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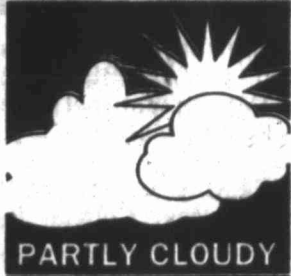
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Lighting display consultant will be here Monday

Those who enjoyed the Comanche Trail Festival of Lights during the Christmas season are invited to hear Gayle Smith, lighting display consultant for Little Rock, Ark., who will speak at 5:30 p.m. Monday at Dora Roberts Community Center. She will be explaining the ways to operate an effective display and will be making recommendations for the Festival of Lights.

WHAT'S UP...

MONDAY
 □ Evening Lions Club, 6:30 p.m., 1607 E. Third.
 □ Howard County NAACP, 7 p.m., Chamber of Commerce conference room. Call Stephanie Horton at 264-0306.

□ Reminder to all Parents Who Care, junior parents who are helping with the after-prom party, 7 p.m. in the Big Spring High School Library: Prom is Saturday! For more information, call Kelly McBe, 263-2306 or Sue Bagwell at 264-7016.

□ Big Spring Amateur Radio Club, 7 p.m. Club House.
 □ Big Spring Comandery No. 31, 7:30 p.m., Masonic Temple, 211 1/2 Main. 6:30 p.m. dinner.

□ Big Spring Assembly No. 211, Social Order of the Beauceant, 7:30 p.m., Masonic Temple, 211 1/2 Main. 6:30 p.m. dinner.

TUESDAY
 □ Intermediate line dance classes, 9 a.m., Senior Citizens Center. Call 267-1628. Beginners class will begin at 8:30 a.m. through the month of April.

□ Puppet show celebrating National Library Week, Howard County Library, 4 p.m. Community invited.

WEDNESDAY
 □ Optimist Club, 7 a.m., Howard College Cactus Room
 □ Big Spring Downtown Lions Club, noon, Howard College Cactus Room.

□ Line dancing, 1 p.m., Senior Citizens Center, Industrial Park.
 □ Eagles Lodge Ladies Auxiliary, 7 p.m., Eagles Lodge, 704 W. Third.

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

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Campaign to focus on Big Spring's pride and 'can-do' attitude

By JOHN H. WALKER
Managing Editor

"Positively ... Big Spring," a public awareness campaign about what's good about our community, is being launched today by the Herald.



The first ad in the series shows Herald employees clean-

ing around the Historic Spring as part of Saturday's "Don't Mess with Texas" trash-off.

"As the economy suffers in parts of West Texas, we kept looking around Big Spring and seeing that things weren't so bad," explained Herald Publisher Chuck Williams.

"Our sales tax receipts are remaining steady while other cities in West Texas, such as Midland, have seen theirs drop by 10 or 15 percent.

"In the Herald, we've run stories about job expansions at Cornell and ribbon cutting after



ribbon cutting on new or expanded or remodeled businesses.

"In other towns in West Texas, the newspapers are running story after story about lay-

offs and business closings."

Williams said the "Positively ... Big Spring" campaign was designed to accentuate the positive aspects about the community.

"The Symphony, the Spring, the Auditorium, the Amphitheater, the people ... there are so many things about our community that are positive," he said.

"We thought this campaign might remind our residents that while the news reports they read and see from other West Texas communities may reflect

doom and gloom, that we're positive things are better here," he added.

Williams, who also serves as the president of the Big Spring Area Chamber of Commerce, said while the campaign is designed to remind people of what's good about our community, it is also designed to help serve as a reminder to people that attitude is everything.

"If you expect something bad to happen, more than likely it will. If you look for the positive things are better here," he added.

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More than 13 tons of trash was collected and disposed of during Saturday's "Don't Mess With Texas" trash-off. About 350 adults and children helped clean up Big Spring, and were treated to lunch at Scenic Mountain Medical Center. Here, a clean-up crew made of city employees and family members pauses to eat lunch picnic-style on the grounds of the hospital.

Arts & Crafts show draws a crowd

HERALD Staff Report

Big Spring's 10th annual Spring City Arts and Crafts Show continues today at Dorothy-Garrett Coliseum. Hours are from noon until 5 p.m. and admission is free.

More than 10,000 people from all areas of Texas and New Mexico are expected to attend the show. Arts and crafts enthusiasts from Midland, Odessa, Abilene, San Angelo and Hobbs, N.M. were among those who attended Saturday.

One popular item at this show, judging by the number of shoppers who carried away items, were the hand-crafted bird houses. Also popular are candles, three-dimensional framed art and clothing.

Among the items for sale are scented oils, religious carvings, quilts, clothing, fountains, floral swags, cap holders, unfinished furniture and address frames. Others are belt buckles, weather stations, sports rack holders, decorated windows and crosses, address frames and kitchen crafts.

More than 160 exhibitors from all over the Southwest are participating in the show, which draws thousands of people interested in the original art and handcrafted items.

First-time exhibitors are offering items such as hand painted clothing, wreaths, jackets, hand



Bouiah Stoeger of Big Spring looks at pottery available at the 10th annual Spring City Arts and Crafts Show at Dorothy Garrett Coliseum.

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Health Fair

Another full weekend coming up with run, bike rodeo, Walk Across Texas,

By DEBBIE L. JENSEN
Features Editor

About 50 exhibitors are planned to be part of the Big Spring Health Fair Saturday at Dorothy Garrett Coliseum.

In addition, related events taking place that day include a fun run/walk at Big Spring State Park, bicycle rodeo for kids and Walk Across Texas, a health promotion of the Texas Agricultural Extension Service.

"It's looking great," said Amber Rich, co-chair for the health fair, organized by the Big Spring Area Chamber of Commerce. "With something for people of all ages, this is truly a family-oriented event."

With a variety of health screenings, demonstrations and giveaways, Rich said the event is always popular locally.

"We seem to up our attendance every year," she said.

This year's theme is "Walking Into the Millennium." From 10 a.m.-4 p.m. the coliseum floor will be covered by booths from local hospitals, doctor's offices and clinics, health-related services and programs. Admission is free.

Free health screenings will include spinal checks, glucose, blood pressure and cholesterol, grip strength and vision. There will be plenty of free information on such topics as Alzheimer's, rehabilitation programs and prescription drugs.

Other displays and demonstrators will include Big Spring Fire Department/EMS, Aerocare, Rape Crisis/Victim Services and several religious organizations.

"We've got some new things

this year," Rich said, adding that some changes in the local health care industry have been reflected in the exhibitors.

Corporate sponsors for this year's health fair, which are also planning exhibits, include Warren Chiropractic, Malone Hogan Clinic, Nurses Unlimited, Leonard's Pharmacy, Comanche Trail Nursing Center, Scenic Mountain Medical Center, Family Medical Center, Mountain View Lodge and the VA Medical Center.

Some of the other exhibitors include: Dora Roberts Rehabilitation Center, West Texas Centers for MH/MR, Canterbury, Kiwanis Club, Howard College Nursing Department, Texas Rehabilitation Commission, Downtown Lions Club and the Texas Nurses Association.

Also on Saturday, the "Second Annual Master the Mountain" fun run/walk begins at 9 a.m. at the state park. Sponsored by Scenic Mountain Medical Center, the event includes 5k and 10k races around the 200-foot bluff. Register in advance by calling the park, 263-4931 or Laurie Phillips at 268-4581; or register at the event that day at 8 a.m.

"Walk Across Texas" is an event encouraging lifetime fitness sponsored by the Texas Agricultural Extension Service - Howard County. Teams of eight will compete to see who can log the most miles walking, jogging or biking during the eight-week program. It kicks off during the health fair, and teams are forming now. Call TAES at 264-2236 for more information.

The community's second bicycle rodeo will be part of the health fair events, taking place on the parking lot of the coliseum. To participate, kids 6-12 should bring a bicycle, helmet

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Ridin' and ropin' kindergarten style at Elbow Elementary

By DEBBIE L. JENSEN
Features Editor

Local kindergarten students were back in the saddle again Friday as Elbow Elementary held its annual version of the stickhorse rodeo.

"This is sure a unique educational experience," said Elbow Principal Johnny McGregor, who was seeing a kindergarten rodeo up close for the first time. "It's great and it looks like a lot of fun. They're doing things I'm sure I couldn't do."

Students clad in all varieties of western wear rodeo their crayon-colored horses in such traditional events as pole bending, barrel racing and bronc riding. Then they took part in some of the more unusual rodeo contests, such as the chuck wagon race, in which kids pulled a covered red wagon around a barrel, and the potato relay.

And of course, what would a rodeo be without "bull" riding. The crowd, made up mostly of other elementary students and parents and grandparents of

performers, cheered on the cowboys and cowgirls in each event.

Announcers Cameron Churchwell and Briana Amos gave a bit of history before each event, explaining that the

chuck wagon relay, for example, was originally conceived of as a way to include cooks in the rodeo.

During a break in the action,

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Announcers Briana Amos and Cameron Churchwell kept the action going and gave historical tidbits about the events during Elbow Elementary's stickhorse rodeo. Three kindergarten classes performed in traditional events, and enjoyed the antics of Quail Dobbs and friends.



Michael Mims, Zachary Hatfield and Keeli Fisher held flags during the grand entry to Elbow Elementary's kindergarten rodeo Friday.

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OBITUARIES

Daniel Valle

Funeral service for Daniel Valle, infant son of Isidro Valle and Josephine Fabela, will be noon Monday, April 12, 1999, at the Martinez Funeral Home, Odessa, with Rev. Albert Flores officiating. Burial will be in Rosehill Cemetery, Odessa.

Daniel was born and died Thursday, April 8, at Scenic Mountain Medical Center.

Survivors include: his father, Isidro Valle of Big Spring, his mother, Josephine Fabela of Big Spring; three brothers, Jerry Fabela, Joe Fabela and Joseph Fabela, all of Big Spring; and two sisters, Tiffany Olivares, and Marie Valle, both of Big Spring.

Visitation will be from 1 to 5 p.m. on Sunday and from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. on Monday at the Martinez Funeral Home Chapel.

Arrangements under the direction of Martinez Funeral Home, Odessa.

A.T. 'Thea' Lucas

Service for A.T. "Thea" Lucas, 85, Stanton, will be 2 p.m. Monday, April 12, 1999, at Greenwood Baptist Church in Stanton with Rev. Eddie Freeman of Cleburne and Rev. David Harp of Stanton officiating. Burial will follow in the Greenwood Cemetery.

Mr. Lucas died Friday, April 9, in a Stanton care center.

He was born on Dec. 3, 1913, in Mills County. He married Zenona Bell Northcutt on Dec. 10, 1932, in Runnels County. She preceded him in death on May 16, 1971. He then married Cleo Branham on Jan. 17, 1987, in Glen Rose. He lived in the Greenwood community and farmed from 1953 to 1975. He moved to Glen Rose in 1987, and to Stanton in January of 1999. He was a member of Rainbow Baptist Church in Glen Rose.

Survivors include: his wife, Cleo Lucas of Glen Rose; a son, J.T. Lucas of Stanton; a daughter, June Houston of Stanton; a sister, Ruth J. Rogers of San Angelo; six grandchildren; 18 great-grandchildren; and seven great-great-grandchildren.

Memorials may be made to a favorite charity.

Arrangements under the direction of Glibbreath Funeral Home, Stanton.

Rev. Alejandro Arispe Ruiz

Service for Rev. Alejandro Arispe Ruiz, El Paso, formerly of Big Spring, is pending in El Paso.

He died Friday, April 9, 1999, in El Paso.

POSITIVELY

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ives, you will find them," he said.

He used the Friends of the Settles as an example.

"After so many failures on that building, was there any reason to believe anyone else would be successful? It's all in the attitude, and because the Friends of the Settles believed in what they were doing, they were able to sell their vision to the community.

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HERALD photo/Marsha Sturdivant
Garrett Willey, 4, stops to listen to singing stuffed bears and bunny rabbits at the arts and crafts show. More than 10,000 people are expected to attend the show before its conclusion at 5 p.m. today.

is done and there are people talking about renting space in the ground floor.

"That's the kind of positive attitude we want to grow in this community."

Williams said the campaign would run for the next six-to-eight weeks and include a variety of sponsors. Individuals or businesses wanting to participate in the program are asked to call Edwin Vela at 263-7331, ext. 225.

CRAFTS

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made bags and accessories and denim shirts

Some of the other items are mesquite wood bowls, pine needle baskets, hand painted clocks, clothes hampers, bird feeders, etched glass, nail art and some unique food items.

Returning exhibitors will offer jewelry, candy, soap and dip mixes, seasonal decorations, rustic birdhouses, country wood crafts and floral wreaths, along with scroll saw art, scented oils, emu oil products, hair accessories and mail box covers.

A concession stand is available, offering sandwiches, treats and drinks.

KIDS RODEO

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retired professional rodeo clown Quail Dobbs and friends delighted the crowd when they "hatched" a tiny chick out of a large purple plastic egg.

Teachers called the event a success.

"They're doing really good," said Lisa Thompson, one of three kindergarten teachers who took the young performers through their paces, practicing every afternoon for three weeks.

"They just love it, almost too much," she said. "It's been a lot of fun for all of us."

McGregor said the rodeo was about learning as well.

"There are a lot of things they learn by doing this," he said, "how to work together is one of them. They do a lot of work to get ready, especially our teachers, and it requires a lot of help from parent volunteers."

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privileges. Authorities were able to track the women to Texas through phone calls they made to family in Wisconsin asking for money, Dederling said.

Wisconsin investigators, the FBI and Western Union officials devised a plan to lure the women to a Western Union facility by leading them to believe they would be receiving money sent from Wisconsin, Dederling said.

The women were taken into custody when they showed up to get the money, he said.

"We're happy that she's back in custody," Dederling said. "It got to a point where a lot of assets were expended and everything pretty much came to a standstill here while we devoted efforts to this."

The women were being held in a San Antonio jail Saturday awaiting extradition proceedings scheduled to start Monday, Dederling said.

Authorities issued an arrest warrant for Mrs. Rogers Wednesday. She could face an additional 11 years in jail, Dederling said.

Mrs. Rogers and Ms. Deadmond were first traced to St. Petersburg, Fla. Authorities found a red Dodge Neon they believed the women fled in at an industrial parking lot there on Wednesday.

Police chief seeks obscenity charges for ad

DALLAS (AP) — The Dallas police chief has asked county prosecutors to see if they can file an obscenity charge against a newspaper that ran an advertisement depicting a baby hanging on meat hooks.

The computer-generated graphic ran April 1 in The Met, a free weekly paper, as an advertisement for a performance art troupe called Traumatic Stress Discipline. Chief Ben Click said he learned about the ad Tuesday at a child-abuse prevention seminar.

"If there is some legal grounds for us to do something, then I think we should," Click told The Dallas Morning News. "Here's a publication that doesn't seem to think there is anything wrong with what is atrocious."

Officials at The Met said the graphic showing the smiling baby with hooks piercing its chest was published because newspaper management did not regularly check its advertisements.

Bob Bennett, the company's president, said the paper chose not to publish the ad in its Wednesday edition and has since started reviewing the content of all ads.

SUPPORT GROUPS

SUNDAY

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

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

MONDAY

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

•Project Freedom, Christian support group for survivors of physical/emotional/sexual and/or spiritual abuse. Call 263-

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

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 Galyann 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 Alsip 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.

•Encourager's Support Group (for widows and widowers) will meet Monday, April 5 at 6 p.m. at the Spanish Inn. They will also meet April 19, at 6 p.m. at the First Presbyterian Church, Seyenth and Runnels, (enter through the north door. Bring a covered dish. For more information call 398-5522.

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

MEETINGS

Howard County Commissioners Court will convene at 10 a.m. Monday.

Agenda items include an election computer proposal, drawing for members of the grievance committee and an appointment to the Howard County Volunteer Fire Department executive board.

Other items are a Sexual Assault Awareness Month proclamation, pipeline crossings and courthouse/library renovations.

Stanton City Council will convene at 7 p.m. Monday to consider an ordinance cancelling the May 3 election and declaring Valentino Sotelo elected to District 4 and David Hernandez elected at-large.

Other items on the agenda include consideration of the investment policy, and approval of appointments to the housing board.

POLICE

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

•THEFT was reported in 1900 block of Gregg, College Park Shopping Center, 400 block of Johnson, 1500 block of E. Fourth, and 300 block of Gregg.

•JACKIE LANG, 24, was arrested for possession of marijuana under two ounces.

•LOUD PARTY/NOISE was reported at 15th and Princeton, the 1500 block of Lincoln, and 800 block of E. 14th.

•DOMESTIC DISTURBANCE was reported in the 800 block of Willa, and 2000 block of Johnson.

•DISTURBANCE/FIGHT was reported in the 2400 block of S. Monticello, 1200 block of Lloyd, 2700 block of Wasson, 1100 block of Wood, Sixth and Gregg, and 1500 block of Stadium.

•BURGLAR OF A VEHICLE was reported in the 800 block of W. I-20, 200 block W. Marcy, and the 4800 block W. Hwy 80.

•ACCIDENT/MAJOR was reported in the 2300 block of Wasson.

•FRANK MARTINEZ, 20, was arrested for local warrants.

•IRMA MORIN, 26, was arrested for driving while intoxicated.

•WESLEY CARNAHAN, no age given, was arrested for a parole violation.

•ERNEST CLARK, no age given, was arrested for public intoxication.

•JUVENILE PROBLEM was reported in the 1800 block of Settles.

•ABRAM ZUNIGA, 33, was arrested for driving while license suspended.

•ACCIDENT/MINOR was reported in the 3100 block of S. Hwy 87 and the 2000 block of S. Gregg.

•SABRINA RIVERA, 27, was arrested for local warrants.

•JESUS RAMOS, 18, was arrested for public intoxication.

•JOSE MUNOZ, 26, was arrested for local warrants.

•ASSAULT was reported in the 1000 block of Sixth and the 300 block of W. Fourth.

•CRIMINAL MISCHIEF was reported in the 1400 block of Mesa.

•ALAN MURPHY, 46, was arrested for driving while intoxicated.

•THEFT OF SERVICE was reported in the 700 block of E. Fourth.

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and parent or guardian from 11 a.m.-2 p.m. They will navigate an obstacle course and sign up to win prizes. There is no charge, and the rodeo will be run by Big Spring Police Department officers, Retired Senior Volunteer Program participants and the Citizens Police Academy.

For more information about the health fair or any related event, call the Big Spring Area Chamber of Commerce, 263-7641.

Fugitive serving time for abuse caught in Texas

CHILTON, Wis. (AP) — A woman sentenced to a year in jail for child abuse was in custody in Texas Saturday, after a nearly two-week man hunt that started when she failed to return to jail after a counseling session.

Angeline Rogers, 29, and her former cellmate, Jerri Deadmond, were caught in San Antonio, Texas Friday evening, said Calumet County Sheriff's investigator John Dederling.

Authorities had been searching for the women since March 30, when Mrs. Rogers did not return to the county jail after her counseling session in Appleton. Authorities found her car at Ms. Deadmond's home.

Mrs. Rogers and her husband, Michael, were convicted of abusing four of their five children, including locking their 7-year-old daughter in a dog cage. They were both sentenced to a year in jail, with work-release

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Senators

AUSTIN (AP) — Senators tentatively agreed Friday that would allocate \$2 billion to Texas.

The budget measure would fund state government services from education — was approved by the Committee.

The panel will vote after the bill form. The measure the full Senate for.

Proposed tax reform proposal includes local school property tax break.

Second

LAS VEGAS (AP) — linked to bomb three cities, including a bomb that President Clinton second time.

Frank Darwin "guilty," then his arraignment charges stemming from arrest here two weeks ago.

U.S. Magistrate Leavitt rejected and said he would not guilty until had more time to his federal public defender Leslie Fatowe.

"The court entered guilty," Leavitt response to Alexander's shoulders and dander at Fatowe.

A June 8 trial Alexander entered

Works

WASHINGTON — of agents swooped restaurants, companies and other business up illegal immigrants will become less of a federal immigration shift its enforcement.

The Immigration Naturalization Service away from worksite enforcement which have been pinning of the agency.

Four in baby a

BROWNSVILLE — Border Patrol agents saw the baby young couple Grande, they knew him before — parents.

Under further the man and woman weren't married baby wasn't their.

The discovery arrest four Honduran and charge them porting illegal aliens.

Agents say they would lend out undocumented in help them escape the Border Patrol.

Jose Antonio Gutierrez an alien resident and Sandra Patricia an undocumented were being held \$100,000, respectively John L. Treviño.

CORRECTION

A brief in Friday's Herald incorrectly stated the date of the Big Spring High School prom. It is April 17.

The Herald regrets the error.

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Senate committee tentatively OKs nearly \$98 billion budget

AUSTIN (AP) — Senate budget writers tentatively agreed to a nearly \$98 billion, two-year spending proposal Friday that would provide for an estimated \$2 billion in tax relief for Texans.

The budget measure — which would fund state government programs and services from education to welfare to prisons — was adopted 11-0 as a "work product" by the Senate Finance Committee.

The panel will take another, formal vote after the bill is drafted in final form. The measure then will head to the full Senate for consideration.

Proposed tax relief under the budget proposal includes a move to reduce local school property taxes and a sales tax break.

It falls short of the \$2.6 billion in tax relief that has been proposed by Gov. George W. Bush.

Finance Committee Chairman Bill Ratliff, R-Mount Pleasant, said the smaller number shouldn't be viewed as a setback for the Republican governor.

"I think it's unfair to say well, because he didn't get \$2.6 (billion) he failed. ... I would say he got a heck of a lot. It's a big deal," said Ratliff.

"I sure wouldn't look at it as a failure. I would look at it as a heck of a win."

Sen. Gonzalo Barrientos, D-Austin, voted yes on the budget proposal but said it doesn't do enough in such areas as teacher pay.

He said his vote was out of respect for the committee, its work and

Ratliff's leadership.

"This bill in my opinion falls terribly short of meeting the needs of the state. ... We have failed to adequately address some of our greatest needs — education, health and human services for our children," Barrientos said.

"I hope we can do better before the bill is finally passed."

Ratliff said, "I've been here 10 years, and I've never seen a budget that goes far enough. ... It's just like most household budgets. You have to do without the things that you can't afford."

The budget battle this legislative session is far from over.

The House Appropriations Committee has already approved a \$97 billion measure representing a 9.6 percent overall increase from 1998-99,

including state and federal funds.

The House committee version left \$772 million of a \$5.6 billion state budget surplus on the table.

After the full House and Senate consider their separate budget proposals, differences between the bills are expected to be worked out in a conference committee made up of members from each chamber.

A detailed breakdown of the Senate committee's budget proposal wasn't immediately available after Friday evening's vote.

But Ratliff said, "I don't think there's any question, the priority is education."

Of the proposed spending, \$30 billion is earmarked for public education and \$13 billion for higher education, he

said.

Before approving the measure, the committee also made adjustments in the proposed expenditure of the state's proceeds from settling its lawsuit against the tobacco industry.

About \$1.8 billion of Texas' \$17.3 billion, multi-year settlement is to be allocated for the next two-year budget period.

As initially proposed, the budget would have set aside \$200 million of that for an endowment that would spin off an estimated \$10 million a year to fight tobacco use.

After hearing from groups advocating more money for the effort annually, the committee agreed to allocate another \$30 million for the pilot anti-smoking program.

Second guilty plea in bomb incident rejected

LAS VEGAS (AP) — A man linked to bomb incidents in three cities, including a possible bomb threat against President Clinton, tried for a second time Friday to plead guilty to explosives charges.

Frank Darwin Alexander said "guilty," then "no contest" at his arraignment on five charges stemming from his arrest here two weeks ago.

U.S. Magistrate Judge Lawrence Leavitt rejected the plea and said he would enter pleas of not guilty until Alexander had more time to consult with his federal public defender, Leslie Fatowe.

"The court enters pleas of not guilty," Leavitt said in response to Alexander's pleas.

Alexander shrugged his shoulders and looked bewildered at Fatowe.

A June 8 trial date was set. Alexander entered the same

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pleas — "guilty...no contest" — when he made his initial appearance April 2 before U.S. Magistrate Judge Robert Johnston. Johnston ordered him held without bond, deeming him a flight risk and danger to the community.

He also rejected the guilty plea.

Assistant U.S. Attorney Tom O'Connell told Leavitt the government had two tape-recorded confessions that Alexander had given to authorities.

O'Connell said earlier that Alexander told investigators he admired Oklahoma City bomber Timothy McVeigh and serial mail bomber Theodore Kaczynski.

Alexander, 53, a native of San Antonio who had been living in Morgan City, La., has been charged with five counts in connection with a bomb that was discovered in Las Vegas' downtown bus depot.

The bomb was addressed to an agent of the local Alcohol, Tobacco and Firearms bureau. Members of the Las Vegas Fire Department Bomb Squad disarmed the device.

The bomb was found March 29, a day after Alexander was arrested at a motel across from the bus station.

Explosive materials for at least eight bombs were found in his motel room, O'Connell said. Authorities have also linked

Alexander to a bomb that exploded at the Dallas Bulk Mail Center, and are trying to determine whether he was linked to a bomb that exploded at a Washington, D.C. post office.

Sources said investigators, including the Secret Service, were looking into whether the Washington, D.C. device was addressed to Clinton.

In the initial hearing O'Connell said Alexander told Las Vegas police he had mailed two devices and attempted to send a third.

O'Connell said one detonated in the Dallas facility and another likely detonated in Washington, D.C.

No injuries were reported in connection with any of the devices.

No charges have been filed in the Dallas and Washington, D.C. incidents.

Death on ride prompts lawsuit against Six Flags

ARLINGTON (AP) — The family of an Arkansas woman killed last month in an amusement park accident has sued Six Flags Over Texas and the maker of the Roaring Rapids ride.

Dane Blunt of Pine Bluff, Ark., filed the lawsuit Friday in Tarrant County on behalf of Dana Blunt, his 4-year-old daughter whose mother, Valeria Cartwright, was killed in the March 21 accident.

The wrongful death lawsuit seeks unspecified damages from Six Flags and Switzerland-based Intamin AG, maker of the Roaring Rapids.

The ride carries passengers in round rafts, which accommodate 12 people, through a run of simulated rapids. One of those rafts overturned, killing Ms. Cartwright, 28, and injuring 10 others. The Tarrant County

Medical Examiner's Office ruled her death an accidental drowning.

Six Flags officials declined to comment on the lawsuit.

Blunt's attorney, Jeffrey Stern of Houston, did not return a call to the Fort Worth Star-Telegram on Friday. No one answered the telephone at Blunt's office on Saturday.

Blunt, reached at his Pine Bluff home, told the newspaper there was "no particular reason" for filing the lawsuit now, before the park finishes its investigation of the accident. He said his father encouraged him to hire an attorney.

The lawsuit claims Intamin's ride was defective and that Intamin did not properly inspect or maintain the ride. Officials at Intamin's Baltimore office could not be reached for comment.

Worksite raids are being deemphasized with new INS enforcement strategy

WASHINGTON (AP) — Teams of agents swooping down on restaurants, construction sites and other businesses to round up illegal immigrant workers will become less common as the federal immigration service shifts its enforcement strategy.

The Immigration and Naturalization Service is moving away from its unpopular worksite enforcement raids, which have been a key underpinning of the agency's enforcement

ment in the nation's interior but haven't proven particularly effective.

Instead, under a new interior enforcement strategy that INS is adopting over the next five years, the agency will emphasize combating criminal activities related to illegal immigration.

Rather than going after run-of-the-mill employers that have undocumented workers on the payroll, INS will target employ-

ers suspected of collaborating with smugglers and document forgers to bring illegal labor into the country.

"There is going to be more emphasis on making criminal cases against exploitive employers," said Stephen Rapp, a U.S. attorney in Iowa who helped INS develop the new interior enforcement strategy.

The plan also calls for INS to work in closer cooperation with employers. Instead of descend-

ing on workplaces with agents, the agency will seek to audit company employment records.

The hope is that collaboration will foster "a permanent relationship with employers that will result in a change in their hiring policies," said INS Denver district director, Joe Greene. Doing so "is going to have a greater impact on the overall number of settled (illegal) immigrants than just removing them and waiting for

them to come back again," he added.

Even some frequent INS critics find merit to the overall enforcement plan, saying it will allow the agency to use its resources more effectively.

"There's a good deal to recommend the change in strategy," said Mark Krikorian, executive director of the Washington-based Center for Immigration Studies.

But Krikorian contends INS is

wrong to end worksite enforcement raids. "There's a deterrent effect in that if you're an employer of illegal aliens, you never know if the INS is going to bust through the door ... and that's an important fear that ought to always be present," he said.

The INS says they are ineffective, however. In 1997 fewer than 19,000 illegal immigrants were removed as a result of worksite operations.

Four immigrants accused of using baby as decoy in smuggling operation

BROWNSVILLE (AP) — Border Patrol agents say when they saw the baby boy with a young couple near the Rio Grande, they knew they'd seen him before — with different parents.

Under further questioning, the man and woman admitted they weren't married and the baby wasn't theirs, agents said.

The discovery led agents to arrest four Honduran nationals and charge them with transporting illegal aliens.

Agents say the smugglers would lend out the infant to undocumented immigrants to help them escape detention by the Border Patrol.

Jose Antonio Guerrero-Funez, an alien resident of Houston, and Sandra Patricia Orellano, an undocumented immigrant, were being held on \$25,000 and \$100,000, respectively.

John L. Treviño, supervisor of

the Anti-Smuggling Investigations Unit of the Border Patrol in Brownsville, said Guerrero-Funez and Ms. Orellano probably knew of a Border Patrol policy against breaking up families.

Under the policy, undocumented families are released under personal recognizance and scheduled for a later court date, said Border Patrol spokeswoman Letty Garza.

Treviño said it was the first time in his 24 years with the Border Patrol that he'd seen smugglers actually provide a child to the people they were trying to smuggle.

He said he didn't know how many times this baby had been used.

The baby was turned over to Child Protective Services, and the search for his real parents began.

Treviño said the parents, who

are of Honduran origin and are in the U.S. illegally, were found earlier this week in Houston, where they had filed a missing-person report. Police matched their claim to the baby rescued by Border Patrol. The parents' names were not immediately available.

Treviño said the parents claimed they had left the baby in Guerrero-Funez's care and were not aware their child was being used to smuggle undocumented immigrants.

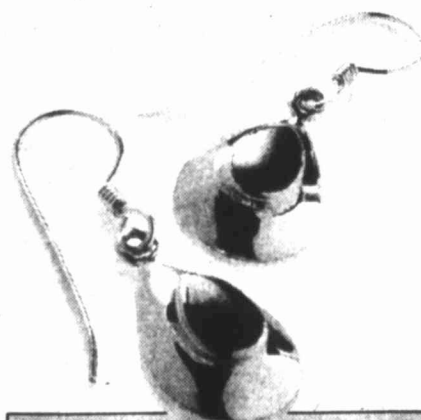
The couple told agents they had paid Guerrero-Funez and Orellano \$1,000 and were to pay them \$500 more once they arrived in Houston.

The parents are being held and will be arraigned in Houston on charges of criminal entry, Treviño said.

The baby will undergo DNA testing to confirm his relation to the Houston couple.

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OUR VIEWS

Relay for Life is fun event for a worthy cause

It's a camp out with a cause: Big Spring Relay for Life 1999 is planned May 14-15. If you haven't ever seen several hundred people with tents, tarps and lean-tos at Blankenship Field, or haven't joined them, you've missed one of the best community events around. And it's all in the name of supporting the American Cancer Society in its battle against that terrible disease.

And Big Spring has a stake in that battle: Who among us has not been touched by cancer? Perhaps you've watched a friend or relative fight it with radiation and chemotherapy treatments. Perhaps you knew one of our many friends and neighbors who lost that fight. Perhaps even you were among those who received the life-changing diagnosis.

"Cancer is so prevalent in every family's life," said Diane Wood, co-chair for Relay. "I can't think of anyone whose life has not been touched by it in some way."

Big Spring's fight against cancer gets a boost every year with the Relay, as it seems to grow each time it comes around. Last year, we raised \$100,000, placing our event 10th in the nation for communities under 36,000 population.

Beginning Friday night with the Survivor's Walk and lighted luminarias in honor or memory of those who have fought the disease, Relay brings out the best in everyone associated with it.

They will walk around the track for pledges, compete in silly games and contests, eat picnic-style, visit with friends, clown around and even sleep (a little). Most teams competing in Relay have a decorated campsite that reflects their team name. Some teams honor friends who lost their lives to cancer.

A committee of about 30 is hard at work planning this year's Relay. All they need is you. If you can put together a team, call Gloria McDonald at 263-7617 or Wanda Gamble at 267-1314 for a packet of information. Or attend Thursday's team captains meeting at noon at First Baptist Church Fellowship Hall.

Once you've tried Relay, we expect you'll want to be part of it every year. And we hope you will be: It's a feather in Big Spring's cap, and yet another example of what amazing things can be done when we all pull together.

YOUR VIEWS

To the Editor:

The parents of Lakeview Head Start are very grateful to all of the local merchants who supported our King-Queen fundraiser, either by donating prizes to be raffled or by cash donations. I personally would like to thank the following merchants who supported Kendra Carey, first runner up. We greatly appreciate your generosity. We couldn't have done it without your help.

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SANDRA CAREY
BIG SPRING

To the Editor:

Hi! My name is Minh Chau and I am a fifth grade student at Beresford Elementary School in San Mateo, Calif.

I am researching the beau-

tiful state of Texas for my state report. I am interested in obtaining any information that can help me with this project (brochures, maps, pictures, etc.)

I would appreciate if you could publish this letter in your next edition of your newspaper.

Thank you very much!

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To the Editor:

I would like to ask everyone that lives on Wasson Road to please go across the road and pick up as much trash as possible.

To make Big Spring Beautiful can sure be helped if we could make our street pretty.

I'm just asking everyone that lives out here to pick up across from your property and if possible on either side as many acres as possible.

I'm hoping we can help in the clean up. Thanks for reading this and hope you will have time and want to help.

GARNER THIXTON
BIG SPRING

Keeping track on a computer calendar

I spent the morning in a class that, among other things, taught a bunch of us simple reporters how to keep track of our appointments on a computer calendar.

I really don't see the advantage of a computer calendar. For one thing, it doesn't have pretty pictures labeled Maple Syrup Time in Maine, or Antebellum Mansions in Sunny Natchez.

Even a free calendar from a humble auto parts store features some kind of pictures, though they may be all cheese-cake and spark plugs.

But the instructor insisted a computer datebook could be most useful. A computer alarm can be set to sound on anniversaries, she said. (Imagine marrying a man who needs a computer alarm to remind him of his anniversary, I thought.)

The instructor probably wasn't talking about wedding anniversaries at all, but a deadline for an annual report or some other kind of corporate anniversary. That's more how computer-friendly people think, I think.

But I kept my mouth shut about the calendar, because blating out that the emperor is naked has always been a waste of breath.

Whenever you dare mention that maybe technology has outraced mankind's wisdom about when and where to use it, people look at you as if you're wearing your pajama bottoms under your skirt.

Mark Twain once refused to write a testimonial for a new-fangled machine he had bought — a typewriter — because he said people were paying more attention to the form of his letters than they were the contents.

Wish he were around to comment on the computer age.

Anyhow, that computer class made me late for a very important date. I had a new nephew to meet, a boy now over a month old who lives in a little

mountain town, a town plenty pretty enough for a calendar. And that new baby has a 3-year-old brother, Will, whose birthday I recently managed to miss. (Maybe I do need a computer calendar.)

Will has a thing about ceiling fans. He loves them.

For his second birthday, the cake was shaped like a ceiling fan. This year it was a train, probably to try and get him interested in something other than fans. For the ceiling fan obsession has caused more than a little trouble in Will Grimsley's household.

Once when I visited, Will was in Fan Jail, not allowed to operate a fan in any room, not even with adult supervision. He was being punished for turning a laundry basket upside down on top of his parents' bed to try and reach the fan cord all by himself. Usually he's less sneaky about his intentions.

Will will turn on the ceiling fan in the living room now, he says. Will talks about himself in the third person a lot, like Don King or Bob Dole. He makes official-sounding

announcements about when he intends to eat his Nutter Butter cookies, things like that.

But he will ignore cookies, toys, books, games, puzzles and people to stare transfixed at a moving ceiling fan. He remembers exactly the number of fans in any home where he visits, and anticipates seeing them again.

Will's middle name is Hunter, which makes his passion all the more ironic. The Hunter Fan Company in Memphis, Tenn., was the first to produce the ceiling fan, of course.

It's a little hard to get a grasp on the baby brother's personality. He sleeps a lot in a beautiful blue and yellow room that smells like powder.

But Will, I figure, will be an electrician, or an engineer, something that involves lots of moving parts. He might even be a computer whiz.

I'm hoping for his own good he'll at least have something on the side of the brain that's missing in me, the kind of mind that accepts planning and executing your life on a blasted computer.



RETHA GRIMSLEY JOHNSON



The Real Moral Decline in America

Viatical agents prey on elderly persons

Carole Hopkins of Bellingham, Wash., probably wishes that Ella, her 82-year-old mother-in-law, had never encountered the young woman at her church group.

That young woman pressured Ella to withdraw a \$60,000 annuity that was drawing 6 percent annual interest and invest in a "viatical."

As previous readers of this space know, viaticals are a macabre new secondary market for life-insurance policies.

Popularized by AIDS patients who sold their policies for pennies on the dollar so they could live out their final days in dignity, these investments make money only when the viator (or original policyholder) dies quickly enough. Investors — who become the primary beneficiaries of these insurance policies — can lose all or part of their investment if the viator exceeds his or her life expectancy.

Hopkins says that Ella was guaranteed a 70 percent return

on her investment, and cash back if the viator didn't die in two years. But after several months, Ella hadn't heard anything from the company that brokered the deal and asked her daughter-in-law to investigate. Carole quickly learned that the broker's claims weren't true, and that Ella didn't have any paperwork at all: No contract of receipt from a money transfer. After some more digging, Carole learned that her mother-in-law did have a contract, but that her money still had not been placed with a viator.

Company officials promised to place the money shortly, as they had just bought \$35 million worth of policies.

The company in question — which refused to return our phone calls — only deals in so-called "contestable" policies — that is, those that are younger than two years old and thus within a grace period under which insurers don't have to pay full benefits in case of death. Contestable policies are also more likely to be inspected for fraud in light of the growing demand for insurance policies in the viatical market.

Carole wonders how \$35 million worth of policies could have been taken out by folks who honestly didn't know they were dying. It's a good ques-

tion, since the viaticals market has sparked a new wave of fraud by shady vendors who create "wet-ink" or "clean-sheeted" policies intended strictly for resale.

Six months after Ella turned over her money (while losing \$10,000 in interest and fees to withdraw her money), the company finally placed her investment with a viator infected with HIV. The patient had been given five years to live — which might well be longer than 82-year-old Ella has left.

Even if Ella lives to collect her money, there are other problems with the policy. Listed along with Ella as beneficiaries of the policy are the viator's mother and brother, meaning there might be a legal fight in store when it comes time to collect.

Carole says her mother-in-law isn't the only one to fall under the prey of shady viatical brokers. She mentions the case of a 78-year-old man who invested through the same company — even though the firm is not licensed to operate in the state of Washington.

Valerie Bergman-Cooper of the National Viatical Association in Washington, D.C., a coalition of 21 viatical companies, believes the "renegade" firms — dozens of shady dealers operating without a

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WASHINGTON — The estimated 300,000 people who have income tax headaches will miss Thursday's deadline for filing their 1998 returns.

Although Revenue Service says it will file anything filed on April 15, the worst of the filing season is over.

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Feder might

WASHINGTON — Air bags in auto inflating forcefully injure children close to a door.

Mercedes-Benz cars could be seriously injured near the station Department Friday.

The officials based either of automakers' National Highway Traffic Safety Administration testing agency's engineering dummy represent old child sleep door, among government officials.

There have been children killed injured by side-impact collisions.

Principal with coke

NEW YORK — A principal known for and tough work abuse has been running a narrow elementary school.

Delores Hill, at her arraignment being the leader of the Tabernacle of God Elementary School.

Ms. Hill all bags of cocaine or policewoman grounds. She along with the janitor and another.

Authorities — the private, 16th — said the drugs to adult scenes while busy in class, allegedly made baby-sitting two office, said pro.

Ms. Hill was felony sale and controlled substance held on \$250,000.

The janitor, 42, was arrested by Ms. Hill and left carry cocaine, pro.

School nurse 41, was charged in two drug. Laverne Prescounselor, was drug sale.

Finish those tax returns now or be ready to pay big penalties

WASHINGTON (AP) — For the estimated 34 million taxpayers who have yet to file their income tax returns: The headaches will only get worse if they miss Thursday's deadline.

Although the Internal Revenue Service offers extensions, they can be quite costly. And the worst thing to do is not file anything by the stroke of midnight on April 15.

"The worst strategy, one that can add thousands of dollars to your tax bill, is to do nothing," said Lawrence Torella, an accountant and partner with Richard A. Eisner & Co. in New York.

Torella said a "whole new generation" of taxpayers with problems filing returns on time could be created by income from the booming stock market, an increase in the number of people who have stock options and windfalls from sales of small businesses. In addition, tax returns are more complex than ever.

The penalty for failing to file a tax return is 5 percent of the balance due per month, up to a maximum of 25 percent.

Taxpayers who aren't going to meet the filing deadline should send the IRS a request for extension until Aug. 16 using Form

4868, which is available on the Internet, IRS offices and some banks and post offices. The IRS automatically approves such requests.

But people seeking extensions should still pay an estimate of their taxes due, or at least as much as possible, by Thursday. Doing so will lessen the sting of interest — now 8 percent on late payments — and penalties of a half-percent per month.

The IRS will refund any amount overpaid, once the final return is submitted.

"Come in a little high," said IRS spokesman Don Roberts. "Whatever you have left, you're

going to pay interest on."

Penalties for late tax payments drop to a quarter-percent per month if the taxpayer enters into an installment payment agreement with the IRS.

A request for such an installment plan, using Form 9465, can be attached to the tax return. The IRS almost always grants such requests as long as the taxpayer agrees to pay \$25,000 or less within five years. There's a \$43 fee to set up such a plan.

For reasons such as a death in the family or serious illness, the IRS sometimes waives late-payment penalties on returns filed on time. People should make

such requests courteously and in writing.

One other note: The U.S. Tax Court has rejected claims from taxpayers who say accountants advised them to file returns late while collecting required documentation.

Through April 2, the IRS had received almost 70 million of the 126 million tax returns expected this year. Counting estimates for this week, IRS spokesman Roberts said it's likely that 34 million taxpayers, or about 26 percent, will submit their returns in the next few days.

Although refunds are running

close to 20 percent ahead of last year and average \$1,575, it's likely that people who owe taxes make up the bulk of the last-minute filers. And many people probably postponed doing taxes last week because of the twin Easter and Passover holidays.

"You really have only one good weekend in April to work on tax returns, instead of two," Roberts said.

Last-minute forms from the IRS are available in several ways. The fastest is through the Internet at www.irs.ustreas.gov. Taxpayers also can call from a fax machine at 1-703-368-9694 and have a form faxed.

Power industry says Y2K drill a success; skeptics are unsure

TRENTON, N.J. (AP) — The electric power industry says a much-hyped test of its readiness for the Year 2000 bug was a success. But skeptics still wonder if the New Year will dawn in darkness.

The problem, critics say, is that Friday's drill didn't tell consumers anything about whether power will keep flowing to their switches in the event of massive computer glitches.

"They've been planning this drill since the beginning of the year," said Randy Guidry, managing editor of Y2K News Magazine. "I would compare it to a student in high school taking a test after he's had three months to make up the questions on the test."

Power plants across the country shared information via radio rather than computer Friday to test whether they could keep the lights on even if the Y2K bug knocks out communications.

The nation's power grids depend on communications

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— John Castagna, Edison Electric Institute

between generating stations so that operators can send electricity to regions that need it the most from power plants able to provide it.

Workers at hundreds of sites called in meter readings via handheld radios and logged in data manually, rather than using computers hooked together via fiber-optic lines and microwave transmitters.

"People just flick a switch and expect their power to go on, but it's important to ensure that the grid is reliable and communications are a piece of that," said Tom Williams, spokesman for Duke Energy Power Services, which has three plants in California.

The drill was a success, according to a news release posted on the Web site of the North American Electric Reliability Council, a New

Jersey-based industry group assigned by the U.S. Department of Energy to make sure the nation's utilities are ready for the new millennium.

However, the council said some backup systems did not work as planned and some workers may require additional training on the satellite voice systems. The group also said severe lightning storms in the Midwest interfered with some radio systems.

Utility customers weren't affected because the drill did not test electricity production. And that's what concerns observers like Guidry.

"Today doesn't have anything to do with the ability to produce energy," he said. "It has to do with their ability to talk to each other."

The Y2K problem occurs because many computers are

programmed to recognize only the last two digits of a year and, without repairs, may malfunction beginning Jan. 1 when they might assume it is 1900. Some fear national communication and power systems could be disrupted.

NERC's job is to help make sure electrical utilities are ready for the possibility of a Y2K glitch and spotty outages or — a worse-case scenario — complete electricity shutdowns.

"The loonies out there who are profiting by panic over Y2K may not have it quite right," said John Castagna, a spokesman for the Washington-based Edison Electric Institute, an industry group whose members generate about three-quarters of the country's electricity. "We're working hard to make sure January 1, 2000, is just like every other day."

Rick Cowles, author of "Electric Utilities and Y2K," praised the communications drill. But he said there is no way to replicate the conditions plants may encounter on Jan. 1.

Under watchful eyes, aviation computers are getting Y2K test

DENVER (AP) — Airline executives, government officials and air traffic controllers waited expectantly Saturday for the outcome of Federal Aviation Administration Year 2000 computer tests.

The live four-hour tests at Denver International Airport, scheduled to end today at 2 a.m. MDT (3 a.m. CDT), were aimed partially at boosting public confidence in the nation's computerized aviation system when the century changes at midnight Dec. 31.

Some travelers have sworn off flying that night, fearing that planes may collide or fall out of the sky on Jan. 1, 2000, because of computer glitches.

Because of a programming technique used in early computers, some software views years in two-digit format, such as "99" for 1999. There is wide

spread uneasiness that unless software is patched or rewritten, computers will malfunction when the century ends and the calendar changes from "99" to "00," which the two-digit computers may interpret as 1900 instead of 2000.

FAA officials think they have eliminated any potential problems through software changes made to computers which track planes from takeoff to landing.

"We're very confident the test will be successful, because we have done some dry runs on it," said Ray Long, head of the FAA's Y2K program.

Among those who planned to observe the tests were FAA Administrator Jane Garvey, officials of the major airlines' trade organization and the largest air traffic controllers union and representatives of aerospace manufacturers.

Federal officials fear side air bags might seriously injure small children

WASHINGTON (AP) — Side air bags in autos' rear seats can inflate forcefully enough to seriously injure children riding too close to a door, federal regulators say.

Bags in the back seats of Mercedes-Benz, Audi and BMW cars could be powerful enough to seriously harm children resting near the door, Transportation Department officials said Friday.

The officials' concerns were based either on test results the automakers shared with the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration or independent testing done by that agency's engineers using a dummy representing a 3-year-old child sleeping against the door, among other positions, government officials said.

There have been no reports of children killed or seriously injured by side-air bags, which

have the potential to save lives in side-impact crashes, NHTSA says.

But regulators want to make sure steps are taken to prevent problems with side air bags after the public outcry over deaths from air bags deploying from the front of autos. Those air bags have been blamed for killing 131 people, including 73 children.

Last December, NHTSA's chief, Dr. Ricardo Martinez, urged manufacturers to "thoroughly test" side air bags "to guard against the risk of injury" to children.

The regulators met again last month with officials of Mercedes, Audi and BMW, which offer the rear-seat bags as an option.

Mercedes spokeswoman Donna Boland said the company's testing showed no serious injuries to children from side

air bags. However, a government official said NHTSA tested a Mercedes side air bag and the results indicated a child sleeping against the door risks injuries.

Boland said that in the absence of a government testing standard for side air bags, "all we can do is our testing, which is rigorous, and watch what's happening out there in the real world."

Audi and BMW said they shared tests with federal officials that indicated 3-year-old dummies close to the door could be injured. The companies have issued warnings to customers.

"None of the (test) results pointed to a risk of injury to occupants except under conditions simulating a worst-case, unrestrained (by a child seat) and out of position three-year-old dummy," said Audi spokesman Doug Clark.

Principal charged with coke dealing

NEW YORK (AP) — A principal known for her good works and tough words about drug abuse has been charged with running a narcotics ring at her elementary school.

Delores Hill, 53, was accused at her arraignment Friday of being the leader of a small drug ring at the Tabernacle Church of God Elementary School in Brooklyn.

Ms. Hill allegedly sold \$25 bags of cocaine to an undercover policewoman on school grounds. She was arrested along with the school nurse, a janitor and another worker.


Authorities — who shut down the private, 160-student school — said the defendants dealt drugs to adults behind the scenes while children were busy in class. But Ms. Hill allegedly made one sale while baby-sitting two infants in her office, said prosecutor Patricia Gatling.

Ms. Hill was charged with felony sale and possession of a controlled substance. She pleaded innocent, and was being held on \$250,000 bail.

The janitor, Steven Donawa, 42, was arrested after he stopped by Ms. Hill's apartment and left carrying 51 bags of cocaine, prosecutors said. School nurse Patricia Kersey, 41, was charged with participating in two drug sales.

Laverne Prescod, 42, a school counselor, was charged in one drug sale.

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Pentagon readying 82 more planes for NATO airstrikes

WASHINGTON (AP) — In a major boost to NATO air power, the Pentagon announced Saturday that 82 U.S. planes would join airstrikes over Yugoslavia in a move to intensify the battle against Serb forces. Allies were expected to add dozens more aircraft within days.

"The addition of these aircraft will allow us to ... expand the number of strikes over any 24-hour-day period," Pentagon spokesman Kenneth Bacon said. They also provide "more deep strike capacity as necessary. So, basically it will allow us to

increase the intensity of the air campaign over Kosovo and Yugoslavia."

But it could take a month for 24 Apache attack helicopters to arrive in Albania. Their introduction would mark an escalation of the war and for the first time allow close-to-the-ground, direct strikes against Serb troops and tanks during persistent bad weather.

"When you're in the middle of combat, you want everything instantly that you need," one senior U.S. defense official said, speaking on condition of anonymity. "But the reality is,

you can't have everything instantly."

The Pentagon also raised the possible need for the president to call up military reserves because of the additional U.S. aircraft joining NATO's campaign.

The U.S. military began moving equipment to Tirana, the Albanian capital, this weekend in advance of the Apaches, which will fly there from Germany. But bad weather canceled several of a few dozen flights.

Also, the 150 C-17 cargo planes that will transport the Apache-

related equipment to Tirana must compete with hundreds of flights carrying humanitarian supplies for more than 500,000 ethnic Albanian refugees who have fled Kosovo. Only one C-17 at a time can land at Tirana's airfield.

NATO commander Gen. Wesley Clark requested the Apaches two weeks ago. They were approved by the Pentagon on Monday along with a support package of 18 long-range multiple rocket launchers, two dozen support helicopters, Bradley Fighting Vehicles and about

2,600 U.S. troops.

The Pentagon said at first the helicopters and support package would arrive in Albania within 10 days. But the military officials said Saturday only a few Apaches might be ready then and it could take 30 days for all 24 Apaches to become operational.

Pentagon officials said Clark does not yet need the gunships, which are vulnerable to the Serbs' still robust anti-aircraft capabilities.

"They're intending to get the mission running as soon as they can," said Maj. Gen. Charles

Wald, a strategic planner for the Joint Chiefs of Staff.

Defense Secretary William Cohen signed Clark's request Saturday, calling up planes from U.S. bases as well as Atlantic and Pacific commands to join NATO airstrikes within "a matter of days," Wald said. Bacon said allies would add more in the coming days.

The new U.S. aircraft include 24 F-16CJ fighters, four A-10 "tank killer" aircraft, six EA-6B Prowlers that have radar-jamming abilities, 39 KC-135 refueling tankers, two DC-10 tankers and seven C-130 cargo planes.

Premier dismisses suggestions China poses a danger

WASHINGTON (AP) — Citing the huge U.S. lead in nuclear weapons, Chinese Premier Zhu Rongji dismissed suggestions that China poses a danger to the United States and said Friday that Americans should see China as their biggest market and not their biggest threat.

"There is no way China poses a threat to the U.S.," Zhu told a dinner gathering sponsored by seven organizations that favor closer American ties with China.

Zhu spoke for more than an hour on a variety of subjects, showing off the humor which he has displayed in virtually all of his public appearances since arriving here Wednesday evening.

To buttress his claim of American military superiority, Zhu noted that President Clinton had said on Wednesday the United States had 6,000

nuclear weapons compared with only 20 to 30 for China.

"I really truly and honestly don't know how many nuclear weapons China has and I'm not sure how President Clinton knows this number," he said, drawing laughter.

Fears about China's growing military prowess increased in recent weeks following reports that China was able to take long strides in developing its nuclear weapons as a result of spying activities at the Los Alamos, N.M., nuclear weapons facility.

Zhu underscored how far behind China is by noting that the country's gross national product is only about one-tenth that of the United States even though it has four times the population.

"Americans should convert the theory of China as a threat into the theory of China as an opportunity," he said.

Zhu was given a cordial reception by the crowd at the Willard Hotel. But outside, several dozen demonstrators loudly protested Chinese control over Tibet.

In an earlier appearance at the State Department, Zhu said U.S. exports of environmental technology to China could be the key to easing the American trade deficit with China as well as China's air and water pollution problems.

"All in all, it is a very arduous task for us to protect the environment," Zhu told a U.S.-China forum on development and the environment.

Zhu disputed U.S. estimates that the American trade deficit with China is \$57 billion, contending the figure is exaggerated.

But he said he would be willing to trade China's surplus for a cleaner environment.

"If that happens I will be very happy," Zhu said, speaking through a translator.

Vice President Al Gore, who also addressed the gathering, said the United States and China rank first and second, respectively, in worldwide greenhouse gas emissions and must work together for a solution because of their impact on global climate change.

"If these trends continue, we will be competing in the 21st century for the title of 'largest producer of greenhouse gases in the world,'" Gore said.

Zhu suggested the United States could help reduce air pollution in China by exporting clean coal-burning technology, saying, "I think the United States has developed their advanced technology in this regard and we are fully prepared to cooperate with the United States."

Six killed in Midwest storms that destroy hundreds of homes

MONTGOMERY, Ohio (AP) — Chain saws and patience have become essential tools as residents begin repairing their lives a day after a tornado killed four people and demolished more than 200 homes in Cincinnati's suburbs.

Two other people were killed in Illinois as powerful storms tore through the Midwest.

Ohio officials were still tabulating the destruction hours after a pre-dawn twister with 200-mph winds carved a narrow, spotty path through affluent subdivisions in Montgomery, Blue Ash and other communities Friday morning.

"Trees, huge trees, looked like some large mower with a rotary blade went through and sheared them all off," said Montgomery Mayor Richard Tuten.

The storm uprooted and snapped trees, downed electric power lines and tore roofs off homes and churches. Houses were smashed into piles of rubble, and shopping center park-

ing lots were strewn with broken glass.

At least 42 people were treated at hospitals, most with bruises or cuts. Two people were killed in a house, and two in separate car crashes.

One of the victims, a 40-year-old man, was thrown from his car when the wind flipped it over, said Blue Ash Police Chief Mike Allen.

The state Emergency Management Agency estimated 200 homes were destroyed in Cincinnati's northeast suburbs. The storm also damaged houses in a western Ohio county and flipped campers at a dealership near Dayton.

Ohio Gov. Bob Taft declared emergencies in three counties, a step to make those areas eligible for federal loan assistance. He said the state was providing bottled water, tetanus vaccine and road-clearing help.

"My heart went out to the families who went to bed last night and woke up to this," Taft said.

FDA approves first implant to correct nearsightedness

WASHINGTON (AP) — Tiny transparent rings implanted directly into the eye are offering a way for millions of mildly nearsighted Americans to attain clear, even perfect, vision without glasses or contact lenses.

The Food and Drug Administration approved KeraVision Inc.'s Intacs corneal implants Friday, offering an alternative for some patients to popular but irreversible laser eye surgery at about the same price.

The difference: If patients don't like their Intacs, or suffer a side effect such as glare, doctors can remove the rings with

a good chance of returning the eyes to pre-surgery condition.

The FDA warned that the implants are only for mildly nearsighted people, whose vision is formally diagnosed as "minus 1 diopters to minus 3 diopters." That roughly translates to vision ranging from 20/40, where it's OK to drive but a movie is blurry without glasses, to about 20/300, where you can barely see the big "E" at the top of eye charts.

In contrast, laser surgery can sharpen the vision of people with much more severe nearsightedness.

Still, the implants are "really

an interesting approach," said Dr. Susan Alpert, the FDA's medical device evaluation chief. "It is a simple procedure. ... These can remain in permanently, but if there's a problem, they can be removed."

Patients say that's the feature that makes Intacs attractive.

"We'd considered laser surgery, but one of the biggest things that scared us ... is that if it didn't work, there's no way to change that," said Fran Palek, a Tampa, Fla., banker. So he, his wife, his neighbor and his neighbor's sister all tried the

implants instead, and liked them. "It's amazing," said Palek, 30, describing seeing with perfect vision immediately after the 15-minute surgery.

Nearsightedness occurs when the cornea, the membrane covering the front of the eye, is too steeply curved. Flattening the cornea helps correct nearsightedness. Hundreds of thousands of Americans have sought radical keratotomy, in which surgeons slice the cornea with a knife, or surgery with a laser that shaves the cornea to flatten it.

Tuberculosis carrier jailed for infecting grandchildren

FRESNO, Calif. (AP) — A man with incurable tuberculosis was arrested and jailed in a special cell after violating a county-ordered quarantine and infecting his young grandchildren.

Miguel Arredondo, 54, was quarantined to his apartment in Stockton two years ago and ordered to stay away from everyone except his wife, who chose to risk infection and live with him.

The San Joaquin Health Department even paid the rent, but one of his nurses alerted authorities after seeing one of his grandchildren go into the apartment last month.

A test showed his 1-year-old grandson and 2-year-old granddaughter are infected with the same drug-resistant strain of TB. The status of a third grandchild was not known.

Police arrested Arredondo was on charges of violating an official health order, a misdemeanor that carries up to a year in jail.

In addition, his son, daughter and daughter-in-law face the same charge and child endangerment charges.

"They were all under written orders not to let the children contact their grandfather. They had been explained the dangers. They all knew. And they broke the quarantine anyway," prosecutor Stephen Taylor said Friday.

A public defender has not been appointed yet, and the whereabouts of the grandchildren was not immediately known.

Taylor, who has prosecuted more than two dozen such cases, said the children are in grave danger.

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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) *****The unexpected occurs very quickly. Friends prove to be a constant source of amusement. Invite others to join in your plans, making sure there is not only a lot to do but also plenty of visiting time. You could be amazed at how long a meal could take. Tonight: A late one.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20) *****Intuition serves you well with a boss or higher-up. You might not be sure which way to go in a personal matter, but a discussion with someone you respect could be enlightening. You find others acting in most unusual ways. Maintain a sense of humor. Tonight: Dinner out with family.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20) *****Include a loved one and/or a friend as you explore a museum or browse a favorite section of town. Don't hold rigidly to plans; be willing to change your pace. Do what interests you. Sharing reminds you why you care about those around you. Tonight: Try a new type of cuisine.

CANCER (June 21-July 22) *****Close relating brings new information. You could really be surprised by what comes forward. You cannot always judge another by your standards. Discuss what you both want. Developing a stronger connection professionally is now possible. Tonight: A face-to-face chat.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22) *****Maintain a sense of humor. Make a trip or visit, even if it is only a short one. Though telephones certainly promote togetherness, there is nothing like seeing a loved one's smile. A partner or friend makes a request that's a bit out of the norm. Tonight: Go with another's plans!

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) *****There is no way around it — you are in productivity mode. Listen to your sixth sense regarding what to do to make life flow more smoothly.

You might need to get a head start on the work week. Clear out errands. Your personality melts barriers. Communicate your needs to a partner. Tonight: Relax.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22) *****Determine what you want from others. Though a child and/or significant other seems to offer you the world, there might be more going on than meets the eye. Allow more fun and spontaneity to enter your life. Worry less and simply enjoy. Tonight: Play the night away.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21) *****You could have a case of "spring fever" as you start sprucing up for the warmer months. Others get excited about the changes you make. Listen to your instincts about what to add and what to release. Get into some physical exertion or a favorite sport. Tonight: Put that extra effort into conversations.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21) *****Laughter and fun mix delightfully, if you don't get uptight about changes. Flirtation heats up a relationship. Carefully consider what you really want. Allow yourself and others greater freedom. Wherever you are, a good time is likely to be had. Tonight: Where the fun is.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19) *****You could be taken aback by the cost of a purchase. Listen carefully to a family member or roommate, especially about an expenditure. Add to the quality of your life in simple or unique ways. Build a better relationship as well. Your efforts do count! Tonight: To a favorite dinner spot.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18) *****You might follow through on a heart's desire or a professional plan in a most unconventional manner. Your caring makes a big difference as you reach out for others. Listen carefully to a friend's input or ideas. Spontaneity marks your actions. Tonight: Whatever puts a grin on your face.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20) *****Take a deep breath and think before you make a financial decision. Continue the evaluation process. Remember, only you can really make the final call. Take a walk or meditate to clear the cobwebs from your mind. Allow plenty of time for you. Tonight: Catch up on mail and calls.

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Husband is overwhelmed by house full of clutter

DEAR ABBY: I'm 72 and my wife is 74. She has almost entirely quit doing any housework. She will grudgingly cook a meal now and then. I do the laundry, scrub floors and help with the dishes, but I'm not a home-maker. Her back is very bad but she won't have it looked at. She just complains all the time and says she can't do anything.



ABIGAIL VAN BUREN

I wanted to hire some cleaning people to come in and help, but she won't have that.

We have so many clothes the closets are jammed. Nothing ever gets thrown out, so everything gets piled on the furniture or the floor.

The kitchen cupboards are jammed full because when she wants some canned food, instead of using what we have, it's easier to run out and buy some more. The countertops are loaded with cans and packages of food. She would rather eat out, which we do three or four times a week.

Abby, there isn't a surface in the house that doesn't have stuff piled up on it. To wrap a Christmas package, she had to lay it on the kitchen stove. I have suggested moving to an apartment where there isn't so much work to do, but she won't accept that, either.

Are there any solutions to my dilemma? — DISTRAUGHT

HUSBAND, PITTSBURGH DEAR DISTRAUGHT: Yes, however they won't be easy. Your family doctor should be informed about your wife's behavior — and any recent changes you have noticed. She may need a thorough physical and possibly neurological examination. She may be buying the large quantities of food in your kitchen not because it's "easier to run to the store," but because she has forgotten that she already has it.

From your description, your home may have become a fire or health hazard. If your wife is unwilling or unable to discard items you no longer use or need, an inspection by the local fire (or health) department should be scheduled to be certain that the clutter hasn't become a danger to both of you. Please don't wait. Your wife needs help, and it's time you took charge. It may not be pleasant, but it's necessary for her sake and yours.

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—DOROTHY BOHN, REDMOND, ORE.

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PUBLIC NOTICE NOTICE OF SALE By order, dated April 8, 1999, of the District Court of Howard County, Texas, 118th Judicial District in Cause No. 98-01-40220, entitled Doris Jean McPeak, Plaintiff, vs. Randal Leroy Statham and His Unknown Heirs, Successors and Assigns and the Unknown Heirs, Successors and Assigns of Carl B. Young, Deceased, Defendants, Lot 3, Block 3, Settles Addition to the City of Big Spring, Howard County, Texas, together with all improvements situated thereon, the same being a residential lot of real estate of less than one acre, together with all improvements thereon, shall be sold, as by execution, by the Sheriff of Howard County, Texas, for cash, on May 4, 1999, on the North steps of the Howard County Courthouse, Big Spring, Howard County, Texas, at the place designated by Commissioners' Court for foreclosure sales between the hours of 1:00 p.m. and 4:00 p.m. on such date. DATED this 8 day of April, 1999. W.S. (Bill) Jennings, Sheriff of Howard County, Texas By: Colleen Barton, Deputy 2276 April 11, 18 & 25, 1999

PUBLIC NOTICE NOTICE TO CREDITORS Notice is hereby given that original Letters Testamentary for the Estate of Lee Roy Hunt, Deceased, were issued on April 1, 1999, in Cause No. P12529, pending in the County Court of Howard County, Texas, to: LEE ROY HUNT, JR. The residence of the Independent Executor is Big Spring, Howard County, Texas; the post office address is: c/o Lanny Hamby Attorney at Law P.O. Drawer 2199 Big Spring, Texas 79721-2199 All persons having claims against this Estate which is currently being administered are required to present the within the time and in the manner prescribed by law. DATED the 1st day of April, 1999. Lanny Hamby Attorney for the Estate State Bar No.: 08816000 2275 April 11, 1999

PUBLIC NOTICE NOTICE TO BIDDERS Pursuant to the authority granted by the City Council of the City of Big Spring, Texas, sealed bids will be received until 2:00 p.m., Tuesday, April 27, 1999, for the purchase of fencing for the Big Spring McMahon/Wright Airport. Bids are to be opened and read aloud in the Big Spring City Council Chambers, City Hall, 307 East 4th Street, Big Spring, Texas 79720, with award to be made at a regularly scheduled meeting of the Big Spring City Council. Bid information and specifications may be obtained from the Office of the Purchasing and Material Control Manager, 1380 Airport Drive East, Bldg. #19, Big Spring, Texas 79720. All bids must be marked with the date of the bid and a general description of the bid item(s). The City of Big Spring reserves the right to reject any or all bids and to waive any or all formalities. 2273 April 11 & 18, 1999

Advertisement for Dairy Queen Blizzard sale. Features a large image of a Blizzard dessert, the price \$1.29 (12-oz.), and the headline 'A Blizzard Sale in April? (Just One More Thing We Can Blame On El Niño)'. Text describes the warm Texas winter and the sale of the original DQ Blizzard for \$1.29. Includes Dairy Queen logo and sale dates: On Sale April 5-25, 1999.

Advertisement for St. Mary's Episcopal School. Features a cartoon character holding a sign that says 'POP CORN'. Text: ST. MARY'S EPISCOPAL SCHOOL INVITES YOU TO OUR OPEN HOUSE THEME: UNDER THE BIG TOP!!! DATE: THURSDAY, APRIL 22ND ADDRESS: 118 CEDAR TIME: 6:30PM-8:30PM COME OUT FOR AN EVENING OF FUN! DINNER.....\$2.50

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IN BRIEF

Howard rodeo performers fare well at WTC events

Howard College's Hawks and Lady Hawks rodeo teams went into Saturday night's final go-round of the Western Texas College Rodeo in Snyder with much better position than they enjoyed last week at their own event.

Jeremy Hughes was leading Howard's performers, standing second in the bull riding going into the final go, while Kim Green was third in the barrel racing.

Matthew Burrow was in fourth place in the bareback bronc riding, while Walker Wallace was fifth in the team roping and Cody Owens was seventh in the steer wrestling.

Hawks drop two of three to El Paso in WJCAC play

Howard College's Hawks simply couldn't overcome El Paso Community College's 19 hits Friday in a 10-9 loss to the Tejanos in the first of a three-game Western Junior College Athletic Conference baseball series.

The Hawks jumped out to a 3-0 lead early, only to see El Paso take a 7-3 lead in the seventh.

From there, the score saw-sawed until the bottom of the ninth inning when the Tejanos scored two runs off Howard reliever Duite Welch.

The Hawks split Saturday's doubleheader with the Tejanos, taking an 8-6 win behind the hitting of Drew Topham, Jay Alsup and Rhett Wells.

The nightcap saw El Paso overcome a 7-1 Howard lead in the final three innings, as Josh Duwe took the loss after having relieved Danny McMurtry.

Saturday's split left the Hawks with a 26-10 mark overall and a 13-5 conference mark.

Simmons pulls into tie in 5-4A medalist chase

Big Spring's Ashlie Simmons carded a 75 Saturday at the Andrews Country Club to pull into a tie with Snyder's Keisha Gafford for the individual lead in the District 5-4A girls' golf tournament.

Simmons and Gafford, who posed 73 on Saturday will go into the final round of the tournament tied at 158 after 36 holes.

Andrews and Snyder almost guaranteed themselves first and second place, respectively, in the team competition.

The Lady Mustangs head into the final round in San Angelo on Friday with a one-stroke lead. Andrews stands at 659 after two rounds of play, while Snyder is at 660. Fort Stockton is a distant third at 691.

While Simmons led the Lady Steers with a 75 Saturday, Julie Owens turned in her first ever round under 100 with a 98, while Pricilla Del Bosque had a 101, Heather Harris posted a 106 and Sarah Anthony had a 112.

ON THE AIR

Television

AUTO RACING

Noon — NASCAR Winston Cup Food City 500, ESPN, Ch. 30.

11 p.m. — World of Outlaws Silver State Shootout, TNN, Ch. 35.

MAJOR LEAGUE BASEBALL

Noon — Arizona Diamondbacks at Atlanta Braves, TBS, Ch. 11.

1:30 p.m. — Milwaukee Brewers at Houston Astros, FXS, Ch. 29.

7 p.m. — Anaheim Angels at Texas Rangers, ESPN, Ch. 30.

NBA BASKETBALL

2 p.m. — Houston Rockets at Utah Jazz, NBC, Ch. 9.

4:30 p.m. — Seattle SuperSonics at Los Angeles Lakers, NBC, Ch. 9.

GOLF

1 p.m. — Michael Douglas and Friends Celebrity Tournament, ABC, Ch. 2 and Ch. 8.

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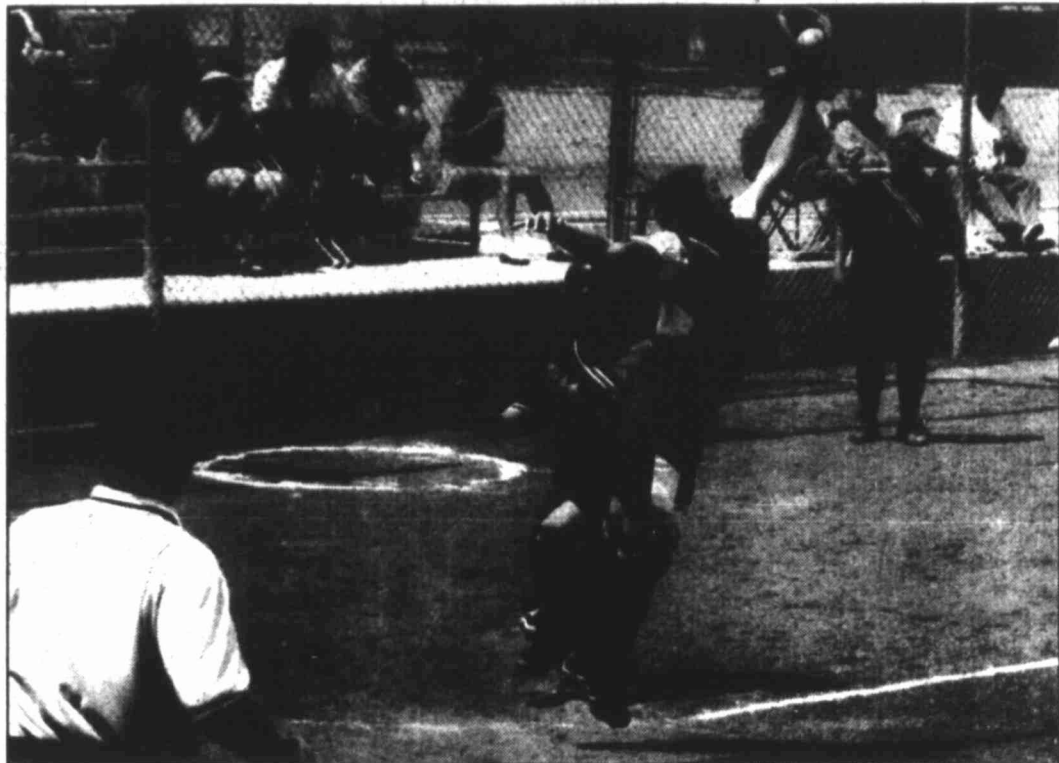
HOCKEY

2 p.m. — Los Angeles Kings at Dallas Stars, FOX, Ch. 3.

TENNIS

3:30 p.m. — Baush and Lomb Championships, finals, ESPN, Ch. 30.

El Paso sweep thwarts Lady Hawks plans for WJCAC title



Howard College's Diana Julian slides in and scored the Lady Hawks first run in a 4-2 loss to El Paso Community College's Tejanos in the fifth inning of Friday's Western Junior College Athletic Conference softball game. Tejanos catcher Toni Guevera makes a leaping catch, but is unable to make the tag in time.

By JOHN A. MOSELEY
Sports Editor

Howard College's Lady Hawks were unable to lock up a Western Junior College Athletic Conference (WJCAC) championship over the weekend, suffering a four-game sweep at the hands of El Paso Community College's Tejanos.

However, the Lady Hawks, now 39-17 overall, finished WJCAC play with a 6-6 slate and are virtually assured of qualifying for the NJCAA Region V Tournament later this month in Abilene.

Howard needed take only two of the three conference games included in Friday's and Saturday's schedule, and even went into the final twinbill needing only to win one game to insure no worse than a second-place finish in the conference standings.

But the Tejanos took Saturday's opener in impressive fashion, 9-1, and then came from behind in the final game of the series to take a 7-6 win.

The sweep improved El Paso's conference record to 6-3 going into this week's final conference series with Midland's Lady Chaparrals.

Midland is 3-6 going into that conference finale and even with a three-game sweep is unlikely to survive the league's tie-breaking criteria.

Howard's only bright spot in Saturday's opener was Teresa Johnson's solo home run in the fourth, but the Lady Hawks seemed to be a different team going into the second game.

The Lady Hawks jumped out to a quick 4-0 lead as Josie Rosovich clubbed a second-inning home run and teammates Diana Julian, Carlee Ledford, Becky Holland and Kristina DeVos added excellent hitting early.

Unfortunately, El Paso shortstop Lisa Marie Castro hit a home run to tie the game in the top of the fourth inning as the Tejanos opened their comeback bid.

But a Castro error opened the door for Howard to score two runs in the bottom of the fourth, retaking the lead at 6-4.

The Lady Hawks simply couldn't keep control, as El Paso scored a run in the top of the sixth to trim the Howard lead to just one run.

And with two out in the top of the seventh, Katie Gutierrez's looping single to center scored the winning runs.

The Lady Hawks went into Friday's opening twinbill of the series having learned perhaps the worst news they'd faced all season — that sophomore all-American pitcher Maria Lopez would be unavailable for at least a month after

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Mitchell steals show at Relays

By JOHN A. MOSELEY
Sports Editor

As expected San Angelo Lake View's Chiefs and Maidens took the team championships Saturday at the AMBUCS Big Spring Relays, but they couldn't keep Steers' sprint star Tory Mitchell from literally stealing the show in front of a home crowd.

The Chiefs piled up 163 points to win the boys' varsity division, while Snyder finished second. The host Steers tied with Andrews for third place with 70 points. Brownfield's Cubs were fifth with 61 points.

"We gave up some points because we didn't have Tory or Doug (White) entered in the long jump and didn't have Doug entered in the 400, either," Steers coach Randy Britton said. "But we just don't have the depth to compete with Lake View overall."

Perhaps the biggest win of the day for the Chiefs came in the 400-meter relay where they posted a 41.66-second time to edge the Mitchell-anchored Steers.

Following that race, however, several Lake View athletes made comments that angered Mitchell and his teammates.

"That was really a problem for Tory, because he was still upset when he ran the 100," Britton said of Mitchell's still sterling time of 10.15 seconds, well ahead of Lake View's Saidric Williams, who finished with a 10.44 clocking. "He wasn't as focused as he should have been and didn't get out well."

It was a different matter in the 200 meters, however, where Mitchell made it clear he would make a statement with his performance, turning in a time of 20.63 seconds — his second best of the year.

"It was certainly one of my best 200s of the year," Mitchell said, admitting that he was trying to deliver a message to several of Lake View's sprinters he felt had taunted him following the sprint relay win. "I wasn't going to say anything ... wasn't any sense in trash talking. I just say what I've got to say out there on the track."

The defending district, regional, state and national champion in the 100 and 200,

Mitchell said he was pleased overall with his and his teammates' experience Saturday.

"It was a good warmup for the district meet," he said, noting that the District 5-4A meet will be staged at Blankenship Field on Friday. "I didn't get out that well in the 100 and didn't have that good a time ... wasn't really happy about that. But I think we'll be ready Friday."

The Steers' first points came in the pole vault where Kyland Wegner finished first with a leap of 11-6 and Colby Ford added a fifth in the triple jump.

Big Spring's first running points came when Mike Martinez finished third in the 3,200 meters. Rolando Ledesma added a fourth in the 800.

Ford would add fifth-place points in the 100, and Martinez would round out the Steers production with a fourth in the 1,600 meters.

In the varsity girls' division, the Maidens scored 124 points to edge Levelland for the team championship. The Lady Lobos chalked up 117 points, while the Lady Steers — failing to win their home meet for the first time in five years — were third with 111.

While Lady Steers coach Jay Kennedy had expected Lake View to win the meet, he added being somewhat perplexed with his team's performance.

"You always look at it and try to see where you didn't compete as well as you'd expected to," Kennedy said, noting that his thoughts were already turning to Friday's district meet.

"The field events are going to set the pace come Friday," he explained. "Everybody's going to have to compete at their very best. We've always rallied for the district meet and we're going to have to do it again."

Levelland dominated the girls' field events, while the Lady Steers' best showing came from Dena Cook's second in the discus.

Big Spring's girls came out early, taking a first in the 400-meter relay with a 49.68 clocking. But the Lady Steers' 800-meter relay finished an uncharacteristic fourth, while Lake View as second.

April McGee gave the Lady Steers their only other first-place finish in the 100 meters,



Big Spring's Tory Mitchell takes the baton to anchor home the Steers' sprint relay team to a second-place finish.

then added a third in the 200, finishing right behind teammate Angelica Hinojos. In the 100, Hinojos finished third.

The Maidens wrapped up the championship with a win in the 1,600-meter relay, motoring to a 4:09.41 clocking, while the Lady Steers were second at 4:15.31.

Forsan's Buffaloes, competing in the meet's junior varsity division, ran away with a team championship, piling up 132 points against the Class 4A and Class 3A schools' younger runners.

Adam Dunlap and Wes Osburn finished one-two in the high jump, while Furillo Subia added a first in the long jump and Daniel Smith added a win in the pole vault.

The Buffs added 40 points to their total by winning both the 400- and 1,600-meter relays. Justin White added another first in the 400 meters and Brian Mims won the 200.

The only events won by Big Spring's junior varsity were the 110- and 300-meter hurdles where Willis Morrison topped the field in the high hurdles with a 16.30-second time and win the intermediate event with a 42.34.

Andrews chalked up the victory in the junior varsity girls' division with 90 points, while Big Spring was second with 83 points and Forsan was third with 78.

The Queens won the 400-meter relay and the 800-meter relay, as well as getting first-place finishes from Erica Hector in the 100 and 200 meters.

The young Lady Steers' best finishes came from its sprint and 1,600-meter relay teams — both taking seconds — and the second-place finishes by Meagan Pudliner in both the 400 meters and the high jump, and Paige King's second in the triple jump.

Bufs romp to team title at own meet

HERALD Staff Report

STANTON — There was literally no competition for Stanton's Buffaloes during Friday's running of the Stanton Invitational track meet.

The Buffs piled up 230 points to win the boys' division team title with a 140-point margin over runner-up Jesus Chapel. Coahoma's Bulldogs finished sixth in the nine-team field with 34 points.

Wall's Lady Hawks walked away with the girls' division championship, piling up 196 points. Coahoma's Bulldogettes were second with 104 points, while Plains' Cowgirls scored 95 points to edge out Stanton's host Lady Buffs for third place by a single point.

The Buffs began their dominance early, winning all but two of the field events.

Jeremy Smith and Chad Smith finished first and second, respectively, in both the discus and shot put. Kyle Herm added a fifth-place finish in the shot, while Coahoma's Lane Belew was sixth.

Justin Cobb added another top finish for the Buffs when he cleared the high jump bar at 6 feet, 4 inches and added a second-place jump in the triple jump. Coahoma's Ryan Peckham finished fourth in the high jump, while Courtney Scurlark added fifth-place points for the Buffs.

In the long jump, it was Maurice Martinez's opportunity to shine, as he and Herm finished first and second. Martinez's leap of 21-91/2 established a new meet record, while Herm posted a jump of 20-0.

Stanton's Blane Smith and Stoney Brown both managed to clear the pole vault bar at 11 feet, 6 inches and finished second and third, respectively.

The Buffs' dominance continued in the running events as Herm, Jeremy Hull, Scurlark and Adrian Hernandez combined for a 44.43 clocking in the 400-meter relay to finish almost a full second ahead of Coahoma.

Julio Cezares added a first-

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Corkery begins restocking Lady Hawks fold with three signings

Just seconds after his Lady Hawks were eliminated from the NJCAA Region V Women's Basketball Tournament in Abilene a month ago, Matt Corkery made it clear that his next order of business would be to get out on the recruiting trail.

On Thursday of last week, Corkery made the first strides toward his bid to put the Lady Hawks back atop the Western Junior College Athletic Conference and a chance to return to the NJCAA national tournament when he signed three Texas high

school products.

Foremost on the list was Sweetwater's Vanessa Lehrmann, the 5-foot-11 forward that Big Spring Lady Steers fans know all too well.

Lehrmann, who averaged 20.7 points per game, as well as 11 rebounds, three blocks and three steals per outing, led the Lady Mustangs to a 28-5 and a berth in the Region I, Class 4A tournament finals this season.

Along the way, Sweetwater went unbeaten in District 5-4A play as Lehrmann earned her second straight most valuable player award in balloting by the district's coaches.

In addition to headlining the 5-4A all-district team, Lehrmann was named to the Texas Sports Writers Association's Class 4A All-State team for a second straight year and was a first-team all-

region selection by the Texas Association of Basketball Coaches.

Corkery made it clear he believes Lehrmann's signing to a national letter of intent could be every bit as clear a coup as when Howard men's coach Tommy Collins managed to lure Sweetwater product Derrick Franklin into the Hawk fold last year.

"Vanessa is a winner in every sense of the word," Corkery noted. "The things she accomplished this season at Sweetwater speaks volumes about her ability."

"We're excited to have a player of her caliber join our program," he added.

The other two commitments to the Lady Hawks program came from San Marcus Lady Rattlers Grace Gantt and Taneshia Harris.

Gantt, a 6-foot forward, led the Lady

Rattlers in scoring with 14 points per game while pulling down nine rebounds and coming up with three steals per game as San Marcus went undefeated in District 27-4A play and fashioned a 27-6 record.

In addition, Gantt was a 55 percent shooter from the field. Both she and Harris were all-district and all-region selections. Gantt was also named to the *Austin American-Statesman's* All-Central Texas team.

"Grace is a tremendous athlete who we believe will fit perfectly into our system," Corkery said after signing Gantt. "Her ability to score, rebound and run the floor makes her our kind of player. I really believe she'll have an impact on the conference as a fresh-

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Forsan sits third at the midpoint of 2-2A tourney

HERALD Staff Report
SAN ANGELO — Forsan's Buffs managed a team total of 356 on the Bentwood Golf Course layout on Thursday to take third place in the boys' team standings following the opening round of the District 2-2A golf tournament.

Ozona's Lions grabbed first place with a 339, as Seth Webster fired a 79 to grab the individual medalist standings, while Sonora's Broncos were three strokes back at 342.

Forsan's "B" team fifth at 376.

Logan Stanley led the way for the Forsan "A" team, carding an 84 that left him tied for fourth individually. Jarrett Hopper added an 89, while Cory Walker had a 91 and William Osburn added a 92. Michael Rowden rounded out the Buff "A" team with a 97.

Forsan's Jackie Brown, posted a 131 going into the second round of girls district play.

Coyotes, Lady Coyotes take 9-1A track championships

HERALD Staff Report

ACKERLY — Borden County's Coyotes and Lady Coyotes walked away with the team championships Thursday at the District 9-1A Track Meet staged at Sands' Mustang Stadium.

The Coyotes piled up 182 points to take a 51-point margin of victory over Sands' runner up Mustangs in the boys' division, while the Lady Coyotes managed an edge out Wellman-Union's Lady Wildcats by just 11/2 points to take the girls' championship.

Borden County finished the girls' competition with 156.5 points, while Wellman finished with 155. Loop's Lady Longhorns were a distant third with 60 points, while Grady's Lady Wildcats were fourth just one-half point behind and Sands was fifth with 52 points.

In the girls' field events, Crossroads Country teams took the lion's share of placing finishes.

The Lady Coyotes' opened their championship effort with Rika Copeland and Ky Merritt finishing first and second in the shot put, while Grady's Rebekah Adams and Lacey Cox were fourth and sixth, respectively.

In the discus, Adams finished third, while Borden County got fourth and fifth places from Valerie Wootan and Copeland.

Bekah Hensley added a second in the

long jump for the Lady Coyotes and was third in the triple jump, while Grady's Sherree Rivas was fifth.

Borden County got fifth-place points from Krystal Lee in the high jump, while teammate Lindsey Smith and Grady's Caroline Madison tied for sixth.

Grady's Brandi Hale took the 3,200 meters with a 14:15.23 clocking, while Borden County's Holly Thomas was second. Sands' Trisha Nichols and April Kennemer were fourth and fifth.

Things were somewhat turned around in the 1,600 meters, however, as Sands' Joanna Martinez finished first with a 6:06.57 clocking. Thomas was second, while Hale was third.

Martinez added a first-place finish in the 800 meters, while teammate Trisha Nichols was fifth. Borden County got second, third and sixth places in that event from Smith, Wootan and Hailey Adcock, while Madison was picked up fourth for Grady.

The sprint relay saw Borden County finish second, while Sands was sixth. The Lady Coyotes same foursome of Shaina Isaacs, Mayes, Katie Kemp and Hensley finished first in the 800-meter relay with a 1:52.46 clocking.

The Lady Coyotes continued to pile up points as Hensley finished second in the 100 meters, while Grady's Adams was fourth. Crystal Dye added a second-place for Borden County in the 100 hurdles,

while Poole was sixth. Kami Hambrick added a fourth for the Lady Mustangs.

Wootan added a third-place in the 400 meters and Smith, Isaacs, Kemp and Mayes motored to second place in the 1,600-meter relay with a 4:20.99 clocking. Sands was third in the mile relay, while Grady was fourth.

The three Crossroads Country schools — primarily Borden County and Sands — were even more dominant in the boys' field events, as Grady's only points came from Jed Hinojosa's second in the shot.

Borden County's Jeff Dennis was third in the shot, but rebounded to win the discus, while Sands' Brian Holland, who'd been fourth in the shot, was second and teammate Cal Zant was third. The Coyotes got sixth in the discus from Kevin Pinkerton.

Fernando Baeza added a first-place finish in the pole vault, while teammates Lee Pepper and Ramon Griffin were third and fifth. Sands' Diego Porras was second.

Baeza chipped in a second in the long jump, while teammate Ed Rodriguez was fifth. Sands' Marcus DeLeon was third.

In the triple jump, Joseph Hardman gave Borden County a second, while Sands' Gilberto Ibarra was fifth.

Stuart Beall and Coby Floyd closed out the Mustangs' point production in the field events by finishing fourth and fifth in the high jump.

Trent Pepper and T.C. Stipe finished first and third in the 3,200 meters for the Coyotes, while the Mustangs kept pace with second, fourth and fifth places from Porras, Emanuel Martinez and Jose Martinez.

Pepper and Stipe were again first and third in the 1,600 meters, while Porras was second and teammates Emanuel Martinez and Salvador Martinez were fifth and sixth.

The 800 meters saw Salvador Martinez finish second, while Borden County's Payton Brown and Philip Avalos were third and fifth.

Borden County finished first in the 400-meter relay. Ryan Grant, Joseph Hardman, Colt McCook and Baeza motoring to a 45.59 clocking. Sands' four-some of Hale Looney, DeLeon, Ibarra and Cesar Martinez was second at 46.32. Grady finished fifth.

Floyd added a third in the 110-meter high hurdles, while Robert Stamper was sixth for Borden County. Stamper came back to finish second in the 300 hurdles, while Grant was fifth. Sands' Floyd was fourth.

As expected, Borden County and Sands dominated the sprints. Baeza finished first in the 100 with an 11.29 clocking, while Pinkerton was fourth. The Mustangs got third place from DeLeon, while Looney and Ibarra were fifth and sixth.

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place finish for the Buffs in the 800 meters before Cobb got in on the point production again, finishing second in the 110-meter high hurdles, while teammate Ace Keele was fourth.

Cobb's second-place finish in the 110-meter hurdles was nothing to sneeze at, since the time of 14.71 seconds turned in by Colorado City's Justin Matthews established the day's only other new record.

Keele would finish fourth in the 300-meter hurdles later, while Cobb was fifth.

Hernandez and Herm finished

first and second, respectively, in the 100 meters, while Martinez was fifth. Hernandez added a first-place clocking of 23.69 in the 200.

David Cunningham and Blaine Smith added third- and fourth-place finishes in the 400 meters.

A second place-finish in the 1,600-meter relay and one-three-four finish in the 1,600 meters by Hernandez, Cazares and Ramos capped the sterling performance.

Coahoma's Bulldogettes made their presence known in the girls' events, as well.

The biggest win for the

Bulldogettes coming from Rachel Williams, whose 59.90 clocking in the 400 meters established a new meet record.

Williams added a second-place finish in the long jump, while Leanne Smith finished fourth. Williams was also sixth in the triple jump.

Kourtney Kemper would be among the Bulldogettes leaders, as she finished third in the high jump and fourth in the long jump, was fifth in the 200 meters and ran on the Bulldogettes first-place 800-meter relay foursome and second-place 400-meter relay along with Williams, Smith and

Brandie Hart.

The Bulldogettes also got big production from Hart, as she finished third in the 100 meters and ran her relay legs.

Lauren Nichols provided a third in the discus for the Bulldogettes, while Suzanna Wood was second in the shot.

Crystal Atkinson also stepped up for Coahoma, finishing fifth in the discus, was fourth in the 100-meter hurdles and fifth in the 300-meter hurdles.

Julie Adams and Jonna Moore provided much of the scoring for Stanton's host Lady Buffs, Moore finishing first in the 3,200 meters and second in the

1,600 where Coahoma's Kristy Kinard was sixth.

Adams finished second in the 200 meters, was third in the

triple jump, fourth in the high jump and ran a leg on the Lady Buffs' third-place 800-meter relay foursome.

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LADY HAWKS

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having suffered a stress fracture of the fifth metatarsal in her right foot.

Lopez suffered the injury trying to run out a hit during Wednesday's doubleheader sweep of Midland College's Lady Chaparrals.

With Lopez seated in the bleachers wearing a walking cast, the Lady Hawks had to rely on freshman Brandy Smith, who is still trying to overcome a sore right shoulder, in Friday's first game that would count in the WJAC standings.

Freshman Kristina DeVos was pressed into duty for the day's second game.

The Tejanas took advantage, turning a solid offensive performance in both games to take a 4-2 and 7-6 sweep.

El Paso pounded out nine hits in the opener, five of them doubles that rattled the outfield fences.

Most of the damage came in the second inning when a Lady Hawks error and a bunt single by Tejana center fielder Lori Pollard set the stage for a two-run double down the left field line by catcher Toni Guevera, who'd score a few minutes later when right fielder Veronica Holguin singled up the middle with two out.

The Tejanas added an insurance run in the top of the fifth when designated player Christi Fortner doubled to the fence in left center and scored when second baseman Erica Aguilar doubled to center.

That was all El Paso's Valerie Wood would need, as she pitched 42/3 perfect innings before Julian ruined the gem with a bunt single that Tejana first baseman Amanda Alvarez turned into much more.

Alvarez fielded Julian's bunt and tried to make a late play to first, but her throw sailed past

Aguilar who was covering on the play. The error allowed Julian to circle the bases, providing the Lady Hawks' first run.

The only other blemish on Wood's four-hitter was Johnson's one-out solo home run in the bottom of the seventh.

The Lady Hawks had an opportunity to tie the game with runners at the corners and two out in the seventh, but Holguin ran down a Holland shot to the gap in right field to end the game.

Howard had the same luck in Friday's nightcap, as El Paso erased a 2-1 Howard lead in the top of the third, turning a Lady Hawks error and three hits into a 4-1 lead a never looked back.

Holguin led off the inning by reaching base on an error and moved to third when Gutierrez doubled to left.

Gutierrez's double was one of four of the Tejana's managed off DeVos.

The biggest damage came

after Aguilar drove in Holguin with a sacrifice fly. Tejanas third baseman put El Paso on top for good on DeVos' first offering, ripping a two-run homer to left for the 4-2 lead.

The Lady Hawks would trim the lead to 4-3 in their half of the inning and Andrea Padias reached base on a bunt single, swiped second and moved to third on a Ledford sacrifice. Johnson drove her in with a sacrifice fly to right.

El Paso drove the nail in Howard's coffin in the fifth when three of the first four batters DeVos faced hit doubles and Pollard capped the rally with another sacrifice fly.

As was the case in the first game, the Lady Hawks battled back in the bottom of the seventh, but came up just short.

Trailing 7-4, Howard mounted a two-out rally when Johnson drew a walk and Rosovich singled to left. El Paso's Gutierrez mishandled the ball, allowing the runners to advance.

A throwing error on a

grounder by Julian allowed Johnson to score, putting runners at the corners. Kara Brand then doubled to left, scoring Rosovich, but Julian was cut down at the plate trying to score the tying run, ending the game.

The Lady Hawks will return to action on Thursday when they travel to Cisco for a 1 p.m. doubleheader.

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Stanton's Herm, Coahoma's Nichols earn TSWA all-state mention

From staff and wire reports

Stanton's Kyle Herm, already named to the Texas Association of Basketball Coaches' Class 2A all-state basketball team, added another honor to his considerable list of accomplishments Friday when he was named as a second-team selection to the Texas Sports Writers Association Class 2A all-state team.

Herm had already been a first-team all-state selection by both the Associated Press and the TSWA in football. He has signed with Rice University to play football for the Owls next season.

A 5-foot-10 point guard, Herm led the Buffs to the Region I, Class 2A tournament finals before Stanton's hoops season came to an end.

While Herm was named to the Class 2A second-squad, Coahoma Bulldogs star Blake Nichols was selected to the third team.

Duncanville's Brian Boddicker, one of the nation's top underclassmen, was the TSWA's Class 5A Player of the Year.

The 6-foot-9 Boddicker, who led Duncanville to the state championship, averaged 19.2 points and 8 rebounds per game as a junior.

Other Players of the Year are: Wichita Falls' Bingo Merriex (33 ppg, 10.5 rpg, 4.2 blocks per game) in Class 4A; Seminole's Chris Ogden (16.6 ppg, 10.4 rpg, 9 assists per game) in Class 3A; Peaster's A.J. Hill (22 ppg, 11 rpg) in Class 2A; and Moulton's Robert Tovar (22 ppg, 14 rpg) in Class A.

Here is the complete list of All-State teams:

CLASS 5A

FIRST TEAM
Roosevelt Brown, Duncanville, 6-3, Sr.; Charles Tatum, Midland, 5-9, Sr.; Skip Jackson, Beaumont Central, 5-11, Sr.; Brian Boddicker, Duncanville, 6-9, Jr.; Jay Christian, Midland, 6-6, Sr.; George Williams, Sugar Land Elkins, 6-8, Sr.

SECOND TEAM

Edward Garrett, Beaumont Central, 6-1, Sr.; Cedric Brooks, Killeen, 5-10, Sr.; Kerrick Spikes, Dallas Kimball, 5-11, Sr.; Lonnie Gusters, Dallas Kimball, 6-4, Sr.; O.J. McClintock, Round Rock Westwood, 6-3, Sr.; Ryan Randle, Duncanville, 6-9, Sr.

THIRD TEAM

Adam Drain, Sugar Land Dulles, 6-3, Sr.; David Sykes, Duncanville, 6-5, Sr.; Maurice Felton, San Antonio Jay, 6-0, Sr.; Felipe Rivera, Laredo United, 6-5, Sr.; Quinton Ross, Dallas Kimball, 6-6, Sr.; Josh Brian, Pearland, 6-7, Sr.

Player of the Year: Brian Boddicker, Duncanville

Coach of the Year: Phil McNeely, Duncanville

CLASS 4A

FIRST TEAM

Marcus Johnson, Austin LBJ, 6-3, Sr.; Rossi Carron, Port Arthur Lincoln, 5-11, Sr.; Travis Adams, Corpus Christi Flour Bluff, 5-11, Sr.; Jamell Grandberry, Crowley, 6-2, Jr.; Bingo Merriex, Wichita Falls, 6-8, Sr.; Kevin Daniel, Longview Pine Tree, 6-4, Sr.

SECOND TEAM

Lionel Vasquez, Beeville, 6-0, Sr.; Ronnie Hudson, Longview Pine Tree, 5-11, Sr.; Tery Shelton, Crowley, 5-11, Sr.; Anthony Hopkins, Austin LBJ, 6-10, Sr.; Demario Hooper, Texarkana, 6-4, Sr.; Jason Miller, Silsbee, 6-2, Sr.

THIRD TEAM

Tyrone Luckey, San Marcos, 6-4, Sr.; Marquette Wilkins, Pflugerville

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man."

Harris, a 5-foot-7 guard, averaged 13 points as a senior, as well as averaging seven rebounds, three assists and four steals per game.

It's the Lady Rattlers' guard's quickness that impresses Corkery the most.

"I believe that quickness is the most important characteristic of a Lady Hawk backcourt player and Taneshia definitely has that," he explained.

"What's more, she (Harris) can play both guard positions well and defend just about anybody. She's going to be a fun one to watch next season."

While Lehrmann's decision to attend Howard could go a long way to improving an inside game that proved to be chink in Howard's armor this season, Corkery is still on the lookout for a dominating post.

That's where the Lady Hawks were hurt the most last year ... that and not really having an experienced backup for Karlita Washington at the point.

There's no question Corkery understands the need for a dominating presence inside. The only question is whether or not he'll be able to sign one.

John A. Moseley is sports editor of the Herald. His column appears on Wednesdays and Sundays.

Connally, 6-0, Sr.; Josh Alexander, Austin McCallum, 6-2, Sr.; Brian Stickle, Corpus Christi Calallen, 6-5, Sr.; Jamaal Hunnicutt, Canyon Randall, 6-4, Jr.; Lindy Kirk, Springtown, 5-11, Sr.

Player of the Year: Bingo Merriex, Wichita Falls

Coach of the Year: Gary Surratt, Crowley

CLASS 3A

FIRST TEAM

Ricky Huckabay, Mexia, 6-1, Soph.; Chris Ogden, Seminole, 6-7, Sr.; Justin Morehead, Lufkin Hudson, 6-4, Sr.; Demar Chambers, Mexia, 6-3, Sr.; Tim Hubbard, Mexia, 6-5, Sr.; Rod Ceasar,

Clarksville, 6-5, Sr.
SECOND TEAM
Jesse Kimbrough, Mexia, 6-0, Soph.; Marcus Carter, Rusk, 6-3, Sr.; Marcus Campbell, Corpus Christi West Oso, 5-10, Sr.; Brandon McAdams, Lufkin Hudson, 6-3, Sr.; Clint Watts, Clyde, 6-10, Sr.; Kaleb Clay, Seminole, 6-6, Sr.

THIRD TEAM

Kenneth Reeves, Hitchcock, 6-0, Sr.; Mikey Marshall, Tulia, 6-4, Jr.; Matt Short, Pottsboro, 6-1, Sr.; Thaddeus Haynes, Crockett, 6-6, Sr.; Steve Edwards, Clarksville, 6-6, Sr.; Dustin Mikes, La Vernia, 6-4, Sr.

Player of the Year: Chris Ogden, Seminole

Coach of the Year: Terrul

Henderson, Mexia
CLASS 2A
FIRST TEAM
Marcus Simmons, Hubbard, 5-11, Sr.; Randy Johnson, Italy, 6-3, Sr.; David Owen, Harleton, 6-1, Sr.; Bruce Garvie, Peaster, 6-4, Sr.; A.J. Hill, Peaster, 6-3, Jr.; Houston Marquis, Krum, 6-2, Sr.

SECOND TEAM

Aaron Barr, Eula, 6-3, Sr.; Kyle Herm, Stanton, 5-10, Sr.; Taruis McDaniel, Grapeland, 6-3, Sr.; Cedrick Keyes, Brookshire Royal, 6-4, Sr.; Peter Staackman, Port Aransas, 6-3, Sr.; Sterling Watson, Ganado, 6-2, Sr.

THIRD TEAM

Kenneth Barrett, Graepand, 6-0, Sr.; Hercules Tarver, Omaha Paul Pewitt, 6-3, Jr.; George Shrubs, Wellington, 5-9, Sr.; Justin Booth, Beckville, 6-6, Sr.; Blake Nichols, Coahoma, 6-1, Sr.; Dean Slade, Hubbard, 6-2, Sr.

Player of the Year: A.J. Hill, Peaster

Coach of the Year: Danny Henderson, Peaster

CLASS A

FIRST TEAM

Anthony Weeaks, Moulton, 6-0, Jr.; Jeremy Bennett, Goodrich, 6-2, Sr.; Darrell Garrett, Brookeland, 6-2, Jr.; Marcus Bobb, Ponder, 6-4, Sr.; Robert Tovar, Moulton, 6-3, Jr.; Brandon Garrett, Goodrich, 6-4, Sr.

SECOND TEAM
David Alexander, Frost, 5-10, Sr.; Ramon Williams, Brookeland, 5-10, Jr.; Heath Riley, Smyer, 5-10, Sr.; Josh Hale, Aspermont, 6-1, Sr.; Scott Chaloupka, Moulton, 6-1, Jr.; Melvin Dews, Oakwood, 6-5, Sr.

THIRD TEAM

Michael Betts, Wortham, 5-10, Sr.; Aaron Barnett, Milano, 6-4, Sr.; Jonathan Walker, Paducah, 6-0, Sr.; Jaroy Hunt, Brookeland, 6-3, Sr.; Brad Flemmons, Paducah, 6-4, Sr.; Richard Gill, Spurger, 6-4, Soph.

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Big Spring Herald

Sunday, April 11, 1999

Some Big Spring kids are getting a

HEAD START



Students at Lakeview Head Start are getting more than just an early beginning in school. They and their parents get a "head start" into a healthier life and a better future. This program, which serves 3 and 4-year-olds of low-income families, meets on weekdays at the old Lakeview School building in North Big Spring.

There, students learn about hygiene, self-discipline and getting along with others, as well as colors, numbers and the other essentials of prekindergarten. Their parents, meanwhile, are offered classes on such topics as parenting skills, stretching food dollars and community living.

"We want to help their parents move from dependency to self-sufficiency," said Richard Smith, associate director for Project Head Start in Odessa, where the local program is based. "We want to give them skills they will need to work in their own communities."

Started in 1965 by President Lyndon Johnson as part of his "Great Society," Head Start was originally a summer program that soon evolved to a full nine-month school program. Thirty-four years later, it operates in all states and territories of the United States.

"This is a program that came out of Washington that does what it said it would do," Smith said. "Head Start is a popular program for that reason."

Each program, including the local one, has to match a certain amount of its federal funding. That means all sorts of fundraisers such as sales, contests and giveaways. Locally, the recent crowning of Lakeview Head Start's King and Queen reflected those two students' (and their parents') successful effort at gathering donations that will go toward school programs.

Head Start programs are evaluated every year, Smith said. "You won't find that in any other child care arena," he said. And this is one place that parental input is not just encouraged, it is required.

"One mandate is that the parent must be involved." Job openings are sometimes offered to parents first, Smith said. A committee of parents also helps to develop policies for the program.

All teachers have at least an associate's degree in child development, he said, and class size is limited to 20 in the 4-year-olds and 17 in the 3-year-olds.

Students participate in all sorts of special events, picnics, dress-up days and lessons that revolve around certain themes. They take naps, eat snacks and even brush their teeth twice a day. The program offers free medical and dental care for all students, and counseling is available for those who need it.

Bilingual teachers and staff are available in each classroom, since Spanish is the most common second language in the area, Smith said.

Much of the learning, Smith said, is play-centered, reflecting what has been found to work best for youngsters of that age.

"It looks like they are playing," he said. "But there's definitely more going on there. The lessons are subtly delivered."

And the program, despite changes in welfare and entitlement programs of all kinds, will endure, he said.

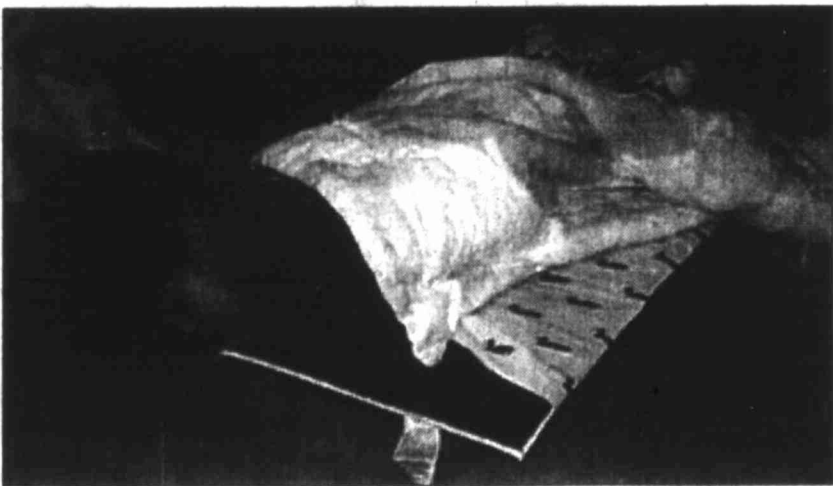
"Head Start is always changing. That's what kept it moving forward. Any program that doesn't change is not going to survive."



Top left, Ronnie Baker, left, Crystal Juarez and Gabriella share snack time at Lakeview Head Start. At left, the Head Start Royal Court, comprised of the top fundraisers in the school, are Eric Fierro, Jimmy Hernandez, King Justin Cervantes, Queen Chelsea Torres, Allison Payen and Kendra Carey.



Above, left, Priscilla Rodriguez, left, signs up her daughter Clarissa, 3, for Head Start with help from staff member Joann Garcia. Bottom left, Daniella Carrillo takes a nap. Above, Gabriella Ortiveros and Diamond Bailey share a water fountain.



Story by Debbie L. Jensen ... Photos by Marsha Sturdivant and Debbie L. Jensen

The Dull Knife family story: A century of Lakota Sioux life

When I was young and had all the answers to the world's problems, I used to spend considerable time contemplating the injustices of society—in other parts of the country. In one class at the State Teacher College I attended in Nebraska, other students and I had some heated discussions on the subject.

The irony of it never occurred to any of us. We were a few miles from the Winnebago and Omaha Reservations and a short distance from the Pine Ridge Reservation in South Dakota. But not once did we think about injustices to the Indians,

or to be politically correct, the Native Americans.

I have trouble with that term, and I think others may also. At a faculty meeting my sister, Shirley, attended in Albuquerque, teachers were told that the school district would not "back them" if they ever used the word, "Indian."

One teacher spoke in protest. "I am an Indian," he said, "and I'm proud of it. Anyone can be a Native American."

The administrator said, "Well, I'll convey your opinion to the Albuquerque School District." "b." the policy has not been changed.

Joe Starus, in his book, The

Dull Knives of Pine Ridge, used the word Indian, as he recounted the true story of a century of Lakota Sioux life.

In 1877, the Lakotas were forced to leave their homeland on the northern plains and live on the Darlington Reservation in Oklahoma. They had never known the kind of heat and



JEAN WARREN

humidity they encountered there, and many became ill.

In addition, the food promised in the treaties did not always arrive, or it was always in short supply. In the spring of 1878, a measles epidemic swept through the Indian camps. Finally, in desperation, Chief Dull Knife led his people on a 600-mile freedom flight back to their homeland in South Dakota.

His son, George Dull Knife, remembered that sad journey. He grew up on the Pine Ridge Reservation where the Lakotas struggled to learn a new way of living.

He escaped life on the reser-

vation when Buffalo Bill Cody recruited Indians for this Wild West Show. George Dull Knife and Cody became friends and he toured with the troop for several years, visiting London and Paris and traveling throughout the United States.

His son, Guy Dull Knife, also saw Paris, but as a part of the American Expeditionary Force in World War I. It was in this war the Indian "code talkers" were used to confound the German intelligence.

Guy Dull Knife, Jr., followed his father's footsteps by joining the army and serving in Vietnam. There he was assigned the hazardous duty of

walking point. On jungle patrol, the point man walked ahead of the main soldier body to detect the dangers of booby traps, land mines, and possible ambush.

Today, Guy Dull Knife, Jr., is an artist and sculptor. He has spent the last decade working to preserve the Lakota culture.

The story of this remarkable family has added greatly to my understanding of some of the problems facing Indians and has given me a new appreciation for their history and traditions.

Jean Warren writes a monthly column for the Big Spring Herald.

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WEDDINGS

Rameriz-Love

Monique Rameriz and Josh Love, both of Big Spring, were united in marriage on March 20, 1999, in the ballroom of the Dora Roberts Community Center with Justice of the Peace China Long officiating.

She is the daughter of Martin and Rosa Rameriz of Midland and Steve and Armetinda Robisky of Bittendorf, Iowa. He is the son of Jack and Donna Love of Big Spring, and the grandson of Marvin and Lola Lamb of Big Spring.

Given in marriage by her father and step-father, the bride wore a formal length gown of bridal satin adorned with lace and pearls around the scalloped hemline. The satin bodice with lace overlay was designed with a sweetheart neckline and was accented with seed pearls and sequins. The back was open with strings of seed pearls falling from the neckline. A detachable satin rosette bow held the cathedral length train in place. A tiara of pearls and white silk flowers secured the illusion veil.

She carried a bouquet of white roses accented with greenery and tiny white flowers.

Maid of honor was Edwina Ceballos, cousin of the bride.

Crystal Carrisalez and Clarissa Carrisalez were the flower girls, and Hillary Ozuna was the ringbearer.

Josh Gaston served as best man.

Serving as ushers were



MR. AND MRS. JOSH LOVE

James Love and James Ozuna. Serving as ushers were

the bride's cake was a four tiered, traditional faircase white cake with basketweave frosting and white silk roses and greenery.

The groom's cake was a double chocolate cake topped with gourmet chocolate covered strawberries.

The bride is a 1998 graduate of Big Spring High School and is employed by American State Bank.

The groom is a 1998 graduate of Big Spring High School and is employed by the Big Spring State Hospital.

The couple have made their home in Big Spring.

GETTING ENGAGED



Monica Irene Gonzales and Albert Carrion Aguilar, both of San Antonio, will exchange wedding vows on May 29, 1999, at Holy Spirit Catholic Church in San Antonio.

She is the daughter of Benito and Sylvester Gonzales of Coahoma, and the granddaughter of Felicitas Gonzales of Coahoma.

He is the son of Alberto and Julia C. Aguilar of San Antonio.



Ashley Graham Hunt of Lubbock, and Christopher Blake Smith of San Angelo, will be united in marriage on July 24, 1999, at the First United Methodist Church of Hallsville.

She is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. James Benjamin Hunt of Hallsville.

He is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Greg Smith of Big Spring, and the grandson of Mr. and Mrs. Louis Sturm of Luther.



Kristi Kae Birrell and Michael Shane Elliott, both of Big Spring, will unite in marriage on May 8, 1999, at Trinity Baptist Church with Bro. Randy Cotton, pastor, officiating.

She is the daughter of Greg and Clarice Birrell of Big Spring, and the granddaughter of G. William (Bill) Birrell and J.C. Ringener, of Big Spring.

He is the son of Ken Elliott and Jan Elliott, both of Big Spring, and the grandson of Elsie Elliott and Bernie Wanderer, of Big Spring.

STORK CLUB

Oscar Lee Alvarado, March 25, 1999, 4:26 p.m., six pounds six ounces and 19 3/4 inches long; parents are Lee Roy Alvarado and Rosa Maria Flores.

Grandparents are Luis and Lupe Flores and Estela Sanchez and Herminina Martinez.

Haleyxa Alexis Smith, girl, April 5, 1999, 9:53 p.m., eight pounds 6 1/2 ounces and 20 inches long; parents are Sunni Smith and Jason Seay.

Grandparents are Charles and Sharon Smith of Big Spring, Jeff and Julie Brashears of Fort Worth, and Jack and Bonnie Bennett of Big Spring.

Sidney Amy Marie, girl, March 31, 1999, 4:02 p.m., five pounds three ounces; mother is Gloria Garza.

Grandparents are Inez Garza, the late Margarita and the late Ildifonso Heredia and the late Vidal Garza.

Kauai Lani Jonnelle Franco, girl, March 31, 1999, 5:02 a.m., six pounds 12 1/2 ounces and 19 inches long; parents are Mr. and Mrs. John P. Franco.

Grandparents are Gilbert Franco of Big Spring, Mr. and Mrs. Herbert Callejo of Hawaii and Olivia of Fort Worth.

Eric Jessie Coker, boy, March 27, 1999, 1:43, seven pounds five ounces and 20 inches long; parents are Danya and Jessie Coker.

Grandparents are Pat Gammons of Mead, Okla., Joyce Burchett, Don Atkinson, and Preston Daylong, all of Big Spring.

Keylee Makay Paul, girl, March 29, 1999, 5:26 a.m., five pounds seven ounces and 19 inches long; parents are Jennifer Kilman and Jimmy Paul Sr.

Grandfather is Eddie Eddard Paul of Big Spring.

Mary Abigail Ramirez, girl, March 26, 1999, 4:05 a.m., five pounds 14 ounces and 19 inches long; parents are Tommy and Maria Ramirez.

Grandparents are Raul and Herminia Garcia and Julian and Linda Ramirez, all of Big Spring.

IN THE MILITARY

Timothy J. Paton, Jr., has joined the United States Army under the Delayed Entry Program at the U.S. Army Recruiting Station. The program gives young men and women the opportunity to delay entering active duty for up to one year.

Paton, a student at Big Spring High School, will report to Fort Jackson, Columbia, S.C., for basic training on July 1.

He is the son of Timothy J. Paton and Rosalinda Mindling, both of Big Spring.

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True story makes this novel very thrilling

"Angle of Impact." Bonnie MacDougal. The Ballantine Publishing Group, New York, New York, January, 1999. 349 pages. \$6.99.



PAT WILLIAMS

Dana Svenssen is traveling in her car on the outer edges of Philadelphia. Talking to her client over her car phone, he tells her his location in the helicopter is directly over a local, well-known amusement park - the same one at which her two daughters are enjoying a school field trip. During Dana's conversation, there is a terrible noise, then nothing but silence. Within minutes Dana learns the helicopter has collided with a private plane; the debris falls into the park, killing several people.

In her legal career, Dana has represented the corporation that owned the helicopter, and in a similar move, Dana is given the primary responsibility to frame a defense that would serve them if a case would be filed. She immediately sets about to gather expert witnesses, handle responses to the media, and launch a drive to determine the actual chain of events.

As the investigation begins to take form, questions regarding the cause of the collision remain unanswered. It takes Dana's own amateur photographs taken at the accident scene to propel the investigation, but these pictures are also the cause for threats to the safety of Dana and her family.

Rarely does a plot line manage to sustain excitement and suspense throughout the story, but "Angle of Impact" succeeds in doing just that. The intensity, accelerates much like a roller coaster as it careens downhill through its twists and turns. In addition to the personal experiences of the characters within the story, MacDougal lays out the dilemma faced by major insurance corporations when accidents happen and the court awards exorbitant restitution.

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Newell-Saint

Heather Newell and Richard Saint, both of Florence, Colo., exchanged wedding vows on Nov. 21, 1998, at the First Church of the Nazarene, Big Spring, with Rev. John Doll officiating.

She is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Kerry Newell of Florence, Colo., and the granddaughter of Mr. and Mrs. Earl Newell of Big Spring, and Mr. and Mrs. J.C. Woods of Guymon, Okla., formerly of Big Spring.

He is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Steve Westbrook of Big Spring, and Mr. and Mrs. Leonard Saint of Florence, Colo., and the grandson of Mr. and Mrs. Richard Cauble and Mr. and Mrs. Bill Westbrook, all of Big Spring.

Pianist was Betty Downey, and soloist was Jose Gonzales, both of Big Spring.

Given in marriage by her father, the bride wore a white gown of matte satin with an off-the-shoulder neckline, fitted bodice and a basque waistline covered with French re-embroidered lace and accented with sequins and seed pearls. The chapel length train was edged in French re-embroidered lace and sequins and seed pearls. She wore a hat covered with lace and edged with pearls with a shoulder length veil.

The bride carried a cascading bouquet of irises, roses, stephanotis and lilies tied with a satin ribbon.

Maid of honor was Kris Smith of Florence, Colo.

Kayli Newell, bride's cousin of Big Spring, was the flower girl.

Steve Westbrook, groom's



MR. AND MRS. RICHARD NEWELL

stepfather, served as best man. Serving as ushers were Marine Corporal James Saint, brother of the groom of Oahu, Hawaii, and Trey Cauble, cousin of the groom of Midland.

Following the ceremony, a reception was held in the fellowship hall.

The bride's cake was a four tiered white cake with different shades of blue flowers decorating it.

The groom's cake was chocolate with chocolate icing in the shape of a fish with a hook in its mouth.

The bride is a 1998 graduate of Florence High School, Florence, Colo. She is employed by Daylight Donuts in Florence.

The groom is employed by Husker Erectors in Colorado Springs, Colo.

Following a delayed wedding trip to New England, the couple will make their home in Florence, Colo.

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THURSDAY-Stew & peas, salad, milk/fruit
FRIDAY-Pork chops, potatoes, green bean, milk/rolls, applesauce

ELBOW SCHOOL
MONDAY-Chicken, green beans, fruit, milk
TUESDAY-Hot dogs, tator tots, fruit
WEDNESDAY-Meatloaf, salad, fruit, milk
THURSDAY-Braised ribs, peas/carrots, fruit/milk
FRIDAY-Hamburger, salad, pickle, milk

SANDS SCHOOLS
MONDAY-Hamburger, tomato, pickles, cake, milk
TUESDAY-Chicken w/gravy, mashed green beans, hot milk
WEDNESDAY-Beans, rice, cornbread, pudding
THURSDAY-Beef, potatoes, salad, ranch dressing, fruit, milk
FRIDAY-Fiesta, beans, salad, cook milk

FORSAN SCHOOLS
MONDAY-Pizza, cookies and cream, milk
TUESDAY-Taco sauce, cheese, style beans, churros
WEDNESDAY-Chicken, french fries, strawberry shortcake, milk
THURSDAY-Cheese chips, salad, pickles, ice cream, milk
FRIDAY-Chicken

NEWCOM

Newcomers welcome by Joy Fortenberry. Newcomer Greeting include:

Miles and Michele and children, Stephanie, Odessa employed by Dr P. Pepsi.

Richard and Sifuentes and son Cedar Hill. He is employed by Cornell Corrections. Henry and Arredondo, Lame employed by Corrections.

Aaron and Shara daughter Kylie Austin and Colton, a physical therapist Chiropractic Center.

Salvador Aguilar, works for Cornell Co. George and Sabri daughter Evie and Monahans.



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TUESDAY-Enchiladas, Spanish rice, beans, salad, milk/cornbread, pie.

WEDNESDAY-Meatloaf, macaroni & cheese, zucchini, salad, milk/rolls, cake.

THURSDAY-Stew, cauliflower & peas, salad, milk/cornbread, fruit.

FRIDAY-Pork chops, sweet potatoes, green beans, salad, milk/rolls, applesauce.

ELBOW SCHOOL

MONDAY-Chicken & noodles, green beans, fruit, crackers, milk.

TUESDAY-Hot dog, pork & beans, tater tots, fruit, milk.

WEDNESDAY-Beef fajita, corn, salad, fruit, milk.

THURSDAY-Braised beef, rice, peas/carrots, hot roll, fruit/milk.

FRIDAY-Hamburger, fries, salad, pickle, milk.

SANDS SCHOOLS

MONDAY-Hamburgers, lettuce, tomato, pickles, french fries, cake milk.

TUESDAY-Chicken strips w/gravy, mashed potatoes, green beans, hot rolls, fruit, milk.

WEDNESDAY-Frito pie, salad, pinto beans, spinach, rice, cornbread, pudding, milk.

THURSDAY-Beef fajita burritos, salad, ranch style beans, fruit, milk.

FRIDAY-Fiestados, pork & beans, salad, cookies, fruit, milk.

FORSAN SCHOOLS

MONDAY-Pizza, corn, salad, cookies and creme, milk.

TUESDAY-Taco salad and taco sauce, cheese, salad, ranch style beans, churros, milk.

WEDNESDAY-Chicken sandwich, french fries, salad, strawberry shortcake, milk.

THURSDAY-Cheeseburgers, chips, salad, pickles and onions, ice cream, milk.

FRIDAY-Chicken and gravy,

whipped potatoes, broccoli and cheese, hot rolls, fruit jello, milk.

COAHOMA SCHOOLS

MONDAY-Chicken nuggets, gravy, mashed potato, green beans, rolls, milk.

TUESDAY-Chalupas (burritos), salad, fries, cookies, milk.

WEDNESDAY-BBQ sausage (chicken pattie), macaroni, baked beans, fruit, bread, milk.

THURSDAY-Homemade burritos (corn dogs), tater tots, blueberry cobbler, milk.

FRIDAY-Pizza, fries, fresh fruit, milk.

STANTON SCHOOLS

MONDAY-Steakburger or fishburger, french fries, sandwich salad, fruit cup, cookie, milk, fruit drink.

TUESDAY-Spaghetti or chicken nuggets, green beans, tossed salad, applesauce gelatin, french bread, milk, fruit drink.

WEDNESDAY-Pizza or corn dog, mixed vegetables, tossed salad, peaches, milk, fruit drink.

THURSDAY-Steak fingers or meatloaf, mashed potatoes/gravy, buttered spinach, chocolate cake, hot roll, milk, fruit drink.

FRIDAY-Hot dog/chili or burrito/chili, buttered corn, carrot/celery sticks, peanut butter bar, milk, fruit drink.

BIG SPRING SCHOOLS

MONDAY-Meatball sandwich (chili cheese fries), potato rounds, carrot sticks, pear halves, milk.

TUESDAY-Fried chicken (pizza pocket), mashed potatoes, green beans, banana pudding, hot roll, milk.

WEDNESDAY-Burrito (chef salad), chili relleno torta, potato wedges, grapes, milk.

THURSDAY-Pig in blanket (cheeseburger macaroni), corn on cob, pickle spears, ice cream bar, milk.

FRIDAY-Cheeseburger (sausage on stick), salad, french fries, ranch style beans, cookie, milk.

WHO'S WHO

The United States Achievement Academy announced recently that Keely Patterson, Big Spring, has been named an All-American Collegiate Scholar.

The USAA has established the All-American Collegiate Award Program to offer deserved recognition to superior students who excel in the academic disciplines. The All-American Collegiate Scholars must earn a 3.3, or higher, grade point average.

Keely Patterson, who attends Howard College, was nominated for this national award by Dr. Linda Buchanan. She will appear in the All-American Collegiate Yearbook.

Patterson is the daughter of Sam and Linda Buchanan of Big Spring, and Mark Patterson of Sulphur Springs. She is the granddaughter of Hiram and Marcia Ruggles of Big Spring.

The state's largest teachers' group says parents should be told when an uncertified teacher is assigned to their child's classroom.

This position was one of several official stances the Association of Texas Professional Educators (ATPE) delegates took during the group's annual convention, which was attended by some 1,200 educators from around the state March 25-27 at the Austin Convention Center.

Attending the convention from Stanton and Coahoma ATPE were Jeanne Cole and LeJean Lockett of Coahoma, and Linda Burns, Cheryl Cook, Teresa Griffin, Jill Hart and Karen White all of Stanton.

Todd Lancaster, Western Texas College Golf and Landscape Technology student, along with eight fellow students, traveled to the University of Kentucky at Lexington to participate in the 23rd ALCA Student Field Days on March 18-21. Student Field Days are designed to give students in the field of horticulture and landscaping the opportunity to meet their peers while engaging in course-related competitions. Students also took advantage of the presence of several large landscape firms to practice their interview skills and shop the job market.

Lancaster graduated from Big Spring High School and is the son of Polly and Stephen Lancaster. He is the President of ALCA and the mascot for WTC.

Bargain-hunting Americans drawn to Juarez bridal strip

CIUDAD JUAREZ, Mexico (AP) — There's got to be more white satin, more white tulle and more pearl-like beads on these four blocks of Avenida Lerdo than on any piece of real estate in the world.

Crammed into this strip are 33 bridal shops, more than the total number listed in the Yellow Pages for all of El Paso, the West Texas city just across the border from here.

In fact, merchants say, most of their customers are bargain-hunting Americans who come from all over Texas, New Mexico and elsewhere to this mecca for weddings and quinceaneras — coming-of-age celebrations for 15-year-old Hispanic girls. At the typically lavish events, the guest of honor wears a white gown.

"It's so much cheaper and they're a lot prettier," said Mirta Pauda, who recently drove seven hours from Brownfield, Texas, near Lubbock, to shop for her daughter's quinceanera.

Ms. Pauda, 34, decided to make the trip after hearing about Avenida Lerdo from her sister and sister-in-law, who both had their wedding dresses custom made on this street, which is just across a bridge from downtown El Paso.

On this day, Ms. Pauda's daughter, Rose, was looking at dresses in the \$150 to \$180 range. In Lubbock, Ms. Pauda said, "the cheapest one we could find that was even halfway cute was like \$400!"

The prices on Avenida Lerdo also motivated Edgar Puentes to make a seven-hour drive — he commanded a Suburban filled with his wife, four kids and three other relatives all the way from Amarillo, Texas. They left home in the middle of the night to be in Juarez when the shops

opened. "You're paying over there like \$700 to \$800 just for a dress the way you want it," said Puentes, who was shopping for his daughter's quinceanera. "You're going to pay half that here."

Puentes, a 37-year-old construction worker, made a point not to tell shop employees where he was from, since he had heard they tend to charge more for people who travel great distances.

Word of mouth is what fills these small shops, some of which have been around for more than 20 years.

Displayed in window after window are dolled-up mannequins wearing full-length white dresses — some with long sleeves, some with short sleeves, some sleeveless, some with swirling beads, some with tulle around the skirt.

The shops have it all, from beaded headpieces and flowing veils to bride-and-groom figurines for atop the cake and etched champagne glasses that can be personalized.

Signs make it clear that both Americans and Mexicans patronize these shops: "No tocar. Don't touch. Gracias," reads a sign above one display of figurines and cake knives.

And for those who do come a long way to get outfitted here, at least Avenida Lerdo offers one-stop shopping: Sandwiched in between all the bridal stores are a tuxedo-rental shop and an invitation-printing shop.

"I paid \$500 for everything I got — my dress, the petticoat, my veil, both of my bouquets, the glasses with our names engraved, the knives you cut the cake with, the bridal books..." on and on raved Courtnee Harrison, 20, a credit union clerk from El Paso.

HUMANE SOCIETY



Pictured: "Tuffy" SH, gray with white neutered male, 1 year old plus.

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

Other cats now available include:

"Jinks" LH, gray and black tabby, spayed female, 2 years old plus.

"Tutone" SH, sweet black and white neutered male, 1 year old plus.

"Savannah" MH, shy tortoise shell, spayed female, 1 year old plus.

"Simon" SH, large orange and white neutered male, 2 years old plus.

"Maya" SH, silver-gray tabby, spayed female, 1 year old plus.

"Tiger" SH, black and gray tabby, neutered male, 8 years old plus.

"M" SH, black and gray tabby, spayed female, 8 years old plus.

"Rocky" LH, gray tabby, neutered male, 3 years old plus.

"Lilly" SH, gray tabby, spayed female, 4 years old plus.

These, plus many more dogs and cats are awaiting adoption. Adoption fees for dogs are just \$50 and cats are \$40.

NEWCOMERS

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

Miles and Michelle Queen and children, Senjon and Stephanie, Odessa. He is employed by Dr Pepper and Pepsi.

Richard and Jennifer Sifuentes and son Richard, Cedar Hill. He is employed by Cornell Corrections.

Henry and Angelica Arredondo, Lamesa. He is employed by Cornell Corrections.

Aaron and Shara Goswick, daughter Kylie and sons Austin and Colton, Alvin. He is a physical therapist for Warren Chiropractic Center.

Salvador Aguilar, El Paso. He works for Cornell Corrections.

George and Sabrina Tucker, daughter Evie and son Steven, Monahans.

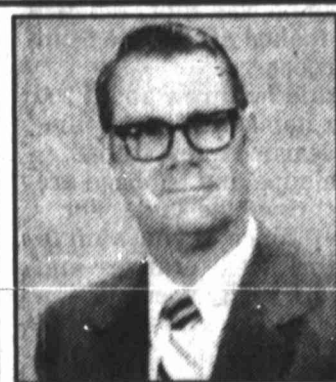
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4. "101 Dalmatians," Walt Disney Home Video.
5. "Lady And The Tramp," Walt Disney Home Video.
6. "Teletubbies: Dance With The Teletubbies," Warner Family Entertainment.
7. "Mary-Kate & Ashley: You're Invited to a Costume Party," Dualstar Video.
8. "Blue's Clues: Blue's Birthday," Nickelodeon Video.
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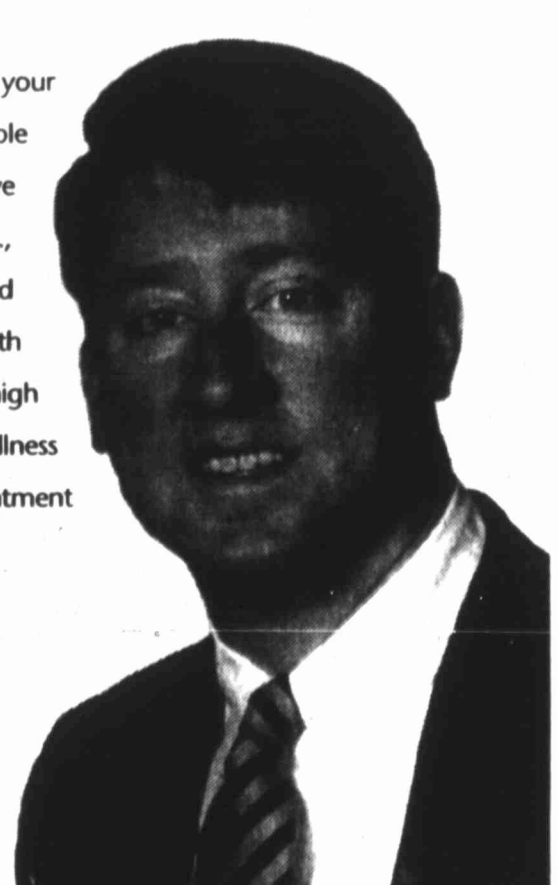
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Feds have to repay S&Ls for '89 rule change that spelled doom for many

WASHINGTON (AP) — A judge ordered the federal government Friday to pay \$909 million to a California savings and loan, the first of what may be numerous damage awards over a 1989 accounting rule change that plunged many thrifts into financial trouble.

Chief Judge Loren Smith of the U.S. Court of Federal Claims told the government to pay Glendale Federal Bank for breach of contract. Glendale had hoped for an award of \$1 billion to \$2 billion.

The ruling stems from a 1996 Supreme Court decision that said the government broke its

contract with Glendale and two other thrifts when it changed the rules on how they must count their assets. The justices said the government could be forced to pay damages to the S&Ls for their financial harm.

"Restitution provides a remedy, and a fair one," Smith's decision said. "The government received a very significant benefit in 1981" when Glendale agreed to take over an ailing Florida S&L. The government "then failed to honor its promise to Glendale upon which the contract was premised," the judge said.

"No one should be surprised

that this decision affirms that the government must honor the contracts it makes," Glendale's lawyer, Ronald Stevens, said.

The Justice Department said, "We remain confident in our position and look forward to a fair and expeditious final resolution" of the S&L cases. Privately, Justice lawyers said they were pleased the judge did not award the full \$2 billion Glendale had sought.

Similar damage claims have been filed against the government by about 125 other thrifts, many of which were declared insolvent after the 1989 rule change. Some of them have

reached financial settlements with the government.

But the Glendale case was the first to reach a judge's decision on how much the government must pay, and it was being closely watched for the standards it might set for assessing the other thrifts' claims.

Smith's opinion said he "strongly believes that settlements, where fair compromise occurs, are in everyone's interest. The court calls upon all parties involved in pending cases to consider what alternatives, short of continuing litigation over the coming years, may resolve these cases fairly."

Smith issued his decision in late afternoon, after the stock markets closed.

The 1989 accounting rule change was part of the government's effort to rescue the troubled thrift industry — a cleanup that overall has cost about \$200 billion. The federal law that brought about the change tightened rules and provided money to close insolvent S&Ls.

Until then, the government had encouraged healthy thrifts to take over insolvent ones by letting them count the insolvent S&L's losses as "goodwill" assets. The rule change said

S&Ls no longer could count such assets toward their minimum capital requirements.

The new rule forced many previously healthy S&Ls into the red. Among them was Glendale, which had taken over a troubled thrift and counted \$734 million as goodwill assets. After the rule change, Glendale had to raise about \$450 million to meet its capital minimum.

The government insisted to the Supreme Court that it never promised the S&Ls they would be protected from rule changes. But the justices decided other

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Administration introduces mandatory price reporting legislation

WASHINGTON (AP) — With hog farmers trying to recover from some of the lowest prices in years, the Clinton administration is proposing that meatpackers be required to reveal what they pay.

The administration's proposal is slightly different from several already pending in Congress. It would make mandatory price reporting permanent while many congressional versions authorize a three-year pilot program.

The administration for several years has supported mandatory price reporting but has never put forth its own proposal.

"Our legislation gives USDA authority to work with producers to make sure that we get them the most valuable information, so they'll have a fuller, more timely picture of what's happening in the marketplace," Vice President Al Gore said Thursday.

Gore made the announcement during a swing through Iowa — a critical political primary state that is also the nation's largest hog state.

Farmers have pushed for mandatory price reporting for some time, but with greater urgency over the past year. They say there is a big gap between what the meatpackers pay them and what consumers pay at the checkout counter.

All areas of livestock are experiencing low prices, and farmers have accused big companies of pushing them out by keeping prices secret.

Hogs were selling for about 25 cents a pound last month, up from a low at the end of 1998 of 8 cents but well below the break-even point for most hog farmers of almost 40 cents.

Under the proposal being sent to Congress, the Agriculture Department would require individuals who buy, sell or market livestock, livestock products or meat products to report the prices of their transactions to USDA.

USDA now collects the information only on a voluntary basis.

"Our producers have a right to know how much their product is worth on the open market and right now, they don't," said Rep. John Thune, R-S.D., a sponsor of one of the House versions.

Al Tank, chief executive officer of the National Pork Producers Council, said, "Knowledge is power. Mandatory price reporting is a component of that knowledge."

Despite the announcement, Chuck Hassebrook, a Nebraska member of Agriculture Secretary Dan Glickman's National Commission on Small Farms, said the administration could do more. Commission members in February criticized Glickman for not moving to implement some form of price reporting, saying he already has some authority.

"As long as the administration refuses to use its existing authority to enforce the law, asking the Congress to pass additional legislation is just passing the buck," Hassebrook said. "It's fine, but it's not exactly providing leadership

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Renewable energy: Money for Texas schools

By JOHN H. WALKER
Managing Editor

Imagine being able to harness the energy from something we never see, but which is almost always present in West Texas.

And on top of that, imagine being able to generate enough revenue from it to replace that being lost by continually declining mineral values.



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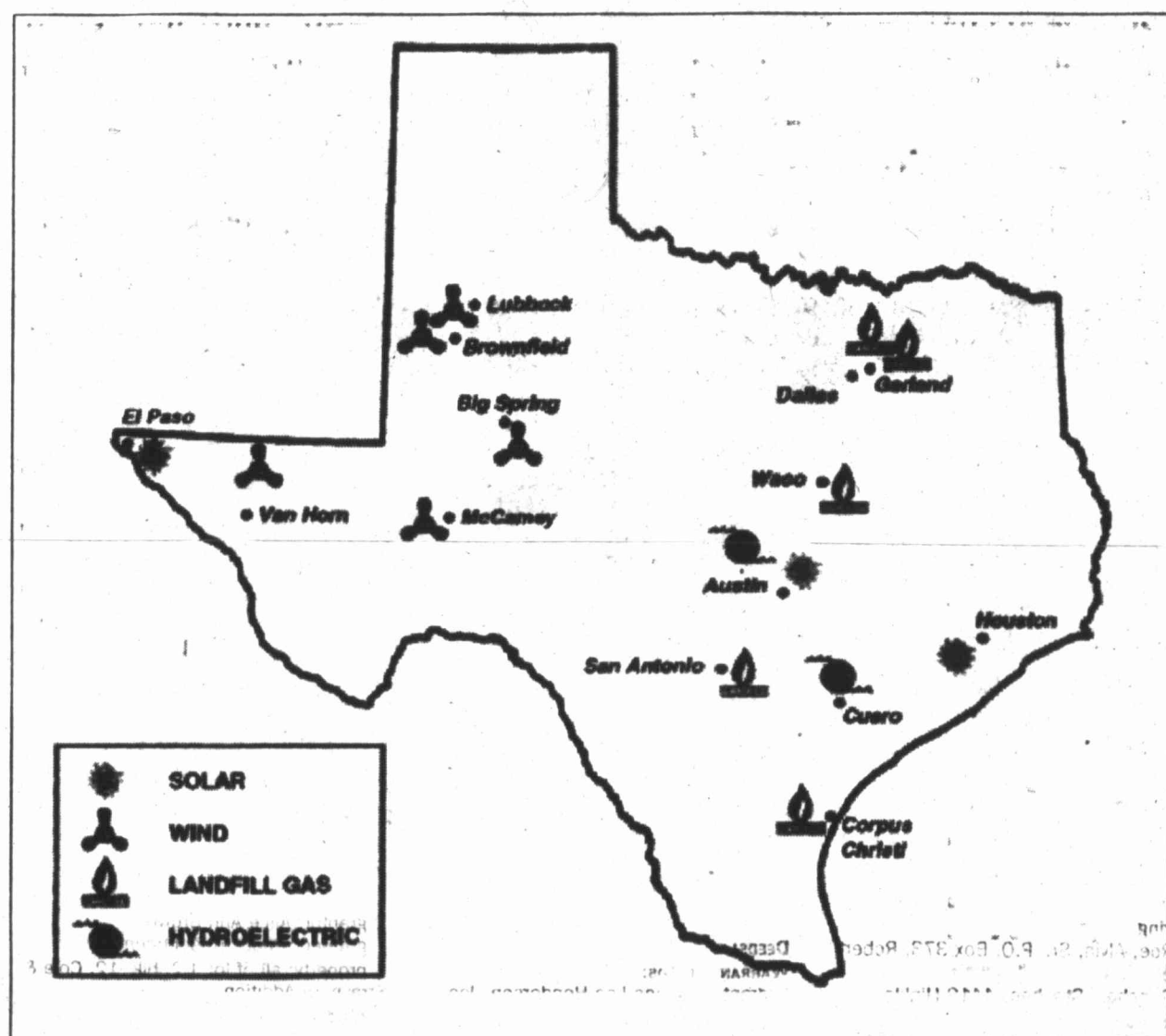
What is it? The wind. The incessant, ceaseless, constant, continuous, endless, everlasting, interminable, perpetual, unceasing West Texas wind.

Already in Howard County, wind turbines that will generate in excess of 34 MW of power — and taxes off of a project valued in excess of \$50 million — are producing electricity that is being used by TU Electric.

And this "new" energy source in Texas is growing rapidly, as the demand for renewable energy increase in an ever-changing world where more and more people are willing to pay for "clean" energy.

"The wind is the fastest growing energy source in the world the last three years," explained Peter Altman. Altman is the director for the Austin-based SEED (Sustainable Energy and Economic Development) Coalition and spoke to the board of directors of the Big Spring Area Chamber of Commerce on Thursday.

"There is \$150 million in construction in West Texas now,"



SOURCE: Vitrus Energy Research Associates

Currently, there is more than \$200 million in new construction of renewable energy projects in Texas. The projects range from the Big Spring wind farm to Corpus Christi's use of landfill gases. Other projects include the use of solar energy and the renovation of hydroelectric plants by the Lower Colorado River Authority.

he said, "but the potential is for literally billions of dollars."

Altman said that by taking advantage of the Texas wind, the Lone Star State could maintain its position of leadership in energy exploration and production.

"Texas has the tradition of being a global energy leader in the traditional arenas, such as oil and gas, and we can and should be the global leader in the development and produc-

tion of sustainable, renewable energy."

Citing a study conducted by Vitrus Energy Research Associates, Altman pointed out

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Members of the Big Spring Ambassadors Club join employees of Express Medical for their ribbon cutting ceremonies last week. Express Medical, which is based in Abilene, is located at 1210 Gregg St.

HERALD photo/John H. Walker

Nolan Ryan

Fireballer now pitching state's commodities

AUSTIN (AP) — He's headed to the Hall of Fame for throwing baseballs, but right now Nolan Ryan's pitching fruits and vegetables.

Ryan, baseball's strikeout king, appears in a new television commercial promoting Texas agricultural products.

"I really am a believer that what we produce in this state is the best in the world," he said. The "Go Texan" campaign will encourage consumers to purchase everything from Texas-grown apples to zucchini, Agriculture Commissioner Susan Combs said Thursday.

"Go Texan is a first for Texas agriculture, a high-profile presence that will simply make it uncool and un-Texan to buy anything but Texas products," Combs said.

The commercial, shows Ryan flinging tomatoes, grapefruit and cabbages at a barn door. Finally, he shakes his head in disgust and says, "It just doesn't taste right if it's not from Texas."

"After you see this spot, you'll never want to buy anything but Texas products," Combs predicted.

The campaign also offers a special Texas "brand" logo for food, fiber, leather, wine, flowers and other products grown or processed in the state.

Ryan recounted the filming of the commercial, which included a rain delay.

"This is one spot that I truly did enjoy making. I think there's a lot of people who would have liked to have been able to stand out there and throw that stuff," he said.

"But like with all projects, there were some problems. We had a rain delay. What I didn't tell Susan and the crew was that after a lengthy rain delay, at my age I don't respond real well."

"And we hadn't shot the segment where I was suppose to throw the produce into the lens of the camera," he said. "I hit the cameraman in the head with a peach. The guy went down like he was shot. ... Then they all looked at me like I did it on purpose."

Ryan said he threw about 200 different items during the filming and learned a few things.

"Cantaloupe and cabbage are hard to throw," he said. "For future reference, if you want to throw, tomatoes, oranges and peaches are really good."

Spring is in the air, which means it's time to garden

Spring is in the air! Night and day time temperatures are continuing to warm up. Now is the time to begin planning those planting projects in the landscape and garden. Be sure to check garden hoses and replace them if the are leaking. Sharpen and oil garden tools. Scrub pot; that you are planning on reusing with a 1 part chlorine bleach



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to 9 parts water solution to inhibit disease problems.

Pruning of spring flowering shrubs should be done soon after flowering. Keep the natural shape of the plant in mind as you prune and avoid excessive cutting. Shrubs should be fertilized with 2 parts nitrogen to 1 part phosphorus and 1 part potassium (2-1-1).

Roses have high fertilizer requirements. Use a complete fertilizer for the first application just as new growth starts, then us ammonium sulfate (or a high nitrogen fertilizer) every 4 to 6 weeks, usually just as the next growth cycle starts following a flowering period. Continue to spray rose varieties sus-

ceptible to black spot using a spray containing a general fungicide using label directions. Prune back hybrid tea roses as soon as they complete flowering.

In your annual flower beds, removing spent flowers, trimming back excessive growth and applying fertilizer does wonders for rejuvenating the bed. For instant color, purchase annual and perennial plants. Select short, compact plants. Pinch the flowers back to give the plants an opportunity to become established. Be sure to check all new tender growth of plants for aphids. Seeds of amaranthus, celosia, marigold, portulaca, zinnia and other warm season annuals can be sown directly in the

beds where they are to grow. Keep seeded area moist until seed germinate. Mulching will help retain the moisture in the soil longer and will also discourage weed growth. Thin out the seedlings as soon as they have 3 to 5 sets of leaves. Surplus plants can cause too much shading and weakens plants.

Lawns and grasses should be fertilized with 2 parts nitrogen to 1 part phosphorous and 1 part potassium (2-1-1).

Be sure to continue regular spray programs for fruit and pecan crops. A spray schedule may be obtained by calling the Extension office at 264-2236, or coming by in person.

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to send up legislation."

During a speech two months ago to the National Cattlemen's Beef Association, Glickman said his agency had "broad discretionary authority to collect more information from packers" and vowed to introduce interim steps.

"Within the next couple of weeks, I will have an announcement on specific steps we will take to collect additional price information," Glickman said then. "I want to push our course of action as far as we can until Congress gives me more authority."

The administration has never announced those initial steps, although a spokesman said Thursday the secretary was still reviewing options.

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the economic impact of a 30 MW (megawatt) project in Culberson (Van Horn) County.

In 1982, Culberson County produced 1.1 million barrels of crude oil and 2.667 mcf of natural gas. Fifteen years later in 1997 those numbers had dropped to 180,000 barrels of oil

and 225,000 mcf of natural gas. In 1997, the value of the oil production of \$3 million, while the gas value was \$500,000. That same year, there was 85,000 MWh of wind electricity produced in the county with a value of \$4 million — more than the traditional energy sources combined.

That year, the local wind industry paid \$400,000 to the county, hospital district and public school system and \$100,000 into the state's Permanent School Fund. In addition, five permanent jobs were created.

Altman said the potential for West Texas is great, and continued to use Culberson County as an example.

"Assuming that 20 percent of Culberson County's developable windy land is eventually used, a total of 5,900 MW of electric capacity could be developed at 2.5 cents/kWh.

"That would produce potential revenue of \$388 million. By contrast, 1998 natural gas production in Webb (Laredo) County, the state's top producer, amounted to \$603 million."

Altman said the studies show that if the state were to get as little as 3 percent of its electricity from renewables by 2010, it would mean the creation of 4,000 new jobs statewide.

He also said Texans have shown they are willing to pay for renewable energy.

"In 10 polls over the last two

years they have said that renewable energy is their first choice for meeting our future needs for electric power, and over 80 percent have said they are willing to pay \$1 per month to develop this new energy resource.

"If Texans were to develop 3,070 MW of wind power over the next 10 years, it would cost the average Texan 75 cents per month, or \$9 per year."

(For more information on the future of renewable energy in Texas, visit www.infinitepower.com on the Internet.)

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wise in a 7-2 ruling that exposed the government to the possibility of paying billions of dollars in damages.

"It would, indeed, have been madness" for the S&Ls to agree to take over ailing thrifts without a binding promise that they could rely on the accounting rules then in effect, Justice David H. Souter wrote for the nation's highest court in 1996.

Glendale's case then returned to Smith to set the amount of damages the government must pay. The S&L's lawyers sought to boost the award by arguing Glendale was entitled to recover all the profits it would have made if the rules had not



Members of the Big Spring Ambassadors Club join officials and employees of Higginbotham-Bartlett as they held grand opening ceremonies over the weekend at their Big Spring store, located at 1900 E. FM 700.

changed. Smith said Glendale's calculation of lost profits was "too remote and speculative." Instead, he calculated the damages as restitution and to compensate the S&L for damage

caused when it fell below the capital minimum. Glendale has since merged with California Federal Bank, which is owned by Golden State Bancorp of San Francisco. Glendale's reps say other

industries — including electric utilities and low-income housing developers — may be able to use the 1996 Supreme Court ruling to argue the government broke promises to them and should pay damages.

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Probated judgment DWI: Regina Franks \$300 fine and 180 days in jail

Probated judgment criminal mischief over \$50 but less than \$500: Dale Thomas Mitchell, Jr. \$250 fine and 180 days in jail

Probated judgment unlawfully carrying a weapon: Dale Thomas Mitchell \$500 fine and 180 days in jail

Probated judgment possession of marijuana under two ounces: Vincent Mendez \$300 fine and 180 days in jail, Robert M. Carson \$300 fine and 180 days in jail

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DEEDS:

WARRANTY DEEDS:

grantor: James Lee Henderson, Joe Douglas Henderson, Barbara Jean Degelia

grantee: Una Merle Evans property: lot 10, blk. 8, Aion Village filed: March 24, 1999

grantor: Avelardo Subia

grantee: Lawrence Martinez property: lot 11, blk. 20, Government Heights Addition filed: March 24, 1999

grantor: Andrew M. Cuomo

grantee: A.J. and Violet Patterson property: all of lot 3-4, blk. 23, Subdivision "C" Fairview Heights Addition filed: March 24, 1999

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grantee: Humberto A. and Tammy Lynn Ochoa property: east 1/2 of lot 3, blk. 2, Lockhart Addition filed: March 25, 1999

grantor: Jackie Doyle Richey, Jr.

grantee: Chuck Rosenbaum property: section 32, blk. 32 filed: March 25, 1999

grantor: Andrew M. Cuomo

grantee: Wayne W. and Joyce L. Childs property: a 5.53 acre tract of land out of the northeast 1/4 of section 17, blk. 32 filed: March 26, 1999

grantor: Ruth L. Porter and Gary Raymond Porter

grantee: Swartz & Brough, Inc. property: lot 12, Chaney Subdivision of blk. 39, College Heights Addition filed: March 26, 1999

grantor: Y.B. Hodnett

grantee: Alice Ann Brown property: all of lot 1-2, blk. 12, Cole & Strayhorn Addition filed: March 26, 1999

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grantor: Joseph Duke Pickle

grantee: Sunok Riggs property: all of lot 8, blk. 1, Western Hills, a subdivision of a portion of the east 1/2 of tract 9, Kennebec Heights, a subdivision of part of section 12, blk. 33 filed: March 26, 1999

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grantee: Chuck Rosenbaum property: section 32, blk. 32 filed: March 25, 1999

grantor: Bessie Lee Woodard

grantee: Wanda Lee Roman property: lot 1, blk. 11, Coronado Hills Second Filing filed: March 24, 1999

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grantee: Troy J. Hunt Homes, LTD property: all of lot 10, blk. 3, Highland Caprock Subdivision filed: March 25, 1999

grantor: Autry and Martha Moore

grantee: Frank and Ann Poling property: all of the surface estate in and to those certain six tracts of land out of the northeast 1/4 of section 35, blk. 33 filed: March 25, 1999

grantor: Heriberto and Patricia A. Sarinana

grantee: Rudy and Reta Larocque property: lot 2, blk. 6, Avion Village filed: March 26, 1999

grantor: Royce Wayne Patterson, David A. Patterson, Steven L. Patterson

grantee: Tommy G. and Michele M. Bobo property: the south 168' of a parcel of land out of section 34, blk. 32 filed: March 26, 1999

grantor: Rosemary Harter

grantee: Kou Kowg Hsu property: blk 98 of the Original Town of Big Spring filed: March 26, 1999

grantor: Chuck Rosenbaum

grantee: Debra Maas property: all of lot 1-2, blk. 12, Cole & Strayhorn filed: March 26, 1999

grantor: Joseph and Joyce A. Romine

grantee: Garry L. Sikes property: the south 47' of lot 7, blk. 2, Wright's Second Addition filed: March 26, 1999

118TH DISTRICT COURT:

FILINGS:

DIVORCE:

Larrie Coates vs. Steve Coates

Roy Allen Gardner vs. Judy Ann Gardner

Rosa Franco Jones vs. David Edward Jones

Debra J. Richter vs. Victor J. Richter

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Joann Patterson vs. Ewayne Kelly, Jr.

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INJURIES & DAMAGES WITH A MOTOR VEHICLE:

Mary Jean Fowler vs. Daniel Campos

Cynthia Shipman as next friend of Cynthia Shipman vs. Stefanie D. Kennedy

ACCOUNTS, NOTES & CONTRACTS:

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22 Preliminary races
23 Dogmatic teacher
28 Exploits
29 Earning harm
30 Hwy. abbr.
31 Golf norm
32 Water in a garden
33 Neighbor of Syr.
34 Historical time
35 Set up a setup
36 Powerful ruler
39 Tot holder
40 Meese and McBain
41 Spoil
42 Single
46 Tortoise's rival
47 Short capes
48 Is deficient
49 Pixie
50 Dieter's count
52 'Arabian Nights' character
57 Tell the story
58 Put to new packing
59 Check grabber
60 Used an editorial instruction

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3 Type of firearm
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6 Lofty
7 Always together
8 Buddy
9 Samuel's teacher
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11 Little devil
12 Nervous
13 Nissan, formerly
14 Sonnet ending
20 Gibson or Brooks
24 Sedatives
25 Steers clear of
26 Reverberating instruments
27 'This House'
29 One of the Hemingways
31 Intrinsically
36 Get too thin
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3 bd., 2 bath Mobile Home in Coahoma for rent. \$425./mo., \$200./dep. 263-4694 after 5:00pm.

3 bdr. 1 bath duplex in Sand Springs area. Call 267-3841 or 270-7309.

3 bedroom, 1 bath. 501 Johnson. Call 267-3841 or 270-7309.

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4 bedroom, 2 bath. 1509 Stadium. Call 267-3841 or 270-7309.

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1202 Pennsylvania 3 bdr. 1 bath with new carpet, ceramic tile, C/H/A with a very large privacy back yard. \$550/mn. \$250/dep. Call 263-1792 or 264-6006.

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3 bedroom, 1 bath. 1602 E. 5th. Call 267-3841 or 270-7309.

2600 sq. ft. 3 br. 2 1/2 bath. Expansive home in Park Hill area - by owner. Beautiful landscaping. Protect view approx 2 acres. \$168,000. Call 263-2891 for an appt.

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'95 SPRINT 16R. Bass Boat. 90HP Johnson. All the extras. Call Rick 267-2214.

NOTICE TO BIDDERS
Pursuant to the authority granted by the City Council of the City of Big Spring, Texas, sealed bids will be received until 2:00 p.m., Tuesday, April 27, 1999, for a contractor to mow the Big Spring McShannon/Wislae Apts.

LEGAL AUTHORITY: Chapter 27 of the Texas Water Code, as amended, Title 3 of the Texas Natural Resources Code, as amended, and the Statute of the Oil and Gas Division of the Railroad Commission of Texas.

Requests for a public hearing from persons who can show they are adversely affected or requests for further information concerning any aspect of the application should be submitted in writing, within fifteen days of publication, to the Environmental Services Section, 604 and Gas Division, Railroad Commission of Texas, P.O. Box 12967, Austin, Texas 78711 (Telephone 512-463-6915.) 2272 April 11, 1999

NOTICE OF UNSAFE BUILDINGS STATE OF TEXAS
COUNTY OF HOWARD
1. Raymond Flores, 2910 Angus Court, Houston, TX 77061, LT 8 BK 1 Paster Addition, located at 1217 W. 6th.

2. Josephine O. Smith, Box 228, Cleveland Hill 77715, W80' LT 3 BK 4 McDowell Hts., located at 229 LaLena, Big Spring, TX 79720.

3. Urea Loya, 609 N. Douglas, Big Spring, TX 79720, LT 2 BK 8 Bauer Addition, located at 609 N. Douglas.

4. Latin American Dist. USA Assemblies of GOD, 602 N. Central, Houston, TX 77020, 42 BK 32 IN 100K182.5 TR 42 WM B. Currie, located at 603 N. Runnels.

5. Juan G. Montelongo 410 E. 19th, Big Spring TX 79720 LT 9 BK 1 Bauer Addition, located at 708 NW 7th.

6. E. S. Zubiate Box 1803, Big Spring, TX 79720, E7' LT 8 & 8 LT 9 BK 102 Original Town, located at 407 HW 4th.

7. The contract will be effective September 1, 1999 through August 31, 2000. Payment for these services will be on a cost reimbursement basis for expenses incurred and paid in the delivery of the contracted services. The project's available funding is \$1.1 million dollars. All funding is subject to the availability of federal and state funds.

A RFP packet may be obtained beginning April 12, 1999 by contacting: Gail Dickenson, Permian Basin Workforce Development Board, 3016 Kemel Hwy, Odessa, TX 79764 (915) 334-5632

The deadline for submitting a proposal is May 21, 1999 at 3:00 p.m. Central Daylight Savings Time. 2627 April 11, 1999

PUBLIC NOTICE
810 98-425
Advertisement for Bids
The Howard County Junior College District is now accepting bids for the following:

MICROSCOPES
Specifications may be obtained from Dennis Churchwell, Purchaser, Howard College, 1001 Birdwell Lane, Big Spring, TX 79720, (915) 264-5167. Sealed bids will be accepted through 3:00 p.m. on May 6, 1999 at which time they will be opened in the Administrative Annex, room A2 and read aloud. The bids will then be tabulated and final determination of bid award will be made at a future board meeting.

Technical questions should be directed to Lynn Simpson, Instructor, Howard College, (915) 264-5150. Bidding questions directed to Dennis Churchwell, Purchaser, 1001 Birdwell Lane, Big Spring, TX 79720, (915) 264-5167. Howard County Junior College District reserves the right to reject any and all bids. 2253 April 4 & 11, 1999

PUBLIC NOTICE
Region 18 Education Service Center is having three (3) "Open Catalog" bids on behalf of approximately forty-one (41) Texas school districts. The bid categories are: 1. School and Office Supplies, Instructional Materials and Furniture 2. Computer Hardware, Software, Supplies and Accessories 3. P.E. and Athletic Supplies and Equipment

Bids will be received until 2:00 p.m., May 14, 1999 at Region 18 ESC, PO Box 60580 or 2811 LaFore Blvd., Midland TX 79711. Bids will be opened and recorded as they are received. All bids, meeting the bid criteria, will be formally approved by the Region 18 ESC Purchasing Committee at a special meeting to be held after all bids have been received and recorded at the above address.

Bid forms are available from Gary Bond, Region 18 ESC at PO Box 60580, Midland TX 79711. Please call 915-667-3258 should you have any questions. 2248 April 4 & 11, 1999

PUBLIC NOTICE
The City of Big Spring is giving notice of the City's intent to submit Texas Community Development Program application for a Community Development Fund grant request of \$350,000 for sewer line replacement in the Capitan area. The application is available for review at City Hall, 310 Nolan during regular business hours. 2271 April 11, 1999

NOTICE OF APPLICATION FOR FLUID INJECTION WELL PERMIT
Vista Resources, Inc. (A) 550 W. Texas Ave., Box 700 Midland, TX 79701 is applying to the Railroad Commission of Texas for a permit to inject fluid into a formation which is productive of oil and gas.

The applicant proposes to inject fluid into the Glorieta Sand, Oil & Gas "EO" Lease, Well Number 4W. The proposed injection well is located