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WEATHER

Today:



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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.

WHAT'S UP...

MONDAY

□ Big Spring-Howard County Retired Teachers Association, lunch will be served at 11:30 a.m.

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

□ Disabled American Veterans Chapter No. 47, 6:30 p.m., VAMC, room 212.

TUESDAY

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

□ Big Spring Rotary Club, noon, Howard College Cactus Room

□ Big Spring Art Association, 7 p.m., at Kay Smith's residence, 800 Caprock Drive.

□ Big Spring Chapter No. 67, Order of the Eastern Star, 7 p.m., Masonic Lodge.

WEDNESDAY

□ Optimist Club, 7 a.m., Howard College Cactus Room.

□ Senior Circle Big Spring Mall walkers meet 9:15 a.m. in front of movie theater box office.

□ Big Spring Downtown Lions Club, noon, Howard College Cactus Room.

□ Line dancing, 1 p.m., Senior Citizens Center, Industrial Park.

□ Fraternal Order of Eagles Aerie, 7 p.m., Eagles Lodge, 704 W. Third.

THURSDAY

□ Gideons International, Big Spring Camp No. 4206.

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Churchwell, Partee named chamber's 1999 Man and Woman of Year

By BILL McCLELLAN
News Editor

Local civic leader Tommy Churchwell and philanthropist Sue Partee were named 1999 Man and Woman of the Year at the Big Spring Area Chamber of Commerce Banquet, held Saturday night.

Several hundred people attended the annual event at Dorothy Garrett Coliseum, which featured entertainment by the Big Spring Symphony and Chorale.

Churchwell is active on



CHURCHWELL PARTEE
numerous organizations in Howard County, and successfully pioneered the campaign to replace the windows of the former Settles Hotel. He is chairman of the Friends of the

Settles, the group which organized the windows campaign and continues to work for improvement of the historic building.

He serves on the board of directors for the Convention and Visitors Bureau, Big Spring Main Street Inc., Cosden Federal Credit Union, Big Spring Junior High School Site-Based Committee, and the First United Methodist Church Finance Committee, and is chairman of Junior Achievement.

He has previously served as

chairman of the Big Spring Master Plan Committee, was president of the Dora Roberts Rehabilitation Center, Salvation Army advisory chairman, was a member of the United Way of Big Spring and Howard County Allocations Committee and the Big Spring Symphony Board.

He has 15 years perfect attendance for the Big Spring Rotary Club, an organization for which he has served as president and received a Governor's Citation Award, and he was also named a Paul Harris Fellow.

In addition, he has coached

Little League Baseball, basketball and football.

Partee is chairman of the Dora Roberts Foundation and a member of the Howard College board of trustees. She is involved with Big Spring Humane Society, YMCA, and a former member of the Big Spring Women's Club.

She is an active member of the First United Methodist Church, preparing youth supporters and working with the choir. She writes scripts for the

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Sale totals almost \$80,000 for 145 youngsters

By JOHN H. WALKER
Editor

Saturday's premium sale at the annual Howard County Junior Livestock Show fell just short of raising \$80,000 — with add-ons still coming in — for the 145 youngsters who participated in the sale.

"This was a really good show," said Junior Livestock Association president Lynn Walling. "Everyone involved worked really hard to ensure its success ... which it clearly was."

An unofficial running tally showed that 145 animals brought in \$68,480 in the arena, with more than \$11,000 being added to the pot by add-ons.

The 1999 show brought in \$65,025 in premiums bids for 167 animals, while add-ons contributed more than \$10,000.

HEB Grocery Co., bought the show's grand champion steer, shown by Lindy Barr, for \$1,500.

Ten other animals — compared to seven a year ago — brought at least \$1,000: Hali Tubb's grand champion goat at \$1,900; Heather Harris' reserve champion steer for \$1,075; Megan Kothman's reserve champion goat for \$1,050; Kaylon Stanley's champion Hampshire for \$1,000; Megan Kight's reserve champion exotic steer for \$1,000; Collin McMillan's reserve champion cross for \$1,300; Lorin Wolf's



Lindy Barr shows her Grand Champion Steer, along with HEB Food Store buyers Roddy Brown, Scott Edwards, Debbie Melson, Hatton Moore and Cindy Hopper.

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heavy black OPB for \$1,000; Berkley Iden's heavy weight British steer for \$1,025; Hali Tubb's light weight medium wool lamb for \$1,000 and Amanda Watkins' medium goat for \$1,000.

Area youth receive various awards at junior livestock show

By JOHN H. WALKER
Editor

Blake Coates of the Coahoma FFA was named recipient of the Cap Rock Electric Top Hand Award Saturday afternoon at the annual Howard County Junior Livestock Show.

The show concluded

Saturday at the Howard County Fairgrounds.

Other awards went to Trisha Nichols, named recipient of the M.H. "Slick" Boatler Award and Lorin Wolf, who was selected to receive the Cap Rock Electric Scholarship.

Showmanship awards were also presented Saturday.

In the lamb class, Lani Mow won the junior award, while Kami Hambrick took senior honors.

In the barrow class, Kaylon Stanley won junior honors, while Danielle Hill took senior honors.

In the goat class, Megan Kothmann won the junior

showmanship, while Trisha Nichols won the senior award.

In the rabbit class, Dee Fryar won the junior showmanship while Jerrod Simmons won the senior showmanship award, while Teryn Bibb won the junior showmanship while Kyle Kight won the senior showmanship award.

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Citizens invited to participate in Martin Luther King Jr. march

By BILL McCLELLAN
News Editor

Howard County residents are invited to participate in a walk down Martin Luther King Boulevard on the national holiday set



HORTON

aside to remember the civil rights leader.

A candlelight march will be held Monday, Martin Luther King Jr. Day, beginning at 6 p.m.

"The theme is Act A Day On, And Not A Day Off," said Stephanie Horton, a member of the Big Spring City Council and organizer of the event.

"I would like everybody to take heed to this. What it means

is, don't take this as a day of leisure, but take it as a day to help someone. Go out and do some good for others," Horton said.

Those wanting to participate in Monday's march are asked to meet at 6 p.m. at Nalley-Pickle & Welch Funeral Home.

The march will proceed down Martin Luther King Blvd. to FM 700.

Participants should bring a

candle or flashlight.

Everyone is invited to participate.

At the end of the route, Rev. Michael King will lead a prayer and the group will join in song.

"One things we would like to include is that if people want to participate but cannot march, they can drive along with us. All we ask is if you do drive, be ready to pick up someone who may need a lift," said Horton.

The march is held annually on Martin Luther King Jr. Day, offering an opportunity for citizens to come together for a celebration of his work and to remember the message he preached.

The holiday prompts the closing of city, county, state and federal offices Monday. However, local public schools and Howard College will hold classes as usual.

Stand Down 2000 assists veterans with food, clothing, social services

By MARSHA STURDIVANT
Staff Writer

The grounds of the Veterans Administration Hospital beats with a pulse of more than 100 homeless and low-income veterans as Stand Down 2000 continues today.

"I came because I want to be a part of and I want to participate in something that brings attention to the homeless and low-income veteran. I hope that my presence helps carry that message," said Milton Watson, a Big Spring veteran.

Many of the veterans who attended the stand down came to share experiences, meet old friends, make new friends and relive that feeling of camaraderie and team work they



WATSON BRYANT

shared during their active military career.

"Most of us in here are from Vietnam. We have some veterans who came from Desert Storm, and everything they are offering here is something we need," said Jim Bryant, who came to Stand Down 2000 from San Angelo.

Veterans who attended the

stand down, which will continue through Monday, received free medical services, food, shelter and warm clothing. Representatives were also available to offer services to veterans with such programs as housing, unemployment, veteran's benefits, social security and rehabilitation.

"I am so glad to get a coat and gloves and boots. I didn't have a coat or gloves, and now I will be warm," said Watson, who said he is not homeless, but is low-income.

In fact, many of the veterans attending the stand down exist on an income of less than \$800 a month. And without service-connected disability of at least 50 percent, many of the services



Jim Bryant, left and Jim Farris reminisce about their service and tours of duty while active in the United States military, and also discuss their lives today at Stand Down 2000.

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EMT

Last chance for training under present guidelines

By DEBBIE L. JENSEN
Features Editor

For someone considering a medical career, this might be the right time to get started. It is the last chance for those interested in paramedic certification to enroll under the current curriculum.

"The state has increased educational requirements for paramedic by one year," explained EMS program director for Howard College Charla Lewis. "That change adds quite a bit of time to the program. We think if you have ever considered enrolling, now is the time."

Those who enroll now (and start classes this week) begin the emergency medical technician (EMT) certification program. This summer, they will follow with the EMT-advanced program, and finish in the fall 2000 semester with the final step, paramedic. In December, those students can receive their paramedic certification.

Those who don't get started in the program now will face a curriculum that has been extended by a full year of classes. Eventually, paramedic certification will include an associate's degree.

"The state is basically adopting the national curriculum," explained Lewis. "They have created a new level, called

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OBITUARIES

Alex Walker

Alex Walker, 88, of Big Spring, died Saturday, Jan. 15, 2000, at St. Mary's Hospital Medical Center. Services will be at 2 p.m. Monday, Jan. 17, 2000, at Myers & Smith Funeral Home Chapel with Rev. Ken McMeans, pastor of College Baptist Church officiating. Burial will follow at Salem Cemetery.



WALKER

Mr. Walker was born Jan. 3, 1911, in Big Spring and married Frances Thomason on April 29, 1933, at Livingston, N.M. He farmed and ranched all of his life eight miles north of Big Spring. He is survived by his wife, Frances Walker of Big Spring, one son, Wayne Walker of Big Spring, two daughters, Francine Mubow of Big Spring and Linda Merritt of Kennett, Mo., eight grandchildren, and several great-grandchildren.

David Rawls

David Rawls, 80, died at his home in Sand Springs Saturday, Jan. 15, 2000. Services are pending with Myers & Smith Funeral Home.

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licensed paramedic. The idea is to bring this standard up to that of many of the other medical fields including nursing, respiratory therapy and others.

Current paramedics, and those who finish by December, will be "grandfathered in" under the new rules, and won't have to take more classes, she said.

"I want to let people know that now is a particularly good time to start this program," Lewis said. "It is the same program we have been offering for years in the non-course. Lewis certification as a paramedic opens up a variety of career options, not the least of which is working on an ambulance crew."

"I want to emphasize, whether they ever step onto an ambulance in their lives, this information is priceless in what it teaches you about handling emergencies," Lewis said. She added that students could stop with the EMT certification, which includes training in cardiopulmonary resuscitation (CPR).

Lewis added that paramedic certification also serves as a good background for those who choose to go into another medical field.

For information, call her at 264-5141, or for more information on late registration for Howard College, call the main number, 264-5000. Late registration for classes continues Monday through Friday.

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Man who molested more than 70 boys sentenced to six life terms

HOUSTON (AP) — A man who admitted molesting more than 70 boys was sentenced Friday to six life terms in prison. Mitchell Ray Nicholas, 39, a paroled sex offender with a long criminal history, won't be eligible for parole for 150 years. State District Judge Brian Rains refused to delay Nicholas' sentencing so federal officials could sentence him first on other charges.

Nicholas wanted to plead first in federal court so he would end up in a federal prison, where he would feel "safer," said defense attorney Jim Leitner said.

As it is now, even if he receives federal time, he would have to live to be 189 to be taken out of a state prison and sent to a federal facility.

Nicholas' sentencing had already been delayed once. Rains told Nicholas on Friday he was offended by his request to delay sentencing again.

Rains said Nicholas he didn't deserve a sentencing delay, considering his crimes and their effects on his victims and their relatives.

"If there were a hell, that's where they would want you to go," Rains said.

Nicholas told Rains, "I'm guilty of what I've done... The best place for me is to spend my life in prison."

"I can help with that," Rains said.

Nicholas was arrested in December 1998. In June, he pleaded guilty to three charges of aggravated sexual assault of a child and three charges of indecency with a child. The charges involved five boys.

Federal charges were then filed alleging Nicholas posted pornographic images of his victims and others on the Internet.

Nicholas, who has cooperated with the investigation, also plans to plead guilty to the federal charges.

Ms. Oncken said over the years Nicholas had worked for the Boy Scouts of America, as a maintenance man in an apartment complex and at ambulance services.

After Nicholas was arrested at a court-ordered sex-counseling session, police found a videotape showing him in sex acts with a Las Vegas boy.

Police apparently were led to Nicholas when they searched the house of another sex offender in Brazoria County, and found a tape of Nicholas having sex with a boy.

One of the officers recognized Nicholas and the investigation began. The probe uncovered more evidence of the molestations including incriminating e-mails.

"Almost everything I said or did with you was for one goal -- To be able to molest you," Nicholas wrote to one person, presumably a victim. "I was doing it to fulfill my own selfish, deviant sexual appetite."

Nicholas stated in a pre-sentencing report that he had molested more than 70 boys.

GOP candidates hold final Iowa debate before key caucuses

JOHNSTON, Iowa (AP) — George W. Bush said Saturday that John McCain's tax-cut plan would impose a \$40 billion increase on working Americans, and his GOP rival shot back during debate that Bush's proposal doesn't save "one penny" for Social Security. Bush, the front-runner, told

McCain, who is debating but not campaigning for the Jan. 24 Iowa caucuses, that his tax plan would impose taxes on employer benefits for workers, such as continuing education and transportation.

"That's a \$40 billion tax increase," Bush told McCain during the televised debate, the last Republican confrontation before the caucuses.

The Texas governor asked McCain what would he tell a single mother who is working and going to school and would have to pay taxes on the benefit.

"The first thing I would say to that woman is, 'I've got a tax cut for you, and Governor Bush doesn't,'" McCain said.

He said the Bush tax cut, \$483 billion over five years, wouldn't deal with the future financing of Social Security, either, which is vital to workers, too.

"Gov. Bush's plan has not one penny for Social Security, not one penny for Medicare and not one penny to pay down the national debt," McCain said.

He said for Bush to run a campaign ad saying he will protect Social Security is "all hat and no cattle."

"That's cute," Bush replied. "They're always cute when they're true," McCain said.

He said Bush's tax plan would give 36 percent of the benefits to the richest 1 percent of Americans. "Let's not do the Texas two-step here," McCain said.

Steve Forbes, Bush's closest challenger in Iowa because of McCain's bypass strategy, also challenged Bush on taxes.

"In Texas, George, your tax cuts are more apparent than real," Forbes said. "Most Texans have never seen those tax cuts."

Bush responded, "Not only are my tax cuts real, they've reduced the base line of the budget..." he said. "I've got a good record, I'm the only one on this stage who's got a record endorsed by the people."

Forbes said Bush's property tax cut program didn't provide a break in six out of 10 districts.

"Steve, look, that's good research, it's not true," Bush retorted.

Bush cited an ad taken by Bob Dole in The Des Moines Register on Saturday, in which the 1996 GOP nominee said he'd been damaged against the Democrats by attack ads Forbes ran him in the primaries.

"If you're going to talk about a man's record, tell the whole record," Bush told Forbes. "We cut taxes."

Bush, McCain and Forbes all have ads promoting their tax plans.

Forbes, who proposes a 17 per-

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cent flat tax, has ads attacking Bush for breaking a 1994 anti-tax pledge in Texas by including increases in some sales and business taxes in a plan to cut property taxes, a net tax reduction.

McCain, running as a Republican reformer, later threw in a slap at a federal subsidy popular with Iowa farmers, saying that he'd end the ethanol program along with special tax breaks and loopholes because they do not serve the interest of the American people. Ethanol is a fuel derived from corn.

"Like most government programs, it lived on forever," past its birth in the 1970s when the country was in a crisis over imported oil, McCain said.

In a lecturing tone, Bush took the opposite view. "I believe that we ought to increase demand for Iowa products. That is what ethanol does, John, it increases the demand for Iowa products."

When they weren't disputing their own rival ideas, all six Republicans, Sen. Orrin Hatch, conservative activist Gary Bauer, Alan Keyes, Forbes, Bush and McCain took turns denouncing President Clinton and his administration for its policies and for his conduct.

Hatch repeatedly mentioned his 30-minute ad, running on two stations that criticize the scandal-plagued Clinton administration. At one point, he lectured, "Every one of you ought to watch it."

Bush slipped in a slap at Vice President Al Gore and Bill Bradley, the Democratic candidates, saying they sound as though they want the federal government to make all the decisions about American health care. The Republicans, to a man, oppose that.

Bauer said he supports a patients bill of rights, which is anathema to most conservatives. "There's nothing Republican or conservative about standing with" big HMOs in opposition to it, he said.

The Republicans took turns questioning each other, and Keyes asked Bush about a Texas town in which the city council voted to have all business conducted in Spanish. He called that an assault on "linguistic unity" and said Bush hadn't done anything about it.

TEXAS LOTTERY

Lotto: 4,6,7,29,41,45

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

SUPPORT GROUPS

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

MONDAY
•TOPS Club (Take off pound sensibly), weigh-in 5 p.m. and meeting at 6 p.m., College Heights Christian church, 21st and Goliad.

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

•Alcoholics Anonymous, 615 Settles, noon open meeting.

•Alzheimer's support group, 7 p.m., Canterbury South, 1700 N. Lancaster, first Mondays of each month. Call Galyann Gamble at 263-1271.

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

•Alzheimer's support group, 8:30 p.m., Marcy House, 2301 Wason. Call 268-9041.

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

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

•Encourager's Support Group (for widows) will meet Monday, Jan. 17, at 6 p.m. at the First Presbyterian Church, Seventh and Runnels (enter through the north door). Bring a covered dish. Diane Brown will be the speaker. For more information call 398-5522.

•New Voice Club, a support group for laryngectomies and their families, will meet Monday, Jan. 17, at 6:30 p.m. at 2410 Wason Drive, the house

behind the 7-11 store, but with the driveway on Randolph. For directions call 267-2800.

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

POLICE

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

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

• **THREATS** were reported in the 220 block of Airbase Road.

• **RETALIATION** was reported at the police station.

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

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

• **ASSAULT** was reported at the police station.

• **CLASS B ASSAULT** was reported in the 1200 block of Stanford.

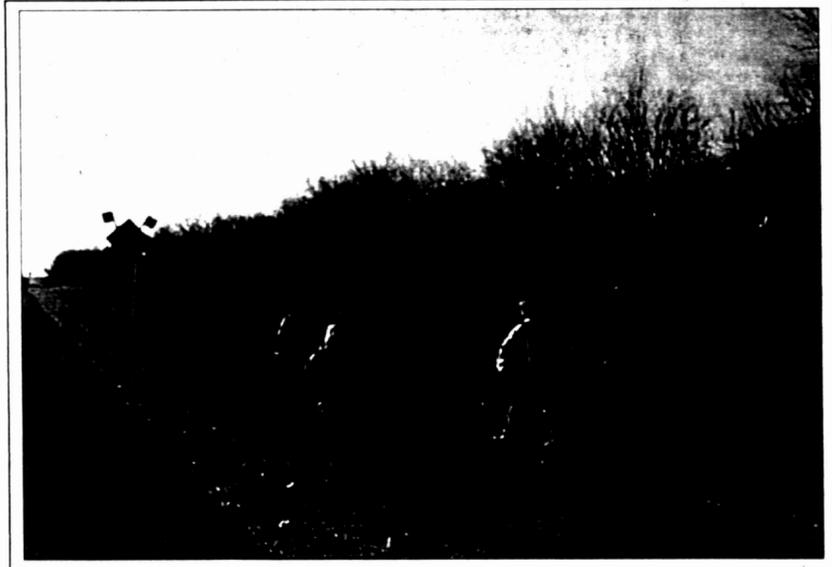
• **DRIVING WHILE INTOXICATED** was reported at the police station.

MEETINGS

COAHOMA INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT TRUSTEES
6:30 p.m. Monday
Board Room of Administration Building
Agenda items include:
• Public Hearing on Academic Excellence Indicator System
7 p.m. Monday
Board Room of Administration Building
Items on the agenda include:
• Superintendent's evaluation
• Superintendent's contract
• Contract with West Texas Food Service Cooperative
• Bids for school property
• Enrollment report
• Board Training
• Application for E-Rate Discounts

GLASSCOCK COUNTY INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT TRUSTEES
7 p.m. Monday
Board room of administration building
Agenda items include:
• Open Forum/Public Comments on football program
• Employee grievance by Faith Scott and possible action
• Consult with attorney regarding employment issues
• Administrators and athletic director contract
• Preliminary calendar proposals
• Campus reports

FORSAN INDEPENDENT SCHOOL BOARD TRUSTEES
7 p.m. Monday
Board room
Agenda items include:
• Superintendent's evaluation
• Superintendent's contract
• Select auditor for 1999-2000
• Consider 2000-01 calendar
• renewal of Texas Association of School Boards membership



Wayne Criger, Marty Thurston, and Connie Mitchell of the West Texas Center for Mental Health Mental Retardation picked up trash along Lamesa road last week.

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Nearly 100 veg and speak with Furr's Cafeteria

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LYNDEL MOODY Staff Writer

Sponsors of the party for Big School juniors are be having their tional meeting M. "This has been several years t alternative for h dents instead of partying in an u ment," event ch Perez said. "For several ye class parents hav "casino night" f senior students i the prom. "The after-prom sored by the jun ents for the ju dents," Perez said ly a non-profit an event."

Students are money called Ste they enter, and t ble the night a sign up for door p ning names are d out the evening.

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Nearly 100 veterans attended Stand Down 2000 this weekend at the VA Medical Center to receive free medical and dental services and speak with representatives from several different agencies. Here the group dines on barbecue donated by Big John's Feed Lot. Furr's Cafeteria provided the meal for the veterans Friday.

HERALD photo/Marsha Sturdivant

STAND DOWN

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offered at the stand down are not provided regularly, according to several of the veterans.

"Most of us are getting ailments 30 or 40 years after Vietnam that we know is directly involved with Agent Orange, but we can't get assistance," said Bryant. "Dental services are not available unless you are 50 percent disabled, and only then if the work is service related."

"I don't understand. We were shot at the same as the guy who was wounded. We fought in the same war and took the same risks, but because we didn't get wounded we are not allowed the same benefits," Bryant said.

He added that many of the programs in place for veterans fall far short of what needs to be done to help the soldier when he is no longer a soldier.

"The GI Bill that allows us to buy a home doesn't work, because we don't qualify for the loan because our income is not high enough. If they truly wanted to help veterans, benefits could include VA property within the community where the veteran could live and work with out losing his benefits," he said.

Bryant offered several other suggestions to help prevent veterans from living on the streets, including allowing the men to restore abandoned home that could be their own.

"More of the homeless are veterans, more than any other group of people. The most

important thing we need are jobs, for those who can work, and a place to live where we can contribute for those who can't work," he said.

Another veteran, Ed Selby, who reached the Stand Down from New Mexico, said he really can't offer a solution to the problem of homeless veterans.

"I was lucky, because I found something else I could do. I'm a cowhand, and find work around the western states. I came to the Stand Down to get my 50,000 mile checkup, and to update my records with the VA," Selby said.

Another veteran who attended was Arthur (Gene) Cook, who drove to Big Spring from Surf City, Texas. Cook said he lives in his van, and has had some success as a published writer.

Thomas Fay of Big Spring and Jim Farris of Missouri also attended the stand down. Farris said he has been in Texas seven months, and he came to seek construction work.

"This is the first stand down I've been to, and it is windy and dusty, but it's been nice to get the clothes and medical checkups I've gotten," Farris said.

Organizers of the event said the veterans seemed to seek clothing first, then asked to speak with employment counselors.

"Some wanted medical exams, and some asked to speak to the benefits officer. But most of the veterans asked for clothing first, and then wanted to talk with the unemployment representatives," said Janell Groves, chief of ambulatory services with the VA Medical Center.

After prom party sponsors to organize

LYNDEL MOODY
Staff Writer

Sponsors of the after-prom party for Big Spring High School juniors and seniors will be having their first organizational meeting Monday.

"This has been a tradition for several years that gives an alternative for high school students instead of going out and partying in an unsafe environment," event chairman Linda Perez said.

For several years, the junior class parents have sponsored a "casino night" for junior and senior students to attend after the prom.

"The after-prom party is sponsored by the junior class parents for the junior-senior students," Perez said. "It is a strictly a non-profit and a no-alcohol event."

Students are issued play money called Steer Bucks when they enter, and then they gamble the night away. Students sign up for door prizes and winning names are drawn throughout the evening.

An auction is held at the end of the event where students can bid for items with the "money" they have left.

"We usually auction such things as televisions, stereos, and dorm room refrigerators," Perez said.

Casino Night is a non-profit event sponsored solely by donations by the community.

"We will have our first organized meeting Monday to start assigning committees and make plans to start soliciting funds," Perez said.

The sponsors are also asking for volunteers who would like to help with the event, and they hope many parents will become involved.

"Besides soliciting funds, we will need to feed the students, monitor the parking lots, and work the casino games," she said. "Several people are involved."

"The prom will be held on April 15, and the after-prom party will begin at midnight until 5 a.m.," Perez continued.

Those wishing to donate to the event can send a check to

"Parents Who Care," c/o Shelly Choate, 2713 Cindy Lane, Big Spring, TX 79720.

The organizational meeting begins at 7:30 p.m. in the Big Spring High School library. For more information, call Perez at 263-4921.

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annual Living Christmas Tree and helps with costumes and food preparation.

She has served on site-based committees for the Big Spring Independent School District and is an active PTA parent and a supporter of Junior Achievement.

She has participated in the Spanish American Women's Mentor program at the junior high, and co-chairs the Pacesetters Division of the United Way.

Partee is an active supporter of youth athletic events as well as church youth groups.



Tiffany Wheat and Jerred Green are assisted by Howard College Registrar Kimberly Henson during registration. Classes begin Monday.

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EDITORIAL

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OUR VIEWS

Congratulations, chamber award recipients for '99

We hear it all the time — "get involved," "make a difference." Often, we say we're too busy. We've got too much going on. Catch us next time.

We are blessed with two local residents, however, who don't seem to have the ability to say "no." Tommy Churchwell and Sue Partee, the 1999 Big Spring Area Chamber of Commerce Man and Woman of the Year, are two of the best examples of what can happen when people get involved.

Between them, they have had a hand in just about everything good that has happened in Big Spring for more than a decade. They've coached young athletes and helped disadvantaged students get a hand up. They are strong supporters of education. They have worked for a better Big Spring through numerous civic organizations.

Salvation Army, United Way of Big Spring and Howard County and the Big Spring Humane Society annually count on their participation and leadership abilities.

Those who work with them know them as being dedicated to their families and church.

And for Tommy Churchwell and Sue Partee "get involved" isn't enough. They make a difference. They are willing to do what it takes to see something through. There are numerous examples of this, but none perhaps more noted than the Settles window project. When others said it couldn't be done, Tommy Churchwell went out and did it. He helped recruit a band of volunteers to form Friends of the Settles and together they did the impossible.

In her role as chairman of the Dora Roberts Foundation, Sue Partee also knows what it means to breathe life into a project that people said couldn't be done.

Through organizations such as the Salvation Army and United Way, people like Tommy Churchwell and Sue Partee help needy individuals — many who may have thought they had no future left — turn their lives around.

We stand with the rest of the community in sending out our congratulations to Tommy Churchwell and Sue Partee. They've made our community a much better place to live. And through their actions, they've shown us just what it means to "get involved" and "make a difference."

OTHER VIEWS

Big Internet-related corporate deals, like the one between America Online and Time Warner, pique the interest of economists but even more that of political sociologists. The 20th century rotated around economic-based political conflict: the "haves" versus the "have nots."

Thanks to the eruption of multimedia and the Web, political conflict in the 21st century pits "those who know" (a minority, for now) against "those who don't know" (the majority).

During the 20th century, political power was based on possessing and controlling "material goods," like knowledge. But it's impossible to acquire knowledge through violence. Revolution, then, will no longer be the means to seize power.

This century's political power will depend on possessing and controlling "immaterial goods," like knowledge. But it's impossible to acquire knowledge through violence. Revolution, then, will no longer be the means to seize power.

CORRIERE DELLA SERA, MILAN, ITALY

Even in a world where the

markets are gorging themselves on mega-mergers, no one predicted that the new century would start like this. It is not just the mind-boggling size of the \$190 billion take-over by the American Internet services provider, AOL, of the eminent Time Warner, it is the startling manner in which such a young company is gobbling up one of the giants of the old media business in what is likely to be the start of a wave of mergers that may sweep the entertainment and communication businesses in the next 10 years. The last year has seen Internet companies valued at far above anything they earn, or can hope to earn within this decade, because they are seen as the gateways to the future.

There is a goldrush going on, with investors gambling wildly in the hope of holding an ace when the dust clears. But, at the same time, many fine older companies are seen as near their peak in dangerously-mature markets.

This merger would appear to offer the perfect solution, giving the old access to the new, and the distribution of its products on the Internet, and providing the new with the cash flow it lacks. So does it make sense? No one knows.

THE INDEPENDENT, LONDON

Theory of U.S. prosperity has shaky basis

The Wall Street Journal has reported the following two facts: U.S. non-financial corporations have increased corporate debt by 60 percent in the past five years so that it now stands at \$4.2 trillion. Meanwhile, household borrowing has jumped almost 50 percent in the past five years and now stands at \$6.3 trillion.



CHARLEY REESE

Now you know the basis of American prosperity.

An interesting way to look at debt is that it is a claim on future income. Thus, American households will have to shell out \$6.3 trillion plus interest from their future earnings in addition to meeting their current living expenses. Lot of folks better hope there is no interruption to the cash flow,

such as a layoff or an extended illness.

It seems to me we are living beyond our means, and that sooner or later this house of cards will come down. It may be that I just have a dark, Celtic outlook, but I don't think that's it. I don't consider the country prosperous when husband and wife both have to work, often at more than one job, to maintain their living standards. And living with a lot of stuff not paid for is a false prosperity.

It's certainly true that the top 10 percent of the population are making money hand over foot, and lots of it. But I think the average working men and women in America are having a tough time. Too much money in circulation and too much easy credit are pushing prices up, and the lower middle class has no way of boosting its income to keep pace.

The first dollar I put into Social Security would, at that time, buy five gallons of gasoline, sometimes six. The first dollar I draw from Social Security will not buy even one

gallon. That, in a nutshell, is how government always screws the people. It devalues the currency. You baby boomers need not worry that you won't draw a check from Social Security. What you must worry about is how little those dollars will buy when you get them.

Of course, we've all become rather spoiled as a result of the incessant selling of stuff. Many people, for example, have a television with cable service, a VHS recorder and a DVD player. Obviously, we can't watch movies on all three at the same time. And how many movies are there in existence that are worth watching on even one medium?

Then there are the CD players, tape decks and radios. If we spent all our time using this stuff, there wouldn't be any time left to earn the money to pay for them.

A Japanese fellow has written a book that, so far as I know, still hasn't been translated into English. But based on the review I read, he has a solid idea. As a solution to mountains of debt and solid

waste, he advocates what he calls elegant poverty. He argues that people should concentrate on acquiring a few high-quality things that can be passed on to one's children rather than a lot of the cheap junk that goes to the landfill after a few years of use.

Naturally, that is the opposite of our present culture, which advocates buying stuff that is cheaper to replace than to repair as well as buying large quantities of things that we have only marginal use for. Materialism, it turns out, is all appetite and no satisfaction. This does not appear to me to be a sustainable lifestyle, either from an environmental or an economic point of view.

If you are in debt, get out and stay out.

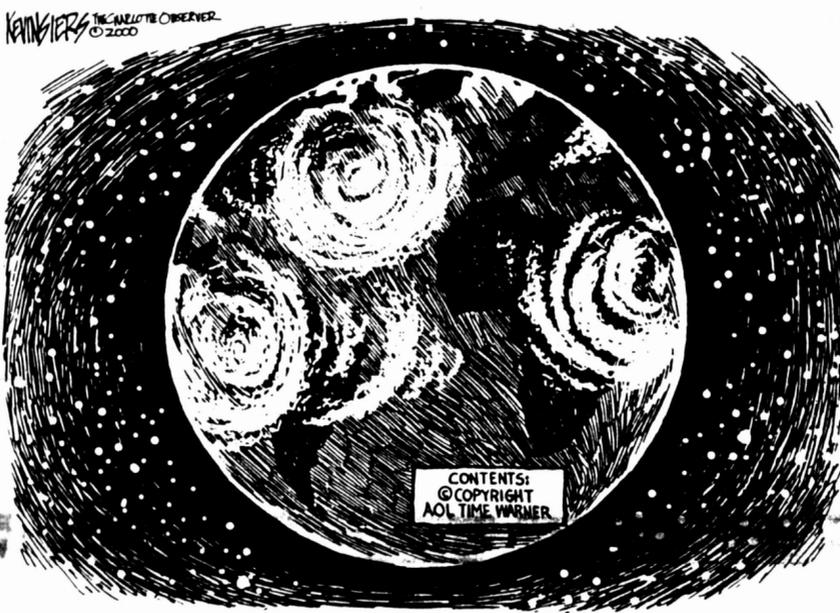
Instead of paying down on something, pay down on something in your savings account and make monthly payments to yourself.

Then when you have the amount the item costs, if you still need it, you can buy it without incurring any debt or interest payments.

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High-tech and high school journalism

In my day, the high-school paper was headed by an English teacher who had a free period and a glue pot.

We signed up to work on the newspaper staff because we liked to write — usually sappy poems about our disastrous love lives — and because we were permitted to leave the building to sell advertising. Or to try.



RHETA GRIMSLEY JOHNSON

I never actually sold an ad, but I escaped the school every afternoon promising to peddle space. More often than not, I ended up at McDonald's sipping a shake.

High-school journalism has gotten a lot more sophisticated. It's a Porsche to our Model T. They say 4,200 kids preregistered for the National High School Journalism Convention at the Atlanta Hilton and Towers last November.

After seeing the hotel, I believe they all came and brought buddies. I found an anthill of aspiring reporters, graphic artists, photographers, broadcasters — all with bright eyes and lineless faces, confident of conquering the world of communications.

I wandered among hundreds of the bluejeaned journalists in

an area where salesmen were pitching their high-tech wares. (We've come a long, long way from the old mimeograph machine, believe me.) About the only thing I recognized in the vast vendor area was a stack of reporters' notebooks, on sale for \$1.50 a pop.

Many of the newspaper advisers are still English teachers, but these conscientious adults were snapping up books with titles like "The Literature of Journalism: Text and Context." They were trying earnestly to stay one step ahead of their charges.

The teachers had more than a hall pass and a passing interest in modern media, probably because their students demand more than we ever did. Today's students are up on things. They know current events. They may not know history, and thus a context for the news, but they know what's happening today.

They know the maternity leave plans of CNN's Christiane Amanpour, the last contract deal Peter Jennings struck with ABC, the starting salary at The New York Times. When you are young, you don't force a girdle on your dreams.

And why should they? That big umbrella called "communications" is open wide and floating off into the heavens, as if it belonged to Mary Poppins. Career opportunities are there now for more than just wordsmiths. Those of us who prefer to wrestle words need technical help getting them to the right

place at the right time. We need dramatic graphics to draw a dwindling readership to them. We need photos to appeal to a generation that has seen the world, not just read about it. And computer wizards, of course, are in the catbird seat.

At a luncheon for the newspaper advisers, an impressive string orchestra performed. They, too, were just kids, from North Cobb High School in Kennesaw, Ga. If you looked in their faces you saw how young they were. But the orchestra played with remarkable poise, as if performing for the public to the tune of clinking silverware was nothing new.

I find it hard to be depressed about the future when I watch youngsters confidently huddled over computers that confound and intimidate me, or hear them play flawless music.

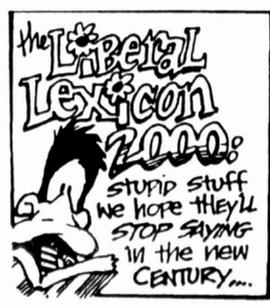
There is a generation coming along that definitely has its strengths, despite incredible obstacles in a world that has changed too fast. Kids, for the most part, have coped.

That day at the Hilton, I gave my usual spiel about the core of my trade, how words should remain the exalted ruler of a growing, ever-changing professional kingdom.

But even as I spoke, I silently questioned my own relevance in a business that never could afford to drag its technological feet.

It's like playing the cello one measure behind the rest of the band.

Mallard Fillmore
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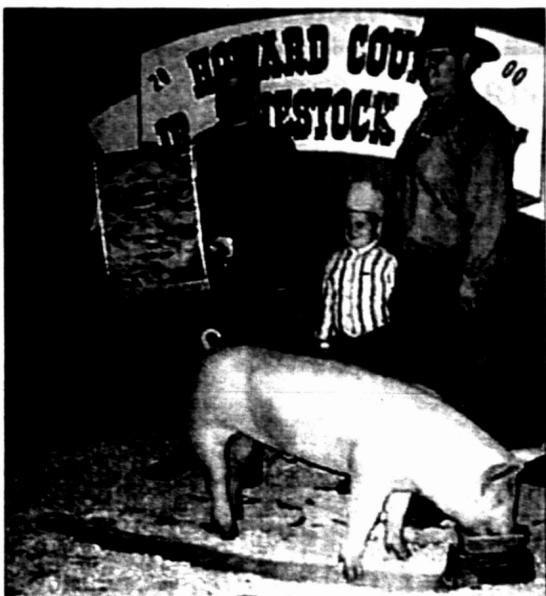
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Hall Tubb shows her Grand Champion goat alongside buyer Horace Tubb.



Randall Rich shows his Grand Champion swine along with buyer Brandon Luce of Howard County Farm Bureau and his son Morgan Luce.



Mandi Hanslik shows her Grand Champion lamb along with buyer Gibson Feagin of Feagin's Implements.



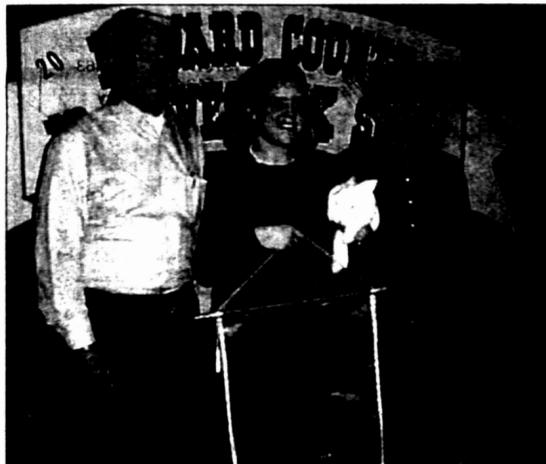
Megan Kothman shows her Reserve Champion goat along with HEB Food Store buyers, represented by Roddy Brown, Debbie Melson, Scott Edwards, Hatton Moore and Cindy Hopper.



Morgan Kight shows her Reserve Champion swine, which was purchased by Wells Fargo Bank.



Kami Hambrick shows her Reserve Champion lamb along with buyer Jeff Watkins of Ackerly Farm Co-op.



Teri Denton shows her Grand Champion rabbit, along with her mother Vicki Denton and buyer State Rep. David Counts.



Cody McCann shows his Reserve Champion heifer along with buyers Shane Ward, Karen Ward and their daughter Stevi Ward of Ward's Western Wear.



Heather Harris shows her Reserve Champion steer along with buyer Ronnie Wood of Big Spring Farm Supply.



Cory Baker shows his Reserve Champion rabbit, purchased by Flesta Dodge.

STOCK SHOW

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Grand champion steer went to Lindy Barr, while Heather Harris took reserve honors.

Emily McCann took grand champion heifer, while her brother, Cody, took reserve honors.

Barr had taken top honors in exotics, while Harris' steer had

taken top honors in the British competition.

In the rabbit show, Teri Denton took grand champion honors, while Cory Baker took reserve honors.

In the lamb show, Mandi Hanslik took grand champion honors, while Kami Hambrick took reserve honors.

The Herald salutes all the champions as well as all Howard County youngsters who competed in the 2000 stock show.

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IN BRIEF

Baseball boosters slate meeting for Monday

The Big Spring Baseball Boosters Club has scheduled its next meeting for 6:30 p.m. Monday at the Big Spring High School Athletic Training Center's meeting room.

Members will turn in ads that have been sold, as well as discuss other fund raisers and improvements to the field.

For more information, contact Jim Clements at 267-1069 after 6 p.m.

Softball boosters set meeting for Jan. 20

The Big Spring Softball Boosters Club has scheduled an organizational meeting of all players' parents for 6:30 Thursday at the Big Spring High School Athletic Training Center.

Members will discuss the year's activities.

All parents of BSHS softball players are encouraged to attend.

BSJHS tennis squads romp past Sweetwater

Big Spring Junior High School's tennis teams romped to a dual match with Sweetwater's young Mustangs on Thursday, winning 29 of 33 matches.

The Steers eighth-grade boys swept nine matches, while the seventh grade boys won eight of nine.

In girls' competition, Big Spring took six of eight matches, while the seventh grade girls won seven of eight.

Boys' singles winners were Jake Smiley, Vishal Shroff, Justin Ferrell, Ryan Wegman, Will Liggitt, Cole Furqueron, Jason Vela, Nicholas Paredes, Nick Rivera, Joey Loyd, Regan Creswell and Keenan Jones.

Girls' singles winners included Ame Blacketer, Laren Chesworth, Heather Parnell, Veronica Villarreal, Jessica Ybarra, Jessica Brown, Alex Garipey and Syndra Calabrevas.

Hunter education class scheduled for Feb. 12-13

A hunter education course, required of all Texas hunters born on or after Sept. 2, 1971, 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 and Steve Poitivent will be instructors for the class.

For more information, call Hale at 267-6957 or Dibrell's Gun Shop at 267-7891.

IT'S MISSING

Results from Friday's high school games involving teams from Borden County, Grady and Sands are not included in today's edition.

Coaches from those schools, failed to report the scores from their games.

ON THE AIR

Television

BOWLING

11:30 a.m. — PBA National Stadium/Senior Doubles, ESPN, Ch. 30.

COLLEGE BASKETBALL

Men

Noon — Regional coverage, CBS, Ch. 7.

2 p.m. — Tulsa at Rice, FXS, Ch. 29.

FIGURE SKATING

3 p.m. — Grand Prix of Skating, finals, ABC, Ch. 2 and Ch. 8.

NATIONAL FOOTBALL LEAGUE

11:30 a.m. — NFC Divisional playoff, Minnesota Vikings at St. Louis Rams, FOX, Ch. 3.

3 p.m. — AFC Divisional playoff, Tennessee Titans at Indianapolis Colts, CBS, Ch. 7.

GOLF

2 p.m. — LPGA Office Depot Classic, final round, ESPN, Ch. 30.

7 p.m. — PGA Sony Open, second round, ESPN, Ch. 30.

GYMNASTICS

1 p.m. — American Cup Qualifier, NBC, Ch. 9.

SKIING

3 p.m. — World Cup freestyle competition, NBC, Ch. 9.

Hawks, Lady Hawks prepare to face Frank Phillips on Monday

By JOHN A. MOSELEY
Sports Editor

Howard College's Hawks have a pretty good idea of what to expect when they and the Lady Hawks play host to teams from Frank Phillips College on Monday night at Dorothy Garrett Coliseum.

For all intents and purposes, the Hawks saw a team similar to that they'll face Monday during their 66-63 loss to Midland College's Chaparrals on Thursday.

That should be a particularly serious warning for the Hawks, who saw their 17-game Western Junior College Athletic Conference (WJCAC) win string that dated back to the spring of 1998 snapped by Midland.

"Frank Phillips is a lot like they were last year," Hawks head coach Tommy

Collins said after putting his team through workout paces Saturday. "They're quick ... extremely quick and are excellent shooters. They gave everybody fits with that last year and they're essentially the same type of team this time around."

In fact, Collins makes it clear that he believes the Plainsmen could cause problems for the Hawks in much the same manner Midland did, unless his team cuts down on its turnovers and shoots better than it did on Thursday.

"We're going to be playing a team that's not very big, but uses its quickness and shooting ability to the best of its advantage," he explained. "They execute their game well ... maybe not quite as well as Midland does, but nobody executes as well as Midland does right now."

Going into the Hawks' game at Midland, Collins had noted that one of the big questions that might have to be answered about this year's Howard team was how well it will respond to a conference loss.

None of Howard's sophomores — key performers like guards Darryl Martin and Justin Rhodes, post Donald "Yogi" Caesar and swingman Derrick Franklin — had ever lost a WJCAC game prior to Thursday's meltdown in the Chap Center.

"We'll just have to see how we respond," the Hawks boss noted. "Hopefully, we'll use this as an eye opener ... a motivator to get things turned around. Because, believe me, you can't afford to turn the ball over and shoot as poorly as we did in Midland the other night and win many ball games in this

conference."

While Franklin, who has been slowed for several weeks with an Achilles tendon injury, has really been coming on recently, several of the Hawks are still struggling with injuries.

Franklin shared team-high honors Monday night with Martin, both scoring 15 points, but Collins says Martin is still not playing at 100 percent. The same, he said, is true for Caesar and freshman post Kresimir Tomorad.

Worse still, Rhodes suffered a hyper-extended knee during the game at Midland and may be unavailable Monday night.

While the Hawks find themselves in the position of having to rebound from a disappointing loss, Lady Hawks head

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Lady Steers roll to 'important' 5-4A win

By JOHN A. MOSELEY
Sports Editor

ANDREWS — It was time for a win and Big Spring's Lady Steers got it Friday, taking a 64-46 decision over Andrews' Lady Mustangs in District 5-4A basketball action.

"This gives us some hope," Big Spring head coach Kathy Loter said after seeing the Lady Steers improve to 12-10 overall, but more importantly take their first district win in three outings.

"These kids really needed a win ... especially with Lake View up next," Loter added, noting that the Lady Steers will play host to San Angelo Lake View's Maidens at 6 p.m. Tuesday in the Big Spring Junior High School gymnasium.

"Lake View is going to be a very physical game ... just like these last two have been, maybe even moreso," she continued. "We'll have to be ready for the pressure they're going to put on us."

Pressure was something Andrews did its best to provide all night Friday, but the Lady Steers handled it impressively.

What's more, Big Spring was not only able to successfully break the Lady Mustangs' press, but scored early and often to take control of the game almost from the outset.

In fact, the Lady Steers owned a lead before the official timekeeper switched on the scoreboard clock when junior point guard Melissa Forth hit one of two free throws awarded when Andrews failed to list all its players in the official book.

While the Lady Mustangs answered tit-for-tat in the first few minutes, Big Spring broke open a 5-5 deadlock with nine unanswered points in little more than 11/2 minutes to take a 14-5 lead with 3:01 remaining in the first quarter.

Andrews responded with four points and kept the Lady Steers off the scoreboard for the remainder of the period to tail by just five going into the second quarter.

That's when the flood gates opened for the first time, as Big Spring pounded the ball inside to posts Meghan Pudliner, Christina Gwyn, Laura Johnson and Melissa Flenniken.

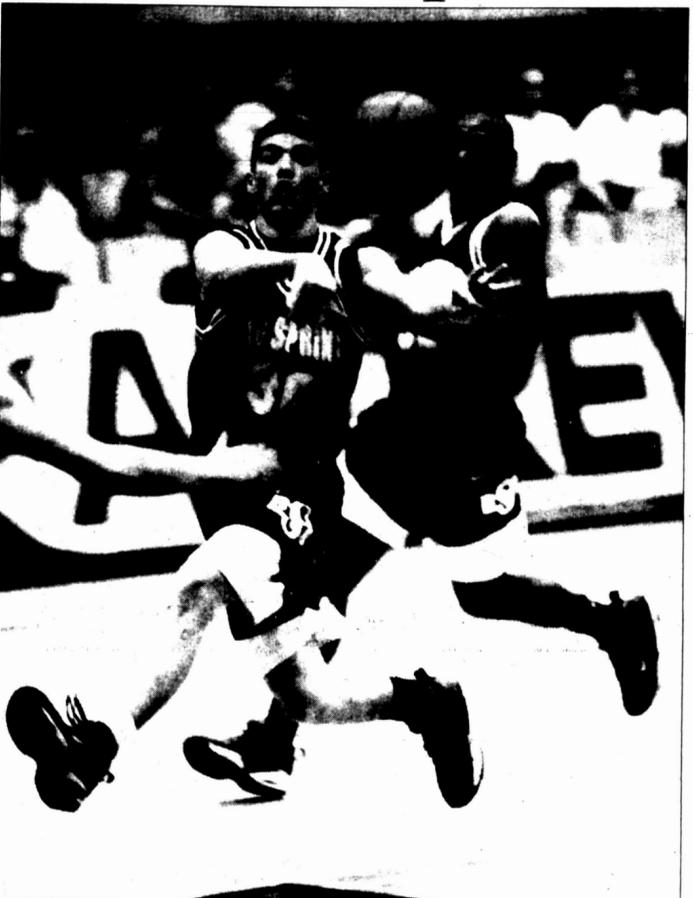
A 9-2 run in the first couple of minutes allowed the Lady Steers to take a 23-11 edge and they simply poured on the gas from there, outscoring Andrews 20-11 to the break for a 34-20 edge at intermission.

The Lady Mustangs, perhaps the only team in District 5-4A as young as Big Spring, refused to quit. They returned in the third and at one stretch, put together a 12-2 run, trimming the Lady Steers lead to just five at 38-33.

A jumper from the paint by Flenniken and a baseline jumper from Chelsea Churchwell allowed Big Spring to take a 42-35 lead into the final eight minutes.

It was then that the dam literally burst.

Forth and Pudliner literally took con-



HERALD photo/Jim Fierro

Big Spring point guard John Purcell (30) passes the ball to a teammate on the break as teammate Jason Woodruff follows behind during the second quarter of the Steers' 79-55 loss in their District 5-4A opener at Andrews.

trol — the former turning a three-point play into a 10-point Lady Steers lead before hitting four consecutive free throws, while the latter continually took long passes from Gwyn at the high post to score 10 fourth-quarter points.

As a result, Pudliner finished with a team-topping 16 points, while Forth finished the night with 14. Two guard LaTrisha Rollins also finished the night in double figures with 10, while all but one player on the Lady Steers' roster contributed to the scoring total.

Sophomore post Katie Fariss led the way for Andrews with a game-high 17 points, while teammate Judy Del Hierro scored 13 more.

"We played a lot better tonight that we have the last few games," Loter noted. "When you're able to score it makes a tremendous difference. That's been the

most difficult thing for us ... to consistently score. But we did that tonight, both from the field and at the free throw line.

"When you can do that, good things are going to happen to you," she added. "They did tonight."

Big Spring 64, Andrews 46

BIG SPRING — Brittany Bryant 2 0 2 2 6, Chelsea Churchwell 3 0 0 0 6, Heather Gibbs 0 0 0 0 0, Christina Gwyn 1 0 1 2 3, LaTrisha Rollins 4 0 2 5 10, Melissa Forth 2 0 10 12 14, Laura Johnson 2 0 0 0 4, Meghan Pudliner 8 0 0 0 16, Melissa Flenniken 2 0 1 2 5. Totals 24 0 16-23 64.

ANDREWS — Mandy Roberts 1 0 5 11 7, Sheila Medina 0 0 0 1 0, Nikki Baeza 2 0 2 2 6, Judy Del Hierro 3 1 4 4 13, Katie Fariss 4 2 3 4 17, Lindsey Reid 1 0 0 0 2, Karli Bane 0 0 1 2 1, Celia Crawford 0 0 0 2 0. Totals 11 3 15-26 46.

Score by Quarters: BIG SPRING 14 20 8 22-64 ANDREWS 9 11 15 11-46

Three-point goals: Big Spring 0, Andrews 3 (Del Hierro, Fariss 2). Total fouls: Big Spring 21, Andrews 17. Fouled out: None. Technical fouls: Andrews, for scoreboard violation. Records: Big Spring 12-10, 1-2; Andrews 7-14, 0-3.

Fourth-quarter Mustangs run dooms Steers

By JOHN A. MOSELEY
Sports Editor

ANDREWS — Big Spring's Steers opened District 5-4A basketball play in anything but the fashion they would have liked Friday night, suffering a 79-55 loss to Andrews' Mustangs.

It was anything but a cake walk for the home-standing Mustangs, however, as Big Spring battled through a sea-saw first quarter, and after falling behind by 12 points at halftime, rallied in the third quarter to trim the Andrews lead to just five.

Unfortunately, that third-quarter rally left the Steers out of gas going into the stretch.

As a result, Andrews scored 19 unanswered points early in the fourth quarter to turn a 51-46 thriller into a 70-46 margin that Big Spring had no chance of erasing, even with 5:31 remaining.

"We didn't play very well and they did," Big Spring head coach Jimmy Avery said before taking a moment to re-evaluate his assessment. "Actually, what they did well as shoot the ball and force us to play an up tempo game. That's what they did best, really, make us play their game."

Indeed, from the outset, it was clear that first-year Mustangs head coach Gary Schiffrer brought a "run-and-gun" style of basketball with him when he moved to West Texas from Brownsboro.

What's more, it is proving to be more and more effective for the athletic Mustangs.

In warming up for Friday's 5-4A opener, the Mustangs defeated Levelland, taking control of that game with a 31-point first quarter, eventually winning by an eight-point margin.

The Steers, unlike Levelland, however, were never able to compose themselves enough offensively.

"It just kills us," Avery said of the Steers' inability to press and play an up tempo defensive game while still settling down to run a halfcourt offense. "We just don't have the offensive skills to play that way."

"We started off playing our game and basically stayed with them in the first quarter, but they got a little hotter in the second quarter and we cooled down a little," the Steers boss added. "That put us in a position to having to press them in the third quarter and it worked for us. But it took so much energy to make the run that we didn't have anything left. It was like the barn door is open and here

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Lady Buffs struggle to win; Stanton boys drop 3-2A opener

HERALD Staff Reports

STANTON — Stanton's Lady Buffs rebounded from Tuesday's overtime loss to Post with a 66-60 win over Tahoka's Lady Bulldogs in a crucial District 3-2A girls' basketball game Friday night.

Perhaps the biggest factor in the Lady Buffs' ability to improve their 3-2A mark to 2-1 was being able to play at home.

Simply put, Stanton's girls had been drained in big road games at Coahoma and Post.

"We wanted to get everybody in the game," Lady Buffs head coach Tim Van Hecke admitted. "We had two serious, intense games at Coahoma and Post, and we honestly struggled tonight. Mentally we weren't real sharp and you could tell from our free throw shooting."

In a game in which both teams went to the line 89 times, the Lady Buffs managed to convert on just 23 of 48 free throw opportunities. The Lady Bulldogs weren't much better, however, shooting 21-of-41.

The Lady Buffs did get 16 points apiece from Jessica DeLeon and Rachel

Madison, however, and 6-foot post Stephanie Washington added 10 more.

Tahoka also put three girls in double figures, as Carissa Graves scored a game-high 18 points, Keely Boone had 13 and Marissa Chapa chipped in a dozen more.

The key to the Lady Buffs' win proved to be a third-quarter run in which they outscored Tahoka 17-8, erasing a 36-34 lead Tahoka had taken at intermission.

The evening's nightcap saw Tahoka force a split when senior Brad Pebsworth and sophomore Blandon Hancock hit a pair of back-to-back three-point shots early in the fourth quarter to break open a 57-57 deadlock and chalk up an 80-74 win.

Pebsworth, who some believe is the best Class 2A player in the region, scored a game-high 30 points for the Bulldogs, outdueling Stanton's Blaine Smith for that honor. Smith finished the night with 27 points.

The Bulldogs also got 23 points from Sedrick Williams, who hit five three-point shots, while Brady Cook was the Buffs' only other player in double figures with 12.

Tahoka improved to 15-7 on the season with the district-opening win, while Stanton dropped to 11-4 and 0-1.

GIRLS' GAME

TAHOKA — Graves 7 3 6 18, Sanders 1 1 2 3, Miller 2 0 2 4, Harris 2 5 7 9, Chapa 1 10 12 12, Boone 6 1 2 13, White 0 0 0 0, Eudy 0 0 2 0, Andrews 0 1 6 1. Totals 19 21 41 60.

STANTON — Allied 0 0 0 0, Madison 3 10 18 16, Roseberry 0 0 0 0, Christian 0 2 2 2, Phillips 1 0 0 2, Thompson 1 4 10 6, Salgado 2 1 7 5, Williams 0 0 0 0, Washington 4 2 4 10, DeLeon 6 4 7 16, Moore 4 0 0 9, Rios 0 0 0 0. Totals 21 23 48 66.

Score by Quarters: TAHOKA 17 19 8 16-60 STANTON 16 18 17 15-66

Three-point goals: Tahoka 1 (Graves), Stanton 1 (Moore). Total fouls: Tahoka 30, Stanton 30. Fouled out: White, Graves, Eudy, Washington. Technical fouls: Stanton, for scoreboard violation. Records: Tahoka 6-15, 1-2; Stanton 19-5, 2-1.

BOYS' GAME

TAHOKA — Stanton 74 Tahoka — Pebsworth 9 9 14 30, Se. Williams 7 4 8 23, Sh. Williams 0 2 2 2, Randall 3 1 3 7, Davis 4 0 0 8, Hancock 3 0 0 8, Stanton 1 4 10 6, Sarchet 0 0 2 0. Totals 27 16 29 80.

STANTON — Harris 3 1 3 9, Smith 8 9 14 27, Cotton 2 0 4, White 2 4 6 8, K. Cook 1 1 3 4, Hull 2 1 2 5, B. Cook 5 0 1 12, Butler 1 2 3 5, Keele 0 0 0 0. Totals 24 18 32 74.

Score by Quarters: TAHOKA 18 16 23 23-80 STANTON 16 24 17 17-74

Three-point goals: Tahoka 10 (Se. Williams 5, Pebsworth 3, Hancock 2); Stanton 8 (Harris 2, Smith 2, B. Cook 2, K. Cook, Butler). Total fouls: Tahoka 26, Stanton 25. Fouled out: K. Cook, Hull, White. Technical fouls: None. Records: Tahoka 15-7, 1-0; Stanton 11-4, 0-1.

Seagraves sweeps pair from Coahoma

COAHOMA — Seagraves Eagles and Lady Eagles made it a long night for Coahoma Bulldogs and Bulldogettes faithful Friday night, sweeping a pair of District 3-2A basketball wins.

In the evening's varsity opener, the Lady Eagles got 21 points from Amanda Quintanilla in rolling to a 55-44 victory and share second place in the 3-2A girls' standings with Stanton's Lady Buffaloes.

The Bulldogettes, who dropped to 1-2 in district play and 12-9 overall, got 18 points from senior post Jayci Roberts and 13 more from junior point guard Kortney Kemper.

Coahoma's girls managed to keep things close until the fourth quarter when Seagraves went on a 26-16 run to ice the game.

The nightcap saw Seagraves limit all but one of the Bulldogs below 10 points and stage a second-half rally for a 48-41 victory.

Brett Bennett paced the Bulldogs, now

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Wild Card Games
Saturday, Jan. 14
Tennessee 22, Buffalo
Washington 27, Detroit
Sunday, Jan. 15
Minnesota 27, Oakland
Miami 20, Seattle 17

Divisional Games
Saturday, Jan. 15
Jacksonville 62, Miami
Tampa Bay 14, Houston
Sunday, Jan. 16
Minnesota at St. Louis
Tennessee at Indiana
p.m. (CBS)

Conference Championships
Sunday, Jan. 23
Indianapolis vs. Tampa Bay
Jacksonville vs. Tennessee
Tampa Bay vs. Minnesota
St. Louis vs. Tennessee
p.m. (CBS)

Super Bowl
Sunday, Jan. 30
at Atlanta 5:18 p.m. (CBS)

Pro Bowl
Sunday, Feb. 6
at Honolulu (ABC)

JUCO - MEN

The top 25 teams in Junior College Athletic Division men's basketball first-place votes in past records through Jan. 11:

1. Barton County, Kan.
2. Indiana State
3. Tallahassee, Fla.
4. Vincennes, Ind.
5. SW Missouri State
6. Coahoma, Miss.
7. Greenbrier, W. Va.
8. Oklahoma State
9. Arizona Western
10. Dodge City, Kan.
11. Shelby State, Tenn.
12. Allegany, Md.
13. Ball State, Ind.
14. Chandler, Ariz.
15. Eastern, W. Va.
16. San Jacinto, Texas
17. Pasco, Wash.
18. Sul Ross State, Tex.
19. Kansas
20. Salt Lake, Utah

JUCO - WOMEN

The top 25 teams in Junior College Athletic Division women's basketball poll through Jan. 11:

1. Seward County, Kan.
2. Dawson County, Texas
3. Oklahoma State
4. Central Florida
5. Coahoma, Miss.
6. Salt Coast, Fla.
7. Central Arizona
8. West Texas
9. Utah Valley, State
10. Westfield, Texas
11. Cowley County, Kan.
12. Belleville Area
13. State Fair, Mo.
14. Trinity Valley, Texas
15. Southeastern, Miss.
16. Lenoir, N.C.
17. St. Catherine, La.
18. Hutchinson, Kan.
19. Midland, Texas
20. Central Beach, Fla.
21. Mendota, Miss.
22. Snow, Utah
23. Barton County, Kan.
24. Ball State, Ind.
25. Casper, Wyo.

NCAA - MEN

The top 25 teams in the Press women's college basketball first-place votes in past records through Jan. 9:

1. Connecticut
2. Arizona
3. N.C. State
4. Louisiana Tech
5. Penn St.
6. Notre Dame
7. Georgia
8. Iowa St.
9. Rutgers
10. Auburn
11. Duke
12. Illinois
13. Tulane
14. UCLA
15. North Carolina
16. Texas Tech
17. LSU
18. Purdue
19. UC Santa Barbara
20. Arizona
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22. Old Dominion
23. Oregon
24. Mississippi St.
25. Boston College

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21. Kansas
22. Old Dominion
23. Oregon
24. Mississippi St.
25. Boston College

TRANSACTIONS

BASEBALL
American League
BALTIMORE Orioles
terms with RHP Al Reyes
contract.
KANSAS CITY Royals
terms with RHP Ricky B.
one-year contract.
OAKLAND Athletics
terms with RHP Jason
one-year contract.
SEATTLE Mariners

SPORTS EXTRA

NFL PLAYERS

Wild Card Games
Saturday, Jan. 8
Tennessee 22, Buffalo 16
Washington 27, Detroit 13
Sunday, Jan. 9
Minnesota 27, Dallas 10
Miami 20, Seattle 17

NBA STANDINGS

EASTERN CONFERENCE
Atlantic Division
Miami 23, Boston 22, Philadelphia 21, Orlando 20, Detroit 19, New Jersey 18, Washington 17, Charlotte 16, Cleveland 15, Atlanta 14, Indiana 13, Chicago 12, Milwaukee 11, New York 10, Pittsburgh 9, Toronto 8, San Antonio 7, Dallas 6, Phoenix 5, Memphis 4, Sacramento 3, Golden State 2, Utah 1, Los Angeles 0

JUCO - MEN

The top 25 teams in the National Junior College Athletic Association 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 with first-place votes in parentheses 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

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

TRANSACTIONS

BASEBALL
BALTIMORE ORIOLES—Agreed to terms with RHP Al Reyes on a one-year contract.
KANSAS CITY ROYALS—Agreed to terms with RHP Ricky Bottalico on a one-year contract.
OAKLAND ATHLETICS—Agreed to terms with RHP Jason Isringhausen on a one-year contract.
SEATTLE MARINERS—Agreed to terms with RHP Francisco Rodriguez on a one-year contract.

Auto 44, Parise Driving over Tough As Nails 6-2, Glickman Arroyo over Bowa-Rama 6-2, in game Tom Ward 26-1, in 30 series Jean Chevillat 6-7, in 1000 game Ken Beiler 246, in 1000 series Jean Chevillat 6-8, in 30 series game Parise Driving 24-35.

Jacksonville steamrolls to record 62-7 playoff win over Dolphins

JACKSONVILLE, Fla. (AP) — Fred Taylor juked, Tony Brackens danced and the Jacksonville Jaguars steamrolled their way into the end zone, the history books and the AFC championship game. In the second-most overpowering playoff performance ever, the Jaguars routed the Miami Dolphins 62-7 Saturday to move one win away from the Super Bowl they've been pointing toward all season and singing about the past week. Only the 1940 Washington Redskins, who beat the Chicago Bears 73-0 for the NFL title, have scored more points in the playoffs. The 55-point margin also is the second-largest in playoff history. The 62 points were the most the Dolphins have allowed — ever. And it may have been the final game for both Dan Marino and Dolphins coach Jimmy Johnson, who suffered possibly the most embarrassing losses in either of their storied careers. It was punctuated by a cold blast of water from the sprinkler system in the south end zone soon after a Jaguars touch-

down made it 55-7. Marino was 11-for-25 for 95 yards before Johnson pulled him early in the third quarter. More telling: By the time gimpy Jaguars quarterback Mark Brunell was lifted with a 38-0 lead, Marino had thrown two interceptions, no completions and lost a fumble that was returned for a touchdown. It was all part of a stunning 20-minute period in which the Jaguars (15-2) pulled off enough spectacular plays to stake their claim as not only a Super Bowl favorite, but an exhilarating one at that. The victory might extinguish talk that the Jaguars played their way to the league's best record thanks to a soft schedule. Of course, it's hard to say the Dolphins (10-8) provided a bigger challenge than the mediocre teams Jacksonville faced all season. Either way, the Jaguars put to rest any chance their new Super Bowl rap song, played throughout Jacksonville and in the Dolphins locker room all week, would be a source of embarrassment — at least not this week. The Jaguars will play host to the winner of Sunday's game between Indianapolis and Tennessee next week for the AFC title. Their most memorable play against Miami might have been Taylor's 90-yard touchdown run, the longest in NFL playoff history. The second-year running back appeared all-but-tackled behind a picket line of Dolphins defenders. Somehow, he stutter-stepped his way around the line to break into the open. Then, with a trademark burst of speed, Taylor won a 70-yard foot race with Brock Marion for a 17-0 lead. Two plays later, Brackens provided another memory. Sweeping in from the right, he stripped Marino and recovered the fumble. He got up and started strutting, mobbed by teammates who thought the play was over. Noticing that Brackens hadn't been touched down, linebacker Bryce Paup shoved his teammate toward the end zone. By the time Brackens figured out what was happening, he had crossed the goal line.

Tampa Bay ends Redskins' run

TAMPA, Fla. (AP) — So much for the notion you can't win in the playoffs with a rookie quarterback. The Tampa Bay Buccaneers have insisted all along that Shaun King is not a typical first-year player, and with one of the NFL's best defenses behind him, there's no reason he can't lead them to the Super Bowl. Next week, he'll get a chance after a 14-13 NFC playoff victory Saturday over the Washington Redskins. The Bucs wiped out a 13-point second-half deficit with a pair of touchdowns set up by Washington turnovers, then held on to win when the Redskins botched a 52-yard field goal attempt with 1:08 remaining. Mike Alstott scored on a 1-yard run late in the third quarter and King threw a 1-yard TD pass that put Tampa Bay (12-5) ahead with 7:29 to go. Brad Johnson moved the Redskins into field goal range for Brett Conway on their last possession. But the snap was bounced back to Johnson, who then threw an incomplection that ended Washington's hopes. The victory sent the Bucs, who have won nine of their last 10, into the NFC championship game for the first time since 1979. They will either travel to St. Louis or be home for Minnesota, depending on the outcome of Sunday's game. Washington (11-7) built a 13-0 lead on Brian Mitchell's playoff record, 100-yard kickoff return and two field goals by Conway. The Redskins were 20-0 when leading playoff games after three quarters, but then began making mistakes. Johnson was 20-for-30 for 149 yards and one interception. He was sacked four times — twice by Steve White, who also forced a fumble that Defensive Player of the Year Warren Sapp recovered at the Washington 32 to set up the winning score. King completed 15 of 32 passes for 157 yards and one interception. He was sacked twice, and avoided a third when he hurried a throw as Washington's Ndukwe Kalu leveled him on the go-ahead TD pass to Davis. The Redskins scored on their first four possessions to build a 20-0 lead in their wild-card victory over Detroit. But it was a lot tougher to get the ball into the end zone on a Tampa Bay defense that held opponents to 17 points or less 12 times during the season. Johnson did move the ball

well enough, though, to give Washington the field position it needed to set up Conway's 28-yard field goal for a 3-0 lead with 5:37 remaining in the second quarter. King became the first rookie quarterback to start a playoff game since Todd Marinovich fumbled twice and threw four interceptions in the Los Angeles Raiders' 10-6 AFC wild-card loss to the Kansas City Chiefs in 1991. The Bucs insisted King, nicknamed "Smoothie" by teammates because of his calm demeanor, would not be affected by the pressure of being just the sixth rookie quarterback since 1970 to take the first snap in the postseason. But he looked tentative in the pocket and had trouble picking up open receivers after performing with remarkable poise in leading Tampa Bay to a 4-1 record after Trent Dilfer was lost for the season on Nov. 28. The Bucs were able to help King during the drive to the team's first NFC Central title in 18 years with a strong running game. However, the Redskins never let Alstott or Warrick Dunn get on track. Washington held the tandem to just 22 yards in the first half.

East takes 35-21 win in Shrine Bowl

STANFORD, Calif. (AP) — The six touchdown passes Marcus Knight caught for Michigan this season earned him a place in the East-West Shrine Bowl. The four he caught Saturday made him the star of the nation's oldest college all-star game. Knight had scoring receptions of 10, 8, 8 and 6 yards as the East defeated the West 35-21 in the 75th edition of the Shrine game. Three of those TD passes came from Florida's Doug Johnson, the fourth from Michigan teammate Tom Brady. West Virginia's Jerry Porter added a 55-yard touchdown on a pass from Brady, who went to high school a few miles away in San Mateo and was playing before his neighbors for the first time while wearing a Michigan helmet. Fresno State's Jeff Hanna tied a Shrine Bowl record with a 52-yard field goal and also kicked a 44-yarder for the West. Chad Morton added a 1-yard scoring run and Trevor Insley caught a 9-yard scoring pass from Keith Smith for the West. Only about a quarter of the

84,000 seats at Stanford Stadium were filled for a game that has lost much of its luster in recent years. The Shrine game no longer attracts the nation's top players. The East-West game, which in the past featured players such as John Elway and Brett Favre, gets rejected by a lot of top players because — unlike some other all-star games — it does not pay players or coaches. Hanna opened the scoring with a 44-yard field goal midway through the first period and Morton's scoring run made it 10-0 later in that quarter. Ohio State's Ahmed Plummer returned an interception 31 yards to the West 26 to set up

NHL

Friday's Games
Montreal 2, Buffalo 1
Washington 2, New Jersey 2
Atlanta 1, Philadelphia 0
Florida 5, Carolina 1
Toronto 5, St. Louis 2
Saturday's Games
N.Y. Rangers 5, N.J. Islanders 2
Dallas 2, Colorado 1
New Jersey at Philadelphia
Toronto at Calgary
Pittsburgh at Nashville
Chicago at Nashville
Arizona at Phoenix
Los Angeles at San Jose
Today's Games
Atlanta at N.Y. Rangers, 10:30 p.m.
Detroit at Edmonton, 8:30 p.m.

MEN'S SCORES

EAST
American U. 72, East Carolina 64
Bucknell 69, Holy Cross 44
Clemson 66, Wake Forest 58
Fordham 27, Dayton 61
Georgetown 65, Miami 61
Iowa 61, Wake Forest 58
Maine 76, New Hampshire 61
Penn St. 73, Iowa 61
Virginia 61, St. Francis 57
Xavier 61, Boston College 59
West Virginia 62, Rutgers 62
SOUTH
Charlotte 72, Furman 63
Georgia 74, Alabama 61
Georgia Tech 69, Florida A&M 67
Hampton 80, Howard 80
High Point 79, Charleston Southern 61
North Carolina 62, Eastern Mich. 61
Northwestern 52, Eastern Mich. 61
Rutgers 55, Wake Forest 61
S.C. State 65, Bethune-Cookman 62
The College of William & Mary 61
Tulane 54, Southern Miss 53
UNC-Asheville 61, Wake Forest 61
UNC-Chapel Hill 61, Wake Forest 61
Virginia Tech 82, G. Washington 74
MIDWEST
Bowling Green 93, Toledo 78
Bradley 61, Evansville 58
Cerritos 88, W. Michigan 81
Cleveland State 69, Wright State 57
Eastern Mich. 61, Ball State 61
Indiana 86, Minnesota 61
North Dakota 62, SW Missouri 61
Northwestern 61, Ball State 61
Missouri 73, Kansas St. 56
Purdue 63, Wisconsin 52
SOUTHWEST
Lamar 75, Stephen F. Austin 74
McNeese St. 75, SW Texas 70
Oklahoma St. 56, Baylor 41
UT San Antonio 82, Lamar 58
TAMU-W
Idaho 58, Pacific 62
Utah 56, BYU 49

RODIO

Results Saturday from the third go-round of the International Finals Rodeo in Fort Worth, Texas.

BARRECK RIDING

1. Cort McCoy, Tulepe, Okla., 78 points, \$2,291.67. 2. The Michael Cooley, New Mexico, Okla., 78 points, \$1,145.83. 3. Bob Lippert, Hartsel, Okla., 78 points, \$1,145.83. 4. Jaymie, Okla., 78 points, \$1,145.83. 5. 572.92

SADDLE BRIDGING

1. Claydon Gast, Hockley, Ill., 3.6 seconds, \$2,291.67. 2. Bubba Breaux, Forest City, Ark., 3.9, \$1,145.83. 3. Bob Lippert, Hartsel, Okla., 4.3, \$1,145.83. 4. Jaymie, Okla., 4.5, \$572.92

BARREL RACING

1. Lon Wick, Sodus, Mich., 15.747 seconds, \$2,291.78. 2. Sherry Ham, Blair, Ore., Okla., 15.799, \$1,145.83. 3. Cassie Boyan, Cushing, Okla., 15.811, \$1,145.83. 4. Julie Goodrich, Humboldt, Tenn., 15.883, \$572.92

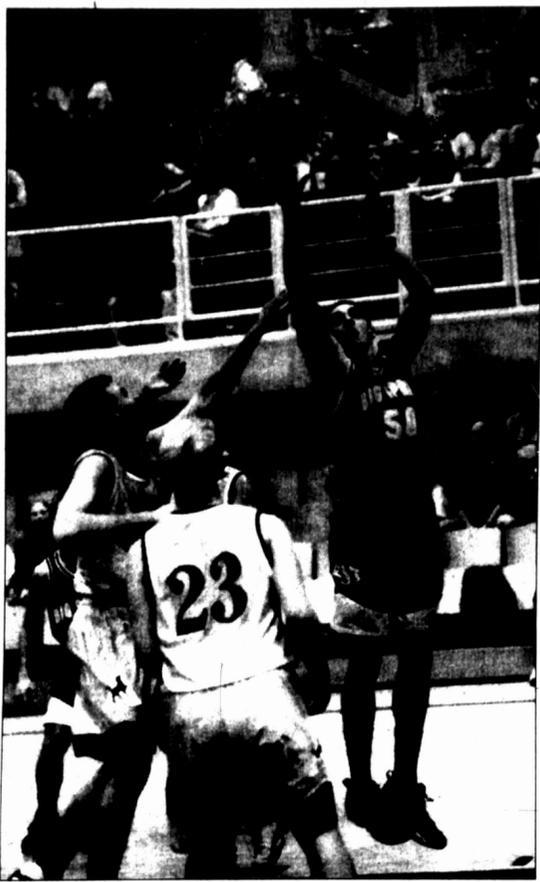
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HERALD photo/Jim Fierro
Big Spring's Blair Nutting hits a short jumper for two of his team-topping 15 points in the Steers' loss to Andrews on Friday night.

STEERS

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comes the flood." Perhaps the biggest damage in that fourth-quarter run was caused by senior guard Chris McCain.

While McCain scored just nine points and a trio of three-point shots, two of those treys were sandwiched around a driving layup by Mustangs point guard Drew Fields.

Those eight points in less than a minute's time took all the composure out of the Steers'

game. Fields was just getting started, however. He scored 14 more points, turning the Mustangs' stretch run into his own personal highlight reel.

As a result, Fields finished the night with a game-high 24 points, while teammates Matt Sears and Justin Van Zant added 11 apiece, as the Mustangs improved to 9-13 on the season.

The Steers' only reliable weapons on the evening were twin posts Lance Brock and

Blair Nutting. And during those brief instances when Big Spring played its game, they used their height advantage to dominate.

As a result, Nutting finished the game with a team-topping 15 points and Brock added 10 more. Unfortunately, the best support the rest of the Steers could muster was guard Justin Dille's eight markers.

The Steers, now 13-11 and 0-1, now prepare to host San Angelo Lake View's Chiefs at 7:30 p.m. Monday

Andrews 79, Big Spring 55

BIG SPRING — Justin Dille 1 1 3 4 8, Ricky Smith 0 0 0 2 0, Clarence Wilkins 2 0 0 0 4, Arthur Belvin 3 0 0 4 6, John Purcell 2 1 0 1 7, Jason Woodruff 2 0 1 2 5, Gary Harris 0 0 0 0 0, Lance Brock 4 0 2 2 10, Blair Nutting 7 0 1 1 15, Totals 21 7 22 55.

ANDREWS — Chris McCain 0 3 0 0 9, Matt Sears 0 1 8 10 11, Brady Haygood 2 0 2 2 6, Jason Glasson 0 0 3 4 3, Justin Van Zant 3 0 5 6 11, Greg Leach 0 1 0 0 3, Drew Fields 8 2 2 6 24, Kyle Humphreys 0 0 0 0 0, Jeremy Tharp 3 0 3 4 9, Jayme Jackson 2 0 0 0 4, Totals 18 7 23 32 79.

Score by Quarters: **BIG SPRING** 23 18 15 11 - 55
ANDREWS 18 10 28 - 79
Three-point goals: Big Spring 2 (Dille, Purcell), Andrews 7 (McCain 3, Sears, Leach, Fields 2). Total fouls: Big Spring 22, Andrews 19. Fouled out: Jackson. Technical fouls: Big Spring coach. Records: Big Spring 13-11, 0-1; Andrews 9-13, 1-0. JV score: Big Spring 59, Andrews 54.

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ROUNDUP

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8-11 on the season and 0-1 in District 3-2A play, by scoring 13 points.

The Eagles managed to hold Bulldog post Chase Ward to just nine and limited point guard Mario Garcia to six. Cody Teeler added eight for Coahoma.

Coahoma opened the low scoring affair with an 11-8 lead and held on for a 22-18 lead at half-time. But the Eagles rallied for 12 third-quarter points to deadlock the score at 30-30 going into the final eight minutes.

Seagraves then exploded with 18 points down the stretch to chalk up only its fourth win of the season.

GIRLS' GAME
Seagraves 55, Coahoma 44
SEAGRAVES — Griffin 11, Terrell 4, T. Wilson 9, Quintanilla 21, C. Wilson 11 Totals 18 14 28 55.
COAHOAMA — Williams 1, Atkinson 4, Kemper 13, Roberts 16, Wood 4, Sterling 4 Totals 14 15 19 44.
Score by Quarters: SEAGRAVES 8 10 11 26 - 55 COAHOAMA 12 8 8 16 - 44
Three-point goals: Seagraves 5 (Quintanilla 3, T. Wilson 2), Coahoma 1 (Kemper). Records: Seagraves 14-9, 2-1; Coahoma 12-9, 1-2

BOYS' GAME
Seagraves 48, Coahoma 41
SEAGRAVES — Espozza 3, Gallegos 13, Tibbett 10, Lacey 8, Webb 12, Martinez 2 Totals 16 14 21 48.
COAHOAMA — Garcia 6, Marshall 1, Henry 2, Bennett 13, Ward 9, Teeler 8 Totals 15 7 12 41.
Score by Quarters: SEAGRAVES 8 10 12 18 - 48 COAHOAMA 11 11 8 11 - 41
Three-point goals: Seagraves 2 (Lacey 2), Coahoma 4 (Garcia 2, Bennett, Ward). Records: Seagraves 4-11, 1-0; Coahoma 8-11, 0-1 JV score: Coahoma 55, Seagraves 42.

Sonora rolls to wins over Buffs, Queens

SONORA In a change from published schedules, Sonora's Broncos and Lady Broncos played host to Forsan's Buffaloes and Queens in District 2-2A basketball action and sent their visitors packing with a pair of losses.

The evening's opener saw the Lady Broncos break open a tight game at halftime to take a 57-44 win, taking control with a 15-7 run in the third quarter.

Jancy Crow and Tiffany Sayles paced the Queens with 16 points apiece.

"The third quarter just killed us," Queens coach Johnny Schaefer said following the loss. "We played well, we just ran into a spot there in the third quarter where everything they put up went in the basket and we couldn't make a shot."

In the nightcap, Forsan was

never really able to recover from the Broncos 14-8 lead at the end of the first period and dropped a 61-49 final.

Logan Stanley and David Stone paced the Buffs with 15 points each, while Daniel Whetsel added 10 more in the loss that left Forsan with an 8-10 mark overall.

GIRLS' GAME
Sonora 57, Forsan 44
FORSAN — Gamble 3, Loera 3, Bert 4, Crow 16, Sayles 16, Hogg 2 Totals 20 38 44.
SONORA — Marshall 9, Eaton 8, Arkme 1, Jones 12, Felts 14, Ward 10, Miller 2 Totals 24 7 33 57.
Score by Quarters: FORSAN 6 21 3 10 - 44 SONORA 10 18 15 14 - 57
Three-point goals: Forsan 1 (Gamble), Sonora 2 (Marshall, Jones). Records: Sonora 11-8, 2-1; Forsan 0-3 in district JV score: Sonora 46, Forsan 20.

BOYS' GAME
Sonora 61, Forsan 49
FORSAN — Stanley 15, Stone 15, Whetsel 10, Rios 3, Neel 2, Bevera 2, Talley 2 Totals 18 10 19 49.
SONORA — Dempsey 14, Elliott 11, Gonzales 8, Williams 6, Luna 6, Perez 4, Ramos 3, Holly 2 Totals 25 11 20 61.
Score by Quarters: FORSAN 8 15 11 15 - 49 SONORA 14 13 15 19 - 61
Three-point goals: Forsan 3 (Stone 2, Rios), Sonora 0. Records: Sonora 13-8, 1-0; Forsan 8-10, 0-1. JV score: Sonora 71, Forsan 35.

Lady Bearkats roll to win over Dawson
DAWSON Garden City's Lady Bearkats improved their record to 17-2 overall Friday with a 62-41 non-district basketball win over Dawson's Lady Dragons.

Junior post M'Lynn Niehues led the way for Garden City, scoring 23 points, pulling down 17 rebounds and dishing out four assists.

Classmate Summer Eoff added 13 points, six rebounds and five assists, as the Lady Bearkats broke open a close game to win going away in the second half.

Senior guard Kyndra Batla added nine points on a trio of three-point shows and dished out seven assists of her own.

"We needed a tough one tonight," Lady Bearkats head coach Mike Wallace said following the victory. "We got a chance to play everyone and everybody contributed. That's important because we're going to have our hands full playing at Irion County come Tuesday night."

The Lady Bearkats, who trail Irion County by one-half game in the District 4-1A standings, now must travel to Mertzon Tuesday night to face the 20-4 and 3-0 Lady Hornets for a 6:30 tip.

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coach Ron Mayberry has spent the last couple of days trying to keep his team focused on the task at hand following their 67-64 upset of the No. 19-ranked Lady Chaps.

"It was a big win for us ... a big one for the entire conference," Mayberry noted, "but we have to remember it was just

one game. We're going to have our hands full with Frank Phillips."

The Lady Plainsmen, who bring a 1-1 conference slate into Monday's game after knocking off New Mexico Junior College 83-81, are 7-8 on the season.

A big team, the Lady Plainsmen figure to be another physical challenge for the 14-4, 2-0 Lady Hawks.

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QUICK TRIVIA

◆Guinea pigs are not pigs, but a species of cavy. They were first domesticated in Peru and imported to England from Guyana.

◆The Netherland Dwarf is the smallest of all rabbits, weighing only two and a half pounds, or less.

Got an Item?

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IT'S OR IT'S

CHECK THE DICTIONARY

THEIR, THERE, THEY'RE

HIM AND ME OR HE AND I?

WORD POWER

SIT OR SET?

WHEN TO USE THE APOSTROPHE

SEMI-COLON OR COMMA?

HIMSELF? NO, HIMSELF

It seems to be everywhere: The jarring sight or sound of poor word usage and bad grammar. Written publications include mistakes so common they have almost become accepted. People make up words that are repeated again and again until they begin to sound familiar.

"One of the reasons teachers have a hard time teaching grammar," said Howard College English instructor Kathy Michaelis, "is they don't see the results of their work. They hear their students making the same mistakes just a few minutes after the lesson."

Michaelis said grammar is not easy to learn because it takes a different part of the brain than we are accustomed to using. But if you have forgotten much of what you learned in school about the English language, there is hope. Most of all, there is a reason to improve.

"We're talking about something that can make a difference in a job interview, in speaking in public," Michaelis said. "I would feel better if my doctor didn't say 'I seen' and 'I done.'"

Speaking correctly, she said, inspires confidence and makes a good impression. People who use good grammar, spelling and word usage, Michaelis said, are often believed to be smarter than those who make common mistakes.

Kathy Terrazas, an English teacher for Big Spring schools for 26 years, agrees. "People judge you by the way to speak," Terrazas said. "And if you don't speak well, it gives the impression, true or not, that you are not educated."

Both experts agree there is hope for those with poor speaking and writing habits. In fact, a number of books exist now that can help you improve your skills in that area. There are also computer programs that correct spelling, grammar and even pronounce words correctly for you.

"You have to care about it," Michaelis said, adding that many mistakes are made simply through carelessness. The advent of e-mail, experts agree, has changed how we communicate, and may have helped to lower our standards for grammar and word usage.

"We get lax," Terrazas said. "We are sending off these e-mails so quickly, we use sentence fragments, or don't bother to check over them. Remember, there is a formal grammar and an informal grammar."

Michaelis said she and her colleagues often print out their business e-mails, checking them carefully before sending them.

"When you write an e-mail, no matter who it is to, it is telling a lot about you," she said. "There is no voice tone to help the reader understand your meaning, so you have to convey that in your writing."

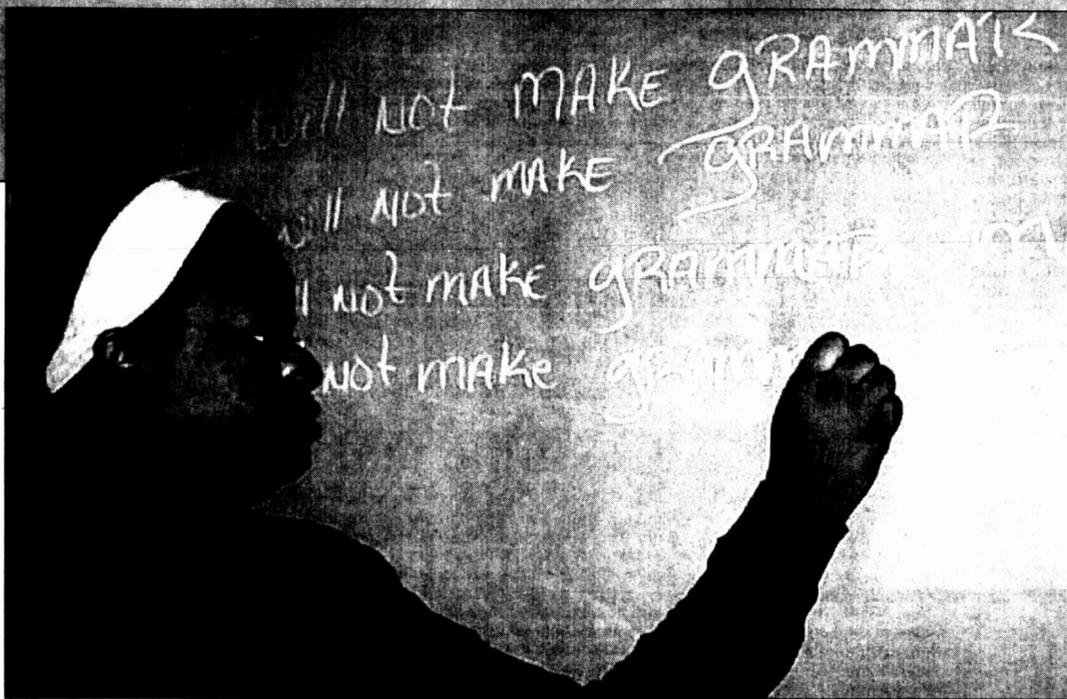
And, she added, your e-mail could be "out there forever" as an example of your writing abilities.

Michaelis said she does here a lot of mistakes made in speaking, and sees them in writing. It makes her wonder, she said, if we are really watching as much television as we say we are.

"On television and radio, most of them are using pretty good English," she said. "I wonder why it isn't rubbing off on the listener."

Reading the writing of Martin Luther King Jr. and John F. Kennedy still causes chills in her students, Michaelis said, although few of them speak or write the way those leaders did. "We know what is correct, and what sounds good to the ear, but we slip into slang."

If your speech has a few flaws, don't worry. Use our tips, check the dictionary, and you will be on your way to improvement!



"I will not make grammar mistakes." You won't have to write it 100 times, as Howard College student Frances Gear demonstrates here, but learning to speak and write better can improve your life, experts say.

TIPS FOR SPEAKING AND WRITING:

- Possessives and contractions use an apostrophe, but plural words do not. Ex: We visit the Smiths. This is the Smith's house. I watch it on Fridays. Friday's paper is on the table.
- The word "its" is a possessive that does not use an apostrophe. "It's" is always a contraction for it is. Ex: The bird spread its wings. It's getting colder.
- Use the correct verb tense. Ex: I have seen that movie. I saw that movie. That was not the movie I had seen.
- The contraction "could've" stands for "could have." Do not write "could of," it is incorrect. Ex: We could've learned this the first time around.
- Don't end your question in the word "at." Ex: Where is your brother? Not, "Where is your brother at?"
- Use the correct pronoun. Ex: He and I have to go. Not, "him and me have to go." (Trick — take out the "and I" and see how it sounds. Then take out the "He and" and do the same.)
- "Hissel" and "theirsell" are not words. Say "himself" and "themselves."
- Know the difference between "sit" and "set." The word "sit" is something a person (or a dog) does, while the word "set" is something you do to an object. Ex: I sit in that chair every day. I set the chair in the corner.
- Pay attention to homonyms, words that sound alike but are spelled differently. Ex: their, there and they're. Their house is on the corner. There is the house. They're waiting for us. Also pay attention to "to" and "too."
- Learn the basic rules of commas, and avoid using too many. Remember, where and how you use commas can change the meaning of the sentence.
- Use a semicolon to link two complete clauses into one sentence.
- Learn the correct pronunciation for the words you use. Check the dictionary, or use a computer program. Ex: It is "nuclear," not "nucular."
- Don't rely on what you hear commonly to be correct. Ex: Webster's will tell you "irregardless" is nonstandard (incorrect). The word is "regardless."
- Remember, most newspapers follow Associated Press style, which differs from traditional grammar rules in some ways.

CONFIDENCE = CORRECT

REGARDLESS, NOT IRREGARDLESS

I'VE BEEN, NOT I BEEN

WE ARE THE SMITHS, NOT THE SMITH'S

WHERE IS MY BOOK? (NO "AT" REQUIRED.)

Fear didn't stop restless wanderings of a young adventurer

I dislike going back into the past to dig up old memories. To me, the present or that which may be in the future, is more interesting. You might enjoy the story of the time I was lost, however, so we will break a rule here and go back to a little red-headed, freckled girl between 7 and 8 years old.

She was always seeking adventure, which more often than not brought her trouble. We lived, at that time, on an isolated Wyoming cattle ranch. I was an only child until my little brother arrived when I was 8 years old. I can't remember ever being "bored" as kids say now. I could always find something to do to amuse myself.

I was somewhat restless, I suppose. On the particular beautiful summer day I am thinking about, I asked,

"Mommy may I go down to the river where the wild roses grow?" The small river was quite shallow during summer months after the snow melt in the mountains was gone, so Mom gave her permission.

"But," she said, "don't cross it — the current is too swift." "OK," I promised gladly. I felt quite grown up that she would trust me that far from the house, it was about half a mile.

At any rate, I got my little basket of flowers with me to stash varied childish treasures — flowers or strawberries that grew wild in the meadow, or goose berries, currants, pretty rocks or something else. Mom was used to my rambles and I suppose did not worry about me, since there were no poisonous snakes or dangerous livestock about.

It didn't take long to reach the river, but I forgot all about my promise.

The "crossing" was a very shallow area, rocky bottom and crystal clear. "I'll just go to the merry-go-round," I thought, which was of course on the other side, just barely visible above the willows.

The merry-go-round was a round structure, open-sided on the south, built mostly of willows which offered some shelter for the cattle during a winter snowstorm. The thatched

roof, once the snow froze on it, stayed frozen until springtime and remained waterproof. For some reason it fascinated me, so I'll just explore. Off came my shoes and very carefully I picked my way across the shallow, icy river and quickly put my shoes on again.

A plain road led to the structure. After walking around it a while, I decided why not follow the road out to the far edge of the willows? I knew from numerous trips with my dad to feed the cattle that a large irrigation ditch was out in the meadow and along its banks, hundreds of wild rosebushes grew. They were bound to be covered in rose hips, which I loved to gather and string into beads. When thoroughly dried they looked like carved wooden beads.

Why not go out to the ditch, I thought. I can always see the gap in the willows where the road is. Naturally that's exactly what I did, and the ditch being dry made a fine place to walk and gather the rose hips above me.

I wandered along happily gathering until I suddenly realized I'd reached the cross fence where the ditch came out of the river. Cattle were there. I wasn't afraid of the cows but the white-faced bulls terrified me. I'd best go back, Mommy might be wondering about me, I thought.

Immediately I headed back down the ditch, which was shallow enough to see out across the meadow most places. After what seemed a very long way to me, I began looking for the gap that would be the road

into the willows. By this time I'd gone perhaps 2 or 3 miles and was beginning to tire. I saw no gap. For a time I almost panicked. That road had to be there! I'd missed it maybe — so back up the ditch, but still no gap.

The afternoon sun was sinking in the west. I had to find that road or a coyote or bobcat might get me! Terror reigned for a little while but I knew that road was into the willows and would lead me to the merry-go-round. I'd always been told if ever I got lost not to panic or start running. Why I had sense enough to keep following the ditch and watching, I'll never know, when sheer terror was nipping at my heels.

Finally, there it was! I just

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MYRTLE GRIFFITH

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WEDDINGS

Paty-Miller

DeAnna Paty and Mark Miller, both of Wichita Falls, were united in marriage on Dec. 18, 1999, at Midway Baptist Church with Mike Moates, Gary Phillips and Walter McCall, pastor of Midway, officiating.

She is the daughter of Glen and Peggy Paty of Dhahran, Saudi Arabia, and the granddaughter of Leola Newton of Big Spring.

He is the son of Terry and Prissy Stanley of Big Spring, and Lonnie and Deborah Miller of Holliday.

Pianist was Rex Paty, and vocalist was Alisha Branch.

Given in marriage by her father, the bride wore a gown of ivory satin with princess-seam ecru panels encrusted with lace and pearls extending into a chapel-length train.

She carried a bouquet of greenery, baby's breath and pearls on a silver posy holder with ivory streamers.

Maid of honor was Shauna Endres.

Bridesmaids were Alisha Branch, Kelli Mount and Ashley Newton, cousin of the bride.

Flower girls were Rebecca and Kayla Branch.

Clinton Caudill served as best man.

Serving as groomsmen were Josh Jones, Jeff Stanley, brother of the groom, and Adam Paty, brother of the bride.

Ushers were Jeff Stanley, Adam Paty, and Zack Paty, brother of the bride.

Following the ceremony, a



MR. AND MRS. MARK MILLER

reception was held in the fellowship hall.

The wedding cake was designed as a stack of Christmas presents with colored marzipan bows on each one.

The groom's cake was a red velvet cake with a golf green design.

The bride is a 1998 graduate of Big Spring High School and is attending MSU in Wichita Falls. She is employed by Lacks Furniture.

The groom is a 1996 graduate of Big Spring High School and attended Howard College. He is employed by Double "M" Custom Cabinets.

Following a visit to the Mulberry Mansion in Sweetwater, the couple has made their home in Wichita Falls. They plan a delayed wedding trip to Hawaii in July.

Volunteers planning for Valentine's Day

I hope everyone enjoyed their New Year's celebration, whether it was a quiet evening at home, a grand party, or one spent at your place of employment keeping any potential Y2K bugs at bay. Y2K came and went with a whimper at Big Spring State Hospital without interruption of service.

Y2K coordinator George Oteiza and the rest of the staff should be applauded for all the work they did this past year to ensure the safety of our patients.

Our patients ushered in the year 2000 with great fanfare at small unit parties. The Volunteer Services Council provided cheese, meat and vegetable trays for our patients to enjoy. It was a nice touch and a great way to start off the New Year.

The New Year's party capped off a month of festivities for our 200-plus patients. Christmas parties were held campus-wide and on several units for those unable to attend the large celebrations.

Santa Claus made several appearances during the month of December handing out treats. The Williams family from Ackerly again provided entertainment at one party as they have done for the past 30 years. The "Saints Alive" senior adult choir from First Baptist Church also sang to patients at the Toilet Chapel. We appreciate the community lending their voices to us during this joyous season.

Our tree decorating contest was well attended, and included more than a dozen festive trees. Winners of the contest were the Bilingual Living Skills Class, Therapeutic Arts and Crafts, and the Nutrition Class.

Patients also were able to shop at the Dollar General Store in the College Park Shopping Center in early December. The business generously supplied extra employees to help our patients shop for gift items for friends, family and loved ones. This was an exciting day for our patients and we are thankful for the business accommodating us during their busy season.

Christmas morning went off without a hitch. More than 200 jogging suits and a box of personal items, including gloves, socks and hats were awaiting all patients the morning of Dec. 25.

Most of our patients don't own much clothing and for them to receive a new garment Christmas morning was really special.

But our volunteers can't and won't rest on their laurels. They're already looking ahead to this bright, New Year and have plenty of activities planned to benefit our patients at the Big Spring State Hospital.

One of their most productive fundraisers is selling items for Valentine's Day delivery. For \$8, you can purchase one of four items: a bud vase; stuffed animal with candy; a Valentine mug with ivy; or a Valentine mug with candy. Delivery is included in the \$8 charge.

For \$20, you can send a singing Valentine telegram to anyone, anywhere in the area. If you know the recipient will be at a restaurant eating lunch and you want to surprise him or her, we will do the dirty work for you and serenade them tableside.

This year's singing telegrams will include special singers and a unique-repertoire of songs. To order, please call us at the Community Relations Department at 268-7535. We also will be taking orders Sunday, Feb. 13, from 1 p.m.-4 p.m. in the office.

Big Spring State Hospital recorded high marks during the recent, surprise visit by the Joint Commission on Accreditation of Healthcare Organizations. Two surveyors came by unexpectedly in mid-December to perform a review of the hospital. The inspection

shows that our staff performs great work, 24 hours a day, seven days a week, to the mentally ill in West Texas. Congratulations for a job well done.

Big Spring State Hospital provides on-site day care through the YMCA to our employees and all state employees. We need volunteers to rock babies, read to the preschool children and play games with them. If you'd like to volunteer, please call our office. We can use you.

Longtime therapist Debby Calley Cook's Midland apartment and all of her belongings were destroyed during a fire in December. Activities Therapy Department Secretary Kelly Lockhart organized a drop-off point in the Activities Therapy Department to replenish Cook's apartment. Cook still needs furniture. For more information, call 268-7248.

The beginning of the year is always a good time to clean out your closets. If you find items you don't need, bring them to the office and we'll distribute them to The Fashion Shoppe for patients or to The Chalet, a resale shop in the community. We're also collecting stuffed animals to distribute to geriatric and adolescent patients. The "Everybody Needs a Friend" project was started last year, but we need more stuffed animals in good shape.



KATHY JOHNSON

Costume maker lives fantasy life

SAVANNA, Ill. (AP) — Once upon a time, there lived a couple in a castle on a hill. They dressed like royalty, threw big parties, slept all day and stayed up all night. They kept lions and tigers and bears in the basement of an old schoolhouse down the street.

Fantasy, you say?

Exactly, says Alan St. George, the "king" of Havencrest Castle and keeper of the faux menagerie.

His company, Facemakers Inc., specializes in turning the fantastic into reality, creating elaborate costumes of animals, elves, vegetables, sports mascots — even dust mites. Whatever the customer dreams up, St. George promises, his staff can create.

St. George's business success has allowed him and his wife, Adrienne, to indulge their penchant for make-believe at their 1901 mansion. Over two decades, they have expanded and transformed the original, 23-room home into a 64-room canvas for their artistic and decorating talents.

It is adorned with stained glass, Italian marble, ceiling paintings and stucco sculpture work. Images of St. George and his wife are everywhere. Oil portraits show the couple as medieval figures. Their faces appear on cherubs floating on

and first floor created costumes.

Some of the costumes are from standard designs, while others originate from little more than a customer's idea. The company offers more than 350 stock characters with a basic padded costume going for around \$500. Custom designs take four to six weeks to complete and can cost \$5,000.

A clay mold of the figure's head is made by hand, then recreated in a fiberglass-type mixture to be durable and relatively lightweight. Sometimes a battery-powered fan is mounted inside to draw hot air through a vent in the top.

Foam rubber, Spandex and fleece become the creation's features, skin or fur. Some custom jobs use Icelandic sheepskins for horses' manes or lions' faces.

Production manager and "glue-gun queen" Joyce Marken attaches eyes, trims fake hair and adjusts folds of synthetic fur until she gets just the right look. She hones her craft by visiting zoos "to see how God put them together."

Head seamstress Cathleen Letcher keeps an eye on the competition by watching television at home. "My husband is watching a game and I'm watching the sidelines to see the mascots," she says.

GRIFFITH

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hadn't gone far enough before. Happy? You bet and I made myself all kinds of promises. If I could just get home I'd never, never, do again what my Mommy told me not to do.

It was nearing sundown when

a tired little girl reached the ranch house. "Where have you been?" Mom wanted to know. "Picking rose hips. See?" I told her, showing her my basketful.

"You were gone so long, and you weren't at the river," she said.

Looking back, she must have

almost panicked also, but I never did tell her what I did. The string of beads I made from the rose hips was kept until I was in my teens — as a reminder, I like to think.

If there is a moral to this story, it is only that kids are unpredictable!

WHO'S WHO

A number of Big Spring students at Angelo State University were among 298 students to receive degrees during the Fall commencement at the university.

Kimberly Dawn Evans received a Bachelor of Science, with a major in Early Childhood; Laurie F. Kosh received a Bachelor of Science, with a major in Early Childhood; Bethany T. Love received a Bachelor of Business Administration, with a major in Marketing; Nadine Joy Smith received a Bachelor of Science, Cum Laude, with a major in Early Childhood; Sheila Kay Ward received a Bachelor of Science, with a major in Early Childhood; Tracy Diane Watson received a Bachelor of Science, Summa Cum Laude, with a major in Early Childhood; and Margaret A. Williams received a Bachelor of Science, with a major in Early Childhood.

Russ Stukel, a 1981 graduate of BSBS, has been named director of student life at the Texas Academy of Mathematics and Science (TAMS).

He will oversee the discipline of approximately 400 TAMS students. He also will direct the academy's extracurricular program.

The academy is a two-year

residential program at the University of North Texas that allows students to complete their freshman and sophomore years of college while earning high school diplomas.

Stukel first joined the TAMS staff in 1990 as a student development specialist, and was promoted to assistant director of student life in August 1993. He graduated from Big Spring High School in 1981.

His parents are Mr. and Mrs. Ray Stukel of Big Spring.

Area students attending Angelo State University in San Angelo are listed on the Dean's List for the Fall semester at the University.

Those listed include: Shanna L. Dickens a Communication major, Shana Rene Earnest, Kimberly Dawn Evans, Clayton Noel Fryar, Amanda Christine Hale, Laurie F. Kosh, Kelly L. Ralston an English, Gabriel L. Rubio, Nadine Joy Smith, Michael Q. Stewart, Jill Tubbs, Tracy Diane Watson, Margaret A. Williams, all of Big Spring; Charles Daniel Clark, Chandra Diane Mullins, Lucas C. Phinney, all of Coahoma; Jason Lee Fine, Kimberly June Harp, both of Garden City; Sherra D. Wells from Stanton, and Alison M. Cooper from Tarzan.

To be eligible for the Dean's List, a student must be enrolled as a full time student and have at least a 3.25 grade point average.

Sunday life! policies
All weddings, engagements, anniversaries, Who's Who and Stork Club announcements are due Wednesday at noon for Sunday publication.
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- Practical tips on how to use essential oils for all ages, from infancy to old age.

The presenter was born and educated in Europe, and received her diploma in biochemistry. She is a licensed hydro-therapist in Germany and, for the past 15 years, has studied with health experts in many disciplines. She lectures throughout the U.S. and Canada and is a very knowledgeable and inspirational speaker.

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GETTING ENGAGED

Lila Ann Harrison and James L. King, both of Midland, will unite in marriage on Feb. 3, 2000, in the home of the bride's parents with Bishop Ron Colwell, the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints, officiating.

She is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Rayford Harrison of Big Spring.

He is the son of the late B.L. King and Lita King of Odessa.



Christy Alexander and Kent Brown, both of Dallas, will exchange wedding vows on April 15, 2000, at Highland Park Methodist Church with the Rev. Keith Wiseman, pastor of the First United Methodist Church in Lubbock, officiating.

She is the daughter of Ray and Norma Alexander and the granddaughter of Jack and Fern Alexander, all of Big Spring.

He is the son of Dean and Betty Brown of Yukon, Okla.



Cheryl L. Ferguson and Douglas Abbott, both of Roswell, N.M., will be united in marriage on April 15, 2000, in Horseshoe Bay with Dr. John Long, minister of The Church at Horseshoe Bay, officiating.

She is the daughter of Gary K. and V. Fay Ferguson.

He is the son of Robert (Bob) and Linda Abbott of Big Spring.

ODDS-N-ENDS

HELENA, Mont. (AP) — It's Christmas all over again for some fortunate fish.

Conservation officials are ringing Canyon Ferry Lake with used Christmas trees to benefit perch. The unwanted trees help the fish by offering needed vegetation to spawn and also provide hiding places, said Dave Yerck, a state fisheries technician.

"We suspect that with this reservoir being 50 years old, most of the original vegetation is probably gone," Yerck said.

Officials plan to haul 20 tons of trees to the lake, east of Helena. In all, that should amount to about 10,000 trees lining the banks.

The trees are being stripped of tinsel and decorations, said Kathy Goroski, the city's recycling coordinator.

ON THE MENU

SENIOR CITIZENS CENTER
MONDAY-CLOSED
TUESDAY-Chicken, rice, spinach, salad, milk/rolls, fruit.

WEDNESDAY-Stew, broccoli, salad, cornbread, milk, cobbler.

THURSDAY-Pork chops, mashed potatoes, peas & carrots, fruited gelatin, milk/rolls, cookies.

FRIDAY-Turkey & dressing, sweet potatoes green beans, fruit salad, milk/rolls, cake.

GARDEN CITY SCHOOLS
MONDAY-Steak fingers, cream potatoes, green peas, fruit mix, hot rolls.

TUESDAY-Baked potato, chef salad, broccoli, strawberry cake, crackers.

WEDNESDAY-Burrito, chili, corn, pineapple, cookie.

THURSDAY-Corndogs, tater tots, carrot sticks, fruit.

FRIDAY-Beef stew, cheese stick, oranges, cornbread, Birthday Treat.

FORSAN SCHOOLS
MONDAY-Chili and beans, corn, salad, peanut butter cookies, fruit, milk.

TUESDAY-Taco salad, ranch style beans, salad, churros, fruit, milk.

WEDNESDAY-Sloppy joe, french fries, salad, pickles and onions, pudding, milk.

THURSDAY-Bar-b-que on a bun, chips salad, pickles and onions, ice cream, milk.

FRIDAY-Meat loaf, whipped potatoes, green beans, rolls, fruit, milk.

SANDS SCHOOLS
MONDAY-Corndogs w/mustard, pork & beans, tater tots, cake milk.

TUESDAY-Fish w/tartar sauce, scalloped potatoes, pea salad, cake or fruit, milk.

WEDNESDAY-Beef & cheese chalupe, salad, corn, cobbler, milk.

THURSDAY-Baked ham, potato salad, blackeyed peas, pineapple, hot roll, milk.

FRIDAY-Spaghetti w/meat, salad, batter bread, fruit, milk.

COAHOMA SCHOOLS
MONDAY-Enchiladas (corn-dogs), pinto beans, mixed fruit, milk.

TUESDAY-Frito pie (chicken patty on a bun), corn, pickle spears, cake, milk.

WEDNESDAY-Spaghetti w/meat (burritos), carrots rolls, salad, milk.

THURSDAY-Chicken & dumplings (ham & cheese sandwiches), peas & carrots, peaches, milk.

FRIDAY-Hamburgers, chips, lettuce, tomatoes, pickles, oranges, milk.

ELBOW ELEMENTARY
MONDAY-Pizza, salad, new potatoes, milk.

TUESDAY-Cowboy stew, corn, fruit, cornbread, milk.

WEDNESDAY-Hot dog, pork & beans, pickle spears, fruit, milk.

THURSDAY-Braised beef, mashed potatoes, green beans, hot rolls, milk.

FRIDAY-Chicken & rice, broccoli, fruit, milk.

BIG SPRING SCHOOLS
MONDAY-Pizza, potato rounds, green salad w/dressing, peas, milk.

TUESDAY-Nacho grande, corn, red beans & rice, jello w/fruit, milk.

WEDNESDAY-Chicken nuggets, mashed potatoes, green beans, sliced peaches, hot roll, milk.

THURSDAY-Pig in blanket, macaroni & cheese, ranch style beans, banana, milk.

FRIDAY-Hamburger, salad, french fries, pork & beans, cookies, milk.

Rob Roy Parnell pays tribute to Jacksboro Highway sounds in his solo debut album

CLEBURNE (AP) — Rob Roy Parnell's musical heritage is as evident in conversation as in his recently released debut album.

He unabashedly credits brother Lee Roy Parnell, Delbert McClinton and Little Walter, marquee names in country, rockabilly and urban blues. Like Lee Roy Parnell and McClinton, his voice is melodic and expressive.

Like McClinton and Little Walter, his harmonica is searing and rambunctious. As with all three, his delivery is emotional and unrestrained.

Such is the driving force behind the CD "Jacksboro Highway," a savory gumbo of complementary styles, produced for Blue Rocket Records by Lee Roy Parnell and co-produced by Rob Roy Parnell, John Kunz and Eric Paul.

There are overtones of Lee Roy Parnell, McClinton and Glen Clark, McClinton's long-ago bandmate, in the 11-cut package. There are also side-ways slices of Little Walter, Ray Sharpe, Ray Price and the man who was perhaps the Parnell brothers' earliest guiding light, Bob Wills. All would have been comfortable performing in the festive establishments along the Jacksboro Highway (Texas 199, north Fort Worth) in the '50s and '60s.

McClinton, Sharpe and Price surely were and quite frequently did. Rob Roy Parnell wasn't around then (he's only 38) but he became familiar with the territory and its reputation for rasality through conscientious study.

Among the byproducts was the CD's title song, "Jacksboro Highway," written by Gary Nicholson, Bill Carter, Ruth Carter and Wally Wilson. The result is astonishing. That song, and this album, pay tribute to a forgotten age and forgotten strip of asphalt as no song and no album ever have before.

"I wanted my first album to be pegged to the Jacksboro Highway," said Rob Roy Parnell, a Stephenville native and Austin resident. "I felt my first musical awakenings in the Fort Worth area. A lot of that came from Bob Wills. My dad (Roy) and Bob were good friends."

"But as I got older, I realized the Jacksboro Highway said a lot about Fort Worth and set a precedent for this kind of music. Some say it happened down on Telephone Road in Houston. Some say Oak Cliff because of the Vaughan (Stevie Ray and Jimmie) brothers. But I've listened to Bill Campbell and Delbert McClinton talk about the Jacksboro Highway, and there's no better place to set your roots and grow from."

Other songs are "Lucky Little Thing," "Crazy Mixed Up World," "She's Got It Goin' On," "Letter To My Girlfriend," "Oopin' Doopin' Doopin'," "Brown Bag Blues," "It's My Life," "Keep What I Got," "Come On Back Home," and the instrumental "Cotton Patch Hot Foot."

Rob Roy Parnell wrote "Lucky Little Thing" and co-wrote "She's Got It Goin' On" with his brother and James Pennebaker, also a mega-talented guitar player. Other band members include Steve Mackey on bass guitar, Kevin McKendree on piano and organ and Lynn Williams on drums. On "Come Back Home," Johnny Moeller is on guitar, Pete McClaran bass guitar, Kenny Felton drums and Bruce Calkins washboard.

The song "Jacksboro Highway" was neither new nor uncelebrated. "It was definitely out there," Rob Roy Parnell said. "Lee Roy had been playing it as kind of an encore song at Billy Bob's, and when you play it there, everybody in the audience knows about the Jacksboro Highway. Lee Roy always had a lot of fun playing it."

"It's not blues. It's not coun-

try. It's not rock. It is what it is, just like the Jacksboro Highway itself." The song title became the exactly appropriate album title. "I was afraid this would be categorized as a blues records, and I didn't want to get caught in that trap," he said. "That would hurt me with radio stations. Saying 'Jacksboro Highway' said it all."

There is more to the tune than the arresting title or pulsating John Lee Hooker intro. Lee Roy Parnell and Waylon Jennings played major roles in the recording. Lee Roy Parnell's contribution was planned. Jennings was not.

"We did the record in two days, in March of '98 and November of '98," Rob Roy Parnell said. "We went back to Nashville to mix it in June of '99. Lee Roy had called Waylon to wish him happy Father's Day. Waylon asked what he was doing and Lee Roy said, 'Mixing my brother's record.' Waylon said, 'When are you going to be at the studio tomorrow?' Lee Roy said 10, and in walked Waylon the next day at 10:05. He stayed for about four hours. He had us laughing with all of his stories."

"About midway through mixing the 'Jacksboro Highway' song, Waylon said, 'Hoss, I could sing that part right there.' I said, 'Do you want to?' He said, 'Well, if you don't like it, you don't have to keep it.' I said, 'Hold on. Let me write the words down for you.' It's kind of a boogie thing. It starts off with that Johnny Lee riff. So Waylon was trying to sing the words. I hit the top back (silencer) button and told Lee Roy, 'His phrasing isn't right. He's not singing it like we sing it.'"

"Lee Roy told Waylon, 'Rob wants you to sing it this way.' Waylon phrased it differently, and it was perfect. He was so cooperative, just a master. When we were through, Lee Roy looked at me and said, 'Could you have imagined 20 years ago that we'd be telling Waylon Jennings how to do something?'"

Acclaim has been immediate for the song and the CD. "Officially, the album release date was Dec. 1, so it's hard to say how much radio play it's getting," Rob Roy Parnell said. "I do know I'm getting feedback from National Public Radio stations throughout the southwest."

"The next jump is to finish the distribution to all NPR stations in the United States and then send it to Europe. It's been well received in Austin. The reviews have been great. We've

got the web site (www.robroy-arnell.com) up and running. People can order the CD off the web site. We're hooked into Amazon.com, and Amazon has already reordered twice. Record Town in Fort Worth also carries it."

Lee Roy Parnell, four years Rob Roy's senior, is a nationally recognized, extensively recorded guitar player and vocalist with his own touring band, The Hot Links. What little brother owes big brother isn't simply expressed.

"I started playing trumpet when I was in sixth grade," the younger sibling said. "I was into music, but it was a different type of thing for me because of my physical challenge with my right hand. I really wanted to play saxophone, but I knew I'd never be able to do that. Trumpet was a secondary choice, something I'd resigned myself to."

"I got into improvisation and did well. I learned a lot. But it still wasn't setting me free. I was probably 17 years old when Lee Roy brought a harmonica home. Because of my musical background, I knew the notes and what I could and couldn't do. I blew on it. And I thought, 'Here's an instrument I can express myself with.' Then Lee Roy turned me on to Delbert."

Some 40 years ago, McClinton backed the legendary Jimmy Reed on harmonica at Jack's Club on the Mansfield Highway in Fort Worth and performed an oft-copied harmonica chorus on Bruce Channel's Top 40 hit, "Hey Baby."

"Delbert's first Capricorn album, 'Second Wind,' blew me away. It had that Muscle Shoals sound," Rob Roy Parnell said. "Delbert's playing seems simple when you first hear it, but it's very hard to achieve melodically. It's like most things in life. What appears to be easiest is usually hardest."

"That's about the time things started to click for me. Then I heard 'Linda Lou,' the Ray Sharpe tune, the one Bill Carter calls the national anthem of Texas. I went wild over it. Lee Roy told me, 'Well, if you like that, you'll like Kim Wilson, Muddy Waters and Little Walter.'"

Rob Roy Parnell's Hohner harmonica is an extension of his mind as well as his hand. "Harp is such a powerful instrument, but you don't ever want to overdo it," he said. "You play it with heart and soul. You can say much more by playing with heart and soul than by playing a million notes."

IN THE MILITARY

Marcia M. Talley, daughter of Steve and Margie Belvin, spent two and a half years serving with the U.S. Navy in La Maddalon, Italy. While there she toured Spain, Egypt and other countries in Africa, France, Greece, the Middle East, saw the Suez Canal and participated in Operation Southern Watch. Her current position is E-3/SHSN aboard the U.S.S. Harry S. Truman, Norfolk, Va.

She was aboard the U.S.S. Simon Lake during September of 1999, and was chosen to be part of the decommission of the ship. She is now underway to St. Thomas.

Air Force Airman Stephanie E. Mosley has graduated from basic military training at Lackland Air Force Base, San Antonio.

During the six weeks of training, the airman studied the Air Force mission, organization and customs and received special training in human relations.

Mosley is the daughter of Mark L. and Betsy A. Gentry of Big Spring.

Air Force Airman Richard J. Bartlett III has graduated from basic military training at Lackland Air Force Base, San Antonio.

During the six weeks of training, the airman studied the Air Force mission, organization, and customs and received special training in human relations.

Bartlett is the son of Deborah L. VanPelt of Big Spring, and the stepson of Robert S. VanPelt of Carlsbad, N.M.



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High fuel costs could prompt airlines to introduce fare hikes

CHICAGO (AP) — Sharply rising fuel expenses and the potential for costly labor contracts have raised new speculation that airlines may soon introduce another fare hike to try to keep profits from falling.

Industry watchers, however, said airlines will be cautious about applying any across-the-board increase immediately when they're still trying to recover business lost to Y2K jitters and other reasons.

"They don't want to scare anybody off at a time when they're trying to build back up capacity," said Tom Parsons of Bestfares.com magazine, who still predicts a fare increase with-

in weeks.

Airlines may be contemplating new fare hikes as the result of a combination of factors highlighted Thursday when the parent company of United Airlines, the world's largest carrier, announced its year 2000 earnings will be less than expected.

UAL Corp., based in the Chicago suburb of Elk Grove Village, said it anticipates that a 6 percent increase in costs — primarily fuel and labor hikes — will outweigh a projected 2 percent to 4 percent gain in revenues.

Its stock plummeted 13 percent on the news, and other airlines' stocks also fell, though less precipitously. The

sector recovered on Friday but reported only slight gains.

UAL, for example, was trading up 12 cents to \$65 on the New York Stock Exchange.

"The airlines don't like to see their stocks get beat up like that," said Randy Petersen, editor of Inside Flier, a consumer magazine for frequent fliers. "They tend to want to do something about that, and the way to do it is raise fares."

Labor issues could strongly influence their decision.

Contract talks are pending with United pilots, machinists, customer-service workers and other employees

this year, and chairman James Goodwin told analysts he now foresees big wage hikes that will result in a \$780 million increase in labor costs, instead of the previously projected \$480 million. Other airlines will be under pressure to match those increases.

But the key may be the cost of jet fuel. A year after fuel costs went up 24 percent, United said it sees another 25 percent increase in 2000.

Wall Street analysts are skeptical about United's estimate of average fuel costs at 71 cents a gallon — several pennies higher than they, and most other airlines, anticipate.

"A lot of other airlines think fuel lev-

els will start coming down this month," said Ray Neidl, an analyst for ING Barings. "The winter stock-up season will be over, Y2K glitches have passed, and there could be political pressure on OPEC to lower oil prices."

But crude oil prices rocketed over \$28 a barrel to a nine-year high Friday, and if they keep rising, fuel costs will too.

"That would put very strong pressure on airlines to raise prices," acknowledged Neidl.

Even with a fare increase, leisure travelers likely still will be able to benefit from deep discounts now being offered to lure them back to the skies.

Cotton seminar slated Friday in Martin County

A direct result of producer-requested educational programming, the Permian Basin Cotton Conference will focus on regulations and policies affecting Texas agriculture as well as the best management practices for cotton.

The conference will be held Tuesday, Jan. 25, at the Stanton Community Center and will begin at 8 a.m. The registration fee, which includes technical sessions, educational material, access to exhibits and lunch, is \$5 if received by Friday, Jan. 21, and \$10 at the door. Registration forms are available at the Howard County Extension Office.

The program, sponsored by the Texas Agricultural Extension Service in Howard, Glasscock, Martin, Midland, Reagan and Upton counties, will also feature information on the latest technology for cotton production. Top-quality speakers from across the state will make presentations concerning current research production trials.

Producers will have the opportunity to discuss their experiences with experts, specialists and other growers. Producers will be able to visit commercial booths throughout the day. Topics include cotton marketing, weed control in cotton, top water use efficiency, soil fertility, reduced tillage systems and an update on boll weevil eradication.

Speakers will include: Charles Stuehler, TAEX, Dr. Ken Krier, Texas Tech University; Monica Denny, Johnny Sikes, David Murray, Paul Mizomayer, TAEX; and representatives from the National Cotton Council.

Three Continuing Education (CEU) credits will be provided to private applicators who attend the program.

David Kight is Howard County Extension Agent in charge. His telephone number is 261-2226 and his office is located in the basement of the Howard County Courthouse.



DAVID KIGHT

Health food store sells after 35 years

LYNDEL MOODY
Staff Writer

After more than three decades of service, the Big Spring Health Food Store has changed owners.

Eva Nall who opened the business 35 years ago, sold it to Marlene Wall earlier this month.

"I will miss the people," Nall said. "We have the finest customers anyone could have, and we loved them all."

The business has an interesting history, and was opened as much out of a personal desire than a money-making venture. After years of having to go out of town to purchase natural, unprocessed foods, Nall decided Big Spring needed a health food store. So, she quit her job as office manager after 22 years and at age 55 opened the city's first health food store on Scurry Street. The store has been in the same location ever since.

Though she did not have much encouragement from some people around her at first, her store has continued to stay in business and has grown.

"She had faith in herself, good help, and she is a smart business woman," said her daughter, Betty Ray Coffee.

In the process, Nall has also spent a lot of time educating the community about healthy food.

"She has always been interested in good health," Coffee said. "She would go out of town to buy health food, and she has always been an organic gardener."

"Growing up, we had had walnut trees, apple trees, apricot trees, and raised own beef," Coffee continued. "When our milking cows had calves, we would slaughter them."

"Granddaddy (Owen Walker) would farm so many rows and skip so many rows. People would say he was just wasting acreage, but his crop would come out better than anyone



Above, Betty Ray Coffee, left, pictured with her mother, Eva Nall, has sold the Big Spring Health Food Store after 35 years in business. Below, new owner Marlene Wall, right, stands with her employee Mindy Sedberry.

"else. He also plowed under," she said.

"Business was fairly slow to begin with until people became acquainted with it," Coffee said.

"It took time to search out good suppliers," Nall said. "I had some suppliers come in to help me get started, and I had traded with health food stores in Lubbock and Abilene. I knew what people bought and wanted."

Nall was soon asked by Webb Air Force Base and organizations around town to give talks on nutrition.

"We loved the work because it helps people maintain good health," Coffee said. "She knew she had good products for people."

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IN THE NEWS

TEXAS BOLL WEEVIL ERADICATION FOUNDATION will have a Stanton District-meeting Jan. 19 at 9 a.m. in Stanton at the Boll Weevil office, 708 N. Lamesa Hwy. (Old Chevrolet building). Cotton producers in the district are invited to attend to learn about trapping protocols, spraying criteria, mapping information, environmental issues and changes ahead in

the 2000 growing season.

Big Spring State Hospital employees **TOM KILGORA** and **JANICE BYRD** recently presented a program on food safety during the Texas Department of Mental Health Mental Retardation Fall Support Service Seminar. Kilgoria, program adminis-

trator for food service, and Byrd, director of nutrition and food service, spoke on how Big Spring State Hospital began following federal and state guidelines concerning food safety years before they became law.

"We're seen as a leader in the West Texas area, and now we can show others how to implement the rules and do them positively," Kilgoria said. "They look to us for advice."

Southern Mesa Ag Conference to focus on regulations, policy

Special to the Herald

Lamesa — A direct result of producer-requested educational programming, the Southern Mesa Agricultural Conference will focus on regulations and policies affecting Texas agriculture as well as the BMP's (Best Management Practices) for cotton production.

The conference will be held Monday in the Dawson County Annex Building located at 609 N. First St. in Lamesa, and will begin at 8 a.m. Registration, sponsored by the Texas Agricultural

Extension Service in Dawson, Borden, Scurry, Mitchell, Lynn and Garza Counties, will feature information on the latest production technology for crop production, insect control, and weed control of cotton, grain sorghum and peanuts. Risk management and production outlooks will also be discussed.

Speakers from across the state and Texas Plains area will make presentations concerning current research production trials. Producers will have the opportunity to discuss their experiences with experts, specialists and other growers. Also, producers will be able to visit commercial booths throughout the day.

The program, sponsored by the Texas Agricultural

Most businesses pass on tax hike to smokers

LYNDEL MOODY
Staff Writer

An increase in the federal excise tax for cigarettes that went into effect on Jan. 1 has led some local retailers to raise cigarette prices.

"We were told by the corporate office to count all the cigarettes on Jan. 1 and then add 10 cents to them," said Vicky Ledesma, manager for Star Stop No. 14.

"Our cigarette prices are still the same for the time being," said Wal-Mart Manager Daryl Holley. "Raising prices will be a corporate decision."

In reaction to the tax increase, retailers may raise the price of cigarettes by 10 cents.

"The additional tax will have to be paid, and I am sure it will eventually be passed on to the

customer," Holley said.

The federal excise tax for cigarettes increased from 24 cents a pack to the new rate of 34 cents a pack. The additional tax money is added to the general federal fund, according to Art Resnick, spokesperson for the Alcohol Tobacco and Firearms.

Although a few local retailers have not acted on the increase, some have already raised prices of cigarettes to compensate for the tax increase.

According to Michael De La Garza, HEB Food Stores vice president public relations, HEB has already added the cost of the increase to the price of their cigarettes.

"Typically cigarette packs will go up by eight cents and cigtens will go up by a dollar," De La Garza does not think

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Pollution

22 sites slated for cleanup with environmental fines monies from Koch Industries

AUSTIN (AP) — Two members of the three Texas Railroad Commission said Friday they want to spend the agency's \$6 million share of an environmental fine against Koch Industries on 22 environmental cleanup projects in seven counties.

"We're taking care of Texas and helping to ensure that effected communities have their lands and water supplies protected from any crude oil-related environmental threats," said commissioner Tony Garza, who released the list.

The Environmental Protection Agency levied \$35 million in fines and penalties against the Kansas-based pipeline company on Thursday. Koch Industries operates more than 35,000 miles of pipelines in North America and has refineries in Minnesota and Texas.

The company spilled more than 3 million gallons of oil, in more than 300 incidents, into the lakes and streams of Texas and five other states in violation of the Clean Water Act.

Texas received almost half of the fines — \$15 million. The Railroad Commission got 40 percent of Texas' total; the rest was split mostly between the state's lawyers and the General Land Office.

Garza issued a list of previously-identified projects in Brazoria, Cameron, Coleman, Harris, Nueces, Panola and Taylor counties worth \$4.9 million. The money will clean abandoned oil field sites, contain oil seeps and patch leaking pipelines.

Commission chairman Michael Williams endorsed Garza's proposal shortly after it was released.

"The commission's share of the settlement should go back into paying for site cleanup in the communities that are in most dire need," he said. "It's simply the right thing to do," Williams said.

Williams said he looks forward to formally hearing the proposal at the commission's Jan. 25 meeting.

Commissioner Charles Matthews could not be reached for comment. One of his assistants said he was in Garland monitoring an explosion, possibly caused by a gas leak.

TARGETED AREAS

- Brazoria — J.M. Davis Lease; \$500,000; Clean up of abandoned mud disposal facility
- Burleson — Luksa salt water disposal site; \$75,000; Abandoned salt water disposal site
- Cameron — East Three Islands; \$50,000; Contaminated soil
- Coleman — Gassiot lease; \$600,000; Former fluids disposal facility
- Frio County — Riggs Lease; \$250,000; Remediation of former water reclamation facility
- Guadalupe — San Marcos River Seep; \$150,000; A crude oil seep next to the river near Luling
- Harris — Goose Creek; \$300,000; Significant oil seep in coastal area
- Howard — Butch Hodnett water well; \$225,000; Crude oil in irrigation well
- Kieberg — Steve's Oilfield Services; \$200,000; Former waste remediate facility
- La Salle — Withers Lease; \$100,000; Former oil production facility
- Nueces — Nueces Bay pipeline leak; \$50,000; Leaking, abandoned, submerged pipeline
- Nueces — Nueces Bay seep; \$200,000; Unknown source of periodic oil releases in bay
- Panola — South Unit Lease; \$70,000; Old tank batteries and oily waste
- Runnels — L.E. Jacob; \$50,000; Abandoned salt water disposal facility
- San Patricio — Chittipin Creek Seep; \$400,000; Crude oil seep
- Shackelford — Albany Yard; \$300,000; Former oil waste reclamation facility
- Scurry — Snyder 36th Street reclamation plant; \$180,000; Oily liquids in tanks and pits
- Scurry — Basin Wax Reclamation Plant; \$700,000; 14 pits cuts and contents leaked into ground
- Taylor — Reclamation facility; \$200,000; Former waste reclamation facility in Lawn
- Taylor — F.T. Hogan Jr. Lease; \$110,000; Former fluids disposal facility
- Upton — Reclamation plant; \$125,000; Abandoned reclamation plant
- Wharton — Colorado River Seep; \$200,000; Intermittent oil seep

Matthews is a former mayor of Garland.

Scott Sherman, senior policy advisor to Garza, said the agency has \$5.5 million to clean up areas contaminated by the oil business; but it is not enough.

"It has really been a challenge to go out and hit some of the high priority sites," he said.



Yvonne Ramirez purchases a pack of cigarettes from Wal-Mart employee Gracie Jackson. Wal-Mart has not yet increased cigarette prices to compensate for the new tax.

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869, Big Spring
Crawford, Randall,
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Cruz, Caesar Sar
Van Horn
Dillon, Julie Ann
Colorado City
Dodson, Linda, 401
Ford, Paul, 501 A V
N.M.
Freeman, Cindy A.,
Odessa
Fuller, Nelda Char
Big Spring
Harrison, Tiffany S
Woodlawn, Tenn
Hefington, Darla,
Spring
Henry, Nakia, 618 I
Hilger, Amber, 182
No. 4402, Carrollton
Holstine, Martha,
Colorado City
Jackson, Thomas
14th, Big Spring or
Breckenridge
Kent, Cynthia, P.O.
Kirby, Mark, 1104 L
Korell, Kevin, 8405
1270, Midland
Mendez, Michael
291, Coahoma or 109
Olivas, Julian Her
304, Coahoma
Pearce, Deborah, F
Spring
Resendez, Guadalupe
Odessa
Reyes, Shalina, 5
234, Big Spring
Rivas, Dahlia An
Stanton
Rivera, Krisha N., 2
Lane, Colorado City
Roberts, Doris P.,
Spring
Robertson, Caleb L
101, Sweetwater
Rodriguez, Dalma,
Lamesa
Rodriguez, Elda, 31
Spring
Rodriguez, Gloria,
Midland
Rodriguez, Mary A
Service Road, Big Spr
Rodriguez, Daniel V
Apt. 29, Big Spring
Stanton
Rodriguez, Joel, 11
Spring
Rubio, Tiffany, 400 I
Rudd, Matt A., 170
35, Spring Branch
Ruiz, Jennifer, P.O.
City
Ruiz, Lorenzo T., P.O.
Runnels, Brad Mark
Road 75, Midland
Salinas, Elizabeth,
Lamesa
Sanchez, Reynaldo,
Apt. No 149, Midland
Selvera, Joey, 2006
Sena, Jeannine,
Roswell, N.M.
Simmons, Tonya, 33
1206, Midland
Simpson, Patricia,
Lubbock
Smith, Rosemary,
Spring
Torres, Christine,
Circle No. 109, Lewis
Trawick, Laura, 140
Spring
Uribe, G. Gina, P.O.
Spring
Velasquez, Vita L
Street, Big Spring
Viasana, Elizabeth R
Big Spring
Villareal, Paul, 206 S
Seminole
Washburn, Shawn,
Apt. D11, Kutztown, P.O.
Welch, JB, 3311 Scr
Wilburn, Fred, 3307 I
Williams, Jason, Linn
Camp Pendleton, Calif
Woods, Rachel, 91
Spring

Howard County Clerk
Marriage Licenses
Archie Ray Riffe, 4
Swinney Jensen, 46
Larry Neal Collins,
Yvette Garfias, 31

Court Records
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Warranty deed with
grantor: Bill and Ann
grantee: Ethel G. Wa
property: lot 6, b
filed: Dec. 29, 1999

grantor: Robert Gen
Barbara Bronaugh
grantee: Robert Crai
property: lot 6, blk. 5
filed: Dec. 30, 1999

grantor: Michael L. S
grantee: Roy Dewe
Tamara Linett Carter
property: lot 8, blk.
Estates
filed: Dec. 31, 1999

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property: out of and
blk. 32
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\$6.99
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Dillon, Julie Ann, 443 W. 14th, Colorado City
Dodson, Linda, 405 31st St., Snyder
Ford, Paul, 501 A West Kiowa, Hobbs, N.M.
Freeman, Cindy A., 1441 2612 Wood, Odessa
Fuller, Nelda Chancy, 2angle Chanute, Big Spring
Harrison, Tiffany S., 1935 Dunbar Rd., Woodlawn, Tenn.
Heffington, Darla, 601 E. 16th, Big Spring
Henry, Nakia, 618 State, Big Spring
Hillger, Amber, 1820 S. Peters Colony No. 4402, Carrollton
Holstine, Martha, RR 1 205 Terrell, Colorado City
Jackson, Thomas Jeremy, 908 E. 14th, Big Spring or 900 W. Second, Breckenridge
Kent, Cynthia, P.O. Box 3, Big Spring
Kirby, Mark, 1104 Delmar, Midland
Korell, Kevin, 8409 S. County Road 1270, Midland
Mendez, Michael David, Rt. 1, Box 291, Coahoma or 109 Goliad, Big Spring
Olivas, Julian Hernandez, P.O. Box 304, Coahoma
Pearce, Deborah, P.O. Box 2981, Big Spring
Resendez, Guadalupe, 945 Clifford, Odessa
Reyes, Shalina, 538 Westover No 234, Big Spring
Rivas, Dahlia Ann, 407 S Oak, Stanton
Rivera, Krishna N., 2020 Mattie Woods Lane, Colorado City
Roberts, Doris P., 3303 Auburn, Big Spring
Robertson, Caleb L., 1715 Hailey, Apt 101, Sweetwater
Rodriguez, Dalma, 707 N. Ninth St., Lamesa
Rodriguez, Elida, 3010 Cherokee, Big Spring
Rodriguez, Gloria, 3313 Cuthbert, Midland
Rodriguez, Mary Ann, 8415 N. I-20 Service Road, Big Spring
Rodriguez, Daniel V., 3304 W. Hwy 80, Apt. 29, Big Spring or P.O. Box 955, Stanton
Rodriguez, Joel, 1601 E. Third, Big Spring
Rubio, Tiffany, 400 E. 20th, Big Spring
Rudd, Matt A., 17059 Hwy 46 W. Lot 35, Spring Branch
Ruiz, Jennifer, P.O. Box 484, Colorado City
Ruiz, Lorena T., P.O. Box 31, Lamesa
Runnels, Brad Mark, 6414 E. County Road 75, Midland
Salinas, Elizabeth, 1303 N. First St., Lamesa
Sanchez, Reynaldo, 2601 N. A Street Apt. No 149, Midland
Selvera, Joey, 2006 Ave. L, Snyder
Sena, Jeannine, 6 Eagle Place, Roswell, N.M.
Simmons, Tonya, 3306 S. Co. Rd. No 1206, Midland
Simpson, Patricia, 3527 102nd St., Lubbock
Smith, Rosemary, 711 E. 15th, Big Spring
Torres, Christine, 2101 Lakeview Circle No. 109, Lewisville
Trawick, Laura, 1407-B Mesquite, Big Spring
Urbe, G. Gina, P.O. Box 123, Big Spring
Velasquez, Vita L., 2023 W. Sixth Street, Big Spring
Viasana, Elizabeth R., 203 N.W. Third, Big Spring
Villarreal, Paul, 206 Southview Ave. N, Seminole
Washburn, Shawn, 139 Normal Ave. Apt. D11, Kutztown, Pa.
Welch, JB, 3311 Scr 1206, Midland
Wilburn, Fred, 3307 Drexel, Big Spring
Williams, Jason, Lima Co. 3/5 Wpns., Camp Pendleton, Calif.
Woods, Rachel, 908 E. 14th, Big Spring

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grantee: Dee an Helen Worthan
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grantee: Brenda Conway McKee, Rickey Mims, Nancy Conway McKee and Don McKee
property: all of lot 19, blk. 1, East Highland Addition
filed: Dec. 30, 1999

grantor: Nila Bailey Allen
grantee: Mark and Tammy Allen
property: a tract of land 50 by 125 out of and part of the southwest 1/4 of section 31, blk. 32
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filed: Dec. 31, 1999

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property: the northwest 1/4 of Survey 17, blk. 34
filed: Dec. 31, 1999

grantor: Brett A. and Michele H. Kriley
grantee: Associates Relocation Management Company, Inc.
property: all of lot 8, blk. 17, College Park Estates No. 2
filed: Dec. 31, 1999

grantor: Atlantic Mortgage & Investment Corp
grantee: HUD
property: lots 4-5, blk. 13, Brennan Addition
filed: Dec. 31, 1999

grantor: MKN Inc
grantee: Jimmy Moore
property: lot 5, blk. 5, Kentwood Addition (Unit No. 1)
filed: Dec. 31, 1999

grantor: Jerald K. Wallace and Lannis A. Wallace
grantee: Joseph D and Cheryl L. Budd
property: a 13.48 acre tract of land in section 17, blk. 32
filed: Jan. 4, 2000

grantor: Alva Chilton Bingham
grantee: Roy Bingham
property: 1 - all of grantor's presently owned interest in all oil, gas and other minerals in, on, under or that may be produced from section 13, blk. 34, 2 - all of grantor's presently owned interest in all oil, gas, and other minerals in, on, under or that may be produced from the northeast 1/4 of section 15, blk. 35, 3 - all of grantor's presently owned interest, if any, in all other oil, gas, and other minerals, wherever situated.
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filed: Dec. 31, 1999

grantor: Eva Nall
grantee: Albert Ernest Thomas
property: lot 3 and the south 10' of lot 2, blk. 7, McDowell Heights Addition
filed: Jan. 4, 2000

grantor: A.C. Mize and Billie Y. Mize
grantee: David Armendariz
property: the south 65' of lot 1, blk. 7, Cedar Crest Addition
filed: Jan. 5, 2000

grantor: Royl L. Bohl and Angela Mullins
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35 YEARS

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"We believe in our products," Nall said.

"We checked on suppliers before we bought from them," Coffee said. "We only buy products from reputable companies."

Vitamins, minerals, soy, rice, herbal teas, cheese and foods for special diets are just a few of the products the health food store has available to customers.

"We had extensive literature for sale, and we also gave away literature," Coffee said.

"Education is very important," she added. "People need to know what they are buying and what will help certain things."

"We had physicians who trade with us and sent patients to us for certain things," she said. "We had many out-of-town people who traded with us."

After her mother retired in 1993 at age 83, Coffee took over management of the store.

"I retired from the VA in 1985 after 34 years of service and decided to start working at the store eight years later as a clerk," Coffee said.

"There is a surprising number of people who still refer to the store as Eva Nall's store," she said.

Nall sold the Big Spring Health Food Store to Wall on Jan. 3.

"Marlene told mother, 'I will take good care of your store and your customers,'" she said. "She is very knowledgeable and experienced."

"It has been a wonderful beginning for me," Wall said. "I have been in the business for 10-1/2 years. I am excited about being in Big Spring and look forward to keeping people healthy and serving them any way I can."

Wall will continue will Nall's former employees Faye Steward, Margaret Cape, Mindy Sedberry, and Margaret Matthews.

Although Nall retired from the store in 1993, she still continues to be very active.

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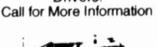
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For Lease or Sale by owner, 1413 Sycamore. 2 bdr C/H/A, large back yard. \$300/mo. or \$2000 minimum down \$350/mo. to buy. 915-695-6100.

FOR RENT 2111 Runnels 3 bdr. 1 bth. HUD ok!

205 E. 22nd (upstairs) utilities pd. \$100/dep. \$250/mo. 915-363-8243

For Rent or Sale: Owner finance Coahoma, 3Br/2bth, C/H/A, 2 car carport, appliances, fenced yard, storage building, on five lots. Very nice. References required. 264-6301/leave message.

Very nice home in Kentwood area. Bdrms & baths roomy and clean. Storage extra large. Scenic view. call for apmnt. 267-6585.

MOBILE HOMES FOR RENT

For Rent, 2BR, 1 bath mobile home. Partially furnished. For more information call 394-4669.

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TOO LATES

West Texas Centers for MHMR has opening for Medication Coordinator. High school graduation or GED plus (5) years related experience or Bachelors Degree in Business or Public Administration and (2) years experience in related duties. Word test will be required. Responsible for operating WTC Medication Application Program. Track medications for WTC. Provide reporting and reconciliation as required. Experience in Word, spreadsheet, income verification, insurance companies, pharmaceutical companies, benefits, billing and customer relations a plus. Must meet requirements for operating agency vehicles. Salary \$11.31 to \$12.90 hour (\$23,532 - \$26,832 annually). Salary dependent upon experience. Applications may be obtained at 409 Runnels, E.O.E.

406 E. 10th 2 bdr. C/H/A. \$350 mn. Call 263-5818.

The Colorado River Municipal Water District has an immediate opening for an Industrial Electrician. company benefits include paid vacation, sick leave, retirement plan, and paid holidays. The District is an equal opportunity employer. Applications are available at the District's office at 400 East 24th Street, Big Spring, Texas.

General laborers through supervisors needed at manufacturing facility. Paid vacation, holiday, hospitalization, workers compensation. Good potential for growth. Apply at American Limestone Company 2515 Apron Drive Bldg #75, Big Spring, TX. (At industrial park South of Western Container) Or fax resume to (915) 267-2207. NO PHONE CALLS PLEASE!!!!

Very good 3 br 2 bath home on a super lot. Double (drive thru) garage. Lots of built-in storage and RV parking. Financing possible. \$100,000.

Boosie Weaver Real Estate 267-8840

Tax refund can buy you a home! Payments less than \$400 per month. Total move in cost approx. \$1,399. Linda 263-7500 or Home Realtors 263-1284.

Payments less than rent on this nice brick 3/1, home on corner lot, warm and inviting kitchen with custom oak cabinets. Call Janet at 267-4147 or Home Realtors 263-1284.

West Texas Centers for MHMR has opening for Eligibility Assistant. High School graduation or GED plus (2) years related experience. Word test will be required. Screens financials for Medicaid Eligibility staff and Medication Coordinator. Tracks medication data and obtains verification. Spreadsheet, billing and/or pharmacy experience a plus. Must meet requirements for operating agency vehicles. Salary \$8.20 hour /\$655.85 biweekly (\$17,052 annually). Applications may be obtained at 409 Runnels, E.O.E.

Comfort and Charm. Lovely 3/2 Kentwood home with special features such as ... Call for details, Janet at 267-4147 or Home Realtors 263-1284.

PUBLIC NOTICE

THE HOWARD COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE WILL ACCEPT APPLICATIONS FOR PART-TIME JAILERS, FROM JANUARY 15 THRU JANUARY 31, 2000. APPLICATIONS ARE AVAILABLE IN THE SHERIFF'S OFFICE, 1ST FLOOR OF THE COURTHOUSE, MONDAY THRU FRIDAY, 8:00 A.M. TO 5:00 P.M. Howard County is an equal opportunity employer. 2580 January 14, 16 & 21, 2000

PUBLIC NOTICE

This notice is to inform you that the City Council of the City of Big Spring will hold a Public Meeting at 5:30 p.m., Tuesday, January 25, 2000, in the City Council Chambers, 307 East 4th Street, Big Spring, Texas. The purpose of the Public Meeting is to describe and discuss the local implications of the Roy C. Hater Water Treatment Plant Risk Management Plan and the City of Big Spring Wastewater Treatment Plant Risk Management Plan in accordance with Chemical Safety Information, Site Specificity and Fugitive Regulatory Relief Act (PL 106-40). You are invited to attend this meeting relative to the subject of the City of Big Spring Risk Management Plans for the Water Treatment Plant and Wastewater Treatment Plant. Todd Darden, Director of Public Works 2581 January 16 & 17, 2000

PUBLIC NOTICE

NOTICE TO CONTRACTORS OF Proposed Building Maintenance Work for the Texas Department of Transportation Sealed proposals to Replace Vehicle Doors Big Spring Maintenance Warehouse Big Spring, Howard County Proposed Contract No. #080XXR1001 will be received by the Abilene District Office of the Texas Department of Transportation located at 4250 N. Clack, Abilene, Texas until 2:00 p.m., Thursday, February 3, 2000 then publicly opened and read. Bidding documents, including proposal agreement form and specifications, may be obtained from: A Carl Preston, Texas Department of Transportation 4250 N. Clack P.O. Box 150, Abilene, Texas 79604 (915) 676-6859 2582 January 16 & 23, 2000

PUBLIC NOTICE

NOTICE TO CONTRACTOR OF PROPOSED TEXAS HIGHWAY MAINTENANCE WORK CSJ No. 6051 96 001 Sealed Proposals For: Picnic Area Janitorial and Grounds Maintenance at Various Locations in Howard County Will be received by the Texas Department of Transportation located at 4250 N. CLACK, ABILENE, TEXAS UNTIL RESPECTIVE BID OPENING TIME: FRIDAY, JANUARY 21, 2000 then publicly opened and read.

ALL PROSPECTIVE BIDDERS ARE ADVISED THAT THERE WILL NOT BE A PRE-BIDDERS CONFERENCE FOR THIS CONTRACT

Bidding proposals and plan view will be available ON AND FRIDAY, DECEMBER 31, 1999 at the Texas Department of Transportation District Office located at 4250 N. CLACK, ABILENE, TEXAS TELEPHONE: (915) 676-6852

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HOROSCOPE

HAPPY BIRTHDAY FOR SUNDAY, JAN. 16:

You have so much to choose from and so many directions in which to go, you could easily become overloaded this year. Handle one item, issue, event or person at a time if you can. You create more security and a lot of personal happiness as you see how much h life offers. If you are single, you are ready for a committed relationship. Spring could be significant for new romance. If attached, you are heading in a new direction as a couple. Keep communication active, and you'll grow together. You can count on GEMINI to pitch in.

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 have too many options, even for you. Another wears you down in conversation. Visit with an older relative or friend. Take time for small talk or a fun exchange. Indulge another by doing something he loves. Tonight: Enjoy your "Brownie points."

TAURUS (April 20-May 20) ****Your mind works overtime, causing frustration where there need be none. Make calls; explore different plans. Another at a distance might not agree, but an interesting alternative is offered. Expect a hectic pace, but you can deal with it! Tonight: Make it early.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20) ****A lot goes on behind the scenes, or on a one-on-one level with another. A conversation proves to be informative and important. What a close friend wants could be in conflict with your desires. Check out an offer that seems too good to be true. Tonight: Go out.

CANCER (June 21-July 22) ***You might not always get the whole picture - particularly right now, when so much is being forced on you. Take time to digest information in the next few days. Avoid making decisions right now. Others seek you out. Tonight: Wind down the weekend.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22) **** Accept what is happening, because you can't change it. You could be running in many different directions. Visit with another. Take off for a day trip if possible. You relax when you're away from your normal surroundings. You gain a perspective. Tonight: Don't feel like you have to do everything all at once.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) ****Take time with a partner, who really needs your feedback. Relax with another; be sure of yourself. Another cares, and he lets you know in no uncertain terms. Take time with a partner; chat while going for a drive or out to

lunch. Tonight: So many options.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22) ****Another's feelings are heartfelt, but you're easily overwhelmed. Think before taking a stand; talk about feelings, rather than reacting. Explore options with a trusted partner. Others seek you out. Be willing to say no if necessary. Tonight: Happiness lies in closeness.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21) ****Even you have only so much energy. You get clear messages about what is possible and how much you can get done. You might have too much on your plate. Stay sensitive to a partner. Ask for help with an important project. Invite others over to pitch in. Tonight: Surrounded by friends.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21) ****Listen to those who give you important feedback, especially a loved one. Another attempts to coax you into his way of thinking. Review a decision before committing. Let go and have a good time. Say no when you need to. Tonight: Get a good night's sleep.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19) ****Another does not see eye to eye with you, and though he won't create an uproar, he lets you know. So many options appear that even you could be overwhelmed. Your sense of humor helps a child or loved one express his feelings. Tonight: Play the night away.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18) ****Build on established ground rules. Don't push another away. Get down to a problem and reveal your thoughts. You don't have to keep everything to yourself. Another shares, but you could easily be pushed to the limit. Tonight: Keep it low-key if you can.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20) ****Reach out for others. Extremes and extravagance may have a difficult time saying no, especially as you see no reason to. Think, before you do too much damage. Get together with friends; do what you love most. Tonight: Fun surrounds you.

BORN TODAY Photographer Francesco Scavullo (1929), dancer/choreographer Debbie Allen (1950), singer Ronnie Milsap (1944)

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World War II vet is moved by young man's gratitude

DEAR ABBY: I am a veteran of World War II. I have a bumper sticker on my vehicle announcing a past reunion of my Army unit. Recently, while shopping, I was approached by



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an employee of the firm I was in who asked me, "Did you serve, sir?" I replied that I had, indeed, served in WWII. The young man then said, "I would like to thank you, sir, for what you did for our country."

I was stunned. In 55 years, this is the first time I have ever been thanked by a fellow American.

I lost three friends at Normandy, one of whom died at my side. When I look back at the fulfilling life that I have enjoyed in this country that I love, I regard with lasting sorrow the memory of those friends who were denied that opportunity.

The considerate words uttered by that young man meant more to me than I could ever convey to him. In some manner, the pain of remembrance has been made less painful by his kindness.

I returned to visit that young man and gave him my combat medic's badge as a token of my gratitude. — OSCAR ORTIZ, SAN FRANCISCO

DEAR OSCAR: Because you chose to write this letter, countless veterans will be able to

read that young man's words. Memories fade, but the printed word often outlives the writer. Thank you for sharing that rewarding encounter.

DEAR ABBY: Each year, I am grateful for the many blessings in my life, especially during the year-end holidays.