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BSSH volunteers taking orders now for Valentine's Day

Big Spring State Hospital volunteers are taking orders now for their annual fundraiser, selling Valentine gifts and singing telegrams. Volunteers will deliver a variety of mugs, candy, stuffed animals, balloons and plants, or sing a love song to your special someone.

Orders will be taken until Valentine's Day, but early orders are advised since the gifts tend to sell out.

For an \$8 donation to volunteer services, you can arrange delivery of a terra cotta pot containing a living ivy plant, a holiday mug filled with homemade candy, a bud vase with two cut carnations, or a stuffed animal and a small box of Russell Stover candy.

A group of vocalists will serenade your friend or loved one for a \$20 donation, choosing from a holiday repertoire of songs, visiting your Valentine at the office or even while eating lunch at a local restaurant.

While orders will be taken through Feb. 11 during business hours, they will also be taken Sunday, Feb. 13 from 1-4 p.m. to accommodate last-minute shoppers. To place an order or get more information, call 268-7535.

WHAT'S UP...

- MONDAY**
 - Big Spring Evening Lions Club, 6:30 p.m., 1607 E. Third.
- TUESDAY**
 - Intermediate line dance classes, 9 a.m. Senior Citizens Center.
 - Big Spring Rotary Club, noon, Howard College Cactus Room
- 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.
 - Eagles Lodge Ladies Auxiliary, 7 p.m., Eagles

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'80 Bites,' DanzaHispana coming; combination tickets available

By **DEBBIE L. JENSEN**
Features Editor

The colorful, lively and traditional dances of Spain and Mexico will come to Big Spring Saturday night.

DanzaHispana, a professional dance group with a repertoire of folklorico, flamenco and classical Spanish ballet, will perform beginning at 8 p.m. in the Municipal Auditorium. Presented by the Big Spring Symphony, the concert is the third in a series of four concerts

in the group's 1999-2000 season.

Saturday night also brings the annual Heritage Museum "Around the World in 80 Bites" food festival from 5:30-7:30 p.m.

Combination tickets are being offered to include both events, for \$13 each. Tickets are also available for the symphony concert alone, at \$10 for adults, \$8 for senior citizens and \$5 for students. For "80 Bites," tickets are \$7.50 for adults and \$5 for children.

The DanzaHispana performance will include a variety of

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styles reflecting the influence of many cultures. The program opens with regional dances of Mexico from the states of Chihuahua (polkas), Veracruz (showing a strong Spanish influence) and Jalisco (whose dances and mariachi music have become emblematic of the entire country).

The second half of the show will include classical and fla-

menco dances of Spain, including a piece from "Benamor" by Pablo Luna, along with the traditional Farruca, Zapateado, La Jota and for a finale, "La Boda de Luis Alonso."

DanzaHispana is the professional performing ensemble of the city of San Antonio Parks and Recreation Department, formed in 1995. CityDance, the producing agency for DanzaHispana, is a nonprofit group "dedicated to preserving and promoting the traditional dance forms of Mexico and

Spain," according to press information.

Combination tickets are available at the museum front desk, 510 Scurry, Tuesday through Saturday from 9 a.m.-5 p.m. Tickets to the symphony performance alone are available at Blum's, Dunlaps, First Bank of West Texas, the Big Spring Area Chamber of Commerce and the symphony office at 808 Scurry.

For more information, call the symphony office at 264-7223, or the museum at 267-8255.



Jack and Lucille White decided to enjoy the warm weekend weather by taking their 12-year-old dog, Hubey, out for a stroll at Comanche Trail Park Saturday afternoon.

HERALD photo/Lyndel Moody

College trustees to review FCI programs, discuss foundation gift, evaluate president

By **MARSHA STURDIVANT**
Staff Writer

Trustees for Howard College will discuss the upcoming election, evaluate the college president and hear an update on the Federal Correctional Institute programs when they convene at 12:30 p.m. Monday.



SPARKS

"We'll have a video presentation of FCI and what we are doing in that facility, and that should prove very interesting," said Dr. Cheryl Sparks, Howard College president.

An audit report from James Welch is expected, as is the quarterly investment report.

Also on the agenda is an opportunity for college trustees to consider a resolution for the Dora Roberts Foundation.

"We've received a gift from the Dora Roberts Foundation, and we will be discussing that at the meeting," Sparks said.

Under the routine monitoring portion of the agenda, trustees will consider the SouthWest Collegiate Institute for Deaf advisory board, as well as consider Sparks' contract. An executive session is set for 11:15 a.m. to discuss her evaluation.

"We're doing that early, so anyone will not have to wait during the regular board meeting while we meet in executive session," Sparks said.

An investment video will also be discussed by trustees who

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Scholarship

Malone Hogan Foundation closing, but the funds going to Howard College, SWCID

By **MARSHA STURDIVANT**
Staff Writer

A new scholarship fund of more than \$100,000 has been established at Howard College.

thanks to the hard work and foresight of Dr. P.W. Malone.

"So much of the credit for this goes to his daughter, Mary Frances Malone, who did so much of the work involved in closing the Malone Hogan Foundation and providing these funds to the P.W. Malone Memorial Endowment Fund at Howard College," said attorney Charles Myers.



MALONE



MYERS

Dr. Malone created the foundation in 1975. In recent years the foundation had become inactive, and Myers said a bylaw in the foundation records allowed trustees to dissolve the foundation and give the money any qualified charity.

"The idea was to dissolve the trust and transfer the money to Howard College and SWCID (Southwest Collegiate Institute for the Deaf) equally," Myers said.

Mary Frances Malone, whose father created the foundation, said his love of education

makes this the perfect option for the funds.

"We're opening this up to all areas of academic study, not just health related fields. And this scholarship money will be available for all Howard College students, regardless of where they are from. It is not just open to Howard County residents, but is available for all Howard College students," Malone said.

She added that the funds will be invested, and the interest which accrues will be used to fund scholarships for students.

"This way the money continues to grow, thereby guaranteeing these scholarships in the years to come," Malone said.

She credits the foundation board members for the foundation, Howard Mott, Katie Grimes, Glenn Fillingim, Clyde Angel and Dan Wise, with making the decision to create this scholarship fund at Howard College.

And she said she believes by endowing both Howard College and SWCID, she is continuing a legacy her father created.

"He helped start both of those colleges, and was instrumental in seeing them develop in Howard County. He believed in education, and in our community, and I am pleased the board decided to do this," Malone said.

Dr. Cheryl Sparks, president of Howard College, said the funds will aid students seeking higher education, fulfilling Dr. Malone's dreams. And she expressed gratitude toward his

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Hangar 25 Air Museum to be new home for AV-8C Harrier Jet

By **LYNDEL MOODY**
Staff Writer

Hangar 25 Air Museum will acquire a new aircraft with a unique history and performance abilities as several volunteers plan to bring a Harrier Jet to Big Spring for its permanent residence.



LITTLE

"The aircraft is a complete aircraft and was used on Goodfellow Air Force Base as a trainer device for firemen to practice extracting pilots from a crashed burning plane," said Retired Air Force Lt. Col. Jim Little, Hangar 25 Air Museum vice-president. "The plane has never

been burned."

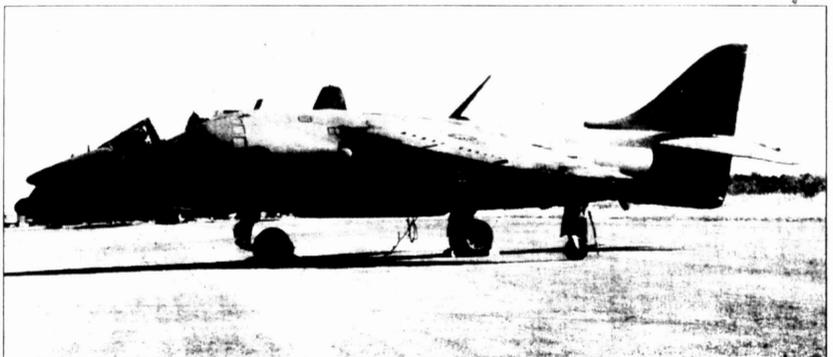
This aircraft type was used by the British in the Falkland's War and is currently used by the U.S. Marine Corp.

"The AV-8C 'Harrier' Jet is a unique airplane and has a colorful history," Little said.

According to Little, the aircraft has the ability to take off and land vertically. The plane can stop in midair, hover, then turn around and proceed in the opposite direction.

"There is no other aircraft in the U.S. Military Forces with this much flexibility," he said. "We are still researching the details of the plane, including where the plane was assigned during its active life period, if it was in any military action, and the date of manufacturing."

The air museum has been working to obtain the aircraft since Thanksgiving when they



Courtesy photo

This AV-8C "Harrier" Jet will be the new display for Hangar 25 Air Museum. A team of city workers, off duty policemen and volunteers will bring the jet to Big Spring from San Angelo via Big Lake on Thursday.

heard it was going to become available.

Funds used for the purchase

of the aircraft were raised through the Air Museum, and the plane will become the prop-

erty of the city of Big Spring.

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Permian Basin Cotton Conference planned Tuesday in Stanton

By **LYNDEL MOODY**
Staff Writer

STANTON — The cotton marketing outlook, eradication programs, and reduced tillage will be the main focus for discussion at the Permian Basin Cotton Conference on Tuesday.

"We are going to have a dynamic program this year," said Lee Howard, Martin County extension agent-agriculture. "We have a lot of areas we are going to cover and a num-

ber of interesting people who are going to speak."

More than 70 people have pre-registered for the conference, and close to 150 are expected to attend.

"We are mainly focusing on three areas this year — reduced tillage and minimal tillage, discussing the boll weevil eradication zone and alternative pest in the boll weevil zone, and the National Cotton Council will be updating their efforts for the cotton industry," Howard said.

Registration begins at 8:30 at the Martin County Community Center. The registration fee is \$10 at the door and includes lunch.

Following registration, the National Cotton Council will be providing the cotton marketing outlook.

"Mark Lundgren, an aid to U.S. Rep. Charles Stenholm, will give a legislative update touching on crop insurance and crop disaster programs," Howard said. "He will also

update us about Rep. Stenholm's agenda for this congressional session."

Also on the agenda: Charles Stichler, district agriculturist for Uvalde, will discuss weed control in cotton as well as reduced tillage systems.

Dr. Dan Kreig with Texas Tech University will examine crop water use efficiency and soil fertility.

Monica Denny of Agribility will be discussing disability

programs that will help disabled farmers to continue farming.

Melony Skies of Equip will be discussing cost share programs and procedures.

David Murray, Permian Basin boll weevil zone manager, will give a boll weevil eradication update.

Rick Minzenmayer, extension agent for Runnels County and Tom Green County, will be

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OBITUARIES

Ray Rackley

Services for Ray Rackley, 86, of Big Spring are pending with Nalley-Pickle & Welch Funeral Home. He died on Friday, Jan. 21, 2000, at a local hospital.

Guy Farmer

Services for Guy Farmer of Big Spring are pending with Myers & Smith Funeral Home. He died on Friday Jan. 21, 2000, at Scenic Mountain Medical Center.

Charles Fierro

Service for Charles Fierro, 66, of Big Spring will be 7 p.m. Sunday, Jan. 23, 2000, at Myers & Smith Chapel. Funeral mass will be held 10 a.m. Monday, Jan. 24, 2000, at St. Thomas Catholic Church with Rev. James Plagens, pastor, officiating. Burial will be at Mt. Olive Memorial Park.



FIERRO

Mr. Fierro died Friday, Jan. 21, 2000, at St. Mary's Covenant Medical Center-Lakeside in Lubbock following a long illness.

He was born Dec. 7, 1933 in Big Spring and was a lifetime resident. He had worked at Pragers Men's Store, Marchant Optical, Terrazas Store, and most recently at the Spanish Inn, until retiring. He was a member of St. Thomas Catholic Church, and had been a member of the Big Spring Tiger's Sandlot Baseball Team.

Survivors include three brothers, Gus Fierro, Tele Fierro, and Jim Fierro, all of Big Spring.

Funeral arrangements are under the direction of Myers & Smith Funeral Home.

Shannon Lea Paredez

Shannon Lea Paredez, 23, died Friday Jan. 21, 2000, at Scenic Mountain Medical Center from a sudden illness. Rosary was held 9 p.m. Friday night. Funeral mass was held 11 a.m. Saturday, at Sacred Heart Catholic Church with the Rev. James Plagens, pastor, officiating. Burial was at Mt. Olive Memorial Park. Arrangements



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were by Meyers & Smith Funeral Home.

She was born Oct. 18, 1976 in Big Spring. She is a lifetime resident of Big Spring and a member of Sacred Heart Catholic Church.

She is survived by her mother, Dora Flores Sanchez, and her stepfather, Simon Sanchez of Big Spring; her father, Nicholas Paredez of Big Spring; one sister, Cassandra J. Beltran of Big Spring; two brothers, Andrew Chaverria of Snyder and Nicholas Paredez Jr. of Big Spring; three nephews, A. J. Beltran, Mayvon R. Beltran, and Thomas Chaverria of Snyder; and numerous uncles, aunts, and cousins.

Pallbearers will be Cassandra J. Beltran, Katrina R. Bustamante, Marie Pacheco, Nicholas Paredez, Terence Cross, and Alvaro Garcia.

Paid obituary

Joy Flowers Buckner

Services for Joy Flowers Buckner, 58, of Dalhart will be 2 p.m. Sunday, Jan. 23, 2000, at St. James Episcopal Church with burial in Memorial Park Cemetery with the Rev. Jerry Sneyary, rector, St. James Episcopal Church in Dalhart, officiating.

Mrs. Buckner died Thursday, Jan. 20, 2000, at University Medical Center in Lubbock.

She was born Feb. 28, 1941, in Stanford to H.G. and Rosalie (Fargus) Flowers. She was raised in Aspermont, Texas. On June 12, 1965, she married Tommy Buckner in Aspermont. She and Tommy moved to Dalhart in 1972. She was a member of St. James Episcopal Church. Tommy died in 1991 and in 1997, Joy moved to Amarillo.

Survivors included one son, Mike Buckner of Austin; one daughter, Bonnie Buckner of Las Angeles, Calif.; one brother, Bill Fowers of Aspermont; her father, H. G. Flowers of Aspermont; one brother-in-law, Charles Buckner of Big Spring; and two grandchildren.

Paid obituary

Richard Hahn

Richard (Dick) Hahn, 64, of Duluth, Ga., died Thursday, Jan. 20, 2000.

He is survived by his wife, Kay Hahn; a daughter and her husband, Roxanne and Paul Gaigelas of Duluth; grandchildren Alexandra and Parker Gaigelas of Duluth, a brother, William Hahn of Bastrop, Texas; aunts and uncles Alta Mae and Clayton Bettle, P.D. and R.L. Heath and Barbara Gage, all of Big Spring, Texas; several nieces, nephews, cousins and his faithful companion, his dog, Miss Millie.

A memorial service for Mr. Hahn will be held at a later date.

In lieu of flowers, contributions may be made in Mr. Hahn's name to Hospice Atlanta, 1244 Park Vista Dr., Atlanta, Ga. 30319.

Arrangements are under the direction of the National Cremation Society.

Paid obituary

Forty foreign nationals are detained at AFB

SAN ANTONIO (AP) — Federal immigration agents have arrested 40 Indian nationals working for the U.S. Air Force as contract computer programmers, developing systems for the military.

The raid at Randolph Air Force Base Thursday followed a six-month U.S. Immigration and Naturalization Service

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investigation into a visa scam. Half the foreign workers assigned to teams charged with developing two computer systems at the Air Force Personnel Center were picked up.

But a spokeswoman at the center said Friday that the INS' compliance inspection was not related to foreign nationals' access to the work area, but immigration concerns instead.

"They had zero access to any classified or sensitive material," said Capt. Tracy O'Grady, AFPC's public affairs chief.

The INS said the workers had passed criminal background checks and legally entered the United States, but were pawns in a scam dubbed "body shopping." In such schemes, companies tell the government they will place highly skilled foreign workers in jobs that don't exist, then send them to other locations.

"That's what initiated this type of investigation, because we've had similar cases where there was body shopping going on, and through one of these investigations we are currently conducting we came with this lead," Thomas Homan, INS assistant district director of criminal investigations, told the San Antonio Express-News.

Officer challenges firing for allegedly running over teen

LONGVIEW (AP) — A Longview police officer who was fired for allegedly running over a teen-age girl's foot with his police car is challenging his dismissal.

Richard Baldwin, an officer for seven years, will appeal the department's decision to dismiss him for felony assault, Police Chief A.J. Key Jr. said.

The move comes less than a week after another officer was reinstated.

A city ordinance allows city employees to appeal their dismissal. A panel of city employees reviews the complaint and then issues a recommendation to City Manager Rickey Childers, who makes the final decision.

Baldwin is free on \$10,000 bond, charged with aggravated assault by a public servant.

Baldwin has an unlisted number and could not be reached for comment.

Baldwin was placed on leave pending a police investigation into the Jan. 8 incident on Estes Parkway.

According to police records, another officer saw Baldwin knock a 13-year-old girl to the ground with the right front fender of his car.

The girl's right foot became lodged under the right front tire of Baldwin's patrol car and another officer drove the car off the girl's foot.

The girl suffered scrapes and abrasions on her foot.

BRIEFS

BAPTIST TEMPLE CHURCH WILL be having a divorce workshop starting Monday, March 6, at 7 p.m. and will continue for eight con-

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secutive Mondays.

This workshop is for any divorced, separated or widowed person and the cost is \$35 (which includes materials, workshop and refreshments). The deadline to register is Feb. 21. Call the church at 267-8287 for more information. Child care is available upon request.

GOOD SHEPHERD FELLOWSHIP CHURCH, 610 Abrams, 7 p.m. Wednesdays and Thursdays, and 9 a.m. Sunday. Everyone welcome to come. For more information call 267-5936.

THE MOBILE MEALS PROGRAM, also known as Meals on Wheels, needs volunteers to deliver meals.

If you can spare one hour per week to deliver eight or 10 meals, we need you. About 85 to 90 meals are prepared, packaged and delivered within the city limits of Big Spring. If you can volunteer, please call 263-4016 before 3 p.m.

SENIOR CITIZENS WHO HAVE witnessed the effects of childhood diseases are needed to staff a new volunteer program that will promote immunizations.

Volunteers 55 and older are sought for the effort, to be known as the Seniors for Childhood Immunization Program. RSVP volunteers will visit new mothers at Scenic Mountain Medical Center and remind them of the importance of the immunizations.

To find out more about the program or to volunteer, call 264-2397.

THE HOWARD COUNTY LITERACY Program is seeking tutors to teach adults how to read.

The program requires a commitment of one to three hours each week, with long-term involvement with each student recommended.

Material and training are provided each tutor, as well as support. Scheduling flexibility is available.

To volunteer call Loraine Redman, Howard County librarian, at 264-2260.

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

SUPPORT GROUPS

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

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

TEXAS LOTTERY

Lotto: 1,4,7,12,14,31

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

• 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 Galynn 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, 6:30 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 Rannels, Clyde Alsup Building. AMI meeting to follow. For more information call 263-0027 or 267-7220.

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

Consent items
• Ordinance calling for an election to be held May 2 to elect a council member for District 2, District 4 and District 6
• Ordinance for no parking on east side of Owens from 10th to E. Sixth

• Application for Safe and Drug-Free Schools grant
• Investment report for Dec. 31, 1999

Routine business
• City manager's report
• Council input
• Approval of vouchers
• Board minutes from Howard County Appraisal District board

Bids
• Lease of backhoe and backhoe with extendahoe
• Request permission to seek proposals from computer software vendors for police software

New business
• Ordinance determining the rate of pay of election judges and clerks for the special election to be held March 4 and appointing election judges and creating the early voting ballot board.

• Approval of payment of late homestead exemption funds
Executive session
• Evaluation of city manager

MEETINGS

HOWARD COUNTY COMMISSIONERS COURT

10 a.m. Monday, Howard County Courthouse

Among the agenda items are:
• Purchase requests
• Personnel considerations
• Consider putting 1.5 acre out to bid for proposed oil and gas lease.
• Nuisance law discussion
• Caterpillar 140H option
• Review plans for new district court building and take tour of building.

BIG SPRING CITY COUNCIL

5:50 p.m. Tuesday, City Council Room

Among the agenda items are:
Public hearing
• Public meeting for water and wastewater treatment plant risk management team

POLICE

The Big Spring Police Department reported the following activities for the period ending at noon Saturday:

- DOMINGO CASTILLO, 30, was arrested on a charge of revocation of probation.
- THEFT was reported in the 2300 block of Wason and at the police station.
- FORGERY was reported at the police station.
- BURGLARY OF A HABITATION was reported in the 1200 block of Nolan.
- ASSAULT was reported in the 300 block of Main.
- INDECENCY WITH A CHILD was reported. No location was available.
- CRIMINAL MISCHIEF was reported in the 2600 block of Chanut.
- DISTURBANCE/FIGHT was reported in the 1300 block of Harding.

In the midst of our sorrow, we wish to express our heartfelt thanks and appreciation for each visit, prayer, the delicious food and floral tributes from our many relatives, friends, neighbors, business associates, and for the kindness and sympathy shown to us in the loss of our beloved husband, son and father, Sgt. John Stowers.

We especially wish to thank Eddie Tubbs and Malcom Pointon for their consoling words, the Big Spring Police Department for their loyalty shown to a fellow officer, other law enforcement agencies, employees of the Big Spring State Hospital, First Baptist Church, and to Mike & Pat Craddock for the Memorial Fund at Howard College in John's name for future Law Enforcement students.

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have viewed the video at home, she said.

"And in my report I'll talk about a special presentation we will receive from a Texas Workforce Commissioner concerning our Skills Development Grant for the work we did with StarTek employees," she said.

Trustees are also expected to discuss Texas Workers Compensation insurance, and a risk management academy program of the college.

Upcoming events will be a part of the meeting within the president's report, and an election guide for trustees will be discussed and approved.

Board president Don McKinney and Harold Davis have positions which will be up for election this year.

"This will be a regular meeting, not an excessively long meeting," Sparks said.

MALONE

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daughter, who suggested the foundation funds become a scholarship fund at Howard College.

"This is such a wonderful tribute to Dr. Malone and his service to this community. I know how much he believed in this community and much he believed in education, so much so that he gave his life time in service. And it is so wonderful of his daughter to carry on his traditions," Sparks said.

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A team of city workers, off-duty policemen and volunteers will bring the jet to Big Spring from San Angelo via Big Lake.

"We hope to have escorts in front and behind the trailer," Little said. "Several off-duty police officers have volunteered to escort the plane."

The demilitarized aircraft will be transported intact on a flatbed trailer and is scheduled to arrive 2 p.m. Thursday.

"We have been concentrating on aircraft that were flown on Webb Air Force Base," Little said. "This exhibit will be a good chance to show current planes and it has a unique history."

"We think this is going to be a really neat exhibit," Little said. "We hope to get a lot of attention and hopefully some attention from the U.S. Marines in the area."

CONFERENCE

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leading a discussion in managing cotton insects with the eradication program.

The session is planned to conclude at 3 p.m. Participants will have an opportunity to receive three continuing education units toward a pesticide applicator's license, including one hour of laws and regulations, one hour IPM, and one hour general.

For more information, contact Howard at the Martin County Extension Office, 756-3316.

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Lodge, 704 W. Third.

THURSDAY

□ Gideons International, Big Spring Camp No. 4206, Hermans, 7 a.m.

□ Big Spring Senior Citizens Center Art Classes, 9:30 to 11:30 a.m. for 55 and older.

□ Kiwanis Club, noon, Howard College Cactus Room. American Legion Auxiliary, 7 p.m.

□ Masonic Lodge No. 598, 7:30 p.m., 219 Main.

FRIDAY

□ Signal Mountain Quilting Guild, 9 a.m. to 5 p.m., St. Mary's Episcopal Church. Bring a lunch.

□ AMBUCS, noon, Brandin' Iron Restaurant.

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

SATURDAY

□ Dance, 8:30 p.m., Eagles Lodge, 704 W. Third. Members and guests welcome.



In 1999, Jim Little helped bring in the first planes to Hangar 25. Thursday, the Hangar 25 Air Museum will be receiving its latest showpiece — an AV-8C Harrier Jet.

Death penalty opponents push for execution moratorium

HUNTSVILLE (AP) — Death penalty opponents gathered Saturday to push for a moratorium on executions, on a weekend sandwiched between four of the seven scheduled for January.

The two-day conference comes during what is scheduled to be second-busiest month for the Texas death house since capital punishment resumed in the state in 1982.

"We see this weekend as an opportunity to meet and work out concrete action plans to achieve a moratorium," said Charles Sullivan, director of the conference's sponsor, the prison reform group Citizens United for Rehabilitation of Errants. This weekend is bookended

by two executions on either side, and three of the four men put to death or scheduled to die have been lightning rods for death penalty opponents.

Many of the conference's attendees protested Friday's execution of Larry Keith Robison, saying a history of mental illness should have been a basis to spare his life. Those calls were echoed by the Vatican, the European Union and mental health activists.

Robison, convicted for a 1982 quintuple murder in Lake Worth, had dropped all of his appeals and asked to be executed.

On Tuesday, Glen Charles McGinnis, 27, is to die for the robbery-slaying 10 years ago of

Dallas area residents asked to voluntarily curb water use

DALLAS (AP) — People in Dallas and 19 area cities will be asked to reduce the number of times they water their lawns and plants and wash their cars for up to 60 days as officials try to cope with one of the driest periods on record.

Starting Monday, the more than 2 million customers served by Dallas Water Utilities will be asked to voluntarily conserve water. The City Council could extend the two-month effort if conditions persist.

"This is a proactive measure to help the citizens of Dallas help protect the water supply," Janell Mirochna, a spokeswoman for Dallas Water Utilities, told The Dallas Morning News.

The utility can meet current demand, but lower water levels in three western Dallas County lakes that supply the utility company have caused concern.

Last year was one of the driest years on record, and weather forecasts call for dry conditions to continue. Rainfall totals in 1999 were below half of the annual average in several parts of the state, the Texas Department of Agriculture said.

During the unusually dry fall and winter months, average daily water consumption has reached new records, Ms.

Mirochna said. Currently, the region's total rainfall is about 10 inches below normal.

Increased water usage could prompt a call for the first mandatory water restriction since the drought of the 1950s, she said.

But the water supply would have to be severely compromised before the city would take such an action, Ms. Mirochna added.

Residential users who are trying to quench their parched lawns are likely to blame for the shortage rather than population increases, she said.

Dallas isn't the only metropolitan area grappling with water-shortage issues.

San Antonio, the nation's largest metropolitan area that relies solely on ground water for its municipal supply, could face mandatory rationing for home and commercial users as early as mid-March if the dry conditions persist. Projections of the Edwards Aquifer's level show it could drop 35 feet from its current level of 665 feet above mean sea level by July.

In Austin, commercial users are restricted from watering grounds during daytime hours from May 1 through Sept. 30 to prevent water loss through evaporation and runoff.

Two dead after small plane crashes near movie theater in San Antonio

SAN ANTONIO (AP) — A small private plane crashed and burned Saturday in a field near a Super K-Mart store and movie theater in San Antonio, killing both people on board.

The plane had taken off at 2:37 p.m. from San Antonio International Airport, headed for El Paso.

"Apparently it experienced problems from the start," said Lisa Burkhardt-Worley, public relations manager for the airport. "Firefighters at the airport heard it sputter. The plane was going northwest and then it made a hard bank right. The engine was on fire before it crashed."

The plane crashed north of the airport in a field behind a Super K-Mart store and a movie theater, said Officer Al Ballew, spokesman for the San Antonio Police Department.

"It could have been a lot worse because the theater and store were packed with people," Ballew said. "There could have been a lot more people injured."

Ballew said several roads around the airport were shut down for a couple of hours because of the crash. A large black cloud billowed after the impact.

"It looks like the pilot was going for the field to avoid hitting any buildings in the area,"

Burkhardt-Worley said. Authorities found the bodies of the two people on board, at least one of them a man.

"Reportedly, some people saw a male and a female get on the plane," said Burkhardt-Worley.

Neither victim was identified immediately.

Officials said it was difficult to tell what kind of plane it was because of the charred wreckage. They said it was a Rockwell Turbo Commander or a Mitsubishi MU2.

Officials with the National Transportation Safety Board's office in Fort Worth were coming in on Sunday to begin their investigation.



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OUR VIEWS

Food festival, symphony are great partners

Love food? Enjoy lively music and dance? Big Spring has a deal for you. Saturday night brings the annual Heritage Museum "Around the World in 80 Bites" food festival from 5:30-7:30 p.m. An evening of entertainment continues at 8 p.m., when San Antonio dance group DanzaHispana performs in the Municipal Auditorium, sponsored by the Big Spring Symphony.

Combination tickets are once again being offered to include both events, for \$13 each. That means for the price of a restaurant meal, you can enjoy samples of food from all over the world, followed by a full program of colorful folkloric dance.

It sometimes can seem that entertainment in Big Spring (or any community) is an all-or-nothing proposition. That is to say a weekend offers either little to do or too much to accomplish. This is an exception: A well-timed evening of two events that complement each other.

Don't miss the opportunity. While you will have to wait a year for another "80 Bites" to return, the DanzaHispana performance might be once-in-a-lifetime.

Combination tickets are available at the museum front desk, 510 Scurry, Tuesday through Saturday from 9 a.m.-5 p.m. Tickets to the symphony performance alone are available at Blum's, Dunlaps, First Bank of West Texas, the Big Spring Area Chamber of Commerce and the symphony office at 808 Scurry.

To learn more about "80 Bites," call the museum at 267-8255.

YOUR VIEWS

TO THE EDITOR:

My name is Jessica P. I am a member Brownie Girl Scout Troop 529 in Marysville, Ohio. The troops in our area are doing a project that we believe you might be able to help us with.

We are looking for residents in your area who are interested in Girl Scouts.

We would like anyone who would like to help us to send us postcards, letters, brochures on points of interest, or any other items that they feel would reflect positive aspects of their area. We would especially like to hear from some local Girl Scout troops about activities that their troops do at regular meetings, special events or

trips, or badges that are unique to their area or council.

We must receive the letters before Jan. 30, 2000.

They can send these items to:

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If they would like us to respond, please enclose a return address.

Verification of this project can be obtained by contacting Seal of Ohio Girl Scout Council in Columbus, Ohio.

Looking forward to hearing from your readers soon.

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Just something about the cutting of cane

Sugar cane farmer Mitch Mequet may sleep in today for the first time in months. He may lift a finger, but only to swat a mosquito or wet a hook.

"You pretty much put your life on hold for four months when the grinding starts," he says. Mitch is a sturdy, blond man who the rest of the year runs several businesses in Henderson and Cecilia. I have seen him in the Atchafalaya Swamp on his little houseboat, relaxing in that patented and enviable Acadiana fashion.

But in the fall and early winter Mitch is intense and serious, his only business getting cane to the sugar mill before too much subtropical weather damages too much tropical crop.

His race ended just last week. The job is done for another year. And it was, he says, "a very good year."

For several harvest seasons now I've wanted to know more about the sugar industry. From

Halloween through January the roadsides of South Louisiana are littered with cane that topples from tractor-pulled hampers on their way to one of the region's 18 sugar mills. And you often can see the smoke billowing from fields, where cut cane is being burned to remove its leaves. When the fire burns out, only the charred stalks remain.

There is something appealingly ritualistic, rudimentary, even romantic in this centuries-old process. Each fresh season, news stories tout an environment-friendly harvester that in the field cuts the cane into small pieces called billets and eliminates the need to burn. For a variety of reasons, plenty of Louisiana cane farmers continue to gather their harvests the old-fashioned way.

And so the local TV weather includes reports of cane-burning sites where visibility may be hindered. And the state sends workers to sweep up the roadsides where cane has scattered like so many black pick-up sticks. And some farmers insist that if the game is changed too much, it would be over.

"It's up to us to use discipline," Mitch says, "not to burn when the wind would send the smoke over the interstate, for instance."

I had started my search for sugar facts at the source. They call little Jeanerette "Sugar City," and the sugar mill on the main street explains why. For 24 hours a day they feed the mill monster with the cane from heaped hampers that slowly waddle into Jeanerette.

I spent a few minutes at the Jeanerette Museum, or "Le Beau Petit Musee." Lucy Justice, the director, played a video for me and a couple of touring snowbirds, all of us wanting a crash course in sugar. For two centuries Louisiana has been a part of the industry.

There I learned a few terms, and that all the cane you see eventually yields juice and a fibrous residue called bagasse. (The director unself-consciously spelled "bagasse" for her giggling visitors.)

The bagasse is burned to power the plant; the juice is boiled and concentrated to a thick syrup that eventually becomes raw sugar. I captured only the basics.

It wasn't until I rode atop the cane cutter with Mitch Mequet that I saw the poetry in the harvest. He was cutting near the interstate in little Henderson, and I caught a ride that lasted for a couple of long cane rows.

We were up high, nine or 10

feet, but the cane was even higher. From the closed cab of the cutter you couldn't see the earth or sky, only cane, and more cane, the leaves beating against the windshield before they fell. It was like being underwater; Mitch was Moses parting the sea.

(When we emerged, at the end of the cane row, there appeared a fenced yard full of roosters being raised for the cockfights still legal here. This was Louisiana in concentrate, distinctive and anachronistic.)

Mitch, I'm fairly certain, thinks more about logistics than poetry when cutting cane. The cutter, which looks like a giant mosquito, uses 70 gallons of diesel a day, and holds 110 gallons of hydraulic oil. (You don't want an oil leak.) A veteran of 12 harvests, Mitch has to keep the machinery up and running to beat nature's deadline. He's really a combination pit crew chief and farmer.

After the harvest, the cane roots are protected from the cold. Some newer varieties can endure up to five years.

There is plenty to do between harvests, all right, but nothing quite compares to the grinding season, when the mills are running, the stalks are falling, the fields are burning and Mitch is cutting his cane. It is breathless.



RHETA GRIMSLEY JOHNSON



"GIVE SOME BACK TO THEM WHAT WE TOOK IT FROM?... ARE YE SHIP-WRECKED?... THINK WHAT THAT WOULD DO TO OUR IMAGE!..."

Papered over with lies and propaganda

It's too bad American officials and American journalists, for that matter, were never as concerned about the lives of Serbian and Iraqi civilians as they apparently are about the lives of the Chechens.

I don't suppose it is necessary to point out that, after the United States rudely ignored Russia when it decided to bomb Russia's traditional ally, no Russian gives two flips or one hoot about American advice to go easy in Chechnya. Americans seem to think that as long as it's Americans who are killing people, including children, from 15,000 feet, it isn't an atrocity, but every other country must negotiate all its disputes. Russia has a long way to go to catch up with our bloody record.

Russia, after all, gave the Chechens a chance, but, instead of having an orderly government, Chechnya descended into anarchy and chaos run by various murderous gangs that, according to the Russians, not only committed terrorism in Moscow but invaded another Russian province. I doubt the Russians will show them any mercy this time.

As for the Russians having more difficulty than expected, I have to ask, expected by whom? Mainly, apparently, by American journalists, who are conditioned to the limited-casualty air wars we periodically conduct against defenseless Third World countries. A ground war is always going to produce casualties, and any experienced soldier will tell you that the toughest of all ground wars is trying to root the enemy out of an urban area. The next worst is dealing with guerrillas in a heavily wooded, mountainous region.

I seriously doubt that any of Russia's commanding officers expected to waltz into Chechnya. Russia has had long experience with Chechen fighters. The Chechens are very good at fighting. That might be their only virtue, so far as I know, but you can be sure that no Russian professional soldier expected them to lay down their arms and peacefully surrender.

At the risk of being repetitious, I should also point out that the war against Chechnya is simply none of our business. As it happens, there are 65 other conflicts going on in the world at this time, and the United States not only has no moral or legal authority to intervene in them, it lacks the competence and the capacity. You can be sure that American politicians, who love to swagger about and bully little countries, will not attempt to bully Russia, just as they have not attempted to bully China. After

all, both of these countries have teeth.

It is, of course, dishonorable and cowardly to bully the weak and to pander to the strong.

Mr. Kofi Annan, who is a United Nations bureaucrat, has announced the Annan Doctrine, which states that when someone decides human rights abuses are taking place, the United Nations can go to war against a sovereign nation. That, of course, is nonsense, especially since it was pronounced by a civil servant representing a bureaucracy with no army.

But if you buy that bilge, then why doesn't Mr. Annan, Mr. Bill Clinton and the murderous Ms. Madeleine Albright start hurling insults and threats at Mr. Vladimir Putin? I think it's fair to say that the Chechen people have only begun to suffer. So where are the threats? Where are the ultimatums? Where is Mr. World Policeman? Where are all those rattling sabers that were directed against 10 million Serbs and 18 million Iraqis?

Hell's bells, you don't suppose these brave new world policeman-types are thinking of Russia's 10,000 nuclear warheads, do you?

I hope to live long enough to once again praise U.S. foreign policy for being constitutional, humane and just.

Right now it's as corrupt, as devious, as hypocritical as U.S. domestic policy.

It's based on hidden agendas and papered over with lies and propaganda.



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Bush

FORT WORTH Republican George W. Bush has issued a statement since taking office, according to a report by Star-Telegram. "Pardons obtained in the past are less than they should be," the Bush administration president, said. "I will pardon anyone who has been wrongfully convicted by a Texas court, and I will pardon anyone who has been wrongfully convicted by a federal court." The last time...

Prison

MALLEN Criminal Justice Institute director that the director that is currently training for the position. Charles Godwin, Texas Department of Criminal Justice Executive Director, told the board that he was not qualified to be in the position because of a lack of training. Job performance was not examined. "We do not have a training program," Godwin said. "We do not have a training program."

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Bush sets 50-year low for number of pardons issued since taking office

FORT WORTH (AP) — Republican Gov. George W. Bush has issued 16 pardons since taking office in 1995, the fewest number in half a century, according to state records examined by the Fort Worth Star-Telegram.

"Pardons are not easily obtained in this state, and they're less easily obtained in the Bush administration, particularly while he's running for president," said Bill Habern, a Democrat and Huntsville attorney who has represented Texans seeking pardons.

The last time a governor

issued fewer than 16 pardons was between 1941 and 1947, when Democrat Coke Stevenson had six, state records show. Bush's predecessor, Democrat Ann Richards, issued 70 during her four years in office. In two non-consecutive terms between 1979 and 1991, Republican Bill Clements approved 822, while Democrat John Connally issued 1,048 between 1963 and 1969.

Bush said the low number of pardons wasn't politically motivated. He said he just learned to be more careful about pardoning Steven Raney in 1995 for a 1988 marijuana conviction.

In that case, the unpaid Ellis County constable was caught stealing cocaine from a drug bust a few months after Bush wiped his drug conviction clean.

"That caused a complete review of the process," Bush said. "I have nothing against pardoning. I just haven't been very aggressive on it."

Many victim's rights groups supported Bush's stance.

"It's a question of accepting responsibility for your actions," said Rusty Hubbarth, a spokesman for the crime victims' group Justice for All.

"There's no such thing as a get-out-of-jail-free card, or get-out-of-stigma-free card," he said. "If they don't meet the state criteria, they don't get a pardon; that's the bottom line."

Granting a pardon effectively wipes out a conviction and restores a person's civil rights. As with death penalty commutations, it can be granted only after a request from the Texas Board of Pardons and Paroles.

According to state figures, the governor-appointed board has recommended 118 pardons since 1995. Bush granted 16 pardons and rejected about 350, a num-

ber which includes requests pending from the previous administration.

Bush has taken no action on some three dozen board recommendations.

"I think it's really an abdication of leadership and responsibility not to exercise powers that are vested in him," said Gary Cohen, an Austin defense attorney.

The governor is considering the recommendations, said Bush spokeswoman Linda Edwards.

Board officials said most of the cases in which pardons

were recommended were misdemeanors, many of them stemming from drug offenses in the 1970s or 1980s.

Bush issued some pardons for petty crimes committed years ago. Janie Burrell, for example, was convicted of stealing a Christmas wreath off the front door of a home in her Jasper neighborhood in 1990.

Bush could probably relate to the woman's plight. He got caught stealing a Christmas wreath in the 1960s when he was a college student playing a fraternity prank. His misdemeanor charge was dropped.

Prison board says official's complaints unfounded

McALLEN (AP) — The Texas Board of Criminal Justice on Friday dismissed allegations by the prison system's training director that corrections officers are inadequately trained and that prison officials lied to the public.

Charles Godwin, who has urged that Texas Department of Criminal Justice Executive Director Wayne Scott resign, told the board that prison guards are subjected to increased assaults and are not adequately prepared to handle them because of an underfunded and inadequate training program.

Job performance of Gary Johnson, TDCJ Institutional Division director, was also examined.

"We do not believe that Mr. Scott or Mr. Johnson or anyone working on their behalf has lied or misled or deceived the governor or the people of the state of Texas or this board," said interim chairman Mac Stringfellow after the board met in an executive session to discuss the two officials.

"We firmly believe that the training program will continue to meet the standards and the needs of correctional officers," Stringfellow said.

Godwin contended that TDCJ has lowered academic standards and reduced the length of training. He also said there's a uniformed instructor shortage and that recruiters are needed to seek out qualified corrections officer candidates to alleviate

the understaffing at prisons.

"I speak from the position that effective training can save lives," Godwin told the board, as he read from a 41-page report he prepared. "The degree of support for training, to me, is an indicator of how much the prison administration really cares."

Godwin made a number of suggestions, which he also included in a letter to Gov. George W. Bush, including strengthening the training curriculum and teaching better defense skills like hand-to-hand combat.

Godwin accused the TDCJ public information office of lying to the public after Officer Daniel Nagle was stabbed at the McConnell Unit near Beeville and a disturbance occurred at the prison days later. Godwin quoted them as saying "there's no threat to security."

TDCJ spokesman Glen Castlebury clarified that he'd said the public was safe, despite incidents like the one at McConnell, where about 80 inmates were let out of their cells but never left the cell block.

"I have tried to get the news media's attention for five years on the dangers faced by these correctional officers. This poor fellow over here is trying to use one sentence for his own purpose," Castlebury said.

Godwin also told the board he supported the convening of a special session of the

Legislature on prison officer salaries, a suggestion that has gained momentum since the Beeville incidents.

In response, prison officials pointed out that a TDCJ committee is already working on strengthening the training curriculum and that suggestions made by Godwin were the same suggestions being prepared by that committee.

"I'm not sure why he chose to break away from the committee that was working on the very issues and problems ... coming up with the same plan he submitted to the governor," Stringfellow said after the meeting.

Scott also pointed out that the state's training program is accredited by the American Correctional Association. Godwin argued that the ACA's requirements when it comes to evaluating teaching and learning were lacking, an assertion that Stringfellow dismissed.

Scott said he hadn't thought about whether to take disciplinary action against Godwin. Godwin indicated he was ready to take TDCJ to court, if necessary, to keep his job.

"I don't plan to let them run me off," he said.

Godwin feels he helped bring the problems corrections officers face to light by speaking Friday.

"Somebody has to stand up for these officers," he said.

Jail shakedown trial judge quits case after comments

CLUTE (AP) — The federal judge who presided over the trials of four jailers indicted for a videotaped prisoner shakedown at the Brazoria County jail abruptly recused himself just before the second trial of a jailer was to begin.

U.S. District Judge Kenneth Hoyt did not offer any immediate explanations for the move, which came around 5 p.m. Friday. Hoyt was to preside at K-9 officer David Cisneros' second trial.

But Cisneros' attorney had told the judge's staff that morning he would ask Hoyt to recuse himself based on comments made last week at former Lt. Lester Arnold's sentencing.

"As we saw with a couple of the trials, there is no end to what these law enforcement officers will do to avoid responsibility," Hoyt said from the bench at Arnold's sentencing Tuesday. "They will lie, they will cheat, they will steal, they will do whatever it takes."

Those comments, defense attorney Guy Womack said, suggest the judge had already decided Cisneros was guilty.

"If he did say the things that were attributed to him, the hon-

orable thing for him to do was to recuse himself," Womack told The Facts, a Brazoria County newspaper. "This did not sound like a judge who was neutral and objective."

The judge had caused controversy with his courtroom behavior at the first trial when he voiced opinions — while jurors were out of the room — about whether the defendants were guilty.

In November, Hoyt refused the government's request to dismiss the charges against Cisneros after his trial ended with a hung jury.

The former sheriff's deputy, who is now a Lake Jackson police officer, has been under indictment since 1998. His retrial is postponed until another judge is assigned the case.

Cisneros is accused of violating the civil rights of a Missouri inmate who is seen screaming on the 1996 jail videotape as he is bitten by Cisneros' police dog.

The videotape also shows other sheriff's personnel and jailers from Capital Correctional Resources Inc. forcing inmates to lie on the floor and crawl around during searches.

Lipscomb recovering at hospital; arguments rescheduled

AMARILLO (AP) — Doctors think restrictive lung disease may have caused Dallas city councilman Al Lipscomb to suffer shortness of breath moments before jurors heard closing arguments in his federal trial.

Lipscomb, however, still has not been diagnosed and more tests were scheduled Saturday.

Defense attorney Scottie Allen said Friday night that doctors think Lipscomb also is suffering from an irregular heart beat.

"I'm feeling much better," Lipscomb said from his hospital bed in the coronary care unit at Amarillo's Northwest Texas Hospital.

Lipscomb, hooked to a heart monitor and oxygen tubes, said he couldn't understand why the doctors did not let him go home on the same day he was admitted to the hospital.

"Scottie, is there something they're not telling me?" Lipscomb asked his defense attorney.

The civil rights leader complained Friday morning of shortness of breath and disorientation after arriving at the J. Marvin Jones Federal

Courthouse. Closing arguments have been tentatively rescheduled for Tuesday.

"I could feel it coming on," Lipscomb recalled. "I felt disoriented. It came on so fast."

His daughter Taveya said, "He called me about 3 or 4 this morning and I could tell something was wrong. He wasn't resting well."

Lipscomb said he was struggling earlier Friday to keep up with his defense attorney as they walked into the courthouse.

"I could have been hollering to hold it up and you wouldn't have heard me," he said to Allen, who was visited Lipscomb Friday night. The 74-year-old joked that he could have ended up laid out in front of the courthouse.

Lipscomb said after he entered the courthouse, he decided to go to the bathroom. That's when he realized he needed a doctor, he said.

From there, he said, he was escorted into a marshal's office where a courthouse employee placed wet towels on his forehead and gave him a drink of water until paramedics arrived.

Lipscomb said he anticipated being ready for court by Tuesday morning after his expected release Sunday.

Lipscomb is charged with 65 counts of bribery and conspiracy for accepting \$1,000 monthly payments from Yellow Cheetah Cab Co. owner Floyd Richards.

Richards pleaded guilty to one count of conspiracy in exchange for his testimony against Lipscomb.

Allen said when Richards heard that Lipscomb had been hospitalized, he called one of the councilman's children. He told Lipscomb that Richards said he and his wife would visit sometime this weekend.

"Is that right?" Lipscomb said when he found out Richards called. "Mr. Floyd called? ... When is he coming?"

Doctors determined on Friday that Lipscomb had not suffered a heart attack.

Allen said Lipscomb will remain in Amarillo until his trial resumes.

"I'm sure under these circumstances it will probably be a lot better for him to remain here in Amarillo," Allen said.

Prosecutors asked Judge Joe

Kendall not to inform jurors of Lipscomb's illness.

"Their thinking is that would cause some ... unnecessary sympathy," Allen said.

But Kendall told the jury that Lipscomb had "fallen ill" and instructed them to return Tuesday for closing arguments and the start of deliberations. He asked defense attorneys to notify him of Lipscomb's condition on Monday.

"We'll continue when we can continue," Kendall said.

Lipscomb told Allen he had wanted to finish the trial Friday afternoon.

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Elian's grandmothers urge Reno to return boy to his father in Cuba

WASHINGTON (AP) — Elian Gonzalez's grandmothers told Attorney General Janet Reno "how much they are suffering" over the 6-year-old's continued stay in the United States and appealed for help Saturday in reuniting the youngster with his father in Cuba.

The grandmothers gave her a letter expressing the wish that Elian be returned to "the normality of life with his father, brother, family, friends at schools, his toys, dog and parrot." Reno was said to have shown "enormous compassion."

Mariela Quintana, paternal grandmother of 6-year-old Elian, and maternal grandmother Raquel Rodriguez did not speak to reporters after the 45-minute meeting at the Justice

Department. But their three-paragraph letter was released, and officials of the U.S. and Cuban Council of Churches described their sentiments afterwards.

There was no immediate comment from the Justice Department, although Reno was expected to issue a statement. Also attending the meeting with Doris Meissner, the Immigration and Naturalization Service commissioner.

The Very Rev. Oden Marichal, head of the Cuban church group, told reporters, "The two grandmothers expressed how much they are suffering because of this separation from their family on behalf of Elian Gonzalez."

"This has been a very good

opportunity for them to express their deep feeling as grandmothers to the (attorney general) asking the return of Elian to Cuba.

"We understand that grandchildren belong to every grandfather and grandmother."

The INS Service has ordered the boy returned to Cuba.

Reno has agreed, saying the youngster belongs with his father in the communist island where he was raised.

The grandmothers sought the meeting with Reno and Meissner, U.S. officials said.

Representatives of the National Council of Churches, representing mainline Protestant denominations, have been serving as the grandmothers' hosts during their stay of unde-

termined length in the U.S.

The Rev. Bob Edgar, a former Democratic House member and general secretary of the church organization, said the grandmothers "shared with the attorney general their pain in the loss of this grandchild. Both grandmothers articulated as clearly as anyone could the hunger and passion that they have to return their grandchild to Cuba."

Edgar said the grandmothers' only plans at this point were to return Saturday to New York.

No plans have been announced for them to visit the boy, who is with his Miami relatives, or to return home. But they wrote in their letter: "We only have Sunday to see Elian, and we not only want to see

him, but we also want to return with him to Cuba."

Edgar told reporters that Saturday's meeting was intended "to open the dialogue and the conversation" with Reno. "The grandmothers had a wonderful opportunity to speak to them and that's really all that I can say at this time."

He said Reno "showed enormous compassion for these two courageous women. There was a long opportunity where they simply talked back and forth with each other. It was a very personal meeting."

Elian has been in the middle of a custody fight between the U.S. relatives in Miami's politically powerful Cuban community and the father and grandmothers living in Cuba.

The fight has escalated far beyond a family feud, becoming the latest centerpiece of the decades-long battle between anti-Castro Cubans and Cuban President Fidel Castro.

Elian was found clinging to an inner tube off the coast of Florida on Nov. 25 after the boat taking him to the United States capsized, killing his mother, her boyfriend and nine others.

The grandmothers' letter said Elian's stay in the United States "adds to the tragedy of the family over the loss" of the boy's mother, Elizabeth.

They expressed gratitude that the U.S. government had affirmed the paternity rights of father Juan Miguel Gonzalez, but expressed frustration over the prolonged custody fight.

Hundreds of activists on both sides mark anniversary of Roe vs. Wade

WASHINGTON (AP) — Hundreds of activists on both sides of the abortion debate converged on the nation's capital Saturday to mark the 27th anniversary of the Roe v. Wade decision with a weekend of vigils, marches and protests.

The weekend events were to lead up to Monday's annual March for Life rally and march up Constitution Avenue to the Capitol and the Supreme Court.

It was Jan. 22, 1973, that the

Supreme Court made abortion legal.

Saturday, about 50 anti-abortion protesters, wearing T-shirts that read "Mr. Clinton Stop Killing Children" and "Abortion is Homicide," waited in freezing temperatures to tour the White House.

Protesters also gathered outside a downtown Planned Parenthood office less than five blocks from the White House.

"It's the same as always," said

Anthony Sheehan, an anti-abortion activist from Alexandria, Va. "When they stop killing children, we'll stop showing up."

Jatrice Martel Gaiter, president and chief executive officer of Planned Parenthood of Metropolitan Washington DC Inc., said she was "appalled that 27 years after Roe vs. Wade we are still having the same sidewalk debate."

"The decision to choose

should be a decision a woman makes for herself. Abortion existed before Roe vs. Wade and will always exist," Gaiter said.

The Saturday protests came a day after a federal judge in Washington ordered seven abortion protesters, including the director of Operation Rescue National, not to obstruct access to reproductive health care clinics in the Washington area.

The ruling from U.S. District Judge Gladys Kessler came in

response to a lawsuit filed by the U.S. Justice Department in June 1998. The injunction prohibits the defendants from coming within 20 feet of any reproductive health facility within the Washington area.

The lawsuit had alleged that the seven defendants, including Philip Benham, Operation Rescue's director, and Patrick Mahoney, director of the Christian Defense Coalition, violated the Freedom of Clinic

Entrances Act by obstructing entrances of an abortion clinic in January 1998.

Mahoney was among protesters outside the downtown abortion clinic Saturday. "Our presence here is to protect life, to say it is important," he said.

Troy Newham, a California man with Operation Rescue West, angrily accused the judge of showing her "true colors" and promised to return to challenge the judge's order.

Beach city hate speech policy has been igniting First Amendment debates

LAGUNA BEACH, Calif. (AP) — It began with a homophobic remark — dirty words yelled out a car window as William Petrasich walked along a street in Southern California.

When he told police, Petrasich was turned away. No crime committed, they said.

So he took his case public in a letter-writing campaign.

The result is a new police policy of documenting hate speech — even when no crime is committed. The policy has ignited a debate about free speech in this Orange County seaside resort community.

"When the government starts to record what people say, is your speech really free?" said Peter Eliasberg of the American Civil Liberties Union in Los

Angeles. "If the speech is protected, the government has no business of keeping track of it. They are trampling on the Constitution."

But those who have been targeted by such remarks say it's a matter of safety and being able to walk the streets without fear of harassment.

"I respect the First Amendment, but I also have a right to be free of verbal assault," said Petrasich, an attorney at 20th Century Fox studios. He is also gay.

A handful of police departments around the country have been documenting racist remarks for years. Police in West Hollywood, Calif., file reports on such incidents. In New York City, the Bias Crime

Investigations Unit is dedicated to documenting and investigating racist actions, including hateful remarks.

The ACLU, however, says hate speech is a gray area and Eliasberg says he plans to keep an eye on such policies.

"Ethnic and gender labels are protected so long as they do not pose a reasonable fear of eminent harm," Eliasberg said. "We may not like that kind of speech, but it is protected."

Laguna Beach, which has a prominent gay population, sits along the famed Pacific Coast Highway that serves as a main traffic artery on the state's scenic coast.

The city is known nationally for its arts community, punctuated by a slew of boutiques and

restaurants.

In a letter to city officials, Petrasich recounted his experience as a tourist during a weekend trip to the city in October. He said an anti-gay remark was hurled at him by a passing motorist.

"Yeah, they drove off. But I didn't know if they were going to come back for Round 2," he said. "It was so bad I returned to my hotel and didn't go out for the rest of the evening."

Around the same time, several other anti-gay incidents occurred, including a water balloon thrown at a gay man at a restaurant and a group of teens who sprayed another gay man with a fire extinguisher.

Although there is no written policy, Police Chief James

Spreine said officers were instructed in December to start taking incident reports.

"The message we're sending is we want you to come to Laguna Beach and feel safe," he said. "We're going to treat it very seriously."

Since December, the police department has not received any complaints that it considered significant.

"This is not Nazi, Germany. I'm not Hitler. We're not creating secret files," Spreine said. "Just driving by and making a statement is not a crime. But I think the incident should be documented."

"What do I do with it? Nothing. But if the person later becomes a victim of a crime, we can look back and ... maybe come up with a lead," he said.

David Duke forming white civil rights group

WASHINGTON (AP) Citing a need for whites to band together and protect themselves from America's growing minority population, former Ku Klux Klansman David Duke has started a civil rights group for whites.

"I respect other cultures, but I really want America to remain with the values of our forefathers," Duke said at a news conference Friday. "European Americans must band together as a group the same way African Americans do, the same way other minorities do."

He announced formation of the National Organization for European American Rights.

About 75 organizers of the new group, which will be based in Mandeville, La., plan to meet tonight in Philadelphia, and Duke said there already are member representatives in 30 states.

"European Americans face a situation where we're going to be outnumbered and outvoted in our own country," said Duke, who is chairman of the Republican Party in Louisiana's St. Tammany Parish.

The Census Bureau projects that non-Hispanic whites will drop from 72 percent of the total population in 1999 to 53 percent by the year 2050 as immigration increases and the population of minorities grows more rapidly than whites.

"I guarantee there are many European Americans who are refugees in our own cities," Duke said, lashing out at what he called biased treatment in favor of blacks, Hispanics, Jews and homosexuals. "We like our values. We like our culture. We want to preserve it."

Ken Jacobson, assistant national director for the Anti-Defamation League, called

Duke's announcement a transparent effort by "a leading racist and hater" to recast himself as a civil rights leader.

This is not Duke's first time starting an organization geared toward whites. After resigning in 1978 as national director of the Knights of Ku Klux Klan, he formed the National Association for the Advancement of White People. He left that organization in 1989 when he was elected to Louisiana's House of Representatives.

Duke cited low white birth rates, interracial marriages and immigration rates as key factors reducing the white share of the U.S. population.

Affirmative action and immigration are two issues the group will tackle, Duke said, adding that a team of lawyers was being assembled.

"The destruction of a specific entity of people, it's called geno-

cide," he said. "If the present immigration rates continue ... the European American people will basically be lost as an entity. We are losing our heritage and our way of life."

Clinton wants money to help poor get online

WASHINGTON (AP) President Clinton, pursuing his goal of connecting all Americans to the Internet, will propose federal subsidies to narrow the "digital divide" and help millions of low-income families go online, administration officials said today.

A draft proposal calls for spending as much as \$100 million to provide computers and Internet access in perhaps as many as 9 million households, but the officials cautioned that Clinton has not settled on the size of his proposal.

The president is expected to announce his proposal in his State of the Union address Thursday. He says Internet access and usage should be as commonplace as the telephone.

Late last year, Clinton set a national goal of connecting all Americans to the Internet, not only in schools and libraries but also in homes, small businesses and community centers. Commerce Secretary William Daley is spearheading an effort with the private sector to develop a strategy for achieving Clinton's goal.

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IN BRIEF

Junior high Lady Steers chalk up tourney wins

Big Spring Junior High School's Lady Steers squads opened play in their own tournament Friday with wins over Colorado City teams.

The Lady Steers seventh opened the basketball tournament with a 39-10 win behind the 12 points scored by Shannon Higgins. Rachel Gee added six more.

In the eighth-grade Lady Steers' 33-25 win over Colorado City, Leina Braxton did most of the damage for Big Spring with 22 points.

Big Spring Bass Club holds first tourney of year

Phillip Smith hauled in the big bass of 8.88 pounds, and in the process, took first place during the Big Spring Bass Club's first monthly tournament of the year at Lake Colorado City.

Gary Burt finished second in the standings with 5.70 pounds of fish, while Mark McMahon was third with 5.05 pounds.

The club's next tournament is set for Feb. 19 at Lake Nasworthy in San Angelo.

For more information, call Jim Crenshaw at 267-6129.

Charlie Johnson named NMSU department head

Big Spring native and former NFL quarterback Charlie Johnson has been named as head of New Mexico State University's chemical engineering department.

In taking over the NMSU department, Johnson, 61, returns to his alma mater where he was recruited in the late 1950s as a basketball player.

Johnson went on to quarterback the Aggies to 8-3 and 11-0 records in 1959 and 1960, seasons that included sun Bowl wins.

While playing for the St. Louis Cardinals, Johnson received his masters and doctoral degrees in chemical engineering at Washington University in St. Louis.

Junior high netters post shutout of Colorado City

Colorado City Middle School's Wolves and Lady Wolves proved no match for Big Spring Junior High's Steers and Lady Steers netters Thursday afternoon.

Big Spring took all 17 matches played in seventh-grade competition, as well as the nine matches played by eighth-graders.

In fact, the eighth-grade netters gave up just one game during the entire match.

Jake Smiley, Vishal Shroff, Justin Ferrell, Ame Blacketer, Lauren Chesworth, Heather Parnell and Stephanie Franco all won their singles matches at love.

In seventh-grade action, Big Spring got singles wins from Jason vela, Nicholas Paradez, Regan Creswell, Veronica Villarreal, Jessica Ybarra, Jessica Brown, Alex Garipey, Synda Calabrevas, Marissa Viera, Jessica Hughey and Heather Knappe, none of them surrendering more than two games.

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Television COLLEGE BASKETBALL Women

2 p.m. — Georgia at Auburn, FXS, Ch. 29.

NATIONAL FOOTBALL LEAGUE

11:30 a.m. — AFC Championship, Tennessee Titans at Jacksonville Jaguars, CBS, Ch. 7.

3 p.m. — NFC Championship, Tampa Bay Buccaneers at St. Louis Rams, FOX, Ch. 3.

NATIONAL HOCKEY LEAGUE

7 p.m. — Philadelphia Flyers at Pittsburgh Penguins, ESPN, Ch. 30.

GOLF

2 p.m. — PGA Bob Hope Chrysler Classic, final round, ABC, Ch. 2 and Ch. 8.

4:30 p.m. — Senior PGA MasterCard Championship, final round, ESPN, Ch. 30.

GYMNASTICS

1 p.m. — SEC Super 6 Challenge, ESPN, Ch. 30.

Surprise teams in NFC title game no longer a fluke

ST. LOUIS (AP) — Where are the Cowboys? The 49ers? The Packers?

Sure, none of them made the NFC championship game last year, but wasn't that a fluke? Those were the powerhouse teams of the 1990s, and one of them must belong in the title game.

Not quite. The Cowboys lost in the first round of the playoffs. The Packers were a .500 team, and the 49ers had their worst season in nearly two decades.

So when the St. Louis Rams and Tampa Bay Buccaneers trot onto the Trans World Dome turf today, it might be the start of a new era. Regardless, it sure is better than what we've come to expect from these two franchises.

The Rams were the losingest team of the 1990s until their turnaround season, going from 4-12 to 13-3.

"The only thing I've talked about is winning, even when we lost eight straight," coach Dick Vermeil said. "I would tell them, 'I can't promise you when we are going to, but we're going to win. I don't think anyone can do anything if he plays in fear of losing.'"

There's no fear in his team's eyes, and why should there be? The Rams have the league's most dynamic and dangerous offense, led by quarterback Kurt Warner, the NFL's Most Valuable Player, and running back Marshall Faulk, the Offensive Player of the Year. It has a defense that hasn't allowed a 100-yard rusher all season and ranks sixth overall.

It has a perfect 9-0 record at home in the noisy dome.

"We have a lot of quality guys on this

team." All-Pro defensive end Kevin Carter, the NFL sacks leader with 17, said. "It shows in the type of game we play and the maturity we have. The guys we've assembled are really quality people and that has made a difference."

"The chemistry is just right. Whatever it is you say you can bottle and sell for \$1 million, well, we've got it."

The Bucs, 12-5 and winners of the NFC Central, also have been losers for much of the decade. Where they have an edge in negativity is that they've generally been a poor team throughout their 24-year history.

But when Tony Dungy took over as coach in 1996, their luck and their record began turning around. They made the playoffs two years ago and now are one step from their first Super Bowl.

Of course, they got this far in 1979, only to lose to the Los Angeles Rams for the NFC crown.

He has instilled the proper work ethic and built a dominating defense that will be put to the supreme test Sunday.

"Everyone does their job and works hard and are always trying to get to the Super Bowl and win it," Dungy said. "But you do not get validated in one game or one season, but more how you do in the long haul."

"It would be great to get there, but the world would not come to an end if we do not get there. If you do, you are not automatically going into the Hall of Fame."

The Hall of Shame has been more like it for the Bucs. But nobody on the Rams'

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Lady Steers pound Fort Stockton, 62-28

By JOHN A. MOSELEY Sports Editor

Big Spring's Lady Steers put themselves solidly in the District 5-4A girls' basketball playoff chase Friday night while rolling to an easy 62-28 win over Fort Stockton's Prowlers.

Even without the services of sophomore post Meghan Pudliner, whose status is undetermined after having injured a knee during workouts Thursday afternoon, the Lady Steers had simply too much firepower for shorter and less-skilled Prowlers.

"We played a good, solid game tonight," Lady Steers head coach Kathy Loter said after watching her team improve its record to 14-10 overall and 3-2 in district play.

"We hurt them with our pressure defensively," Loter added. "And with our advantage in height inside, as well as having better offensive skills, we were able to dominate just about every facet of the game."

With the win the Lady Steers find themselves in a three-way tie for second place in the 5-4A standings along with Snyder's Lady Tigers and San Angelo Lake View's Maidens.

Lake View created the three-way logjam in second place Friday night when they took a 33-31 upset win over Snyder in San Angelo.

Fort Stockton remained mired in the 5-4A girls' standings, the loss to the Lady Steers leaving them with a 6-18 mark overall and winless in five district starts.

The Lady Steers scored early and often in Friday's win, controlling the opening tip and working the ball inside to LaTrisha Rollins for the game's first bucket.

In fact, the Lady Steers scored eight straight points to open the game. Rollins and freshman post Christina Gwyn doing the damage with a couple of shots each from close range.

Senior Melissa Flenniken added a pair of goals and turned the second into a three-point play when she was fouled and hit the free throw to give Big Spring a 13-2 lead midway through the opening period.

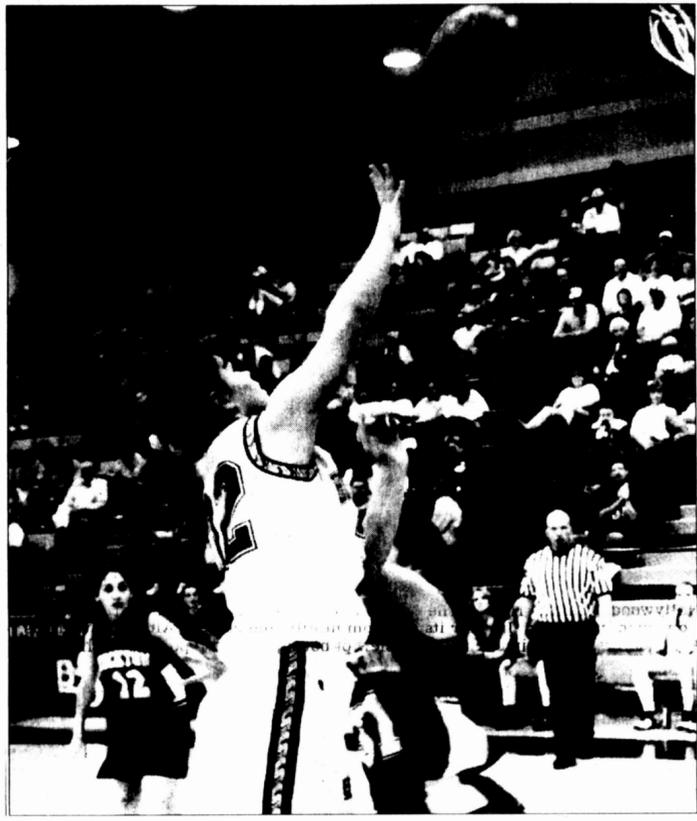
The Lady Steers' hot hand seemed to cool for a few moments, but reserve guard Chelsea Churchwell came off the bench to steal a Fort Stockton pass and convert it with a layup, and a few moments later, nailed a three-pointer that allowed Big Spring to take an 18-5 lead into the second quarter.

That second period proved to be much the same as the first, Big Spring limiting the Prowlers to just five points, while scoring 17 of their own to take a 35-10 advantage at halftime.

The only real difference was the cast of characters that provided the bulk of Big Spring's second-quarter scoring. Reserve guard Angela McGee came up with six of the nine points she'd score on the evening, Flenniken would add six more to her total and point guard Melissa Forth would come up big in the final two minutes for her first four points.

For Fort Stockton, however, the worst was yet to come.

The Lady Steers were nothing short of unstoppable in the third period, outscoring



Big Spring freshman Christina Gwyn (23) goes up and scores over the defensive effort of Fort Stockton's Tangle Quintela during the Lady Steers' 62-28 win Friday night.

Fort Stockton 22-6, to take an easy 57-6 lead into the final eight minutes.

Forth did most of the damage for Big Spring in the third quarter, igniting a 19-2 run during a four-minute span that literally added insult to injury.

The fourth quarter was simply time to kill for the Lady Steers, as they managed to score just once from the field and hit just three of 13 free throw opportunities they were afforded.

As a result, Fort Stockton was able to make the final score a little more respect, as guard Arcie Primera scored eight of her team-topping 10 points down the stretch.

Primera would be the only Prowlers player to come anywhere near double figures, while the Lady Steers had three.

Flenniken paced the Big Spring scoring attack with 16 points, while Gwyn added 13 and Forth chipped in 12 more. All eight players on the Lady Steers roster contributed to the Big Spring total, however.

"We kind of let things get away from us there in the fourth quarter," Loter admitted. "We didn't do a good job of taking care of the ball."

More than likely, the Lady Steers were simply too far ahead on the scoreboard to remain focused.

Forsan squads take first 2-2A wins of season from Junction

HERALD Staff Reports

FORSAN — It had been a while in coming, but Forsan basketball fans walked away smiling Friday night after watching the Buffaloes and Queens post a District 2-2A sweep over Junction's Eagles and Lady Eagles.

The evening's opener saw the Queens roll to a 56-32 win, while the Buffs had a more difficult time in holding on for a 49-47 victory.

Tiffany Sayles led the way the Queens, scoring 15 points, while Tonnie Loera added 13 to the Forsan total and Jancy Crowe chipped in 12 more.

The Queens pulled out to an 18-11 lead at the end of the first quarter before outscoring the Lady Eagles 20-8 in the second period to take a 38-19 advantage at halftime.

And when the Queens held Junction to just two points in the third quarter, they

were able to coast home from a 49-21 lead.

In the nightcap, the Buffs got off to a somewhat slow start and were on the short end of a 17-12 score at the end of the first period.

But Forsan rallied in the second quarter and outscored Junction 15-9 to take a 27-26 lead at the break.

The Buffs held the same margin 39-38 going into the final eight minutes of play and kept pace with the Eagles to chalk up their first district win.

Post Daniel Whetsel paced the Buffs with 18 points, while Logan Stanley added 16 and David Stone chipped in 11 more.

GIRLS' GAME Forsan 56, Junction 32 JUNCTION — Lewis 1, Freeman 8, Gass 6, Sissell 11, Braswell 2, Shuttle 4. Totals 12 7 10 32. Forsan — Gambale 1, Loera 13, Smith 7, Crowe 12, Alexander 2, Sayles 15, Hogg 3, Newell 2. Totals 22 10 18 56.

Score by Quarters:

JUNCTION 11 8 2 11 32

FORSAN 18 20 11 7 56

Three-point goals: Junction 1 (Sissell), Forsan 3 (Loera 2, Smith). Records: Junction 6-16, 0-6; Forsan 7-15, 1-5.

BOYS' GAME Forsan 49, Junction 47 JUNCTION — Brooks 2, Hailey 16, Valverde 8, Beem 8, Taylor 5, Rowe 8. Totals 19 4 11 47.

FORSAN — Stone 11, Stanley 16, Neel 2, Baker 2, Whetsel 18. Totals 22 4 8 49.

Score by Quarters: JUNCTION 17 9 12 9 47 FORSAN 12 15 12 10 49

Three-point goals: Junction 5 (Hailey 3, Valverde, Taylor), Forsan 1 (Stone). Records: Junction is 1-3 in District 2-2A; Forsan is 9-12, 1-3.

Stanton squads send Plains home with losses

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Steers discover Panthers, Groth too tough to stop

By JOHN A. MOSELEY Sports Editor

It was, as Yogi Berra once observed, like deja vu all over again.

For the third time in as many District 5-4A outings, Big Spring's Steers jumped out to an early lead Friday night, only to fall victim of a determined comeback by their opponent.

The result was a 71-59 win by Fort Stockton's Panthers that left them tied for second place in the 5-4A standings with Andrews' Mustangs, one game behind league-leading Snyder.

The Steers dropped to 0-3 in district play and are now at the .500 mark on the season with a 13-13 record overall.

What is perhaps most frustrating for the Steers and head coach Jimmy Avery, is the fact that they probably played as well as they're capable of playing.

"I'm awfully proud of these guys," Avery said after having seen Fort Stockton come back from a 17-14 deficit at the first quarter's close. "These kids aren't quitting ... you can play any harder than they've been playing."

"We've just run into situations where we've played people who had better offensive skills and it's hurt us when it counted the most — at the end of the game."

That was clearly the case Friday, as the Steers jumped out to an early 9-4 lead behind the lead of junior swingman Jason Woodruff, only to see the Panthers rally behind the lead of 6-foot-6 post Luke Groth.

Groth scored eight of the Panthers' first quarter points, and added six more in the second quarter as Fort Stockton battled its way to a 39-37 halftime lead.

For a moment or two, it looked as if Fort Stockton would run away and hide late in the second quarter, as guard Andrew Alvarez nailed a pair of three-point shots to spark a 12-2 run that turned a 27-27 deadlock into a 10-point Panther lead with less than a minute remaining in the half.

The Steers, however, closed with a flurry of activity. Clarence Wilkins coming up with a tip-in, Woodruff hitting a free throw, Gary Harris connecting from close range and Arthur Belvin nailing a three-pointer with one second left.

The Steers would come back from the break and again tie the game on a short jumper by senior post Lance Brock.

But Fort Stockton retaliated with eight straight points and the Steers would never again get any closer than four points of the lead.

Again, Groth did most of the damage offensively for the Panthers, scoring 12 third-points that literally kept the Steers at bay, allowing Fort Stockton to take a 56-49 lead into the fourth quarter.

The Steers would score three quick

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In the opener, the Lady Buffs improved

their 3-2A mark to 3-2 with a 64-45 win over the Cowgirls, thereby staying in the thick of the district race.

The win improved the Lady Buffs overall mark to 20-6.

Rachel Madison scored a game-high 20 points for Stanton, while Stephanie Washington added 14 and Jessica DeLeon chipped in 12 more.

In the nightcap, Blaine Smith led the Buffs to a 55-48 win over the highly-touted Cowboys, as he scored 12 points, Brady Cook and Will Harris added 10 points apiece for the Buffs.

Defense was the key for the Buffs, as they allowed the Cowboys just 13 points in the second half.

The win improved the Buffs' record to 13-4 overall and 2-1 in district play. Plains dropped to 18-5 on the season and 2-1 in district.

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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 25, New York 24, Philadelphia 23, Boston 22, Orlando 17, Washington 13

FOOTBALL

National Football League
NFL—Raiders coach Bill Belichick breached his contract when he resigned as coach of the New York Jets and can't work for another team without the NFL's approval through the 2000 season.

Titans go after Jaguars
Just who are these people playing for the AFC championship anyway?

JACKSONVILLE, Fla. (AP) — Jimmy Smith led the NFL with 116 receptions, but he didn't make first team All-Pro. The Jacksonville Jaguars think they know why.
"I don't think we'll get any respect until we win the Super Bowl," says Leon Searcy, the Jags' offensive right tackle.

straight seasons and was in the conference title game its second year.
One reason is that it's bordered on all sides by teams with more tradition — Atlanta to the north, Tampa Bay and Miami to the south — this was prime Dolphins' territory before the Jags began play in 1995.

Beyond Matthews, there's Eddie George, the 1995 Heisman Trophy winner and quarterback Steve McNair, the third overall pick in the 1995 draft.
And beyond them is a solid nucleus that includes corner-back Samari Rolle and right tackle Jon Runyan, two emerging stars. And, of course, defensive end Jevon Kearse, the defensive rookie of the year, who set a rookie record with 14.5 sacks.

TOP 25 - MEN

Top 25 men's college basketball poll with first place votes in parentheses and records through Jan. 16.
1. Cincinnati (41)
2. Arizona (41)
3. Stanford (31)
4. Auburn (21)
5. Duke (13)
6. Syracuse (13)
7. Kansas (12)
8. Georgetown (12)
9. Florida (12)
10. Michigan St. (12)
11. Indiana (11)
12. Oklahoma St. (11)
13. Ohio St. (11)
14. Texas (11)
15. Tulsa (11)
16. Tennessee (10)
17. Oklahoma (10)
18. Kentucky (10)
19. Stanford (10)
20. Vanderbilt (10)
21. North Carolina (10)
22. Utah (10)
23. DePaul (10)
24. Maryland (10)
25. UCLA (10)

TOP 25 - WOMEN

Top 25 women's college basketball poll with first place votes in parentheses and records through Jan. 16.
1. Connecticut (45)
2. Tennessee (35)
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4. Penn St. (35)
5. NC State (35)
6. Georgia (35)
7. Iowa St. (35)
8. Duke (35)
9. Auburn (35)
10. Rutgers (35)
11. UCLA (35)
12. Minnesota (35)
13. LSU (35)
14. DePaul (35)
15. Texas Tech (35)
16. Arizona (35)
17. UC Santa Barbara (35)
18. Old Dominion (35)
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23. Kansas (35)
24. George Washington (35)
25. Oklahoma (35)

TABC Poll

The weekly high school basketball poll as compiled by The Texas Association of Basketball Coaches. Records are through Jan. 15.
Class 5A
1. Clear Lake (20-11)
2. Alief Hastings (20-11)
3. Mansfield (20-11)
4. Lubbock Christian (20-11)
5. Corpus Christi Carroll (20-11)
6. Flower Mound Marcus (20-11)
7. League City Clear Creek (22-3)
8. Houston East (21-4)
9. Georgetown (21-4)
10. DeWitt (21-4)
Class 4A
1. Clear Lake (21-4)
2. Canyon (21-4)
3. Canyon Ranch (16-9)
4. Pflugerville (17-12)
5. Grand Prairie (17-12)
6. Amarillo Falls (17-12)
7. Littlefield (17-12)
8. Baytown (17-12)
9. Pflugerville (17-12)
10. Houston East (17-12)
Class 3A
1. Clear Lake (22-3)
2. Springtown (22-3)
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Dallas at Detroit, 6 p.m.
Miami at Houston, 7:30 p.m.
Minnesota at Golden State, 8 p.m.
Orlando at A.C. Clippers, 9:30 p.m.

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Boston at Charlotte (11)
Indiana at Philadelphia (11)
Portland at L.A. Lakers (11)
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Washington, 12:15, Indiana 11:15
Boston, 11:30, Seattle 9:15
Miami, 10:15, Atlanta 7:15
Phoenix, 10:15, Denver 9:15
Minnesota 9:15, L.A. Clippers 8:15
Golden State 11:15, Cleveland 10:15

Friday's Games

7. Cedar Hill (20-4)
8. Texas (19-11)
9. Florida 3 (17-4)
10. Palestine (18-4)
Class 3A
1. Glen Rose (20-1)
2. Waco LaVega (21-2)
3. Seminole (19-5)
4. Buna (18-5)
5. Groesbeck (16-7)
6. Hitchcock (18-7)
7. Canton (22-2)
8. N.Y. Rangers at A.C. Clippers, 8 p.m.
9. Houston (18-3)
10. Taylor (19-3)
Class 2A
1. Natchitoches Cen. Heights (18-4)
2. Van Vleet (16-4)
3. Krum (19-4)
4. Reister (18-4)
5. Port Aransas (22-1)
6. Bogata Rivercrest (22-1)
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8. Hale Center (19-4)
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Big Lake-Regan County (18-3)
St. Francis at Phoenix, 7 p.m.
Nashville at Vancouver, 9 p.m.
Woods (19-2)
Hale Center (19-4)
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But how can they not be legitimate? Jacksonville is 15-2, Tennessee is 15-3.
The Jaguars were one of the AFC favorites entering the season, but didn't get much notice despite a 14-2 regular-season record.
That's because this was a wacky season.
The Jags had a first-place schedule that included such teams as the 49ers, Falcons, Jets and Broncos. But all of those teams plummeted to the bottom. So Jacksonville played only one team that finished over .500 — Tennessee, to which it lost twice.

Beyond that, as a fifth-year team, it has yet to develop a national following even though it's made the playoffs four

times.
Who are these guys?
A pretty good sprinkling of well-known players, obscured perhaps by the small markets.
The Titans are led by 17-year veteran Bruce Matthews, who has played every position on the offensive line. He's going to his 12th Pro Bowl and this season set an NFL record for most games played by an offensive lineman, a mark that currently stands at 264.

And while Smith and Keenan McCardell are one of the best receiving tandems in the NFL, they've been overshadowed by the likes of Cris Carter and Randy Moss in Minnesota. San Francisco's trio of Jerry Rice, Terrell Owens and J.J. Stokes and even Keyshawn Johnson and Wayne Chrebet in New York.
Still, whichever team makes it to the Super Bowl will get the glory it thinks it deserves.

Sabbatini leads going into final round shootout with Duval at Hope Classic

BERMUDA DUNES, Calif. (AP) — An eagle on the 18th hole Saturday gave Rory Sabbatini a one-stroke lead going into the final round of the Bob Hope Classic, but it didn't make him the clear-cut favorite to win what figures to be another shootout in the desert.
Never mind that Sabbatini, who had an 8-under 64 on the pitch-and-putt known as Indian Wells, has never won on the PGA Tour before. Or that defending champion David Duval, who closed with a 59 last year, is only two strokes behind.
With amateurs like John Elway and Bill Murray finally going home, Sabbatini has to worry about any of the 21 players who are within five strokes of the lead.
Sabbatini, at 23-under 264, sounded like he was up to the task.
"It's not like I'm sitting there wondering, 'I've had four good days — when am I going to have a bad day?' I'm ready to go out there and shoot even lower tomorrow," said the 23-year-old South African.
Matt Gogel, a six-time winner on the Nike Tour who finally made it to the big leagues this year, had a 3-under 68 at Bermuda Dunes and was at 265.
Another stroke back was Mr. 59, who doesn't believe he has to match history to cash the \$540,000 first-place check on Sunday.

"I can promise you, if I shoot 59 I'll win," Duval cracked.
He also knows that he'll have to start making some putts. Duval failed to convert several birdie chances and wound up with a 68 at Bermuda Dunes. It could have been worse except for an exceptional shot that stirred memories of the PGA Championship.
He pulled his tee shot on No. 16 and had no back swing — there was only about 18 inches between his ball and a tree, and a root was under the ball. Duval threw caution to that little wind there and punched a 7-iron some 70 yards to the right of the green.
The ball hooked sharply to the left and stopped 25 feet from the hole. The only thing he didn't do was sprint down the fairway and leap like a pixie, just like Sergio Garcia did last year at Medinah.
"I looked to see if I had a chance to hit out of bounds, which I felt like I had a pretty good chance of doing that," he said. "But I wasn't making any putts. It was almost like I was in a position where I had to try to force something."

He wound up with a par, a string of eight in a row before a birdie on the 18th.
Also tied with Duval at 266 were Rich Beem, Stephen Ames and Jesper Parnevik. Frank Lickliter had the best score of the day and of his career — a 10-under 62 at Indian Wells — and was in the group at 267.
One player who won't be around Sunday is Casey Martin, although his debut as the first PGA Tour member in a cart ended on a memorable note.
Needing a birdie on his final hole at La Quinta to make the cut, Martin's 3-wood rolled to the edge of the water. He took off his socks and shoes — even the stocking that helps control the swelling in his right leg — and stood in the water.
Just like Jean Van de Velde in the British Open, Martin thought the better of it. He took a drop, made double bogey and finished with a 69.
"I just blew it on that hole," Martin said. "I'm bummed. Four days of grinding and playing well, and I get nothing for it. That sucks. That's life. That's golf."

Sabbatini had no such concerns.
He has spent the past two weeks working with his coach and loves the results he is getting. He missed only two greens on Saturday and finished off his round in style. With water left and a bunker to the right, Sabbatini saw only the flagstick.
"That's the frame of mind I have with my swing at the moment," he said.
Now what he needs is an image of winning. He had two chances last year in his rookie season, and one of them featured a showdown with Duval.
In sub-varsity at Big Spring swept a from the Fort Steers varsity and freshman.
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side is mistaking them for the team that lost its first 26 games and, except for a short spurt in the late 1970s and early '80s, didn't improve much on those unenviable numbers.
"I think the important thing is that we as a team, the St. Louis Rams, are not counting them out," wideout Isaac Bruce said of the Bucs, who are 14-point underdogs. "They would not be playing against us if they weren't good.
"They definitely are a team to be reckoned with and they can stop a team from scoring; that is what they do best."

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1. Dan Mortensen, Minn.
2. Rod Warren, Florida View, Al.
Mapston, Ariz.
Monte, Mont.
Conavits, Mont.
\$2,308.50
Calif.
\$1,964.60
J.T. Hill
\$1,794.70
Tom Reeves,
\$1,769.80
Jeremy Crane, Dic
\$1,769.80
Guy Shappa, Ark.
Albert
Hipsag, Firth, Neb.
\$1,400.00
Pavilion, Wyo.
\$1,308.12
Mich.
\$1,200.13
Rusty All
\$1,164.00
McFarlane, Redm
David Reid, Savona, B.C.
\$1,164.00
Kenansville, Fla.
\$849.17
D. Orla, \$846.18
Rod Hay, W.
\$19.00
Chance Dixon, Elenstou
Matt Marvel, Battle Mtn, Nev.
BAREBACK RIDING
1. Roger Lacasse, Edmont
Robert Bowers, Brock, Ark.
Whitney, Cochar, Alberta
Bolinger, Glendale, Ariz.
\$2,200.00
Bozeman, Mont.
\$2,142.60
Pitts. La.
\$1,803.70
Pat
\$1,774.80
P.H. Smith, Emer
Donald Miller, Raleigh, N.D.
Dillahunty, Hereford, Ariz.
\$1,300.00
Crows, N.M.
\$1,258.00
Friedla, S.D.
\$1,168.13
Kan.
\$1,099.14
Jake H
Idaho, \$1,090.15
Jason
Texas, \$976.16
Shawn
\$971.17
Forest Bramwell,
\$968.18
Jeffrey Collins, Red
Chuck Lodge, Decatur, Tex.
Mots, Redm. Ore.
\$797.19
BULL RIDING
1. Karson Legault, Val
\$4,681.12
James Warfield, H
\$3,681.12
Michael Daniel, Lubbock
Come Bowler, Empress, Alb
Baze, San Angelo, Texas, \$2,200.00
Bengough, Saskatoon,
Arizon, Torne, N.M.
\$2,691.12
Dale, Utah, \$2,565.90
Jason
\$2,106.10
Steven Ware, Ca
\$1,100.00
Cory Check, Eastman,
Robert, Newcast, Ariz.
Soledad, Chattanooga, Ter
Reifer, Corinne, Utah, \$1.40
Water Valley, Alberta, \$1,611.00
Hodges, Ark.
\$1,559.17
\$1,448.18
Jason M.
\$1,394.19
Glenn Hammon
\$1,351.20
George Fay
\$1,217.21
CALF ROPING
1. Brent Lewis, Pinn, N
\$4,681.12
Hermiston, Ore.
\$3,681.12
Accorzo, Tolson, Ariz.
Resaca, Ga.
\$2,130.50
Job
\$2,520.60
Trent W.
\$2,258.70
Terry Kitchens, Mu
Cash, Myers, Athens, Ga.
Wesley, Troy, Mo.
\$1,613.00
Muldrow, Okla.
\$1,477.13
Orchard, Colo.
\$1,462.12
Alberta, \$1,433.13
Mark, N.
Alberta, \$1,433.13
Cody Kyr
Saskatchewan, \$1,433.13
Yale,
\$1,356.16
Jeff Yate
\$1,326.17
Dan Day, Bie
18 D. Daniel, Oklaho
Seth Hopper, Steadfield,
Booster, Jefferson, Wis.
\$1,077.18
STEERS
1. Chad Bissemeyer, S
\$3,365.20
B.J. Zieffe, Alb
Steven Gilbert, Viking, Albert
Gibson, Hardisty, Alberta, \$1
Daston, Wash.
\$2,807.60
Calif.
\$2,127.70
Tedd
Saskatchewan, \$2,070.80

RODEO MONEY LEADERS

SADDLE BRONC RIDING
Through Jan. 19

1. Dan Mortensen, Manhattan, Mont., \$5,419;
2. Rod Warren, Valley View, Alberta, \$2,803; 3. Gray
Mapston, Arlee, Mont., \$2,360; 4. Josh Reynolds,
Conville, Mont., \$2,308; 5. Jeff Shearer, Marysville,
Calif., \$1,984; 6. Scott Hitch, Stillville, Ind.,
\$1,794; 7. Tom Reeves, Stephenville, Texas,
\$1,769; 8. Jeremy Crane, Dickinson, N.D., \$1,721;
9. Guy Shapka, Aik, Alberta, \$1,549; 10. Todd
Hipsag, Firth, Neb., \$1,491; 11. Todd Fine,
Pavilion, Wyo., \$1,308; 12. Marc Haver, Nashville,
Mich., \$1,200; 13. Rusty Allen, Roy, Utah, \$1,065;
14. Jared McFarlane, Redmond, Ore., \$1,048; 15.
David Reid, Savona, B.C., \$1,017; 16. Jim Burnette,
Kenansville, Fla., \$849; 17. Dan Etbauer, Goodwell,
Okla., \$846; 18. Rod Hay, Wildwood, Alberta, \$811;
19. Chance Dixon, Eitenburg, Wash., \$786; 20.
Matt Marvel, Battle Mtn., Nev., \$689.

BAREBACK RIDING

1. Roger Lacasse, Edmonton, Alberta, \$3,328; 2.
Robert Bowers, Redmond, Ore., \$2,427; 3. Drake
Whitney, Cochrane, Alberta, \$2,427; 4. Larry
Bolinger, Glendale, Ariz., \$2,220; 5. Jason Haves,
Bozeman, Mont., \$2,142; 6. Jared Lavergne, Vile
Platte, La., \$1,903; 7. Paul Jones, Rverton, Wyo.,
\$1,774; 8. Phil Smith, Emerson, Ark., \$1,702; 9.
Donald Miller, Raleigh, N.D., \$1,425; 10. Neal
Dilworth, Hereford, Tex., \$1,344; 11. Travis Howe,
Crossroads, N.M., \$1,258; 12. Scott Montague,
Fruitdale, S.D., \$1,168; 13. Ted Osman, Fort Scott,
Kan., \$1,099; 14. Jake Hayworth, St. Anthony,
N.M., \$1,090; 15. Jason Maddox, Goodwell, Okla.,
\$976; 16. Shawn Watt, Billings, Mont.,
\$971; 17. Forest Bramwell, Pagosa Springs, Colo.,
\$968; 18. Jeffrey Collins, Redfield, Kan., \$885; 19.
Chuck Logue, Decatur, Ga., \$814; 20. Bobby
Mote, Redmond, Ore., \$797.

BULL RIDING

1. Hanson Legault, Valmire, Saskatchewan,
\$4,681; 2. James Wurdell, Helena, Mont., \$3,718;
3. Michael Daniel, Lubbock, Texas, \$3,468; 4.
Come Bouvier, Empress, Alberta, \$3,457; 5. Casey
Barre, San Angelo, Texas, \$2,893; 6. Kirk Graudner,
Bridgman, Saskatchewan, \$2,837; 7. Felipe
Aragon, Torne, N.M., \$2,691; 8. Rex Malolo, Castle
Dale, Utah, \$2,565; 9. Jason Mattox, Phoenix, Ariz.,
\$2,340; 10. Steven Ware, Canas, Wash., \$2,020;
11. Cory Check, Eastman, Wyo., \$1,947; 12.
Kevin, Chantanooga, Tenn., \$1,909; 13. Joshua
Sofield, Chattanooga, Tenn., \$1,709; 14. Ty
Reeder, Gunnie, Utah, \$1,677; 15. Chad Pugh,
Water Valley, Alberta, \$1,611; 16. Sheldon Howe,
Hodges, Ala., \$1,559; 17. Don Nagler, Mendon,
Idaho, \$1,448; 18. Jason McClain, Kowa, Colo.,
\$1,348; 19. Jim Hammond II, Gonzalez, Fla.,
\$1,351; 20. George Faskell, Marawa, Wis.,
\$1,317.

CALF ROPING

1. Brad Lewis, Princeton, N.M., \$3,498; 2. Brad
Gbadrich, Hermiston, Ore., \$3,445; 3. Scott
Accomazzo, Tolleson, Ariz., \$3,021; 4. Doug Pharr,
Resaca, Ga., \$2,730; 5. Justin Mauss, Goldings,
Flordo, Texas, \$2,520; 6. Trent Woods, Justice, Fla.,
\$2,258; 7. Terry Kitchens, Mullin, Texas, \$1,724; 8.
Cash Myers, Athens, Texas, \$1,682; 9. Shane
Wyers, Troy, Mo., \$1,639; 10. Chris Neal,
Midvale, Okla., \$1,477; 11. Charlie Kinghorn,
Orchard, Colo., \$1,462; 12. Bruce Robinson, Aik,
Alberta, \$1,433; 13. Mark Nugent, Water Valley,
Alberta, \$1,433; 14. Cody Kyeon Root, Berghoff,
Saskatchewan, \$1,433; 15. Ty Hays, Weatherford,
Okla., \$1,356; 16. Jeff Yates, Corsicana, Texas,
\$1,326; 17. Dan Davis, Bloomfield, Iowa, \$1,301;
18. D.R. Daniel, Okeechobee, Fla., \$1,201; 19.
Seth Hopper, Starfield, Ore., \$1,125; 20. Jim
Bond, Jefferson, Wis., \$1,077.

STEER WRESTLING

1. Chad Briesemaner, Stephenville, Texas,
\$3,365; 2. B.J. Conson, Alberta, \$2,867; 3.
Steven Gilbert, Viking, Alberta, \$2,867; 4. David
Gibson, Hardisty, Alberta, \$2,389; 5. Tony Cunniff,
Dayton, Wash., \$2,307; 6. Vince Walker, Dardale,
Calif., \$2,127; 7. Todd Buggart, Paritton,
Saskatchewan, \$2,070; 8. Joel Edmondson,

Eureka, Kan., \$1,913; 9. Byron Walker, Ennis,
Texas, \$1,903; 10. John Gee, Stamford, Del. Rio, Texas,
\$1,903; 11. John Gee, Stamford, Del. Rio, Texas,
\$1,752; 12. Ron Scherck, Moorpark, Calif., \$1,665; 13. Ken
Spangler, Swartz Creek, Mich., \$1,555; 14. Preston
Oyler, Williston, N.D., \$1,480; 15. Jim Banister,
Dulles, Calif., \$1,448; 16. Keith Ball, Bruner, Mo.,
\$1,418; 17. Dennis Kaiser, Wentzville, Mo., \$1,418;
18. Darren Zieffe, Consort, Alberta, \$1,274; 19.
Kerry Goforth, Henderson, Ky., \$1,115; 20. Jeff
Babek, Granite, Okla., \$1,057.

TEAM ROPING (HEADING)

1. Steve Pucella, Hereford, Texas, \$2,622; 2.
Bobby Huxley, Ceres, Calif., \$2,393; 3. Robert
Gonzales, Magnolia, Texas, \$2,159; 4. Tee
Woolman, Llano, Texas, \$1,774; 5. Adam Rose,
Willard, Mo., \$1,774; 6. George P. Aros, Picocho,
Ariz., \$1,661; 7. Daniel Green, Oadale, Calif.,
\$1,619; 8. Bobby Boyd, Midland, Texas, \$1,542; 9.
Guy Gregg, Touchet, Wash., \$1,407; 10. David
Miles, Fresno, Calif., \$1,375; 11. Chris Lawson,
Cincinnati, Ohio, \$1,311; 12. H. Speed Williams,
Jacksonville, Fla., \$1,311; 13. Luke Brown III,
Charlotte, N.C., \$1,133; 14. Paul Petka, Lexington,
Okla., \$1,131; 15. Blair Burk, Durant, Okla.,
\$1,089; 16. John Rosinsky, Salado, Texas, \$1,080;
17. Mike Fuller, Clarkston, Wash., \$815; 18. Wade
Wheatley, Hughson, Calif., \$802; 19. Brady Wren,
Kempner, Texas, \$733; 20. Wade Godfrey, Stephenville,
Texas, \$733.

TEAM ROPING (HEELING)

1. Ken Kooz, Sudan, Texas, \$2,622; 2. Monty
Joe Petka, Tutuola, Calif., \$2,391; 3. Zane Bruce,
Hillsboro, Texas, \$2,159; 4. Walt Woodard,
Stockton, Calif., \$1,774; 5. Tyler Magnus, Llano,
Texas, \$1,774; 6. Duigan Kelly, Paso Robles, Calif.,
\$1,661; 7. Allen Ball, Valley Home, Calif., \$1,619;
8. Scot Branham, Midland, Texas, \$1,542; 9. Jimmy
Jones, Culver, Ore., \$1,407; 10. Mike Beers, Powell
Butte, Ore., \$1,375; 11. Rich Skelton, Llano,
Texas, \$1,311; 12. Bucky Campbell, Prosser, Wash.,
\$1,311; 13. Chad Agner, Perry, Fla., \$1,133; 14.
Cory Petka, Lexington, Okla., \$1,131; 15. Trevor
Brazier, Childress, Texas, \$1,089; 16. Randall
Richards, Bryan, Texas, \$1,080; 17. Dave Irman,
Cotfax, Wash., \$815; 18. Kyle Lockett, Ivanhoe,
Calif., \$802; 19. Nick Sarchett, Phoenix, Ariz.,
\$733; 20. Steve Fife, Rose, Neb., \$733.

STEER ROPING

1. Guy Allen, Lovington, N.M., \$9,917; 2. Rocky
Patterson, Pratt, Kan., \$7,917; 3. J.D. Yates,
Purville, Colo., \$5,290; 4. Buster Record Jr., Buffalo,
Okla., \$5,263; 5. Rod Hartness, Pawhuska, Okla.,
\$4,335; 6. Jim Davis, Abilene, Texas, \$4,243; 7.
Len Campbell, Amarillo, Texas, \$3,523; 8. Cody Ohi,
Orchard, Texas, \$3,500; 9. Harold Baumgardner,
Burns, Wyo., \$3,202; 10. Trevor Brazier, Childress,
Texas, \$2,988; 11. J.B. Whaley, Gardendale, Texas,
\$2,834; 12. Tee Woolman, Llano, Texas, \$2,729;
13. DeLynn Jones, Hays, Mo., \$2,416; 14. Colby
Goodwin, Channing, Texas, \$1,985; 15. Mack
Altizer, Del Rio, Texas, \$1,813; 16. Bucky Heffner,
Chickasha, Okla., \$1,624; 17. Shorly Garten,
Pawhuska, Okla., \$1,489; 18. Jay Sellers, Buffalo,
Okla., \$1,319; 19. Jason Evans, Huntsville, Texas,
\$1,240; 20. Dan Fisher, Andrews, Texas, \$1,235.

BARREL RACING

1. Joann Rogers, Sherwood Park, Alberta, \$2,700;
2. Jimmy Kay Davis, Gonzales, Texas, \$2,329; 3.
Shavla Banning, Laveen, Ariz., \$2,324; 4. Peyton
Warner, Boyd, Texas, \$1,980; 5. Sharon Kobold, Big
 Horn, Wyo., \$1,901; 6. Tessa McMullan, Bronte,
Texas, \$1,630; 7. Shirley Parrin, Billings, Mont.,
\$1,630; 8. Sherry Cervi, Marana, Ariz., \$1,619; 9.
Danyelle Campbell, Washington, Utah, \$1,481; 10.
Rebecca Krenn, Chase, British Columbia, \$1,358; 11.
Janet Stover, Jacksonville, Texas, \$1,164; 12.
Susan Strawn, Pain Cedro, Calif., \$1,058; 13. Kelly
Bar, Barrhead, Alberta, \$951; 14. Sandi Brandt,
Muskogee, Okla., \$925; 15. Lisa Scott, Carson City,
Nev., \$818; 16. Lisa Dudley, Henrieville, Okla.,
\$737; 17. Randa Kitchin, Arcadia, Fla., \$737; 18.
Ananda Clavman, Navajo, Mo., \$735; 19. Carolyn
Liner, Rock Hill, S.C., \$735; 20. Mary Allen, Pocatello,
Idaho, \$711.

North pulls out 24-21 win in Senior Bowl

MOBILE, Ala. (AP) — Call it a draw.

Chad Pennington and Chris Redman, considered by most scouts as the top two quarterbacks in the NFL draft, each directed two scoring drives Saturday while leading the North to a 24-21 victory over the South in the Senior Bowl.

The two, friends since meeting at the 1998 Motor City Bowl, had insisted all week there was no competition between them. They even said neither cared who was drafted higher, much less who started the game.

But it did matter to the scouts, who charted their every move Saturday.

Pennington got the starting nod, but only played four series.

The Marshall quarterback threw for 92 yards and a 4-yard scoring pass to UCLA's Danny Farmer in the first quarter.

In the fourth quarter he led the North on a game-tying scoring drive, completing four of five passes before Michigan's Aaron Shea scored on a 2-yard run that made it 21-21.

Pennington completed 11 of 14 passes and was the MVP.

Redman, of Louisville, entered the game on the North's third possession and played five series.

He didn't throw for any touchdowns, but led the North on two scoring drives. He helped the North take a 14-7 second quarter lead by directing a nine-play drive that ended with a 6-yard

touchdown run by Ohio State's Michael Wiley.

He later led the North on its game-winning drive, moving them 12 plays — and completing a 15-yard pass to Farmer on fourth-and-11 — before Michigan State's Paul Edinger kicked the go-ahead field goal with 5:19 to play.

Redman finished 12-of-20 for 134 yards and was the North's Most Valuable Offensive Player.

Penn State's Brandon Short was the North's Most Valuable Defensive Player.

New Mexico's Brian Urlacher was the South's Most Valuable Defensive Player and Arizona State's J.R. Redmond was the South's Most Valuable Offensive Player. Redmond led

all rushers with 61 yards on 10 carries.

Redman and Pennington weren't the only two quarterbacks to thrive. Of the game's six QBs, only Hofstra's Giovanni Carmazzi failed to lead a scoring drive.

Tennessee quarterback Tee Martin overcame two first-half interceptions and threw a 36-yard touchdown pass to Alabama's Shamari Buchanan in the third quarter. That gave the South a 21-14 lead with 7:03 to play in the third quarter.

Louisiana Tech's Tim Rattay directed a 13-play second quarter drive that led to a 4-yard TD run by LSU's Rondell Mealey. Rattay finished 5-of-12 for 45 yards.

North, South battle to 28-28 tie in Hula Bowl

WAILUKU, Hawaii (AP) — Wisconsin linebacker Donnel Thompson blocked Jimmy Kibble's 25-yard field-goal attempt as time expired Saturday and the North tied the South 28-28 in the Hula Bowl all-star game.

Thompson's play against the Virginia Tech kicker salvaged a tie for the North, which was in danger of losing after overcoming a 28-7 deficit.

The South had a first down at the North 5 on a 63-yard pass from West Virginia quarterback Mark Bulger to Texas A&M's Chris Cole.

Bulger, who was 4-of-6 for 112 yards, gave the South a 28-7 lead

with a 29-yard touchdown pass to Duke's Scotty Montgomery early in the third quarter.

The North rally started when Nebraska defensive end Aaron Willis recovered a fumbled handoff between Bulger and Dylan Ching of San Diego on the South 15 and returned it to the 3.

Thomas Hamner of Minnesota took it in from the 1 two plays later to make it 28-14 with 49 seconds left in the quarter.

Doug Chapman of Marshall made it 28-21 on a 1-yard run with 9:17 to play, ending a 32-yard drive after a short punt by Kibble. Bill Volek completed a 22-yard pass to Hamner to the 1

and Chapman scored on the next play.

Hamner's second TD, a 3-yard run with 3:15 to play, capped a 32-yard drive aided by another short punt out of the end zone by Kibble.

The South grabbed a 7-0 lead the first time it had the ball, with Arizona quarterback Keith Smith leading an 11-play, 77-yard drive capped by a 1-yard run by Rice running back Chad Richardson.

The North tied it eight seconds into the second quarter when Heisman Trophy winner Ron Dayne of Wisconsin went 9 yards off right tackle to complete a 41-yard drive. Dayne,

playing briefly, gained 21 yards on six carries and caught one pass for 10 yards.

Todd Husak of Stanford, selected the South MVP, moved his team 63 yards in nine plays to the go-ahead TD, completing all four of his passes for 56 yards. UCLA's Darrell Price finished the drive with a 1-yard sweep.

Curtis Keaton of James Madison finished the next South scoring drive with a 1-yard run 15 seconds before half-time.

Husak, who was 10-of-15 for 125 yards in the game, passed for 58 of the 77 yards in the drive.

ROUNDUP

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Stanton's squads will now play host to Coahoma's Bulldogs and Bulldogettes on Monday with varsity girls' actions slated for a 6:30 p.m. start.

GIRLS' GAME

STANTON 54, Plains 45
PLAINS — Blundell 11, Gray 7, Warren 7, Palmer 7, O'Quinn 1, Bowers 8, Traveak 4, Totals 12 18 36 45.

STANTON — Madison 20, Rosebery 2, Thompson 7, Williams 2, Washington 14, DeLeon 12, Salgado 7, Totals 23 16 25 64.

Score by Quarters:
PLAINS 11 6 15 13 45
STANTON 17 9 15 23 64

Three-point goals: Plains 3 (Blundell 2, Palmer), Stanton 2 (Madison, Salgado).
Records: Stanton is 20-6, 32.

BOYS' GAME

STANTON 55, Plains 48
PLAINS — Tallagos 10, McGinty 10, Jo Bell

8, Blundell 9, Ja Bell 6, Fix 3, Bennett 2, Totals 19 6 7 48.

STANTON — Smith 12, B. Cook 10, Harris 10, White 8, Hull 5, Butler 4, Keeler 4, K. Cook 2, Totals 18 16 26 55.

Score by Quarters:
PLAINS 10 21 4 3 48
STANTON 10 12 14 19 55

Three-point goals: Plains 4 (Blundell 3, Fix), Stanton 3 (Harris 2, B. Cook).
Records: Plains 18-5, 21. Stanton 13-4, 21. JV score: Plains 45, Stanton 32.

Lady 'Kats roll past Sterling City

GARDEN CITY — Junior post M'Lyenn Niehues scored a career-high 26 points in leading Garden City's Lady Bearkats to a 58-42 win over Sterling City in District 4-1A basketball action Friday.

The Lady Bearkat defense did

the rest, holding the Lady Eagles' Monica McEntire to just four points.

Summer Eoff added 12 points to the Garden City total, as the Lady 'Kats improved to 18-3 overall and 3-1 in district play.

The evening's nightcap proved to be less thrilling for Garden City faithful, however, as Sterling City took a 57-42 win in the boys' varsity game.

Cory Batla paced the Bearkats in the loss with 13 points. None of the rest of Garden City's lineup was able to crack the double-digit barrier.

The loss left the Bearkats with a 6-15 record overall and still winless in four district starts.

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GIRLS' GAME

Garden City 58, Sterling City 42
STERLING CITY — Price 7, Doggett 10, Jameson 2, McEntire 4, Thomas 12, Musick 7, Totals 18 38 42.

GARDEN CITY — Braden 2, Hirt 2, Eoff 12, Niehues 26, Batla 6, Machicak 6, Hoelscher 4, Totals 21 15 18 58

Score by Quarters:
STERLING CITY 6 11 10 15 42
GARDEN CITY 18 16 10 14 58

Three-point goals: Sterling City 3 (Doggett 2, Price), Garden City 1 (Eoff).
Records: Sterling City 8-12, 0-4. Garden City 18-3, 3-1.

BOYS' GAME

Sterling City 57, Garden City 43
STERLING CITY — Gaston 12, Edens 2, Horde 4, Thomas 13, Copeland 5, Dehoyos 16, Barber 3, Davis 2, Totals 23 41 57

GARDEN CITY — Beener 2, B. Batla 3, R. Batla 9, C. Batla 13, Boodwin 5, Halfmann 2, Totals 16 9 22 43

Score by Quarters:
STERLING CITY 13 10 24 10 57
GARDEN CITY 4 9 14 16 43

Three-point goals: Sterling City 7 (Gaston 3, Thomas 3, Copeland), Garden City 2 (B. Batla, R. Batla).
Records: Sterling City is 1-3 in District 4-1A. Garden City is 6-15, 0-4.

STEERS

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points to pull within five, 57-52, but another eight-point run by the Panthers extended the lead to 13 and forced Big Spring to begin gambling defensively.

"We just wound up in a position where we were behind and they went to their four-corner game," Avery noted. "We had to start taking some chances and they were able to handle the pressure and take advantage of the openings.

"And then, when we got to the point where we had to foul them to get the ball back, they made just enough free throws and we couldn't get anything going on our offensive end."

While Groth left the game with five fouls with 1:39 left, the outcome was clearly sealed and he'd scored a game-high 28 points.

The Panthers also got 13 points from post Nathan Sawyer and 12 more from guard Harold Russell.

The Steers also put three players in double figures, Brock leading the way with 14, while Woodruff finished the night with 12 points and Belvin contributed 10 more.

Big Spring returns to action Monday, playing host to Sweetwater's Mustangs at 7:30 p.m.

In sub-varsity action Friday, Big Spring swept a pair of wins from the Fort Stockton junior varsity and freshman squads.

The Steers JV took a 49-46 win behind Mike Smith's 17 points and Heath Gregory's 13. And in the freshman game, Curtis Woodruff scored 18 points and Clayton Weaver added 11 more in leading the Steers to a 59-41 victory.

Fort Stockton 71, Big Spring 59

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Mavericks fall to Nets, 98-95 in last minute

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Stephon Marbury made the go-ahead shot after Kerry Kittles created it by blocking Cedric Ceballos.

Marbury drove the length of the court for a go-ahead layup with 24.5 seconds left Saturday to spark the New Jersey Nets to a 98-95 win over the Dallas Mavericks.

Kittles hit a 3-pointer to give the Nets a 94-93 lead with 1:29 left, and Ceballos hit a jumper for Dallas with 1:11 remaining.

After Kittles missed a 3, he blocked a drive by Ceballos at the Dallas end with 30 seconds to play. The ball ended up in Marbury's hands and the Nets guard took it up the floor, drove the lane and hit the basket.

"I made a great move over Stephon, but Kittles came out of nowhere," said Ceballos, who led Dallas with 36 points. "It was such a good play I didn't see it coming."

Scott Burrell added two free throws with 4.3 seconds remaining and Dirk Nowitzki's desperate 3-pointer at the buzzer never made it to the rim.

"The fans helped us today," said Marbury who had 20 points and eight assists to surpass 2,000 career assists. "Whenever you have your fans into the game, it's the best. That's why you come and pay your money. To support your team. It's not like opera."

Kendall Gill led the Nets with 23 points, tying his season-high, with seven rebounds, five steals and four assists.

The Nets denied Mavericks coach Don Nelson his 900th career victory. Nelson is 899-736.

"You have to give them credit," Ceballos said. "We kept making big runs at them but we just couldn't finish them off."

The Nets trailed 88-83 with 6:32 to play when Marbury drove and fouled for a three-point play. Nowitzki hit a 3-point basket for the Mavericks before Gill converted a three-point play to make it 91-89.

Marbury, who kept urging the crowd of 13,682 on, followed with a pull-up in the lane before Finley hit a baseline jumper.

"It was a good win for us because they were doing a lot of things we usually don't see," said Nets coach Don Casey whose team now embarks on a four-game West Coast trip beginning Monday in Portland. "If we would have come this close and lost, it would have been a sour plane ride."

Spurs 96, Knicks 83

Tim Duncan had 33 points and 15 rebounds to lead the San Antonio Spurs to a 96-83 victory over the New York Knicks on Saturday in the first matchup between the teams since last season's NBA Finals.

Terry Porter added 18 points and 11 rebounds in his first start of the season.

The Spurs, who beat the Knicks four games-to-one in last season's finals, outscored the Knicks 25-11 in the decisive third quarter.

After leading 52-48 at the start of the period, the Spurs used a 17-9 run to open a 69-57 lead. Porter and Mario Elie each hit 3-pointers before Duncan converted a three-point play.

Duncan had 11 points in the third. The Knicks, who tied their season-low for points in a quarter, never again got their deficit below 10.

Larry Johnson's 3-pointer pulled New York to 89-78 with 3:05 to play before Porter answered on the other end.

Bulls 98, Pistons 92

With Grant Hill knocked out of the game and Jerry Stackhouse having one of his worst outings of the season, the Chicago Bulls took advantage.

Toni Kukoc led five Bulls in double figures with 22 points, Chris Carr scored a season-high 15 and Dickey Simpkins grabbed a career-high 14 rebounds Saturday as the Bulls beat the Detroit Pistons 98-92.

It was Chicago's first victory over Detroit in six games, and the Pistons' third straight loss.

The day started going sour for the Pistons with 20 seconds left in the first half when Hill leapt for a steal and came down so hard on his tailbone the smack could be heard throughout the United Center.

Duke sets ACC record with 28th straight league win

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Freshman Jason Williams scored 19 points and No. 5 Duke set an Atlantic Coast Conference record with its 28th consecutive regular season league victory, 75-61 over Wake Forest on Saturday.

The Blue Devils (15-2, 6-0) last lost to an ACC opponent in the regular season on Feb. 5, 1998, to North Carolina. Duke's overtime win Wednesday over North Carolina State had tied the ACC record, which was set by the Wolfpack from 1972-75.

The victory was Duke's 1,600th, and it joined Kentucky, North Carolina and Kansas as the only schools with that many.

Shane Battier had 15 points for Duke and Chris Carrwell added 11.

Robert O'Kelley had 17 points for Wake Forest (11-7, 2-4), which lost its third straight conference game.

No. 3 Stanford 81, California 70

California thought it could upset No. 3 Stanford by being physical. Bad idea.

Mark Madsen scored 19 points and the Cardinal, the nation's top defensive team, held California to 19 percent shooting in the first half in an 81-70 victory over the Bears on Saturday.

Ryan Mendez added 15 points and Casey Jacobsen had 14 as Stanford won its sixth straight against San Francisco Bay area rival Cal.

Sean Lampley had 16 points off the bench for the Bears, whose strategy of trying to over-

whelm the Cardinal with in-your-face defense succeeded for only a few minutes. After that Stanford, which has five players 6-foot-9 or taller and is one of the most physical teams in the nation, dominated inside.

And in the second half, the Cardinal moved outside to expand their lead. Mendez, who was 4-for-4 on 3-pointers in the game, hit three 3-pointers after halftime.

Mississippi 79, No. 4 Auburn 77

Latoryl Williams' put back with 38 seconds left in overtime helped Mississippi upset No. 4 Auburn 79-77 Saturday.

Ole Miss came into the game on a five-game Southeastern Conference losing streak. Auburn had won 14 straight.

Auburn's last three victories were by a total of 13 points and had all been decided in the closing minutes. This time, the Rebels made the big shots down the stretch.

Jason Harrison hit a 3-pointer with 3:15 left in overtime, giving Ole Miss a 71-68 lead. Harrison, Williams and Jason Flanigan each had 13 points for Ole Miss.

Harrison fouled out on the next possession. Doc Robinson made one free throw, but the second was waved off because of a lane violation.

Missouri 81, No. 7 Kansas 59

As usual, Kansas brought out the best in Missouri.

Clarence Gilbert hit seven 3-pointers and scored a career-high 27 points in an 81-59 victory over the seventh-ranked

Jayhawks on Saturday.

Kansas has lost the last four times it has brought a Top 10 team into the Hearnese Center.

Gilbert was 7-for-10 from 3-point range and hit his first four of the second half to help Missouri take a 20-point lead. In the last five games, Gilbert, who entered the game tied for the Big 12 scoring lead, is 26-for-46 from 3-point range.

Missouri was 11-for-22 from long range and shot 55 percent overall to combat Kansas' height advantage. The Tigers pestered the Jayhawks on defense into 37 percent shooting. Kansas had held four of its previous five opponents to below 40 percent.

T.J. Soyoye had 16 points and Keyon Dooling added 12 points and seven assists.

No. 8 Connecticut 92, Georgetown 71

Khalid El-Amin, held without a field goal in the first half, scored 23 of his 26 points in the second half as No. 8 Connecticut defeated Georgetown 92-71 Saturday.

The first half was played at the Hoyas' methodical, defense-orientated pace, the second half at Huskies breakneck speed. Led by El-Amin, UConn scored on its first eight possessions after halftime, starting a 25-13 run to build a 67-47 lead with 12:27 to play.

The Hoyas responded immediately with a 10-0 run, including back-to-back 3-pointers from freshman Demetrius Hunter, but the Huskies came back with seven straight points to put the game away.

Connecticut, rebounding from

a home loss to St. John's, stretched its conference-record road winning streak to 13 games. The Huskies visit unbeaten No. 6 Syracuse on Monday.

Kevin Braswell scored 26 points to lead the Hoyas, who have lost four straight to UConn.

No. 10 Michigan St. 69, Northwestern 45

Charlie Bell scored 14 points and Morris Peterson and Andre Hutson each added 11 to lead No. 10 Michigan State to a 69-45 victory over Northwestern on Saturday.

Michigan State (13-5, 4-1) had its 21-game Big Ten winning streak snapped by Ohio State last Thursday. Northwestern (4-13, 0-5) lost its eighth straight.

Steve Lepore led the Wildcats with 11 points.

Northwestern missed its first 11 shots from the field as Michigan State took a 14-0 lead with Peterson scoring seven points during the early run.

The Spartans, who lead the nation in rebounding margin, out-rebounded the Wildcats 45-13 as Peterson, Hutson and Aloysius Anagonye grabbed eight apiece.

The victory was Michigan State's 15th straight over Northwestern at home and the 24th in the last 25 meetings overall. The Spartans' have won 22 straight at home.

Texas A&M 64, No. 12 Oklahoma State 59

Bernard King scored 17 points, including two clinching free throws with nine seconds left, as Texas A&M defeated No.

12 Oklahoma State 64-59 for its first victory over a ranked team in 13 years.

The Aggies' last victory over a ranked team was in the first round of the Southwest Conference tournament in 1987 when they beat No. 15 Texas Christian in the first round.

The Aggies (6-10, 2-3 in Big 12) had lost 29 straight games to ranked teams but they never backed off from the Cowboys (14-2, 3-1). Texas A&M took the lead for good at 58-57 with 2:37 to play on two free throws by Aaron Jack.

Oklahoma State took a 38-35 halftime lead and they scored the first five points of the second half before the Aggies went on a 13-2 run that gave them a 48-45 lead with 13:05 left in the game.

The Cowboys went scoreless for 6:25 during the run.

After their lull, the Cowboys rallied to a 55-50 lead with 5:17 to go but the Aggies closed out with a 14-4 run led by Jack and Jamaal Gilchrist, who each had five points in the drive.

Leading 62-59, King hit two free throws and the Aggies ran out the clock. The Aggies hit only 48 percent of their free throws but they made 10 of their last 12 to secure the victory.

Desmond Mason led the Cowboys with 19 points and Fredrik Jonzen had 13 points and 11 rebounds. Doug Gottlieb, who leads the nation in assists, had two points and 13 assists.

The Aggies traded leads with the Cowboys throughout the opening period.

A&M had five-point leads three times in the first half, the last at 31-26 with 6:32 to go.

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Sunday, January 23, 2000

Shall we dance?

A look at the rich culture, traditions and history of the dances of Mexico and Spain

When DanzaHispana takes the stage Saturday night, they will bring hundreds of years of Mexican and Spanish culture to local audiences. Their method is folklorico, or the typical dance of the people of various regions of Latin America.

"That is the richness of the spirit of the Latin people, mixed with the spirit of the Spanish that came to the area," explained Margarita Durand-Hollis, a Mexican native and Big Spring dance teacher.

Durand-Hollis, who lived in San Antonio several years ago, was a member of DanzaHispana and a student of one of its former leaders. She is still a collector of traditional costumes and enjoys performing some of the dances.

"Colorful and rhythmic dance is part of the culture all over Latin America," Durand-Hollis said. Influences, she said, come not only from Spain, but from the Moors that came to conquer Spain, and the Romans as well.

Flamenco, for example, is the authentic art of Southern Spain and shows a Moorish influence. Even flamenco is performed in various ways reflecting regional differences, often accompanied by one or more guitars, often with a singer, a cantoor, and covers from the soulful and dramatic *hondo* to the cheerful and joyful dances like one known as *Sevillanas*.

An ancient style, flamenco is still popular today, Durand-Hollis said. She studied it with a skilled teacher, and learned that mastering it takes a great deal of practice and commitment.

"To be good at it, you need dedication and you will have to sacrifice," she explained. "You don't have to be tall and thin, as you do for ballet, but you must feel it."

At the heart of flamenco is *zapateado*, or footwork. Special shoes have nails in the sole to increase the "clicking" and "clacking" sounds. There must be enough nails, but not too many, and rubber soles are often attached to the front so the dancer will not slip.

Equipment and accessories vary according to the particular dance, and its tradition. Castanets may be played by the dancer as she moves, and other times a fan or shawl is used.

Different sizes and styles of shawls include the *rebozo*, which is used by the dancer like a prop, to complement her movements.

In some dances, the castanets are to be hidden, and only heard, but in others, they are obviously "clacked" together.

Costumes vary from dance to dance, and say something about the region from which they originate. In flamenco, a dancer often has a long, ruffled train that she tosses and catches, swings and swirls.

Another typical and popular dance is the Mexican hat dance, *Jaraba Tapatio*. In it, a woman dressed as a native of Puebla



Margarita Durand-Hollis, above, a native of Mexico now living in Big Spring, shows off one of the many Spanish and Mexican dance costumes she has collected. This one, which includes the braids tied with festive red bows, is used for the National Dance of Mexico, the Mexican Hat Dance. At right, Durand-Hollis shows the shoes she uses for flamenco dancing, which have small nails in the heel and toe to make the clicking sound.

DanzaHispana, with a repertoire of Mexican and Spanish folklorico, Flamenco and classic Spanish Ballet, will perform Saturday at 8 p.m. in the Municipal Auditorium. Tickets to the concert, presented by the Big Spring Symphony, are available at the symphony office, 808 Scurry; Blum's Jewelers; the Big Spring Area Chamber of Commerce; Dunlaps; First Bank of West Texas and the Heritage Museum. Call 264-7223 for more information.



and a man dressed as a native of Jalisco dance around the man's *charro sombrero*, like a cowboy hat. At the end, she puts the hat on, signifying the uniting of the two areas.

That dance is performed to a song that has verses, but Durand-Hollis said they are not often sung. The music is fast, and the song, about celebration, is difficult to sing in such a quick tempo.

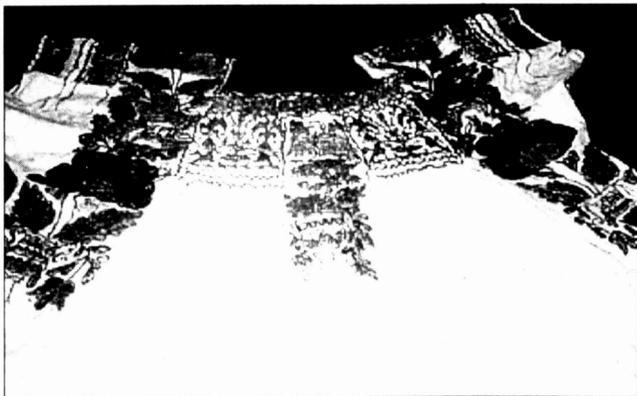
In the Yucatan, one traditional dance has evolved from the style in which the native people carry water and other goods — on their heads. In a *bailes de Yucatan* performed by DanzaHispana, the dancers carry trays of glasses or single bottles on their heads while making smooth movements.

"It is a kind of challenge," explained Durand-Hollis. Spanish folk dances include Muneiras, Jotas, Sardana (from Barcelona) and other lively dances.

Classical Spanish ballet is another style altogether. It is performed with a small or large orchestra and comes from the traditional dances performed in palaces. It encompasses court dances that have evolved into ballet choreographies.

Some of the dances you will see at the performance by DanzaHispana:

- Regional dances of Mexico, including Chihuahua (polhas and others), Veracruz (showing a strong Spanish influence), Jalisco (whose dances and mariachi music have become emblematic of all Mexico).
- Classical and flamenco dances of Spain, including Farruca, Zapateado, Orgia, La Jota.



In the photo at left, this antique blouse was made and beaded by hand in about 1925. It is part of a costume known as *china poblana*. Above, dancers from DanzaHispana perform a *baile de Yucatan*, including dancers carrying trays of drinks or single bottles on their heads.

Key to toddler behavior: It's all part of the personality

Yes, that was me, frantically clutching the writhing body of a screaming toddler in the line last Sunday at Furr's Cafeteria. And that was also me, the week before on the bread aisle at H-E-B, trying to wrestle a package of hamburger buns from the 15-month-old's iron grip.

Sometimes, despite the best parenting advice, and the best parenting intentions, there is nothing you can do but wait it out.

When other people look at you with a sympathetic nod, or glance and look away as if what they see is too painful, you know they have been where you are.

I may be going out on a limb here, but I am ready to admit there is nothing quite like the

embarrassment of being utterly at your child's whim. Whatever she says goes when there are 40 hungry people in line behind us and she refuses to sit in the rolling high chair.

Whatever she wants, she gets, when 15 or 20 pairs of eyes are watching the battle over a bag of rapidly disintegrating buns. I know some of them are thinking, "I hope she's going to pay for those."

Oh, the shame. Hey, I used to be one of those people who cluck-clucked at situations like those and thought, "Some people just can't control their children." I used to be one of those people who believes kids are little globs of clay waiting for an all-knowing, caring parent to shape them into a sunny,

charming personality.

Oh, the pain. I now realize that not only I

am not "all-knowing," I often don't have a clue what to do. When Mommy and H a n n a h clash, it can be like the battle of the whirlwind and the tornado, and I am not the tornado!

I have decided that personality is formed very early in a child's life. I think I do remember ultrasound pictures of Hannah

with her arms crossed in a defiant stance.

What I am saying is that I think parents have little influence on the nuts-and-bolts of personality.

I know the experts are divided on this issue, but I, as a non-expert, I am firmly on the side of nature in the nature vs. nurture argument.

In other words, a baby's personality is probably there when he opens his tiny mouth for that first squeal of hunger. And it is definitely there when that chunky toddler opens her gap-toothed mouth and says, "No, no, no!" (Usually accompanied by a powerful gesture, such as throwing shoes.)

Sure, I think parents have an influence, a very strong influence, in many areas of their

children's development. But what I am saying is that while we can lead our children in the way we want them to go, we have to understand that they are who they are.

I won't take the blame for my daughter's defiant stance against sitting on Santa's lap, and I won't take credit for her love of gazing into the night sky and saying, "Moouooooon" when pointing at the glowing object.

I think some other force was at work in creating all of her features, the Napoleonic and the sublime. I don't believe I was in on the meeting when it was decided that Hannah F. Jensen would ride the rocking horse without using her hands and enjoy rearranging the food in the refrigerator.

So I will continue to lead and direct her behavior. But I don't think I will ever change who she is. I can see already that that was done without my help.

That means she might not love reading, or write little stories on scraps of paper like I did as a child. That means she might not want to play on the basketball team or learn to fix things like her dad.

But rest assured, whatever she becomes, I won't be taking credit. I will be cheering her on, crying with her or holding her hand through it all, but I won't be saying, "Look what I did."

She smashed those hamburger buns all by herself! Debbie L. Jensen is features editor of the Herald.



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STORK CLUB

Kimberlea RaeAnn, girl, born Jan. 12, 2000, 1:06 a.m. at Midland Memorial Hospital, seven pounds eight ounces and 19 inches long; mother is Amy Groves of Stanton.

Grandparents are Jerry and Janell Groves of Big Spring, and Faye and Barrett Moore of Stanton.

Walker Seth Cimino, boy, Jan. 9, 2000, 3:43 p.m., six pounds seven ounces and 19 1/4 inches long; parents are Steve and Samantha Cimino.

Lainey Reagan McElreath, girl, Jan. 13, 2000, 2:56 p.m., six pounds 13.9 ounces and 19 1/2 inches long; parents are Mike and Clarissa McElreath.

Grandparents are Donnie and Christina Henderson of Coleman, and Festus and Lois McElreath of Big Spring.

Sister is Bailey Christina McElreath.

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Rayna Mya Canales, girl, Jan. 8, 2000, 7:18, six pounds 11 ounces and 19 1/2 inches long; parents are Christina Jean Canales and Oscar Canales Jr.

Grandparents are Betty and Ray Muniz, Frank Rosalez, and Diana and Oscar Canales Sr., all of Big Spring.

Sarah Nicole DeLeon, girl, Jan. 17, 2000, 1:21 p.m., five pounds 11 ounces and 18 inches long; parents are Marcos DeLeon and Jessica Ybarra.

Grandparents are Irma Franco and Jessie Ybarra and Mario and Rita DeLeon, all of Ackerly.

Brittney Nichole Mendez, girl, Jan. 18, 2000, 4:15 a.m., six pounds eight ounces and 20 1/2 inches long; parents are Vincent Mendez and Hilda Sabedra.

Grandparents are Mr. and Mrs. Sandoval of Knott, and Maria Mendez of San Angelo.

Kamryn Tyler McCuiston, boy, Jan. 13, 2000, 2:21 p.m., six pounds 2 1/2 ounces and 18 inches long; parents are Christi Whisner and Russel McCuiston.

Grandmother is Sandra Mince of Big Spring.

Walker Avera Rawls, boy, Jan. 10, 2000, 6:42 p.m., eight pounds 14 ounces and 20 inches long; parents are Tommy and Patricia Rawls.

Kasean Rushin, boy, Jan. 14, 2000, 9:37 a.m., seven pounds seven ounces and 20 inches long; parents are Lesley Ledesma and Joseph Rushin.

Grandparents are Angie Cruz and Charlene Rushin, both of Big Spring.

Lissette Blanca Cantu, girl, Jan. 11, 2000, 8:41 p.m., six pounds nine ounces; parents are Jorge Escajeda and Marie Cantu.

Grandparents are Seferino and Elva Escajeda of Van Horn, and Alice and Fidencio Alva of Big Spring.

Richard E. Brackeen III, boy, Jan. 12, 2000, 8:21 p.m., six pounds 5 1/2 ounces and 18 inches long; parents are Richard E. Brackeen II and Brandi L. Brackeen.

Grandparents are Mary A. Churchwell of Big Spring, Richard E. Brackeen of San Antonio, and Darrell and Pat Cyper of Big Spring.

Rebecca Lynn Seals, girl, Jan. 11, 2000, 8:20 p.m., eight pounds 1/2 ounce and 21 inches long; parents are Dewayne and Pam Seals of Coahoma.

Grandparents are Russell and Barbara Beckley of Lincoln, N.M., and Charles and Nona Seals of Coahoma.

Annalisa Jessica Padilla, girl, Jan. 4, 2000, 5:16 p.m., six pounds 11 ounces and 18 1/2 inches long; parents are Angela Candelaria and Oscar Padilla.

Grandparents are Francisco and Rosario Martinez and David and Corinne Casares.

Angel Adolpho Larez Jr., boy, Jan. 6, 2000, 7:31 p.m., seven pounds eight ounces and 21 inches long; parents are Kim Walters and Angel Larez.

Grandparents are Susan Conner of Big Spring, Diana and Phillip Gomez of San Angelo, and Pennie and Jimmy Walters of Mineral Wells.

PEOPLE IN THE NEWS

ATLANTA (AP) — Atlanta Braves owner Ted Turner said pitcher John Rocker should be given a chance to redeem himself over his disparaging comments about immigrants, minorities and homosexuals.

"He's just a kid," the CNN founder and Time Warner vice chairman said Wednesday on CNN's "Moneyline" of the 25-year-old Rocker.

"I think he was off his rocker when he said those things. He's apologized. I don't think we ought to hold it against him forever. Let's give him another chance. He didn't commit a crime," Turner said.

Baseball Commissioner Bud Selig hasn't announced whether he will suspend or fine Rocker.

In an interview in Sports Illustrated last month, Rocker said he would never play for a New York team because he didn't want to ride a train "next to some queer with AIDS." He also said, "I'm not a very big fan of foreigners."

LOS ANGELES (AP) — Entertainment executive David Geffen wants more love in his life.

Geffen Records has filed a breach of contract lawsuit against Courtney Love and Eric Erlandson, the principal members of the band Hole, claiming the group still owes Geffen five albums under a 1992 agreement.

The Superior Court suit filed Wednesday claims that Doll Head Inc., which owns the exclusive recording services of Ms. Love and Erlandson, repudiated the contract based on a California labor law limiting personal services contracts to seven years.

Geffen contends recording contracts are not personal services agreements. He said the pact was extended by amendment in 1997.

The suit seeks unspecified damages and an injunction barring the band from recording as Hole for anyone else.

A telephone message left Thursday for Ms. Love's publicist wasn't immediately returned.

SAN ANTONIO (AP) — Pro wrestler "Stone Cold" Steve Austin was released from a hospital three days after doctors performed spinal surgery to relieve chronic pain in his neck, arms and legs.

Austin, 35, left Methodist Hospital on Wednesday. The World Wrestling Federation star was recuperating at his home in Boerne, about 30 miles northwest of San Antonio, said Dr. Lloyd Youngblood, chief of neurosurgery at the hospital.

Doctors removed bone spurs from vertebrae in his neck. Two of the cervical disks in his neck were replaced with a bone graft, a metal plate and screws, Youngblood said.

Austin could return to the ring in six to 12 months, depending on the healing process, Youngblood said.

LONDON (AP) — The late Princess Diana will be honored with a Peter Pan-themed memorial playground near her former Kensington Park home, the government said Thursday.

The \$2.1 million project will be in addition to a memorial fountain and a walkway in her honor announced earlier this week.

The playground will be divided into six areas, with a pirate ship as the centerpiece. Other features will include a mermaid's fountain, a tree house and a garden with a wooden xylophone and a water piano.

"It is intended to reflect (Diana's) interest in children — particularly those with disabilities — the family and the environment," said designer Adrian Wikeley. Diana died in a 1997 car crash in Paris.

WHO'S WHO

Van Eric Mayes, son of Jan Davis of Big Spring, and John H. Mayes of Houston, received his Master of Science in Physics, Dec. 17, 1999, from Texas A&M University, College Station. He is employed at the Cyclotron Institute. He is continuing his studies toward a Ph.D. in Physics.



MAYES

Mandy Calhoun, a 1995 graduate of Coahoma High School, received her Masters of Business degree on Dec. 17, 1999, from Southwest Texas State. She plans to locate in the Dallas/Fort Worth area.

She is the daughter of Becky Calhoun and the granddaughter of Ann and Royal Mills, and Jessie Calhoun and the late Howard Calhoun.

Melanie Flenniken of Big Spring, and Misty Madison of Stanton, have been named to the Dean's List at Lubbock Christian University for the fall semester of 1999. In order to be considered a part of the dean's list, a student must be taking a minimum of 12 semester hours and achieve a 3.5 grade point average or better for the entire semester. Flenniken earned a perfect record of 4.0.

Darlene Boydston, daughter of Troy and Jessie Boydston, graduated from West Texas A&M University in December 1999, with a Bachelor of Business Administration Management.

Darlene worked at the Alumni Association on campus and will continue working for the University in the Athletic Department as the administrative assistant to the director. Darlene is a graduate Big Spring High School. Her parents recently moved from Big Spring to Hinton, Okla.



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ODDS-N-ENDS

SAN MATEO, Calif. (AP) — They cook, eat leftovers, love football and watch "Seinfeld" reruns. But they also know how to run a business and write programming codes.

They're the "Top Ten Bachelors of Silicon Valley," as determined by the Web site women.com.

It's not tough to find a single guy in the Silicon Valley. There were 5,372 more single men than women aged 20 to 45 in Santa Clara County in October, according to census data and market updates compiled by Claritas Inc., a marketing information company in Arlington, Va.

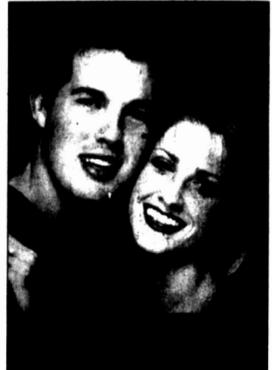
But Anna Zornosa, senior vice president of women.com, said the female-oriented Internet site wanted to identify the cream of the crop.

"Our mission was to find out why they are still single and get their real story by talking to their mothers," she said.

Among the top 10 was Oliver Muoto, 30, who co-founded Epicentric, Inc., a company which provides support to Internet portals. Like most successful Silicon Valley businessmen, he's a workaholic.

"His work is his marriage," said his mother, Sylvia Muoto.

GETTING ENGAGED



Brandi Rachel Gressett of Lamesa and Walter Lee Ray III of Lubbock will exchange wedding vows on July 15, 2000, at the 14th & Main Church of Christ, Big Spring, with Terry Wilson, of the Sudan Church of Christ, officiating.

She is the daughter of Bill and Darlene Gressett of Coahoma, and the granddaughter of Gus Jacobs and the late Georgia Jacobs of Coahoma.

He is the son of Lee and Loretta Ray Jr of Sudan.

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TUESDAY-Ham, noodles, okra & salad, milk/rolls, a

WEDNESDAY-rice, beans, fruit milk/cornbread, fr

THURSDAY-Smc macaroni & tomato salad, milk/rolls, p

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THURSDAY-Taco on cob, refried bea apple, milk.

FRIDAY-Fish bu slices, french fries strawberry banana

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TUESDAY-Fish, cheese, peas, peach

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THURSDAY-Ril french fries, salad, FRIDAY-Ham, n toes, green bean milk.

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TUESDAY-Taco l ritos), salad, pinto cake, milk.

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FRIDAY-Pizza, fresh fruit, milk only salad or bake

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WEDNESDAY-F salad, pinto beans fruit, milk.

THURSDAY-Cot steak, whole nev green beans, hot milk.

FRIDAY-Pizza sa beans, cookies or fr

GARDEN CITY S MONDAY-Frito peaches, brownies.

TUESDAY-Slice cream potatoes, br cobbler, hot rolls.

WEDNESDAY-Ha tomato soup, appl ham cookie.

THURSDAY-Chi cheese stick, fruit cornbread.

FRIDAY-Chicker pickles, pineapple, c

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TUESDAY-Soft ranch style bea cheese, fruit, milk.

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THURSDAY-Faji beans, spanish r fruit, milk.

FRIDAY-Chicken i gravy, whipped pot beans, hot rolls, frui

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Study: Health workers should address violence against women

BALTIMORE (AP) — Abuse against women should be treated as a global health problem, according to a sweeping new report that says at least one of every three women has been beaten, raped or somehow mistreated.

Authors of the study, released Thursday by the Johns Hopkins School of Public Health and the Center for Health and Gender Equity, say it is the first to take a worldwide look at violence against women.

"Most of this stuff has never seen the light of day," said co-author Lori Heise, who visited at least 20 countries during the past decade to collect data from some 2,000 domestic violence studies.

The report, "Ending Violence Against Women," said abused women suffer from depression and other problems, and their children are more likely to be stillborn or die in infancy.

Anywhere from 22 percent to 70 percent of the women interviewed had never before told anyone about abuse they suffered, according to the studies compiled in the report.

The report said that, beyond immediate physical injuries,

abuse has also been linked to a number of gastrointestinal disorders and chronic pain syndromes, perhaps due to anxiety. It also leads to problem pregnancies, substance abuse, gynecological problems.

"Women who have a history of abuse are at much higher risk of having these chronic conditions than other women," said Heise, the co-director of the Center for Health and Gender Equity.

The report said that the health care system is the only institution that interacts with nearly all women during their lives and health professionals are in a unique position to identify and assist victims of abuse.

"I see the health care setting as an opportunity," Heise said. "And right now, it's an opportunity lost."

Dr. John Nelson, a spokesman for the American Medical Association, said that a poll commissioned by the organization abused women would rather speak to her physician than anyone else — "more than clergy, more than her attorney, more than law enforcement, anyone."

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THURSDAY-Smothered steak, macaroni & tomatoes, spinach, salad, milk/rolls, pie.
FRIDAY-Roast beef, potatoes, peas & carrots, tossed salad, milk/rolls, fruit.

BIG SPRING SCHOOLS
MONDAY-BBQ rib sandwich, waffle fries, celery sticks w/ranch dip, mixed fruit, milk.
TUESDAY-Crispy chicken pattie, mashed potatoes, black-eye peas, rosy applesauce, hot roll, milk.
WEDNESDAY-Spaghetti w/meat sauce, glazed carrots, garden salad w/dressing, pear halves, hot roll, milk.
THURSDAY-Taco, salad, corn on cob, refried beans w/cheese, apple, milk.
FRIDAY-Fish burger, pickle slices, french fries, pinto beans, strawberry banana bar, milk.

ELBOW ELEMENTARY
MONDAY-Fried burrito, new potatoes, fruit, milk.
TUESDAY-Fish, macaroni & cheese, peas, peaches, milk.
WEDNESDAY-Chicken pot pie, corn, fruit, crackers, milk.
THURSDAY-Rib sandwich, french fries, salad, fruit, milk.
FRIDAY-Ham, mashed potatoes, green beans, hot roll, milk.

COAHOMA SCHOOLS
MONDAY-Nacho grande, ranch beans, mixed fruit, milk.
TUESDAY-Taco beef pie (burritos), salad, pinto beans, spice, cake, milk.
WEDNESDAY-Chicken nuggets, gravy, mashed potatoes, green beans, rolls, milk.
THURSDAY-Beef stew (corn dogs/fries), stromboli, pears, milk.
FRIDAY-Pizza, tater tots, french fries, milk. Teachers only: salad or baked potato.

SANDS SCHOOLS
MONDAY-Mustang sandwiches, ranch style beans, cake, fruit, milk.
TUESDAY-Chicken fajita burritos, salad, corn, fruit or cake, milk.
WEDNESDAY-Frito pie, salad, pinto beans, cornbread, fruit, milk.
THURSDAY-Country fried steak, whole new potatoes, green beans, hot rolls, fruit, milk.
FRIDAY-Pizza salad, pork & beans, cookies or fruit, milk.

GARDEN CITY SCHOOLS
MONDAY-Frito pie, corn, peaches, brownies.
TUESDAY-Sliced turkey, cream potatoes, broccoli, apple cobbler, hot rolls.
WEDNESDAY-Ham sandwich, tomato soup, applesauce, graham cookie.
THURSDAY-Chili beans, cheese stick, fruit mix, slaw, cornbread.
FRIDAY-Chicken on a bun, pickles, pineapple, cookie.

FORSAN SCHOOLS
MONDAY-Pizza, corn, salad, cookies and creme, milk.
TUESDAY-Soft burritos, ranch style beans, salad, cheese, fruit, milk.
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Peyote thrives in South Texas; Native Americans use it during their religious ceremonies

MIRANDO CITY (AP) — Salvador Johnson heads out before dawn on a recent winter morning, traipsing through cactus and mesquite brush with a shovel and a gunny sack, searching for peyote.

He is one of five licensed peyote dealers in the nation, and has spent most of his life searching for peyote in the wild brush country between Laredo and Hebbronville.

He sifts dried peyote buttons — small rounded pieces of light brown cactus — through his fingers on a table behind his frame house in this town of 300, located halfway between Hebbronville and Laredo.

It is a town where cowboys still drive horses across the highway, which leads past Laredo and into Mexico.

"It is a good life," he said. "You don't have a boss looking over your shoulder," Johnson said. "You spend most of your time outdoors. It is a great joy for me."

Four South Texas counties — Webb, Zapata, Jim Hogg and Starr — comprise an area known as the "peyote gardens" to Native Americans, and it descends into the Sierra Madre of Mexico.

To many Native Americans, South Texas is a holy place, Johnson said. "Coming here is like a pilgrimage to the Holy Land for them," he said.

Native Americans belonging to many tribes from throughout the country make pilgrimages to South Texas at least once a year, often in February to see the tiny cactus, which they believe to be sacred, growing wild.

In February, at an annual festival, they pitch their tepees in ranchers' nearby pastures and hold all-night peyote ceremonies.

Although Johnson, 53, is a Baptist, he also is active in the Native American Church, which is based on the peyote religion that has been part of indigenous life for 10,000 years.

The church, with about 400,000 members nationwide, combines elements of Christianity with the worship and consumption of peyote.

In the Native American Church, peyote has the same place as the communion sacrament in Christianity, said Lourdes Jiordani, a professor of anthropology at Albright College in Pennsylvania, who studies the peyote religion.

Only those who are at least one-quarter Native American can legally purchase peyote, although many non-Native Americans take peyote at church ceremonies.

Johnson said that the Native American Church has helped him. "It is just like the Baptist or the Catholic Church," he said.

"All religions are basically the same. What peyote does is give me a clear mind to go to my Creator.

"The way I look at it, I am Mexican-American, and my ancestors were more Native American than anybody else."

The effects of peyote
Peyote, a small, round cactus with fuzzy tufts instead of spines, produces about 50 chemically related compounds. Its effects can range from bursts of physical energy to producing visions, due largely to the presence of the chemical mescaline.

"It makes me able to communicate with the Creator," said Jerry Etcitty, 64, a Navajo roadman from Aztec, N.M., who has been coming to Mirando City to buy peyote from Johnson for about 40 years. "I have been eating it since I was a teenager."

'More to life'
Lillian Etcitty, the Navajo roadman's wife, said peyote cured her and her husband of alcoholism, and that it is widely used as a treatment for alcoholism among Native Americans. After she became sober, she took a job as an alcohol counselor in Gallup, N.M.

"I respect it and take care of it," she said. "I don't misuse it. Some people take too much or misuse it, and that is wrong because it is sacred. It wakes up Spirit in our hearts and minds. It makes us realize that there is more to life than drinking and partying."

Lillian Etcitty said that children in the tribe are given small amounts of peyote and allowed to attend meetings.

"We would never give our children something that would hurt them," she said. "It helps them develop their spiritual life. We also look at it as medicine. It can cure things ranging from cancer to tuberculosis, if you have faith."

Governmental concerns
Jane Maxwell, a researcher with the Texas Commission on Alcohol and Drug Abuse, said that the use of peyote among Native Americans is dangerous, and she fears its acceptance among them will make it spread to those of other cultural backgrounds.

She said she has received no reports of overdoses, deaths, or illnesses caused by peyote.

"It is classified with hallucinogens, and we have had significant problems with hallucinogens, including convulsions and bad mental trips," Maxwell said.

She said she doesn't like the drug being touted as cure for alcoholism.

"It is substituting one psychotropic substance for another," she said.

CHURCH NEWS

The Soul Seekers gospel seekers of Lubbock will appear this Sunday at 2 p.m. and 6 p.m. at New Mt. Zion Baptist Church.

1111 Rannels. The event is sponsored by the church's Missionary Society.

Also, True Light Singers of Midland will perform. Pastor of New Mt. Zion Baptist is Tommy Hudson.

Read the Herald and file in touch with Big Spring.

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Cinder — Short hair, black, purring sounds like a dove, female, 1 year old plus, spayed.

Terry — Short hair, orange tabby, shy male, 2 years old, neutered.

These, plus many more dogs and cats are awaiting adoption. Adoption fees for dogs are just \$60 and cats are \$50. This includes spaying or neutering, vaccinations, wormings and rabies shots. Also covers feline leukemia tests for cats. All pets come with a two-week trial period. Call the shelter at 267-7832 for more information.

NEWCOMERS

New residents of Big Spring welcomed recently by Joy Fortenberry and the Newcomer Greeting Service include:

Jesse W. and Marisela Good, daughter Jazmine and son Jesse, Tucson, Ariz. He is employed by the Federal Correctional Institution.

Paul and Judy Rydeen and son Taylor, Battle Creek, Mich. He is the chief engineer at the VA Medical Center.

Randy and Annabelle Robledo, daughters Andrea and Brenda and son Randy Jr., Stanton. He works for Franklin & Son Tire Co.

Sixto Rios, Three Rivers. He is employed by the Federal Correctional Institution.

Dewayne and Tamara Carter, daughter Savannah, and sons Christian, Patrick and Jordan, Snyder. He works for Robinson Drilling of Texas.

Tricia Peters, San Angelo. She is employed by Joe's Italian Restaurant.

Tori Covert, San Angelo. He is the manager of Joe's Italian Restaurant.

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Technology companies rev up opposition to Internet sales tax

DALLAS (AP) — Technology companies are picking up the pace of their opposition to Internet taxes as a panel appointed by Congress prepares to hold its final hearing in Dallas in a few weeks.

Some governors and mayors are pushing for Internet sales taxes, fearing that their tax base will erode as Internet commerce grows.

The issue has moved up in prominence on the presidential campaign trail. This week, Sen. Republican John McCain pledged to forever ban taxes on the Internet and dared Texas Gov. George W. Bush to do the same. Industry groups mobilizing against an

Internet sales tax were delighted.

"It really would stop this growing Internet sales economy dead in its tracks," says Caroline Graves Hurley, director of tax policy for the American Electronics Association.

Large technology companies that operate nationwide have larger staffs dedicated to complying with and paying state taxes than federal taxes, she said.

"There's no way little companies who sell over the Internet can do that," Ms. Hurley said.

"They don't have the resources that Hewlett-Packard does."

Michael Turner, vice president of

marketing for Clear Commerce, an Austin company that makes software to process Internet purchases, cited estimates that Web sales equal less than half of 1 percent of all sales. He said an Internet sales tax would be ineffective.

"A lot of merchants are marking five transactions a month" on the Internet, Turner said. "You're going to have people sending in (tax payments of) \$12 a month." He said governments would lose money handling lots of small-dollar tax payments.

Dallas Mayor Ron Kirk has emerged as a leading proponent of an Internet sales tax.

Kirk is a member of the federal Advisory Commission on Electronic Commerce, which is due to hold a two-day hearing in March in Dallas, then report its recommendations to Congress.

Kirk said many states get almost half their revenue from sales taxes, and the boom in Internet retailing could siphon tax dollars used to buy fire engines and patch potholes. Texas might need an income tax to offset lost sales-tax revenue, he said.

Kirk also argues there's a fairness issue involved. Affluent people, with computers and Internet-access accounts, will be able to avoid sales

taxes by shopping online, he said, while poor people without computers will have to pay sales taxes to support basic city services.

"We believe goods bought and sold over the Internet ought to be treated the same as goods bought on Main Street," he said.

The National Governors Association, cities, counties and state legislatures want the advisory commission to endorse a voluntary Internet sales tax system in which all states would adopt a single rate and a third party — such as credit-card companies — would calculate, collect and distribute the tax based on where the purchaser lives.

Projected farm income tumbles by \$7.6 billion

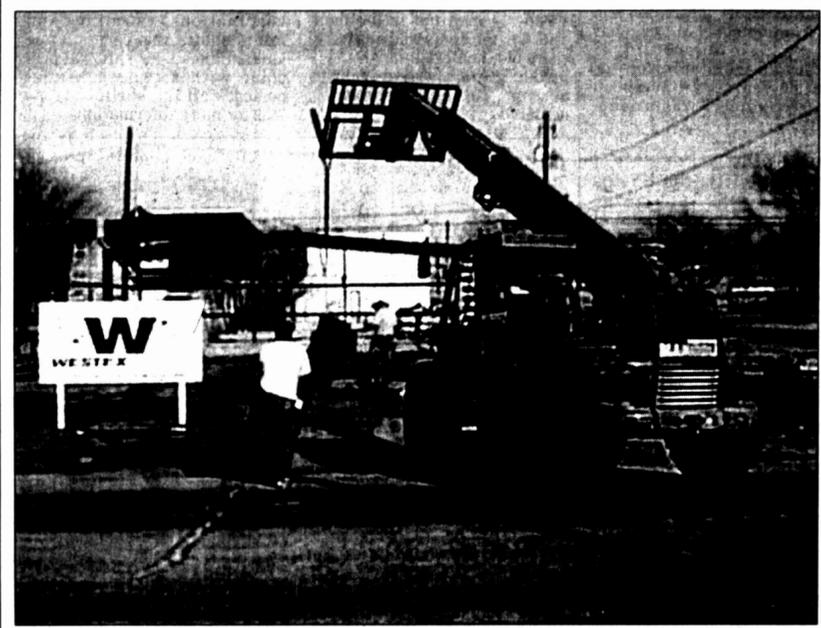
The United States net farm income was projected at \$7.6 billion less than one year ago. Large grain and cotton supplies and low commodity prices are the primary reasons for the United States net farm income to be approximately \$4.4 billion in 2000. In many cases, production costs have exceeded income. Obviously, this is a concern to all parties involved. Legislators are looking at farm program revisions as one alternative to the problem.



DAVID KNIGHT

As always, receiving normal rainfall would be of the most benefit. Disaster programs have been a quick fix for now, but some major restructuring of operations and farm programs must occur for many operations to continue.

Farmer's Tax Guides are available at the Howard County Extension office at no charge for anyone interested. Internal Revenue Service publication 225 explains how the federal tax laws apply to farming and is useful as a guide to figure your taxes and complete farm tax returns. Come by the County Extension office in the basement of the courthouse to pick up your tax guide.



Steel framing is going up on the WESTEX Telecom customer service center on Scurry Street. The company is expanding its digital/cellular and long distance telephone service.

Rapid increase in use of natural gas predicted

HOUSTON (AP) — America's appetite for power generation will sharply raise demand for natural gas, leading to tight supplies in the next 10 years, according to a new study.

The demand spurt will cause exploration companies to go greater distances in search of new supplies, as far afield as Alaska's North Slope, according to the report by consulting company Arthur Andersen and Cambridge Energy Research

Associates.

The appeal of natural gas lies in the relatively low cost of gas-fired power plants and the fuel's clean-burning characteristics.

Only about 15 percent of electric power is generated by gas, but 80 percent of proposed new generation would be gas-fired, said Everett Gibbs, managing director of Natural Gas Energy Services for Arthur Andersen.

However, if natural gas prices remain above \$2 per thousand

cubic feet, demand from industry will soften. Gibbs said gas usage by chemicals, paper and steel producers were all cut in 1998 and 1999 because of price. Most of the reduction was due to improved efficiency rather than switching to other fuels, he said.

Tom Robinson, managing director and director of research for Cambridge Energy, said it would be a mistake to write off coal as an alternative, despite its problems, including emissions.

The Gas Trends 2000 study calculates gas usage, which grew about 1 trillion cubic feet during the 1990s, will increase up to 4 trillion to 6 trillion cubic feet over the next 10 years.

To keep pace, the industry will need to find and develop as much as 300 trillion cubic feet of new gas reserves in the United States and Canada during the next 10 years. That is about the size of current known reserves, said Gibbs and Robinson.

Deepwater production in the Gulf of Mexico has boomed but output from the continental shelf has been in a sharp decline.

Water

Veteran oil men accumulating groundwater rights in Texas; plan to sell to parched cities

HOUSTON (AP) — Two veteran oil men are laying the groundwork to produce new riches from another kind of liquid — water.

T. Boone Pickens and Scott Carlson are separately accumulating groundwater rights with the notion of selling the water to parched cities.

Pickens has quietly acquired the water rights to tens of thousands of acres in the Panhandle, including his own 24,000-acre ranch, the Texas Journal of The Wall Street Journal reported.

Carlson leads Houston-based Metropolitan Water Co., which hopes to develop a 75,000-acre well field in Burleson County and pump the water to fast-growing cities and water districts in Williamson County.

The moves by Pickens and Carlson have some officials in the state worried.

Officials from seven counties near the proposed Burleson well field met this week to discuss forming a groundwater-conservation district, which could limit how much water is pumped from the area. "I think Mr. Carlson has heightened the need for us to come forward with this," said Tom Wilkinson Jr., director of the Brazos Valley Council of Governments.

Others also question the role of private enterprise in managing the state's water supply.

"We can't go in like an oil company, pump the heck out of the field and then leave town," said Susan Butler, director of water resources for the San Antonio Water System.

But as Texas enters its third drought in the past four years, the demand for water is unmistakable. Austin paid the Lower Colorado River Authority \$100 million earlier this year for enough water to last the next 50 years. San Antonio hopes to double its supply by using water that is the byproduct of lignite-mining operations, and the city is looking for more.

As the Texas Supreme Court affirmed last year, landowners

"Quite frankly, we were afraid that if we didn't buy it, somebody else might."

—Amarillo City Manager John Ward

can do as they choose with groundwater under their land.

Last week, the San Antonio Water System said it is trying to buy 11 farms totaling 5,200 acres in Uvalde, Medina and Bexar counties so it can acquire additional rights to pump from the Edwards Aquifer.

The farms, with projected pumping rights of 8,935 acre-feet, were bought in 1996 by Lee Bass and a group of Austin lawyers, the San Antonio Express-News reported. Bass traded those properties to U.S. Filter in 1997, the paper said.

U.S. Filter spokesman Mike Albach said the company wants to sell the properties because they don't offer a quick and hefty return on the investment. The price in tentative documents released by the San Antonio Water System is set at \$500 per acre of land and \$700 per acre-foot of water rights, a total of \$8.7 million.

One of the first major leasing-rights deals in Texas closed earlier this year when Amarillo paid more than \$20 million to a group of local ranchers headed by Salem Abraham, grandson of a wealthy oil man.

Abraham banded together with other landowners because he didn't think he could find a buyer just for the water from his family's 12,000-acre Roberts County ranch. The group sold rights to 72,000 acres.

Amarillo, which will pay \$80 million to \$100 million building a pipeline, won't need the extra water for at least 25 years, but City Manager John Ward said the city jumped at the chance to buy Abraham's water.

"Quite frankly, we were afraid that if we didn't buy it, somebody else might," Ward said.

Area delegates attend TFB convention

Special to the Herald

Eleven voting delegates from Howard County Farm Bureau recently participated in the 66 annual Texas Farm Bureau State Convention Nov. 28-Dec. 1, in Corpus Christi.

Attendees convened for several business sessions consisting of award presentations, business reports and organizational discussions. Policies directing the states' largest farm organization were adopted by more than 1,200 delegates from 208 organized County Farm Bureaus.

Approved recommendations on national policies will advance to the American Farm Bureau Federation annual meeting to be held in Houston.

Addressing the delegates were Bob Stallman of Columbus, TFB president; Delmas McCormick of Floydada, TFB secretary-treasurer; and Vernie Glasson, TFB executive director.

The business session covered the final two days of the meeting.



Voting delegates from Howard County were, left to right, front row, June Kenemer, Virginia Allen, Sheree Moates, Rose Pelzel and Birdie Shaw, and back row, Kevin Hamlin, Hollis Kenemer, Paul Allen, Mike Moates, Pat Pelzel and Larry Shaw.

The last order of business was the election of the president, Stallman.

During the convention this year's youth winners were named. Miss Farm Bureau was Traci Gohmert from Victoria County, Talent Find Winner was Caleb Harris from Hansford County and Free Enterprise Speech winner was Kelli Stuart from Tyler County. These young people won more

than \$15,000 in scholarships to help with their continuing education.

Named "Outstanding Young Farmer/Rancher of 1999" was Darrell and Shannon Glaser of Milam County.

In addition, an exhibitor showcase presented agricultural exhibits, crafts and specialty items, a health fair and booths featuring Texas agencies and TFB affiliated companies.



Larry Shaw, left, receives a Pioneer Award from Texas Farm Bureau President Bob Stallman.

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Father and son are certified wreck masters

By BILL McCLELLAN
News Editor

When you make your living towing vehicles for stranded motorists and responding to vehicular accidents, going back to "school" is sometimes not what you might think.

"My son and I both went to school in San Antonio to be certified wreck masters," said David Mitchem.

Becoming a certified wreck master has nothing to do with video games or Sunday morning cartoons.

And if you are the owner of Mitchem & Sons Wrecker Service, you take the certification seriously.

"We had hands-on training and a pretty stiff test," said David, who received the certification along with son, Ricky.

The seminar was on how to safely upright cars and trucks that have been turned over, using the least amount of space possible.

"When a car is turned over, it's normally in a ditch and you have to close down a lane of



David and Ricky Mitchem have completed training as "certified wreck masters."

traffic with the wrecker to get to it," said David. "This training showed how to get right along in front of that car and right it without having to get out in the lane of traffic."

The training fit right in with David's experience as a scene safety coordinator, another certification he received a couple

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Ford, Paul, 501 A West Kiowa, Hobbs, N.M.
Freeman, Cindy A., 1441 Tanglewood, Odessa
Harrison, Tiffany S., 1935 Dunbar Rd., Woodlawn, Tenn.
Henry, Nakia, 618 State, Big Spring
Holstine, Martha, RR 1 205 Terrell, Colorado City
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 Gollad, Big Spring
Metcalfe, Roy Lee Jr., Rt. 1, Box 291, Coahoma
Olivas, Julian Hernandez, P.O. Box 304, Coahoma
Resendez, Guadalupe, 945 Clifford, Odessa
Reyes, Shalina, 538 Westover No. 234, Big Spring
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Rivera, Krishna N., 2020 Mattie Woods Lane, Colorado City
Roberts, Doris P., 3303 Auburn, Big Spring
Rodriguez, Dalma, 707 N. Ninth St., Lamesa
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Rodriguez, Gloria, 3313 Cuthbert, Midland
Rodriguez, Daniel V., 3304 W. Hwy 80, Apt. 29, Big Spring or P.O. Box 955, Stanton
Rodriguez, Joel, 1601 E. Third, Big Spring
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Selvera, Joey, 2006 Ave. L, Snyder
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Simmons, Tonya, 3306 S. Co. Rd. No. 1206, Midland
Simpson, Patricia, 3527 102nd St., Lubbock
Smith, Rosemary, 711 E. 15th, Big Spring
Smyth, Sandra, 3707 HC, Airport Rd., Big Spring
Torres, Christine, 2101 Lakeview Circle No. 109, Lewisville
Uribe, G. Gina, P.O. Box 123, Big Spring
Velasquez, Vita L., 2023 W. Sixth Street, Big Spring
Vasana, Elizabeth R., 203 N.W. Third, Big Spring
Villarreal, Paul, 206 Southwest 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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filed: Jan. 13, 2000

grantor: D&H Transport Inc.
grantee: Santa Fe Snyder Corp.
property: all of lots 19-20, tract no. 2B, Foster Subdivision
filed: Jan. 13, 2000

grantor: Bobby Lee McCormick
grantee: Glenda Joye Bray
property: all of lot 9, blk. 15, Boydston Addition
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Marjorie Kaye Richardson vs. Daryl Dane Richardson
Lolita Yolanda Scott vs. Kenneth Dwain Scott
Claude Wayne Jordy vs. Deborah Ann Jordy
Cindy Lozano vs. Lawrence Roland Lozano
Debra Wallace vs. Jimmy Wallace
Annette Marie Williams Parker vs. Scott Wayne Parker
Michelle Annette Lopez vs. Armando Lopez Lopez

Family:

Maria Garcia vs. Antonio Garcia
Elisa Martinez vs. Rosendo DeLapaz
Accounts, notes & contracts
Citibank South Dakota, N.A. vs. Grady L. Cunningham
Providian National Bank vs. Ronnie H. Jones

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Rulings:

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Coahoma ISD vs. L.S. Boyes, tax-dismissed
Ana Maria Strong vs. Russell Earl Strong, family law
Howard County, Et Al vs. Gloria C. Chapman, tax-dismissed
Howard County, Et Al vs. Mury Gene Garner, tax-dismissed
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Howard County vs. Ramon Garcia, tax-dismissed
Howard County, Et Al vs. Hector Granados and wife Helen, tax-dismissed
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Desirie L. Savell vs. Jason Henry, family-dismissed
Coahoma ISD vs. Gerald King, tax-dismissed
Gaddum J.M. Reddy and wife G. vs. Harry R. Deter and Key Homes, IDO-judgment
Coahoma ISD vs. J&S Oilfield Electric Company, tax-dismissed
Coahoma ISD vs. Thomas M. Kelly, tax-dismissed
Coahoma ISD vs. James Pennington, tax-dismissed
Coahoma ISD vs. Taylor-Link

Operating Co., tax-dismissed

Donna Lee Gannaway vs. Lynn Baize Gannaway, divorce-granted
Mary Jean Berry vs. Anthony Arista, family law
Equillia Andrea Earle McCandle vs. Robert Earl McCandle, divorce-granted
United States Fire Insurance C vs. Price Construction, ANC-dismissed
North River Ins. Co. vs. Price Construction, Inc., ANC-dismissed
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Providian National Bank vs. Angel Gonzales, ANC-dismissed
Providian National Bank vs. Pat Warden, ANC-judgment
Freda Mae O'Brien vs. John Kevin O'Brien, divorce-granted
Karen Gloria Franco vs. James Bethke, family-judgment
William G. Fuller vs. Jeanie Michelle Fuller, divorce-granted
Cosden Federal Credit Union vs. Louise Y. and Ronald E. Hutt, ANC-judgment
Sears, Roebuck & Co. vs. Fernando F. Mata, ANC-judgment
Big Spring Education Employees vs. Linda Hayes, ANC-judgment
Eugene Clanton vs. Patsy Clanton, divorce-granted
Dianna L. Moore vs. Terry G. Moore, divorce-granted
Mary Marie Lewis vs. Jonathan Paul Lewis, divorce-granted
Co-Ex Pipe Company vs. C&S Construction, Et Al, ANC-judgment
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Carla J. Howell vs. Woodie B. Howell, divorce-grant
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Alma Soto vs. Gabriel Soto Jr., divorce-granted
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Cheree Susan Harris vs. James Howard Harris, divorce-granted
Enid Amber Stonerook vs. Marlon Chandler, family-dismissed
Sears, Roebuck and Co. vs. Isabel Flores, ANC-judgment
Kori Lewis vs. Colbie Ford, family law
Lana K. Fox vs. Gary Wayne Fox Jr., divorce-granted
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Volvo Commercial Finance LLC T vs. Charles Macke, ANC-judgment
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Sharon Houlihan vs. Joe Alfredo Gomez, family-judgment
Jo Ann Torres vs. Joe Torres, family-judgment

TXU seeks bids for wind power expansion

Special to the HERALD

DALLAS — TXU Electric & Gas, a subsidiary of TXU, is seeking bids for one of the largest renewable energy proposals in U.S. History.
TXU Electric & Gas requests bids on approximately 500 million kilowatt-hours of renewable energy credits, in conjunction with TXU's Clean Air 2000 program.

"A project of 500 million kilowatts-hours is being enough to supply the annual needs of 29,000 homes, which is roughly the entire city of DeSoto or Haltom City."
TXU Electric & Gas intends to acquire the renewable energy credits through a Request For Proposals. The deadline for bids is March 27. Bidders may either offer to sell the renewable energy credits or renewable energy in addition to the credits.

"The Big Spring WindPower Project is huge and this solicitation is almost four times larger," said Steve Philley, TXU Energy Supply vice president.

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of years ago.
"Safety is important. You don't want your people getting hurt and the definitely don't want any bystanders getting hurt. And they are curious," said David. "You have to keep them out of the danger zone."
"Lots of times you have more than one truck and you need someone to signal both trucks," he said.
An important factor, according to David, is to keep traffic moving.

vehicles over quicker, easier and safer."
Mitchem & Sons Wrecker Service, formed in 1976, is the oldest wrecker service that tows for AAA in Texas.

Shaw has remained active. Some of his accomplishments include service on the State Ag Advisory Committee for former Agricultural Commissioner Jim Hightower and the Governmental Affairs and Agricultural Committee for the Big Spring Area Chamber of Commerce.

AWARD

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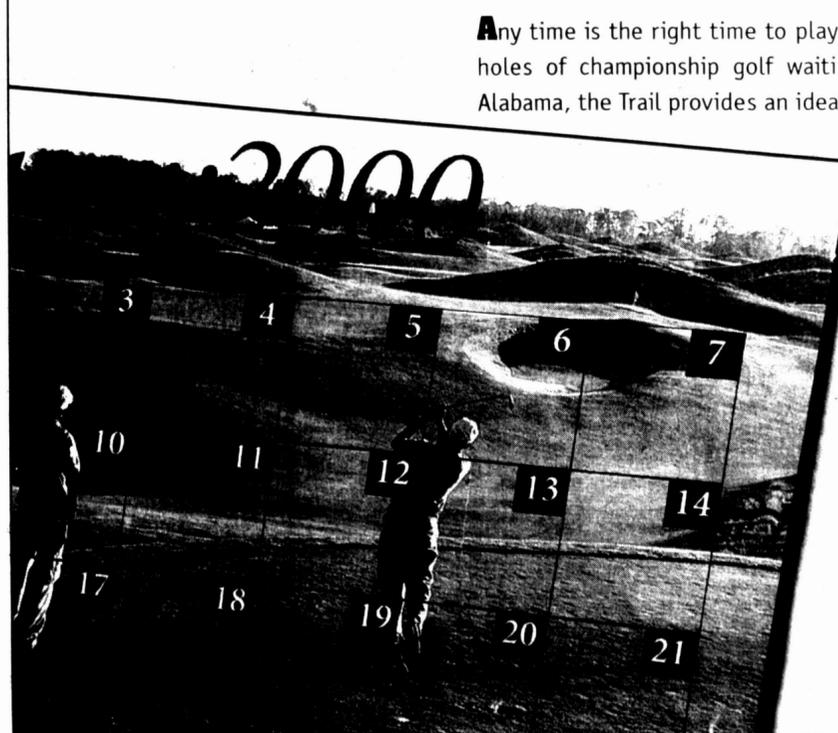
involvement with young people is evident by his many years of work with the Miss TFB and Talent Find Contests, plus on the Ag in the Classroom tour held each September for the last nine years, during the Howard County Fair for the area elementary students.
Outside of Farm Bureau,

Shaw was named 1993 Ag Producer of the Year at the AG Expo in Big Spring and received the 1996 Fort Worth Star Telegram Farm and Ranch Award in cotton.
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THE PLANNING AND ZONING COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF BIG SPRING, TEXAS, WILL HOLD A MEETING ON TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 1, 2000 AT 5:30 P.M. IN THE CITY COUNCIL CHAMBERS 307 EAST 4TH (HANDICAPPED ACCESS AVAILABLE). BIG SPRING, TEXAS TO CONSIDER THE FOLLOWING REQUEST FOR A REZONE

The City of Big Spring is requesting a zone change from Office (O) to Light Commercial (LC) of Lot 1, Block 1, Spring Creek Subdivision, location of Schlotsky's Dsk. 1513 E FM 700, Big Spring, Texas 2589 January 21 & 23, 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

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF BIG SPRING, TEXAS AMENDING CHAPTER 18, ARTICLE 3, SECTION 18-74, SUBSECTION (P) (1) DESIGNATING THE MAXIMUM SPEED LIMIT AT 45 MILES PER HOUR, PROVIDING FOR A SEVERABILITY CLAUSE, PROVIDING FOR PUBLICATION AND FINDING AND DETERMINING THAT THE MEETING AT WHICH THIS ORDINANCE WAS DISCUSSED WAS OPEN TO THE PUBLIC AS REQUIRED BY LAW.

Tam Matthews
Assistant City Secretary
2586 JANUARY 21 & 23, 2000

PUBLIC NOTICE

BID 00-437
Advertisement for Bids
The Howard County Junior College District is now accepting bids for the following:

Dorm Cleaning Services for Summer Camp Schedule

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Technical questions should be directed to Javier Flores, Dean of Students, 1001 Birdwell Lane, Big Spring, TX 79720, (915) 264-5028 and bidding questions should be directed to Dennis Churchwell, Purchaser, 1001 Birdwell Lane, Big Spring, TX 79720, (915) 264-5167. Howard County Junior College District reserves the right to reject any and all bids 2586 January 23 & 30, 2000

HOROSCOPE

HAPPY BIRTHDAY FOR SUNDAY, JAN. 23:
Work as a team in your personal and professional lives. You might not always see eye to eye with others, especially when it comes to long-term goals. You are changing; what and who you value now could be different in a year. If you are single, you'll want and need a very close relationship. Another easily takes you to nirvana this summer and fall. Try to be realistic. If attached, your relationship develops a newfound closeness. Togetherness counts. The two of you might differ about friends and longer term goals, however. VIRGO wants 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)
****Manage security issues and make key decisions. You might decide to make a change in your work. Exploring options could be frustrating and challenging. Just do what you need to do. Don't forget to get some exercise. Tonight: Get some needed R & R.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20)
****You are creative, dynamic and full of fun. A loved one or child reaches for you. Don't be judgmental about his manner of communicating. Focus on feelings. Be of the heart, not of the head. Let go and enjoy. Tonight: Walk over an obstacle.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20)
***Take some downtime with a loved one. Don't push so hard. You may see others as demanding and touchy. Worry less about what others are doing and what others are. Handle your own personal matters. Hang around family and the hearth. Tonight: Happy at home.

CANCER (June 21-July 22)
****Defer to others. Touch base with friends. The more, the merrier. Allow your playful side to emerge. Caring abounds; just let it happen. You have pushed yourself very hard, and fatigue could slow you down a little! Tonight: Hanging out.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22)
***Deal with finances head-on. Avoid any emotional or financial risks. Someone you put on a pedestal makes a strong request that might feel like a burden. You'll meet another's need, even if it is difficult for you. Tonight: Make a must appearance.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22)
****Beam in what you want. Your personality melts barriers. You feel good discussing the future and what you want

and expect. Let go of a certain vision about how a domestic matter can and will work itself through. Tonight: You're top dog.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22)
****Togetherness marks a relationship. Feel free to express your vulnerabilities and needs. Another shows how much he cares. You could be extremely sensitive and more controlling than you are aware of. Move with the moment. Tonight: Vanish - mystery becomes you.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21)
****Friendships build as you spend time together. You naturally relate with ease and draw others. Someone you find very difficult responds to your overtures. Count on your magnetism and perceptive abilities. Tonight: Make the most of the moment.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21)
***All eyes turn to you. Decide what is possible as you assume more responsibilities. Are you sure you want this? Listen to another, even though you might not agree. Avoid conflict with powerful figures in your life. Tonight: Do what you must.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19)
****Build on established ties, even though you might not feel comfortable with what is happening. Take time with a child or a special friend. Stop and take an overview. You could be emotionally charged into another's story. Tonight: Catch your favorite TV show.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18)
****You might not be sure what to do with a contrary friend. Finding solutions is tough, but if you listen to a trusted friend, you come up with excellent alternatives. Take time with a family member. Discuss the pros and cons of an issue. Tonight: Tog etherness counts.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20)
****Defer to others, even if you feel that another is playing out his willfulness. Pull back and think before you take action. Caring moments come as a result of an important talk. Another sees how very serious you are. Listen to his side, too. Tonight: Say yes.

BORN TODAY
Actor Richard Dean Anderson (1950), actor Rutger Hauer (1944), actress Tiffani-Amber Theissen (1974)

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THE Daily Crossword Edited by Wayne Robert Williams

- ACROSS**
- Mom's dessert?
 - Scanty
 - Crawling
 - Actress Dahl
 - In this situation
 - Titans
 - Nightmare street?
 - Drapery
 - Start of a refrain
 - Spinnaker, e.g.
 - Word with chop or barrel
 - Sales pitch
 - Abalone opener
 - Become a father
 - Toward shelter
 - Fitted together in a stack
 - Like a landlocked country
 - Source of poi
 - New Zealand island territory
 - Precede
 - Spasmodic muscular contractions
 - Singer Vikki
 - "Girl"
 - Blaze of light
 - Crude
 - Memorable times
 - Alaska's first governor
 - Coffee container
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By Edgar Fontaine Dighton, MA 1/22/00

Friday's Puzzle Solved

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Incentive for organ donors should be to do right thing

DEAR ABBY: I am not normally a person who would write to you, but I am prompted to do so as a result of the letter you printed relating to obtaining inheritance tax, estate tax or income tax incentives for people to become organ donors.

I am a lawyer who practices in the estate and tax field, and I thought that the proposition was interesting from that standpoint.

However, as a registered organ donor, I question both the proposition and your support of it. My questioning does not concern the need to get more organ donors, but it concerns the motivation of people to donate organs in return for tax relief.

I am concerned that our society needs to have "incentives" to do that which is right. Do we really need to have income tax deductions to support our favorite charities? Do we need tax incentives to encourage people to employ persons otherwise unemployable? Will chari-

table giving collapse if, for some reason, charitable deductions were eliminated from the Internal Revenue Code?

I would hope that the answer to these questions would be no, so I am not in support of the person who suggests that we give incentives to encourage people to become organ donors. The incentive should be that you are doing the right thing for the right reason. There is no other incentive necessary.

— ALFRED K. HETTINGER, ALLENTOWN, PA.

DEAR MR. HETTINGER: The answer to all of your questions could well be "yes." And I agree with you that no incentive other than doing the right thing for the right reason should be necessary.

However, at this time 66,717 people are on organ-donor waiting lists, praying for a heart, a kidney or a liver that will save their lives. Last year, 4,800 people died waiting for that prayer to be answered. Is it more immoral for someone to die because there is a shortage or organs available, or to offer tax incentives to those who would otherwise bury their dear departed, organs and all? To me, it seems like a terrible waste.

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INVITATION TO BID

Bid for the construction of:
Diagnostic Assessment Center
Southwest Collegiate Institutes for the Deaf
3201 Avenue C
Big Spring, Texas

will be received at the Howard County Junior College Board Room located in the Student Union Building at 1001 Birdwell Lane, Big Spring, Texas until 2:00 p.m. local time on Tuesday, February 22, 2000. Bids will be opened and read aloud at that time.

Bids will be addressed to:
Mr. Terry Hansen,
Executive Vice President

PUBLIC NOTICE

Howard College Diagnostic Assessment Center Southwest Collegiate Institute for the Deaf (Name and address of bidder)

This will be a single lump sum contract and shall include all general, electrical and mechanical work. Make proposals on unaltered proposal forms furnished by the Architect. Fill in all blank spaces and have the proposal signed by a legal officer or agent authorized to bind the Bidder to a contract.

Each Bidder shall deliver their bid in a sealed envelope to the Owner or to the bid opening.

Drawings and Specifications may be examined at the office of J. Philip Furquerson, Architect, 500 Johnson Street, Big Spring, Texas 79720, 915-267-3794. Copies of these documents shall be available at the office of the Architect in accordance with the instructions to Bidders. The deposit will be \$100.00 per set.

The Owner reserves the right to reject any and all bids and to waive any formality in connection therewith. The Owner reserves the right to contract within 30 days following the bid opening. No bids may be withdrawn during this time.

2592 January 23 & 30, 2000