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Ambassadors will assist with chamber banquet

The Ambassadors Club will have two functions in conjunction with Saturday's annual Big Spring Area Chamber of Commerce Banquet.

The club will assist with the taking of tickets and seating of patrons and will also host a reception after the banquet to allow members of the community to visit with the man and woman of the year.

Club president John H. Walker said club members should arrive at the Dorothy Garrett Coliseum by 6 p.m. and wear their red blazers.

Tickets available now for '80 Bites'

Tickets are on sale for the Heritage Museum's "Around the World in 80 Bites" food festival.

The sixth annual event is planned Saturday, Jan. 29, at the museum from 5:30-7:30 p.m.

Those who attend can taste the culinary specialties of such countries as Italy, Russia, Sweden, Germany, Mexico, Greece, Egypt, China, England, Scotland, Finland and, of course, Texas. Volunteer "chefs" from the community cook and serve a variety of recipes.

Tickets to sample the international tastes are \$7.50 for adults and \$5 for children. Chefs are also needed to prepare "bites" of international dishes; they should reserve a spot by Jan. 22.

Call the museum at 267-8255 for more information.

WEEKEND TICKET

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

SATURDAY
 □ Howard County Scottish Rite Club, 7:30 a.m., Masonic Lodge, 21st and Lancaster.
 □ Howard County Junior Livestock Show, Howard County Fairgrounds. Noon, country luncheon; 1 p.m. awards program; 1:30 p.m., premium sale.
 □ Dance, 8:30 p.m., Eagles Lodge, 704 W. Third.

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Chamber to mark successful year Saturday

By MARSHA STURDIVANT
 Staff Writer

Big Spring Area Chamber of Commerce banquet at 7 p.m. Saturday promises to be a fun-filled evening, with good food, grand company and glorious entertainment, organizers say.



WILLIAMS

"This annual event is so important to the chamber of commerce, as it culminates a year of successful events, and begins a new year of promise and anticipation for the Big Spring community," said outgoing chamber president Chuck Williams.

Williams will pass the helm to incoming president Jim Purcell Saturday, and other chamber directors will take their place in the organization as well.

"My association as chamber president this past year has been rewarding and exciting, a

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truly memorable experience. I am honored to have been allowed to serve the Big Spring community in this capacity, and I leave the post with many memories of our successes and a true feeling of team spirit," Williams said.

Banquet tickets are \$20 and a few are still available at the chamber office, 215 W. Third.

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Stand Down 2000 reaches out to low-income, homeless vets

By MARSHA STURDIVANT
 Staff Writer

A tent city of low-income and homeless veterans, and those wanting to assist those veterans with their daily and long-term needs, inhabits the VA



BROWN

Medical Center grounds this weekend for Stand Down 2000.

"This a perfect opportunity to serve our veterans and to take time to say how much we appreciate their sacrifices and their dedication to our freedom," said Cary Brown, chief executive officer of the VA Medical Center.

This four-day event, which began today, is called a Stand Down, to reflect a military

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Judge lauds entries as 'major show animals'

By JOHN H. WALKER
 Editor

Randall Rich of the Coahoma FFA took top honors Thursday night when his heavy weight white OPB was named grand champion of the wine division of the Howard County Junior Livestock Show at the Howard County Fairgrounds.

It was the second straight year that Rich had taken top honors, winning a year ago with a medium heavy white OPB.

The reserve grand champion swine, a heavy weight Duroc, was shown by Morgan Knight of the Howard County 4H Club.

For the second night in a row, the number of animals shown was up from a year ago.

On Wednesday, 68 goats were shown — up five from a year ago. Then, on Thursday, a total of 116 market hogs were exhibited compared to 113 last year.

"Overall, this was a very good show," swine judge James Bevel of Haskell said. "In fact, it's as good as you'll see anywhere you go."

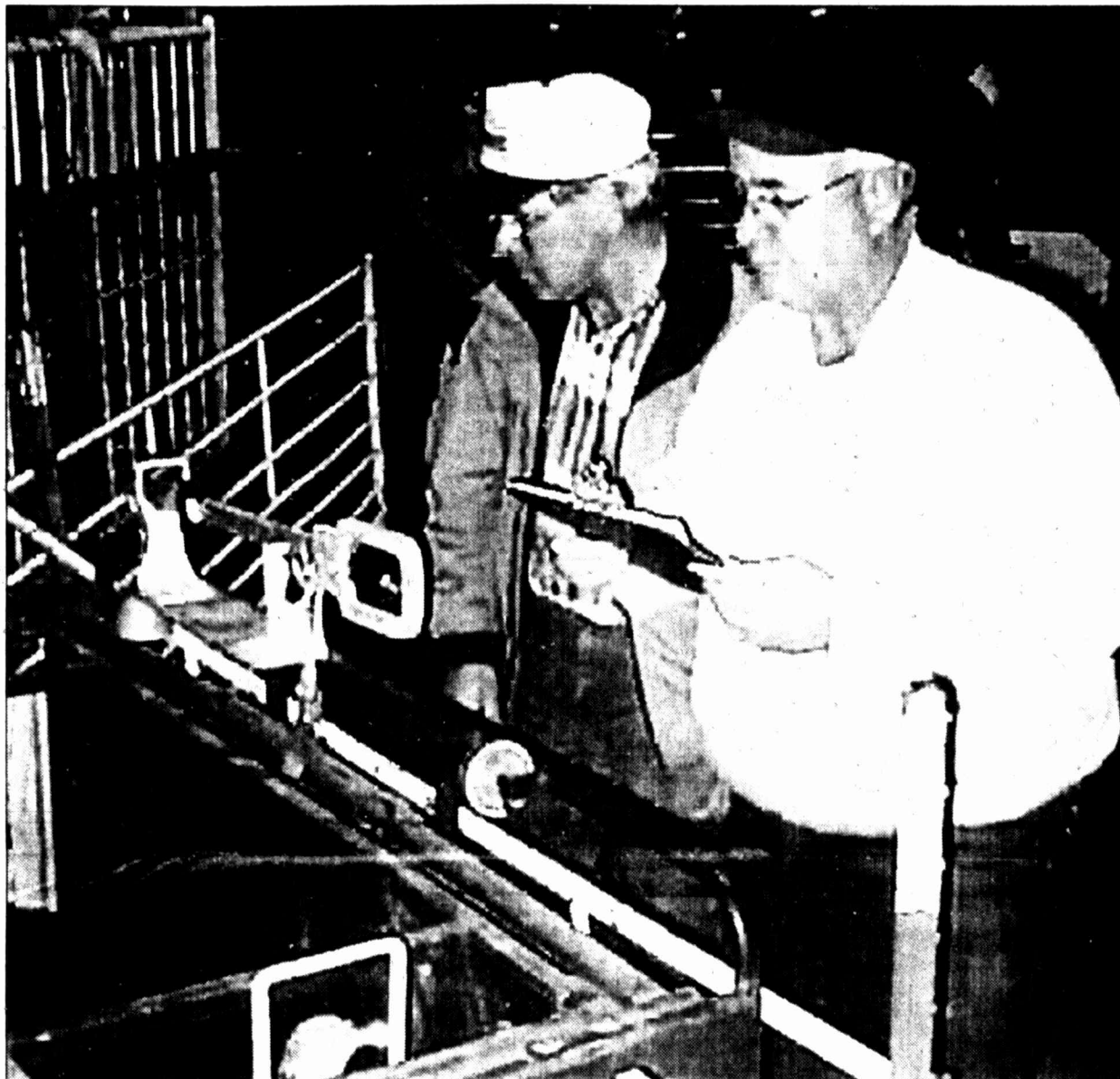
"They (entries) can play with the big boys ... these are major show animals."

Bevel said in many shows, there are one or two classes that are strong while the rest are weak.

"A lot of times here, you had five or six hogs in a class and you could trade 'em around ... they were that close."

Bevel, a retired agriculture teacher, judged animals in five breeds — Duroc, Hampshire, white OPB, black OPB and cross. Ring superintendents for Bevel were Ace Berry, Danny Howard and Kirk Allen.

The show got under way with Knight's heavy weight Duroc taking breed champion honors,



Ring superintendent Ace Berry (foreground) checks the weight on a hog during Thursday night's swine show at the Howard County Junior Livestock Show. The show continues today and Saturday at the Howard County Fairgrounds.

while Tony Wyrick's (BSHS) heavy weight Duroc was named reserve champion.

In the Hampshires, Kaylon Stanley (4H) showed the champion with a heavy weight, while Trisha Nichols (Sands)

took reserve honors with her middle weight.

It was Rich's heavy weight white OPB that took champion honors in the white OPB breed, while Brianne Fryar (Sands) took reserve honors with her

light weight entry.

In the black OPB, Steven Nichols (Sands) took champion honors with his medium weight, while Aubrey Foster

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Big Spring ISD trustees approves firm to evaluate foundation at junior high

By MARSHA STURDIVANT
 Staff Writer

Trustees with the Big Spring Independent School District Thursday hired a forensic engineering firm, Rimkus of Houston, to assess and evaluate the foundation failure of Big



MCQUEARY

Spring Junior High. "This is the first step to determine where the fault lies with the foundation failure. They will evaluate and assess all the tests, the structure, the plans, just everything associated with the construction of this facility," said BSISD Superintendent William McQueary.

"Once they submit their recommendations, we will determine where do we go from here," he said.

The evaluation process is expected to last several months,

and McQueary said he believes a recommendation may be forthcoming in mid to late spring.

"Then we will sit down with our attorney, Matt Burns of Walsh and Anderson of Austin, and look at the possibilities to determine if we want to settle or if we possibly want to go on with litigation," he said.

Burns and his firm recommended Rimkus for this position, he said. Texas has few

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Year-long investigation results in area drug bust

By MARSHA STURDIVANT
 Staff Writer

A year-long investigation into a drug smuggling ring involving points west and south of Big Spring resulted in a 5 a.m. raid Thursday that netted 16 arrests on both federal and state drug trafficking charges.

"On Jan. 13, a year-long investigation into the narcotics smuggling organization of Arturo Moran Colunga was

completed. Colunga was arrested in Garden City on a federal indictment charging conspiracy to possess with intent to distribute marijuana," said Glenn Lisso, assistant commander of the West Texas Narcotics Enforcement Task Force.

Federal arrests included Fernando D. Franco, 33 and Jason Michael Gonzales, 24, of Big Spring; Juan Jose Colunga, 25 and Daniel Morales, 26, of

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Local auto dealership collecting cash, food, other items for humane society

LYNDEL MOODY
 Staff Writer

In reaction to vandalism at the Big Spring Humane Society, a local auto dealership is donating a portion of its sales for the month of January and is accepting donations for the organization.

"For every vehicle we sell this month, we are going to donate a portion of the sale to the humane society," said Mike Cox, general sales manager for Fiesta Dodge Chrysler Plymouth Jeep.

The humane society was vandalized, causing thousands of dollars in damage to three vehicles and several sections of

fence. "We heard about the vandalism and wanted to help out," Cox said.

Along with donating proceeds of its January sales, Fiesta Dodge is currently accepting all types of donations for the humane society from the general public.

"We always need food," Fran Turrentine, shelter manager, said. "We also need kitty cozies, toys, or any items along that line and cleaning supplies."

"Cash donations are always welcome. The humane society operates completely on donations. We still have 23 dog pens not completely converted to concert pads because of the lack

of funds," Turrentine said. The humane society is converting the pens to help with cleanliness and cut down on disease.

According to Turrentine, the humane society has reached capacity and is not able to accept any more animals.

"We are packed, and we are having to turn animals away again," she said.

Volunteers and residents from the humane society will be present to accept donations at Fiesta Dodge Saturday and the following Saturday, Jan. 22, Turrentine said.

"We will have puppies and

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Ben Flores, an employee of Fiesta Dodge Chrysler Plymouth Jeep, hopes for a big community response to the Big Spring Humane Society drive.

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AUSTIN (AP) receive about a mark \$35 million ment with Koch I alleged contamin and streams in si The settlement Thursday, stems tions that the V company had mo spills from its 1 other oil operati in 3 million gallo pouring into lake. Koch pipelines l 100 spills in Texa about 50,000 gallo 1990s, including a spill in Duval

Bond

SAN ANTONIO eral magistrate denied bond for accused in the killing of his ex-husband, Allen Blackthorn. Antonio faces six charges in the d Bellush, who was quadruplets. Federal Mag Mathy denied bond after hearing 17 hours of testir days. Blackthorn, 4 eyed and his w wept openly wh the judge's rulin back at his wife smile as he was courtroom. He returned to th Detention Facilit

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FORT WORTH service commissi the firing of a f County jailer wh favor for an innm Karen L. McCl Oct. 29 after she ing a phone call The Sheriff's Commission upheld the firing ing Wednesday. While she was Belknap jail duri

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DALLAS (AP) American Airlin to fly during an im mer pilot shoul million in damag has decided. Jurors in state in Dallas Cou Michael LaGrotte million in actual \$7 million in pur Wednesday. LaGrotte, who pilot for 10 year; Eagle, sued the spring of 1997. (had been fired fr December 1996 b refused to fly a tu during an ice st ous month. LaGrotte's att

OBITUARIES

Lewis A. Petmecky Service for the Rev. Lewis A. Petmecky, 58, Ingram, formerly of Coahoma, was 3 p.m. Wednesday, Jan. 12, 2000, at the First Presbyterian Church in Ingram with Sylvia Washer and the Rev. David Trtenbach officiating.

Rev. Petmecky died Monday, Jan. 3, at his residence. He was born on Aug. 11, 1941, in Austin and had been a resident of Ingram for 9 1/2 years. He was a graduate of Howard Payne University and Austin Presbyterian Theological Seminary. He married Jerri Thomas on Oct. 5, 1961, in Coahoma.

Survivors include his wife, Jerri Petmecky of Ingram; two sons, Thomas Petmecky of New Braunfels, and Stephen Petmecky of Austin, his mother-in-law, Flovell Thomas of Big Spring, one grandchild, and several other friends and family.

The family request memorials be made to the Stained Glass Windows Fund, First Presbyterian Church, P.O. Box 629; Ingram, 78025.

Arrangements under the direction of Grimes Funeral Chapels of Kerrville.

Ramona H. Munoz Ramona H. Munoz, 62, Big Spring, died Thursday morning, Jan. 13, 2000, at Scenic Mountain Medical Center following a long illness.



A prayer service will be 7 p.m. Friday at Myers & Smith Chapel. Funeral service will be 4 p.m. Saturday at First Assembly of God Church (310 W. Fourth) with the Rev. R.T. Havener officiating. Burial will be at Mt. Olive Memorial Park.

She was born Aug. 23, 1937, in Big Spring. She was a life time resident of Big Spring. She married Santiago Jimmy Munoz Sept. 17, 1950. She had worked at Malone and Howell Clinic and hospital, retiring in 1987 due to illness.

She is survived by her husband, Santiago Jimmy Munoz of Big Spring; three sons, Esmuel Munoz, Joe Lewis Munoz and Johnny Munoz, all of Big Spring; six daughters, Amelia Rodriguez of Miami, Fla., Linda Galan of Big Spring, Cindy Lozano of Big Spring, Eva Juarez of Midland, Ramona Goff of Big Spring, and Rosita Martinez of Big Spring; 22 grandchildren; five great grandchildren; and several nieces and nephews.

She was preceded in death by one son, Benjamin Munoz, one granddaughter, Jennifer Goff, and 10 brothers.

Grandsons will serve as pall bearers, including Ismael

NALLEY-PICKLE & WELCH Funeral Home
Trinity Memorial Park and Crematory
906 Gregg St.
(915) 267-6331

Frances Vinson Hall, 88, died Tuesday. Services were 2:30 PM Friday at Nalley-Pickle & Welch Rosewood Chapel. Interment followed at Trinity Memorial Park.

MYERS & SMITH FUNERAL HOME & CHAPEL
24th & Johnson 267-8238

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Munoz, Daniel Munoz, Benjamin Munoz, Frankie Galan, Adam Juarez and Joseph Saiz.

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BANQUET

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Individuals may call the chamber and reserve their tickets for the evening. Some tickets will be available at the door at Dorothy Garrett Coliseum, but expediency indicates reserving tickets before 7 p.m., said Debye ValVerde, chamber secretary.

Entertainment for the evening will be provided by the Big Spring Symphony and Chorale, and a black and white theme, in honor of their performance, will decorate the coliseum.

State Rep. David Counts (D-Knox City) and Sen. Robert Duncan (R-Lubbock) are planning to attend the banquet, according to Debye ValVerde, chamber secretary.

The meal is catered by Great Western Dining, the food service company that provides meals for Howard College.

And dress is black and white as you desire, ValVerde said, indicating the choice of participants to dress formally or dress down for the event.

VETERANS

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operation of pulling combat troops from the front lines to a safe location for rest and recovery.

Those veterans who choose will stay in a tent on hospital grounds, receive medical care and food, hair cuts and clothing, and fellowship veteran to veteran with other military personnel.

"A community has been formed, with an atmosphere of commitment, veteran to veteran. We hope we will see veterans coming to Big Spring from the entire Permian Basin. That's what this is all about," Brown said.

And living on the streets is a form of battle ground, with homeless veterans continuing to fight the enemies of disability, legal difficulties, lack of shelter, substance abuse and hopelessness, he said.

"These adversaries create a self-destructive cycle leading to complete withdrawal from mainstream American society," Brown said.

A military-style tent city created on the grounds provides shelter, as well as showers and sleeping facilities for those veterans attending.

Other tents have become offices for special services that are being offered all the veterans attending. These services include medical exams, infection control screening, HIV, tuberculosis, and hepatitis testing and counseling, nutritional counseling, podiatry evaluations and optometry exams.

Also, veterans may take advantage of several of the service organizations that have representatives available in the tent city, such as housing assistance, legal aid, eye glasses, VA benefits counseling and employment assistance.

And all veterans attending received shoes, clothes, hair cuts and personal items, through donations to the Stand Down from local and military organizations.

The event helps remove legal and social barriers the homeless and low income veteran faces.

MAYOR

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are doing that, but I think we can do a better job of it. I think that will help us reduce taxes. I think we've done a good job holding the line on taxes, but if we can get rid of the debt, we can possibly reduce taxes."

Biddison is a graduate of Big Spring High School and owner of the Ponderosa Restaurant. He is serving his first term on the city council. He was on the Citizens Advisory Board and is currently involved with Big Spring Main Street Inc. He is a member of College Baptist Church and serves on the finance committee there.

Filing continues in the secretary's office at City Hall through Feb. 2. Early voting

will be held Feb. 16-29. The actual election in March 4.

Biddison is one of three council members whose districts are up for election on May 6. The others are Oscar Garcia in District 2 and Tommy Tune in District 4. Garcia is mayor pro tem and taking responsibility for the mayor's position until after the special election.

DONATIONS

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cats with us, and we will be adopting out animals from there as well as accepting donations," she said.

"We hope for a great turnout from Big Spring and the surrounding area," Cox said. "All donations will be greatly appreciated."

Fiesta Dodge Chrysler Plymouth Jeep is located at 502 East F. M. 700 and is accepting donations during business hours.

BSISD

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experienced forensic engineering firms, and this is one, he said.

The foundation of the junior high continues to be stable, after a compaction grouting process pumped more than 200 cubic yards of material underneath the facility.

Thus far, with the grouting process and the repairs to the structure from the foundation failure, about \$225,000 has been expended. McQueary said the district intends to recover all of those costs.

"And we're looking for some sort of extended warranty and compensation to fix any type of anticipated failures," he said.

Currently, Monterey Construction, the contractor for the building, is replacing a sewer line on the east side of the building. McQueary said this is one of two items identified on the final list with the contractor.

"There is section of the sewer line that's not quite level and it holds water. It's not a problem, but this is one of the two things we identified with the final punch list," he said.

Also, some of the iron ceiling welding is to be redone, he said, because the district found the original work unacceptable.

In other business trustees approved McQueary's superintendent contract for another year, said board president Larry McLellan.

"The superintendent's evaluation went extremely well, and he received a strong vote of confidence from board members. We believe he has done an outstanding job for the district throughout what the district dealt with this past year. He maintained a professional attitude throughout. We renewed his contract for an additional year, through 2003," McLellan said.

Trustees also approved the purchase of 1,200 new desks for Big Spring High School, at a cost of about \$67,000. During the budget workshop in the summer of 1999, trustees indicated this time of year was the time to buy the furniture, McQueary said.

"This is something we have put off for the past three years, and most of these desks that we are replacing are 20 years old. We are in dire straits with some of these," McQueary said.

Enrollment in the district continues at about 168 students less than last year. McQueary said some students moved away,

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while others move to Big Spring, thereby keeping enrollment about the same of about 4,200 students.

STOCK SHOW

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(Sands) took reserve honors with his medium weight that finished second to Nichols in the category.

Champion honors in the cross competition went to Kara Jeffcoat (Coahoma), while Collin McMillan (4H) took reserve honors. Both hogs were heavy weights and finished 1-2 in that category.

The show continued at 10 this morning with the rabbit show, judged by Eddie Puckett of Sweetwater. The lamb show was scheduled for a 2 p.m. start, with Seminole's Marvin Ensor judging the entries while the heifer show is slated to begin at 4 p.m., followed by the steer show. Greg Jones of Levelland is the cattle judge.

On Saturday, the buyer's appreciation luncheon is scheduled for noon, followed by the awards program at 1 p.m. and the premium sale at 1:30.

HOWARD COUNTY JUNIOR LIVE-STOCK SHOW SWINE RESULTS

GRAND CHAMPION - Randall Rich, Coahoma FFA, white OPB
RESERVE GRAND CHAMPION - Morgan Knight, Howard County 4H, Duroc

DUROC CHAMPION - Morgan Knight, Howard County 4H
RESERVE - Tony Wyrick, Big Spring FFA

LIGHT WEIGHT
1. Tony Wyrick, BSHS, 2. Travis Hupp, C, 3. Danielle Hill, S, 4. Kara Jeffcoat, C, 5. Traei Crawford, C, 6. Collin McMillan, 4H

MEDIUM WEIGHT
1. Aubrey Foster, S, 2. Dee Fryar, S, 3. Trisha Nichols, S, 4. Walt Borden, C, 5. Carmen Hipp, C, 6. Carl Wise, 4H

HEAVY WEIGHT
1. Morgan Knight, 4H, 2. Terrell Bibb, 4H, 3. Jamie Corse, 4H, 4. Kara Jeffcoat, C, 5. Tony Wyrick, BSHS, 6. Tasha Newton, C

HAMPSHIRE CHAMPION - Kaylon Stanley, Howard County 4H

RESERVE - Trisha Nichols, Sands FFA

LIGHT WEIGHT
1. Aubrey Foster, S, 2. Carmen Hipp, C, 3. Kristie Gunsleman, BSHS, 4. Traei Crawford, C, 5. Logan Gaskins, S, 6. Dustin Loyd, 4H

MIDDLE WEIGHT
1. Trisha Nichols, S, 2. Rowdi Wise Fryar, 4H, 3. Garrett Nichols, S, 4. Derek Loyd, 4H, 5. Keisha Yarbar, 4H, 6. Steven Nichols, S

HEAVY WEIGHT
1. Kaylon Stanley, 4H, 2. Cory Baker, BSHS, 3. Mandi Hanslik, C, 4. Walt Borden, C, 5. Brienne Fryar, S, 6. Michael Yeater, 4H

WHITE OPB LIGHT WEIGHT
1. Brienne Fryar, S, 2. Kyle Knight, 4H, 3. Brienne Fryar, S, 4. Dee Fryar, S, 5. Ricky Crawford, C, 6. Ricky Crawford, C

MEDIUM WEIGHT
1. Kaylon Stanley, 4H, 2. Collin McMillan, 4H, 3. Clay Hart, 4H, 4. Tony Wyrick, BSHS, 5. Crisly Larue, C, 6. Trent Doyas, C

HEAVY WEIGHT
1. Randall Rich, C, 2. Randall Rich, C, 3. Dee Fryar, S, 4. Trevor Bibb, 4H, 5. Clay Hart, S, 6. Amanda Wise, 4H

BLACK OPB LIGHT WEIGHT
1. Danielle Hill, S, 2. Danielle Hill, S, 3. Clay Hart, S, 4. Dee Fryar, S, 5. Amanda White, 4H

MIDDLE WEIGHT
1. Steven Nichols, S, 2. Aubrey Foster, S, 3. Chaz Sloan, 4H, 4. Aubrey Foster, S, 5. Steven Nichols, S

HEAVY WEIGHT
1. Lorin Wolf, C, 2. Randall Rich, C, 3. Scott Crowell, BSHS, 4. Gene Corse, C, 5. Kristie Gunsleman, BSHS

CROSS LIGHT WEIGHT
1. Teryn Bibb, 4H, 2. Trevor Bibb, 4H, 3. Steven Nichols, S, 4. Garrett Nichols, S, 5. Jennifer Larue, C, 6. Michael Yeater, 4H

MIDDLE WEIGHT
1. Kaylon Stanley, 4H, 2. Mandi Hanslik, C, 3. Tamara Nichols, S, 4. Danielle Hill, S, 5. Terrell Bibb, 4H, 6. Tonya Willard, C

HEAVY WEIGHT
1. Kara Jeffcoat, C, 2. Collin McMillan, 4H, 3. Lorin Wolf, C, 4. Clay Hart, S, 5. Josh Spencer, BSHS, 6. Kara Jeffcoat, C. (4H-Howard County 4H, BSHS-Big Spring FFA, S-Sands FFA, C-Coahoma FFA)

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

TEXAS LOTTERY

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

BUST

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Midland; and Elida Galindo Ramirez, 37, of Odessa. All of them have been charged with conspiracy to possess with intent to distribute marijuana.

State narcotics warrants issued during the raid netted arrests of six individuals. Five of the six people were arrested as a result of undercover purchases of controlled substances, he said.

Charged in state court in Howard County were:

• **ANGIE BROOKS, 32**, arrested on a charge of possession of marijuana more than five pounds, and possession of cocaine more than one gram under four grams;

• **DONALD WHEAT, 53**, charged with delivery of cocaine;

• **GUADALUPE LEDEZMA, 48**, charged with delivery of cocaine;

• **LUJANA FRANCO, 36**, charged with delivery of cocaine;

• **TONY FUENTES, 32**, charged with delivery of cocaine more than four grams less than 200 grams;

• **VICKIE BRADLEY, 30**, charged with delivery of cocaine.

Lisso said more arrests will follow.

During the raids in Big Spring, about 6.5 pounds of marijuana and three grams of cocaine were recovered, with a street value estimated at \$4,000.

Three vehicles were seized in Big Spring as well, valued at \$19,000.

Lisso said the investigation revealed that Colunga had organized a smuggling network to transport bulk quantities of marijuana from Van Horn and Valentine into the Midland-Odessa area.

The marijuana was being smuggled into the United States by illegal aliens, Lisso said. Marijuana in loads ranging from 200 to 500 pounds were brought into a location in the Valentine or Van Horn area, where members of the Colunga organization would rendezvous, reports said.

Those members would then transport the marijuana into Midland and Odessa, then repackage the drug for further distribution within the United States, Lisso said.

"Information developed during the investigation documented eight separate smuggling operations from 1997 to 1999," he said.

On Nov. 17, 16 members of the Arturo Colunga marijuana trafficking organization were indicted by the Western District of Texas, Midland division, on charges of conspiracy to possess with intent to distribute marijuana, he said.

The arrests were made through the efforts of the task force, the Drug Enforcement Agency, Howard County and Glasscock County sheriff's departments and the Big Spring Police Department.

POLICE

The Big Spring Police Department reported the following activities from the period ending at 8 a.m. today:

• **NOEL ORTEGA, 22**, was

DUNIAPS Your Fashion Headquarters
111 E. Marcy 267-8283

Pick 3: 5,7,4

Cash 5: 1,6,7,13,30

arrested on a charge of public intoxication.

• **FERNANDO FRANCO, 33**, was arrested on a federal warrant.

• **VICKY BRADLEY, 30**, was arrested on a charge of delivery of a controlled substance.

• **GUADALUPE LEDEZMA, 48**, was arrested on a charge of delivery of a controlled substance.

• **ANGIE BROOKS, 32**, was arrested on a charge of possession of marijuana more than four ounces less than five pounds.

• **DONALD WHEAT, 53**, was arrested on a charge of delivery of a controlled substance.

• **JASON GONZALES, 24**, was arrested on a federal warrant.

• **LUANNA FRANCO, 36**, was arrested on a charge of possession of a controlled substance.

• **TONY FUENTES, 32**, was arrested on a federal warrant.

• **INTOXICATED SUBJECT/DRIVER** was reported in the 300 block of Tulane.

• **DOMESTIC DISTURBANCE** was reported in the 1000 block of North Main.

• **BURGLARY OF A VEHICLE** was reported in the 1000 block of Baylor.

• **POSSESSION OF MARIJUANA** was reported in the 1700 block of East Eighth.

• **DISTURBANCE/FIGHT** was reported in the 1300 block of Mobile and the 1300 block of Harding.

• **TREATHS** were reported in the 200 block of Airbase.

• **CRIMINAL TRESPASS WARNING** was reported in the 1100 block of West Fifth.

• **CRIMINAL MISCHIEF** was reported in the 2500 block of Kentucky Way and the 3300 block of Interstate 20.

• **ASSAULT** was reported in the 100 block of Stanford and at the police department.

• **DRIVING WHILE INTOXICATED** was reported at the police department.

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Anna and the King (PG-13)
Daily 6:50 & 9:30 Sat. & Sun. 1:30 & 4:10
End Of Days (R)
Daily 7:00 & 9:20 Sat. & Sun. 1:40 & 4:00

STAR
College Park Shopping Ctr.
Deuce Bigalow: Male Gigolo (R)
Daily 5:30-7:30 & 9:30 Sat. & Sun. 1:30 & 4:30

THE GREEN MILE (R)
Daily 1:45-5:15-9:45

CINEMA 4 ANY GIVEN SUNDAY (R)
Sun-Thurs 4:00 & 7:20 Fri. & Sat. 4:00 & 8:00 Sat. 1:20-4:40 & 8:00

STUART LITTLE (PG)
Daily 4:20 Sat. & Sun. 1:40

BICENTENNIAL MAN (PG)
Daily 7:00 Sat. & Sun. 1:30

'THE TALENTED MR. RIPLEY (PG-13)
Daily 7:10 Fri. & Sat. 9:50

GALAXY QUEST (PG)
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Texas expected to receive \$17.5 million in Koch Industries settlement

AUSTIN (AP) — Texas will receive about half of the landmark \$35 million federal settlement with Koch Industries over alleged contamination of lakes and streams in six states.

The settlement, announced Thursday, stems from allegations that the Wichita, Kan., company had more than 300 oil spills from its pipelines and other oil operations, resulting in 3 million gallons of crude oil pouring into lakes and streams.

Koch pipelines had more than 100 spills in Texas that dumped about 50,000 gallons of oil in the 1990s, including a 10,000 gallon spill in Duval County in

January 1999, state officials said.

Koch will pay \$30 million in civil penalties and will contribute \$5 million for a variety of environmental cleanup projects.

Texas will receive about \$17.5 million, of which \$6 million will be for the Railroad Commission's Oil Field Cleanup Fund, \$3 million to the General Land Office's Coastal Protection Fund and \$2.5 million to environmental projects of the Texas Natural Resource Conservation Commission.

It is the largest civil penalty ever imposed against a single

company under the federal Clean Water Act and the largest ever collected by Texas under state environmental laws, Texas Attorney General John Cornyn said.

"This settlement and penalty warn polluters that they cannot treat oil spills simply as the cost of doing business. I will continue to pursue polluters who threaten the health and safety of Texans," Cornyn said.

The federal government initially sued Koch in 1995. Texas joined in 1997 under then-Attorney General Dan Morales.

The private attorneys Morales hired to represent the state will

get about 25 percent of Texas' share of the settlement.

The settlement also requires Koch to assess all of its pipelines and repair or replace them if needed.

The company must implement a pipeline leak prevention and detection and maintenance and inspection programs, according to the settlement.

Most of the spills were caused by pipeline corrosion, and the government alleged the corrosion could have been prevented with proper maintenance and operation.

An outside auditor will check the company's compliance. The

state will sue Koch for contempt if it violates the settlement, Cornyn said.

"If you pollute in Texas, you'll pay the price," said Railroad Commissioner Tony Garza.

Koch officials said the company has reduced its crude oil pipeline leaks by 96 percent over the last decade and has a good record of preventing and mitigating damages when spills occur.

"We take responsibility for our pipeline incidents and always have," said Pat McCann, Koch senior vice president. "We believe that the settlement is fair and reasonable and will

avoid even more years of litigation," he said.

Koch operates more than 35,000 miles of pipeline in the United States and Canada, and has refineries in Texas and Minnesota through its Koch Petroleum Group subsidiary.

The spills outlined in the settlement polluted waterways in Texas, Oklahoma, Kansas, Alabama, Louisiana and Missouri, according to the federal Environmental Protection Agency. Those include a case near Payne County, Okla., in which 221,000 gallons of oil spilled contaminated Keystone Lake.

Bond denied for ex-husband of slain quads mom

SAN ANTONIO (AP) — A federal magistrate on Thursday denied bond for a businessman accused in the 1997 Florida killing of his ex-wife.

Allen Blackthorne of San Antonio faces state and federal charges in the death of Sheila Bellush, who was the mother of quadruplets.

Federal Magistrate Pam Mathy denied Blackthorne bond after hearing more than 11 hours of testimony over two days.

Blackthorne, 44, was teary-eyed and his wife, Maureen, wept openly when they heard the judge's ruling. He looked back at his wife and tried to smile as he was led from the courtroom. He was to be returned to the Wackenhut Detention Facility.

On Thursday afternoon, prosecutors played a tape of an interview with Mrs. Bellush's sister, Kerri Bladorn of Oregon.

Ms. Bladorn said she spoke with her sister a week before the killing and that Mrs. Bellush was at peace. But Mrs. Bellush also said she knew Blackthorne would kill her eventually, because he had threatened to do so repeatedly, Ms. Bladorn said.

Blackthorne's lawyer, Richard Lubin of West Palm Beach, Fla., said he was disappointed in the judge's ruling.

"We understand that at this stage, sometimes judges err on the side of caution," he said.

Lubin said he plans to appeal to a district judge and will press for a speedy trial. "We could be ready in a week," he

said. Mathy said she considered Blackthorne a flight risk because he is wealthy, only has a small family in San Antonio and has worked in foreign countries.

Blackthorne is accused of conspiring with a golfing buddy and others to harm Ms. Bellush, 35, on Nov. 7, 1997, just weeks after she moved to Florida. Blackthorne, who has said he was playing golf in Texas the day of the murder, was arrested last week in San Antonio.

In addition to the conspiracy charge, which can be punishable by death, Blackthorne also faces a federal charge of interstate domestic violence, which carries a maximum penalty of life imprisonment.

The state murder charge, which can be punishable by up to life in prison, alleges Blackthorne conspired with Daniel Rocha, Sammy Gonzales and Jose Luis Del Toro in committing the federal felony offense of interstate domestic violence.

A Florida jury convicted Rocha, 30, of first-degree murder last year for his role in a plot authorities say was hatched in country clubs across San Antonio.

Gonzales, 29, a former attendant at San Antonio Country Club, admitted his role in a conspiracy. His cousin, Jose Luis Del Toro, 23, was identified by Gonzales as the triggerman in the plot.

Del Toro's trial is set for July in Sarasota.

Texas looks good for Gore, but Gov. Bush looking better

The ASSOCIATED PRESS

While Texas looks like welcome territory to Democratic primary hopeful Al Gore, more residents will be pulling for George W. Bush in November if the governor wins the GOP's presidential nomination, according to a new poll.

The statewide survey was conducted this week by The Dallas Morning News and the Houston Chronicle, with the Texas presidential primary two months away.

The poll found the vice president held a comfortable lead over Democratic challenger Bill Bradley.

But it was Gov. Bush who would handily knock off either Democrat in the state's November general election in Texas.

"It's George, George and more George. Texans are clamoring to vote for him," said pollster Julie Weprin. She said the survey suggests Democrats should "go somewhere else" for votes in the fall election.

The telephone survey of 1,000 registered Texas voters was conducted Sunday through Wednesday by Weprin's firm, Blum & Weprin Associates Inc., for both newspapers. The poll has a margin of error of plus or

minus 3 percentage points; the margin of error widens to plus or minus 6 percentage points for the likely Democratic primary voters.

The March 14 Texas Democratic presidential primary remains up for grabs, although Gore has a big advantage over Bradley, the former New Jersey senator.

Among Texans who say they plan to vote in the Democratic primary, Gore was favored by 54 percent. Mr. Bradley had 25 percent. The rest were undecided.

"There's possibly a chance for Bradley to do better against Gore in Texas, but now it's pretty solidly in Gore's camp," Ms. Weprin said.

The state has long been targeted by national candidates because of its sizable number of electoral votes.

Despite the results' pro-Bush findings, there were exceptions: Forty-two percent of the state's voters said a presidential candidate is best prepared by having been a senator or congressman, compared with 35 percent who said serving as a governor and heading an administration were better training grounds.

The poll found that Bush would defeat either Gore or Bradley by 2-to-1.

Commission upholds firing of former Tarrant County jailer

FORT WORTH (AP) — A civil service commission has upheld the firing of a former Tarrant County jailer who had done a favor for an inmate.

Kenneth L. McLain was fired Oct. 29 after she admitted making a phone call for an inmate. The Sheriff's Civil Service Commission unanimously upheld the firing during a hearing Wednesday.

While she was a clerk at the Belknap jail during the summer

of 1998, McLain used her cell phone to check on the health of the mother of inmate Michael Toney.

McLain, 33, said she knew Toney from rodeo events, but didn't tell her supervisors for fear of losing her job. She also didn't think the relationship was of any significance.

Chief Savala Swanson, the jail administrator, testified that McLain's actions breached jail security and damaged the

integrity of the Sheriff's Department and its officers.

Officials said McLain's behavior violated civil service rules that prohibit employees from associating with inmates, except for official duties or with written permission.

McLain came under investigation in August after personal information about her was found in a letter that Toney sent to another inmate. McLain admitted she made the calls and

deliberately did not disclose that she knew Toney.

The former jailer said she communicated with Toney only through a jail intercom system, reporting to him that his mother was not ill.

Swanson said Toney could have used a chaplain to check on his mother.

Toney has since been convicted of capital murder in the bombing deaths of three people and sentenced to death.

Jury awards \$10 million to ex-pilot

DALLAS (AP) — Fired by American Airlines for refusing to fly during an ice storm, a former pilot should receive \$10 million in damages, a jury here has decided.

Jurors in state District Court in Dallas County awarded Michael LaGrotte of Dallas \$3 million in actual damages and \$7 million in punitive damages Wednesday.

LaGrotte, who had been a pilot for 10 years at American Eagle, sued the airline in the spring of 1997, contending he had been fired from his job in December 1996 because he had refused to fly a turboprop plane during an ice storm the previous month.

LaGrotte's attorney, Mike

Cook, said the pilot made an attempt to fly the plane from Dallas to Houston but returned to the airport because he thought the conditions were unsafe.

He was asked to try again and refused.

American Eagle, the regional airline owned by AMR Corp. of Fort Worth, said it will appeal.

"Despite the jury's decision, American Eagle stands by its dismissal of Michael LaGrotte because our first priority is to ensure the safety of our passengers and employees," the airline said in a statement.

American Eagle said it fired LaGrotte because he did not execute proper procedures during severe icing conditions. The

company also alleged he failed to follow safety procedures in two earlier incidents.

In addition, the airline said it later found that LaGrotte had failed to disclose on his employment application previous arrests on charges of illegal drug use.

The decision comes at a critical time for the airline.

The National Transportation Safety Board is to hold hearings in Little Rock, Ark., in two weeks to determine what, if any, role American had in a crash last year that killed 11 people.

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OUR VIEWS

We salute:

Each week, the Herald salutes individuals and groups from our community and area who have been recognized for special achievements or accomplishments.

We recognize these special people for working to help make our region a better place to live, work and play.

This week we salute:

- Local attorney **ROBERT MILLER**, who was named as a board certified attorney by the National Board of Trial Advocacy. Miller becomes one of only 2,386 attorneys nationwide to be earned the designation.

- Big Spring's **STEVEN STOKES** and Stanton's **JEREMY HULL**, on being selected to the 50th annual Texas Sports Writers Association All-State Football Team. Stokes was named to the Class 4A second team, while Hull was named to the Class 2A third team.

- All those involved with the annual **HOWARD COUNTY JUNIOR LIVESTOCK SHOW**, from exhibitors to parents, to volunteers, sponsors, spectators and supporters. Without the participation of any of these, the quality of the show would decline.

- STAND DOWN 2000** volunteers, for their efforts to assist America's homeless and needy veterans.

- Howard College's **LADY HAWKS** basketball team, on their upset of nationally ranked Midland College which placed them in the lead of the Western Junior College Athletic Conference.

Is there an individual or organization in our community that you feel should be saluted? If so, please send us their name and why you think they should be recognized. We must have your name and telephone number and you must provide it in writing.

YOUR VIEWS

TO THE EDITOR:

A few days before Christmas, my husband and I had a blowout about halfway between Brownfield and Lamesa. It was almost dusk and quite cold. We had all of our luggage in the car, because the trunk was full of Christmas gifts for our family in Austin.

We had the packages on the ground and my husband had just found the jack when a white pickup passed us and turned around and came back. In less than five minutes the gentleman and his son, who were from Big Spring, had changed the tire, put the packages back in and were sending us on our way.

They wouldn't take a penny for their good work, even insisting that my husband take a pair of their leather gloves along. They were with their mother, on their way to Brownfield where their daughter was playing basketball that night. Such nice people. We didn't get the gentleman's name and hope that he has a chance to see this letter.

My 80-year-old husband and I thank you from the bottom of our hearts. Things like this make us wonder if perhaps we shouldn't move back to Texas.

HAROLD AND ANNE WOOLDRIDGE
SANTA FE, N.M.

TO THE EDITOR:

We would like to thank the following people and businesses for their generous donations that helped a family in need during the Christmas season.

We cannot express in words how grateful we are to those

of you who opened your hearts in a time of need. Many items of clothing, food, toys, gift certificates, cash, and household goods were donated so a wonderful family could have a nice Christmas.

When we delivered the items the family was so grateful for everyone who cared enough to think of them during the Christmas season.

Many thanks go to the following people and businesses: The entire staff to Big Spring Junior High School, the employees and managers of HEB, Don Newsom, Bob Scott of First Bank of West Texas, Elrod's Furniture, Mike and Sharon McGrievy, Charlie Calvert, Carla Bauer and the staff of Marcy Elementary.

May the new year bring you many blessings!
Thank you again.

KIM MERKET
AND **DEBBIE CALVERT**
BIG SPRING JUNIOR HIGH

TO THE EDITOR:

The Big Spring Humane Society and I want to thank you for all your help during our Christmas fundraiser. Without caring people like you, the Big Spring Humane Society would not be here.

Our fundraiser was extremely successful and we know it could not have succeeded without the generosity of companies like yours.

We appreciate your help and we want you to know that all the funds raised from this project goes directly to help the shelter.

Stan Partee
BIG SPRING HUMANE SOCIETY PRESIDENT

Covering the Courts: Military injustice

On a day in June, 1995, Pvt. Charles Richards left his base early at Fort Knox, Ky. Driving his own car, he headed for home. He never got there.

In a petition now before the Supreme Court, we learn that Richards was off duty for the day and was driving home in his own car. He was driving home in his own car to care for his wife, Shammara. She was then three months pregnant with their second child. At the intersection of Kentucky Highway 1638 and U.S. Route 31, a five-ton Army truck ran a red light and broadsided Richards' car. He died on the spot. He was 21 years old.

In March 1997 his widow brought a wrongful death suit against the government. She contended that the fuel truck had defective front brakes, an inoperable horn, contaminated brake fluid, and damaged tail and rear turn lights.

The driver was not licensed to operate a vehicle of that class.

In the civilian world, these allegations would justify a civil

trial. If proved, her charges would justify a substantial verdict.

But because Richards was serving his country at the time of his death, the U.S. District Court dismissed her suit out of hand. The Court of Appeals for the 3rd Circuit reluctantly affirmed. Now the high court, if it chooses, has a fresh opportunity to reconsider a legal precedent that has been roundly denounced for nearly 50 years.

Yes, I am back to the Feres doctrine, a judge-made precedent that works a shameful injustice upon men and women in the armed services. The doctrine dates from December 1950, when the Supreme Court ruled that the widow of 1st Lt. Rudolph J. Feres could not recover damages under the Federal Tort Claims Act for her husband's death in a barracks fire. She charged that the fire was the consequence of the government's negligence in failing to maintain the heating system.

Justice Robert Jackson conceded that in civilian life "a landlord would undoubtedly be held liable if an injury occurred to a tenant as a result of a negligently maintained heating plant."

Military life is different. Without dissent, the court concluded that the government is not liable under the act for injuries to service personnel

"where the injuries arise out of or are in the course of activity incident to service."

In the Richards case now pending in the Supreme Court, the widow and children of Pvt. Richards plea for reconsideration of the phrase, "incident to service."

The accident in Kentucky, tragic as it was, had nothing whatever to do with Richards as a serviceman. His death was not the consequence of any command decision. Military discipline did not figure in this case at all.

This was a sadly routine accident for which the Army was solely responsible. Four judges of the 3rd Circuit, speaking through Judge Marjorie O. Rendell, filed an impassioned dissent. The Richards case, they said, "represents yet another compelling argument for abandonment of the Feres doctrine." They urged the Supreme Court to overrule it. The government should accept accountability for injuries resulting from "essentially civilian activities wholly unrelated to military service."

This makes sense to me. At one time it made sense to the high court. In 1945, Welker and Arthur Brooks, and their father, were riding in their automobile on a public highway in North Carolina. The brothers were in the Army, but they were off duty. Their car

collided with an Army truck driven by a civilian driver. Arthur was killed in the accident; Welker and his father were badly injured. The District Court ruled that the Brooks family could sue under the Federal Tort Claims Act. In 1949 the Supreme Court affirmed.

"We are dealing with an accident which had nothing to do with the Brooks' Army careers, with injuries not caused by their service. ... Were the accident incident to the Brooks' service, a wholly different case would be presented."

The following year brought the Feres opinion, and the Brooks case sank out of sight. Since then, the Feres doctrine has drawn harsh criticism from every quarter. Justice Antonin Scalia asserted in 1987 that Feres "was wrongly decided and heartily deserves the widespread, almost universal criticism it has received." When off-duty personnel are killed or injured in off-base automobile accidents, it seems to me absurd to rule that the harm was "incident" to their service.

The phrase cries out for redefinition. The Federal Tort Claims Act was intended to make the government liable for its negligence "in the same manner and to the same extent as a private individual under like circumstances." Tell it to Shammara and the children!



JAMES J. KILPATRICK



Mixed signals in war on drugs

President Bill Clinton did it. Vice President Al Gore did it.

Presidential aspirants G.W. Bush and Bill Bradley did it, too. Even Associate Justice of the U.S. Supreme Court Clarence

Thomas did it. They did it and it does not matter, we are told, for truly anything is possible in America, the land not only of opportunity but of unlimited opportunity, the land where a person can smoke pot and still become president or Supreme Court justice.

Youthful indiscretion, the pundits call it. They pilloried Bill Clinton not for the act, but for his quibbling about the act: "I have never broken the laws of my country," he said. No, he broke the laws of Great Britain when he smoked marijuana as a student here. I didn't "inhale," he said. "Who cares?" we asked.

But what is the issue here? Should decades-old misdeeds be punished with life sentences? Certainly not, at least not in an all-inclusive manner. But certain positions and offices are often foreclosed to people for exactly such misdeeds. There are laws throughout the land that prohibit people for life from participating in certain endeavors. In Virginia, for example, an individual who commits one violation of driving a "commercial motor vehicle while under the influence of alcohol or other drugs" and who gives a "false statement on a commercial driver's license application" is disqualified for life from obtaining a commercial driver's license in the state.

Such lifetime prohibitions are usually connected to the misdeeds involved. So at a time when the United States has waged a war on drugs, is there no correlation between a presidential aspirant's previous drug-taking activity and his suitability to lead the war? Every parent in America knows you do not send mixed signals to children. We say, "Work hard, be good, and some day you might grow up to be president of the United States." We do not say, "Work hard most of the time, be good most of the time, do not overdo drugs and some day you might grow up to be..."

No, we do not say that, but those who would be president do. And those who write about those who would be president do. Just imagine President Bill Clinton telling the youth of America to "just say no." Or would he say, "Just don't inhale?"

But Bill Clinton is not the problem. The problem is that America has not declared war on drugs; it has declared a skirmish, and it is ambivalent about that. In our crusade to prevent people from harming themselves, we have spawned the worst and deadliest crime spree since the days of Prohibition, as those who would buy drugs and those who would sell them operate not according to society's laws, but to jungle law and destroy our cities in the process.

Through mixed signals we tell America's youth that drugs are evil and criminal, but if you use them, don't worry, you can still attain the highest offices in the land. It just won't work. We can either end the skirmish and start the war, which includes everything from enforcement to the selection of role models, or we can simply acknowledge that the real war is an information war such as we have witnessed with cigarettes.

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President Clinton says economy on track for continued expansion

NEW YORK (AP) — While noting a bit ruefully that he may not be personally sharing the full fruits of America's current economic boom, President Clinton spent a day among Wall Street titans and said he sees no reason the good times can't roll awhile longer.

Clinton beamed Thursday evening as he gazed over the floor of the New York Stock Exchange — probably the most potent symbol of the robust economy Clinton claims significant credit for fostering.

"I'm superstitious," Clinton admitted to a sushi-nibbling crowd gathered on the trading floor, and he doesn't want to

Jackson in an attempt to round up corporate and Wall Street support for programs that help low-income and minority entrepreneurship.

One corporate leader who has signed on to help Jackson, Citigroup Chairman Sanford Weill, startled the president with an unorthodox greeting.

"I want to thank you for my net worth," Weill declared, saying Citigroup's stock had climbed considerably since Clinton took office.

Clinton, deeply in debt with legal bills, replied, "I'm glad one of us made money out of this administration."

Assets held for the Clintons in

a blind trust have presumably grown along with the stock market. But the president's position makes it effectively impossible for him to play the market the way many middle-class people, including some of Clinton's own aides, have recently done to great success.

But Clinton may have another chance. He will be out of office in a year, and could then set about making money in the stock market and elsewhere.

On Thursday, Clinton said the fundamentals of the economy are sound, and there are no immediate fears of a boom-killing surge of inflation.

"We'll just see how long it'll

go," Clinton said during an interview on the financial network CNBC.

After noting that next month will mark the nation's longest stretch of sustained economic growth ever, Clinton added:

"There's never been anything like this before. The truth is no one knows for sure what will happen."

But in a speech Thursday to the Economic Club of New York, the chairman of the Federal Reserve, Alan Greenspan, said he was somewhat worried the strong stock market could overheat the economy.

"It is this imbalance between growth of supply and growth of

demand that contains the potential seeds of rising inflationary and financial pressures that could undermine the current expansion," Greenspan told his audience of top economists and Wall Street professionals.

Clinton also raised an estimated \$250,000 for Democratic candidates at a party on New York's Upper East Side that featured longtime Democratic donors, some newly wealthy entrepreneurs and stock market wizards, and model Christie Brinkley.

Now a New Yorker himself, Clinton then retired to his new house in suburban Westchester County.

Study suggests biological basis for antisocial behavior

CHICAGO (AP) — Very aggressive boys have lower-than-expected levels of a stress hormone in their saliva, according to a new study that suggests their behavior might be biologically based and hard to treat with counseling.

Extreme antisocial behavior in boys ages 7 to 12 appears to be related to low cortisol levels, researchers reported today in the January issue of the Archives of General Psychiatry.

Cortisol is typically released in response to fear, such as fear of punishment for misbehaving. Its low levels in the antisocial boys might indicate that they do not fear the possible consequences of their actions, said Keith McBurnett, a child psychologist at the University of Chicago medical school who led the study.

"Perhaps what we're dealing with here is a biological propensity that's resistant to treatment, which is very troubling," he said.

"The implication is that we may need to discard our tradi-

tional notions of treatment with these kids in favor of trying to help them fit in and find a niche in society where their aggressiveness and lack of a sense of danger is an asset."

McBurnett said a more appropriate treatment might include drugs similar to those given to hyperactive children.

The four-year project studied such symptoms as starting fights, using weapons, stealing and forcing sexual acts. McBurnett acknowledged that the sample was small — just 38 boys — but said the correlation between cortisol and "child-onset conduct disorder" was very strong.

The disorder is characterized by severely antisocial behavior such as animal cruelty and weapon use that shows up before age 10. Children with the disorder often grow up to account for a disproportionate percentage of crimes, the researchers said.

More than a third of the boys with low cortisol were labeled by peers as the meanest in their class.

Satellite business sale marks end of Hughes' eccentric era

LOS ANGELES (AP) — Howard Hughes' behemoth Spruce Goose was long ago taken apart and hauled away and his private airstrip is being turned into a planned community.

Now the last of the eccentric billionaire's legacy of flight will be absorbed by an aerospace giant: Hughes Electronics Corp. announced a \$3.75 billion deal Thursday to sell its satellite manufacturing business and related operations to the Boeing

Co.

Hughes will be free to focus on potentially more lucrative ventures in satellite-to-home TV, wireless Internet and other commercial ventures — none of which are directly involved in the making of flying machines once the obsession of the lanky Texas oil-industry heir.

"This is the last vestige of aerospace within the company," said Michael T. Smith, chairman and CEO of Hughes Electronics. "But I think if you

Hughes with about 40 percent of the market. Hughes has a backlog of 36 satellites on order worth an estimated \$4 billion.

In addition to Hughes' space and communications unit, Boeing is also acquiring Hughes' Electron Dynamics and Spectrolab, which make satellite components.

The three businesses have a combined work force of about 9,000 employees, primarily in Southern California, officials said.

Virgin reveals herself in spilled ice cream, faithful say

HOUSTON (AP) — They've come from far and wide, clutching rosaries and cameras, jostling to peer through the afternoon heat at an improbable shrine on the cement floor of a Houston apartment complex.

In the midst of wilting roses, candles and crosses, they say, the Virgin of Guadalupe reveals herself to the faithful in an amorphous stain of melted ice cream.

To unfaithful eyes, the crusty smear looks about as earthshak-

ing as, well, a melted popsicle. But ecstatic believers swear they can discern the form of the beloved Mexican idol.

Gloria Castro, 47, made her way to the front of the crowd, crossed herself and burst into tears.

"She knows that we need her," she said. "I had to see her, I had to pray to her."

Virginia Hernandez patted Mrs. Castro's arm.

"But look, look how lovely," she murmured. "Even the col-

ors are the same. She wants to bring us closer to God."

The ice cream was disintegrating fast this week, though someone has placed a glass pane over the smear and hemmed the makeshift frame with duct tape in the hopes of preserving the image.

"I just let 'em in," yawned apartment manager Maria Cervantes.

"If they want to believe it, it's fine with me."

Ms. Cervantes has spent the

Federal Consumer Protection has determined that the fuel saving theories of this advertisement are 100% accurate.

Platinum Device May Increase Gas Mileage

BOSTON — National Fuelsaver Corp. of Boston has developed a low cost automotive accessory called the Platinum Gasaver which increases the catalytic ability to increase gas mileage while meeting air emission standards.

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After studying this process for five years, the government concluded: "Independent testing

shows greater fuel savings with the Gasaver than that claimed by the developer."

In addition, the Gasaver has received patents for cleaning out the carbon deposits and raising octane, making premium fuel unnecessary for most vehicles.

Joel Robinson, the developer, commented: "We have sold over 400,000 Gasavers. To our surprise, as many people buy the Gasaver because it extends engine life (by cleaning out the abrasive carbon deposits) as buy it to increase gas mileage or to raise octane."

For further information call:
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TEST DATA

The government studied fuel saving test data on vehicles made by several auto makers using the Gasaver. Listed below is their data from a fleet of 15 identical 5-liter vehicles.

Vehicle Number	Miles per Gallon without Gasaver	Miles per Gallon with Gasaver	Percentage Increase
59	12.0	17.8	48.3%
63	11.3	16.6	46.9%
53	14.1	20.7	46.8%
51	13.0	18.8	44.6%
56	12.2	17.1	40.2%
64	9.6	13.3	38.5%
60	13.3	17.9	34.6%
55	9.8	13.1	33.7%
68	14.3	18.4	28.7%
50	10.8	13.9	28.7%
62	14.1	17.6	24.8%
66	15.8	17.5	10.8%
57	14.4	15.9	10.4%
54	13.1	14.0	6.9%
65	12.9	11.3	-12.4%
Average	12.7	16.3	28.3%

Credit bureaus to settle federal charges they didn't answer phones promptly

WASHINGTON (AP) — The nation's three major credit bureaus, in a settlement with the federal government, have pledged to make it easier for consumers who want to discuss their credit records to reach personnel on their toll-free lines.

Under an agreement with the Federal Trade Commission announced Thursday, the national consumer reporting agencies — Equifax Credit Information Services Inc., Experian Inc. and Trans Union LLC — have agreed to answer consumer calls within 30 minutes on average.

In addition, 90 percent of consumers who call the bureaus must be connected to personnel without getting a busy signal.

To settle FTC charges that they blocked millions of calls from consumers during business hours, the credit bureaus also have agreed to pay \$2.5 million.

According to the commission, consumers who wanted to talk about the contents of their credit report or possible errors were met with busy signals or a message indicating that they should call back because all represen-

tatives were occupied, the commission said. Others were kept on hold for long amounts of time, the FTC said.

Regulators charged that these practices constituted violations of the Fair Credit Reporting Act.

That law was amended in 1997 to require the major credit bureaus give consumers, along with their credit report, toll-free telephone numbers to reach employees during business hours.

"The reality is that consumers never got the access to the consumer reporting agencies that the law guarantees," said Jodie Bernstein, director of the FTC's bureau of consumer protection.

According to the FTC's complaint, more than a million callers trying to reach Trans Union and Experian received a busy signal or a call back message. The complaint against Equifax contains similar charges impacting hundreds of thousands of customers.

A number of consumers were kept on hold for what the commission called "unreasonable" amounts of time, waiting to speak to personnel.

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RELIGION

Americans worship survey says
ANN ARBOR, Mich. — Church attendees in the United States value other industrial development and other survey. The findings, from a survey by the University of Michigan Institute for Social Research, show that 55 percent of Americans report that they worship monthly in 1998, with 60 percent in 1997.

The international faith and values survey also shows that 55 percent of adults were conducted in 1990-91 and 1995-98, consistently reporting that church attendance in the United States is higher than in other industrialized nations. The institute said that the percentage has been increasing since 1987, from 49 percent in Britain and five other countries to 55 percent in the United States. The institute also said that the percentage of respondents who thought about the purpose of their faith in 1998 was higher than in 1997, at 10 percent.

On this question, interest showed that the 37 societies surveyed in Australia, West Germany, South Korea, Italy, the Netherlands, and the United States had a 10 percent or more interest in the study.

Help for National Churches
LOUISVILLE, Ky. — The Presbyterian Church (USA) will be asking for a one-time grant of \$5 million from the National Council of Christian Churches to help with the costs of a proposed merger with the United Methodist Church.

The proposal by the United Methodist Church to merge with the Presbyterian Church (USA) is a significant development for both denominations. The merger would create the largest Protestant denomination in the U.S., with 30 million members.

First Christian Church
This Sunday, Dr. Jimmy Watson will continue his two-part sermon series entitled, "When God Talks, People Listen." Dr. Watson will ask the question, "How do we know we are listening?" His answers will stem mostly from the story of the boy Samuel in 1 Samuel 3.

First Assembly of God
Pastor R.T. Havenner will begin a pulpit series on the "Fruit of the Spirit" this Sunday morning at 10:40. Many fail to realize that the Holy Spirit is a real person, and is the third member of the Godhead. The Fruit of the Spirit is the Holy Spirit producing evidences externally that He is in control internally. This first message will be on "Love," the first segment of fruit mentioned in Galatians 5:22.

Santa Fe cathedral rector
SANTA FE, N.M. — Francis Catholic Church for years, has installed a priest, the Rev. Martinez y Alire, a Santa Fe native. The cathedral in Santa Fe attracts thousands of tourists each year. Archbishop Michael Martinez will be in Santa Fe this week promoting the welfare of parishioners and to Santa Fe, which means "faith."

Earlier, the cathedral had recovered \$5.8 million in a lawsuit against a contractor. The \$8 million in damages was awarded by the U.S. District Court in Denver. The contractor, Bohemia of Prague, had been awarded the contract to build the cathedral but failed to complete the project. The most of the money had come from a reinsurance fund.

Arriving at one goal is the starting point to another.
John Dewey
A ship in a harbor is safe, but that is not what a ship is built for.
William Shedd
A successful man is one who can build a firm foundation with the bricks that others throw at him.
David Brinkley

The Franciscan order is in shaping Catholic Southwest for 400 years since 1209. A Franciscan friar gave it up. Martinez, a 48-year-old Santa Fe and San Antonio New Mexican pastor of Santa Maria Catholic Community in Santa Fe's newest Catholic parish.

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Cookies

Girl Scouts begin taking orders Saturday for popular fundraising treats

By DEBBIE L. JENSEN
Features Editor

Starting Saturday, Girl Scouts will head out across the city, taking orders for their most popular fundraiser of the year.

Yes, it's cookie time.

"This is a very popular sale that is looked forward to every year," said Donna Dugger, local chairman for the sale. She and other volunteer leaders in the community are assisting the more than 80 Scouts involved.

Thin Mints, Caramel Delites, Peanut Butter Patties, Peanut Butter Sandwich, Shortbread, Upside-Down Frosted Oatmeal Cookies and Reduced Fat Lemon Pastry Cremes are

Orders are taken door-to-door and office-to-office at first, then troops will set up booths at local stores to reach more buyers.

joined this year by new Animal Treasures. The new cookie is a shortbread dipped in fudge and stamped with the outline of an endangered animal.

The \$3-a-box cookies help fund Girl Scout camping trips, trips, pay for badges and patches, educational programs and activities like lock-ins. Less than \$1 goes to pay for the cookies, and the rest of your purchase price goes to the West Texas Girl Scout Council and the troop.

At first, girls will go door-to-door, into offices and churches, to sell to folks one-on-one. Then, about Jan. 26, they begin setting up booths at stores to reach more cookie-hungry shoppers.

"(Jan.) 29 is the last day we are taking orders," Dugger said. "Deliveries will be made starting Feb. 23." At that time, there will be extra boxes available for those who missed the order period or want to buy more.

While cookies are the most popular, and well known fundraiser, they are by no means the only one. In the fall, girls sold calendars and nuts to help pay for their programs. They have also sold magazines.

And it is not just the young Brownies who depend on cookie sales; older girls, through high school age, can earn money for college through the fundraiser.

"So, remember, don't just buy from the little girls, think of the older girls, too," said Dugger.

If you don't get contacted by a Girl Scout, call Dugger at 267-3198, or call Susan at 267-4828, to place an order.

CHURCH NEWS

New Mt. Zion Baptist Church

The Soul Seekers Gospel Singers of Lubbock will be at New Mt. Zion Baptist Church, 1111 Runnels, on Sunday, Jan. 23, at 2 and 6 p.m. This event is sponsored by the Missionary Society. Also, True Light Singers of Midland will perform.

Rev. Tommy Hudson is pastor.

Abundant Grace Family Church

Abundant Grace Family Church, 1005 East 11th Place, is having revival with special guest speaker Randall Griener Jan. 16-20.

Randall Griener is an ex-con, ex-alcoholic and ex-drug addict. He spent over 10 years of his life behind prison bars. He failed to respond to any rehabilitation offered. During his incarceration he escaped three times. During his last escape, he managed to avoid the authorities for approximately a year. While driving down the highway, he had an encounter with the Lord Jesus Christ, who told him to go to the authorities and turn himself in. At that time he was facing a possible life without parole sentence. He was later released on parole and in June 1993, he was granted a full pardon with the right to bear arms.

He is a graduate of Rhema Bible Training Center, Tulsa, Okla. He and his wife now travel throughout the world speaking in churches, crusades and prisons. He has a prison outreach ministry to convicts and ex-cons.

Randall will be ministering Sunday morning at 10 and nightly at 6. The public is invited to come hear this powerful testimony.

First Assembly of God

Pastor R.T. Havenner will begin a pulpit series on the "Fruit of the Spirit" this Sunday morning at 10:40. Many fail to realize that the Holy Spirit is a real person, and is the third member of the Godhead. The Fruit of the Spirit is the Holy Spirit producing evidences externally that He is in control internally. This first message will be on "Love," the first segment of fruit mentioned in Galatians 5:22.

In the evening service at 6,

Take time for the important things, not just what is urgent

How are you going to spend the new year? By the time we live 72 years, we spend 21 years sleeping, 14 years working, seven years in the bathroom, six years eating, five years waiting in line, 22 months in worship and eight months opening junk mail.

We all have the same amount of time in every day, but we don't all use it the same way.

Charles Hummel wrote a little booklet called, "The Tyranny of the Urgent." He writes that someone told him about how to use his time wisely. They said, "Your greatest danger is letting the urgent things crowd out the important things." The reason we don't do the important things in life is because the important things don't have to be done today and the urgent demands to be done now.

In John 17:4, Jesus said, "I have finished the work your Father gave me to do..." He only had an active ministry of three years, but He finished everything He came to do. Wouldn't you like to be able to say that? The Apostle Paul gives us three things to do to use our time wisely.

First, he says to analyze the way we spend our time. "See that you walk circumspectly, not as fools but as wise." (Ephesians 5:15) On the sabbath at Harvard Yard are these words "On this minutes hangs

eternity." Students there are reminded that the most precious thing we have is time. We need to spend time doing things that are important.

A. Thinking — Because as a man thinks, so is he.

B. Planning — Without it we will have disappointing results.

C. Working — It is the price of success.

D. Playing — It is the secret of recreating self.

E. Reading — It is the foundation of knowledge.

F. Being friendly — It is the way to make friends.

G. Being thankful — It is the way to be happy.

Second, he says to utilize the present. "Redeem the time because the days are evil." (Ephesians 5:16) Don't waste time but make the most of it.

There are three kinds of time. Prime Time is the time we do our best work. We should try to avoid any interruptions and use this time for important work.

Grind Time is the time when we are not at our best; use this time for mundane work. Maybe

do two things at once.

Unwind time is the time we need to get away from work and relax. Don't feel guilty about relaxing, it is important to our health. A principal at a large high school took a survey of his students to find out how many students enjoyed work. He learned that the students who liked to work had the most satisfaction in life and the greatest success in the future.

Third, he says to prioritize what is important. "Understand what the will of the Lord is..." (Ephesians 5:17) The secret of Jesus' success was that before his busiest day, He arose early and found a quiet place to pray.

Jesus waited for instructions from His Father. He knew what was important because He listened to His Father. When Mary and Martha sent an urgent message that Lazarus was sick and he needed to come quickly, He delayed two days. The urgent need was to heal Lazarus, but Jesus knew it was more important to show the glory of God and raise Lazarus from the dead.

The song says, "Only one life so soon it will pass. Only what's done for Christ will last. Only one chance to do His will. So give to Jesus all your days; it's the only life that pays, when you recall you have but one life."

Darrell Hendrickson is pastor at First Church of God.



DARRELL HENDRICKSON

Christian polygamists cite biblical justification

CIRCLEVILLE, Utah (AP) — A decade ago, Stephen Butt says he was happily married, busy with his church and working as a cult exit counselor in Maine. His work with a young woman who had been abused by a cult took an unexpected direction. She became his wife.

Now Butt lives in Utah with three wives and five children, ministering to nearly 1,000 people around the country who call themselves Christian polygamists.

Unlike the estimated 25,000-35,000 polygamists living in the West who trace their roots to historical Mormonism, Butt and his Protestant peers say plural marriage comes straight from the Old Testament.

"We believe that plural marriage is allowed for in the Bible to meet practical, real needs, and this should be acknowledged by the Christian church," Butt said.

He points to passages that say David, Solomon and other patriarchs had many

wives. "Obviously polygamy can't be something that's immoral if God allowed it with these people whom he showed so much favor."

To spread the word, Butt and his family moved to southern Utah recently and bought Circleville's original Mormon chapel. They plan to start the first Free Patriarchal Christian Church in this town of about 300 settled by Mormon pioneers in 1864.

They intend to take their message to the polygamist families living in southern Utah, and expand into California, the Southeast and then abroad to countries with polygamous cultures. It will be easier to convert cultural polygamists to Christianity, Butt figures, than to persuade mainstream Christian churches to accept plural marriage.

Though Butt talks about multiple wives and uses the term "polygamy," he is mindful that bigamy is illegal and points out his second and third wives are bound to him by God's word alone.

Though all three women wear wedding rings (something Butt himself does not do), only his first wife has a marriage license.

In an anteroom of their old stone church, Butt, 49, sits in a recliner, his wives and children around him and a poster of a male lion on the wall above his head.

On one couch sits 51-year-old Diane, his legal wife, with their two children: Andri, 14, and John, 13.

Dawn, a 34-year-old woman who joined the family a little over year ago, plays on another with her 2-year-old son, Isaac. The twins she and Butt had, 5-month-old Jacob and Abigail, squirm on a blanket.

To Butt's right is Merry-ann, 44, the woman he brought home a decade ago.

"It was like, 'Honey, I brought home the bread and milk and, by the way, here's a new woman,'" Diane Butt says with a laugh.

She wasn't enthusiastic back then. "But if you would ask me today if I

CLUB NEWS

Toastmasters

Tall Talkers Toastmasters Club of Big Spring held their meeting on Jan. 5 at 6:30 a.m. at 606 Johnson Street Dene Sheppard's Mary Kay Cosmetics Sales Office.

Members discussed the schedule for the next three weeks.

For those wishing to improve their communications skills, we welcome you to visit our next meeting, Wednesday Jan. 19 at 6:30 a.m. at 606 Johnson Street Mary Kay Cosmetics sales office. Communication is the key to success.

For more information please call our Vice-President of Membership, Pam Welch, at 264-6032.

Evening Lions Club

The Big Spring Evening Lions Club held its monthly eyebank clinic on Saturday, Jan. 9.

According to club president Bob Noyes, the club was able to help about 12 individuals with glasses as well as adjustments or earpieces for their glasses. "Over the past 28 months, we have seen approximately 338 clients so that would average out to about 12 per month," Noyes said.

Included in the 14 individuals helping the Lions Club were several members of Girl Scout Troop 463. The girls under the leadership of Carol Reyes were doing community service work towards their service bar. They must do 25 hours of community service in order to qualify for that award. Those participating from the troop were Megan Reyes, Ameer Ham, Morgan Long, Lorie Long and Blythe Long.

The Evening Lions will hold another eyebank clinic next Saturday, Jan. 15. This clinic will be for veterans who are in need of eyeglasses but the club will not turn away those who are not vets. The time for the clinic will again be from 9 a.m. to noon at the Lions Club building.

Retired Teachers Association

Members of the Big Spring-Howard County Retired Teachers Association will meet Monday, Jan. 17, in the Cactus Room at Howard College. Lunch will be served at 11:30 a.m.

Brian Jensen, member of the See CLUB, Page 7A

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CONSUMER NEWS

SOUTHFIELD, Mich. (AP) — "Never iron clothes while they are being worn" has won top honors in the third annual "Wacky Warning Label Contest" sponsored by Michigan Lawsuit Abuse Watch.

Bonnie Hay of Plano, Texas, discovered the label on an iron.

For her observation, she wins \$500 and a copy of the book "The Death of Common Sense: How Law Is Suffocating America," by lawyer Philip K. Howard.

The group awarded second place to a Traverse City man who sent in the warning from his 13-inch wheelbarrow tire: "Not for highway use." Third place goes to another Texan who submitted the warning from a bathroom heater: "This product is not to be used in bathrooms."

The warning labels are aimed at fending off lawsuits, M-LAW president Robert B. Dorigo Jones said Wednesday. M-LAW is a coalition of consumers, businesses and others trying to stop what it calls frivolous lawsuits.

"These are funny. We all get a good laugh," Jones said, "but it's a direct result of personal responsibility being eroded in the courts today while personal injury lawyers simply get richer."

FOR YOUR INFORMATION

PARENTS WHO CARE, A group of parents of juniors in Big Spring High School, will meet Monday at 7:30 p.m. in the high school library to begin planning their after-prom party. The casino night party is a traditional alcohol-free alternative to continue the celebration after the prom. Call Linda Perez, 263-4921, for more information.

SENIOR CITIZENS ARE NEEDED to staff a volunteer program that will promote immunizations. Volunteers 55 and older are sought for the effort, to be known as the Seniors for Childhood Immunization Program. RSVP volunteers will visit new mothers at Scenic Mountain Medical Center and remind them of the importance of the immunizations. To find out more about the program or to volunteer, call 264-2397.

THE LAST WORD

RELIGION BRIEFS

Americans worshipping less, survey says

ANN ARBOR, Mich. (AP) — Church attendance among American adults is slipping, yet it remains higher than in other industrial democracies, according to a newly issued survey.

The findings, from the University of Michigan's Institute for Social Research, show that 55 percent of Americans reported attending worship services at least monthly in 1998, compared with 60 percent in 1981.

The international surveys on faith and values among 166,000 adults were conducted in 1981, 1990-91 and 1995-98. Polls have consistently reported higher church attendance in the United States compared with other industrial democracies. The institute said attendance has been increasing in Great Britain and five of the seven post-communist nations surveyed, but it is falling in Switzerland, Spain and Australia.

The institute also asked respondents how frequently they thought about the meaning and purpose of life. The proportion of those replying "often" in 1998 was 46 percent in the United States, second only to East Germany's 47 percent.

On this question, spiritual interest showed gains in 26 of the 37 societies surveyed. Australia, West Germany, South Korea, Italy and the Netherlands all had increases of 10 percent or more.

Help for National Council of Churches

LOUISVILLE, Ky. (AP) — The Presbyterian Church (USA) will be asked to approve a one-time grant of \$400,000 for the financially troubled National Council of Churches.

The proposal by two top staff officers is to be presented in mid-February at a meeting of the denomination's executive council. The officers said the request is based on recent cost-cutting steps and the prospect of "responsible management" under new council leaders. The Presbyterians previously gave the council a special \$100,000 grant toward a \$3.2 million operating deficit for 1999.

The United Methodist Church lifted a suspension of its regular funding, ordered in October on grounds that the council lacked a viable financial plan. The council has since cut its staff and instituted financial controls.

The Presbyterians and Methodists are the largest funders of the council, which recently celebrated its 50th anniversary and elected Robert Edgar as chief executive. Edgar is a United Methodist minister and president of the School of Theology at Claremont, Calif. Previously he was a Democratic congressman, representing suburban Philadelphia.

Earlier, the council said it had recovered \$5.4 million of the \$8 million invested in what proved to be fraudulent securities issued by the Banka Bohemia of Prague, Czech Republic. The council said most of the money invested had come from a retiree health insurance fund.

Santa Fe cathedral gets new rector

SANTA FE, N.M. (AP) — St. Francis Cathedral, led by Franciscans for nearly 80 years, has installed a diocesan priest, the Rev. Jerome Martinez y Alire, as rector.

The cathedral in downtown Santa Fe attracts thousands of tourists each year.

Archbishop Michael Sheehan said Martinez would be effective in promoting the spiritual welfare of parishioners and visitors to Santa Fe, a name which means "city of holy faith."

The Franciscan order, active in shaping Catholicism in the Southwest for 400 years, had administered the cathedral since 1920. A shortage of Franciscans forced them to give it up.

Martinez, a 48-year-old native of Santa Fe and an 11th-generation New Mexican, is founding pastor of Santa Maria de la Paz Catholic Community, the capital city's newest and largest Catholic parish.

Coming Sunday:
The power of words

CLUB

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EMS-Fire Department, will speak on ambulance service in Howard County.

Members are reminded to turn in their volunteer hours for the past year to Elfa Cantrell, who is in charge of Community Volunteer Services.

All retired school personnel are invited to attend the meeting.

1955 Hyperion Club

The 1955 Hyperion Club met Jan. 5, in the home of Mrs. Chuck Bagwell, with Mrs. John Forks cohostess.

The business meeting was called to order by Mrs. Murray Murphy. It was decided that the club project for the year would be a donation to a scholarship fund for a woman at Howard College.

A report was given about the Christmas Angels. Two elderly people were given an outfit of clothing for Christmas.

With reluctance, the club accepted a letter of resignation from Mrs. Michael Morris, who will be moving from Big Spring.

The program, following the theme of The Total Woman, was given by Mrs. Bagwell, showing the gifts of a woman. It is her belief that all are capable of creating art. Some are encouraged more and shown at an earlier age how to be creative.

She gave a short history of her experience of art, classes taught, painting on clothing, bags and various things. With maturity she has begun painting pictures with a subliminal theme painted in. A great satisfaction is felt in the work and the growth as well as the selling of some of her pictures. Mrs. Bagwell demonstrated her gift of creativity in the art field.

Refreshments were served to nine members and a new member, Leighann Fleming. The next meeting will be in the home of Mrs. Steve Herren on Feb. 1, with Dr. Ray Owen as speaker.

Order of the Eastern Star

Big Spring Chapter No. 87 Order of the Eastern Star will honor past matrons and past patrons at a stated meeting Jan. 18, 7:30 p.m. in the Masonic Lodge.

TAKE TIME OUT
AND READ
TO YOUR KIDS.

Pollster says we 'pick and choose' from faith

HOUSTON (AP) — The nation's premier pollster says the spiritual quest percolating among Americans today might best be described as "religion a la carte."

A Canadian sociologist, Reginald Bibby, coined the term. But pollster George Gallup Jr. researched its application in the United States.

At the dawn of a new century, Gallup concludes that Americans "pick and choose" what they want to believe, often mixing ideas within one religion or blending two or more different religions into a personal belief system.

"Substantial portions of traditional Christians, for instance, subscribe to non-Christian beliefs and practices, such as reincarnation," he said in a telephone interview.

This individualistic spiritual questing is most obvious in recent religious history, he said. A current of deep spiritual searching can be detected beneath even the TV evangelism excesses of the 1980s and the eclectic New Age practices of the 1990s.

"Americans are seeking something more meaningful, deeper and healthier," Gallup said.

"I think it stems in part from what they perceive to be a failure of materialism in (the 20th) century and the fact that there are so many problems that surround us without apparent solutions.

"I think that's why the seeking has intensified at this point in time. The surge in this

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religiosity and spirituality in polling Americans.

"A recent poll we did showed 54 percent of Americans say they are religious, 30 percent spiritual and 6 percent both," Gallup said.

But one can only estimate the religious practice growing out of those figures.

"I have to lump the spiritual and the religious together," he said. "I think the most dramatic way people are living out their faith is through volunteerism, either through faith communities or elsewhere. Almost every other person in this country is a volunteer, in terms of giving an average of three or four hours a week to some cause without remuneration."

Americans remain highly individualistic, but the researchers found old distinctions between denominations may be dying.

American spirituality is a polyglot, they said, in which Baptists don't all think alike. Nor do Catholics. Sometimes a Baptist may have more in common with a Presbyterian than with someone in their own denomination.

"Millions of people of all faiths are believers, many devout, but they do not always participate in the congregational lives of their denominations," Gallup and Lindsay write in the new book.

"Americans tend to view faith as a matter between them and God, to be aided, but not necessarily influenced, by religious institutions.

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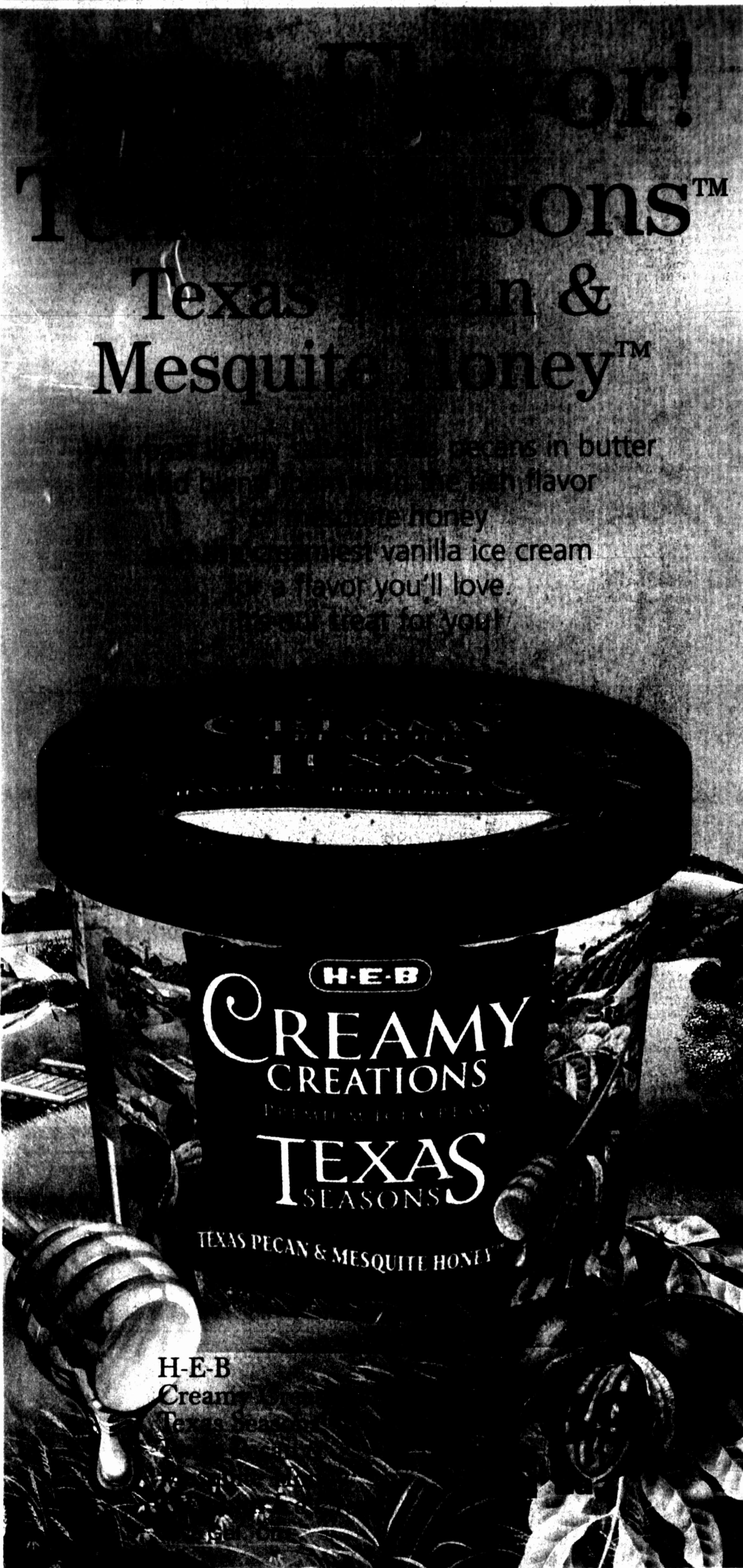
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Softball booster meeting for Jan

The Big Spring Boosters Club has an organizational meeting for all players' parents on Thursday, Jan. 20 at the Spring High School Training Center. Members will discuss the year's activities. All parents of Big Spring players are encouraged to attend.

Baseball booster meeting for Mo

The Big Spring Boosters Club has its next meeting Monday at the High School Athletic Center's meeting room. Members will discuss that have been sold, discuss other fund-raising improvements to the team. For more information, contact Jim Clements after 6 p.m.

Hunter education scheduled for F

A hunter education class is required of all Texas residents born on or after Sept. 1, 1961. The class will be held from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. Saturday and Sunday, Feb. 12-13, in the Big Spring Area Chamber of Commerce conference room. Boyce Hale will be the instructor. Poitivent will be the instructor for the class. The class is also required for home study course students to attend hands-on skills. For more information, contact Jim Hale at 267-6957 or the Gun Shop at 267-7800.

Semi-pro football being formed lo

Efforts are currently being made to field a Texas semi-Pro football league this season. Rick Boles, the general manager and defensive coordinator of the team, said the league currently has 12 players. The team will be formed at 10 a.m. on Saturday, Jan. 15, at Blankenship Field. The team, owned by Spring resident Danguard, would have a roster of 25 to 30 players. Players will not be paid but will have to pay a fee to provide their own equipment. For more information, contact Boles at 264-1100.

Tyson wins first fight still outside

LONDON (AP) — Mike Tyson won his first fight in Britain before he arrived. Despite a 1992 conviction that could have barred him from entering the country, a government official said Thursday that "circumstances" exist that he will be permitted to fight against Julio Cesar Chavez on Jan. 29 in Manchester, England.

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TODAY
HIGH SCHOOL BASKETBALL
6 p.m. — Big Spring at Odessa
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• Sonora at Forsan
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• Dawson at Garden City
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ON THE

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COLLEGE BASKETBALL
Men
11 p.m. — Ohio at ESPN, Ch. 30.
NBA
7 p.m. — Los Angeles at Indiana Pacers, TNT
9:30 p.m. — Portland Trailblazers at Phoenix Suns, TNT, Ch. 28.
GOLF
7 p.m. — PGA Championship, 2nd round, ESPN, Ch. 5.
PROFESSIONAL HOCKEY
7 p.m. — WPHL at FSN, Ch. 29.

IN BRIEF

Softball boosters slate meeting for Jan. 20

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Tyson wins first British fight still outside country

LONDON (AP) — Mike Tyson won his first fight in Britain before he even arrived. Despite a 1992 rape conviction that could have kept him from entering the country, government officials decided Thursday that "special circumstances" existed so that he will be permitted to fly for a fight against Julius Francis on Jan. 29 in Manchester, England.

AREA GAMES

TODAY HIGH SCHOOL BASKETBALL 6 p.m. — Big Spring at Andrews (G-B) 6:30 p.m. • Seagraves at Coahoma (G-B) • Sonora at Forson (G-B) • Tahoka at Stanton (G-B) • Borden County vs. Nazareth at Lubbock Monterey (G-B) • Dawson at Garden City (G-B) • Westbrook at Grady (G-B) • Ira at Sands (G-B)

ON THE AIR

Television COLLEGE BASKETBALL Men 11 p.m. — Ohio at Cincinnati, ESPN, Ch. 30. NBA 7 p.m. — Los Angeles Lakers at Indiana Pacers, TNT, Ch. 28. 9:30 p.m. — Portland Trailblazers at Phoenix Suns, TNT, Ch. 28. GOLF 7 p.m. — PGA Sony Open, second round, ESPN, Ch. 30. PROFESSIONAL HOCKEY 7 p.m. — WPHL All-Star Game, FXS, Ch. 29.

Sapp rebounds to earn NFL Defensive Player of Year honors

TAMPA, Fla. (AP) — Warren Sapp saw it on film, then read it in writing. His game was hurting the Tampa Bay Buccaneers, and he had to do something about it. "I wasn't playing the way I needed to play," the fifth-year pro said, shaking his head at the memory of the 1998 season that turned sour for him and the Bucs.

"I looked at it that if I played like I played in '98, we'll be a .500 team, maybe win 10 games, maybe sneak into the playoffs. We almost snuck in that year," Sapp said. "But when I'm on my game, this team is damn hard to beat. And that's what I wanted to get back to."

He was picked again last season, though he and Dungy both knew his performance slipped. "Coming off the year we had in '97 and the year he had personally, the next step was for us to go further in the playoffs and for him to really go to the next level," Dungy said.

"We all thought that was going to happen. It didn't happen for us as a team. It didn't happen for him personally. And, I think he took upon himself to do everything he could to make it happen in '99. I'm really happy for him because he worked at it, and he was very determined to make it happen."

Lady Hawks stun Midland

By JOHN A. MOSELEY Sports Editor

MIDLAND — Any coach will tell you he'd rather be lucky than good, but would prefer to be good and lucky. That's exactly what Howard College's Lady Hawks were Thursday night, as they battled back from a 10-point deficit to upend Midland College's 19th-ranked Lady Chaparrals, 67-64.

In the process, the Lady Hawks snapped the Lady Chaps 19-game Western Junior College Athletic Conference and took a step up in the league's standings. "We were very, very fortunate," Lady Hawks head coach Ron Mayberry said. "We happened to make the right shot at the right time ... Midland couldn't."

With the Lady Chaps owning a 64-61 lead with less than a minute to play, Thomas made a steal and hit a layup to trim the margin to one with 50 seconds remaining. She was fouled on the play, and although she failed to convert the free throw, she was anything but finished.

Moments later she managed another steal at Midland's end of the court, only to see the ball come off her foot and back to the Lady Chaps. Within seconds, however, Thomas' pressure on Midland guard Tyneisha Gregory forced another turnover and set the stage for what proved to be her game-winning shot.

And when Yolanda Grant missed a jumper from the lane with 23 seconds remaining, Thomas dashed into the paint, pulled down the ball and got the putback to give Howard a 65-64 lead — its first since the game's opening basket.

Howards reserve guard Taneisha Harris (11) puts up a shot over the defensive effort presented by Midland College's Julie Rampley during the second half of their Thursday night shootout in Midland.



HERALD photo/Jim Florio

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All three provided animated cheerleading from the bench after their exit. "Luckily, the Lady Hawks had three of their four leading scorers on the night still on the floor. Grant paced Howard effort with 12 points, while Thomas, Johnson and Latonya Jackson all finished with 11. Midland, noted for its powerful, extremely physical inside game, was paced by 6-foot-2 sophomore Fatime Ndiaye's game-high 19 points, but none of the other Lady Chaps managed double digits. They have also made themselves a target for the rest of the WJCAC, at least that's the way Mayberry sees it.

Midland believing that they (Lady Chaps) can be beaten. That's going to make the league just that much more competitive." The Lady Hawks, now 14-4 overall and 2-0 in conference play, will play host to Frank Phillips College's Lady Plainsmen at 6 p.m. Monday in Dorothy Garrett Coliseum.

Lady Hawks 67, Midland 64

HOWARD — Taneisha Harris 2 3-4 8, Shaketha Ashley 0 0-0, Ashanti Nix 1 0-1 2, Tashawn Thomas 5 0-1 11, Caryn Ross 1 0-0 2, Vanessa Lehmann 4 0-0 8, Grace Gantt 5 1-2 11, Yolanda Grant 4 3-4 12, Koretha Johnson 3 4-7 11, Latonya Jackson 0 2-2 2, Totals 25 13-21 67. MIDLAND — Tyneisha Gregory 1 0-0 3, Loren Mostacilla 1 6-10 8, Nicole Villarreal 0 0-0 0, Heidi Lange 2 1-2 7, Shekinah Brazzie 1 5-8 7, Kanedria Wilson 1 4-4 6, Nikki Maloney 0 0-0 0, Julie Rampley 4 0-0 9, Mia Battle 2 1-2 5, Fatime Ndiaye 5 9-19 19, Chanovia Rhodes 0 0-1 0, Totals 17 26-37 64. Half-time: Midland 37, Howard 28. Three-point goals: Howard 4 (Harris, Thomas, Grant, Johnson), Midland 4 (Lange 2, Gregory, Rampley). Rebounds: Howard 23 (Grant 7), Midland 26 (Lange 6). Assists: Howard 10 (Nix 3), Midland 12 (Rampley 3). Steals: Howard 11 (Johnson 4), Midland 15 (Lange 7). Total fouls: Howard 29, Midland 22. Fouled out: Ross, Lehmann, Gantt, Brazzie. Technical fouls: None. Records: Howard 14-4, 2-0; Midland 13 5-11.

Hawks fall victim to Chaparrals comeback

By JOHN A. MOSELEY Sports Editor

MIDLAND — The two teams figured as favorites in the Western Junior College Athletic Conference (WJCAC) men's basketball chase squared off like a couple of heavyweight prize fighters Thursday night with Midland College's Chaparrals walking away with a 66-63 decision over Howard College's Hawks.

down and let Midland take it away from us. "There's no excuse for it," he continued. "We absolutely dominated the first half and wind up leading by just three when we should have led by 20 or so. If we don't start taking care of the ball and shooting better, we're not going to win many basketball games." Howard was so dominant in the opening minutes of the game, in fact, that Midland managed just two points in the first 10 minutes of play.

defense that dictated heavy pressure on Costello managed to limit the Chaps' leading scorer to less than his 24.9 per game average, but just barely. Costello, managed 10 points in the first half, but seemed to struggle with the Hawks' tight defensive scheme. With 12 minutes to play in the game, however, the New Orleans sophomore made his presence felt — ripping a three-pointer, picking off an errant Hawks pass and nailing a layup during a 21-second span — giving the Chaps a lead they'd never relinquish.

Howard dominated the first half of play, but never delivered the knockout punch, continually allowing the Chaps to get back up. And in the end, Midland's sophomore point guard and scoring machine Eugene Costello led the Chaps on what proved to be a steal of the late rounds. "We just didn't do the things you have to do to win," a dejected Hawks head coach Tommy Collins said after seeing Midland snap Howard's 17-game conference win streak that dated back to 1998. "It's the same thing we've done in seven of our eight losses," Collins added. "We turned the ball over too many times and shot very poorly. We simply had a melt-

Big Spring's Stokes earns all-state spot

From staff and wire reports

Big Spring senior Stephen Stokes was among the players honored today when the Texas Sports Writers Association released its 50th Annual TSWA/Collins Street Bakery Class 4A All-State Football Team.



STOKES

Stokes, a 6-foot-1, 292-pound senior, earned a spot as a second-team offensive lineman.

Kendal Briles and Cal Jilison, who led unbeaten Stephenville to the Class 4A Division II state football championship, swept the Player of the Year honors. Quarterback Briles was the Offensive Player of the Year. He completed 218 of 358 passes for 3,137 yards with 28 touchdowns and only nine interceptions. He also carried with 16 touchdowns. Linebacker Jiles was the Defensive Player of the Year. Jilison had 203 tackles, with 30 for losses.

Here is the 50th Annual Texas Sports Writers Association/Collins Street Bakery Class 4A All-State Football Team. FIRST TEAM OFFENSE Linemen—Aaron Collier, Stephenville, 6-0, 305, Sr.; Clemm Miles, Greenville, 6-0, 295, Sr.; Claude Terrell, La Marque, 6-5, 315, Sr.; Blake Williams, Brownwood, 6-3, 245, Jr.; and Andre Willie, Alice, 6-3, 315, Sr. Wide receivers—Jonathan Thompson, Kilgore, 5-11, 170, Sr. and (tie) Nathan Vasher, Texarkana Texas High, 6-0, 175, Sr. and J. Fields, Amarillo Caprock, 6-3, 180, Jr. Tight end—Tony O'Neal, Stephenville, 6-4, 210, Sr. Quarterback—Kendal Briles, Stephenville, 6-0, 180, Jr. Running backs—Mac Morrow, Greenville, 5 8, 175, Sr.; Ross Labove, Nederland, 5 9, 175, Sr.; and (tie) Dawson Denton, Denison, 6 2, 190, Sr. and Zac Hunter, Stephenville, 5 8, 165, Sr. Place-kicker—(tie) Mike McFadden, Coppell, 6-0, 180, Sr. and Zach Gregory, Waco Midway, 6-0, 180, Sr. SECOND TEAM OFFENSE Linemen—Clayton Harmon, Stephenville, 6 6, 275, Jr.; Mike Funk, Corsicana, 6-1, 233, Sr.; Marcel Moses, Texas City, 6-4, 305, Sr.; and (tie) Adeli Duckett, Mineral Wells, 6-4, 235, Sr. and Nathan Herman, Schertz Clemens, 6-5, 245, Sr. Linebackers—Cal Jilison, Stephenville, 6-4, 210, Sr.; Barry Johnson, Waco Midway, 6-0, 205, Sr.; Gaylon Allen, West Orange-Stark, 6-0, 190, Sr.; and Anthony Schlegel, Highland Park, 6-2, 225, Sr. Backs—Marcus Anderson, Greenville, 5-8, 170, Sr.; Stephen Jennings, Denton High, 5-8, 175, Sr.; Jonathan Bell, Texas City, 6-0, 170, Sr.; and (tie) Justin McMinn, Waco Midway, 5-11, 175, Sr. and Nathan Vasher, Texarkana Texas High, 6-0, 175, Sr. Punter—Russell Buckalew, West Columbia, 6-1, 200 Sr. Kick return—Emanuel Franklin, Houston Jones, 5-11, 180, Sr. Offensive Player of the Year—Briles, Stephenville. Defensive Player of the Year—Jilison, Stephenville. SECOND TEAM OFFENSE Linemen—Nick Harris, Waco Midway, 6-0, 240, Sr.; Scott Mayhew, Nederland, 6-6, 275 Sr.; Joseph Ruiz, Austin Traks, 6-2 1/2, 305, Sr.; John Sellers, Canyon, 6-4, 230, Sr.; and Stephen Stokes, Big Spring, 6-1, 292, Sr. Wide receivers—Slade Hodges, Hereford, 6 1, 175, Sr. and Kenny Brunette, New Braunfels Canyon, 6-2, 170, Sr. Tight end—Billy Nelson, Waco Midway, 6-3, 230, Sr. Quarterback—Dustin Long, Port Neches Groves, 6-3, 185, Sr. Running backs—Rod Ansley, Plainview, 6-4, 210, Sr.; B.J. Head, Waco Midway, 5-9, 175, Jr.; and Jeremy Roberts, Dayton, 6-1, 190, Soph. Place-kicker—Mike Swaney, Brazosport, 6-2, 230, Sr. SECOND TEAM DEFENSE Linemen—Brandon Kennedy, Terrell, 5-10, 285, Sr.; Jeremy Milam, Friendship, 6-2, 260, Sr.; Brian Collier, Wichita Falls Hirschi, 6-0, 275, Sr.; and Chris Henry, Houston Jones, 6-5, 275, Sr. Linebackers—Al Maxwell, Belton, 6-1, 190, Sr.; Tracey Boudoin, Port Neches-Groves, 5-9, 185, Jr.; Curt Brancheau, Greenville, 6-3, 225, Sr.; and John Cameron, Wichita Falls Hirschi, 6-0, 175, Sr. Backs—Tony Salazar, Dripping Springs, 5-10, 185, Sr.; Brady Gunn, Stephenville, 6-2, 200, Sr.; Brandon Fuslier, Coppell, 6-2, 200, Sr.; and Scott Chitwood, Southlake Carroll, 6 2, 185, Sr. Punter—Royce Wolfe, Houston Waltrip, 5 11, 185, Sr. Kick return—Jarod Estus, Wichita Falls Hirschi, 6-1, 190, Sr. THIRD TEAM OFFENSE Linemen—Jami Hightower, Jacksonville, ... See ALL-STATE, page 2B

SPORTS EXTRA

NFL PLAYOFFS

Wild Card Games
Saturday, Jan. 8
Winnipeg 27, Buffalo 16
Washington 27, Detroit 13
Sunday, Jan. 9
Minnesota 27, Dallas 10
Miami 20, Seattle 17

NBA STANDINGS

Table with columns for Eastern Conference and Western Conference, listing teams and their records.

JUCO - MEN

The top 25 teams in the National Junior College Athletic Association Division I men's basketball poll with first-place votes in parentheses and records through Jan. 11.

JUCO - WOMEN

The top 25 teams in the National Junior College Athletic Association women's basketball poll and records through Jan. 11.

NCAA - MEN

The top 25 teams in the Associated Press men's college basketball poll with first-place votes in parentheses and records through Jan. 9.

TRANSACTIONS

BASEBALL
American League
CHICAGO WHITE SOX—Agreed to terms with free-agent pitcher Jeff D'Amico.

NCAA - WOMEN

The top 25 teams in the Associated Press women's college basketball poll with first-place votes in parentheses and records through Jan. 9.

BASKETBALL

National Basketball Association
HOUSTON ROCKETS—Acquired C. Hakeem Olajuwon from the injured list.

WOMEN'S SCORES

EAST
Albany 79, Chestnut Hill 46
Amherst 65, Babson 59
Bates 73, Colby 71

NHL

Thursday's Games
Buffalo 4, Boston 0 tie
Tampa Bay 4, N.Y. Islanders 2

RODIO LEADERS

Through Jan. 10
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1. Dan Mortensen, Manhattan, Mont., \$5,419.2

Azinger refocus on golf, leads Sony

HONOLULU (AP) — Paul Azinger sees the Sony Open as a good place for him to refocus on golf. Azinger, still trying to recover from last fall's tragic deaths of close friend Payne Stewart and two business associates...

Arden, who were killed in a plane crash in South Dakota. "People say, 'Are you over it?'" I don't want to get over it," Azinger said. "I want to remember how I felt about their families..."

were among nine who were four strokes back at 67. Two other former Hawaiian Open winners are also in contention. David Ishii, who plays on the Japan PGA Tour, is at 68 with 15 others...

Jazz wins, takes lead from Spurs

The Utah Jazz, after losing the lead in the Midwest Division to the San Antonio Spurs earlier in the week, regained first place three days later. The Jazz beat Miami 93-83 Thursday night, while San Antonio was losing 107-103 at Sacramento.

Anthony Carter's outstretched finger while driving the lane in the third quarter. He returned to start the fourth. "It wasn't so much pain as I just couldn't see at the time," Stockton said.

Kittles, as the Nets won their third straight and sent the Clippers to their sixth straight road loss. Kittles had nine of his 22 points in a 14-5 run to start the third quarter.

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HAWKS

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ALL-STATE

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Wide receivers—Trent Joekel, Coppell, 6-0, 170 lb., Sr. and Matthew Grimmer, Snyder, 6-1, 175 lb., Jr.

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HAPPY BIRTHDAY FOR SATURDAY, JAN. 15:

Your mind works overtime this year. Verbalize your ideas clearly and directly. Others might sometimes be taken aback by your level of commitment and your need to realize your desires. Think about the cost of getting what you want. You have the energy to fulfill your goals, but recognize the liabilities that go along with doing so. If you are single, don't settle for less than what is right for you. Still, be aware that others find you pushy or caustic at times. The first six months of this year prove to be most interesting. If attached, the two of you will do much more together as a couple this year.

The Stars Show the Kind of Day You'll Have: 5-Dynamic; 4-Positive; 3-Average; 2-So-so; 1-Difficult

ARIES (March 21-April 19)
***You might not feel up to snuff today. Do what is obvious but sometimes difficult for you — take a day off to relax. Soon, you'll recharge, then peel out the door. You can't always push, however. Friends prove to be a source of amusement and surprise. Tonight: Your treat.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20)
****Get going with plans. Getting together with friends remains a high priority. Opt to do something a bit different. Take off and enjoy yourself by exploring an art show, museum or favorite nature spot. Do yourself and others a favor: forget work! Tonight: It is your call.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20)
***Take some time for yourself and perhaps a special friend. You discuss and share with another, and recharge as a result. You could be a bit out of kilter, but you quickly regain your balance. Let plans change. Flexibility is best for you. Tonight: Do what you want.

CANCER (June 21-July 22)
****A friend could be a bit difficult as he takes a stand. You can't change this behavior, though once a discussion begins, the air will be cleared between you. Then it's the more, the merrier. Celebrations abound. Tonight: A partner could be jealous.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22)
***Others reveal their expectations. Meeting them takes quite a bit of effort, however. Take it easy, and don't push so much. An important friend or partner could be a little wild as he surprises you again. Let laughter emerge, even when tackling a project. Tonight: In the limelight.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22)
****Use your ability to understand what drives a loved one. Encourage more freedom of self-expression for both of you. Allow more fun into a key relationship as feelings are verbalized. Listen. Be flexible with plans, and go along with another's request. Tonight: Be childlike.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22)
****Defer to a key partner, even one who makes you feel a bit gruff. Allow a close tie to reveal his intent. Your sense of humor emerges with a child. You might need to have an important discussion to illuminate boundaries. Tonight: Don't count on anyone but yourself.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21)
****Listen to another and gather feedback. Initially, you could judge someone as difficult, but once he explains, you understand his logic. Go along with another's request, even if it means tossing your plans in midair. Tonight: Say yes to another's wish.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21)
****Plunge into a needed project and get what you need done. You might have to change plans. Listen to another's ideas, especially involving funds. Good ideas build and allow you to enhance your finances. Let go of routine. Try something different instead. Tonight: Go with the flow.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19)
****When you say what you think, another hears you, loud and clear. Don't minimize a situation. Deal with it, especially if it involves a child or loved one. Recognize that there are some things you cannot walk away from. Handle unexpected costs. Tonight: Indulge a loved one.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18)
****Your instincts guide you with a difficult family member. Work with others. Understanding builds because of your unusually dotting manner. Share some of your more vulnerable thoughts, even if you feel a bit uncomfortable. Tonight: Continue fielding unexpected information and happenings.

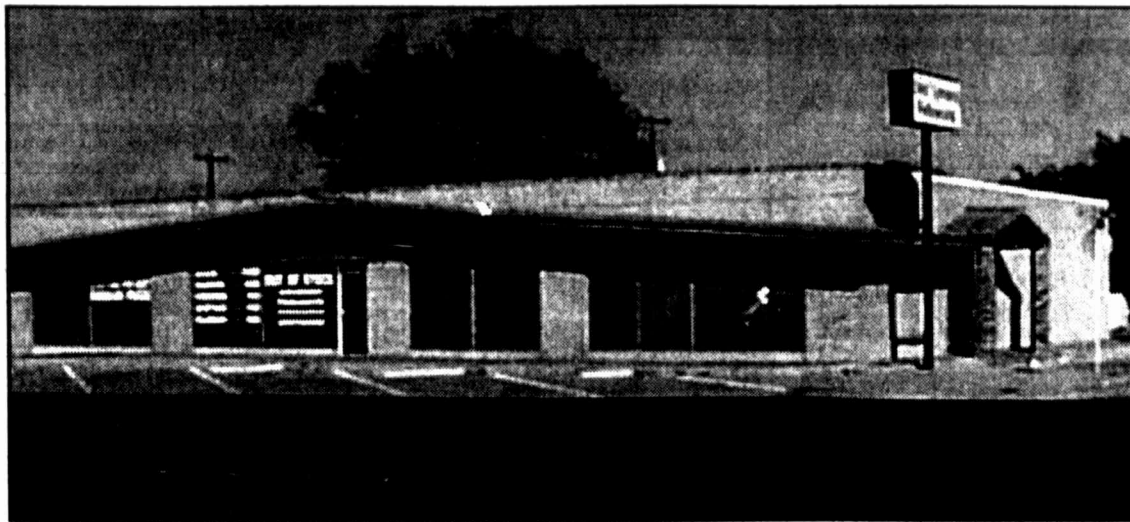
PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20)
****Though a conversation might not be easy, it is important. Dote on another. Go along with his program for the day. You have a good time no matter what. Go where your friends are, and do what they are doing. You gain insight into a touchy issue. Tonight: At a favorite spot, with favorite people.

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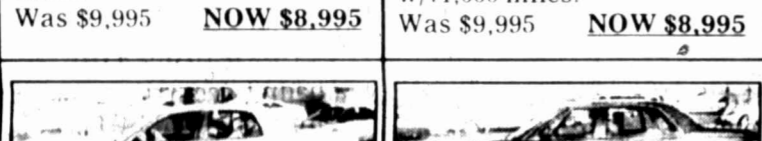
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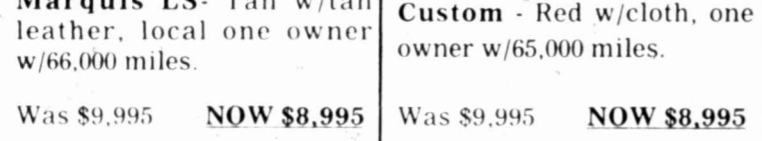
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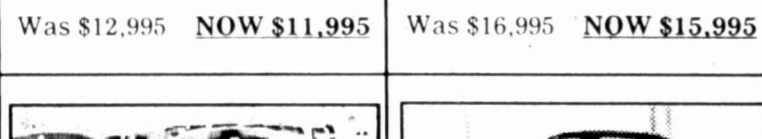
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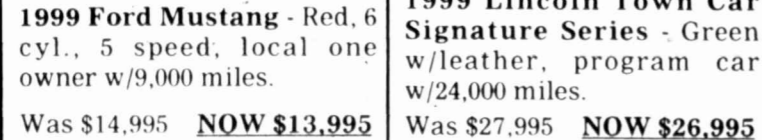
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Novice gun owner receives eye-opening safety lesson

DEAR ABBY: I would like to pass on some information that came to me via a 14-year-old.

I bought a gun because I travel long distances alone. I called the police to ask them the best way to travel with a gun without getting in trouble with the police. They instructed me to put the clip in the trunk of my car and the gun itself on the seat beside me.

I was telling a friend about this and remarked that if I got into trouble, the gun would be useless. Her 14-year-old son spoke up and said, "No, there's a bullet still in the chamber even after the clip is removed." I asked my father if this was true, and he confirmed it. He removed the clip from my gun and instructed me to go outside and pull the trigger. I did, and it did, indeed, have a bullet in the chamber!

I have often wondered how people could shoot themselves while cleaning a gun. I had no idea that when the clip was removed, a gun could still be loaded. I wonder how many hunters are aware of this. I thought I'd pass this along. Perhaps it could save someone's life. — **DEBRA IN OKLAHOMA CITY**

DEAR DEBRA: I am not particularly knowledgeable about guns, so I called the Los Angeles Police Department to inquire. Officer Rodriguez, with whom I spoke, informed me that one should always assume the gun is loaded, and a shell does remain in the chamber when the magazine is removed — unless it, too, is removed. That's an important warning for inexperienced gun owners.

DEAR ABBY: You recently printed a letter encouraging letters of honest praise to often-overlooked workers. Sometimes, but not often enough, I try to do that.

A few years back, I tried to think of the most underpraised group of workers that I could sincerely compliment. So, I took a picture of our minimally dentaged 20-year-old metal garbage can sitting at its usual clean spot at the curb. I sent an 8-by-10 color print along with a complimentary letter to the head of sanitation for the city of Dallas. They have obviously been in operation for decades, and they have hundreds of employees who are often maligned for spilled trash, noise, etc.

A few days later, I received a letter in response. It said something like this: "Thanks very much for your complimentary letter. It causes a bit of a problem. We don't know where to file it. It's the first that we have

ever received." — **KARL SOUTHWARD, NEMO, TEXAS**

DEAR KARL: Your letter proves there's a first time for everything. Now clip this column and send it to the head of sanitation for the city of Dallas with a note: "How about filing it under 'C' for compliments? A letter like the one you received from me is a keeper!" (I'll bet they receive a dozen clippings of this column!)

DEAR ABBY: I read with interest the letter in which Ernest A. Schichler Sr. described how hospital visitors subject patients to stress. I, too, have seen this.

My father had a stroke that partially paralyzed him. While he was in the hospital recovering, his many friends came to wish him well. He could barely talk because of the paralysis, so they talked among themselves. At one point, he called me to the bedside and, speaking with great difficulty, said, "Tell them to leave. They're talking about the high price of funerals." — **KELLY MC DONOUGH, HURST, TEXAS**

DEAR ABBY: In response to the letter

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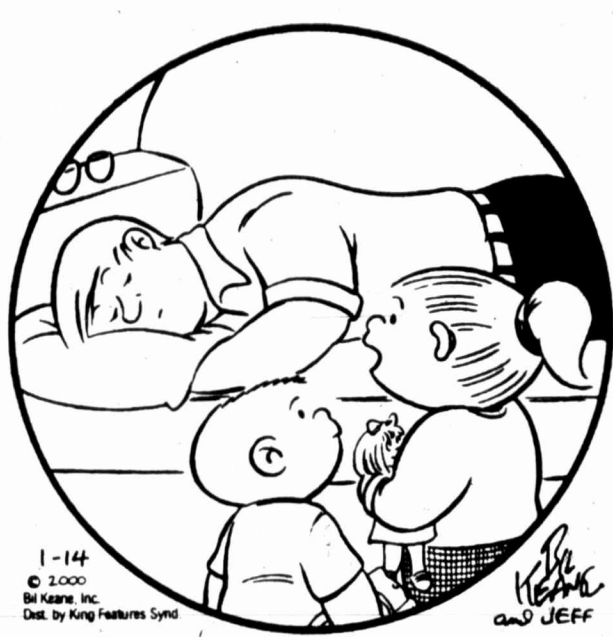
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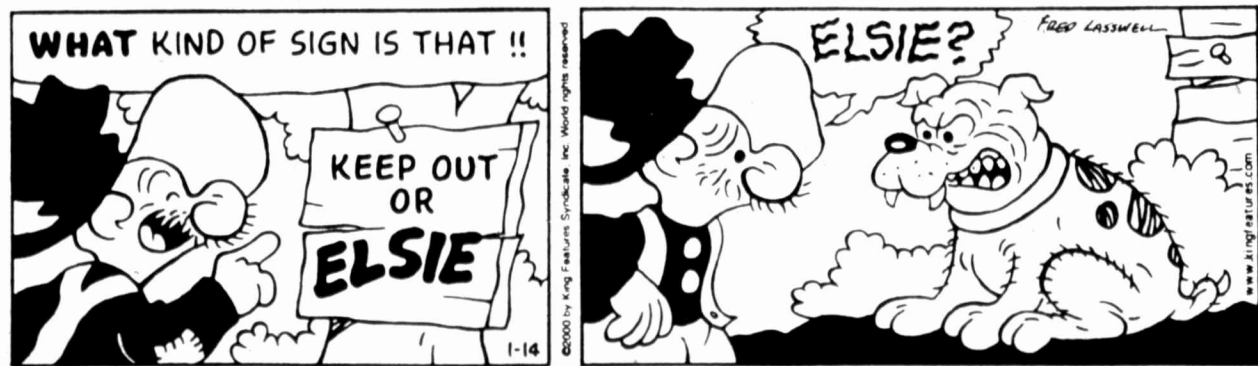
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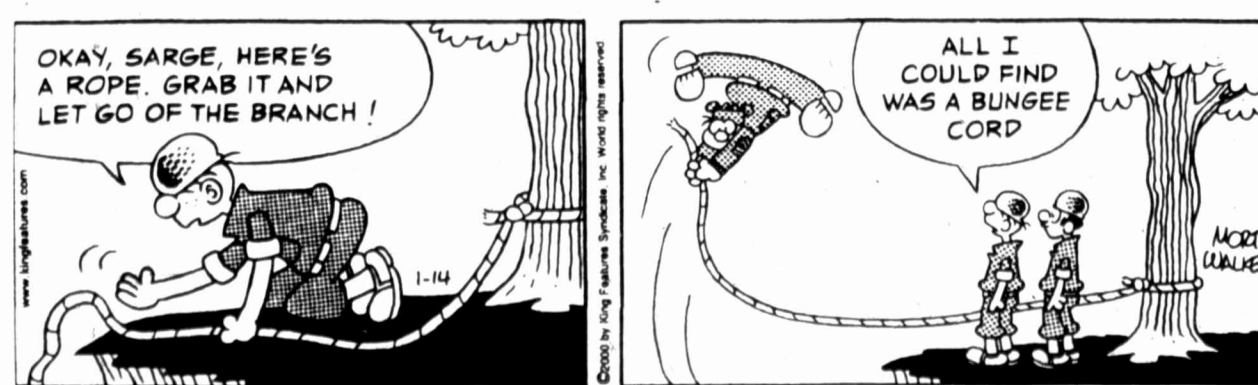
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THIS DATE IN HISTORY

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Today is Friday, Jan. 14, the 14th day of 2000. There are 352

days left in the year.

Today's Highlight in History: On Jan. 14, 1900, Puccini's opera "Tosca" got a mixed reception at its world premiere in Rome.

On this date: In 1639, Connecticut's first

constitution, the "Fundamental Orders," was adopted.

In 1742, English astronomer Edmond Halley, who observed the comet that now bears his name, died at age 85.

In 1784, the United States ratified a peace treaty with England ending the Revolutionary War.

In 1858, French emperor Napoleon III escaped an attempt on his life.

In 1943, President Roosevelt and British Prime Minister Winston Churchill opened a wartime conference in Casablanca.

In 1952, NBC's "Today" show premiered.

In 1953, Josip Broz Tito was elected president of Yugoslavia by the country's Parliament.

In 1963, George C. Wallace was sworn in as governor of Alabama with a pledge of "segregation forever."

In 1969, 25 crew members of the U.S. aircraft carrier Enterprise were killed in an explosion that ripped through the ship off Hawaii.

In 1970, Diana Ross and the Supremes performed their last concert together, at the Frontier Hotel in Las Vegas.

Ten years ago: The Denver Broncos and the San Francisco 49ers earned a trip to the Super Bowl by winning the American and National Football Conference championships.

Five years ago: Russian troops in the breakaway republic of Chechnya captured the Council of Ministers building, a key rebel position in the capital Grozny. Pope John Paul II addressed a huge rally in Manila, urging young people to reject cynicism.

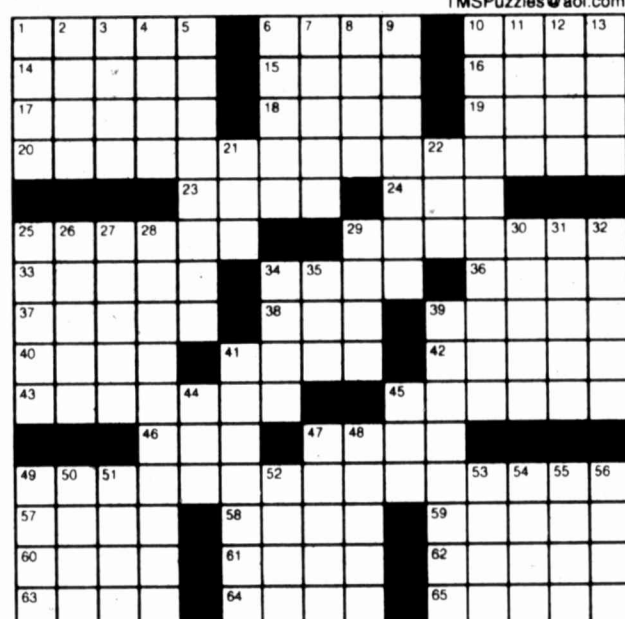
One year ago: Before a jury of 100 silent senators, House prosecutors demanded President Clinton's removal from office, charging he had "piled perjury upon perjury" and obstructed justice.

Today's Birthdays: CBS commentator Andy Rooney is 81. Former CBS newsman George Herman is 80. Country singer Billy Walker is 71. Blues singer Clarence Carter is 64. Country singer Billie Jo Spears is 63. Singer Jack Jones is 62. Singer-songwriter Allen Toussaint is 62. NAACP Chairman Julian Bond is 60. Actress Faye Dunaway is 59. Actress Holland Taylor is 57. Actor Carl Weathers is 52. Singer-producer T-Bone Burnett is 52. Movie writer-director Lawrence Kasdan is 51. Rock singer Geoff Tate (Queensryche) is 41. Movie writer-director Steven Soderbergh is 37.

Thought for Today: "In much wisdom is much grief; and he that increaseth knowledge increaseth sorrow." Ecclesiastes 1:18.

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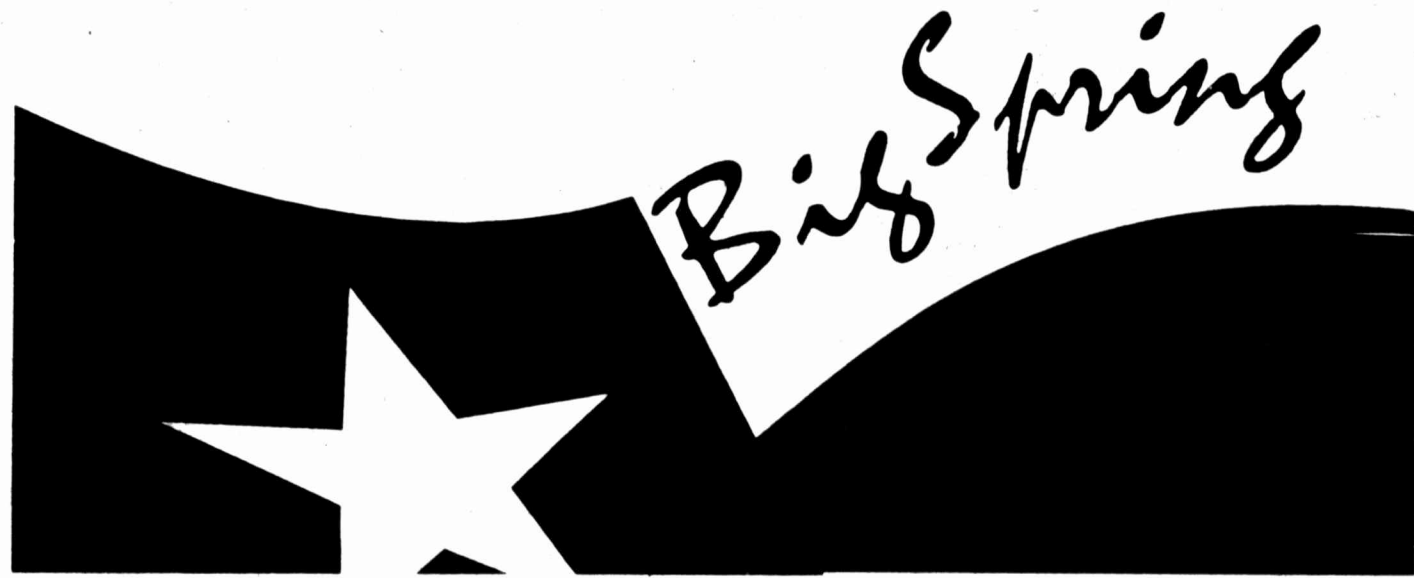
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Unity key to chamber's success

On behalf of the staff of the Big Spring Area Chamber of Commerce we would like to congratulate and thank the entire community for a prosperous 1999.

As the year began, economic times reined upon us and it appeared that it was going to be a challenge to see the year through. But once again, the community pulled together and unity proved to be one of the keys to our success.

Rain rallies, Days in Austin, demolition of dilapidated buildings and recruiting a multi-million dollar entity does not happen overnight, nor does it happen with one person.

The City of Big Spring, Moore Development Inc., the Industrial Foundation, Howard College, Howard County and many others are all to be commended for taking a lead in supporting projects that allow us to move forward for the well-being of our city.

Enough cannot be said about outgoing President Chuck Williams. It is refreshing to work with an individual who is enthusiastic, positive, and

puts so much effort into the community. His position as president was all volunteer, yet he was always available to the staff and membership. Thank you Chuck, for an extraordinary year!

The strength of the chamber depends on the representation of its membership and the com-

munity. We have strong support and great people who are waking up to the fact that it is our time to move forward.

There is no doubt that the strength and energy needed to achieve this will be obtained.

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Chamber works on democratic system

The Big Spring Area Chamber of Commerce works on a democratic system, with board of directors members selected for three-year terms.

President-elect is selected by the current and past president. That recommendation is presented to the board of directors, who then vote on approval of the incoming president.

Officers for each division of the chamber are selected by the president and incoming president, who make their recommendations to the executive committee. An affirmative vote brings the recommendations to the board of directors, who then also vote their approval of the officers.

Each year new members are selected through a nominating process that allows the general membership population to submit nominations. These nominations are then voted on by all chamber members, and new members are selected.

Annually, five new board members are chosen from the membership of the chamber, and five members

retire each year as well.

Once a vice president has been selected, it is that officer's responsibility to form a committee comprised of chamber of commerce members.

The chamber of commerce leadership structure is divided into officers, vice presidents, retiring directors, ex-officio directors, and directors who are grouped into three-year increments.

Vice presidents are responsible for such programs as business development, governmental affairs, membership development, public affairs, tourism and overseeing Dora Roberts Community Center.

Recruitment continues each year

Big Spring Area Chamber of Commerce has 435 members enrolled, and recruits more members every year.

Membership drives are personal events, where current members travel to two or three prospective members' locations, to visit and issue an invitation to join.

"We don't believe that telephone contacts are very effective, and we believe this gives a more personal touch and gives owners a chance to meet other chamber members," said Terri Newton, chamber executive vice president.

The membership drive each year brings some 20 or so directors out into the public, to meet other business owners who have been selected as prospects.

Personal attention is given to every chamber member, and new members are visited and contacted by the chamber personnel.

"I always ask new members what they want from their chamber, and what do they expect. I want to know what we can do for them," Newton said. "Being a member of the chamber of commerce is an investment in the community and supports the efforts of the community."

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Businesses offered variety of programs

Business After Hours, Business Showcase and ribbon cuttings are just three of the annual events the Big Spring Area Chamber of Commerce conducts for its members.

Business After Hours, now in its fourth year, is an opportunity for one business member to host a reception.

"Business After Hours has been very successful for our chamber members. The purpose is to give exposure to businesses. We have businesses requesting to host the event," said

Terri Newton, executive vice president of the chamber.

"For Business After Hours, the company sends out their own invitations to their clientele, and we send out invitations to chamber members. Most of the participation is with the clientele, so each one is different," Newton said.

Business Showcase is a spotlight presented by the chamber at Christmas to allow businesses to showcase and highlight what they have available for the season.

A lighting contest among the residents and businesses is sponsored by the chamber each holiday season, and business seminars are conducted each year through the business development division of the chamber.

Every new member of the chamber has a ribbon cutting ceremony, which is attended by members of the Ambassadors and photographs are taken.

The division also organizes community luncheons for business leaders each quarter.

Ag Expo honors producers

Every year, the Big Spring Area Chamber of Commerce takes time to recognize the role of agriculture in our local economy. In a few months, it will be time for the ninth annual West Texas Ag Expo and the 29th Ag Appreciation Luncheon, honoring farmers and ranchers in the community.

Usually taking place at the Dorothy Garrett Coliseum, the Expo often features exhibits, seminars, food and the highlight — naming of the producer of the year.

Each year, tickets to the appreciation lunch are free to local farmers and ranchers. The lunch is also open to the public for a nominal fee.

Some of the seminar topics from past Expos included row spacing, boll weevil management, drip irrigation and worker protection standards, farm chemicals, laws relating to agriculture and even improving the home landscape.

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CVB brings tourists to town

The Conventions and Visitors Bureau, a division of the Big Spring Area Chamber of Commerce, actively participates and recruits businesses and tourists to Big Spring.

Many special events and unique attractions are available in Big Spring through the efforts of the CVB. A radio station, 1180 AM Radio, is a continuous signal that broadcasts upcoming events in Big Spring on a 24-hour cycle that repeats every six minutes.

The CVB also brings thousands of tourists and several million dollars into the community each year through promotion and marketing.

Annual, biannual and quarterly conventions are brought to Big Spring each year. Facilitators and instructors are scheduling workshops and training seminars in Big Spring.

From highway signs to downtown flags, broadcast events to brochures, the CVB committee of the chamber works to promote the city and what it has to offer.

Weddings to meetings, DRCC is place to go

From weddings to board meetings, luncheons to art shows, the Dora Roberts Community Center is the place to go.

Managed by the Big Spring Area Chamber of Commerce, the center is owned by the city. A manager runs the day-to-day operations, including bookings and arrangements for a variety of events.

In 1992, a sock-hop dance kicked off a season of fundraisers designed to get the dilapidated and little-used former Cosden Country Club back on

its feet. Dozens of volunteers mobilized a large effort to save the building and bring it into the future.

Two years and \$420,000 later, the community celebrated the success at a grand opening. Clubs, organizations and friends of the center, who had given time and money, visited the new showplace.

Since then, furnished rooms, kitchen facilities and the availability of a large ballroom have made the center a popular meeting place. Each month, hun-

dreds attend events, club meetings, wedding showers or other parties there.

Several groups have regular meetings scheduled at the center. A new pavilion constructed behind the building, on the shore of Comanche Lake, has become a popular place for seasonal weddings.

The DRCC has just completed a busy holiday season, which was followed by the selection of a new facility director, who will be announced to the public in coming weeks.

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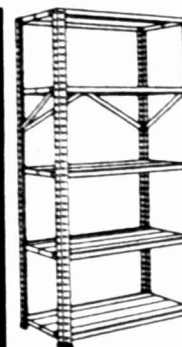
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The year 2000 will bring the 15th annual fair, sure to include not only many familiar exhibits and screenings, but new ones as well.

Exhibitors often come from local medical clinics, equipment sales and rental businesses, doctor's offices and other health-related services. They

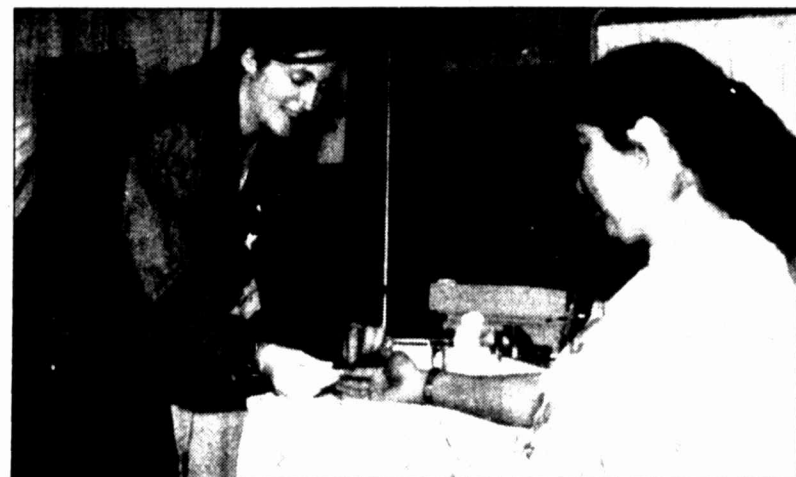
offer a variety of free screenings, including blood pressure and glucose, cholesterol and grip strength. Information is available on such topics as Alzheimer's disease, rehabilitation programs, the rabies outbreak and safe use of prescription drugs.

Fitness programs have conducted demonstrations in the past, while free ultrasound tests and glaucoma screenings were popular offerings. Last year, senior citizens were encouraged to take advantage of the File of

Life, which keeps health information available in case of an emergency.

A host of corporate sponsors make the event possible each year, and a committee of volunteers plans and organizes the fair.

Related activities have occurred in conjunction with, or on the same day, as the fair. They include the "Master the Mountain" Fun Run/Walk at Big Spring State Park, and a bicycle rodeo, promoting safety for youngsters.



The annual health fair offers free screenings and information.

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Leadership Big Spring graduates know their community

Leadership Big Spring, now into its 18th year, is a Big Spring Area Chamber of Commerce program that allows members of the community to have a first-hand look at all the businesses and services available locally.

"This is an excellent program, and gives community members an opportunity to learn more about Big Spring and the various businesses here," said Terri Newton, executive vice president of the chamber.

The leadership class meets

once a month for 10 months, beginning each September, and students graduate in June.

While involved in the class, the group tours various businesses and industries within the community, attends board meetings of various entities and generally gets a broad overview of everything Big Spring has to offer.

"Often businesses will send their key people to the leadership class, to allow them to learn more about Big Spring.

"And this is a good network-

ing opportunity for business owners to get together with other business leaders to discuss ideas and concerns," Newton said.

Leadership Big Spring classes also offer workshops on leadership, an additional bonus for those enrolled.

Other areas of interest that the class tours are agriculture, utilities, communication and law enforcement.

Participants are required to attend three board meetings of a local government entity, ride in

a patrol car with a Big Spring police officer and must also take part in a community project.

In addition to the Leadership Big Spring program, the chamber also offers a junior leadership program.

Big Spring Junior Leadership is available to high school juniors. The program lasts for one semester and faculty in area high schools recommend students for the program.

At right, a Leadership class in January 1998 toured the Big Spring Herald.



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