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WEATHER

Tonight:



PARTLY CLOUDY

TONIGHT 35°-40° THURSDAY 38°-42°

Development board convenes

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WHAT'S UP...

TODAY

□ Eagles Lodge Ladies Auxiliary, 7 p.m., Eagles Lodge, 704 W. Third.

THURSDAY

□ Giddeons 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.

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Colder temperatures, possible rain or freezing rain heading our way

By BILL McCLELLAN
News Editor

The unseasonably warm weather Howard County has been getting is about to get more seasonal.

Colder weather, with the possibility of rain or freezing rain, is in the forecast — though Big Spring may lie at the edge of the system.

"It looks like you will be on the edge of this. There are some questions as to whether it will be too warm for any freezing rain," said Alec Lyster, meteorologist with the National Weather Service in Midland. "If it clouds up early tonight, I'd say it will stay too warm for any freezing rain. On the other hand, if it stays clear until 4 or 5 in the morning, the possibility

of freezing rain exists."

Tonight's forecast is for a 30 percent chance of showers. Officially, the Thursday morning forecast is rain or freezing rain with temperatures falling into the 30s. Chance of precipitation Thursday morning is 40 percent.

Warm air coming from the west and south will push the system to the east and north,

according to Lyster.

Some of the counties to the northeast — Garza, Kent, Stonewall — will have a winter storm watch tonight and Thursday morning. They are more likely to get more precipitation, Lyster said.

Temperatures are expected to remain colder than they have been, with evening temperatures in the mid 20s to lower 30s

and highs between 45 and 55 through Saturday.

"There is another system following rapidly. It looks like it could be in our neck of the woods Saturday. At this time, it doesn't look to be as potent, though," said Lyster. "It's really difficult to tell at this time, but I would think if we had any wintry precipitation out of that, it would be Monday."



Jesse Herrera and Luis Rios, top photo, and Jesse Galindo of Southwest Masonry in Odessa lay bricks for the exterior wall on the SouthWest Collegiate Institute for the Deaf Multipurpose Center. The center, which will boast a standard gymnasium and aerobic classrooms, should be completed this spring.

HERALD photos/Carl Graham

Vote

Registration deadlines drawing near for those who plan to cast a ballot

By MARSHA STURDIVANT
Staff Writer

Deadline to register to vote for a new mayor for Big Spring is Feb. 2, less than a week away.

And the last day to register to vote in the primary election, where citizens may select their party choice of United States president, state representative, United States congressman and Howard County sheriff, is Feb. 14.

"If anyone has any questions about their voter registration status, they need to call my office," said Kathy Sayles, Howard County tax assessor/collector.

Thus far in the local election, three persons, Gregg Biddison, Oscar Garcia and Russ McEwen have filed to be the next mayor of Big Spring.

The individual elected in the special mayoral election March 4 will fill former mayor Tim Blackshear's unexpired term. Blackshear filed against State Rep. David Counts (D-Knox City) and will face Counts in the primary election March 14.

One other locally contested race that must be decided at the March 14 party primary is for Howard County sheriff. Sheriff incumbent Bill Jennings and Big Spring police detective David Mohn will both appear as candidates for the Republican party for sheriff.

Whomever wins the primary will face democratic candidate Javier Becerra.

More than 2,660 voters registration cards were returned to Sayles' office, primarily due to

residents who had moved.

"Voter's registrations cards may not be forwarded, so if anyone has moved within the county, or moved out of the county, their cards will be returned to us," Sayles said.

Because the post office may not forward the cards, the registered voter must submit a new card with the correct address information to her office.

And citizens have until Wednesday to have those cards turned in.

"About 100 of these cards were returned because of the 911 address updates. We began working on those updates a year ago, but for those persons who rent instead of buying the home, some of the addresses are still rural routes," Sayles said.

She urged anyone who has not received their voter registration cards to call her office to provide the proper information.

"For every card we have received back, we are sending out a letter, as required by law, and another voter registration card, which is postage paid. All they have to do is fill out the correct information and drop it in the mail. We'll cover the postage," Sayles said.

Thus far, most individuals have returned their corrected cards, she said.

"We have 4,358 people on the suspends list, which means a voters registration card must be returned to us.

"These individuals are still registered, but they will have to vote in their old precinct, because their name will not be on the list at their new precinct," she said.

Howard County has a total of 18,811 registered voters. There are 13,189 registered voters in the city, she said.

Children to get a voice in court through advocate program

By DEBBIE L. JENSEN
Features Editor

Three new advocates for troubled children in the Big Spring area will start to work at the end of this week.

Ann Farley, Martha Simmering and Patricia Barr will be sworn in Thursday in Midland to begin their jobs as volunteer advocates for Voices for Children, also known as CASA, Court-Appointed Special

Advocates. They will work specifically in the Big Spring area, serving as a voice in court for children who may have been abused, neglected or abandoned.

"There are so many kids that need help," said Simmering, who along with Barr and Farley just completed an extensive training program. "This is a good opportunity working in the community and an opportunity for education."

Simmering is unit manager

for the adolescent unit at Big Spring State Hospital. Farley works as an adult probation officer. Barr is a housewife in northeast Howard County.

Kari Coleman, volunteer coordinator for Voices for Children, said the three women might start working on cases within a week.

Each volunteer is usually assigned one case at a time, investigating the situation by talking with family members and others involved. When they

make a recommendation, it goes directly to the judge hearing the case.

"For the size of town Big Spring is, there are quite a few children who need advocates," she said.

"We still hope to get more advocates from that area."

Voices for Children is based in Midland, and also trained nine new advocates for Midland County.

Anyone who is interested in becoming a volunteer for the

Howard County area should call the agency right away to start the process, Coleman said. After an application, there are several background checks and a personal interview. Another volunteer training should begin in May.

"We're really excited about these new advocates," Coleman said. "The training can be difficult, so the ones who make it through are the ones who are really interested and dedicated to the work."

City council approves election judges, bids for lease of heavy equipment

By BILL McCLELLAN
News Editor

Meeting briefly Tuesday night, Big Spring City Council approved appointment of election judges and clerks for the March 4 special election as well as bids on heavy equipment.

The March 4 election was called by the council earlier this month after former mayor Tim Blackshear gave up the post when filing for the

State House of Representatives' District 70 seat.

Since that time, three people have filed to seek election to the position — current mayor pro tem Oscar Garcia, councilman Greg Biddison and former councilman Russ McEwen. Filing continues through Feb. 2 at city hall.

Rayford Dunagan was selected as presiding judge for the upcoming election. Merel Ringener is the alternate. The ordinance allows the judge to select between two and four clerks at a pay of \$6 per hour.

Council members also approved bids from West Texas Equipment of Abilene on annual lease of a backhoe for \$9,780 and a backhoe with an extend-

hoe feature at \$10,200.

"These are two separate bids," said Todd Darden, director of public works. "The low bid on the backhoe was actually submitted by AirMaster of Odessa, but it didn't meet specifications."

It was the second time for the city to bid the machinery. West Texas Equipment was awarded the previous bids as well but the project was resubmitted when a competitor complained that one of the bids did not meet specifications.

In the only other new business handled by the council Tuesday, permission was given to seek proposals from computer vendors for software to be used by the police department.

Butch Davis of Parkhill, Smith & Cooper met with council members for a brief public hearing to open the meeting.

"In 1996, the EPA (Environmental Protection Agency) ruled that all communities with threshold quantities or greater of hazardous materials at their water or wastewater treatment plants make that information public," said Davis. "Then later they came up with another requirement, which was to hold a public hearing. This is in response to that requirement."

The information outlines the chemicals used at the plants, such as chlorine and ammonia, and the safety response plan in case of an accidental release of

those chemicals.

On second reading, the council approved the following:

- An ordinance calling for an election to be held May 2 to elect a council member for District 2, District 4 and District 6;

- An 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.

Also approved were vouchers and board minutes from the Howard County Appraisal District board.

An executive session for routine evaluation of the city manager was postponed.

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OBITUARIES

Guy Talamantez Sr.

Guy Talamantez Sr., 44, Big Spring, died Tuesday Jan. 24, 2000, at Scenic Mountain Medical Center following a long illness. Private family memorial services will be held at a later date.



He was born Sept. 6, 1955, in Big Spring, and was a lifetime resident of Big Spring. He had been a driver for Raudin McCormick Limousine Service.

He is survived by: his wife, Clara Talamantez of Midland; two sons, Guy Talamantez Jr. and Gabriel Talamantez, both of Big Spring; one daughter, Cassandra Mitchell of Seagraves; his mother, Patsy Cavazos of Big Spring; his father and step-mother, Paul Reyna Talamantez Sr. and Aricely; five brothers, Paul Talamantez Jr. of San Angelo, Johnny Talamantez of Big Spring, Pablo Talamantez, James Talamantez and Roy Talamantez, all of Waco; five sisters, Irene Carpenter of Big Spring, Arlene Baldazo of Fort Worth, Paula Perez, Maribel Rodriguez, and Sally Talamantez, all of Waco; his grandmother, Dora Hernandez of Big Spring; one grandchild, and a number of nieces and nephews.

The family will be at 212 N.E. 10th.

Arrangements under the direction of Myers & Smith Funeral Home.

Nita Ann Rawls

Funeral service for Nita Ann Rawls, 35, Sand Springs, will be 2 p.m. Friday, Jan. 28, 2000, at the Heath Funeral Home in National City, California. Burial will be at the Glen Abbey Cemetery in Bonita, Calif.

MYERS & SMITH FUNERAL HOME & CHAPEL

24th & Johnson - 267-4344
Guy Farmer, 56, died Friday. Graveside services will be 10:00 AM Wednesday at Mt. Olive Memorial Park.

Nita Ann Rawls 35, Sand Springs, died Saturday. Services will be 2:00 PM Friday at Heath Funeral Home in National City, California. Burial will be at Glen Abbey Cemetery, Bonita, California.

Guy Talamantez Sr., 44, died Monday. Private family memorial services will be at a later date.

NALLEY-PICKLE & WELCH Funeral Home

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

Louis G. Sturm, 78, died Tuesday. Funeral services will be 2:00 PM Thursday at Immaculate Heart of Mary Catholic Church. Interment will follow at Trinity Memorial Park.

Luis R. Herrera, 73, died Tuesday. Rosary will be 7:30 PM Thursday at Nalley-Pickle & Welch Rosewood Chapel. Funeral services will be 10:00 AM Friday at Immaculate Heart of Mary Catholic Church. Interment will follow at Coahoma Cemetery.

Thelma Corcoran, 86, died Tuesday. Services are pending with Nalley-Pickle & Welch Funeral Home.

Arnold James Lloyd, 82, died Tuesday. Services are pending with Nalley-Pickle & Welch Funeral Home.

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Ms. Rawls died Saturday, Jan. 22, at her residence after a long illness.

She was born Sept. 9, 1964, in San Diego, Calif. She had been a lifetime resident of National City, Calif., before coming to Sand Springs in 1994.

She is survived by three sisters, Margie Cochran of Sand Springs, Carolyn Ing of San Diego, Calif., and Wanda Barker of Whitesboro; and several nieces and nephews.

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

Arlie Royce Moore

Service for Arlie Royce Moore, 67, Westbrook, will be 2 p.m. Thursday, Jan. 27, 2000, at the First Baptist Church in Westbrook with the Rev. Jake Chaney officiating.

Mr. Moore died Monday, Jan. 24, in a Big Spring hospital.

He was born on Nov. 10, 1932, in Terry County. He had been a lifelong resident of Westbrook. He was a pumper and a production manager for Chevron.

Survivors include: a son, Rodney Moore of Westbrook; two daughters, Jean Roxann Rich and Pandora Lynn Violet of Salt Lake City, Utah; a sister, Elaine Hart of Denver City; a brother, Ray Moore of Austin; and three grandchildren.

Arrangements under the direction of Kiker Seale Funeral Home, Colorado City.

Louis G. Sturm

Louis G. Sturm, 78, Big Spring, died on Tuesday, Jan. 25, 2000, in a local hospital. Funeral service will be 2 p.m. Thursday, Jan. 27, 2000, at Immaculate Heart of Mary Catholic Church with the Rev. Chris Coleman, pastor, officiating. Interment will follow at Trinity Memorial Park.

He was born on April 15, 1921, in Rowena, and married Evangeline Rohmfeld on Dec. 24, 1944, in Bryan.

He had moved to the Luther community in 1955 from the Norton community and had farmed there until retiring two years ago.

Mr. Sturm attended Immaculate Heart of Mary Catholic Church. He had served in the U.S. Army as a mechanic.

Survivors include: his wife, Evangeline Sturm of Big Spring; three daughters and sons-in-law, Anna and Joe Eubank of Centerville, Rose M. and Greg Smith of Big Spring, and Carol and John Phillips of Garden City; two sons and daughters-in-law, Wayne and Charlotte Sturm of Weatherford, and Gary and Lesia Sturm of Big Spring; one brother and sister-in-law, Henry and Rosalie Sturm of San Angelo; 10 sisters, Josephine Schwertner, Emma Kruppa, Frieda Jansa and husband, Albert, Lorene Cmerck and husband, Victor, Julia Rohmfeld and Florine Odell, all of San Angelo, Tillie Mosely, and Jerline "Patsy" Rohmfeld and husband, Ray, all of Ballinger, Dorine Matthiesen of Sugarland, Rosa Schwertner and husband, Andrew of Rowena; two sisters-in-law, Olga Sturm and Agnes Sturm, both of Rowena; one brother-in-law, Alfred Schwertner of Melvin; and 13 grandchildren, John Barkley of Houston, Mark Barkley and Michael Barkley, both of Midland, Brad Smith, Nathan Smith and Crystal Sturm, all of Big Spring, Chris Smith of San Antonio, Jenny Carr of Sudan, Jason Phillips of Garden City, Paul Sturm of Arlington, Bryan Sturm and Eric Sturm, both of Weatherford and Angela Sturm of College Station; three great-grandchildren, Courtne Smith, Keaton Sturm and Channing Sturm; and numerous nieces and nephews.

He was preceded in death by his parents, Paul and Josephine Pelzel Sturm, two brothers, Fred Sturm and Richard Sturm and four sisters, Louise Schwertner, Helen Matthiesen, Mary Angeline Sturm and Elizabeth Sturm.

The family will receive visitors from 6 to 8 p.m.

BIG SPRING MOVIE HOTLINE

For showtimes call 263-2479

Scenic Mountain Medical Center

1601 W. 11th Place 263-1211

Wednesday at the funeral home.

Arrangements under the direction of Nalley-Pickle & Welch Funeral Home.

Paid obituary

Luis R. Herrera

Rosary for Luis R. Herrera, 73, Coahoma, will be 7:30 p.m. Thursday, Jan. 27, 2000, at Nalley-Pickle & Welch Rosewood Chapel.

Funeral service will be 10 a.m. Friday, Jan. 28, at Immaculate Heart of Mary Catholic Church with the Rev. Christopher Coleman, pastor, officiating. Burial will follow at Coahoma Cemetery.

Mr. Herrera died Tuesday, Jan. 25, in a local hospital.

He was born on June 21, 1926, in Howard County, and married Carmen Santiago on Nov. 4, 1951, in Sweetwater. Mr. Herrera was a lifetime resident and retired from the Coahoma Independent School District in 1984. He loved baseball and horseback riding. He was a member of St. Joseph's Catholic Church in Coahoma.

Survivors include: his wife, Carmen Herrera of Coahoma; three sons, Benjamin Herrera of Costa Rica, George Herrera of Coahoma, and Joey Herrera of Big Spring; two daughters, Linda Herrera of Odessa, and Margie Herrera of Coahoma; one brother, Santiago Herrera of Odessa; two sisters, Maria Aguirre of Marfa, and Eduvijas "Viken" Pantoja of Seattle, Wash.; 15 grandchildren; and four great-grandchildren.

Arrangements under the direction of Nalley-Pickle & Welch Funeral Home.

Arnold James Lloyd

Service for Arnold James Lloyd, 82, Big Spring, is pending with Nalley-Pickle & Welch Funeral Home.

He died Tuesday, Jan. 25, at the local hospital.

Rebekah L. Harrell Memorial service for Rebekah L. Harrell, 67, Bean Station, Tenn., formerly of Big Spring, will be 4 p.m. Wednesday, Jan. 26, 2000, at Mary's Chapel United Methodist Church in Bean Station with Dr. Caroline Goddard officiating and assisted by the Rev. Cecil Harville. Graveside service will immediately follow in the Harrell Cemetery.

Mrs. Harrell died Tuesday, Jan. 25, at Lakeway Regional Hospital in Morristown, Tenn., following a brief illness.

She was born and raised in Big Spring. Mrs. Harrell was a member of Mary's Chapel United Methodist Church. She was a retired teacher from the Hamblen County School system where she taught for 24 years. She was preceded in death by her husband, Walter (Buddy) Harrell.

Survivors include: two daughters, Laura Henson and Terry Acuff, both of Bean Station, and three grandchildren.

In lieu of flowers, memorials may be made to the Harrell Cemetery in care of Terry Acuff or to the Mary's Chapel United Methodist Church.

Arrangements under the direction of Farrar Funeral Home, Jefferson City, Tenn.

Our sincere thanks to the kind friends, neighbors and relatives for expressions of sympathy, beautiful flowers and other courtesies extended to us during our recent bereavement.

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BIG SPRING AROUND THE TOWN

Producers speak out to drought commission

AUSTIN (AP) — The federal government should help states better prepare for droughts and more quickly give aid to devastated farmers, Texas officials told members of a national drought policy commission Tuesday.

"Many producers still have had no chance to recover from the last drought," Texas Agriculture Commissioner Susan Combs said.

The hearing at the Texas Capitol was the fifth of nine scheduled nationwide. The commission, composed of 15 agriculture-related officials from across the country, was ordered by Congress in 1998 to draft a multilevel plan for drought preparation and response.

Texas is in the midst of its third drought in four years. "Many areas of the state have not received significant rainfall since last summer," Ms. Combs said.

With forecasts calling for dry conditions to continue into the spring, Texas livestock producers and farmers are in desperate need of the policy the national commission has been charged to write, she said.

"I wish I had brighter news to report from Texas, but this is the sad reality," she said.

Rainfall last year was below normal statewide, causing 71 percent of the state's ranges and pastures to be in poor to very poor condition, while 91 percent of the state's winter wheat crop is fair to very poor, Ms. Combs said.

Of the state's 25 counties, 25 already have received drought disaster declarations from the U.S. agriculture secretary and 13 others await such declarations, she said.

The bulk of the federal bureaucracy and the long period of time it takes to actually receive aid after disaster declarations have been a nightmare for farmers and producers, Ms. Combs added.

More needs to be invested in technology to transport water, predict weather patterns and develop drought-resistant crops and grazing areas for animals, she said.

Ms. Combs' thoughts were echoed by several speakers, including environmental officials, bankers, researchers, livestock producers and farmers.

SUPPORT GROUPS

WEDNESDAY
Gamblers Anonymous, 7 p.m., St. Stephen's Catholic Church, room 1, 460 E. Meely, Midland. Call 263-8920.

Alcoholics Anonymous, 6:15 Settles, noon open meeting and 8 p.m. 12 and 12 study.

Narcotic Anonymous, 8 p.m. St. Mary's Episcopal Church. Call 268-4189 (pager no.)

TEXAS LOTTERY

Pick 3: 0,6,3
Cash 5: 1,9,12,32,35

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

Step study.

Nurse Hospice and Canterbury are sponsoring a new grief support group. It will meet the second Wednesday of each month at 3 p.m. in the community room at Canterbury South, 1700 Lancaster.

THURSDAY

A.D.D.A.P.T. non-profit support and learning organization about attention deficit disorder, learning disorders and dyslexia. Meets second Thursday of September, October, November, January, February, March, April and May, Cerebral Palsy building, 802 Ventura, Midland.

Alzheimer's support group, noon, Scenic Mountain Medical Center, third Thursday of the month. Call Janice Wagner at 263-1211.

Grief Support related to the death of a loved one. Call Nurses Unlimited, Inc., at 264-6523.

Alzheimer's Association Support Group, last Thursday of the month, Comanche Trail Nursing Center, 3200 Parkway, 7 p.m. Call 267-9459.

RECORDS

Tuesday's high 50
Tuesday's low 30
Average high 58
Average low 29

Record high 83 in 1952
Record low 12 in 1930
Precip. Tuesday 0.00
Month to date 0.41
Month's normal 0.49
Year to date 0.41

Normal for the year 0.49
Sunrise Thursday 7:43 a.m.
Sunset Thursday 6:14 p.m.

FIRE/EMS

Following is a summary of Big Spring Fire Department/EMS reports:

TUESDAY
10:51 a.m. — 1000 block W. FM-700, medical call, patient transported to Scenic Mountain Medical Center.

11:59 a.m. — 300 block W. Fourth, medical call, patient transported to SMMC.

3:14 p.m. — 30 miles south on 821, trauma call, patient transported to SMMC.

3:28 p.m. — 600 block Northeast 10th, medical call, patient transported to SMMC.

5:37 p.m. — 3200 block Parkway, medical call, patient transported to SMMC.

8:41 p.m. — 1800 block West I-20, structure fire, extinguished by responding units.

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POLICE

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

STANLEY PAULING, 48, was arrested on a charge of public intoxication.

ENRIQUE CALDERON, 19, was arrested on a warrant for assault/bodily injury.

JOSE PESINA, 22, was arrested on a Howard County warrant.

DRAG RACING/RECKLESS DRIVING was reported near the intersection of Wasson and Randolph and in the 200 block of West Marcy.

CLASS C ASSAULT/THREATS was reported in the 2300 block of Gregg.

DRIVING WHILE LICENSE INVALID was reported in the 1800 block of Gregg.

THEFT was reported in the 1500 block of East Marcy.

SHERIFF

The Howard County Sheriff's Office reported the following arrests:

STEPHEN WARREN MATHIS, 40, was arrested for a judgement sentence of two counts of driving while intoxicated and one count of driving while license invalid (HCSO).

RICARDO TORRES, 40, was arrested on a charge of driving while license suspended/invalid (BSPD).

ANSELMO HERNANDEZ HILARIO, 44, was arrested on a charge of delivery of marijuana more than one-fourth ounce, less than five pounds (BSPD).

TROY MALCOLM OSBURN, 39, was arrested on a judgment sentence of driving while intoxicated second offense (HCSO).

LESLIE CURRIE, 46, was arrested on a charge of driving while intoxicated (DPS).

HEATH ALLAN WEGNER, 20, was arrested on a charge of possession of marijuana less than two ounces.

MICHAEL JON FOX, 40, was arrested on a charge of driving while intoxicated third or more offense and prohibited weapon.

JAIMIE NEVAREZ, 17, was arrested on a charge of criminal mischief more than \$50 less than \$500 and revocation of probation.

Cuban

WASHINGTON grandmothers Elian Gonzalez head to Florida ment-ordered s Cuban boy maneuvering legislation to n citizen.

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Cuban boy's grandmothers eager for Miami meeting

WASHINGTON (AP) — The grandmothers of 6-year-old Elian Gonzalez are ready to head to Florida for a government-ordered session with the Cuban boy while political maneuvering intensifies over legislation to make him a U.S. citizen.

The two women made an impassioned appeal to Congress on Tuesday not to pass such a bill, saying Elian was a Cuban citizen and belonged with his father and them in Cuba.

"It's our right to see our grandson and take him back home," Mariela Quintana, the child's paternal grandmother, said during a visit to Capitol Hill.

They won't be able to do that at today's session with Elian in Miami, however. The meeting, planned for 4 p.m. EST, was set

as just a visit by the Immigration and Naturalization Service after efforts by the grandmothers to see their grandson in Miami on Monday fell through.

They still looked forward to the visit.

"I don't know if I'll cry or if I'll laugh" when seeing Elian for the first time in more than two months, Raquel Rodriguez, Elian's maternal grandmother, told CNN Tuesday after the INS ruling.

Rep. Sheila Jackson Lee, D-Texas, said today the grandmothers recalled in their meeting with lawmakers that when Elian was rescued from the Atlantic on Nov. 25, "he was able to give his father's name and telephone number."

One of the father's relatives, Jackson Lee said on ABC's

"Good Morning America," called another relative, "and said go to the hospital and take care of him overnight and make sure he gets back home."

President Clinton supported the grandmother's cause, hinting he might veto the citizenship legislation if it passes. And those in the Senate seeking Elian's repatriation to Cuba suggested they might use delaying tactics, including a filibuster, to keep the Senate from debating the measure.

"The idea that the Senate and the House of Representatives is going to determine the fate of a 6-year-old is pathetic," said Sen. Christopher Dodd, D-Conn.

Elian belongs with his father and grandmothers, Dodd said. "We can have good families in bad countries," he said after a meeting with the grandmothers.

"This is a good family."

The snowstorm that gripped Washington, as well as much of the Atlantic seaboard, and the rising combativeness of those opposing the citizenship bill prompted Senate Majority Leader Trent Lott, R-Miss., to put off trying to bring the measure up until next week.

Lott earlier had said it could come up as early as today.

The INS, which is part of the Justice Department, announced late Tuesday that Elian's Florida family had agreed to today's visit.

Earlier in the day the INS had said it had the authority to order the family to agree to the meeting under the arrangement by which the boy has been allowed to stay in this country pending further immigration proceedings.

Panhandle jury convicts Lipscomb in corruption case

AMARILLO (AP) — Dallas City Council member Al Lipscomb was convicted Tuesday on all 65 federal bribery and conspiracy charges against him.

Jurors deliberated three and a half hours before deciding that \$36,000 in cash payments from a Dallas businessman influenced Lipscomb.

The 74-year-old civil rights leader was the first black to run for Dallas mayor and helped bring an end to the city's at-large system of electing mostly white city council members.

After a two-week trial, Lipscomb sat stoically in a packed courtroom as he listened to the verdict. Two women in the audience burst into tears.

Lipscomb said Tuesday night in an interview with radio station KKDA-AM that he was "stunned" at the verdict and plans to appeal.

He maintains he's not guilty, but "That's what the jury said, bless their hearts. I'm praying for them, also. Never took one note, some were sleeping through the proceedings and things. They did the best they could."

Prosecutor Michael Uhl said the verdict was no surprise.

"The evidence against him was compelling," Uhl said, adding that Lipscomb had lied about the payments. "Nobody's above the law — no matter

how old you are, what you've done in life or what color you are."

Uhl said a Dallas jury also would have convicted Lipscomb. U.S. District Judge Joe Kendall moved the trial to Amarillo, more than 300 miles away, because Lipscomb is well-known in Dallas.

When the sentencing phase begins, Lipscomb faces a prison term of 265 years and a fine of up to \$16.2 million.

Defense lawyers said race was an issue in the jury's verdict. All 12 jurors were white and Lipscomb is black.

"Unfortunately, I was right when I told Al he should plead while we were in Dallas, because he couldn't get a jury of his peers here in Amarillo," attorney Billy Ravkind said.

"I think there's a lot of evidence that suggests he's not guilty ... but we were very much in an uphill battle from the beginning," lawyer Tom Melsheimer said.

Defense attorneys tried to show Lipscomb received money from several people supporting his civil rights causes and that his voting on the council hadn't been swayed.

Lipscomb was accused of allowing \$1,000 monthly payments from Yellow Checker Cab Co. Floyd Richards to influence his votes on taxicab-related issues after his election to a second term in 1995.

Some states reluctant to endorse Microsoft breakup

WASHINGTON (AP) — Some states active in the Microsoft antitrust case don't necessarily favor the Justice Department's plan to break up one of the world's most successful companies, state attorneys say.

That signal of potential division within the government's ranks could complicate settlement talks and the next important phase of the trial.

Although debate continues in secret among the 19 state attorneys general deciding what to recommend about Microsoft Corp., there is risk the govern-

ment might fail to bring a unified proposal on sanctions to U.S. District Judge Thomas Penfield Jackson.

Illustrating the difficulties in achieving such consensus, Ohio's attorney general indicated she is leaning toward a ban on some of Microsoft's behavior toward others in the technology industry rather than a forced restructuring of the software giant.

Calling the dilemma "the most difficult professional decision I ever got involved with," Ohio Attorney General Betty

Montgomery told The Associated Press that a breakup of Microsoft "has never been on my top list."

"I have to tell you that my bias is toward a conduct resolution, but again it's too early to be specific," said Montgomery. "Quite frankly, I indicated to my staff when we started this lawsuit that I was not looking out for a structural solution as much as a conduct solution."

An official in another of the 19 states, who spoke on condition of anonymity, also has hinted that a breakup — considered

the "death penalty" among possible remedies — might be too disruptive for consumers.

Critics have suggested a court-ordered breakup could result in different — even incompatible — versions of Microsoft's dominant Windows software, which is entrenched as a de facto standard for running most of the world's personal computers.

Jackson, the trial judge, previously told government lawyers bluntly to agree among themselves before they present any plan for sanctions.

Woman's death blamed on rare brain condition

LUBBOCK (AP) — A rare but fatal brain disease has led to the death of a Texas woman, officials confirmed Tuesday.

The 51-year-old San Angelo woman died of Creutzfeldt-Jakob disease, or CJD, on Nov. 24 at University Medical Center in Lubbock. However, doctors said the woman suffered from a different variant of the disease than the one blamed for the deaths of more than 50 people in Europe. Those deaths led to a "mad cow disease" scare in Europe.

Research has shown that people can get sick with various forms of the disease after eating meat from cattle infected with bovine spongiform encephalopathy, or BSE.

CJD is not contagious, but it can be transmitted by direct contact or ingestion of infected brain matter, said Dr. Eileen H. Bigio, Dallas, who performed the autopsy on the unidentified woman.

"Researchers suspect that prions, an infectious protein particle, may be the cause," Dr. Bigio, a neuropathologist at Parkland Hospital in Dallas, told the Lubbock Avalanche-Journal. "So the disease is transmitted via this protein."

How the San Angelo woman contracted the disease is unknown. She was a housewife with no unusual habits, according to the newspaper.

Creutzfeldt-Jakob disease occurs in one in a million peo-

ple, and six to 14 cases are reported in Texas each year, said Dr. David Smith, president of the Texas Tech Health Sciences Center.

In the late 1980s and early 1990s, widespread panic swept Europe after British-raised cattle contracted "mad cow disease," or bovine spongiform encephalopathy, and some people suggested the disease was transmitted to humans who ate the infected beef.

However, a new variant of Creutzfeldt-Jakob disease has killed about 50 people under age 30, primarily in England, and investigators say this variant may be linked to eating meat from cattle with mad cow disease, Bigio said.

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OUR VIEWS

'Hammer' a hit in teaching fifth graders success

It's amazing, the things one finds in Small Town, America. For example, one of the best educational programs in North America is alive and well in Big Spring. "If I Had A Hammer" at Howard College.

The brainchild of Tennessean Perry Wilson, the Hammer program came to Howard prior to the 1998-1999 school year at the urging of then-Howard College vice president Ken Tunstall. Howard, in fact, was the first community college in the country to host the program.

"If I Had A Hammer" is an innovative way to teach fifth-grade students the value of their class work as well as teamwork.

In "building" an eight-foot wide by 11-foot deep house — complete with flooring, three windows, a door and a roof — the youngsters realize they need a variety of skills in order to be successful in life.

They also learn they cannot build the house by themselves ... that they need to work together to place the floor decking, to raise the walls, to install the siding, to secure the windows and to make certain the door opens and closes.

In two hours, groups ranging from 16 to 24 in size come together and complete the project under the direction of job boss Len Walling. In between the placing of siding or windows, Walling sits down with the group to visit with them about the importance of making good decisions in life.

"If I Had A Hammer" is one of those programs that, upon seeing it, you immediately wonder "Now, why didn't I think of that?," it's so good. But that credit goes to Wilson, who was a talented basketball player with a learning disability.

Because his father never lost faith in him, Wilson has been able to succeed in life.

Because Howard College trustees had the foresight to provide funding for the program, there are fifth graders from all across West Texas who have a better idea of what it takes to succeed.

OTHER VIEWS

No sane person would object to prime-time television with all its reliance for ratings on sleazy sex and gratuitous violence — inserting some story lines portraying the scourge of drug abuse.

Unless, of course, the networks are being paid by the federal government to do it and submitting their scripts and footage to the White House anti-drug czars for pre-broadcast review.

Shockingly, that's exactly what happened in about 100 cases since Congress appropriated \$1 billion for anti-drug advertisements with the proviso that media, mainly television, give another \$1 billion in free anti-drug advertising. What

evolved from that was an insidious practice that only came to light because Salon.com, an online magazine, had a reporter spending six months investigating the White House's anti-drug program.

There must be a firewall preventing the government from playing a direct role in deciding the content of the press, movies, TV shows, and other informational and entertainment media. ... Top officials of the government and the networks should stop trying to defend the indefensible, admit they made a mistake and repudiate the use of this kind of tactic once and for all time.

DAILY NEWS OF LOS ANGELES

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Demagogues using a false version of history

Bigotry is an evil that has led to some of history's worst crimes, the Holocaust being the worst among them. But there are all forms of bigotry, and we are witnessing one of the most peculiar of them in the current controversy over the Confederate flag.



JACK ANDERSON

It is a situation made for demagoguery. The claim is made that the flag is a symbol of slavery and secession, and therefore worthy of our disdain. The problem is that the slogan is great alliteration, but terrible history. Here are the facts:

Until the election of 1860 the winning ticket or cabinet was always regionally balanced, but the Republicans of that year chose Abraham Lincoln of Illinois and Hannibal Hamlin of Maine. Their message was clear: Southerners were not welcome. This was not simply a matter of slave states versus free states, but of competing

economies and ways of life. As a result, the Republicans did not even bother to campaign in the South, but their divisive ticket won the electoral vote anyway, over a divided Democratic Party. They won it with the smallest plurality in American history: 39 percent.

South Carolina and six other deep South states then foolishly seceded, rather than bear up to the new administration until the next election. Then, even more foolishly, they allowed themselves to be maneuvered into a confrontation at Fort Sumter, a completely bloodless battle that Lincoln used to call for an invasion of the South. That decision, regardless of loyalties, must be regarded as the worst single political decision in our history, because in the stroke of a pen he did what no other event could accomplish: He forced the four upper South states out of the Union.

Those states — Virginia, North Carolina, Tennessee and Arkansas — had recently voted by overwhelming majorities to reject secession, and each of them, by similar majorities, reversed those votes when compelled by Lincoln to choose between fighting for or against their fellow Southerners; civil wars allow no neutrals. And those states went on to provide

more than 50 percent of the manpower for the Confederate armies, which guaranteed a long and bloody war.

Gen. Robert E. Lee's wife, Mary, best expressed the upper South sentiments when she declared South Carolina and Massachusetts ought to fight it out and leave everyone else alone. In short, the average Southerner was not fighting for slavery or even secession. After all, fewer than 5 percent of Southerners were slaveholders (385,000 out of a free population of 8,361,677, according to the 1860 Census), and the men in the ranks were hardly willing to die to protect their officers' right to perpetuate that peculiar institution. They fought because they were invaded.

And by fighting, they died by the thousands. More than 25 percent of all military-age Southern men and 10 percent of all military-age Northern men died in the war, making the Civil War America's holocaust. It was an unnecessary war, which Lincoln claimed was endured solely to preserve the Union. As he wrote to Horace Greeley in 1862, "If I could save the Union without freeing any slave I would do it, and if I could save it by freeing all the slaves I would do it...."

Yet it is interesting to ponder what might have occurred had he simply blockaded the seven seceding states instead of invading them. Any course that kept the upper South in the Union would have been preferable to the carnage his invasion inflicted on the nation. The official death toll is listed at 623,000, but that does not include civilian deaths nor lives shortened by war wounds.

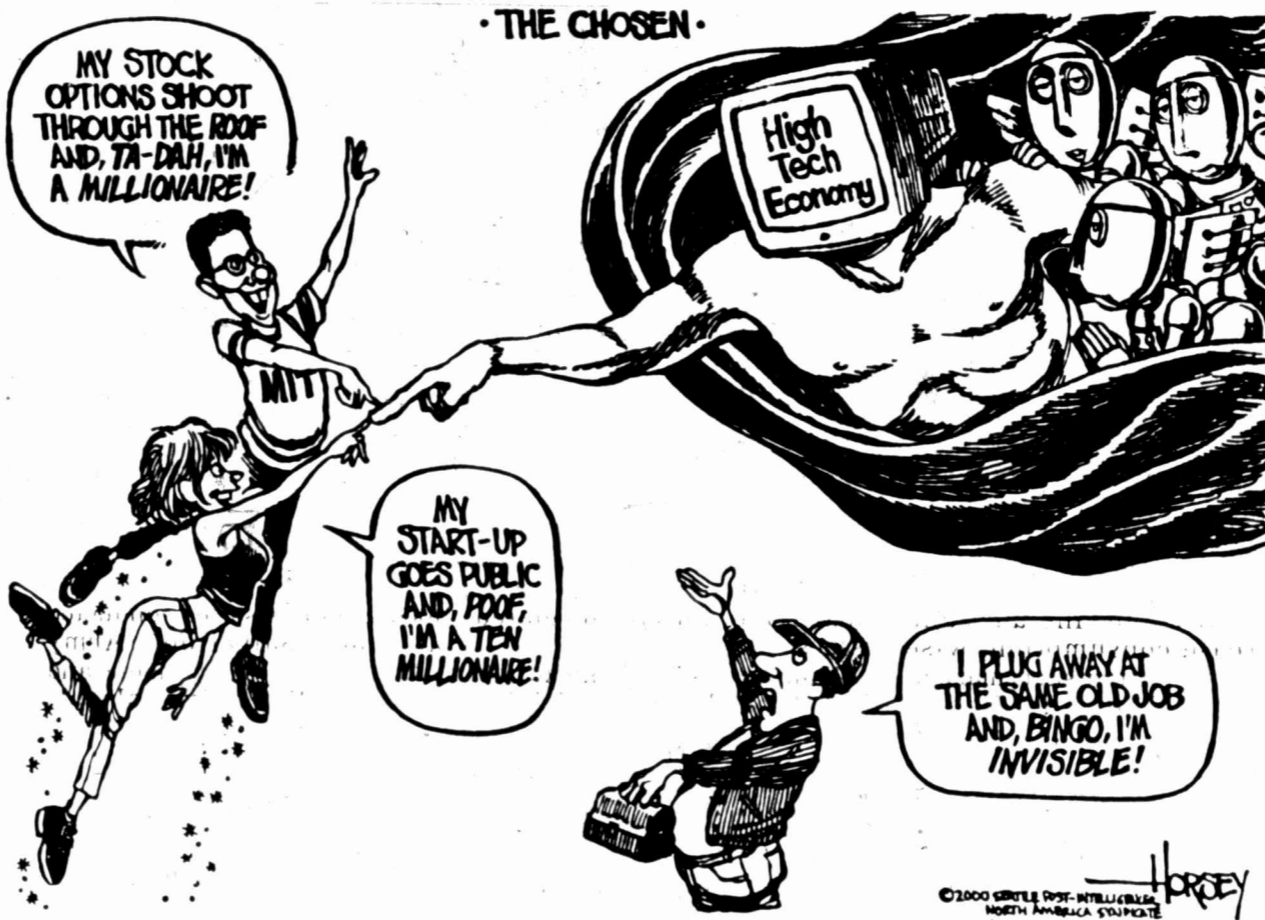
So when South Carolina flies the Confederate flag and Georgia retains the emblem in its state flag, the majority of their citizens are not celebrating slavery and secession. They are honoring the ultimate sacrifice paid by their forebears.

And the misuse of the Confederate flag by such despicable organizations as the Ku Klux Klan or the Neo-Nazis is devastating to the sons and daughters of Confederate veterans, just as it is devastating to all citizens when the American flag is desecrated, carried upside down or flown by American communists, bigoted skinheads or even by those same Neo-Nazis.

Now the demagogues rally round the phrase of slavery and secession, using their false version of history to denigrate an honorable memory.

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Recalling those Christmas letters

Every year's end we get long notes from our out of town friends we don't see too much of anymore. Usually they tell about achievements, babies, illnesses, trips and all kinds of family news. Some are funnier than others.



TUMBLEWEED SMITH

We love to hear from Jo Bird who lives in the country near Rockdale.

"I set out again to lose weight and Jack wanted to grow facial hair. Both goals were accomplished. He weighs 15 pounds less and I laid in a supply of facial hair.

"Jack has given up on exercising. He goes to the mailbox in the truck. No more tricycling down there. He no longer sits eight or 10 hours in the 'get up and down yourself' chair. He goes straight to the hydraulic job which gets him up and down at the touch of a button.

"He's intimately involved with Superman and Lois re-

runs and has threatened to leave home if I don't program the VCR to operate by remote. I'm presently testing that threat.

"I've become a computer junkie. Spend long hours at it. Maybe too much time. My first clue: my housemate drove down, got the mail, brought back a letter addressed to me marked urgent. It was from him. Said he hadn't seen me in a good while and hoped I was alright.

"In the country, no amount of communication equipment convinces citizens to call before they drop in. Anybody is fair game.

"You drive up out here on me without warning and I'm likely to come to the door in my woolly socks and Big Bird T-shirt. No makeup, no personality, no hairdo. I've had them jump back and say "Jo, is that you?" Who did they expect? Liz Taylor?

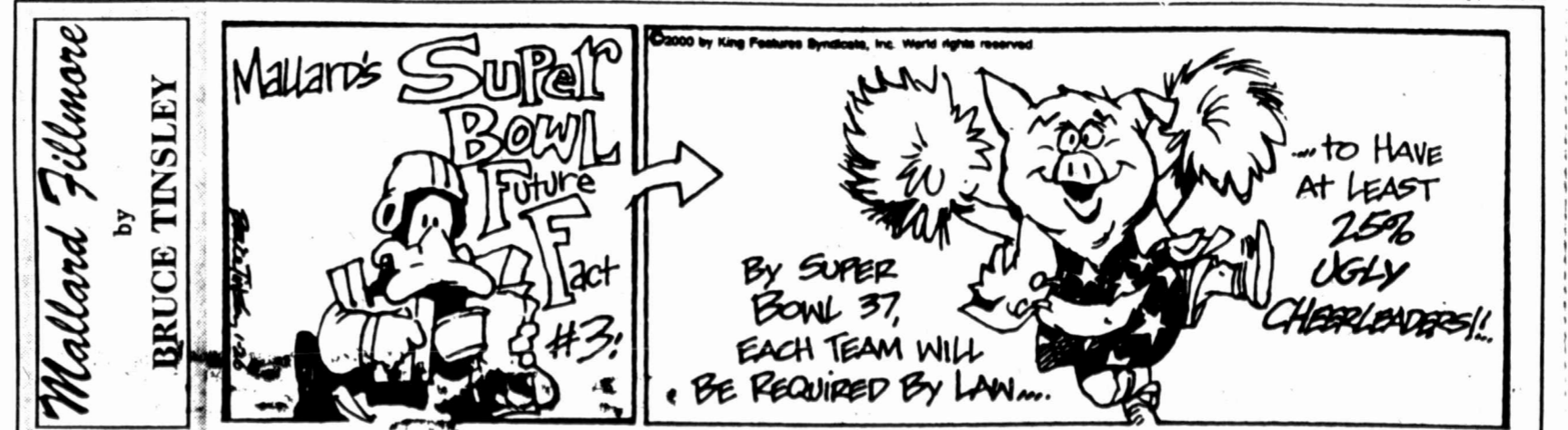
"A neighbor's cat wandered onto our property, noticed I thoroughly detested it and promptly took up residence at our place. She had two litters of kittens before I found out she wasn't spayed and could deliver a batch of cats every few weeks. I can't be expected to know the habits

and gestation periods of all the livestock I encounter out here in the country.

"I called the neighbor, told her she was the mother of 10 cats and asked where she wanted them dumped. The neighbor seemed hurt and said she couldn't take responsibility for a cat suffering major stress from rejection by its chosen human.

"We sold all the extra beds, cleaned, painted and closed the kitchen in an attempt to avoid high grocery bills and the specter of life under a bridge if expenses didn't abate. We intend to keep up appearances, but with all we are expected to know about septic tanks, drop-ins, bush-hogs, good ole boys and avoiding road kill, we are hard pressed to manage. I can't get used to holding up my gown to keep it from dragging the floor, possibly having a scorpion hitch a ride and looking to pop me. My housemate goes blithely along, taking it all in stride while I attend stress management classes and have a one gallon Prozac dispenser.

"Send letters! I need the diversion and Jack needs the exercise of getting up and walking to the truck and driving to the mailbox!"



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QUICK TRIVIA

♦ Military barracks are so-called from the Gaelic word, *barrachad*, a hut made of branches.

♦ The only U.S. President who never married was John Buchanan.

Got an Item?

Do you have a story idea for the *life!* section? Call 263-7331, Ext. 236.

Now's the time for the taste of something citrus

Since one of my New Year's Resolutions was to eat healthier, I thought I'd share some information about citrus fruit.

Fruit is something that I have to be in the mood for. I know, it's good for me! I just can't eat it unless I'm in the mood, except for strawberries! Now, I can eat strawberries anytime of the day or year; it doesn't matter!

Oranges are pretty good and I don't mind eating them, but not just anytime, and grapefruits...well, that's another story!

I haven't eaten a grapefruit in at least a year. I do, however, have some in my refrigerator.

It's not that I don't like them, it's just I never think about

buying them. Also, I would be the only one to eat them since my kids don't like them.

When I do eat grapefruits, I have to eat them with a little sugar on top.

Grapefruits and oranges are fat free, sodium free and cholesterol free. They are high in Vitamin C and fiber.

Here are some things to keep in mind when eating citrus.

- Peel and eat Texas Grapefruit just like an orange.

- For a quick and refreshing snack, section out grapefruit or oranges, place in a plastic bag and store in the refrigerator.

- Don't pay attention to surface blemishes on the fruit's skin, these "tropical beauty marks" are caused by wind

scarring and do not affect the inside of the fruit.

- Citrus counts as part of your five servings of fruits and vegetables a day.

Try a little variety with your citrus. Here is a tempting recipe.

Chicken and Rice Citrus Salad with Tarragon Dressing

2 Texas Red Grapefruits (medium)

2 cups cooked chicken or turkey

3 cups cooked wild rice or long grain and wild rice

1/2 cup chopped red pepper

1/2 cup chopped green pepper

1/2 cup golden raisins

1/4 cup chopped scallions

2 T sliced almonds, toasted

curly leaf lettuce

Tarragon Dressing (see recipe below)

In a large bowl, combine chicken, rice, peppers, raisins and scallions. Pour Tarragon Dressing over chicken mixture. Cover and chill several hours. Just before serving, section grapefruit. Line four dinner plates with lettuce, then arrange about four or five grapefruit sections in a ring

over the lettuce. Mound 1/4 of the chicken-wild rice mixture over the grapefruit. Garnish with almonds and serve.

Tarragon Dressing

2 T tarragon or white wine vinegar

1 tsp. crumbled dry tarragon

1 1/4 tsp. sugar

3/4 tsp. salt

1/4 coarsely ground pepper

1 T Dijon mustard

1/3 cup salad oil

In a jar, combine ingredients; shake well to blend. Makes about 1/2 cup.

Here's to better health!

Gina Garza writes a weekly column of family information and tips.



GINA GARZA



DANA TARTER

READERS' CORNER

"Sometimes"

by Lana F. Anguiano

Sometimes when I'm all alone and sitting in the warmth of the early morning sunshine I feel a great sadness fill my heart and I begin to cry for all the ugliness and wrongs that live in this world of ours.

I cry for the children who go to bed with empty stomachs and awake to the touch of cruel hands.

I cry for the homeless, for they are living in a world where they are often given the label "useless," but each and every homeless man or woman has a story that tells of why they bear the label of homeless.

I cry for the elderly men and women who often have little to live on except for memories.

I cry for the ones who are condemned to a life in mental hospitals or prisons, for God meant for all to be free.

I cry for boys who went to that far away place called Vietnam to defend their country for they came back as men with untold horrors of war that live in their memories and often, instead of being called heroes, they are called cowards.

I cry for the ones that left this world much too soon.

I cry for the men and women and children who are fighting a battle with cancer.

I cry for the poor animals who are homeless, abused and just unwanted, for they ask for nothing except to be wanted and loved.

I cry for our Savior Jesus Christ who suffered so upon that cruel cross of wood. He died so that all could live.

I cry for all that is wrong in this world of ours.

"Sickle of Light"

by Bernice Reed Jones

The old moon slowly waning
Way up in the sky —
dim lights, dimly shining
Cast out an eerie light.

You could hear a dog a whining
and wailing in the night
on the ground two people laying
there in the dim moonlight.

So tragic was the story,
two people lost their lives.
The blood ran like a river
upon the ground that night.

The moon looked down in
sorrow
there in its waning light,
watching there from heaven,
It shed real tears that night.

"The Way of all The Earth"

by Martha Anderson

You've gone the way of all
the earth
Because your work here was
through.

Yet you live on all around us.
In the world we still see you.
There's a golden glow in the
sunset

That I've never seen before
I know that you are painting
From Heavens open door.

The sunrise is much brighter
The sky's a deeper hue
With brush strokes so vivid
I know they're painted by
you.

Your swinging a loop up in
Heaven
There's a lasso around the
clouds

They are gathered in great
formation

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ODDS-N-ENDS

MARLBORO, Mass. (AP) — Four-year-old Amanda Gustafson knew immediately there was something "yucky" about her apple juice.

She was right: It wasn't juice. It was whiskey.

A waitress at TGI Friday's served the girl the booze during a recent family dinner. Ron Gustafson claims his daughter began "acting silly" and later complained of a headache after sipping the drink.

"This tastes yucky, daddy," the girl told him after taking a swig.

Friday's spokeswoman Amy Freshwater said a waitress mistakenly picked up a cup of what she thought was apple juice. The restaurant chain now is reviewing its policies to ensure such a mistake never happens again.

"It was a very unfortunate mistake," Freshwater said.

Gustafson, who reported the incident to the state's Alcoholic Beverages Control Commission, said he was not satisfied with the store's apology.

"They blamed it on the waitress," he said, "but what is whiskey doing in a plastic cup with a straw?"

LACEY, Wash. (AP) — Workers at the Giles Paper and Packaging plant have taken to keeping rain gear at the ready, regardless of the forecast.

The reason is splattered all over nearby cars and buildings at the Meridian Campus industrial park: Seagull droppings.

"It's given a new appreciation for the umbrella, even on sunny days," plant manager Ron Russell said Monday.

The gulls are attracted to the nearby Thurston County landfill.

"It is a problem," said Joe Carman, president of Carman Manufacturing Co., a mattress factory. "You have guests coming here, and it's no fun to have your customers come out for a visit to a lovely new plant and find their cars all messed up, or worse."

County officials have given up keeping the birds away after failing with noisemakers and overhead wires. Under consideration is accepting garbage from other jurisdictions to fill the landfill quicker.

"How do you keep a predatory animal away from garbage?" asked David Merrell, solid-waste manager at the landfill. Although the county has a permit to shoot the birds, that avenue isn't very popular.

"It's hard to say what to do with them," Russell said. "They were here first."

Programs reaching people

Healthy eating and cooking, fun exercise among last year's topics

During 1999 the Texas Agriculture Extension Service

Family and Consumer Science program reached people across Howard County through educational programs and activities that help them to learn and understand more about wellness, healthy lifestyles and proper nutrition. Following are a few of the highlights.

Monthly programs at the Spring City Senior Citizen Center address nutritional needs of the older adult. Programs over the past few months have included such topics as: label reading, identifying the parts of the label and understanding each; food safety, appropriate food preparation techniques and avoiding cross contamination of foods.

Also covered were: calcium, the need for it in the daily diet and ways to include and increase consumption; wise selections at the supermarket; tips for healthy food choices as

well as wise consumer choices; great grains and identifying whole grain foods, eating a variety and including them in the daily diet.

A series of programs was conducted for the Senior Circle group which meets at Scenic Mountain Medical Center under the direction of Pam Stephens.

Program topics were: cooking for one or two, recipe modification and diabetes. These weekly programs included food preparation demonstrations, handouts and discussion concerning health and nutrition-related issues.

Walk Across Texas kicked off in April with 11 teams joining

the friendly competition. Walkers recorded their mileage for eight weeks and combines team totals.

A celebration event was held in June to recognize participants and honor those who walked the "most miles." A total of over 7500 miles was recorded by the 11 teams during the eight-week contest. Team members stated the thing they liked most about the program was the "friendly competition," that was what kept them walking.

The Better Living for Texans program addressed the topic of nutrition with program assistant, Jessie Payen conducted the educational series for adults at Lakeview Head Start, Canterbury North and South, and Sands IDS.

The Food Guide Pyramid was the topic for most of the series with an in-depth look of each food group. A series conducted at the Salvation Army addressed preparing menus and shopping list, using sale ads

and coupons to enhance food dollar spending. This program ended with a tour of local supermarket where program participants could compare prices, brands and read labels.

The Family and Consumer Science program addresses issues to improving the quality of life through health, well begin, nutrition, financial management and family life. With the input of Family Health and Wellness committee members, needs are identified and plans made for programs to address those needs.

Many other educational topics were addressed in 1999 through the Family and Consumer Science program. If you would like to find out more about the programs of the Texas Agricultural Extension service contact the Howard county office at 264-2236.

Dana Tarter is Howard County Extension Agent — family and consumer science.

Last meals: Prison cook takes any request

HUNTSVILLE (AP) — There's a lot of pressure on Brian Price to prepare the perfect delectable dish.

In his job preparing last meals for those to be executed, he knows whatever he prepares is the last thing that person ever will eat.

And it's not a job he takes lightly. Price, a 48-year-old inmate at the Huntsville "Walls" Unit, said he tries to make each meal the very best he can.

Since 1992, Price has been in charge of preparing the last meals of condemned Texas killers before they head off for their appointments with the executioner. It's a job Price volunteered for, resolving to make each person's last meal a fine one.

"In the very beginning, they would just assign (the job) to whoever," Price said. "But many of the guys didn't want to have anything to do with it. It gave a lot of people the creeps."

"I finally volunteered to (be in charge of it)," he said. "I thought, 'I'll try to do the very best that I can.'"

Price, who currently is awaiting word for the eighth time on whether he soon will be released on parole, works alongside fellow inmates and helpers David LaCombe and Dennis "Moose" Heldt. So far, Price has prepared more than 140 last meals.

"I plan on contacting the Guinness Book of World Records to have my name entered for the most last meals prepared for condemned prisoners," he said. "I have that one cinched."

Price, a rock musician and professional photographer, said while he dabbled with cooking even before coming to the Walls unit, he really learned the skill of preparing food from supervisor Capt. Faye Parkins, who taught him through various cooking classes, and a former inmate who

now works at a four-star restaurant in West Texas. So far, there hasn't been anything that's been requested that he hasn't been able to prepare.

But that's not to say that people always get what they request. Condemned inmates don't necessarily get whatever they want as a last meal, they get whatever is on hand that comes closest to meeting their request.

For instance, one man who requested a T-bone steak instead got a Salisbury steak. Another man who wanted shrimp instead got a hamburger and fries from a well-known fast food restaurant instead got one of Price's special homemade burgers.

"I make a hamburger that puts them all to shame," he said, adding that the majority of last requests are for hamburgers and fries.

There also have been some unusual requests that stand out to Price. One man requested as his last meal, "truth, justice and temperance," while another man requested that his last meal be given to a homeless person. Still another requested "dirt" as his final dinner.

"I gave him yogurt instead," Price said. There has been only one meal that Price refused to make. It was that of executed killer Leo Narvaiz, who happened to have killed childhood friends of Price's daughter, Dana Lea Gentry of Elmendorf, Texas.

It would turn out that Narvaiz didn't even order a last meal, but Price said even before knowing that, he declined to make the meal.

"I felt I just couldn't do it," he said.

There have been times when his job has gotten to him; he even has, at times, had nightmares. It could be in part because he makes it a point to know the details of

each person's crime before he creates their meal, or it could be because he simply thinks often of how each of those people must feel knowing their life soon will end.

"Sometimes I reflect a little on the crime that I read about, and I think about what the inmate is going to think about my meal: I wonder, 'Is he going to enjoy it?'" he said, adding that he also finds that on the days when he prepares last meals, he finds himself watching the clock a lot — trying to gauge when the inmate likely is eating his meal.

Price has managed to turn his unique job into a business opportunity. He currently is working on a cookbook titled, "Meals to Die For," which features several of his unique recipes — recipes with catchy and morbid titles such as, "Rice Rigormortis," "Pauper's Grave Green Beans," and "Postmortem Potato Soup."

And of course, there's "Old Sparky's Genuine Convict Chili," that comes in three degrees of spicy — 10,000-, 15,000-, or 20,000-volt.

The book also features blurbs about the 10 most memorable meals Price has had to prepare, including that of Karla Faye Tucker, who requested only fruit. Besides featuring details of the meal, the book also will include details of each of the 10 people's cases.

Price is serving a 15-year sentence for sexually assaulting his ex-wife in 1989. Price, at that time, was a bass player in various rock bands and one night after playing and drinking, he stopped by his ex-wife's home. The two quarreled and then later made up, he said.

His ex-wife then accused him of sexual assault. Price said he accepted a plea bargain to avoid what prosecutors warned could be a 99-year prison sentence.

PEOPLE IN THE NEWS

TORONTO (AP) — Naomi Campbell won't have to appear in court to enter a plea in a case that accuses her of pummeling a former employee. The supermodel will be allowed to enter a plea in absentia on Feb. 2, prosecutor Calvin Berry said Monday.

Campbell, 29, is accused of beating assistant Georgina Galanis in 1998 while in Toronto filming the movie "Prisoner of Love." Galanis said in the lawsuit that she worked for Campbell for nine days. She said Campbell hit her twice in the head with a telephone, punched her shoulder twice and grabbed her neck and violently shook her head.

Campbell has denied Galanis' accusations.

LOS ANGELES (AP) — Bob Barker's libel suit against a former model on his show "The Price Is Right" has been postponed as she searches for a new attorney. Holly Hallstrom's countersuit against the game show host was also postponed Monday. Both suits are now scheduled for Aug. 2.

Barker, 76, sued Miss Hallstrom after she left the show in 1995, denying claims she made to the media that she was fired because she had gained too much weight.

FOR YOUR INFORMATION

BAPTIST TEMPLE CHURCH WILL offer a divorce workshop starting Monday, March 6, at 7 p.m. and continuing for the next eight consecutive 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 will be available upon request.

THE LAST WORD

When all is said and done, the unselfish acts of what we have done, without asking for anything in return, will have said it all.

Brian Jett

Have a heart that never hardens and a temper that never tires, and a touch that never hurts.

Charles Dickens

Take charge of your thoughts. You can do what you will with them.

Plato

'Once and Again' finds new home on ABC, some heartache on Mondays

LOS ANGELES (AP) — When last seen, Lily and Rick were torn apart by infidelity. Lily and her estranged husband Jake were dancing on the grave of their marriage. And Lily and Rick's respective offspring were fighting their own adolescent battles.

And ABC and "Once and Again," the series that features the troubled circle of spouses and lovers and kids, were at odds, too. After all, "NYPD Blue" had successfully lobbied the network to reclaim its Tuesday time slot.

There are no hard feelings as the ousted "Once and Again" moves to Monday after a brief hiatus, insists Marshall Herskovitz, who created and produces the drama with partner Edward Zwick.

"To the extent that anybody was watching that flap over who was going to stay at Tuesday night at 10 on ABC, I think there was perhaps a misconception about it. We weren't at all sure that was a great time for us," Herskovitz said.

Competing with CBS' "Judging Amy" for female viewers was one disadvantage of the original time period, he said.

And, Herskovitz added, "moving time slots isn't the sort of negative it used to be. Many shows have benefited from moving. 'The Practice' is a good example. It took off when it was moved Monday at 10 gives us a new opportunity. We'll see what we can do with it."

The drama starring Billy Campbell and Sela Ward will retain its focus on "how two grown-ups with the entire baggage train of their lives behind them will find a way to bring their lives together," Herskovitz said.

Lily will find the next few weeks a crucible, a challenge to the emotional defenses on which she has relied to get through life, he said.

The show has hit viewer's hard, said Herskovitz, who scans the letters and e-mail generated by "Once and Again."

"It's astonishing how deep people's responses are, and how thoughtful and how varied. I love Lily. She's such a good mother," or "That Lily is ... totally self-involved," Herskovitz said, reciting from memory.

If our own memory serves, the biggest knock against "thirtysomething" was that it was inhabited by self-involved, self-obsessed yuppie twits whose greatest skill was whining. Herskovitz offers no denial.

"There was a whine factor in 'thirtysomething.' I freely admit that, because I believe most people whine and complain. They just do it in private. ... I think it's upsetting for some people to see it on television," he said.

If some Zwick-Herskovitz characters remain mired in baby-boom narcissism, however, there has been progress elsewhere.

"A change has happened in television in the last 12 years," says Herskovitz. "When we did 'thirtysomething,' people would look at the characters and criticize us for, in some way, glorifying what were bad personality traits, whining and complaining, and holding that up as a model.

"We weren't holding it up as a model. We were observing it," he continued. "Nowadays, the audience is much more willing to accept a flawed main character.

"Ally McBeal is a totally flawed character. Tony Soprano ('The Sopranos') is a completely flawed character. ... It's been freeing in a way."

There's a talented team at work on "Once and Again," including Winnie Holzman, who created the short-lived and lamented "My So-Called Life," and Pamela Grey, writer of the acclaimed feature film "A Walk on the Moon."

They are working without a TV net, bypassing the formulaic safety of medical or police or courtroom dramas in favor of something simple but daring.

"What we're trying to do is observe life as it's lived by people in relation to each other," said Herskovitz. "It's not a genre. We're fascinated by what we call dropping the pretense and just looking at the thing itself."

Boot maker crafts fine footwear at his small shop

HARPER (AP) — From his small shop located off the main drag here, Blake Jones explains how he first came to know the craft he loves.

"I got a little Tandy leather kit one time when I was a kid. It kind of sparked my interest," he said.

Jones is a boot maker who has dedicated himself to crafting footwear built for comfort and long wear. A native of Devine, Jones began doing leather work in Pearsall in the late 1980s. When that shop ceased operation, Jones purchased some of the equipment and put out a shingle in Devine. Three years later, he and his family decided to move to the Hill Country and Jones was hired to design leather luggage for Jeep Collins.

However, boots, not ladies handbags, are what Jones really wanted to do and he decided to hone his skills. He shunned classroom training.

"I don't believe you could learn how to make boots properly in three weeks."

So, Jones sought counsel from the bible of boots — "The Cowboy Boot Book" which showcases boots and their makers.

Jones learned Jack Reed, one of Texas' best boot men, lived in Burnet, some two hours from Harper. Reed agreed to teach Jones, who spent 52 hours at Reed's shop.

"He showed me a lot of old time tricks," Jones said. For his efforts, Jones and a pair of his boots were featured in "The Art of the Boot," a sequel to the "The Cowboy Boot Book."

Key to a good fit is the last, which resembles a cast or mold of the human foot. Dozens of them line the far wall of Jones' modest shop.

"Without the proper last you can't fit the boot to the foot," he said.

Customers looking for a pair of Jones' boots first have their socked feet traced on a sheet of paper. Some six measurements of the foot are made and during his years of work, Jones has encountered some interesting characteristics. He said approximately one in 15 people have the same size feet. In other words, the left foot and the right foot are exactly the same size. Otherwise, the right foot, according to Jones, is generally one-eighth of an inch larger.

Customers select the heel height, toe-style and the type of wrinkles. Wrinkles are located on the top of the foot. The feature is primarily aesthetic but also prevents leather from wrinkling. The shaft height of the boot also is determined by the customer and custom stitching is available.

"That's where you can create the art part of it," he said.

Different colored leathers can be inlaid to create effects. He's done everything from stars to ranch brands to burning flames.

"You can really make the boots an expression of yourself."

Baseline boots made of calf or bull-hide begin at \$450. The boots are 12 inches high; extra inches are \$10 per. Custom stitching is \$10 per row. Cutout and inlay work is \$20 per hour.

Jones works with a number of exotic materials including elephant — the toughest of all hides. Prices start at \$1,000. He also works with shark, crocodile, exotic game hides and the more familiar ostrich.

"Ostrich is like a piece of paper. It doesn't stretch very well," he said.

Hides tanned in Africa are preferred because they are prepared "the old-fashioned way." Leather from Italy and France also is desirable because of its condition. The cows, he said, are slaughtered at a younger age, reducing the risk of the hides being damaged by fencing. The tanning methods also are better, he said. Jones noted, however, that Texas leather makes a good, strong boot.

Customers should allow four to five months before calling to see if their pair is ready. The boots are guaranteed to fit to the customer's satisfaction or Jones will craft another pair. So, far he's only had to redo a single pair and that was for a man who suffered a foot injury.

READERS

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That would do a cowboy proud.
On the cool breeze of autumn
Sweet strain of music from afar.
I hear you playing with the Angels
On a golden fiddle and guitar.
Ah yes, you're painting the rainbow
And gathering stardust in the sky
Playing Heavenly music
To welcome us home by and

by:
It seems you're smiling now
from Heaven
And all your pain is gone.
No, you really haven't left us
Through death you've just gone home.
One day we will join you
Just over the Crystal Sea.
Then we'll understand it all.
We thank God now you are free.
In memory of Charley Anderson,
by brother in Christ,
my uncle in life.

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IN BRIEF

Boys basketball boosters set meeting for Tuesday

The Big Spring Boys Basketball Boosters Club has scheduled its next meeting for 5:15 p.m. Tuesday at Big Spring Junior High School.

Members will be making plans for the Boys Basketball Banquet honoring all boys' basketball players on junior high school and high school teams. That banquet is set for March.

Parents of all Big Spring boys' basketball players and others interested in the program are urged to attend.

For more information, call Ruth Shellman at 263-3065 or 264-6738.

National Little League meeting set for Feb. 3

The National Little League of Big Spring will hold a meeting at 6:30 p.m. Thursday, Feb. 3, at Allan's Furniture.

Officers for the league will be elected during that meeting.

For more information, call Jim Wilson at 263-0062 or Jerry Baker at 263-3242.

Hunter education class scheduled for Feb. 12-13

A hunter education course, required of all Texas hunters born on or after Sept. 2, 1971, will be held from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. Saturday and Sunday, Feb. 12-13, in the Big Spring Area Chamber of Commerce conference room.

Boyce Hale and Steve Pointivert will be instructors for the class.

The class is also offered as a home study course, allowing students to attend a one-day, hands-on skills course and take a written exam.

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

Patriots still barred from calling Belichick

NEWARK, N.J. (AP) — A federal judge told Bill Belichick what many New York Jets fans have wanted to since he resigned as head coach after one day: You created this mess, now deal with it.

In refusing to issue an order Tuesday freeing Belichick to negotiate with other NFL teams, U.S. District Court Judge John W. Bissell said Belichick had no one to blame but himself for the quandary the suddenly unemployed coach faces.

But both sides could be back in court as soon as Friday arguing over whether the ban on Belichick coaching elsewhere in the league should be extended.

Doctors say not to count Derrick Thomas out yet

MIAMI (AP) — Doctors, family members and friends surrounding Derrick Thomas have a common message: Don't bet against the nine-time Pro Bowl linebacker.

"Derrick is an extraordinary human specimen. He has no fat; he's a lean, mean machine as everybody knows who's played against him," neurosurgeon Barth Green said Tuesday. "And that's had a lot to do with how well he's done so far."

Thomas underwent four hours of surgery to rebuild part of his spine and doctors said his spinal cord was not damaged as badly as feared.

Doctors originally thought it might have been severed when Thomas, 33, was thrown from his car Sunday after losing control on an icy highway near Kansas City, Mo. Thomas broke his spine and neck and wound up semiconscious with no feeling in his legs.

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Rams, Titans know loose lips can sink Super Bowl ships

ATLANTA (AP) — Roland Williams had a tinge of disbelief in his voice.

"Everything seems different," the St. Louis Rams tight end said Tuesday. "My hotel room seems different. The sheets on my bed seem different. Even the water tastes different."

So, this is what it's like to play in your first Super Bowl.

"I can't believe it," Titans receiver Chris Sanders said, video camera in hand as hundreds of reporters milled about at that annual phenomenon known as media day. "Look at me. I can't stop smiling."

The Rams aren't really playing in their first Super Bowl, but they might as well be. Their only previous appearance came in 1980, when they were still in Los Angeles and St. Louis belonged to the

football Cardinals.

The Titans are neophytes, playing in their first Super Bowl as Tennessee's team or their previous incarnation as the Houston Oilers.

"I've never seen this much media," Sanders said. "I'm taping everything."

But, with memories of the Atlanta Falcons still fresh on their minds, both the Rams and Titans declared a moratorium on anything that might be construed as controversial.

No dog collars. No insults. No guaranteed victories.

"We want to be careful in what we say and what we do," Tennessee receiver Derrick Mason said. "We don't want to say anything about the Rams that might get them motivated."

Not even an appearance by Mr. Dog

Collar himself, Falcons cornerback Ray Buchanan, could produce the slightest of trash talk at the Georgia Dome.

A year ago, Buchanan first guaranteed a victory over the Denver Broncos, then arrived for interviews wearing silver-studded neckwear as a way of dramatizing his team's underdog role.

Instead of being motivated, the Falcons suffered a major meltdown, losing 34-19. "We're not going to do stuff like that," Williams said. "We're going first class to get the job done. We respect our fine opponent, the Tennessee Titans."

Not the kind of talk you'd get from Deion Sanders or Jim McMahon. Then again, this game just doesn't have the star power of past Super Bowls.

Many reporters kept glancing at the one-page rosters that were handed out at

the Georgia Dome, trying to figure out who they were talking to.

No. 77. Who's that?

Long before each team exhausted its one-hour session, the crowd in front of most podiums went from thick to thin. Soon, reporters were interviewing each other, pointing microphones toward players-turned-commentators like Joe Theismann, Jim Kelly and Ron Jaworski.

"They don't know how to get wild down here," said Falcons offensive tackle Bob Whitfield, taking a break from his day job to play pseudo-journalist. "As soon as they remembered Ray in that dumb collar, they said, 'We're not going to sell out like that.'"

Indeed, both teams seemed to learn from the Falcons' self-destruction.

Steers chalk up first 5-4A win

First quarter run gives Sweetwater win in girls' tilt

By JOHN A. MOSELEY
Sports Editor

It took its time in coming, but Big Spring's Steers finally chalked up their first in District 5-4A basketball action Tuesday night, fighting off a second-half run by Sweetwater's Mustangs to take a 64-48 win.

The evening's varsity opener was a different matter, however, as two-time defending champion Sweetwater chalked up a 34-22 win over the Lady Steers, thanks in no small part to a first quarter in which they outscored Big Spring 13-1.

There was little question following the nightcap that Steers head coach Jimmy Avery believed his team needed a win at this point in their district schedule.

"This was awfully important," Avery said after watching his team break out to an early lead for the fourth straight time against a 5-4A opponent, and this time, manage to keep that advantage.

"The kids needed a win. I needed it ... we all did," he added. "This bunch has just kept working hard, never letting down and tonight it finally worked for us."

The Steers limited the Mustangs to just four points in the first quarter, keeping them scoreless for the final 5:53 of the period to take a 12-4 lead after eight minutes of play.

Big Spring would extend that lead to as many as 13 points in the second quarter, only to see the Mustangs make a couple of brief runs, but still were only to get within nine by halftime.

Sweetwater's Lance Bishop provided a glimpse of what was to come in those closing moments of the first half, scoring six points.

And after Big Spring's Justin Dille and John Purcell hit quick goals to give the Steers a 32-19 lead to open the third quarter, Bishop and teammate Ricky Thompson nailed a pair of three-point shots to keep Sweetwater within striking range.

The Mustangs would pull within five at one point midway through the fourth quarter, but eight unanswered points by the Steers allowed a seemingly comfortable 13-point lead with three minutes remaining.

Still, Bishop and company would make things interesting.

Bishop added two more treys, both coming in the final two minutes. Those two long-distance gems, coupled with another by teammate Marcus Dawes threw a little bit of a scare into Steers faithful.

But Big Spring's Purcell, Jason Woodruff and Lance Brock iced the Steers win by hitting crucial free throws down the stretch.



Big Spring swingman Jason Woodruff (32) makes his break to get away from Sweetwater's Lance Bishop for a drive down the baseline during the fourth quarter of their game Tuesday night. Woodruff scored on the play, getting two of his 11 points and helping lead the Steers to a 64-48 win over the Mustangs.

"We hit 20 of 32 free throws and that's pretty good for us," Avery said. "The really important thing is that we kept our composure and put them away late in the game when they made a run at us. That's something we can build on."

While Bishop was scoring a game-high 16 points, the Steers were answering with three players in double figures. Purcell led the way for Big Spring with 12 points, while Woodruff finished the night with 11 and Blair Nutting chipped in 10 more. Dille added nine for the Steers.

Although the Lady Steers suffered a 12-point loss in the evening's first varsity game, it was perhaps one of their best

played games of the season — particularly on defense.

After suffering through that 13-1 first quarter nightmare, the Lady Steers stepped up their defensive pressure, and as a result, battled Sweetwater even for the rest of the night.

"We just couldn't score enough to make up for that start," Lady Steers head coach Kathy Loter said after seeing her team's record drop to 14-11 overall and 3-3 in District 5-4A play. "We played awfully well defensively, though. It's just tough to lose when you've played as hard as these girls did."

The Lady Mustangs played effective defense, as well, frustrating Big Spring's

Melissa Forth with much the same kind of pressure the Lady Steers dealt them for the final three periods.

As a result, Forth was limited to just two points. But that left several openings for sophomore guard LaTrisha Rollins, who responded with 11 points.

Rollins scored the Lady Steers' first field goal of the night, a three-pointer. Unfortunately, it didn't come until the 6:47 mark of the second quarter.

The Lady Steers managed 10 points against an impressive Sweetwater defense in the second period, but were never able to make any real headway at reducing the Lady Mustangs' lead.

Sharon Ballenger paced the Lady Mustangs with 18 points, thanks to an 11-point showing in that first period.

Lucrechia Washington added 10 more for Sweetwater which improved its record to 24-2 overall and a perfect 6-0 in district play.

The Steers and Lady Steers now must go on the road Friday when they play crucial 5-4A games in Snyder. Varsity girls' action is set for a 6:30 p.m. start.

In Tuesday's sub-varsity action, it was all Big Spring.

The Lady Steers' junior varsity took a 39-34 win over Sweetwater behind Dena Cook's 11-point scoring lead. Taylor Kennedy added nine for the Big Spring JV, while Jessica Woodward had eight. The Lady Steers freshmen rolled to a 47-25 win behind Sterling Burckett's 11 points and Stacy Vaughn's 10.

The Steers' JV took a 57-33 win behind Mic Fleming's 21 points and Jason Watson's 10, improving its record to 20-3 on the season. In the freshman game, the young Steers were also dominant. Curtis Woodruff scoring 18 points and Clayton Weaver adding 17 more in a 60-49 win.

GIRLS' GAME
SWEETWATER 34, Big Spring 22
SWEETWATER — Abigail Ballenger 0 0 0 0, Amanda Mitchell 1 0 0 2, Sharon Ballenger 5 2 2 18, Lisa Rannefeld 0 0 0 2, Katie Glover 2 0 0 4, Bri Lambert 0 0 0 0, Debra Woodrow 0 0 0 0, Teshena Wilke 0 0 0 0, Lucrechia Washington 5 0 0 0, Totals 13 2 24 34.
BIG SPRING — Angela McGee 1 0 0 2, Brittany Bryant 0 0 0 0, Chelsea Churchwell 0 0 1 3, Melissa Forth 1 0 0 2, Christina Gawn 1 0 0 2, LaTrisha Rollins 2 1 2 11, Laura Johnson 1 0 0 2, Melissa Forth 1 0 0 2, Totals 7 2 25 22.

Score by Quarters:
SWEETWATER 13 10 7 4 34
BIG SPRING 4 10 4 7 22
Three-point goals: Sweetwater 2 (Ballenger 2); Big Spring 2 (Rollins 2). **Total fouls:** Sweetwater 10; Big Spring 10. **Fouled out:** None. **Technical fouls:** None. **Records:** Sweetwater 24-2, 6-0; Big Spring 14-11, 3-3. **JV score:** Big Spring 39, Sweetwater 34. **Freshman score:** Big Spring 49, Sweetwater 27.

BOYS' GAME
Big Spring 64, Sweetwater 48
SWEETWATER — Marcus Dawes 1 1 3 4 8, Ricky Thompson 1 1 0 2 5, Andrew Ruffin 0 0 0 0, John Michael Sato 1 0 1 2 3, Derek Carr 3 0 2 2 8, Justin Howard 0 0 0 0, Genesis Reddie 0 0 0 0, Lance Bishop 3 5 5 16, Joe Nathan Torres 2 0 2 6, Nathan Carson 0 0 0 0, Mark Edens 1 0 0 1 2, Jeremy Bohall 0 0 0 0, Totals 10 5 13 48.

BIG SPRING — Justin Dille 3 0 3 4 9, Ricky Smith 0 0 1 2 1, Clarence Wilkins 1 0 0 2, Arthur Bishop 3 0 1 2 7, John Purcell 4 0 4 6 12, Jason Woodruff 3 0 5 6 11, Gary Harris 2 0 1 2 5, Lance Brock 3 0 1 2 7, Blair Nutting 3 0 4 8 10, Totals 22 0 20 32 64.

Score by Quarters:
SWEETWATER 4 15 12 17 48
BIG SPRING 12 16 10 26 64
Three-point goals: Sweetwater 5 (Dawes, Thompson, Bishop 3); Big Spring 0. **Total fouls:** Sweetwater 24; Big Spring 19. **Fouled out:** None. **Technical fouls:** None. **Records:** Sweetwater 7-16, 1-3; Big Spring 14-13, 1-3. **JV score:** Big Spring 57, Sweetwater 33. **Freshman score:** Big Spring 60, Sweetwater 49.

Bulldogettes pull off remarkable comeback for overtime win

HERALD Staff Reports

AREA ROUNDUP

STANTON — Coahoma's Bulldogettes rallied from being down 23-8 at the half Tuesday against Stanton's Lady Buffaloes to post an almost incredible 51-50 overtime win in a pivotal District 3-2A girls' basketball game.

The Bulldogettes, who improved to 14-11 overall and 3-3 in district play, are now tied for third place in the 3-2A standings with the Lady Buffaloes, who dropped to 20-7 on the season.

The Bulldogettes began chipping away at the Lady Buffs lead in the third quarter, outscoring Stanton 14-7 to pull within 30-22 going into the final eight minutes of regulation.

A 17-9 Coahoma run down the stretch forced the overtime.

Junior guard Kenni Kay Buchanan paced the Coahoma attack with 12 points, while senior post Jayci Roberts

the Bulldogs came close to finishing in double figures.

Stanton's squads will play host to Post's Antelopes and Lady Antelopes on Friday, while the Bulldogs and Bulldogettes will entertain Tahoka's Bulldogs and Lady Bulldogs. Both girls' games being at 6:30 p.m., while boys' action will follow at 8 p.m.

Lady Bearkats roll over Water Valley
GARDEN CITY — A convincing 55-37 win Tuesday over Water Valley's Lady Wildcats seems merely a step on the road to a big showdown next week's for Garden City's Lady Bearkats.

Garden City, which improved to 19-3 overall and 4-1 in District 4-1A play, seems destined to face league-leading Irion County for the district championship on Feb. 4 when they host the

Lady Hornets.

Lady 'Kats head coach Mike Wallace isn't ready to start looking that far ahead, however, realizing that two more opponents await before Garden City can really concentrate on a potential showdown.

"Water Valley gave us a tough time ... we only had a four point lead going into the fourth quarter," Wallace noted. "We've got to take care of things every night. We can't be overlooking anyone."

While the Lady 'Kats led by just 33-29 going into the final period, they made certain there would be no upset by scoring 22 points down the stretch.

Guard Kyndra Batla paced Garden City with 18 points, all of them coming on three-point shots. Junior post M'Lynn Niehuus added 15 for the Lady 'Kats.

Next up on the schedule for Wallace and the Lady 'Kats is a trip to Rankin where they'll face the Lady Red Devils at 6:30 p.m. Friday.

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The Stars Show the Kind of Day You'll Have: 5-Dynamic; 4-Positive; 3-Average; 2-So-so; 1-Difficult
ARIES (March 21-April 19)
****Express your concern over partnership matters and the direction in which they have been heading. Choose your words carefully. Let another feel comfortable with what you are saying. Your sensitivities emerge with a friend.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20)
****Get into work as quickly as possible. Concentrate on quiet work first. Later, others seek you out. A boss or co-worker could amuse you. Others hear you. Your words make an impact. Be willing to take that seminar or workshop. Tonight: Let another decide.
GEMINI (May 21-June 20)
****Loosen up about what is happening. Take time with a loved one, who will appreciate your efforts. A meeting is important. Dig into a project. You know what others expect, and you can meet their demands professionally. Tonight: Work late.
CANCER (June 21-July 22)
****Others depend on your nurturing and caring more than you realize. Establish limits with a child or friend. Recognize that you can't play the day away. Let your creativity come out when dealing with work. Streamline what you can. Tonight: Start thinking

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22)
****Return messages as soon as you get in. Formulate plans. Schedule meetings. Reach out for those you need in order to get a project launched. Discuss your thoughts with a trusted co-worker. Be open to another's point of view. Tonight: Head home.
VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22)
****Deal with finances head-on. Another has a different point of view about a budget and wants to spend more than you do. Communication gets your creative juices flowing. Allow more laughter into your work life. Clear out any confusion by confirming plans. Tonight: At a favorite spot.
LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22)
**** Getting another to talk isn't a problem, but getting someone to slow down and quiet down proves to be challenging. Remain in contact with your needs when dealing with finances. A child or new friend could be sugarcoating a situation. Careful! Tonight: Balance your checkbook.
SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21)
****Do your investigating, questioning and decision making in the morning. Others come forward, and you actually might end up with too much information for comfort. Beam in what you need. Ask for another's support. Others clearly want to help. Tonight: T o p cat.
SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21)
**** Use the morning hours to clear out any key projects. You might not agree with others' tactics, but you work well as a team. A co-worker reveals a lot about his feelings. You might not be ready to deal with all this! Tonight: Vanish and

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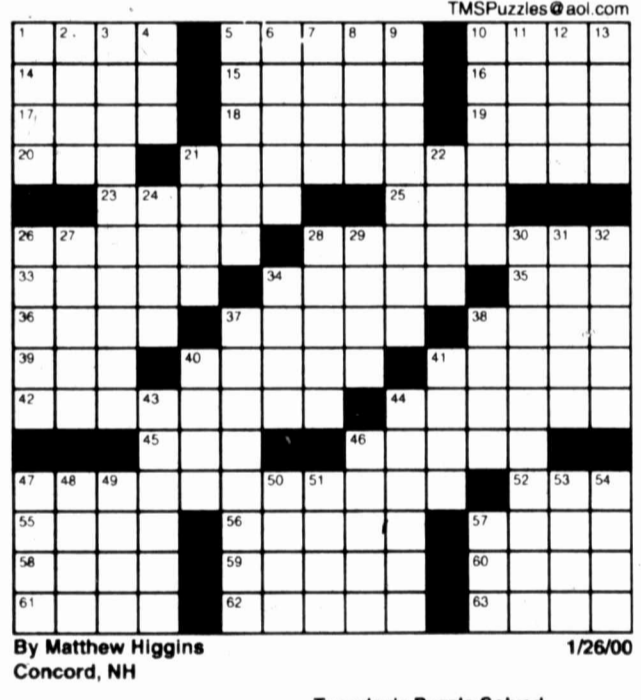
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Five years ago: A little more than three weeks after Republicans took control of Congress, the House endorsed a balanced-budget amendment to the Constitution designed to eliminate chronic federal deficits.

One year ago: President Clinton welcomed a frail Pope John Paul II in St. Louis as the pontiff began his seventh pilgrimage to the United States. King Hussein turned over temporary operation of Jordan to his eldest son and returned to the United States for urgent medical care.

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