian Basin Area Agency on Aging and the Concho Valley Area Agency to collect comments from community members about the needs of Older Texans residing in our West Texas region.

A BIG SPRING AROUND THE TOWN

Wednesday is teacher appreciation day, and a Jr. Classics Tea is set for 3:30 p.m.

Runnels Junior High School will have National Honor Society induction Tuesday at 7 p.m.

Coahoma Elementary students have an Open House planned for Thursday at 6:30 p.m. A pancake supper begins at 5 p.m. Also, an award assembly is set that day for those students earning perfect attendance, A and A-B honor roll and Superstar Student.

Stanton Elementary students will have a special Spring Musical Program Monday featuring the singing talents of students in each grade.

Glasscock County students will be dismissed for spring break this week.

BROCHURE

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Highlighted points of interest include the municipal auditorium, Big Spring State Park, Moss Creek and Comanche Trail Lake, The Pottou House, The Vietnam Memorial, The Heritage Museum, Hangar 25, the wind farm and Comanche Trail Park - including the amphitheater, Kids' Zone, the Historic Spring, and Dora Roberts Community Center.

Also included is a map of Big Spring with points of interest highlighted.

The brochure also includes the chamber's toll free telephone number as well as the Internet address for the chamber and CVB website.

Walker said the initial order of 25,000 brochures will be distributed through the chamber information center, located in the north foyer of the building, as well as through the information center at Rip Griffin's Truck Center.

"Andrea will also be sending them to TxDOT for distribution from the state's state line visitor centers as well as to regional chambers of commerce in West Texas and New Mexico."

REVENUES

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"Out of a \$20 billion system, \$150 million is not a whole lot," he said.

"We are going to make sure the school districts do not take a loss because of oil wealth declines."

At that time, Junell said special legislation would not be necessary because of an existing provision in the Appropriations Act to provide assistance to districts that lose more than 4 percent of their property wealth in one year.

On Thursday, however, he said lawmakers are working on legislation that would allow the use of state funds to offset the losses over the next two years.

SUPPORT GROUPS

SUNDAY •Alcoholics Anonymous, 615 Settles, 11 a.m. closed meeting and 7 p.m. open meeting. •NA 8 p.m., St. Mary's Episcopal Church, 1001 Goliad. Call 268-4189 (pager no.). MONDAY

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TEXAS LOTTERY LOTTO: 5,11,14,24,38,40

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

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

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

•Alcoholics Anonymous, 615 Settles, noon open meeting.

•Encouragers Support Group (formerly Widow/Widower support group) will meet Monday, March 1, at 6 p.m. at Santa Fe Sandwich Shop in the Big Spring Mall. They will also meet Monday, March 15, at 6 p.m., at the First Presbyterian Church, Seventh and Runnels (enter through the north door), for a covered dish dinner. For more information call 398-5522.

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

•Narcotics Anonymous, 6 p.m., St. Mary's Episcopal Church, 1001 Goliad. Call 268-4189 (pager no.)

•Alzheimer's support group, 6:30 p.m., Marcy House, 2301 Wasson. Call 268-9041.

•Association of Retarded Citizens of Howard County meet 7 p.m. the first Monday of each month at 806 E. Third Street, the HARC bingo building. Call 264-0674 for more information.

•Family Education and Support, sponsored by Howard County Mental Health Center, meets the fourth Monday of each month at 6 p.m. at 409 Runnels, Clyde Alsup Building. TXAMI meeting to follow. For more information call 263-0027 or 267-7220.

•The Big Spring Alliance for the Mentally Ill meets the fourth Monday of each month at 7 p.m. at 409 Runnels (formerly the TU building) For further information call Sondra at 267-7220.

•Greater West Texas Chapter of the Alzheimer's Association will be 7 p.m. Monday, March 1, at 1700 Lancaster. The topic will be on "Losing It All."

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

BRIEFS

VOLUNTEER INCOME TAX ASSISTANCE (VITA) volunteers help individuals each Monday from 9 a.m. until noon through March 29 at the Senior Citizens Center, 1901 Simler Drive in the Industrial Park.

The service is for all citizens. Those requesting assistance are asked to bring their tax booklet received from the IRS, all W-2s, 1099s and other documents received showing their 1998 income, as well as last year's tax return.

SHERIFF

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

•OSCAR SAVEDRA HERMANDEZ, 46, was arrested for intoxicated manslaughter with a vehicle.

•JOHNNY TREVINO, 32, was arrested for driving while license suspended/invalid.

•AMY AWTRY, 30, was arrested for theft.

•ROY DELEON, 34, was arrested for theft.

•CHUCK ALLEN COSKEY, 29, was arrested for unlawfully possessing a firearm by felon.

•ALFRED LEDESMA, 44, was arrested for sexual assault of a child.

POLICE

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

•THEFT was reported in the 400 block of Johnson, the 2000 block of S. Gregg and the Athletic Training Center of Big Spring High School.

•LOUD PARTY/NOISE was reported in the 1200 block of Sheppard Lane, 18th and Scurry, 1100 block of 13th, 1800 block of State and 1500 block Sycamore.

•DISTURBANCE/FIGHT was reported in the 500 block of Westover, 600 block of N. San Antonio and 100 block Washington.

•DRAG RACING/RECKLESS DRIVER was reported at 24th and Main and 1100 block of Lamesa Drive.

•ACCIDENT/MINOR was reported in the 1200 block of Gregg, Sixth and Lancaster and Wasson and Parkway.

•DAVID GARZA, 35, was arrested for local warrants.

•BURGLARY OF HABITATION was reported in the 1100 block of 13th, 1500 block of Sycamore and 700 block-N. Gregg.

•KEITH CONNER, 40, was arrested for federal warrants.

•CRIMINAL MISCHIEF was reported in the 600 block of W. Fourth, 1600 block of Avion and 200 block N. Nolan.

•JASON DIAZ, 18, was arrested for criminal mischief.

•JOHN GALAN, 19, was arrested for criminal mischief.

•JOHNNY TREVINO, 32, was arrested for driving while license suspended.

•ASSAULT was reported in the 2600 block of Gregg and the 2900 block of W. 80.

•BURGLARY OF A VEHICLE was reported in the 3700 block of Dixon.

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After 16 months, Bush nears the next step in pursuing presidency

AUSTIN (AP) — On Oct. 30, 1997, Texas Gov. George W. Bush staged a rather unusual news conference.



BUSH

Standing in the formal garden of the white-columned Governor's Mansion, Bush announced that he had nothing to announce — about running for president.

“I have not made up my mind now,” Bush said then. “I think about it every time you all ask me a question. That’s why I’m trying to get it off the plate right now.”

He didn’t get it off the plate. And for 15 months, his answers didn’t change.

Wait, he said. Too early, he said. Got to get re-elected, he said. Focused on the Texas Legislature, he said.

But that’s changing now, and quickly.

A month ago, Bush said, “Obviously, I’m thinking about running for president.” Ten days ago, he said, “I’m warming

to the task.” Last Thursday, Bush said he’s reached a decision and would announce it in two weeks.

Advisers remark privately that they expect Bush to form a presidential exploratory committee.

That would allow him to raise and spend money while testing the waters and still put off a formal declaration of his candidacy.

If he announces such a committee, aides say Bush likely would wait until after the Legislature adjourns on May 31 to begin traveling the country.

Formal entry into the presidential race would come in late summer or early fall, they said.

With several opinion polls making him the Republicans’ non-running front-runner, Bush has been holding a series of private meetings with fund-raising and policy experts.

Donald Evans, who headed fund-raising for both of Bush’s gubernatorial campaigns, is

moving to Austin from his Midland home.

Elected officials from several states have traveled in procession to Austin in recent weeks to urge Bush to run. Others sent petitions and letters.

Political consultant Bill Miller, who’s worked for Republicans and Democrats in Texas, called it the “front lawn strategy.”

“Bush has literally brought the country to Austin. He sits there in the mansion and has every imaginable elected official and financier and person of note in the country flying to Austin to see him. And those who can’t get here say they’re for him, too,” Miller said.

“This is unprecedented. It’s also been unbelievably successful.”

House Education Committee chair files bill to reinstate affirmative action policies

SAN ANTONIO (AP) — The House Higher Education Committee chairwoman has filed a bill to reinstate affirmative action policies in public colleges and universities, which the controversial Hopwood decision abolished.

State Rep. Irma Rangel’s bill would allow colleges to consider whether students are black or Hispanic in admissions, recruitment and financial aid policies.

The Kingsville Democrat said the legislation she proposed this month conforms to the 1996 Hopwood ruling, in which the 5th Circuit Court of Appeals banned the use of race-based criteria for admissions, scholarships and financial aid in Texas public colleges and universities.

Instead, the bill takes advantage of language in the Hopwood ruling that says race may be a factor if the Legislature or a court finds evi-

dence that past discriminatory practices have had a current impact on diversity.

“There is no way I am making any attempt to defy the law. I know the state law will not supersede the federal laws,” Ms. Rangel said.

A study the Comptroller’s Office released in January shows a drop in the number of minorities applying for, being admitted to and enrolling in some of the state’s most selective public schools.

Between 1995 and 1997, black and Hispanic enrollment decreased from 19 percent to 14 percent of total enrollment at the University of Texas and Texas A&M University.

Minority enrollment increased, however, at other public institutions, according to the report.

“There is the history, and there are the present effects.

The bill would make those findings and then say the universities may use race as a factor,” Al Kauffman, legal counsel for the Mexican American Legal Defense and Education Fund, told the San Antonio Express-News. He supports the proposed legislation.

UT law school Dean Michael Sharlot questioned the bill, saying it inevitably would lead to more legal challenges.

“I assume that if such a bill were enacted, it would be challenged immediately, and we would be in the same position as we are in now with the Hopwood case winding its way ever so slowly toward the Supreme Court,” he said.

The Hopwood case stems from a challenge by four white students who were not accepted by the UT Law School. It is named for one of the students, Cheryl Hopwood.

Tot honored for helping save mom’s life

EL PASO (AP) — The last thing Teresa Almengor remembered before blacking out last month was her 3-year-old daughter standing next to her.

“I remember her handing me the phone and remember hearing the 911 dispatcher,” Ms. Almengor said Friday. “The next thing I knew, I had all these fire fighters around me.”

Her daughter, Heather Gilmore, had remembered what her mother always told her.

“I called 911,” the little girl said.

Ms. Almengor lost consciousness Jan. 29 after suffering a chemical reaction to medication. El Paso police believe the young girl’s composure during crisis saved her mother’s life.

Heather was honored Friday as the police department’s newest hero — and its youngest ever. Police Chief Carlos Leon presented the little girl with a special lifesaver’s award.

Authorities say not only did Heather remember to dial 911, she remained calm throughout the 8-minute conversation with the emergency dispatcher.

But, recounted the preschooler, “Oh, I was kind of shaky.”

Police said Heather proved the value of teaching children about 911, and her mother agreed.

“She’s my hero,” Ms. Almengor said. “She did a good job, and I’m proud of her.”

Las Cruces files suit against EP Electric

LAS CRUCES, N.M. (AP) — It has taken 12 years, but Las Cruces has finally filed its condemnation lawsuit against El Paso Electric Co. to take over the utility’s distribution system in the southern New Mexico city.

Mayor Ruben Smith, calling Friday’s filing an historic moment, said the suit marks the end of the city’s long struggle with the utility.

The city plans to set up a municipally owned electric utility, which officials contend can offer lower rates than El Paso Electric.

The condemnation lawsuit was filed in state district court, and Smith was joined at a ceremony in the parking lot by former mayors, past and present city councilors and other officials who have been involved in the effort over the years.

Lawyers for the city also filed an application to take immediate possession of the system — an action that calls for Las Cruces to begin taking possession in phases no later than July 1.

A hearing on the application will be held March 22 and March 23 before state District

Judge Jerald Valentine, said city attorney Fermin Rubio.

The city also deposited \$36.4 million with the court as an offer to El Paso Electric and to other respondents in the suit, which include State Street Bank and Trust, the Property Tax Division of the New Mexico Department of Taxation and Revenue and Dona Ana County.

The city said the amount combines a fair market evaluation of the system and a power transmission line, but added it has been unable to agree with one or more of the respondents about what is just compensation for the property.

Meanwhile, El Paso Electric President and CEO Jim Haines issued a written statement Friday regarding the city’s move.

“We continue to believe a government condemnation is not in the best interest of our Las Cruces customers, nor of the rest of our customers in New Mexico,” Haines said.

He also said there were number of complex legal and technical issues that must be resolved before any transfer of property can take place, and he said it was highly unlikely they could

be resolved before the city’s July 1 target date.

Haines said it was “not in the company’s interest to have Las Cruces buy this portion of our system under the terms the city has proposed. Consequently, we have pursued the legal remedies that state and federal law and regulation provide us, and will continue to do so until a final decision is reached.”

Man gets life for luring girl with Beanie Babies

GRAND PRAIRIE (AP) — A paroled child molester convicted of sexually assaulting an 11-year-old girl after luring her to his home with Beanie Babies has received an automatic life sentence.

Billy Wayne Geer, 32, was convicted 10 years ago of the same charge, aggravated sexual assault of a child. A jury on Friday needed to agree only that the information on the earlier conviction was true to invoke an automatic life sentence.

Geer must serve at least 35 years of his sentence before he’s eligible for parole. His attorney, Don Scoggins, said his client will appeal.

“He was disappointed, justifiably so,” Scoggins said. “He has a life sentence now, and he’s disappointed about that. I’m

disappointed about that.”

Geer was arrested in May 1998 after a weeklong manhunt. Police said he was living across the street from Dickinson Elementary School and selling Beanie Babies from his front lawn.

The victim said she agreed to sex with Geer because she thought it meant only that she had to show him her private parts.

During testimony, she said Geer performed oral sex on her and tried to sexually assault her, then gave her \$25 and two Beanie Babies.

Because Geer’s previous conviction occurred before recent laws regarding child molesters went into effect, he was not prohibited from living near a school or having contact with children.

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OUR VIEWS

Time to ask God to heal this land

There are times we humans must acknowledge we aren't in control of things as much as we'd like to think ... and there's nothing wrong with that. Practicing Christians make that admission all the time through prayer.

Monday at 6:30 p.m. at First Baptist Church of Big Spring, people of all faiths and all levels of belief will have the opportunity to join together at the West Texas-Wide Rain Rally to ask the Lord for intervention in this drought that has scorched our land for these half-dozen or so years now.

The service will include songs of the land as well as prayers for the community and for the men and women and children involved in agriculture that have suffered so much from the drought.

Many, if not most of us, were raised in homes where we went to church on Sunday. Some of us went to the evening services on the Sabbath, while others went to prayer meeting during the week.

We were raised in a time when the Lord's role in our daily lives was an important part of the things we did and what we said and thought — and that's not to say it isn't still.

What it does say is that as more and more demands have been made on our lives, perhaps we've found ways to justify within ourselves the lessening of the role of the Lord in our lives. Perhaps we've become too dependent on the belief that mankind can solve our problems and come up with solutions to the dilemmas we face.

...not without the Lord's help — and that's how the Rain Rally came about.

Yes, we can cause it to rain through the science of cloud-seeding ... but only the Lord can create those clouds and the moisture that falls from them.

It's time to humble ourselves before the Lord and ask Him to heal our land and break this drought that has been so harmful to families and communities alike. If you haven't prayed in a while, it's time to remember how ... and this is a wonderful opportunity for you to begin communicating with the Lord again on a regular basis.

This isn't one of those "Lord, if You make it rain I promise" deals. This is about taking the time to talk to the Lord and asking for His help ... because it is only through His goodness and mercy that our land can be healed and this damnable drought broken.

Look in on your child's education

Big Spring is ready to celebrate with its children as we observe Public Schools Week Monday through Friday. Activities range from special dress-up days to learning activities such as "Stop, Drop and Read." The work our children are doing at school will also be on display at most campuses throughout the city.

Everything is in place: The teachers and students are ready. All that is missing are parents.

Much of the celebration is actually aimed at parents — from lunch in the cafeteria to observing special lessons. Besides homework and lunch tickets, most of us give little thought to what goes on at our child's school. This is your chance to see your son or daughter's education up close.

Ever wondered what your kids are eating for lunch? Find out and share it with them — nothing would thrill most kids more. Want to know what Saxon Math involves? Attend a demonstration.

Ever been to a Troll Book Fair? One is planned at Washington Elementary School. Can't make it to the State Fair? That's okay, they're having a version at Bauer.

At Goliad Middle School, this will be the week for random acts of kindness, while Runnels plans to celebrate by inducting its scholars into National Honor Society.

We urge all local parents to take an hour or so and visit a school this week. Satisfy your curiosity, and support your child. At worst, your son or daughter will be slightly embarrassed by your presence. At best, he or she will be made to feel important.

At the elementary level, there is something going on at almost every campus, every day. At all our local schools, there are opportunities at various times, including some evenings. Even when there is no planned activity, parents will be welcome visitors this week.

Take the time. After all, your child's education is one of your most important investments — check on it every now and then.

Flag flying, bungee jumping and slow dancing

After taking a few weeks off from column writing, it's time to get back to the keyboard. Here are some things I thought were worth passing along ...

Some time back, Les White of Electric Utilities Credit Union passed along a clipping from the newspaper in Carlsbad, N.M. It was about a discount merchandiser in New Jersey and their efforts to fly the American flag at the construction site of a new discount store.

As the story goes, Cosco was taken to court because they flew the American flag on a daily basis at the site of a new shopping center being developed around one of their stores.

It seems that our American "melting pot" has grown so

thick that some of the people thinking good enough about the United States that they wanted to be here didn't think good enough about it that they wanted to see the American flag.

And if you can believe it, a federal court ruled in their favor and ordered Cosco to remove the flag.

The judge ruled that the flag was intimidating and prejudicial against them.

Did you hear about the guy in Pennsylvania who had always wanted to go bungee jumping?

According to wire reports, he went to a store and bought all of those little bungee-like stretch tie-downs they had, tied and taped them all together, then went to a bridge nearby.

The fella tied one end of the cords to the bridge and the other end to his ankles, then climbed up on the bridge railing before diving off.

If he was waiting for that "kerwhoing" of the stretching bungee as he was pulled backwards into the air, it never happened.

The Pennsylvania state trooper who worked the accident — yes, it was a fatality — said

there was one major flaw in the guy's plan.

His tied-together bungee cord was longer than the distance between the bridge and the ground. He crashed like a kamikaze.

And from the Walker Family web page, here are some thoughts for you when you're faced with something that "just has to be done right now" ...

Slow Dance
Have you ever watched kids on a merry-go-round Or listened to the rain slapping on the ground?

Ever followed a butterfly's erratic flight Or gazed at the sun into the fading night?

You better slow down Don't dance so fast Time is short The music won't last

Do you run through each day on the fly When you ask "How are you?" do you hear the reply?

When the day is done, do you lie in your bed With the next hundred chores

running through your head?

You'd better slow down Don't dance so fast Time is short The music won't last

Ever told your child, We'll do it tomorrow And in your haste, not see his sorrow?

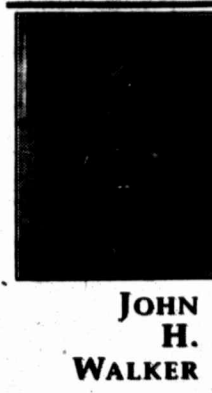
Ever lost touch. Let a good friendship die 'Cause you never had time to call and say "Hi"?

You'd better slow down Don't dance so fast Time is short The music won't last

When you run so fast to get somewhere You miss half the fun of getting there. When you worry and hurry through your day, It is like an unopened gift ... Thrown away ...

Life is not a race. Do take it slower Hear the music Before the song is over.

(John H. Walker is managing editor of the Herald.)



JOHN H. WALKER



Ending social promotion a 'yes' for education

On Feb. 18, the state Senate took a big step toward making Texas schools the best in America by unanimously passing Senate Bill 1, authored by Education Committee Chairman Teel Bivins (R-Amarillo), effectively ending social promotion in Texas.



RICK PERRY

Social promotion is the practice of advancing children from one grade to the next even though they have not mastered the skills and knowledge they need. Senate Bill 1 gives teachers the extra training and tools they need to identify and correct learning problems early in a child's school career.

In his State of the State address last month, Gov. George W. Bush said, "social promotion is the result of low hopes, low standards, and low

expectations. You and I have high expectations for every child — and we must have high standards to match those high hopes."

By passing this important bill on a 31-0 vote, the Senate showed that Texans of both political parties and varying philosophies can come together and do what's best for the children of our state. Senate Bill 1 now goes to the Texas House of Representatives for consideration.

I believe that this social promotion measure will be the first in a notable series of education improvements passed in the 76th Legislature. In the coming 100 days, look for continued reforms to help make Texas schools the best in America.

I've proposed a Master Reading Teacher program that recognizes that the teachers who plant the seeds of tomorrow by helping our children succeed today should have the opportunity to grow, both professionally and financially. My plan would reward specially trained reading teachers with bonuses of \$5,000. Master Reading Teachers who work in

low-performing schools would receive \$7,000 bonuses. In the near future, we should extend this Master Teacher concept to math, science, social science and other subjects, but let's get reading right first.

Gov. Bush and legislators of both parties are also working to increase the state's share of public school funding by \$1.6 billion. Those funds will help local school districts improve teacher pay, reduce class sizes and fund school construction and technology.

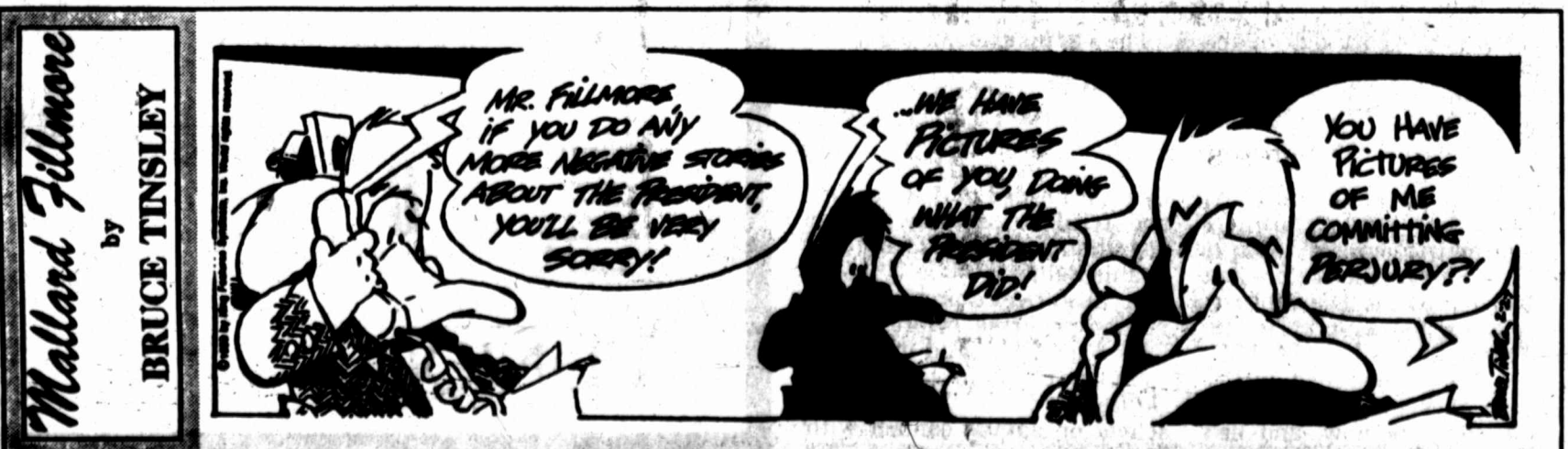
The Texas Legislature will soon consider a limited program of school choice allowing the parents of students in a hand full of urban, low-performing schools to send their children to other public, private or religious schools. As a product of public schools and the father of two public school children, I know that a little competition can make our public schools better. That choice and that freedom give those children a chance to get the education they need to achieve their dreams. And that freedom will provide our low-performing schools with another incentive to improve.

The education reforms being considered by the 76th Legislature are fair, balanced and aimed at making our public schools better. They say to students in low performing schools and their parents that we're going to help you by giving you a choice. They say to educators, we're going to help you by giving you the tools and resources you need to eliminate low-performing schools and make every school better.

Texas owes special thanks to the members of the Senate Education Committee, Senators Teel Bivins, Gregory Luna, David Cain, Jane Nelson, Steve Ogden, Bill Ratliff, David Sibley, Royce West and Judith Zaffirini, for their work to end social promotion and make our public schools better.

Our work is just beginning. Fortunately, our state is blessed with outstanding legislators of both political parties who know that Texas children deserve the best schools in America. Our future depends on it.

Rick Perry is the Lieutenant Governor for the State of Texas.



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Clinton announces new federal children's car seat regulations

LOS ANGELES (AP) — President Clinton announced new federal rules Saturday to make child car seats safer and protect "our smallest and most vulnerable passengers."

The new measure is aimed at helping parents avoid the familiar struggle to cinch child safety seats and the confusion that results when using seats or cars of different designs. The rule establishes a single standardized system for anchoring child safety seats in new cars and light trucks by the end of this year.

Clinton, in his weekly radio address, cited government estimates that more than 70 percent of children who ride in car seats are at risk of injury because their seats are improperly installed.

Under the rule, all new child seats will have three standard attachments, one on top and two at the base.

And all new cars and trucks will have standard anchors in the back seats to link to the seat attachments.

"With this new rule and with these three simple attach-

ments," the president said, "we can save lives and prevent up to 3,000 injuries a year."

His radio address was broadcast during a six-day trip with stops in Arizona and California before a four-day vacation at a Utah ski resort. Before leaving Los Angeles, the president played golf at the Riviera Country Club in Pacific Palisades. His partners included his chief fund-raiser, Terry McAuliffe.

The new federal rules have been a long time coming. Two years ago Clinton announced he

was directing the Transportation Department to set uniform standards for car seats. Since then, the design of the seat anchorage has changed, in part to try to ensure that auto makers could use the same anchor system in vehicles sold in other countries.

The new standards were recommended by a panel of medical and safety experts, seat manufacturers and consumer groups.

Clinton singled out one member of that panel, Joe Colella, executive director of The Dana

Foundation, who has been lobbying for a universal model since his 3-year-old niece, Dana, was killed in a 1993 crash. She was in a car seat that was incompatible with the seat belts in her family's car, Clinton said.

"All too often, car seats don't protect our children as well as they should," he said. "Anyone who has struggled to get a car seat to fit snugly into a back seat knows exactly what I'm talking about."

The president repeated his recommendation that states

tighten their standards for drunken driving convictions and adopt blood alcohol concentration levels of 0.08 percent "to keep more drunk drivers off our roads." Many states now set their level at 0.10 percent.

Congress last year defeated an effort to push states to make that change.

The government estimates a 137-pound woman who drinks three beers in two hours could have a blood alcohol content of 0.07, while drinking four beers over the same time period could push her to 0.10.

Court order silences Fox, CBS on satellite TVs

WASHINGTON (AP) — Hundreds of thousands of satellite customers nationwide will no longer be able to watch "Ally McBeal," "60 Minutes" and other Fox and CBS shows on their satellite systems after Sunday.

Federal court orders are forcing the cutoffs in a dispute between satellite companies and broadcasters over conditions under which viewers who get their TV from satellite can watch network programs.

Federal law allows satellite companies to provide "distant" network signals from other broadcast areas to customers only if those customers can't receive their local stations using rooftop antennas.

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.

Not all satellite TV customers will lose CBS and Fox signals — only those who the court says weren't legally entitled to receive them.

As a result, barring last-minute legal maneuvers by the satellite companies, roughly 700,000 customers nationwide won't be allowed satellite reception of CBS' and Fox's programs via satellite after Sunday.

DirecTV Inc., the nation's largest satellite TV company, said it began cutting off illegal customers from the CBS and Fox programs late Thursday, shortly after a federal judge in Miami issued a temporary restraining order.

Still, DirecTV spokesman Jeff Torkelson said the company

was reviewing its legal options to avert a massive cutoff. "It's possible we could attempt an appeal, ... but it's not clear whether any action would be taken," Torkelson said.

Patrick Morrissey, an attorney for PrimeTime 24, which also must comply with the court-ordered cutoff, said the company plans no last-minute legal challenge.

Broadcasters argue that beaming distant broadcast signals into local markets can hurt local stations' ratings and revenues.

Satellite customers cut off from CBS and Fox will need to get rooftop antennas to watch their local stations.

And Chuck Hewitt, president of the Satellite Broadcasting and Communications Association, predicted many

will be unable to receive decent pictures from their local Fox or CBS stations.

The dispute is likely to be resolved by Congress, where pending legislation would make it easier for satellite customers to receive distant network programs and local TV stations.

U.S. District Judge Lenore Nesbitt in Miami issued an order last year requiring PrimeTime 24, a leading satellite TV programming supplier, and its distributors to stop beaming CBS and Fox programs after Sunday to satellite customers who aren't legally entitled to receive them. On Thursday, Nesbitt ordered DirecTV to do the same.

Until recently, DirecTV had been using PrimeTime 24 to provide its customers CBS and Fox programs.

After 2 days, officials hold out hope for boy lost during storm

NORTON, Mass. (AP) — Searchers trying to find for a 9-year-old boy, who disappeared in a sudden snowstorm while looking for his dog, spent Saturday combing the cranberry bogs and woods surrounding the family's home.

"At this point we are still hopeful for a rescue," state police Capt. Robert Bird said Saturday, acknowledging that search crews were aware that after two days of fruitless efforts they also could find a body.

More than 200 people covered a 1-square mile area in the community about 30 miles southeast of Boston, hoping to find Corey Anderson alive. A helicopter equipped with a heat-seeking infrared device

flew over the area before dawn, hoping to pinpoint the boy's location when no other people were around.

Corey's parents and police have said they hope the fourth-grader took shelter in a barn or other warm place as the snowstorm bore down on his hometown and temperatures dropped into the 20s on Thursday afternoon.

Corey — who was home from school because of the storm that dumped 7 inches of snow in the area — left his house around noon. Bundled up in two jackets, a sweater and his mother's black fur-lined boots, he went in search of his dog, who had bolted outside. Jasmine, a golden-retriever mix, turned up an hour later.

Rev. Henry Lyons found guilty of racketeering, grand theft

LARGO, Fla. (AP) — The head of one of the nation's most influential black denominations, who prosecutors said "traded the Good Book for the bank book," was found guilty Saturday on charges of swindling millions of dollars from companies seeking to do business with his followers.

The Rev. Henry Lyons, president of the National Baptist Convention USA, also was found guilty of grand theft in the disappearance of almost \$250,000 from the Anti-Denigration League of B'nai B'rith, money intended to rebuild burned black churches in the South.

The six-member jury acquitted Lyons' co-defendant and alleged mistress, Bernice Edwards, on the racketeering charge, the only count she faced.

Lyons, flanked by his attorneys, showed no reaction as the judge read the verdicts. He faces three to seven years in prison.

Prosecutors accused the pair of stealing more than \$4 million from corporations wanting to sell cemetery products, life insurance policies and credit cards to the convention's touted 8.5 million black members.

Prosecutors have called the membership figure a hoax and said the convention could have

had closer to 1 million members.

They said Lyons and Ms. Edwards duped the companies by promising a membership mailing list that never existed — at one point, according to testimony, even making up lists from \$90 computerized phone directories that led one company to send letters to such non-Baptists as a grand dragon of the Ku Klux Klan and a Catholic priest.

The pair then went on lavish spending sprees, buying a diamond ring "the size of a time," a \$700,000 waterfront home, a time-share condominium in Nevada, several luxury cars and

expensive clothing, according to testimony during the five-week trial.

The trial came to a brief standstill when two Tampa Bay television stations turned over copies of e-mails they had received from a man who claimed he overheard a female juror discussing the case with a friend.

Lyons' attorney immediately asked for a mistrial. The judge denied the request after the juror denied the conversation. In a second e-mail, the same man wrote that he did not overhear the conversation directly.

Prosecutors began investigating Lyons' finances in July

1997, after his wife set fire to the waterfront home. She told deputies she found the deed in her husband's briefcase and believed he and Ms. Edwards were having an affair.

Deborah Lyons, later convicted of arson and sentenced to probation, since has said she supports her husband and does not believe Ms. Edwards was his mistress.

Ms. Edwards, a convicted embezzler from Milwaukee, took the witness stand to deny having a sexual affair with the minister and asserted she earned every dime she spent by working as the convention's public relations director.

Despite progress, concerns remain about HCFA & Y2K

WASHINGTON (AP) — Despite recent progress with the year 2000 computer problem, serious concerns remain about the ability of the agency that handles billions of dollars in Medicare and Medicaid payments to be problem-free by Jan. 1, a government auditor said Friday.

The Health Care Financing Administration still must perform a tremendous amount of testing on its computer systems before the end of the year, Joel Willemsen, director of civil agencies information systems at the General Accounting Office, the investigative arm of Congress, told a House panel.

"It's not that they're not doing what they can," Willemsen told the House Government Reform government management, information and technology subcommittee. "It's that there's a limited amount of time left to get it done."

Nancy-Ann DeParle, the agency's administrator, said that while there was still a lot of work to be done, its systems would be repaired in time.

"We will be ready well before Jan. 1, 2000," she said.

Since many computers use two digits to recognize years, the fear is that they will confuse 2000 with 1900, causing widespread malfunctions.

President Clinton has set a March 31 deadline for most fed-

eral agencies to upgrade their systems to avoid breakdowns in basic public services on Jan. 1.

What's become known as the "Y2K" problem is particularly vexing for HCFA because it depends on many players, including states, doctors, hospitals and other providers over which the agency has no direct authority, DeParle said.

She said the agency's 25 most critical internal computer systems have been certified as Year 2000 compliant.

DeParle and the GAO disagreed over HCFA's external systems.

DeParle said 54 of those 78 systems were compliant; Willemsen said none of them were and said he doubted the agency would be able to ready them by March 31.

DeParle said the agency has gone through a third draft of its contingency plan, which it expects to finalize by June.

"We are committed to doing everything we have to do" to fix the problem, DeParle said. "This is our No. 1 priority."

Earlier this week, Rep. Stephen Horn, R-Calif., the subcommittee's chairman, released his seventh quarterly "report card" on the status of federal efforts to resolve the glitch. The report said federal agencies have responded to the problem but that some, including Defense and State, lag behind.

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Frist pushes bill for school flexibility

WASHINGTON (AP) — GOP Sen. Bill Frist today promoted his proposal to increase flexibility and accountability in the nation's schools, while criticizing the federal government for onerous oversight of local education.

The Education Flexibility Partnership Act, known as "Ed-Flex," would free local schools from the burdens of bureaucracy and allow them instead to develop their own plans for boosting student achievement, Frist said in the weekly Republican radio address.

In return, schools would be held accountable for following through on their proposals, he said. The Senate next week will consider the bill, co-sponsored by Frist and Sen. Ron Wyden,

D-Ore.

"For too long, Washington has been part of the problem with education, enacting many well-intentioned programs that result in more red tape and regulation," Frist said. He said Washington demands 50 percent of all paperwork from teachers and principals while providing only 7 percent of education funding.

The "Ed-Flex" bill would give school districts the ability to seek waivers from education rules that are attached to federal aid. Freed from regulations they consider burdensome, local schools could instead apply the money to programs better suited to the needs of their students, said Frist.

Twelve states already have

"Ed-Flex" pilot programs and Frist trumpeted stories of their success. In Maryland, he said, one school has used the program to provide one-on-one tutoring for reading from the first through fifth grades and cut the average student-teacher ratio in math by half.

"That's what education should be about: putting our students first," Frist said.

Texas has implemented "Ed-Flex" more broadly than any other state, and after only two years participating schools boast higher scores than other districts in reading and math on the state's achievement tests, Frist said.

Democrats and Republicans have been at odds over education reforms and the extent to

which the federal government should be involved. Last month, President Clinton proposed changes that include tying more of the federal money that schools get to whether they are meeting federal goals.

"We don't have any business telling you whom to hire, how to teach, how to run schools. ... But let's not kid ourselves. We're not doing our children any favors by continuing to subsidize practices that do not work and failing to invest in practices that do," Clinton told the National Governors' Association this week.

But Frist said his bill would achieve two Clinton priorities — accountability and flexibility — and believes there is bipartisan support for the measure.

Weighty issues, wacky testimony fill the court

WHITE PLAINS, N.Y. (AP) — The issues are weighty: religious liberty, personal privacy, public education. At the outset of a federal trial in which three Catholic families are attacking a school district, both the First Amendment and the First Commandment were invoked.

But then the tooth fairy was mentioned. A psychic who had lectured on creativity said she also was a telepath. A yogi who taught stress reduction said he also was a numerologist. "Interspecies communication" was mentioned.

And the exasperated judge wanted to know just one thing: "Can a psychic tell when this case will finish?"

The case, which resumes Monday, is perhaps an extreme example of the backlash against a nationwide trend that has broadened course offerings away from the basics of reading and math.

The dispute began in 1995, when kids in the Bedford Central school district, which takes in four affluent towns in Westchester County, began playing on school grounds a strategy card game called "Magic: The Gathering."

Some parents objected to the darker aspects of the game.

"It's much worse than witchcraft," said Mary Ann DiBari, a plaintiff who is also a member of the Northeast Ritual Crime Investigators Association.

And when some children formed a Magic club that met in a classroom, parents demanded that the schools end all support of the game. Superintendent Bruce Dennis halted play for 30 days until mental health experts assured him the game posed no danger.

Not satisfied, the parents went to court and added a number of other school activities to their complaint: making models of Aztec gods as part of the study of Mexico; studying an owl's regurgitated lunch for evidence of its diet; taking a field trip to a cemetery; celebrating Earth Day; and making "worry dolls" to put under children's pillows to keep nightmares away.

Such activities, they said, amount to "the promotion of Satanism and occultism, pagan religions and New Age spiritu-

ality" and violate freedom of religion.

Earth Day? The plaintiffs said part of the celebration included making pledges to the Earth, which they said was like praying. "We worship the creator, not the creation," Mrs. DeBari said.

The plaintiffs also objected to drug and suicide counseling, as well as some homework assignments, as violating the families' privacy. They demanded injunctions against some activities, the right to opt out of others.

The school district said the activities were mainstream and wholesome.

And allowing opt-outs, Dennis said, would bring chaos to the curriculum.

Judge Charles Briant has been insisting that a court is not the place for a curriculum dispute.

The framers of the Constitution "never intended this mess," said the 75-year-old jurist, but he was unable to force a settlement.

In testimony last week, the plaintiffs' children told of being forced to make models of Mexican and Indian idols; one parent recited the First Commandment scripture against false gods.

The children said they were bothered when the yogi — Agia Akal Singh Kalsa, whose World Wide Web site is called "yogaguy" — came to the school to lead stress-reduction exercises.

When the yogi testified — in the turban and white robes of a Sikh minister — he said his lesson had "nothing to do with religion" and that he hadn't mentioned his numerology hobby to the children.

While psychic Nancy Weber was on the stand, she was asked if she believes in "interspecies communication."

"I'm not sure I know what interspecies communication is," Briant said when the defense objected.

"It's communication between people and animals," said plaintiffs' lawyer James Bend-

ell. "You mean, 'Come here, Rover, lie down?'" the judge said as lawyers and spectators burst into laughter. "Objection sustained."

Microsoft rests case; verdict due this summer

WASHINGTON (AP) — After more than four months of highly technical and often arcane testimony, Microsoft Corp. rested its defense of the government's antitrust lawsuit against the computer software giant.

The trial is scheduled to resume in April, after at least a six-week break, with Microsoft and the government presenting rebuttal arguments. U.S. District Judge Thomas Penfield Jackson is expected to rule over the summer.

The key questions on Friday were largely the same as outlined by the Justice Department

and 19 states during the trial's opening days last October: Did Microsoft illegally use its influence in the technology industry to crush its software rivals and maintain its lucrative Windows dominance?

The government has identified Microsoft's victims as Netscape Communications Corp., whose Internet software has fallen from prominence since 1995, as well as Intel Corp., Apple Computer Inc., Sun Microsystems Inc., America Online Inc. and others.

Microsoft denies it possesses monopoly power and maintains

it fought tough but fairly.

The trial's outcome dramatically could affect the computer industry during a period when it is making huge technology strides and helping drive the nation's economy.

A verdict also could come during a period of remarkable change: Weeks after the trial began, America Online agreed to buy Netscape for \$4.2 billion in a deal that also included Sun Microsystems. Even the judge wondered publicly that it "might be a very significant change in the playing field." Jackson agreed to allow

Microsoft to investigate the impact of the purchase.

The final Microsoft witness was Robert Muglia, a senior vice president who rebutted earlier testimony that the company sought to undermine Sun Microsystems' rival Java technology, which allows software to run on a variety of computer operating systems.

Muglia, however, acknowledged that Microsoft encouraged software developers to use Windows-only features that effectively prevent their Java programs from running with other operating systems.

Appeals court affirms Nichols' conviction, life sentence

DENVER (AP) — A federal appeals court has ruled that Terry Nichols was fairly tried and sentenced, upholding his conspiracy conviction and a life prison term for his role in the Oklahoma City bombing.

Lawyers for Nichols argued there were 11 grounds for dismissal of his conviction and sentence. In a 52-page decision issued Friday, the 10th U.S. Circuit Court of Appeals rejected each one.

"After consideration of the issues, we see no error in the actions of the district court and affirm its judgment," the court said.

Also upheld was the lower court's order that Nichols pay \$14.5 million in restitution to victims of the 1995 bombing of the Alfred P. Murrah Federal

Building, which killed 168 people and injured 500 others.

Co-defendant Timothy McVeigh was convicted of first-degree murder, conspiracy and weapons-related charges and sentenced to death. His lawyers have appealed his sentence and conviction to the U.S. Supreme Court.

The appeals court rejected a defense claim that the trial judge erred in his instructions to the jury during Nichols' trial.

The defense said U.S. District Judge Richard Matsch should have told the jury that Nichols could not be sentenced to life imprisonment unless he had "a specific intent to kill."

The jury acquitted Nichols of first-degree murder and using a weapon of mass destruction, and the defense argued that in

the absence of guilty verdicts on those charges he should have received a lighter sentence.

"The evidence presented to the jury and relied upon by the district judge at sentencing establishes the malicious nature of Mr. Nichols' conduct," the appeals court wrote in the decision.

"Mr. Nichols reached an agreement with Mr. McVeigh and its objective was to detonate a 3,000-6,000 pound truck bomb in front of the Murrah building," it said.

"Both defendants intended to use the bomb as a weapon of mass destruction against not only the building but the persons inside."

The court also rejected a claim that Matsch should have barred testimony from a British

forensic expert who testified that a bomb in the cargo compartment of a Ryder truck allegedly rented by McVeigh was the source of the explosion. The defense claimed she exceeded her level of expertise.

Also rejected was Nichols' claim that he should have been allowed to introduce a former FBI agent as an expert witness. Dr. Frederick Whitehurst had evidence questioning prosecutors' claims that fertilizer crystals found on truck pieces could have survived a night in the rain.

Also, the court rejected claims that the judge should have refused to admit the testimony of informant Michael Fortier, who testified in exchange for a plea bargain.

Timber company rejects deal to protect redwoods

SACRAMENTO, Calif. (AP) — Efforts to preserve a vast chunk of Northern California's Headwaters Forest suffered a major blow as a timber company rejected a \$480 million deal that would have set aside majestic stands of ancient redwoods for the public to enjoy.

State and federal officials approved the proposal after lengthy negotiations, pleasing environmentalists by demanding protection of streams and wildlife habitat throughout the company's holdings in California.

But Pacific Lumber Co.

turned it down Friday, saying the deal could financially cripple the 130-year-old logging company and force layoffs.

The proposal is all but dead, since promised federal funding is scheduled to expire next week and no new talks are planned.

"We could not agree to a deal that would have made our company uncompetitive and uneconomic," said Pacific Lumber's president, John Campbell. "We had an obligation to our investors, to the men and women who work for the company."

Supporters of the deal were furious.

"Pacific Lumber backed away from the agreement," said Sen. Dianne Feinstein, D-Calif., who assisted in the negotiations. "I am deeply disappointed."

Gov. Gray Davis said he remained committed to the effort.

"It's unfortunate that the company turned its back on an agreement that would have brought an end to 10 years of litigation, protest, heartaches and economic uncertainty," he said. "My administration, however, will continue its efforts to pro-

tect redwoods that have stood majestically throughout this entire millennium."

Pacific Lumber and its parent company, Houston-based Maxxam Corp., have been the object of lengthy court fights and demonstrations — including the nation's largest forest rally, a 1996 environmental protest in which more than 1,000 people were arrested.

Campbell had said that preserving the Headwaters Forest, would have ranked "with the establishment of Yosemite and Sequoia national parks over 100 years ago."

Red Cross to train thousands to use defibrillators

WASHINGTON (AP) — The American Red Cross launches an ambitious program this week to train thousands of everyday Americans to jumpstart the hearts of cardiac arrest victims, putting the power of lifesaving defibrillators in your co-worker's hands.

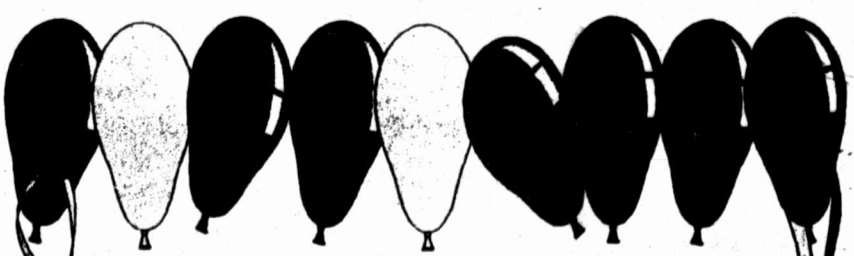
Every year, 350,000 Americans collapse and die of cardiac arrest — their hearts just suddenly stop beating. Every minute spent waiting for paramedics to arrive lowers the chance of survival by 10 percent.

CPR buys patients crucial time, but it will not restart a heart. Now companies, shopping malls, even amusement

parks are buying portable defibrillators, small versions of the electric shock paddles made famous on TV, that can jolt hearts into beating again.

Experts say portable defibrillators could save 100,000 lives a

year, if used widely enough. They don't require medical expertise. Anyone with simple training can grab one and restart a person's heart, said Red Cross President Steve Bullock.



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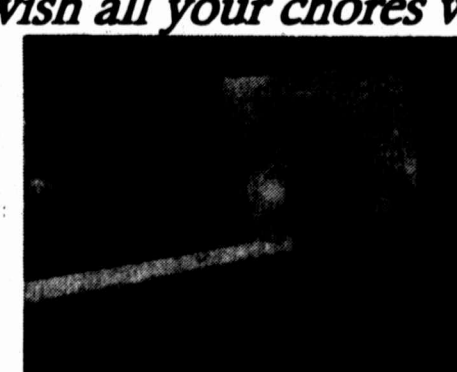
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IN BRIEF

Wall, Tahoka are playoff winners at 'The Dorothy'

Wall's Hawks pulled off a surprising upset of Hale Center's Owls on Saturday night, taking a 42-31 Class 2A boys' area playoff win at Dorothy Garrett Coliseum. Nick Carter and Will Weatherford scored 14 and 13 points, respectively, in leading the Hawks to the win. Gene Ford paced Hale Center with 12 points, while Bobby Ruiz added 10 more for the Owls.

In Friday's action at The Dorothy, Tahoka's Bulldogs took a 77-64 win over Ozona's Lions behind the 30 game-high points scored by junior guard Brad Pebsworth.

In addition to Pebsworth's 30 points, the Bulldogs got 23 points from Sedrick Williams and 10 from Jordan Sarchet.

Bobby Cervantez paced Ozona with 22 points, while Dustin Faught had 16 and Steven Martinez scored 12.

Little League coaches clinic slated for today

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. today at Jack Barber Field.

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

Midgets tennis program set to begin on Monday

Youngsters in the first through fifth grades are eligible to participate in the USA Tennis midgets program set to begin Monday with a 6:30 p.m. to 7:30 p.m. session at the Figure 7 Tennis Center.

The cost for the midgets program is an unopened can of Wilson Championship or Penn Championship tennis balls. Players will also need racquets and tennis shoes.

For more information, call Jim Blacketer at 264-6834.

Little League umpires slate Tuesday meeting

The Big Spring Little League Baseball Umpires Association will hold a meeting at 7 p.m. Tuesday in the Dora Roberts Rehabilitation Center.

Anyone interested in umpiring Little League games this season is encouraged to attend.

For more information, call Don Spence at 267-7780 or Michael King at 267-2939.

Coahoma summer league registration is March 4-5

Youngsters planning to play Little League or Junior League baseball at Coahoma this summer will register March 4-5 at the ballpark in Coahoma.

Players can register from 6 p.m. to 9 p.m. both days.

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4:30 p.m. — Houston Rockets at L.A. Lakers, NBC, Ch. 9.

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

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2 p.m. — Los Angeles Kings at Dallas Stars, FOX, Ch. 3.
7 p.m. — St. Louis Blues at Chicago Blackhawks, ESPN, Ch. 30.

Lady Coyotes headed for Austin after winning regional

HERALD Staff Report

ABILENE — Borden County's Lady Coyotes are headed to the state Class A girls' basketball tournament for the first time in the school's history following a 49-36 win over Zephyr's Lady Bulldogs on Saturday.

The Lady Coyotes opened a 10-point lead early in the third quarter on three-point baskets by Julie Mayes and Lindsey Smith, then held off the Lady Bulldogs in a free-throw shooting contest down the stretch for the win at Hardin Simmons University's Kimbrell Arena.

Zephyr head coach DeAnn Perkins, who saw her No. 9-ranked team end its season with a 31-5 record, said the one thing she regrets is switching from a man-to-man defense to a 1-3-1 zone to start the second half after having trailed

by just 23-19 at the break. That was when the wide-open Mayes and Smith nailed their long distance bombs just 25 seconds apart to give the Lady Coyotes a 29-19 lead with 7:16 left in the third quarter.

"They were big," Perkins said of the shots, the only three-pointers of the game for Borden County. "We hadn't been stopping them in the man, so I thought we'd see if we can shut them down inside with the zone."

The Lady Bulldogs jumped out to an early 13-11 lead after two lead changes in the first quarter, but Borden County's press and relentless halfcourt defense began to have an effect on Zephyr's offense.

Most importantly, the Lady Coyotes held Zephyr's highly-touted Kimberly Moore limited to just six field goals and

21 points. "Our defense puts pressure on people and we try to keep it that way," second-year Borden County coach Gailan Winegarner said. "You have to stop Moore if you're going to win the ball game."

There were three lead changes early in the second quarter, but Borden County took the lead for good, 19-17, with 5:11 left in the half.

After Mayes and Smith stunned the Lady Bulldogs with their three-pointers, the Lady Coyotes pulled away to a 12-point lead.

Zephyr pulled to within five, 36-31, with 4:45 left in the fourth quarter, but that was as close as the Lady Bulldogs would come.

The Lady Coyotes finished the game with a 7-0 run, improving to 30-4 on the year.

Smith was Borden County's only player to finish in double figures, finishing the game with 15.

In Friday's semifinal round, the Lady Coyotes took a 59-46 win over Alvord's Lady Bulldogs.

Borden County was paced in that game by 6-foot-1 sophomore Valerie Wootan, who finished the night with 17 points.

But she had plenty of help, as Mayes finished the game with 15 points and Amanda Watts added 10 more.

All the Lady Bulldogs could muster was a 16-point showing from Samantha Shipley and Kristen Clement's 14.

Although the Lady Coyotes trailed Alvord early, they finally pulled ahead at 8-7 late in the first quarter and took a 12-9 edge into the second period.

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Hawks sweep three from El Paso

By JOHN A. MOSELEY

Sports Editor

Howard College's Hawks continued their winning ways Saturday, wrapping up a three-game sweep of El Paso Community College's Tejanos with 10-4 and 11-3 wins at Jack Barber Field.

"We played much, much better baseball than we did Friday," Hawks coach Brian Roper said, admitting that he'd criticized his team for the way it played in the series opener when they were forced to mount a six-run rally in the bottom of the ninth inning to avoid being embarrassed by El Paso.

"I'm proud of the way we played today," Roper added. "We went back to playing the kind of baseball we've got to play if we're going to be successful."

Howard, now 18-1 on the season, improved its record in Western Junior College Athletic Conference (WJAC) play to 6-0 with Saturday's the weekend sweep.

The Hawks now play host to Wayland Baptist University's junior varsity in a 1 p.m. doubleheader on Thursday, and then begin another three-game WJAC series at Jack Barber Field, hosting New Mexico Junior College's Thunderbirds.

In Saturday's opener, sophomore Brandon Claussen went the distance, striking out four as he improved his record to 3-1 on the season.

Claussen got plenty of support, as center fielder Kennard Bibbs and first baseman Caleb Reger both turned in 3-for-4 performances at the plate, and sophomore Rhet Wells capped a six-run third inning with a three-run homer.

Howard was even more dominant in the series finale as freshman Danny McMurtry pitched six innings in recording the win, scattering seven El Paso Hits and striking out four.

Again, Bibbs had a tremendous offensive showing, pounding out three more hits in four appearances at the plate.

Third baseman Drew Topham and outfielder Jay Alsop matched Bibbs' 3-for-4 performance, but contributed plenty of power as well. Topham finished the day with a double and a triple, while Alsop added a double and a home run.

The Hawks' series opening, come-from-behind 7-6 win on Friday was anything but what Roper wanted to see from his team.

"I thought we played pretty poorly and was disappointed with our effort," Roper



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Howard reliever Mike McMillan delivers a pitch during the seventh inning of the Hawks' game with El Paso Community College's Tejanos on Friday. McMillan chalked up the win when Howard rebounded with six runs in the bottom of the eighth inning to take a 7-6 win.

explained. "We're not doing some of the little things that have gotten us to where we are."

"I've been telling these guys that we're a team that has to fight for inches ... things like making sure the ball doesn't get away from the catcher and give them easy stolen bases," he added. "But right now, we're not doing that. I think a 15-game win streak has us sitting back and waiting to win. That's going to come up and bite us if we keep it up."

Unfortunately, Roper acknowledged that the Hawks' six-run, two-out rally in the eighth inning Friday didn't help get that message across.

Instead of having to absorb a loss for what was lackluster play during the first seven innings, the Hawks managed to improve their record to 16-1 going into Saturday's twinbill.

The Tejanos took control early, taking advantage of sophomore left-hander Nick Webb's first bad outing of the spring.

El Paso scored six runs off Webb, pounding out 12 hits.

They chased him in the top of the sixth when second baseman Sal Marquez and shortstop Ricky Solis led off the inning with back-to-back singles.

Former Coahoma Bulldogs star Mike McMillan came in to relieve Webb, and managed to retire the next three batters — keeping the margin at 6-1 — and then retired the Tejanos in order in the seventh.

McMillan allowed just an infield single in the eighth, and chalked up the win by being the pitcher of record when the Hawks rallied in the bottom of the inning.

Bibbs got things started with an infield single and Topham added a one-out single, only to be erased from the base paths when catcher Robert Ramos grounded back to the pitcher.

Right fielder Chad Verrett put the Hawks back on the scoreboard with an RBI single to left and Reger doubled to left, driving in another run. Wells doubled to the wall in left center, plating two more runs and chasing El Paso starter Tobias Davis.

Still holding a one-run lead, El Paso called on stopper Ernesto Gutierrez to try and quell the riot. But his first pitch ended the game, Alsop taking the curve out of the park in left field to provide the game-tying and winning runs.

"He (Gutierrez) threw me a curve and I was sitting on it," Alsop said of his game-winner that culminated a 3-for-4 showing at the plate. "They'd been throwing off speed all day, so I was waiting for the curve. He hung it up there and I got all of it."

Sophomore Duite Welch came in to shut down the Tejanos in the ninth to cement the win.

Welch, who struck out the first two batters he faced and got the final out on a popped fly to center field, credited McMillan for his masterful three innings of work.

"Mike just threw the ball great ... then the team hung in there, got the big rally and gave me a chance to go in there and do what I'm expected to do ... close the door," Welch explained.

Bufs head to regional quarterfinal following 67-46 win

HERALD Staff Report

MERKEL — After having had more than two weeks with nothing to do but play practice games, Stanton's Buffaloes finally got to play for real again Friday night, taking a 67-46 Class 2A boys' area playoff win over Sonora's Broncos.

The Buffs, who earned a bye into the area playoff round after winning the District 3-2A championship, improved to 15-5 win the victory and advance into the regional quarterfinals where they'll face Farwell's Steers at 7:30 p.m. Tuesday in the Lubbock Monterey High School gymnasium.

It took a while for Stanton to come to the party, as Sonora jumped out on top and led for most of the first quarter.

The Buffs' slow start, coach Doug Gordon said, may be attributable to

Stanton's long layoff from playing games that had something on the line.

"Our non-competitive rust had a lot to do with us not getting into our rhythm," Gordon said following the win. "We had a little burst there in the second quarter and finally got things really going in the second half."

But one of the biggest keys for the Buffs was their ability to hold Sonora's three-point shooting threat, Anthony Luna, somewhat in check.

Luna took all but three of the Broncos' shots in the second quarter and managed just a pair of three-pointers.

"We made him work for his shots tonight," Gordon said of the Broncos' heralded guard. "We were able to take him out of his usual flow, but it was the third quarter spurt that gave us some leeway."

Stanton's 20-6 run in the third quarter was paced by Chad Smith, who scored 10 of his 18 points during that span, but more than that, it was his presence on the offensive boards that allowed the Buffs to get two, three and sometimes four chances each time down the court.

Smith was complemented by 6-foot-6 Justin Cobb, who also helped clear the boards and finished the night with 16 points.

But Stanton's leading scorer was point guard Kyle Herm, who pumped the nets for 27 game-high points.

"The big three (Herm, Smith and Cobb) really got us going tonight," Gordon noted. "But it was our overall team effort ... especially defensively there late in the third quarter that made the real difference."

While Luna did manage to his six of

his three-point shots during the game and led the Broncos with 20 points, he was the only Sonora player to finish in double figures.

The best support his teammates could muster was David Meyer's six points, as the Broncos finished the season with a 15-17 mark overall.

STANTON — Anthony Renfro 2 0 0 5, Isaac Ramos 2 0 1 4, Anthony Luna 7 0 1 20, Ernie Paraz 1 2 2 4, Riley Cram 1 1 3 3, Russell Dempsey 2 0 0 4, David Meyer 3 0 1 6. Totals: 18 36 46.

SONORA — Jeremy Smith 1 0 0 2, Kyle Herm 8 9 12 27, Justin Cobb 6 4 7 16, Maurice Martinez 1 1 2 3, Blaine Smith 0 0 0 0, Will Harris 0 0 0 0, Austin Kelly 0 0 0 0, Jeremy Hill 0 1 2 1, Brady Cook 0 0 0 0, Ace Keele 0 0 0 0, John Cotton 0 0 0 0, Keith Cook 0 0 0 0, Dustin Rogers 0 0 0 0, Chad Smith 8 2 4 18. Totals 24 17 27 67.

Score by Quarters:
Stanton 13 12 6 15 46
Sonora 14 18 20 15 67

Three-point goals: Sonora 7 (Luna 6, Renfro), Stanton 25 (Herm 2). Total Fouls: Sonora 15, Stanton 14. Fouled Out: None. Technical Fouls: None. Records: Sonora finishes off 15-17, Stanton is 15-5.

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LOCAL BOWLING RESULTS

VA COUPLES
WEEK 22
RESULTS-Team two over Team ten 6-2, Team six over Team eight 8-0, Team five over Team three 8-0, Team one over Team nine 6-2, Team seven over Team four 8-0; hi sc team series Team six 2019, Team seven 1917, Team nine 1897; hi sc team game Team six 709, Team seven 684, Team two 653; hi sc series men Abraham Yanez 566, Manuel Gutierrez 548, Jerry Bacon 546; hi sc game men Manuel Gutierrez 213, Randy Robertson 209, Abraham Yanez 208; hi sc series women Carolyn Cooney 485, Denise Richard 485, Brenda McCright 481; hi sc game women Denise Richard 197, Carolyn Cooney 182, Jan Graham 176; hi hdp team series Team six 2400, Team five 2398, Team seven 2379; hi hdp team game Team seven 838, Team six 836, Team five 822; hi hdp series men Frank Green 568, Vance McCright 548, Abraham Yanez 641; hi hdp team game Frank Green 241, Manuel Gutierrez 238, Vance McCright 234; hi hdp series women Denise Richard 617, Brenda McCright 613, Sam Horton 592; hi hdp game women Denise Richard 241, Jan Graham 223, Sam Horton 223.

STANDINGS-Team six 120-66, Team two 113-63, Team seven 104-84, Team one 100-76, Team nine 96-30, Team eight 96-30, Team four 90-86, Team five 75-101, Team three 66-102, Team ten 2-174.
WEDNESDAY STRIKERS
WEEK 23
RESULTS-Lois Guys over Wolfpack 6-2, Top Dogs over Eye Ball Records 6-2, Chain Gang tied Tejano Bad Boys 0-0, The Pimps tied Scattech 4-4, Allans Furniture over Monostat 5-6-2; hi sc series Tom Cruz 625, Jerald Burgess 6-2, James Rawls 580; hi sc game Kevin Ramirez 236, Tom Cruz 236, Jerald Burgess 232; hi sc team series The Pimps 2544, Allans Furniture 2526, Top Dogs 2514; hi sc team game Top Dogs 890, The Pimps 880, The Pimps 876; hi hdp series Mike Oliva 651, Tom Cruz 649, Kevin Ramirez 648; hi hdp game Kevin Ramirez 261, Tom Cruz 244, Weldon Walker 243; hi hdp team series Tejano Bad Boys 2980, Top Dogs 2922, Allans Furniture 2916; hi hdp team game Top Dogs 1026, Tejano Bad Boys 1021, Eye Ball Records 998.
STANDINGS-Tops Dogs 106-46, Allans Furniture 98-54, The Pimps 86-66, Scattech 83-69, Lois Guys 82-70, Tejano Bad Boys 66-78, Eye Ball Records 62-90, Chain Gang 60-76, Wolfpack 57-95, Monostat 54-100.

WEDNESDAY STRIKERS
WEEK 23
RESULTS-Top Dogs tied Tejano Bad Boys 4-4, Lois Guys over Allans Furniture 6-2, The Pimps tied Monostat 5-4-4, Eye Ball Records tied Chain Gang 0-0, Scattech over Wolfpack 6-2; hi sc series Tom Cruz 712, Armando Gutierrez 608, Neal Anderson 592; hi sc game Armando Gutierrez 268, Tom Cruz 259, Tom Cruz 248; hi sc team series Lois Guys 2688, Scattech 2480, Wolfpack 2372; hi sc team game Lois Guys 1052, Scattech 935, Lois Guys 855; hi sc series Tom Cruz 733, Timothy J. Ross 717, Arthur Juarez 663; hi hdp game Armando Gutierrez 278, Arthur Juarez 277, Tom Cruz 266; hi hdp team series Lois Guys 3081, Scattech 2909, Wolfpack 2787; hi hdp team game Lois Guys 1183, Scattech 1078, Lois Guys 986.
STANDINGS-Tops Dogs 110-50, Allans Furniture 100-60, The Pimps 90-70, Scattech 89-71, Lois Guys 88-72, Tejano Bad Boys 70-82, Eye Ball Records 62-90, Chain Gang 60-76, Wolfpack 59-101, Monostat 54-104.

WEDNESDAY STRIKERS
WEEK 23
RESULTS-Eye Ball Records over Monostat 5-8-0, Chain Gang tied Scattech 0-0, Top Dogs over Wolfpack 6-2, Allans Furniture over Tejano Bad Boys 6-2, Lois Guys over The Pimps 6-2; hi sc series Tom Cruz 650, Manuel Ramirez 622, John Paul Foster 580; hi sc game Tom Cruz 255, Neal Anderson 234, Aaron Bogard 233; hi sc team series The Pimps 2589, Scattech 2559, Top Dogs 2558; hi sc team game The Pimps 963, Top Dogs 962, John Paul Foster 892; hi hdp series Aaron Bogard 672, Manuel Baeza 654, Ron Burton 647; hi hdp game Aaron Bogard 263, Tom Cruz 259, Jimmy Wood 253; hi hdp team series Scattech 2919, Top Dogs 2916, Tejano Bad Boys 2929; hi hdp team game The Pimps 1076, Top Dogs 1044, Scattech 1036.
STANDINGS-Tops Dogs 116-52, Allans Furniture 106-62, Lois Guys 107-71, The Pimps 92-76, Scattech 89-71, Tejano Bad Boys 70-82, Eye Ball Records 70-90, Wolfpack 61-107, Chain Gang 60-76, Monostat 54-112.

WEDNESDAY NITE TRO
WEEK 23
RESULTS-H&R Block split with Morehead Transfer 4-7, Western Arrow over Big Spring Music 5-2, American State Bank over Allan's Furniture 6-2, Alley Cats over Bowlarana Pro Shop 6-2, Robertson Body Shop over A Timeless Design 8-0, Loan Stars over Spanky's 6-2, Comet Cleaners over Back-N-Action 8-0, KC Steakhouse over BSI 7-1, Arrow Refrigeration over M&M's 8-0, Fiesta Dodge split with Slow Starters 4-4, Lulu's Family split with The Astros 4-4; hi sc game men Ken Beeler 808; hi sc game women Larry Rose 635; hi hdp game men Larry Rose 286; hi hdp series men Tommy Richmond 777; hi sc game women Evelyn Williams 221; hi sc series women Evelyn Williams 582; hi hdp game women Evelyn Williams 266; hi hdp series women Kim Ran-Jel 748; hi sc team game Robertson Body Shop 617; hi sc team series Robertson Body Shop 1714; hi hdp team game Robertson Body Shop 742; hi hdp team series Robertson Body Shop 2089.
STANDINGS-Arrow Refrigeration 129-47, Comet Cleaners 107-69, Loan Stars 105-71, KC Steak House 102-70, American State Bank 99-77, Big Spring Music 98-74, Robertson Body Shop 97-79, H&R Block (postponed) 92-84, Western Auto 91-85, Slow Starters 86-90, BSI (unopposed) 83-85, A Timeless Design 80-96, Allan's Furniture 80-96, Fiesta Dodge (postponed) 79-89, Back-N-Action 78-98, The Astros 77-97, spanky's 75-101, M&M's (unopposed) 68-108, Lulu's Family 61-91, Morehead Transfer 59-117, Bowlarana Pro Shop 26-22, Alley Cats 20-28.

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WEEK 23
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Steers thinclads shine in three-way meet

HERALD Staff Report
Merkel — All sorts of things went wrong for Big Spring's Steers during a three-way practice meet with Abilene High and Merkel thinclads Saturday, but the Steers still managed to turn in some impressive performances.
Perhaps the most frustrating occurrence, other than gusting winds that made turning in impressive times extremely difficult, was the Steers inability to make the first baton exchange in the 400-meter relay.
That meant the Steers ever had a chance to let super speedster Tory Mitchell make a difference with his anchor leg.
Of course, Mitchell did plenty of shining, taking first-place finishes in the 100 meters,

100 meters and long jump.
Mitchell's time in the 100 was not impressive, however, crossing the tape at 10.5 seconds.
That time, well off anything the Steers' senior speedster has recorded in several years, left coaches stepping off the straight-away.
"The best we can figure without putting a tape to it is that Tory ran something like 103 to 105 meters rather than 100," Britton said, explaining Mitchell's seemingly slow time in the 100.
Mitchell came back to post a time of 20.8 seconds in the 200, despite running the curve into a stiff wind and won the long jump with a leap of 21 feet, 7 inches. Teammate Doug White was third in the

long jump with a 19-7.
Big Spring's only other field events points came from Keith Newton's third-place toss of 115 feet in the discus.
The Steers added three more first-place finishes, however.
Arthur Gonzales won the 300-meter hurdles with a 32.1 clocking then finished third in the 110-meter high hurdles with a time of 17.2.
Jimmy Hawks took first place in the 400 meter with a 50.4-second clocking and then teamed with Rolando Ledesma, White and Blair Nutting to win the 1,600-meter relay with a time of 3:35.0.
Ledesma added a third-place finish in the 800 meters with a 2:11.0 clocking to round out Big Spring's scoring.

Auburn holds off Mississippi State bid for upset

STARKVILLE, Miss. (AP) — Scott Pohlman scored 17 points, including a driving baseline layup in the final minute, as No. 2 Auburn held off late-charging Mississippi State 76-73 Saturday.
Auburn (26-2, 14-2 Southeastern Conference) capped the winningest regular season in school history — but only after Mississippi State cut a 15-point deficit to just one in the final 13 minutes.
Mississippi State (18-11, 8-8), trying to get the notice of the NCAA tournament selection committee, had gotten to within 72-71 after Todd Myles came off the bench to hit two free throws with 4:42 left.
That capped an 11-2 run by the Bulldogs during a two-minute spurt that included consecutive 3-pointers by freshman Marckell Patterson and a trey by Joe Marshall.

in the opening game of the quarterfinals.
The Boilermakers, who are hoping to be named a top seed and host school for the opening two rounds of the NCAA tournament, defeated the Buckeyes 64-56 and 88-58 in the regular season.
Michigan 51, Wisconsin 39
MADISON, Wis. (AP) — Michigan, suffering through its worst basketball season in 17 years, continued its domination of Wisconsin Saturday by knocking off the 16th-rated Badgers 51-49.
Louis Bullock scored 14 points and became the Big Ten's all-time leader in 3-pointers as the Wolverines snapped a four-game skid with its fourth straight victory over the Badgers.
As in its 59-55 upset of Wisconsin in Ann Arbor on Dec. 30, the Wolverines (11-18, 5-11 Big Ten) held Wisconsin to 32 percent shooting from the floor.
Robbie Reid and Brandon Smith each added 11 points for the Michigan, which won its first conference road game this season.
Sean Mason and John Bryant each scored 9 points for Wisconsin, (21-8, 9-7 Big Ten), which set a school record for victories but lost five of its last seven heading into the Big Ten tournament in Chicago next week.

league title with UConn and earn the No. 1 seed in the conference tournament next week.
Rutgers (17-11, 9-9) hurt its NCAA tournament chances with the loss. The Scarlet Knights fell to 0-7 against the teams they've played that are most likely to make the tournament.
Before the game, the Hurricanes retired James' No. 40 uniform jersey. The senior then scored 14 points in his final home game and squelched a late Rutgers rally.
Florida State (12-16, 5-11) lost its last seven games and its last nine ACC games, the longest league losing streak in a dozen years.
Terrell Baker led Florida State with 22 points in his final game before Seminole fans. Damous Anderson added 19.
Despite 15 first half turnovers, Maryland (25-4, 13-3 Atlantic Coast Conference) led the surprisingly sticky Seminoles 33-30 at halftime.
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Purdue 79, Northwestern 56
INDIANAPOLIS (AP) — Stephanie White-McCarty scored 11 of her 24 points as top-ranked Purdue put together a 19-2 run in the first half, and the Boilermakers defeated Northwestern 79-56 Saturday in the quarterfinals of the Big Ten women's tournament.
Purdue's conference-record 24th consecutive victory came in what is likely to be the last game for Wildcats' coach Don Perrelli, who has announced his retirement effective at the end of the season. Perrelli compiled a 261-181 mark in 15 seasons at Northwestern and is 426-252 in 23 seasons as a collegiate head coach.
Northwestern (12-16) saw its hopes for an upset fade as it went more than 6 minutes without scoring in the first half.
Purdue (26-1) will put its streak on the line in the semifinals at the RCA Dome on Sunday against Ohio State, which defeated Wisconsin 70-61

Miami 68, Rutgers 63
MIAMI (AP) — Tim James blocked two crucial shots in the final 15 seconds and the 11th-ranked Miami Hurricanes held off Rutgers 68-63 Saturday to clinch at least a No. 2 seed in next week's Big East Conference tournament.
Miami (21-5 overall, 15-3 Big East) won its eighth game in a row. If Syracuse upsets Big East leader Connecticut on Sunday, the Hurricanes will share the

Villanova 66, St. John's 60
PHILADELPHIA (AP) — John Celestand scored 18 points and No. 8 St. John's shot a season-long 32 percent as Villanova upset the Red Storm 66-60 on Saturday to significantly enhance its NCAA chances.
Malik Allen added 14 points and 11 rebounds and had two baskets with less than a minute left in the game for Villanova (20-9, 10-8), which survived a late Red Storm rally sparked by Erick Barkley's 17 second-half points.
Region II, Class 1A
Girls' Championship
Borden County 49, Zephyr 36
Borden County — Crystal Dye 0 0 0 0, Stacy O'Brien 0 1 2 1, Shaina Isaacs 0 4 6 4, Beverly Hensley 0 0 0 0, Katie Kemp 0 0 0 0, Julie Hayes 2 3 6 8, Lindsey Smith 4 5 7 15, Amanda Watts 3 1 1 7, Valerie Wootan 4 1 2 9, Ky Merritt 1 1 2 3, Totals 14 16 25 49.
Score by Quarters: 11 12 11 15-49
Zephyr 13 6 8 9-36
Three-point goals: Borden County (Mayes, Smith); Zephyr 1 (Painter). Total Fouls: Borden County 21, Zephyr 25. Fouled Out: Cornelius, Painter. H. King. Technical Fouls: None. Records: Borden County is 30-4, Zephyr finishes at 31-5.

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Lady Raiders.
Abilene took the team title with a 328-324, 652 total, finishing a whopping 128 strokes ahead of Sweetwater's runner-up 391-389, 780 total.
The Lady Raiders were just three strokes back at 391-392, 783, while Big Spring finished at 386-409, 795.
The key to Abilene's victory was the play of Devon Day and Laura Cutbirth, who finished first and second, respectively, in the medalist standings. Day posted a 77-74, 151, while Cutbirth carried a 77-77, 154.
Big Spring's Priscilla Del Bosque fell just short of finishing in the tournament's top 10 individually, her 95-96, 191 leaving her tied for 12th place overall.
Rounding out the Lady Steers scores were Mandi Osborne, 105-113, 218; Julie Owens, 102-119, 221; Sarah Anthony 115-116,

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231; Heather Harris 114-118, 232; Amanda Sheedy, 130-125, 255; and Cody Burson, 142-131, 273.
"It was certainly our best tournament of the year," Lady Steers coach Mike Scarbrough noted. "Ashlie broke out of her

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plump and we were actually in second place after the first day.
"Our younger players were a little intimidated playing with Abilene High today," he added, "but I was very pleased with the way we played overall. The younger girls are beginning to realize that they have to play like they do during practice."
Both the Steers and Lady Steers will compete in the Andrews Invitational tournament next weekend.

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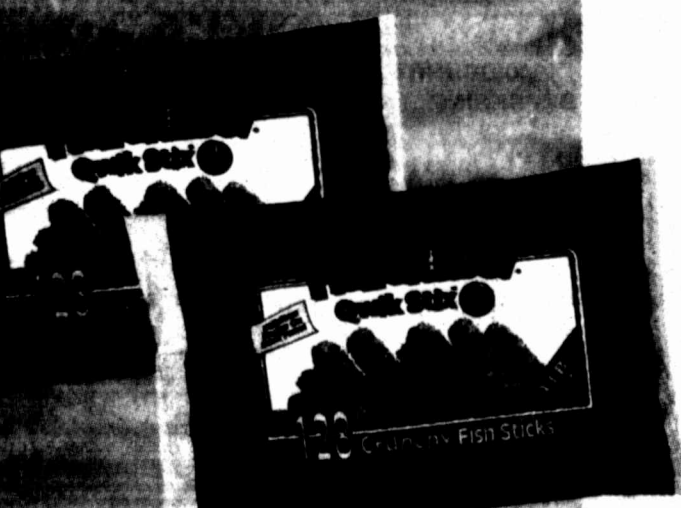


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Hidden treasures

Rockhounds find beauty buried in the earth

It's just an ordinary evening at the Big Spring Prospector's Club building on East Third Street.

A class about faceting stones is at work on one side of the room, while other club members are busy practicing their favorite parts of the lapidary hobby. Joe Whitaker is using equipment in the back, cutting "cabs," or ovals and other shapes out of flat, polished stones. Those can be used to make belt buckles or bolo ties out of rock.

Annie Mae Johnson, meanwhile, is enameling tiny copper beads, by heating them and coating them in powdered glass. She has a tiny butane torch clamped to one side of a table, and she works carefully, rolling each bead in the glass.

Club members work at the clubhouse, 606 E. Third, and use equipment to practice their hobby, and many have their own equipment at home, said director Roy Donnelly. Other activities of the Prospectors include field trips for rock hunts, and educational programs for clubs and schools.

"Everyone here's basically rockhounds," he said. "We get into every part of it. There's somebody you can find who enjoys just about everything to do with rocks."

That includes polishing stones in tumblers, metal detecting, cutting stones, faceting gems and hunting arrowheads.

The class on Monday nights is learning the faceting skill, working to create familiar shapes like baguettes, teardrops and others.

With a gentle touch, students learn to guide a stone

across a grinding disc until each piece of the facet is formed. Some work with stones, others practice on glass.

"There are thousands of cuts," said Jerald Wilson, one of the club's directors and a teacher for the faceting class. There are five facets named for Big Spring: Big Spring Brilliant, and four versions of the Star in Big Spring design.

The Prospector's Club, which is getting ready for its 30th annual Gem and Mineral Show beginning Saturday, will give away a "Star in Big Spring" cut blue topaz to one lucky winner at the show's close.

"It's the angle of light that creates the beauty," Wilson explained, showing paper patterns of several different facets. And the chosen stone makes a big difference, too, he added.

"Different stones have a different 'shine in and bounce back.'"

New technology has created laser glass, which Wilson said is a very popular alternative.

"This research has been going on for years and years, and there are all colors of lasers now," he said. "It gives you special characteristics."

The club is open to new members who are welcome to join in any of its activities. Applications will be available at the show Saturday and Sunday in the Howard County Fairbarns.

"We're pretty easy to get along with," Wilson said. "Usually we find people that want to be rockhounds are pretty good people."



Above, Big Spring Prospector's Club member Joe Whitaker looks at gemstones with a loupe, a magnifying tool. He is part of the local group for "rockhounds," as those who enjoy working with rocks, gems and minerals are known. Below, a map of the United States made with stone was created by the club several years ago. Each state is carved from its official rock or mineral.



Above, Big Spring Prospector's Club member Annie Mae Johnson works on enameling copper beads with powdered glass to create designs. Hers is one of many hobbies and skills that are part of the lapidary field. At right, Bob Hill works on faceting, or cutting gems into patterns to add sparkle. A class teaching the skill is currently going on Mondays at the Prospector's Clubhouse, 606 E. Third. Hill, like most of the students, is using a piece of glass to work with while he learns faceting.

Weekend's show promises to add shine and polish to lapidary hobby, business

Saturday, Big Spring will sparkle and shine when the 30th Annual Gem and Mineral Show comes to town.

Sponsored by the Big Spring Prospector's Club, the show will feature dealers, demonstrators and displays of everything from precious stones and polished minerals to petrified wood. It takes place at the Howard County Fair Barn from 9 a.m.-5 p.m. Saturday and 10 a.m.-5 p.m. Sunday, March 7.

Admission is free. "We've got some new dealers, bringing in some new and different products," said Lola Lamb, club secretary. She said one new attraction will be handmade turquoise and silver jewelry.

30th annual Gem and mineral show
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Eleven dealers are set up to participate, offering such unique services as setting a selected stone into a ring and sizing it on the spot.

Club members promise something of interest for all ages. A spinning wheel game will offer rock-related prizes — a popular attraction for kids. For adults, hourly door prizes donated by the dealers will also be awarded.

The show's grand prize, an Australian blue topaz faceted in the "Star in Big Spring" design, will go to one lucky winner at the show's close on Sunday.

The theme of this year's show will be "Revealing Earth's Hidden Treasures." Lamb said the theme reflects the work done by rockhounds, or those who practice the lapidary hobby.

"This is all more or less hidden until we bring out the beauty in it," she said. "A lot of times, these rocks have been buried somewhere or they look like just ugly rocks on the outside."

Dealer-demonstrators and club members at the show can answer questions about the "rockhound" hobby and the business side of rocks, gems and stones. Anyone interested in joining the prospector's club can find out more at the show. For more information, call Lamb at 263-3340.



story and photos by
Debbie L. Jensen

Even my peace of mind can be found in a stack somewhere

The Jensen household has a creed: A place for everything, and nothing in its place.

I'm considering asking my sister-in-law, who needlepoints, to make us a cute sampler for the living room wall. Except that it would probably never be hung there, left instead on the corner of the dining room table and later moved to a pile on the computer desk.

Let's just say our home has its problem spots.

The dining room table is one of them. I've given up clearing it off before dinner — instead I just scoot everything down to the unused end. With just my husband, stepson and I occupy-

ing seats, that leaves room for an assortment of papers, books, and the occasional pile of folded laundry.

I'm thinking about submitting this idea to Heloise with a perky notation at the end like, "We hardly notice it while we eat!"

After dinner, the only meal that actually involves people sitting in chairs at the table, our "stuff" migrates back to cover the entire tabletop again. I guess it's more comfortable that way.

Our computer desk is another area in need of medical help. Clutter is spreading there like a germ. There's a stack of bills,

articles my mother sends me, and photographs.

Then there's the stack of current projects my husband is working on. I don't dare investigate it. The last time I checked, he was learning how to build a Y2K-proof shelter for the backyard. Some things you just don't want to know.



DEBBIE L. JENSEN

When I am looking for something, as I was frantically Friday morning, I usually start with the computer desk. Then, not finding much of anything I recognize, I move to the bar behind me. That's the "junk you can't think of anywhere else to put" spot.

It's also the "I just walked in from work/school/a meeting and I'll leave this here for now" place.

On the driveway, there's a huge problem spot — the family van. This is the place for clutter in motion, clutter that is going somewhere. There's usually a pile of library books (some overdue), a rented video

and some of my husband's shirts that need to get to the cleaner's.

There might be letters to be mailed, something to be returned to the church and a large note stuck the steering wheel that says, "Pick up (insert item here)."

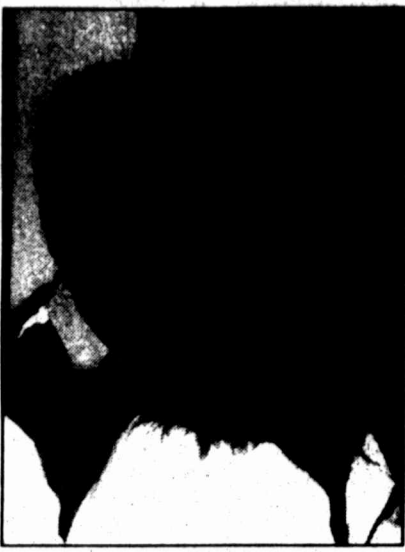
Since I've decided to clean trash out of the van once a week, the note will stay stuck to the passenger's seat for a couple of days.

Then, tired of seeing it and having a moment of panic, I will roll it up and stick it inside an empty orange juice bottle that is rolling around between the seats.

All this stuff used to bother me. I used to grind my teeth at night thinking about row after row and stack after stack of catalogs, unopened junk mail and large manila envelopes inscribed "important — save." I would work feverishly for an hour in the evening, finding a place for everything, only to see that the next day, it had all come back "home" to those pesky problem areas.

So I decided to let the stuff fall where it may. I have other things to worry about. I realized that my brain, just like my house and van, could use a lot less junk cluttering up the place.

GETTING ENGAGED



Lillie Martin and Wesley Shoup will exchange wedding vows on March 6, 1999, at Our Old House with Justice of the Peace China Long officiating. She is the daughter of Bobbie Martin of Big Spring, and Charles Martin of Pampa, Texas.

He is the son of Jim and Cheri Shoup of Big Spring.



Crystal Wheeler of Houston, and Michael Gallagher of Waxahachie, will be united in marriage on June 26, 1999, at Worship Center Assembly of God, Houston, with Rev. Kendal Bridges officiating.

She is the daughter of Dan and Cheryl Wheeler of Houston.

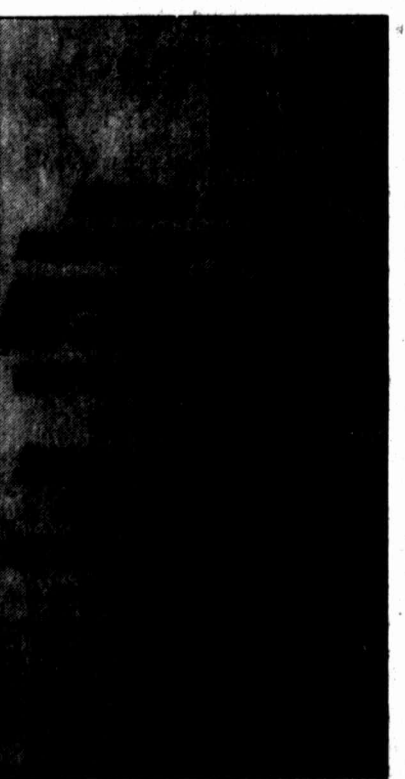
He is the son of Karen Gallagher and the late Neil Gallagher, and the grandson of Frank and Gladys Russell, all of Big Spring.



Bobbie Michelle Womack and Timothy Joseph Burkhalter, both of Canyon, will exchange wedding vows on May 28, 1999, at The Country Home Bed and Breakfast in Canyon.

She is the daughter of David and Sheila Armstrong of Vealmoor and Ricky and Paula Womack of Austin.

He is the son of Johnnie and Barbara Burkhalter of Hereford.



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Character's passage, author's skill make interesting read

"Night Passage." Robert B. Parker. The Berkley Publishing Group, New York, New York. 324 pages. November 1998. \$6.99
Jesse Stone had lost his job as a Los Angeles policeman when he tried to drown his sorrow with excessive use of alcohol, and ended up drinking on the job. He is soon hired as Police Chief in Paradise, Mass., even though he was not quite sober during the interview. As the weeks pass, Jesse wonders why he had gotten the position, and the whole situation makes him wary and watchful.

One of the excuses Jesse had used to drink was the break-

down of his marriage. Jesse loved his wife, and even though she had been unfaithful, he has an emotional tie with her that moving across country cannot sever.

In his new job, Jesse confronts small-town crooks, romantic entanglements, subversive military groups

and an odd assortment of unsavory characters.

News of the former police chief being killed as he was traveling to a new position in the Rocky Mountains makes an odd link with many of the unsettling and troubling incidents that continue to happen within the jurisdiction of Paradise.

Much of "Night Passage" revolves around people using position, money and sex to attain inappropriate positions of power and self-fulfillment. While this theme is not uncommon among works of fiction, Parker uses unsuspecting

twists and turns in the plot to make it unique and distinctive. The author has the reader following several interrelated scenarios at the same time, yet the action is easy to follow and the story line is compelling.

Parker writes about various parts of the country that provide a background for the story; his use of specific places and views gives the reader the sense that he has been there and experienced situations much like those about which he writes. Utilizing concrete and correct facts gives the reader a level of confidence when the story turns to less well-

known features.

Robert Parker is the prolific author of many books featuring the private investigator Spencer.

In this latest effort, he successfully created the new character of Jesse Stone; undoubtedly there will be more of this series to follow. While there are passages that contain coarse language and sexual situations, the story is one that both men and women will like. Be sure to read this book, then watch for the next Jesse Stone adventure.

RATING: (***) three out of four=Entertaining and engaging



PAT WILLIAMS

BEST SELLERS

PUBLISHERS WEEKLY BEST SELLING BOOKS

HARDCOVER FICTION

1. "The Testament" by John Grisham (Doubleday)
2. "Southern Cross" by Patricia Cornwell (Putnam)
3. "Be Cool" by Elmore Leonard (Delacorte)
4. "The Poisonwood Bible" by Barbara Kingsolver (HarperFlamingo)
5. "A Man In Full" by Tom Wolfe (Farrar, Straus & Giroux)
6. "In Danger's Path" by W.E.B. Griffin (Putnam)
7. "Ransom" by Julie Garwood (Pocket)
8. "Seize the Night" by Dean Koontz (Bantam)
9. "Apollyon" by Tim LaHaye and Jerry Jenkins (Tyndale House)
10. "A Night Without Armor" by Jewel Kilcher (HarperCollins)

NONFICTION/GENERAL

1. "The Greatest Generation" by Tom Brokaw (Random House)
2. "Tuesdays With Morrie" by Mitch Albom (Doubleday)
3. "Blind Man's Bluff" by S. Sontag and C. Drew with A. Drew. (Public Affairs)
4. "How to Get What You Want and Want What You Have" by John Gray (HarperCollins)
5. "Perfect Murder, Perfect Town" by Lawrence Sanders (HarperCollins)
6. "The Art of Happiness" by the Dalai Lama and Howard Cutler (Riverhead)
7. "Life Strategies" by Phillip McGraw (Hyperion)
8. "Sugar Busters!" by Steward, Bethea, Andrews, Balart (Ballantine)
9. "One Day My Soul Just Opened Up" by Iyanla Vanzant (Fireseed)
10. "The 9 Steps to Financial Freedom" by Suze Orman

(Random House) MASS MARKET PAPERBACKS

1. "Message in a Bottle" by Nicholas Sparks (Warner Vision)
2. "The Street Lawyer" by John Grisham (Dell/Island)
3. "Dr. Atkins' New Diet Revolution" by Robert C. Atkins (Avon)
4. "Protein Power" by Michael R. Eades and Mary Dan Eades (Bantam)
5. "The Notebook" by Nicholas Sparks (Warner)
6. "Black and Blue" by Anna Quindlen (Dell)
7. "Tom Clancy's Net Force" by Tom Clancy and Steve Peiczenik (Berkley)
8. "The Cat Who Sang for the Birds" by Lillian Jackson Braun (Jove)
9. "The Perfect Neighbor" by Nora Roberts (Silhouette)
10. "Star Wars X-Wing: Solo Command" by Aaron Allston (Bantam)

TRADE PAPERBACKS

1. "Memoirs of a Geisha" by Arthur Golden (Vintage)
2. "Jewel" by Bret Lott (Pocket Books)
3. "Storm of the Century" by Stephen King (Pocket)
4. "Charming Billy" by Alice McDermott (Delta)
5. "Where the Heart Is" by Billie Letts (Warner)
6. "Chicken Soup for the Couple's Soul" by Canfield, Hansen and DeAngelis (HCI)
7. "Divine Secrets of the Ya-Ya Sisterhood" by Rebecca Wells (HarperPerennial)
8. "Women's Bodies, Women's Wisdom" by Christiane Northrup (Bantam)
9. "Midwives" by Chris Bohjalian (Vintage)
10. "Don't Sweat the Small Stuff... and It's All Small Stuff" by Richard Carlson (Hyperion)

NEWCOMERS

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

Maria Nevarez, Delano, Calif. She does food service work.

Frances Nevarez, son Jamie and daughters Lupe, Lucia and Chonita, Billings, Mont.

Samual and Rudh Lara and daughter Tiffany, San Angelo. He is employed by Hirschfeld Steel Co.

Sherill Sanders, Odessa. She is employed by the YMCA.

Luis and Laura Alcantor and daughters Annissa and Alcantor, Houston. He is self employed.

Ted Bowers, Snyder. He is retired from the U.S. Air Force and oil field business.

Jack and Theresa Calk son Taylor and daughter Crista, Huntsville. He is employed by Cornell Corrections, and she is employed by West Texas Centers for MHMR.

Ford is rolling out a monster sport utility vehicle

DETROIT (AP) — Ford Motor Co. is rolling out the industry's biggest sport utility vehicle yet, a nine-seat colossus of the road that the Sierra Club warns will "guzzle enough gas to make Saddam Hussein smile."

The 3.5-ton, six-door Ford Excursion — at 19 feet nearly a foot longer than the current biggest sport utility, the Chevrolet/GMC Suburban — will go on sale in the fall as a 2000 model.

The Excursion is so long and tall that it won't even fit in many garages, said Jim Hall, an analyst with AutoPacific Inc.

It is expected to sell for \$45,000 to \$50,000, with a per-vehicle profit of between \$12,000 and \$20,000. That will make it one of the most profitable vehicles on the road.

Couple share faith with prayer candles

SAN ANTONIO (AP)—Despite her first name, Sister Reed doesn't wear a nun's habit. Nonetheless, she feels she plays a key part in God's plan.

Sister and her husband, Peter N. Reed, own Reed Candle Co., a San Antonio-based company that makes about 36 million candles a year, most of them Catholic-oriented prayer candles, and ships them worldwide.

"People always ask me if I'm a nun and which religious order I belong to. It happens constantly," says Mrs. Reed, president and CEO of the West Side company. "The prayer candles we produce are important to the Reed family because it mirrors our belief in the power of prayer. We feel that we are making a major contribution to the Christian community by helping to spread the word of God and his saints."

While the Reed company makes candles year-round, the biggest-selling time of the year is the Lenten season, which this year continues through April 3.

"It's a tremendous season for us," Mrs. Reed says.

Consumers are probably familiar with Reed wax candles. They're the ones lining supermarket shelves at H-E-B, Handy Andy and Albertson's. Reed Candle Co. also supplies many local Catholic churches, such as St. Jude's Catholic Church and Immaculate Heart of Mary Church, with small votive and clear glass candles for church services.

The business began 62 years ago when Peter's father, Peter D. Reed, bought two votive candle-making machines and began producing candles in the back of his neighborhood grocery store on Camaron Street at Euclid Avenue with the help of his family and one employee.

"He had to buy candles from St. Louis because he couldn't find a supplier here," Mrs. Reed says. "So, he started making his own."

In 1962, Peter Reed and his brother, Henry, purchased the company from their father and expanded to new markets. Twenty years later, Peter purchased Henry's interest in the

company. Reed Candle now employs 175 people who work around the clock, making more than 150 types of candles.

It is one of the few companies in the country that specializes in prayer candles, Sister Reed says. Last year, it was ranked the 227th largest Hispanic-owned business in the country by Hispanic Business magazine, with sales between \$10 million-\$20 million. (Despite the name Reed, there is Mexican heritage on the matriarchal side of the family.)

The family has a long history of business and civic activities in San Antonio. Peter, for example, was one of two Reyes Feos in 1993 when there were dueling League of United Latin American Citizens factions. Before that,

Peter's father was Rey Feo in 1960.

The company's prayer candles, which can burn five to six days, are about 9 inches tall, come in a variety of colors and scents and are adorned with a large, silk-screen sticker of the particular saint, the Virgin Mary or Jesus Christ. On the back of the candle are printed prayers in both English and Spanish.

Most of the candles collaborate Catholic saints such as the Virgen de Guadalupe, the Virgen de San Juan, St. Jude Tadeo and San Martin Caballero.

But the company also caters to Polish Catholics, giving them a candle called Divine Mercy for the message of mercy that Sister Maria Faustina Kowalska, a Polish nun, received from the Lord.

WHO'S WHO

Sarah Sanghavi, a sophomore at Big Spring High School,

has been accepted to the Texas Academy of Mathematics and Science. She is the daughter of Kirit and Ila Sanghavi.

TAMS is a two-year residential program at the University of North Texas that allows talented students to complete their freshman and sophomore years of college while earning their high school diploma.

Sanghavi will enter TAMS this fall, live in a UNT residence hall and attend UNT classes with college students. She should graduate in May 2001 with 60 hours of credit and the equivalent of a high school diploma.

For the 1998 fall session at Baylor University, 1,870 students were named to the Dean's Academic Honor List, including Nicole Ann Rubio Johnson of Big Spring.

To be named to the Dean's List, a student must be an undergraduate with a minimum grade point average of 3.7 while enrolled in a minimum of 12 semester hours.



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SENIOR CITIZENS CENTER
MONDAY-Chicken, potatoes, carrots, salad, milk/rolls, pudding.

TUESDAY-Enchiladas, rice, beans, tossed salad, milk/cornbread, fruit.

WEDNESDAY-Chicken fried steak, mashed potatoes, green beans, fruit salad, milk/rolls, cake.

THURSDAY-Meatloaf, macaroni & cheese, zucchini, salad, milk/rolls, cobbler.

FRIDAY-Pork chops & dressing, sweet potatoes, green beans, salad, milk/rolls, fruit.

FORSAN SCHOOL
MONDAY-Pizza, sliced potatoes, salad, chocolate cake, applesauce, milk.

TUESDAY-Turkey and gravy, whipped potatoes, sliced carrots, hot rolls, fruit, milk.

WEDNESDAY-Bar-b-q on a bun, french fries, salad, pickles and onions, fruit pies, milk.

THURSDAY-Stew, corn, cornbread, cinnamon rolls, applesauce, milk.

FRIDAY-Beef fajitas, ranch style beans, salad, spanish rice, fruit, milk.

STANTON SCHOOLS
MONDAY-Grill cheese or steak burger, french fries, hamburger salad, fruit cup, milk, fruit drink.

TUESDAY-Chicken nuggets or steak fingers, mashed potatoes/gravy, green beans, peach cup, hot roll, milk, fruit drink.

WEDNESDAY-Chicken fajitas or burrito, buttered corn, tossed salad, pineapple cup, milk, fruit drink.

THURSDAY-Baked fish or corn dog, macaroni & cheese, peas & carrots, fruit gelatin, french bread, milk, fruit drink.

FRIDAY-Pizza or baked potato/bread stix, butted carrots, tossed salad, mixed fruit, milk, fruit drink.

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

TUESDAY-Beef stroganoff (chicken strips), fried okra, carrot sticks, fruit cobbler, hot roll, milk.

WEDNESDAY-Chicken fajita (chef salad), rice, border beans, orange, tortilla, milk.

THURSDAY-Chicken fried steak (BBQ on bun), mashed potatoes, w/gravy, green beans, pear halves, hot roll, milk.

FRIDAY-Chili dog (stromboli), french fries, ranch style beans, pickle spears, ice cream cup, milk.

SANDS SCHOOLS
MONDAY-Corndogs w/mustard, scalloped potatoes, pork & beans, cake, milk.

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

WEDNESDAY-Beef & cheese enchiladas, salad, pinto beans, cornbread, pudding, milk.

THURSDAY-Bar-be-que ribs, potato salad, ranch style beans, cobbler, hot rolls, milk.

FRIDAY-Fiestadas, corn, salad, cobbler or jello, milk.

COAHOMA SCHOOLS
MONDAY-Homemade burritos (corndogs), pinto beans, spanish rice, fruit, milk.

TUESDAY-Fried chicken (burritos), gravy, creamed potatoes, green beans, rolls, milk.

WEDNESDAY-B-B-Q sausage (baked potato w/cheese), macaroni, bread, cherry cobbler, milk.

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STORK CLUB

Jordan Rae Kilgore, girl, Feb. 18, 1999, 7:09 p.m., six pounds 10 ounces and 19 1/4 inches long; parents are David and Gina Kilgore of Buda.

Grandparents are Jerry and Darla Kilgore and Billy and Opal Johnson, all of Big Spring.

Jonathan Michael Byrd, boy, Feb. 15, 1999, 3:19 a.m., seven pounds nine ounces and 19 1/2 inches long; parents are Darren and Ami Byrd.

Grandparents are Richard and Bettye Davis of Odessa, Harold and Pam Reed of Midland, Donna Reed of Lubbock, and Buddy and Gladys Clinton of Big Spring.

Haley Justine Arguello, girl, Feb. 19, 1999, 8:03 a.m., seven pounds 15 ounces and 21 inches long; parents are Mark Arguello and Amanda Lowe.

Grandparents are Santos and Pat Arguello, Darrell Lowe and Cheryl Lowe, David Elmore and Pamela Elmore.

Austin Lee Hilario, boy, Feb. 21, 1999, 1:17 p.m., six pounds 12 ounces and 19 1/2 inches long; mother is Leticia Hilario.

Grandparents are Ruben and Margie Hilario, Big Spring.

Nina Rae Clare, girl, Feb. 16, 1999, 5:26 a.m., six pounds 7.5 ounces and 19 3/4 inches long; parents are Gary and Kimberly Clare.

Grandparents are Mr. and Mrs. Dane Clare, Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Bingham, all of Brownfield, and Mr. and Mrs. Gene Johnson of Plains.

Alejandro Luis Sanchez, boy, Feb. 10, 1999, 5:56 a.m., seven pounds nine ounces and 20 inches long; parents are Orlando and Elvia Sanchez.

Grandparents are Anita Yanez of Big Spring, and Guadalupe and Francisco

Sanchez of Mexico.

Britennia Madison Franklin, girl, Feb. 9, 1999, 11:45 a.m., six pounds 15 ounces and 20 inches long; parents are Brenda Franklin and Robert Evans.

Grandparents are Donna and Kenneth Franklin and Debra Ausbie, all of Big Spring.

Albert Alfred Martinez, boy, Feb. 9, 1999, 11:05 p.m., 8 1/2 pounds and 20 1/2 inches long; parents are Corina Leos and Albert Martinez.

Grandparents are Eva Leos, Carlos Leos and Minnie Martinez.

Isaiah Michael Ontiveros, boy, Feb. 3, 1999, 10:30 p.m., eight pounds 6 3/4 ounces and 21 1/2 inches long; parents are Joshua and Christie Ontiveros.

Grandparents are Wendt and Catherine Wendland, Jose Ontiveros, all of Big Spring, and Sylvia Hernandez of Fort Collins, Colo.

Chipper Beau Childers, boy, Feb. 19, 1999, 12:26 p.m., seven pounds 11 ounces and 20 inches long; parents are Brad and Kate Childers.

Grandparents are Eddie and Marsha Childers of Hobbs, N.M., and Linda Ross of The Woodlands.

Destiny Maria Franco, girl, Feb. 17, 1999, 2:36 p.m., four pounds 15 1/2 ounces and 18 1/2 inches long; parents are Rosendo Franco and Amber Ramirez.

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Man files lawsuit for misspelling on tattoo

ROSEVILLE, Mich. (AP) — A man who used guesswork instead of a dictionary when getting a tattoo is now suing the tattoo parlor over the mistaken spelling of "villain."

Lee Williams was left with "villian" on his right forearm, but he didn't notice until a friend made fun of him, according to the Circuit Court lawsuit filed Wednesday.

Williams, 23, is seeking \$25,000 in damages against Eternal Tattoos. To cover up the mistake he had plastic surgery, which cost him \$1,900 and left a "scar as long as his forearm," said his lawyer, Paul Clark.

Williams, a student at Wayne State University and a former Marine, got the tattoo in 1996. Before the procedure, workers at the parlor debated how to spell the word, Clark said.

Williams wasn't sure, either, and they settled on "villian," Clark said.

Eternal Tattoos' owner, Terry Welker, said that the parlor has a policy of asking all customers how they want words spelled. He said if a customer agrees to a misspelling, "that falls back on them, not the artist."

HUMANE SOCIETY

"Pepper" - Golden brown, three-legged Pit mix, male, 2 1/2 years old, neutered, very loving dog.

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

"Margo" - Brown mix breed, female, 1-2 years old, spayed.

"Misty" - Small breed, brown female, 1 year old, spayed.

"Roscoe" - Rott mix, black/brown male, 10 months old, neutered.

"Samantha" - Manchester Terrier mix, black/brown, female, 10 months old, spayed.

"Milly" - Black Chow mix, female, 1 1/2 years old, spayed.

"Blue Eyes" - Catahoula mix, female, 1 year old, spayed.

"Elbow" - Weimaraner, gray male, 2 1/2 years old, neutered, likes to smile.

"Bubba" - Brown Pit mix, male, 1 year old, neutered.

"Billy Gun" - Boxer mix, brown/white male, 2-3 years old, neutered.

Puppies, puppies!!!! These, plus many more dogs and cats are awaiting adoption.

Adoption fees for dogs are just \$50 and cats are \$40. All pets come with a two-week trial period.

IN THE MILITARY

The Navy Mail Service Veterans Association is looking for all TE's, PC's and MAM's that moved the Navy mails, whether on ships, in FPO's or at Base Post Office's. Its 27th annual reunion will be held in Jacksonville, Fla., Oct. 12-17, at the Radisson Riverwalk Hotel. A number of events and tours are being planned. Contact Phillip E. Nazak; P.O. Box 34; Vestal, N.Y.; 13851-0034 or telephone (607)729-5192.

Cynthia R. Welch and Christina R. Welch, twin daughters of Randy and Sonia Welch of Coahoma, entered active duty in the U.S. Air Force on Feb. 24.

Cynthia and Christina are graduates of Coahoma High School. Upon successfully completing the Air Force's six week basic military training at Lackland Air Force Base, San Antonio, they are scheduled to receive technical training in the security career field.

In conjunction with the vocational skill, they will be earning college credits towards an Associate Degree through the Community College of the Air Force while attending Basic and other Air Force technical training schools.

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New moms should wait at least 18 months before next pregnancy

Associated Press

Mothers should wait at least 18 months after giving birth to get pregnant again, federal researchers reported today in suggesting that spacing babies 2 years apart is best for their health.

The study by the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention concluded that the wait between birth and pregnancy is best at 18 to 23 months.

Many American mothers already space their children a couple of years apart, so they won't have two children in diapers and the youngsters will be close enough in age to play together as they grow up.

The average interval between first and second births is about 2 years, according to the Alan Guttmacher Institute, a reproductive health organization in New York.

"Somehow the body knows that this interval is good for the health of the infant," said Dr. Bao-Ping Zhu, who directed the study published in today's New England Journal of Medicine.

The study was based on 173,205 births in Utah from 1989 to 1996.

Researchers found that while

having babies too close together can be bad for the infants' health, having them too far apart may be even worse. Both situations raise the risk that the new baby will be premature or small, which can cause long-term health problems, even death.

Compared with babies born after the ideal interval, those whose moms became pregnant again within six months had a 30 percent to 40 percent greater chance of producing premature or undersize babies. Those who waited 10 years for another child were twice as likely to have an unusually small baby and 50 percent more likely to deliver prematurely.

Telling mothers about this could help reduce health complications in babies, said Dr. Robert Knuppel, chairman of obstetrics at Robert Wood Johnson Medical School in New Brunswick, N.J.

Dozens of previous studies have linked short intervals with a higher risk of small and premature infants, but none determined the best interval. The few studies on long-interval births were less consistent in their findings.

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Shell Oil plans more cuts, might leave New Orleans for Houston

NEW ORLEANS (AP) — Shell Oil Co. is considering relocating its 1,050-employee New Orleans operations to Houston as it plans to make more job cuts.

New Orleans' biggest player in the oil industry and one of the city's largest employers, Shell sustains hundreds of spin-off jobs for other area companies in service and manufactur-

ing.

Walter van de Vijver, the chief operating officer of Shell's Houston-based U.S. headquarters, told local employees during a teleconference Thursday that the company is undertaking a review of the economic costs and benefits of staying in New Orleans, consolidating in Houston or moving only part of

the New Orleans office.

Noting that the company now is budgeting for \$10 oil instead of the \$14 price of a few months ago, van de Vijver said the company planned to cut more jobs from the U.S. division, which employs 3,175.

Vehnekamp said Shell is working out the details of the cuts, which he said would be

completed by the fall.

The division will be trimmed 5 percent to 10 percent, he stated.

In addition, van de Vijver told employees the company is consolidating its two major divisions based in New Orleans. The units oversee exploration and production of the deep-water Gulf of Mexico and the

shallower continental shelf.

Vehnekamp said he was not sure how many jobs would be lost through the consolidation of the two units.

"We're going to take a pro and con look regarding all or some of the operations in New Orleans," van de Vijver said, according to Billy Vehnekamp, a Shell spokesman.

Van de Vijver also said the company is planning to make further cuts in U.S. staff later this year regardless of the conclusion about the New Orleans office.

Shell's announcement follows a string of layoffs and consolidations among petroleum companies in New Orleans during the current industry downturn.

IN THE NEWS

LES WHITE, family nurse practitioner at the Family Medical Center, has been appointed to serve on the Governmental Affairs Committee of the Texas Nurses Association (TNA).



WHITE previously served on TNA's Council of Practice from 1988-1992. He was the first nurse from Texas appointed to the American Nurses Association (ANA) Institute of Pursing Practice. He also served as an elected delegate for the ANA's House of Representatives from 1988-1992.

WHITE is co-founder of West Texas Practitioners for Infection Control and was inducted into Sigma Theta Tau International Honor Society of Nursing in 1995. He is a member of the American Academy of Nurse Practitioners, has been an adjunct faculty member at Texas Tech University Health Science Center since 1989.

WHITE served on the Greater Big Spring Area Chamber of Commerce health committee from 1994 until 1996 and is an active participant in the Big Spring Health Fair.

BIG SPRING STATE HOSPITAL will hold a surplus sale Wednesday at the recycling building west of Rip Griffin's. Items for sale will include desks, tables, chairs, office equipment, VCRs, televisions and other appliances.

Viewing and bidding will be held from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. Monday and Tuesday and Wednesday at 2 p.m. Call 263-0618 for more information.

PRODUCERS looking for an opportunity to hear the latest production prospects for cotton, corn, peanuts and other crops are invited to attend the 1999 Southwest Crops Production Conference and Expo March 11 in Lubbock. The conference is free and will be at the Civic Center Banquet Hall. Call 806-792-4904 to pre-register. Education credits available.



Elrod's Furniture was recently awarded a 1998 outstanding service award for service and support of Lane furniture. Lynda Elrod and Dee Elrod, owner of the furniture store, were congratulated by Ricky Hughey, right, Lane sales representative.

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In midst of conversion, Cap Rock offering options to redeem equity

By **BILL MCCLELLAN**
News Editor

Cap Rock Electric — which is in the midst of converting from a cooperative to a public stock company — is offering its customers three options by which to redeem their equity.

Last October, Cap Rock's board received approval from its electric power customers to make the conversion. Though the restructuring process is still on-going, Cap Rock will go forward in announcing the options to redeem equity.

The money is ownership equity that each of the utility's customers has built up over the period they have received power from Cap Rock Electric Cooperative, Inc.

Each year the co-op made a profit, those margin were allocated to ownership equity accounts. Traditionally, co-ops paid out equity ownership over a 20-plus year cycle, meaning a payment made this year would represent allocations for a period 20 years in the past.

"Current customers didn't realize much immediate benefit from such a program," said John Parker, Cap Rock vice president and chief financial officer. "But we have found a way to put money into our customers' pockets now, when it may be needed most."

Customers are being offered three options.

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• Dutch Auction
• Equal credits
• Stock

• **Dutch Auction.** Customers may realize an immediate discounted lump sum by participating in this process.

Those who chose this option indicate how much they are willing to accept for total payment of their equity. Only bids of 70 percent or less will be considered. The low bids will be considered first. Three million dollars has been set aside for the plan.

• **Equal Credits.** Customers can redeem their equity 100 percent through equal credits on their electric bills for the next 24 months.

"We are not sure of the exact amount of refund these customers are looking at," said Parker. "If every customer chose this option, we would be talking about \$10 million. We are guessing the amount will be somewhere between \$5 and \$10 million — certainly in excess of \$5 million."

"We don't know how much money is to be returned until everybody signs up. We expect that oil companies and irrigating farmers will be interested in this option, which could help

them get through this period of dry weather and low prices."

• **Stock.** Customers can opt to receive stock, equivalent to the amount of their equity account, when Cap Rock is fully converted into a public stock company.

"This allows them options to act in the manner what will most benefit them and their situations at the present time," Parker said.

"And their communities will also benefit by the boost to the economy the Dutch Auction and 'paid electric bills' will provide," he said.

Customers have until 5 p.m. March 31 to select an option. If one is not selected, the option of receiving stock will be assigned, according to Cap Rock.

Customers are also being notified by the company that they will no longer be a voting member of Cap Rock Electric Cooperative, Inc. at the time of conversion to a public stock company.

Cap Rock Electric has corporate headquarters in Midland and provides electric service to 20 Texas Counties.

Construction Labor shortage leads booming industry to recruit more women

NEW HAVEN, Conn. (AP) — From California to Connecticut, building contractors are desperately searching for women who are handy with a hammer and comfortable in a hard hat.

With the economy booming and buildings going up rapidly, the construction industry faces a severe labor shortage. As a result recruiters have been looking to hire women fresh out of high school and former homemakers returning to the work force. They're even talking to grade-schoolers to tap the next generation of workers.

"The industry is just dying for people. We don't care what kind — man, woman, whatever. They just need to have skills," said Robert Moorhead, spokesman for the National Center for Construction Education and Research in Gainesville, Fla.

"The truth is, as an industry, we have an image problem," Moorhead said. That problem: the notion that all construction workers are burly, unshaven men who like to lift large pieces of sheet metal and dig ditches.

The U.S. Department of Labor Women's Bureau says just 2 percent of the 4.84 million hands-on construction jobs in the United States are filled by women.

Meanwhile, the industry has had a shortage of between 30,000 and 40,000 workers for the past two years, said Howard B. Stussman, editor-in-chief of Engineering News-Record, a trade publication.

"Contractors have a backlog. Some in the Pacific Northwest have had to turn away work," Stussman said.

The industry has been losing 200,000 workers per year for the past 10 years, Stussman said. Fewer young people are entering the industry to replace their retiring elders so the average age of a craft worker, such as an electrician or carpenter, has risen to 49, Moorhead said.

In its recruitment effort, the industry stresses that technology has eliminated many old

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— Robert Moorhead, NCCER

questions about whether women have the upper body strength to handle the job.

"A lot of the heavy lifting requirements have been made obsolete through machinery — through cranes, tractors and other types of equipment. There are alternative methods to lifting materials. The person doesn't have to break their backs," said Dennis Day a spokesman for the Associated General Contractors, an industry group based in Washington, D.C.

Nonetheless, women seem to be gravitating towards positions where manual dexterity is at a premium: electrical and plumbing crafts, for instance.

"Women make great tapers, plasterers and spacklers because it's very methodical detail work," said Stephanie Collier, executive director of Alpha Development Group Inc., a nonprofit economic development group in New London, Conn.

"It's like wallpapering, and women get into that. Men just want to get it done."

The Associated General Contractors recently started an educational program for fifth-graders showing construction jobs in a more positive light.

The Department of Commerce says the construction industry contributed nearly \$329 billion to the economy in 1997, up by nearly \$100 billion from just five years before.

One industry forecast recently predicted construction will rise to nearly \$375 billion in 1999.

Let's ask the Lord for some rain

Rain, Rain, Rain..... We have all been hoping and praying that rain is coming in the near future. Without at least average rainfall, we cannot prosper. Three of the four past years rainfall amounts have been below average. The fact is that in West Texas, we need rainfall for the livelihood of everyone.

"This year is not shaping up much better than 1998. Since January 1, 1999 we have



DAVID KNIGHT

received 28percent of the normal rainfall for the year. We need rain to get the native pastures growing, beef cattle numbers are 75-85 percent below normal. Sheep and goat numbers are well below normal as well.

The cotton market is a record low level with no sign of improvement in the near future. The hope of most producers is to receive enough rain to make an adequate crop so they will have the cash flow to meet their financial obligations.

Jody Nix told me a story about a Pray Meeting for rain held during the 1930s. Two cowboys rode their horses up to the church and stepped off. One of the cowboys began to

take the saddle off of his horse. The other ask what he was doing, being a true believer, he answered that he did not want to get his saddle wet. The cowboy was a true believer in what the power of prayer can do.

A RAIN RALLY, is scheduled for March 1st, 6:30 pm, at the First Baptist Church in Big Spring. This is a non-denominational event and everyone is urged to attend to ask God to heal the land, and break the drought.

I will be attending the Houston Livestock Show with Howard County 4-H members on March 1st, but I hope each of you will take this opportunity to join together and pray for rain.

Soaking melons in calcium increases freshness

WASHINGTON (AP) — With a shelf life of only seven to 12 days, melons do not have much time to make it from the vine to consumers' mouths.

But researchers with the Agriculture Department have found the key to prolonging their freshness: a special calcium solution that extends shelf life for an additional two weeks.

Plant physiologists with the Agricultural Research Service,

USDA's research arm, in Houston and Weslaco, Texas, focused on calcium because aging melons need the element in their rinds to protect against spoilage.

But in ripe melons, calcium moves from the rinds to the seeds, making rinds susceptible to losing firmness.

Using greenhouse-grown melons, the scientists first tried to find concentrations of a solu-

tion containing calcium that would help thwart the loss of calcium to the seeds without harming the fruit.

They then submerged melons grown in the fields after their harvest in a solution for up to 20 minutes in solutions. The mix contained as much as 4 grams of calcium per liter.

The new treatment may create an even larger market for vine-ripened fruit.



Receiving Texas Department of Transportation safety awards recently from the Howard County roadway maintenance section (top) were, left to right, front row, Herb Sarinana, Ruben Reyes, Joey Fernandez, John Allred, David Petree, and back row, Larry Dagestad, Martin Garcia, Jimmy Clanton, Johnny Moore and Claude Horn. Not pictured are James Gilbert and Jimmy Daniels. Receiving awards from the Big Spring area office (right) were Jimmy Marquez, James Payne and George Garcia. Not pictured are Damian Puentes, Ronald Boley, Doyce Lee, David Elmore and Robert Kilpatrick.



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Belo to acquire Austin station in trade

DALLAS (AP) — A.H. Belo Corp. is expanding its Texas presence by acquiring Austin television station KVUE from Gannett Co. in exchange for a Sacramento, Calif., station and up to \$55 million in cash.

Dallas-based A.H. Belo, which owns The Dallas Morning News and six other newspapers, announced Thursday it is trading KXTV to the Arlington, Va.-based Gannett.

Both stations are ABC affiliates, and KVUE is the top-ranked station in Austin.

"The addition of KVUE in the state's capital strengthens the company's capabilities as Texas' leading news provider," Robert W. Decherd, Belo's chairman, president and chief executive officer, said in a written statement.

Belo owns 17 TV stations across the nation, including

three others in Texas: WFAA in Dallas-Fort Worth; KENS in San Antonio; and KHOU in Houston. It also manages four other stations and owns three local cable news channels, including Dallas-based Texas Cable News, which signed on in January. The trade will allow Belo stations to reach 67 percent of Texas households.

Belo is making the additional payment to Gannett because the Austin station makes more money than the Sacramento station, said James M. Moroney, president of Belo's television group.

Moroney didn't rule out Belo buying another Texas station but said, "in terms of actively pursuing other stations, this is it on the TV side."

Belo has owned KXTV — which serves the No. 20 television market of Sacramento,

Stockton and Modesto — for 15 years. Austin is market 60 based on 1997 industry figures.

Besides The Dallas Morning News, Belo also owns the Providence Journal-Bulletin in Providence, R.I.; The Press-Enterprise in Riverside, Calif.; the Messenger-Inquirer in Owensboro, Ky.; The Eagle in Bryan-College Station, Texas; the Arlington Morning News in Arlington, Texas; and The Gleaner in Henderson, Ky.

Gannett's broadcasting arm owns 21 TV stations in such cities as Cleveland, Minneapolis, Denver, St. Louis and Little Rock, Ark. Its holdings would cover 17.3 percent of the U.S. television market if the trade goes through. Gannett also publishes 75 daily newspapers, including USA Today and USA Weekend, a newspaper magazine.

Ericsson building new Dallas-area complex

DALLAS (AP) — Swedish telecommunications giant Ericsson is moving more than half of its 3,000 Dallas-area workers from the "Telecom Corridor" to another suburb.

Ericsson announced Friday it will build a 500,000-square-foot office complex just west of the Dallas North Tollway and south of Legacy Drive in Plano. The campus-style office complex is just south of J.C. Penney's corporate headquarters and near Fina's newly completed home office.

Ericsson officials said they have signed a letter of intent to acquire 35 acres in Legacy with an option to buy up to 110 acres for more construction.

About 1,700 Ericsson workers will be housed in the new project.

The move, which will be completed by mid-2001, will be one of the largest recent additions to west Plano's fast-growing Legacy business park.

Ericsson is the latest major employer in the Telecom Corridor of Richardson to

announce plans to relocate some operations in Plano.

Alcatel USA announced in November that it would move its U.S. headquarters and 1,500 workers.

More recently, Fujitsu said it will move 250 jobs and a divisional headquarters.

On Thursday, Entrust Technologies Inc. said it is moving its corporate headquarters and about 30 workers.

Also last year, Citicorp closed its Richardson call center, which employed 500.

Domestic rig count up by two

HOUSTON (AP) — The number of rigs actively exploring for oil and natural gas in the United States rose by two to 533 Friday, breaking five straight weeks in which the industry yardstick reached a record low.

Until Houston-based Baker Hughes Inc. reported 588 working rigs six weeks ago, the company's lowest rig count had been the 596 reported June

12, 1992. Baker Hughes has kept track of the count since 1944. The tally peaked at 4,530 on Dec. 28, 1981, during the height of the oil boom.

The company says there probably have been fewer rigs looking for oil and gas in the country in recent weeks than at any time since industry's emerging days of the early 1990s.

PUBLIC RECORDS

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Proated judgment assault/family violence: Francisco Nieto \$500 fine and 180 days in jail

Proated judgment DWLS: Marcus Eugene Gray \$250 fine and 180 days in jail, Daniel Lee Vera \$250 fine and 180 days in jail, Robert Delgado \$500 fine and 180 days in jail

Judgment & sentence DWI: Joe Stewart Jackson \$500 fine, \$234.25 court cost and 30 days in jail, Juan Renteria (2nd offense) \$1,500 fine, \$234.25 court cost and 90 days in jail

Judgment & sentence tampering with ID number: Dabid Chaires Delgado \$750 fine and \$219.25 court cost

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Judgment & sentence resisting arrest: Michael Mackey \$100 fine and \$184.25 court cost

Proated judgment fail to identify: Barbara Ann Talamantez \$500 fine and 180 days in jail

Judgment & sentence fail to identify: Annie Ruth Farr \$100 fine, \$184.25 court cost, Allen Palmer \$500 fine, \$219.25 court cost and 60 days in jail

Revocation of probation and imposition of sentence: Michael Don Fulbright, Manuel W. Cuellar, Michael Shane Webb, Raul Gonzales Martinez

Proated judgment possession of marijuana under two ounces: Cruz Gutierrez \$300 fine and 180 days in jail, Christopher M. Alcantar \$300 fine and 180 days in jail, James Earl Canada \$500 fine and 180 days in jail

Judgment & sentence possession of marijuana under two ounces: Roberto Aguerro \$500 fine, \$219.25 court cost and 60 days in jail, Justin Speer \$500 fine, \$219.25 court cost and 60 days in jail, Allen Palmer \$500 fine, \$219.25 court cost and 60 days in jail

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3 bdr. 1 bath duplex in Sand Springs area. Call 267-3841 or 270-7308.

3 Bdr., 2 bath, apartment for rent. Newly redecorated. Close to Wal-Mart. 267-8310 day.

3/2/1 den, clean ext. large, no pets. \$995. 267-2070

Clean, fresh paint, 2 bdrm. 1 bth w/garage, w/d conn. Available 3/1/99. 1316 Stadium. \$350/mn. \$200/dep. 267-3853 or 267-4176.

COAHOMA ISD: 1 bd., 1 bath. Stove & refrigerator furnished. \$250/mo., \$100/dep. No bills paid. Call 267-1802 after 5:00.

THREE BEDROOM, 2 1/2 bath apartment, better than a house, gas heat and water included in rent, two car attached carport, washer-dryer connections and "REMEMBER...YOU DESERVE THE BEST", Coronado Hills Apartment, 801 W. Marcy, 267-6500.

TOO LATES

Become a Licensed Chemical Dependency Counselor. Classes forming immediately in Big Spring! Registration 3:00 to 7:00 p.m. March 1 at Prevention Strategies Inc. 710 Gregg St. Ste#205. (915) 268-6290.

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Nice 3 bd, 2 bath house. 1800 Laurie. \$375/mo. \$100/dep. Call 267-6805.

Country home, on 3.13 acres, 3 bdr., 2 bath, storm cellar, workshop. Call Linda @ 263-7500 or Home Realtors 263-1284.

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Drivers Ft. Worth Based Trucking Company Looking For a Driver Looking For a Home. Some Training Available. Earn \$35,000 to \$40,000 Per Yr. Avg. Call For More Details. 800-634-0065

Get Ready For Summer! Lose Weight (The Healthy Way) 263-4679. 305 East 9th: 2 bd., \$380/mo., \$75/dep. Call 263-4013.

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People just like you read the Big Spring Herald Classifieds. Call us today at 263-7331 and place your ad.

PUBLIC NOTICE

PUBLIC NOTICE PURSUANT TO THE AUTHORITY GRANTED BY SENATE BILL 267 THE BIG SPRING POLICE DEPARTMENT IS MAKING THIS PUBLIC NOTIFICATION OF A REGISTERED SEX OFFENDER. GENDER: MALE AGE: 34 YEARS OFFENSE: INDECENCY WITH A CHILD ADDRESS: NORTHWEST 5TH ST. BIG SPRING, TX. 79720 SIGNED: LONNIE SMITH, CHIEF OF POLICE NOTICIA PUBLICA POR ACUERDO Y ADELANTADO CON EL AUTORIDAD DE SENATE BILL 267 EL DEPARTAMENTO DE POLICIA EN BIG SPRING ESTA HACIENDO ESTA NOTIFICACION PUBLICA DE REGISTRAR PERSONAS CONVICTADOS DE UN OFENSA SEX. GENDER: MACHOHEMBRA EDAD: 34 OFENSA: INDECENCY WITH A CHILD (12 YR. FEMALE) DIRECTION: NORTHWEST 5TH ST. BIG SPRING, TX. AUTORIDAD: LONNIE SMITH, JEFE DE POLICIA 2200 FEBRUARY 28, 1999

PUBLIC NOTICE

CITY OF BIG SPRING TEXAS COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT PROGRAM The City of Big Spring will hold a public hearing at 5:30 p.m. on March 9, 1999 at the Council Chamber, 310 Nolan, in regard to the submission of applications to the Texas Department of Housing and Community Affairs for Texas Community Development Program (TCDP) grants. The purpose of this meeting is to allow citizens an opportunity to discuss the citizens participation plan, the development of local housing and community development needs, the amount of TCDF funding available, all eligible TCDF activities, and the use of past TCDF funds. The City encourages citizens to participate in the development of these TCDF applications and to make their views known at this public hearing. Citizens unable to attend this meeting may submit their views and proposals to Leigh Corson, Planning Coordinator for the City of Big Spring, Persons with disabilities that wish to attend this meeting should contact City Hall to arrange for assistance. Individuals who require auxiliary aids or services for this meeting should contact City Hall at least ten days before the meeting so that appropriate arrangements can be made. 2198 February 28, 1999

PUBLIC NOTICE

Sealed bids will be received by the Texas Workforce Commission until 3:00 P.M., March 31, 1999 for interior and exterior renovations at the TWC Building, 310 Owens, Big Spring, Texas. This contract is valued at \$35,000.00. Interior: Construct offices/classrooms; Provide ADA signage; HVAC modifications; Electrical Dedicated Circuits outlets/switches. Exterior: Cut curb in parking lot for standing water; Replace downspout splash blocks; Repair brick fence wall. Bids must remain good for 60 days from bid opening. A bid bond is required with bids submitted. Bids must be submitted on TWC forms. To obtain a copy of the Invitation for bids contact TWC Purchasing in Austin, Texas on Phone (512) 463-9992; FAX: (512) 475-3502; Internet e-mail: purchase@twc.state.tx.us. Refer to Bid Number 320-9-9R75. 2198 February 28, 1999

HOROSCOPE

HAPPY BIRTHDAY FOR SUNDAY, FEB. 28:

Emphasis is on the quality of your day-to-day life. You might need to think through a decision to change your lifestyle or work. Consider a new health/exercise plan or addition to your household.

The Stars Show the Kind of Day You'll Have: 5-Dynamic; 4-Positive; 3-Average; 2-So-so; 1-Difficult

ARIES (March 21-April 19)

*** You finally feel that a negative influence has left your life. Greet this positive stellar change with a smile, as a new two-and-a-half-year cycle commences. Use caution with a financial risk; weigh the pros and cons. Don't be afraid to seek others with more expertise. Tonight: Celebrate a new lightness.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20)

***Curb a tendency to be overly tough on a family member or close loved one. Take a personal inventory; be honest with yourself. Where would you like to make changes? Remember, you only have one life to live. This is not a dress rehearsal! Emphasize domestic concerns. Tonight: Make a favorite meal.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20)

***Enjoy this light day of breezing around, meeting friends or going to the movies. Partake in favorite activities with favorite people. Take stock and recognize that you don't have to work as hard to get what you want. Be open to different styles. Even you can be rigid at times! Tonight: Let time escape you.

CANCER (June 21-July 22)

***You are focused on what you want, and see money as the way to get there. Perhaps separating the two, and independently finding ways of manifesting your desires, will loosen you up. Catch up on a little shopping; browse through a favorite store or two. Tonight: Dinner out!

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22)

***You make the call and others respond. Still, unanticipated events cross your path. Keep a sense of humor. Your ability to flow with life marks your personality. In the near future, someone you put a lot of faith in becomes demanding. Tonight: Whatever makes you smile.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22)

***Claim your power; do your own thing. Recharge and take time to get all those little things done. You'll feel better

when you clear off your desk and catch up on correspondence. Then, plan on doing something very special just for you. Tonight: Screen your calls. LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22) ***Get together with friends, make calls and catch up on news. Go where there are crowds. Socializing comes naturally to you, but now you especially enjoy meeting new people. Be careful lending money or in any financial dealings with others. Problems can crop up. Tonight: Center of the action.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21) ***Establish better understanding with others. Be more in touch with your own needs. Sometimes you give too much of yourself. Be even and direct with another who is very important to you. Be up front, even if another pulls away. Clearing the air feels good. Tonight: Out and about. SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21) ****Plan to take off on a day trip with friends. Get away from the doldrums, recharge and regain a perspective. Plans could vary from moment to moment. You feel refreshed as a result. You will need more space occasionally in the near future. Tonight: Mosey on home, slowly. CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19) - ****Make time for that special person in your life. Another appreciates your time and caring. Get into a favorite pastime that you both enjoy. You add bounce to your step as you reconnect on a new level. Share and be willing to bond. Tonight: Whatever you want, but do it as a duo.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18) ***Your unpredictability often sends others to the sidelines. Let another dominate. In fact, you might want this person to reveal more of himself. Soon you will decide to handle more responsibility on the homefront. You might bring more work home, or decide on a home office. Tonight: Let another choose. PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20) ***Pace yourself, taking time to relax or get into a favorite pastime. Mull over a money decision carefully. You don't need to make a commitment just yet. Consider taking up a new sport that involves others. You'll love the sense of camaraderie. Tonight: Early to bed.

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Wife has reason to suspect husband's change in routine

DEAR ABBY: I must disagree with your advice to "Miserable in Indiana" to improve her self-esteem, get into shape and seek counseling for her irrational jealousy. Abby, here's a woman whose husband is suddenly

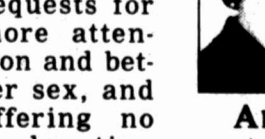
DEAR ABBY: In your reply to the woman who was worried about her husband going to work early and dressing well for a factory job, you missed one possible explanation.

He may be trying for a promotion! If he's the type of person who would want to keep his quest a secret until he had results, that could explain his change in behavior and his unwillingness to talk about it. — J.H. IN BATAVIA, ILL.

DEAR J.H.: You're right; that's a possibility I didn't consider. It's also possible that the man may have been "counseled" on the job about sloppy appearance or body odor — and that's why he is making a special effort to shape up.

The wife stated that her self-esteem is "on the low side," that she has gained weight and she's "feeling old." Therefore, I urged her to have a medical checkup, get back into shape, and seek joint counseling to help her overcome her jealousy — and perhaps improve their sex life. Surely that's a more positive direction to take than saying, "Lookin' good for her, huh?" daily as her husband leaves for work.

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ABIGAIL VAN BUREN

If he isn't having an affair, he most certainly is flirting with the notion. Being a good father and a monetary provider doesn't mean that he is "taking care of business" at home.

You missed the boat, Abby. Her accusations aren't "pushing him away." He has already left. — BEEN THERE IN L.A.

DEAR BEEN THERE: How damning you make the "evidence" appear. Read on for another view:

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PUBLIC NOTICE

CITY OF BIG SPRING The City of Big Spring will hold a public hearing at 5:30 p.m. on March 9, 1999 at the Council Chamber, 310 Nolan, in regard to the adoption of a Master Parks Plan. The purpose of this meeting is to allow citizens an opportunity to discuss the needs, priorities, and project implementation proposed in the plan. The City encourages citizens to participate in the adoption of the Master Parks Plan and to make their views known at this public hearing. A copy of the Master Parks Plan is available for review at City Hall. Persons with disabilities that wish to attend this meeting should contact City Hall at least two days before the meeting so that appropriate arrangements can be made. 2194 February 28, 1999

PUBLIC NOTICE

The Local Employee Committee (LEC) of the State Employee Charitable Campaign (SECC) will begin accepting applications on March 8, 1999, from health and human services charitable organizations, including federations of such organizations, desiring to participate in the 1999 SECC. Qualifying nonprofit organizations in Andrews, Crane, Ector, Howard, Martin, Midland, Pecos, Upton, Ward, and Winkler counties may obtain application kits from the LEC through the local campaign manager at 915/685-7708. Kits will be provided automatically to all organizations that participated in 1998. Application deadline to the LEC is April 14, 1999; consult your federation for internal deadlines. 2198 February 28 & 29, 1999

CHURCH AND CLUB NEWS DEADLINES

Church and club news items are due at the Herald of ice by noon Wednesday for Friday publication.

THE Daily Crossword Edited by Wayne Robert Williams

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