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Readers invited to help locate heroes, characters

The Herald is encouraging its readers to participate in this year's Progress Edition, "Heroes and Characters of the Crossroads."

Specifically, we are looking for people who have made some type of impact on others in the Crossroads Area, through their kindness, wit, talent, determination or other traits.

If there is someone you consider to be a hero or a character, submit that person's name to the Herald in writing. Be sure and explain why you think he or she should be included in this special, four-section edition. Also include information so that we may get in touch with you, as well as the person's name you submit. The person you submit may be living or deceased.

The Herald will select individuals from those submitted to feature in the special edition, which will be published in late March.

All names must be submitted in writing no later than Feb. 18 and either brought to the Herald office at 710 Scurry or mailed to P.O. Box 1431, Big Spring, TX 79721.

Property taxes are due Monday

Howard County residents have through Monday to pay their property taxes or face a penalty. Those who cannot get to the Howard County Tax Assessor-Collector's Office can mail their payment in, as long as it is post-marked Monday.

Beginning in February, the penalty on an unpaid tax bill will be 7 percent. It rises 2 percent each month through June. In July, the penalty is 18 percent, plus a 15 percent additional fee.

Anyone needing help or who did not receive a property tax bill should call the tax assessor/collector's office at 264-2232.

WHAT'S UP...

TODAY

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Non-denominational West Texas Rain Rally set for Valentine's Day

By JOHN H. WALKER
Editor

With Howard County and the rest of West Texas still mired in drought, a second annual "West Texas Rain Rally" is being planned for Valentine's Day.



TUBBS

"I've had several farmers and ranchers ask me if we were

going to have the rally again this year," explained Rev. Eddie Tubbs, pastor of Big Spring's First Baptist Church. "I told them we were planning on it, and they asked if we could have it earlier (than last year)."

Last year's rally, held on March 1, drew more than 800 persons to the sanctuary of First Baptist Church, where the rally will once again be held.

"Like last year, this is not a Baptist issue and it's not a Methodist issue or an issue specific to any denomination," Tubbs said. "This is about turn-

ing to God and asking him to help us ... this is an issue of repentance."

Last year's rally drew international attention and was highlighted on ABC Radio, the Associated Press and Paul Harvey's syndicated radio program. It has since been documented in a book — "WEST TEXAS: A Portrait of Its People and Their Raw and Wondrous Land."

Slightly more than a month after the rally was held, por-

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Hundreds gathered last year for the first West Texas Rain Rally at First Baptist Church in Big Spring. The event has been set for Feb. 14 this year.
HERALD file photo

Salvation Army has new commanders

By MARSHA STURDIVANT
Staff Writer

When the new commanding officers for the Salvation Army arrived in Big Spring last week, their tour of duty began as business as usual.

"We're really glad to be here and looking forward to meeting the community. I can honestly say we visited all our facilities as soon as we got here. And I've learned we are in need of heaters, considering this cold weather we've been getting," said Maj. Ronald Alexander.

A reception is planned for the Alexanders today from 12:30-1:30 p.m. at the office, 811 W. Fifth. The public is invited to meet the officers.

Alexander and his wife Jo arrived in Big Spring from Mississippi, to assume their new post as the commanding officers for the local Salvation Army.

Thirty-five-year veterans of the corps, the couple intend to spend their first several weeks unpacking and getting familiar with the local organization.

"All the units are different, although each has the basic corps programs available in units. Each one has its own personality, and we're looking at driving around and getting acquainted with the town," said Jo Alexander.

She said the Biloxi, Miss. post, where they recently completed a tour of duty, was actually smaller than the Big Spring facilities.

"We didn't have a shelter, or thrift store, so we are looking forward to working with all the available programs we have here. We are very pleased with the facilities, this office is wonderful, and we're looking for-



Salvation Army Maj. Ronald and Jo Alexander assume their official duties today. A reception is planned for 12:30-1:30 p.m. at 811 W. Fifth to welcome the new commanding officers to town.

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forward to meeting his local community," she said.

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Big Spring ISD trustees approve auditorium lighting equipment

By MARSHA STURDIVANT
Staff Writer

Trustees for Big Spring Independent School District approved a \$160,000 purchase of new lighting equipment for the auditorium and heard an energy management presentation at a recent board meeting.

And trustees also accepted the retirement of Craig Fisher, long-time vice principal of Big Spring High School, Alma



MCQUEARY

Wrightsil, a 45-year veteran in the home economics classroom, and Dorothy Lee, a Goliad second grade teacher.

"They approved the lighting proposal for the auditorium to replace the light board. The board has been discussing this for the past several years, and they directed us to bring this to them in January 2000 at the last budget workshop last summer. This is for theatrical lighting, for One-Act Play competition and other theater productions, and is something we need to do," said Superintendent William McQueary.

Dr. Fred Zachary and Dr. Dan Long, consultants with Energy Education Inc. out of Wichita

for the next four years.

"We ask for a four year contract because it takes that long to position you guys so that when we leave the district you can go on. We will provide continued support for your program as long as you have the program after the four years, at no cost to you," Zachary said.

The school district will be required to do four things if they agree to contract with Energy Education Inc. Zachary said.

They will be asked to commit \$48,000 each year of their budgeted utility allowance toward the four-year contract with the company.

A \$12,000 stipend should be

Census 2000

Howard County's kick-off celebration to include food, games, other entertainment

By BILL McCLELLAN
News Editor

Free food, games — even the opportunity for some short-term employment — will be in the works when Howard County kicks off its Census 2000 campaign on Saturday, Feb. 26.

"We've got lots of activities planned, including games for the kids, entertainment, food and more," said Leigh Corson, local Census 2000 Complete Count committee member.

The event marks the official start of the census drive in Howard County, although workers will have already begun their special group quarters count in hospitals, nursing homes, correctional institu-



CORSON

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tions and college dorms.

The kick off campaign will be held from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. at the Dora Roberts Community Center. Everyone is invited.

"We're hoping to have a big crowd to help us kick off the Census in Howard County," said Charlene Romero Wurtz, Census 2000 community partnership specialist.

"A special ceremony will begin at 11 a.m. to get the count off to an official start," said Corson.

Those who attend the celebration will be treated to a lunch of hamburgers, hot dogs, chips and drinks. Entertainment will be provided throughout the event.

Parents are encouraged to bring their children, who will be invited to participate in a variety of games.

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Big Spring man killed in wreck

HERALD Staff Report

A Big Spring man was killed early Saturday morning in a one-vehicle accident.

Gary Wayne Ellett, 42, was pronounced dead at the scene by Justice of the Peace Bennie Green.

Big Spring Police Department responded to a call that a major

accident had occurred about 1 a.m. Saturday in the 1600 block of 1-20 south service road near the Birdwell Lane intersection.

Upon arrival, officers discovered a van had struck the underpass wall at the bridge on 1-20 crossing North Birdwell Lane. According to police, alcohol and speed were factors in the accident.

Boys Scouts ready to help needy with annual food drive

By BILL McCLELLAN
News Editor

Boys Scouts of the Lone Star District will be conducting their annual "Good Turn Food Drive" from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. Saturday.

The plastic bag in today's Herald is courtesy of HEB Food Store and is to be used for any food contributions citizens wish to make.

"Please place all non-perishable items you would like to donate in the bag and either hang it on your doorknob or put it in a prominent place on your front porch, where it is readily visible from the street," said Clem Jones, project coordina-

tor. "The boys and adult leaders will be around to collect it."

Those participating in the drive are asked to have the bag on their front porch by 9 a.m. on Saturday.

"We might start down your street first and we wouldn't want to miss your contribution," said Jones.

Otherwise, citizens are asked to bring the items by the collection area between the Scout Service Center and the Herald office on Scurry Street.

"Just look for the big trailer. There will be someone there to help with your bag if you need assistance," said Jones.

All types of canned foods and

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Effie Schultz of Carriage Inn serves Wilma Grice baklava at Around the World in 80 Bites. The event at the Heritage Museum proved more successful than last year, with standing, mingling and snacking room only.
HERALD photo/Marsha Sturdivant

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OBITUARIES

Virginia Keefer

Virginia Keefer, 82, of Big Spring, died on Thursday, Jan. 27, 2000, in a local hospital. Services will be at 10 a.m. Monday, Jan. 31, 2000, at Nalley-Pickle & Welch Rosewood Chapel with Dr. Randy Cotton, pastor of Trinity Baptist Church, and Dr. Claude Craven, a retired Baptist minister, officiating. Interment will follow at Trinity Memorial Park. She was born on Sept. 2, 1917, in Waco, Texas, and married Roy Keefer on Oct. 6, 1939, in Big Spring, Texas.



KEEFER

Mrs. Keefer was a member of Trinity Baptist Church. She was a member of the DAV Auxiliary and had volunteered at the Veterans Administration Medical Center for seven years. Survivors include her husband, Roy Keefer of Big Spring; one son, Jerry Garrett of Big Spring; two daughters, Kay Garrett Womack of San Angelo and Neeli Anderson of Houston; two sisters, Mattie Dee Kinnison of Moody and Juanita Newman of Fairfield; one brother, Eddie Blackwell of Crockett; two grandchildren, Nicole Carrington and David Anderson; and two great-grandchildren, Cody Fitzsimmons and Taylor Carrington.

She was preceded in death by three brothers, Joe Blackwell, Alfred Blackwell and Pinkney Blackwell Jr. Arrangements are under the direction of Nalley-Pickle & Welch Funeral Home.

A wife of noble character who can find? She is worth far more than rubies.

Her husband has full confidence in her and lacks nothing of value. She brings him good, not harm.

All the days of her life, she selects wool and flax and works with eager hands. She is like the merchant ships, bringing her food from afar.

She gets up while it is still dark, she provides food for her family and portions for her servant girls. She considers a field and buys it; out of her earnings she plants a vineyard.

She sets about her work vigorously; her arms are strong for her tasks. She sees that her trading is profitable, and her lamp does not go out at night.

In her hand she holds the distaff and grasps the spindle with her fingers. She opens her arms to the poor and extends her hands to the needy. When it snows, she has no

fear for her household; for all of them are clothed in scarlet. She makes coverings for her bed, she is clothed in fine linen and purple. Her husband is respected at the city gate, where he takes his seat among the elders of the land. She makes linen garments and sells them, and supplies the merchants with sashes. She is clothed with strength and dignity; and she can laugh at the days to come. She speaks with wisdom, and faithful instruction is on her tongue. She watches over the affairs of her household and does not eat the bread of idleness. Her children arise and call her blessed; her husband also, and he praises her: "Many women do noble things, but you surpass them all." Charm is deceptive, and beauty is fleeting; but a woman who fears the LORD is to be praised. Give her the rewards she has earned, and let her works bring her praise at the city gate. Proverbs 31:10-31

We love and will miss you!

Paid obituary

Gary Wayne Ellett

Gary Wayne Ellett, 42, of Big Spring, died Saturday, Jan. 29, 2000, from injuries in a one-vehicle accident at north Birdwell Lane and Interstate 20. Graveside service will be at 2 p.m. Monday, Jan. 31, 2000, at the Cuthbert Cemetery in Mitchell County. Arrangements are by Myers & Smith Funeral Home.

Mr. Ellett was born Sept. 12, 1957 in Big Spring and had lived here most of his life. He attended school in Big Spring and Andrews. He had worked most of his life in the oil industry and was employed by Carpet Cleaning Express for the last five years.

Survivors include his wife, Teri Nall of Big Spring; one son, Gary Wayne Ellett Jr. of Big Spring; a daughter, Sugar Lynn Ellett of Breckenridge; two stepsons, Mike and Cody Nall of Big Spring; his mother, Jennie Womack of Big Spring; his father, Herman Livesay of Sasakwa, Okla.; his step-father, Billy Ray Brooks of Big Spring; three brothers, Wendell Dodson of Midland, Edward Livesay of Sasakwa, Okla. and Jimmy Livesay of Midland; and two grandchildren, Gary Wayne Ellett III of Big Spring and Paige Marie Ellett of Breckenridge.

Anita Cox

Anita Cox, 61, of Stanton, died on Thursday, Jan. 27, 2000, in a Midland hospital. Graveside service was at 3:30 p.m. Saturday, Jan. 29, 2000, at Evergreen Cemetery with Van Pendergrass, minister of the Downtown Church of Christ, officiating. Mrs. Cox was born on Nov. 14, 1938, in Roscoe and married Vernon Cox on June 29, 1957, in Stanton. She was a member of the Downtown Church of Christ. She grew up in the Lenorah area, attended school in Grady and graduated from Stanton High School. She worked for the Farm Service Agency for 20 years. Survivors include her husband, Vernon Cox of Stanton;

two sons, Vernon Lawrence Cox Jr. and Billy Don Cox, both of Stanton; eight sisters, Aline Couch of Abilene, Reba Walker of Plainview, Minnie Gamel of Midland, Betty Curry of Kerrville, Ollie Curry of Junction, Neoma Mitchell of Centerville, Mo., Thelma Overby of Belton and Joyce Hanson of Lamesa; 11 grandchildren and numerous nieces and nephews. Arrangements were under the direction of Gilbreath Funeral Home.

Norma Jean Culp

Norma Jean Culp, 67, of Big Spring, died on Saturday, Jan. 29, 2000, in a local hospital. Graveside service will be at 2 p.m. Monday, Jan. 31, 2000, at Mt. Olive Memorial Park with Rev. Lance Baker, minister of College Park Church of God, officiating. She was born on March 12, 1932, in Paris Texas. She married V.A. "Red" Key and he preceded her in death. She later married Lloyd Culp and he preceded her in death.

Mrs. Culp was a longtime resident of Big Spring. She had worked as an aide at Mountain View Lodge and had also worked at Herman's Restaurant. Survivors include three sons, Henry Mayes and Bobby Sale, both of Paris, and Tommy Mayes of Oklahoma City; 12 grandchildren; and five great-grandchildren. The family will receive friends from 3 until 4 p.m. Sunday at the funeral home. Arrangements are under the direction of Nalley-Pickle & Welch Funeral Home.

CENSUS

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In addition, recruiters will be available to talk with anyone interested in being a census taker. More than 200 census takers are still needed for the Howard County area. Those hired will receive \$9.75 an hour and will be able to work through July. Census questionnaires will begin being mailed out about March 7. A number of special dates have been set regarding the Census, including March 19, or "Super Census Sunday" in which local and area churches will be asked to help get the word out about the importance of the event. "It's important that Howard County be recognized in this Census count," said Wurtz. "We don't want to miss anyone. Come help us get started with some fun and festivities."

ALEXANDERS

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board of directors, and does not anticipate any changes in the local organization. "Once I've met the directors, I'll have a better vision for this unit. At that time I hope to discuss what we've been doing and where we are going, and we're really giving ourselves a few months to get to know the people here and get acquainted with their needs," he said. Jo Alexander said that in spite of the longevity they have with the corps, they still choose to work at individual units, because they enjoy working with people. "Our other choice is administration, and while we do have administrative duties at a unit, it's the people we want to know and work with. We like peo-

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ple, and we like being in the trenches and working with the people at their point of need," she said. Alexander said the people involved with the various aspects of his organization are his favorite part of service in the corps. "I like the people, both those involved in the church part of our work, and those involved with the organizations and those who need us," he said. The couple have three grown daughters and eight grandchildren who range in age from 5-15. They live in Missouri and Ohio, she said. "We've been married 43 years, coming up on 44. I think we might have a large celebration when we reach 45 years," she said. They have been stationed in West Virginia, North Carolina, Mississippi, Oklahoma, Florida, Alabama and Mississippi, she said. "I think it was a good omen that the rain arrived in town when we did. If we'd have known, we would have tried to get here sooner," she said.

TEXAS LOTTERY

Lotto: 3,13,20,25,46,47

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

Lusk touted the policy. He said it will prevent health problems, ensure students are on their best behavior, and disarm peer pressure. "If they're in a group and someone tries to pressure them to use it (drugs), this is a reason for them to say no," he said. "I think we're helping the parents too, if we alert them to something they weren't aware of." Some parents say they're concerned about mandatory testing and holding students responsible for parents' refusal to sign the consent form.

(for widows) will meet Monday, Feb. 17, at 6 p.m. at Christine's Restaurant in Coahoma. They will also meet Feb. 21, at the First Presbyterian Church, Seventh and Runnels (enter through the north door). Bring a covered dish and a valentine. For more information call 398-5522. IF YOU HAVE A SUPPORT GROUP LISTING, PLEASE SUBMIT IT IN WRITING.

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. • 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 Wasson. Call 268-9041. • Association of Retarded Citizens of Howard County meet 7 p.m. the first Monday of each month at 806 E. Third Street, the HARC bingo building. Call 264-0674 for more information. • Family Education and Support, sponsored by Howard County Mental Health Center, meets the fourth Monday of each month at 6 p.m. at 409 Runnels, Clyde Alsop Building. AMI meeting to follow. For more information call 263-0027 or 267-7220. • Encourager's Support Group

MEETINGS

MOORE DEVELOPMENT FOR BIG SPRING 4 p.m. Monday, Chamber of Commerce Board Room. Agenda items include: • Approval of 1998-99 audit • Consider assistance to Commercial Cabinets.

POLICE

The Big Spring Police Department reported the following incidents between 8 a.m. Friday and noon Saturday: • ESTEBAN CONTRERAS, 24, was arrested on a charge of driving while intoxicated. • PHILLIP BERRY, 19, was arrested on a charge of driving while license suspended. • HECTOR MELENDEZ, 20, was arrested on a charge of evading arrest. • MINOR IN CONSUMPTION OF ALCOHOL was reported in the 2500 block of West 16th. • BURGLARY OF A VEHICLE was reported in the 1300 block of Pennsylvania. • PERJURY was reported at the police department. • DISTURBANCE/FIGHT was reported in the 400 block of Gregg, 2000 block of Wasson and near the intersection of Fourth and Johnson. • CRIMINAL TRESPASS WARNING was issued near the intersection of 18th and Gregg. • MAJOR ACCIDENT was reported near the intersection of I-20 and Birdwell Lane. • DRAG RACING/RECKLESS DRIVING was reported in the 1200 block of Lindbergh. • THEFT was reported in the 2300 block of Wasson.

SCOUTS

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dry packaged foods will be accepted. The project is one of the Boy Scouts' efforts to help fight hunger in the local community. All food donated will be given to the Salvation Army. "They have a great demand on their resources during Thanksgiving and Christmas," said Jones. "This will help restock their pantry so they can continue to help people all year long." Anyone needing additional information is asked to call Jones at 263-3752.

West Texas town to begin district-wide drug screening

LOCKNEY (AP) — Beginning Tuesday, students from sixth through 12th grades and all teachers in the Lockney Independent School District will be tested for drugs. All students, not just those in athletics or other extracurricular activities, will be required to take the urine test. Parents have been asked to sign consent forms prior to testing. If parents refuse, the tests are considered positive, and students will face repercussions the same as if they had failed the test. The penalty for a first-time positive result is 21-day suspension from extracurricular activities, three days of in-school suspension and three sessions of drug counseling. Teachers testing positive for drugs will be fired. "It's a long story, but society has just brought us to this point," superintendent Raymond Lusk told the Lubbock Avalanche-Journal. "We do a lot of things (now) that at one time we would say was not the school's job to do. Schools have kind of become all things, and our job description has expanded." The district first looked into a drug testing policy in 1997.

Sincerely Appreciative... During the difficult time of losing a precious family member, we learn to lean on God and the cares and concerns of others. We, the family of Otten Ray Mayo, Jr. laid to rest a Son, husband, father and brother. We would like to take this opportunity to extend our sincere gratitude to Rev. Mamoe Tectors, Berea Baptist Church, Rev. Darrell and wife Glenda Hendrickson, First Church of God, Neighbors, close friends and family for the love and support from each and everyone. As the words proclaimed during the services direct our thoughts and hearts heavenward, we find comfort and peace. May God bless each of you for reaching out during our time of need? In loving memory of Ray, the Mayo's, the Shaeffers and the Osborne's.

Looks like Cupid's in town again. SEND THE FTD LASTING ROMANCE™ BOUQUET FOR VALENTINE'S DAY, MONDAY, FEBRUARY 14. The sweet smell of love is in the air, and it's coming from the Stargazer Lilies, Red Roses, Limonium, Pink Waxflower, and White Alstroemeria bursting from this beautiful glass vase. Who could resist this charming bouquet? 100% Satisfaction Guaranteed. Dakota's FLOWERS & GIFTS. 1110 11th Place 263-8323. A Registered Trademark of Florists' Transworld Delivery, Inc. © 2000 Florists' Transworld Delivery, Inc.

MYERS & SMITH FUNERAL HOME & CHAPEL 24th & Johnson 267-8288 Gary Wayne Ellett, 42, died Saturday. Graveside services will be 2:00 PM, Monday at Cuthbert cemetery in Mitchell County.

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

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The Fierro Family wishes to express its heartfelt thanks to all our neighbors, friends and relatives for your comfort, flowers, food and other help extended to us at the passing away of our brother Charlie. Your support lifted our heavy hearts. You all were wonderful. We appreciate all of you.

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MONDAY □ Big Spring Club, 6:30 p.m.

TUESDAY □ Intermedia classes, 9 a.m. Center. □ Coahoma s luncheon, 11 a.m. Community Ce □ Big Spring noon, Howard C Room. □ Parent-teac of Big Spring J School meets 6 cafeteria. Gues Richard Hicka □ VFW Post 1 Hall, 7 p.m. □ Big Spring Order of the Ea p.m., Masonic I

WEDNESDAY □ Optimist C Howard College Senior Circle walkers meet 9 of movie theate Big Spring Do Club, noon, Ho Cactus Room. Line dancing, Citizens Center Park.

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Sunday beginning at 5 p.m.
Everyone is invited.

MONDAY

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

TUESDAY

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

Coahoma senior citizens luncheon, 11 a.m., Coahoma Community Center.

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

Parent-teacher organization of Big Spring Junior High School meets 6:30 p.m. in the cafeteria. Guest speaker is Richard Hickham of MH/MR.

VFW Post No. 2013, VFW Hall, 7 p.m.

Big Spring Chapter No. 67, Order of the Eastern Star, 7:30 p.m., Masonic Lodge, 219 Main.

WEDNESDAY

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

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

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

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

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

THURSDAY

Gideons International, Big Spring Camp No. 4206, 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.

Genealogical Society of Big Spring, 7:15 p.m., Howard County Library.

Masonic Lodge No. 1340, 7:30 p.m., 2101 Lancaster.

FRIDAY

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.

Big Spring Squares call 267-7043 or 263-6305 for more information.

RAIN RALLY

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tions of Howard County received as much as an inch of rain.

"God answered our prayers last year," Tubbs said. "I can't tell you why it quit raining in

July and August, when everything burned up, but God answered our prayers and gave us rain."

Tubbs said he felt the situation is an issue of repentance.

"I believe it is repentance at the personal level, at the corporate level and at the community level," he said. "It is time for us to turn to God and to ask him to give us rain."

The first rally drew a large cross-section of the community, especially from those involved in agriculture, with participants from a wide variety of churches and denominations.

"As we said, this is not a denominational activity," Tubbs said. "First Baptist is simply hosting the rally and their will be participants from all walks of life and all denominations. It is open to all churches... to all denominations."

The rally will follow the format from a year ago, when the session opened with old-time gospel music, followed by a period of testimony and then, finally, prayer.

1999 went into the record book as the 11th driest year in Howard County history, according to records maintained for the past 100 years by the USDA's Agriculture Research Station and the Big Spring Herald.

Persons wanting more information, or pastors who want to participate in the program, are asked to call Tubbs at 267-8223.



HERALD photo/Marsha Sturdivant
Three Big Spring Independent School District elementary campuses received plaques for being a recognized campus within the Texas Education Agency rating system. Pictured is Moss Elementary principal Ronnie Moss, along with teacher Jeannine McKimney; Marcy Elementary principal Rey Villarreal and teacher Mary Eckert and Kentwood teacher Loyce Phillips. Not pictured is Dee Owen, Kentwood principal.

Trustees recognized during appreciation month

By MARSHA STURDIVANT
Staff Writer

Trustees with Big Spring Independent School District Thursday enjoyed a special luncheon in honor of Texas School Board Appreciation Month, as declared by Gov. George Bush.

"These men and women, the largest group of publicly elected officials in Texas, define policy, prepare budgets and oversee local schools in accordance with the will of the people. School boards provide local control over education where it counts — at a point closest to the parent and child," said BSISD Superintendent William McQueary, reading from Bush's official memorandum. Each trustee was presented with a certificate, followed by a special plaque presentation

to the principals of the three BSISD elementaries who received recognized status from the Texas Education Agency this year.

Marcy, Moss and Kentwood elementaries scored 80 percent or more passing rate on the Texas Assessment of Academic Skills test, a 94 percent attendance rate and low drop out rate.

BSISD

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amount committed by the district is \$68,000.

"And if we do not save you at least that amount, we will write you a check," he said.

He provided trustees with 10 references of school districts currently that have elected to join the energy plan.

"I urge all Texans young and old to recognize and honor the dedication and diligence of school board members. I also encourage local residents to take full advantage of the opportunities afforded by the Texas Education Code to participate in the dialogue that is the foundation of local control over our schools," McQueary read.

participation by BSISD is contingent on two other school districts in this area agreeing to enroll in the program.

"For smaller school districts, we need to have several on board, to allow us to contract and work within this area," Zachary said.

Lamesa and Snyder have been contacted about joining the energy management program, he said.



HERALD photo/Marsha Sturdivant
Jay Hodges receives cheese and barbecue brisket Saturday from a server at the HEB Food Store booth at Around the World in 80 Bites.

The family of Dorothy (Dot) Yater wishes to say a heartfelt "thank you" for the visits, prayers, food and floral tributes during Mom's illness and death. We are grateful to Delia and Jovita, her caregivers; to Martha, Sally, Chick, Faye and others whose visits made her last days richer; to Frances, her sister for her frequent watch care; to College Baptist, Prairie View Baptist and First Baptist churches; to Bro. Eddie, Bro. Ken, and Bro. Pat for their ministry to our Mom And family; to the nurses of Scenic Mountain Home Health; and Mary, Donna, Alice S., Stephanie, Steve, Linda, and Alice C. and Rev. Bugg of Vistacare Hospice who provided comfort and care.

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"Congress shall make no law respecting an establishment of religion, or prohibiting the free exercise thereof; or abridging the freedom of speech, or of the press; or the right of the people peaceably to assemble, and to petition the Government for a redress of grievances."
-FIRST AMENDMENT

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OUR VIEWS

Warm welcome to Maj. Ronald and Jo Alexander

We want to extend a special welcome to Salvation Army Maj. Ronald and Jo Alexander. The couple arrived last week from Biloxi, Miss., and will take over operations of the Army here.

The Alexanders, who have a long history with the Salvation Army and have been stationed in many areas of the country, are impressed with our facilities. In their last post, there was neither an overnight shelter nor a thrift store, which are both thriving aspects of the operation here.

We expect they will also be impressed with our community and its strong support of their agency. This is a town that appreciates the many programs, and understands the many needs, of the Salvation Army.

You need only think back to the school-supply drive of last summer, or the Angel Tree program of the recent holiday season, to know that is true. The agency could not serve the needy without our help.

The Alexanders have said they plan to spend a few months meeting the people of the community, both those they will serve and those who will help in their mission. Let's make them feel welcome in Big Spring; stop by and introduce yourself at the headquarters building, 811 W. Fifth.

And attend the reception in their honor from 12:30 to 1:30 p.m. today at Salvation Army headquarters.

It won't be long they will become a part of the community, as were Maj. Roy and Mary Dell Tolcher before them. But let's get this new friendship off to a good start.

Welcome to Big Spring, Maj. Ronald and Jo Alexander!

YOUR VIEWS

TO THE EDITOR:

There seems to be a lot of controversy lately about the Confederate flag flying over the capitol of South Carolina. I have seen numerous articles in newspapers, as well as stories on the major news networks and CNN.

The most visible opponents of the flag are of course black people, while the staunchest supporters are whites. I do not know much about South Carolina, however, prior to moving to Texas, over nine years ago. I was a life long resident and a native of the deep south.

Most true white southerners (I'm not talking about Yankee transplants) have a sort of honor and respect, and a place in their heart for the southern flag. I am old enough to remember growing up in a south where the Confederate flag was displayed at state fairs, car lots, grand openings of all kinds and even at political rallies. I can fondly remember the AM radio stations signing off their broadcast day as they played "Dixie," and schools honoring Confederate Memorial Day. I can also remember that it seemed as American as apple pie.

As much as I hate to admit it, the South did not win the war, but that was a long time ago. Flying, or not flying a Confederate flag in 2000 won't change anything.

Today in South Carolina, the NAACP, the SCLC and countless others are protesting the flying of flag and threatening boycotts and legal action against the state to have it removed. I respect the fact that the flag is still flying.

Shortly after I moved to Texas in 1990 there was a controversy about the flag of the Confederacy being used at a high school in Midland. I don't

remember everything about that situation, I only remember that the school board spinelessly caved in to the anti-flag people.

Rather than make this a national issue, or create further hostility between blacks and whites (because that is really all the NAACP and federal government want) let the voters of South Carolina decide. After all, it is their state, their capitol building and their flag. South Carolina should get the issue on their next ballot and let the voters turn out to decide whether they keep the stars and bars flying, or haul it down. By doing so, the majority, and not the minority, will prevail. Unless it's just a rumor, that is the American way.

TIM HATCHER
BIG SPRING

TO THE EDITOR:

My cousin from the Metroplex area was visiting during the Howard County Stock Show. I prevailed on him to attend the goat show; he had never seen one. He seemed to watch with interest.

After we returned home that night he said, "You know to me all goats rear ends look pretty much alike, but that really impressed me was the clean cut, neatly dressed, well mannered kids taking care of and showing their animals." That's what made the show great.

You know he is right, and maybe we don't express our appreciation to the county agents, ag teachers, parents, and supporters of the stock show for all they do in making young men and women out of our kids and grandkids.

So, thank all of you very much.
CLOVIS PHINNEY JR.
BIG SPRING

The key to understanding our country today

It is no exaggeration to say that the War Between the States is the continental divide of American history. Everything before 1860 was leading up to the war, and everything after 1865 has been a direct consequence of the war and the reconstruction that followed. Hence, if Americans don't understand that war, then they don't understand their country or themselves.

It's true that the war is the most written-about aspect of American history, but most of the books — and the interest — have been on the military campaign, which is the least important part. The war, after all, was an effect, not a cause. Unless you contemplate a military career, you will not learn much useful by simply poring over maps and reading about

the battles. What are most important are the political and cultural forces that led to the war, and the political and cultural forces that emerged from it.

Some European historians have referred to the war and reconstruction as America's French Revolution. Two distinct political philosophies clashed, and only one survived. Just as the French Revolution established a centralized government with no competing sovereignties, so, too, did Lincoln's war establish in America a centralized government with no competing sovereignties.

The American Revolution, fought by 13 independent states in a loose confederation, produced a government that was a republic of sovereign republics. It was the states that created the federal government by delegating to it a few of their sovereign powers. The differences that would one day erupt into war were already evident in the ratification debates. Patrick Henry, for example, who fiercely opposed the new Constitution, argued that differences between sections of

the country were already too sharp. He predicted — accurately, as it turned out — that as soon as one section grew strong enough, it would attempt to dominate the other.

Nevertheless, it was clearly understood that what was being created was not a national government but a federal government with only very limited powers and duties. Several of the states, including New York, explicitly stated in their ratification resolutions that they reserved the right to withdraw the powers delegated should they decide the federal government was exceeding its powers.

For the first 30 years or so, no one even questioned the right of states to secede. During that time, New England states twice threatened to secede. It was customary in those days to speak not of the United States but of these United States. We should recall that the original 13 states had been in existence as colonies — with separate and distinct identities — for more than 150 years prior to the Declaration of Independence.

As time passed, some

Americans began to think more and more in terms of a supreme national government. Andrew Jackson, a Southerner, was one of them. Nevertheless, the majority of Southerners held to the original philosophy, and there were many clashes in Congress between North and South over many issues. Slavery did not become a hot point of controversy until several decades had passed.

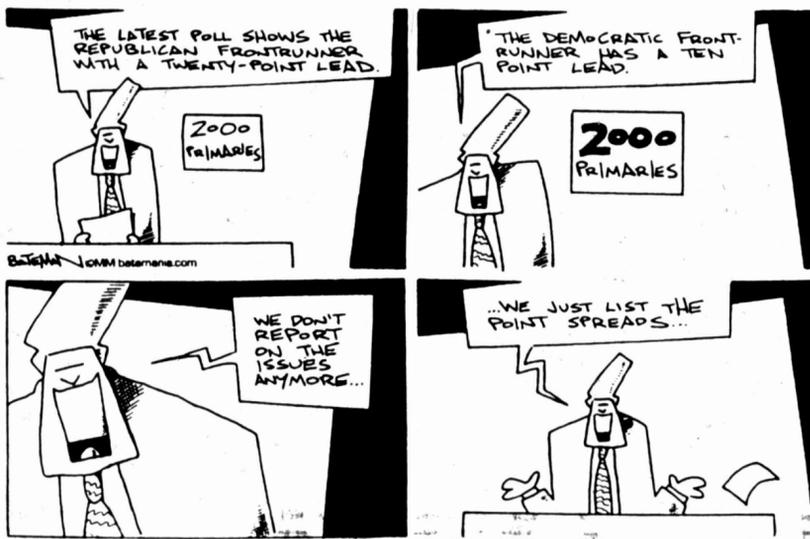
Jefferson Davis' "Rise and Fall of the Confederate Government" and Alexander Stephens' "A Constitutional View of the War Between the States" will give you a graduate-level course in American history. They are both clearly written.

Judging by the ignorant statements made in the Confederate flag flap, many people have huge gaps in their knowledge. American history is too important to be learned from Hollywood and cheap political demagogues. You can find book dealers at www.dixienet.org who have these volumes.

No people should allow political sleaze to rewrite their country's history.



CHARLEY REESE



In Louisiana, it's business as usual

The trees in the park in this town wear white leggings. The trunks are painted, and they remind you of convicts in stripes, taking a stretch in the exercise yard.

To get here I walk past the homes of crawfishermen, their boats on trailers and at the ready. Crawfish season will begin as soon as the Atchafalaya River level rises.

One place I pass has a sign that says "Catfish for Sale; Orders Welcome. Also Collarbone Chips." Another house has a plywood sewing machine swinging from the mailbox that advertises "Alterations."

I walk by a Catholic church with its mass times posted in English, French and Vietnamese, and a snowball stand featuring a cotton candy flavor.

Life in the new century seems just like life in the old one. Thank goodness.

The only bug that has hit is the flu bug, and its cure is the same low-tech one it was the last millennium: fluids, bed and time.

I don't have the flu, but came here to rest for a few days anyway, to hear old men in bait

shops gossiping in a Cajunized French, to hear accordions on the AM radio. I have eaten my weight in crawfish tails, dining at Chicken On The Bayou where for convenience they cut a hole in the tabletop and plug it with a garbage pail. The little restaurant is near the interstate and does a brisk business in novelty items like alligator-toe key chains and Viagra Hot Sauce.

One pre-dawn I hitched a boat ride with a duck hunter, who threaded his skiff through an incredible fog, cypress stumps and narrow oil company canals. I thought we surely were lost, but the hunter knew exactly where in the swampy maze he had left the decoys.

After the boat ride in the dark, we sat on the bank and waited. For ducks. For the sun. Herons and egrets with legs long as supermodels stretched into life, and owls tucked themselves in for the day.

The screech of two wood ducks excited the hunter, but the birds got away clean. The only thing killed were mosquitoes.

Another day I drove to St. Martinville, where the 1765 St. Martin de Tours Catholic Church has a baptismal font that was a gift from King Louis XVI of France. The cream-colored church sits against a blue sky.

They used to call St. Martinville "Le Petit Paris," and French aristocracy fleeing the Revolution were among its

settlers. One rich man, Charles Durand of nearby Oak and Pine Alley Plantation, in 1870 staged a legendary, double wedding for his two daughters. It's said Durand imported spiders from China to spin webs in the trees, then had slaves sprinkle gold and silver dust from California mines on the webs.

This created a golden archway up the 2-mile alley for the wedding procession.

(Exiled Acadians embraced fishing, trapping and cattle farming, but the aristocrats found that life too rugged and many quickly became impoverished.)

St. Martinville is pretty, but I feel more at home in workaday Henderson, where men spin tales, not bridal archways, and the food is richer than the people.

Nobody talks about politics, though last week one former Louisiana governor, Edwin Edwards, went on trial for riverboat license corruption charges, and another, Mike Foster, was sworn in for a second term.

People here seem to have a realistic view of how little the day-to-day shenanigans of politicians actually affect lives. Henderson folk greeted 2000, then went to work, or to fish in the lake, or to dance the Cajun two-step in Lafayette. A new century had not transformed their world, or The World, and it was business and recreation as usual.

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Expert says death row pace likely to speed up

HOUSTON (AP) — State officials say a flurry of death row executions this month is just a coincidence, but at least one capital punishment expert views it as an emerging trend caused by changes in appellate law.

Seven Texas death row inmates were executed in January, the busiest month since eight men were killed in June of 1997.

Based on executions scheduled through May, the state could be on a pace to break its year-end record of 37, also set in 1997.

"Local state district judges issue execution orders and set the dates. It just so happened

that we had a series of orders where January dates were issued," said Heather Browne, spokeswoman for the Texas attorney general's office.

But Catherine Burnett, associate dean of the South Texas College of Law, said she believes Texas is finally seeing the impact of the federal 1996 Anti-Terrorism and Effective Death Penalty Act.

The law, which sharply limited federal court access for defendants convicted in state courts, was designed in part to accelerate the appeals process in capital punishment cases. It prompted state changes as well.

Texas death row inmates' state and federal appeals may

now run concurrently, and strict time limits have been imposed on filing federal appeals.

"I think it was only a matter of time until the pace of executions picked up," Ms. Burnett said. "I believe it is the logical result of the new statute. As with any new law it takes time to build, but it has caught up now with the death row population."

An attorney for one inmate executed this month said his client's death was hastened by the new rules. Spencer Corey Goodman was executed Jan. 18 for the June 1992 slaying of Cecile Ham, wife of ZZ Top manager Bill Ham.

"Mr. Goodman was executed in the fashion he was, as fast as he was, because of the amended statutes," said Houston attorney Mike Charlton, who has represented 25 death row inmates. "There were claims he could have raised previously that we could not get heard by the courts."

Both Ms. Burnett and Charlton said they fear innocent people may be put to death in a rush to justice.

"It's startling when you look back over many of the big name cases over the last 10 years ... how many of them were people who were freed after a second or third post-conviction," Ms. Burnett said.

Appeal denied death row inmate in Lubbock murder

NEW ORLEANS, La. (AP) — A Texas man on death row for the 1989 murder of a Lubbock woman was denied an appeal by the 5th U.S. Circuit Court of Appeals on Friday.

Jack Wade Clark claimed he didn't get a fair trial because former Lubbock medical examiner Ralph Erdmann was incompetent to serve as court-appointed pathologist in his case.

Erdmann, 72, was West Texas' main forensic pathologist in the 1980s, handling bodies for 48 counties. A 1992 investigation by other medical examiners found that about 100 of 300 cases he handled had serious omissions.

In his ruling, Circuit Court Judge Harold R. DeMoss Jr. said the testimony from Dr. Erdmann did not involve specifics and therefore did not compromise Clark's case.

DeMoss said other experts independently reached the same conclusions as Dr. Erdmann.

"Having carefully reviewed the record, we conclude that Clark has failed to make a substantial showing of the denial of a constitutional right with respect to any of the issues

raised in his request," DeMoss wrote. "Accordingly we deny his request."

Clark was convicted on capital murder charges and sentenced on Feb. 15, 1991, to die for killing Melissa Ann Garcia in Lubbock.

In a confession, Clark said he saw Ms. Garcia making a telephone call at a public telephone in the early morning hours of Oct. 15, 1989. He said he approached her, asked for a light and then walked around the corner to wait for her to finish her call. He said he stabbed her in the shoulder as she completed the call, forced her into her own car and eventually sexually assaulted her in various ways before stabbing her in the heart.

Clark's appeal also accused a juror in his trial of having an inappropriate relationship with a prosecutor, thus violating his due process rights.

The ruling found no evidence of such wrongdoing.

"His request is tantamount to a request for an impermissible fishing expedition," DeMoss said. "He seeks merely to cast a line in the hopes of hooking additional evidence which might support his claims."

Accused teen is boyfriend of teen charged in separate homicide

TYLER (AP) — A Tyler teenager is accused of attempting to cover up a burglary by setting a fire that killed a young mother and her 3-year-old daughter.

Dinarrio Terrell Jones — boyfriend of a teen who is being held in the Christmas Day shooting deaths of her parents — has been charged with two counts of murder and one count of arson, authorities said.

The Oct. 24 house fire became fatal when it spread to a neigh-

boring home, killing 28-year-old Shelley Rae Haynes and her daughter, Hannah.

Mrs. Haynes' mother-in-law told the Tyler Morning Telegraph that she never imagined the fire that killed her daughter-in-law and granddaughter wasn't an accident.

"To think someone would do this," Lillian Haynes said. "I wish it would have been a heating unit that caused it or something else — anything."

The fire started after rings, a pearl necklace, television, stereo and a handgun were taken from a next-door Tyler home, according to an arrest affidavit.

Tyler police investigators said they later found jewelry taken in the burglary at the home of Jones' girlfriend, Stephanie Barron. Both are 17 years old.

Ms. Barron is charged with capital murder in the Christmas deaths of her parents, Stephen

Wayne Barron, 44, and Carla Barron, 43, who were shot in the head as they slept in their bed at their home east of Tyler.

Jones was charged with two counts of murder in connection with the fire after state District Judge Diane DeVasto signed an arrest warrant last week. He is being held on bonds totaling \$600,000.

Ms. Barron, charged with capital murder, is being held without bond.

No injuries reported after stray artillery rounds hit ranch outside Fort Hood

KING, Texas (AP) — Practice artillery rounds won't be fired again from Fort Hood until investigators figure out how four stray shells exploded near a ranch northeast of the sprawling military reservation, Army officials said Friday.

There were no injuries in Wednesday night's hour-long barrage, but the explosions damaged several houses on the ranch and left craters and pieces of shrapnel in the yard of Joan and Robert Shoaf, just north of Fort Hood.

"I heard this terrible noise, and I was on the side that it hit," Mrs. Shoaf told the Waco Tribune-Herald. "I jumped out of the bath tub. I asked my husband what the noise was. He

said he saw shrapnel everywhere."

The houses suffered damaged roofs, shattered drywall and cracked foundations from the blasts, Mrs. Shoaf said.

Her husband called 911 after

the shelling, and Coryell County authorities notified Fort Hood of the incident.

"I got to realizing how close to death we had come," Mrs. Shoaf said. "It could have blown up our house."

Army officials said the live 155 mm Howitzer shells were fired from M-109A6 Paladin howitzers at the base, nearly eight miles to the southwest.

Fort Hood spokeswoman Lt. Col. Mary Ann Cummings said

base officials are cooperating with local authorities to determine how the accident happened. The base is also conducting an investigation of its own, she said.

She said Fort Hood officials

don't know how long either investigation will take.

"The bottom line is we're very committed to the safety of the community," she said. "Fort Hood has always been a good neighbor."

Bomb threats taking toll on public school

SAN ANTONIO (AP) — Students, parents and school personnel at Smithson Valley High School are tense after the school received its fourth bomb threat in a week.

Students were evacuated and sent home when at least three bomb threat notes were found inside the 1,800-student facility about 30 miles northeast of San Antonio, Superintendent Jerry Major said.

"At first it was kind of neat, getting to miss school, but now it is bugging us," freshman Charlie Boigance told the San Antonio Express-News in Saturday's editions.

"The first time I thought maybe there really was a bomb. Now it's just getting routine. And the day before yesterday, we had to sit on the bleachers in the football stadium for hours, and it was cold and windy on those metal bleachers," Boigance said.

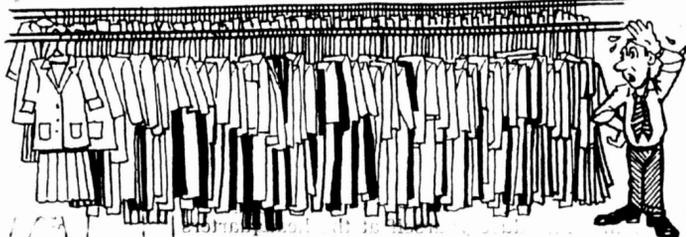
The school district offered a \$1,000 reward for information leading to any arrests. Meanwhile, added security measures include daily sweeps by bomb-sniffing dogs and extra deputies on campus.

The district is banning backpacks and considering discontinuing the use of lockers at Smithson Valley High School for the rest of the year.

"That would be about 1,500 less places we would have to search," said Major.

Major met with parents Thursday night and heard complaints that the first bomb threat on Jan. 13 was not promptly publicized.

In the past two weeks a series of hoax bomb threats in the Comal School District has resulted in the arrest of a total of four students. All were charged with making a false alarm or report.



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Government finally says exposure sickened nuclear arms workers

WASHINGTON (AP) — Reversing a position held for decades, the government has concluded for the first time that many workers who built America's nuclear weapons likely became ill because of exposure to radiation or toxic chemicals, officials said Saturday.

The findings, based on a review of dozens of studies and raw medical data covering an estimated 600,000 workers at 14 nuclear weapons sites, could lead to compensation for the families of some of the workers. Many were unaware that they were being exposed to such health risks.

While the draft report of the studies did not show a direct causal link between workplace exposures and specific illnesses, it found that workers at the plants suffered higher than nor-

mal rates of a wide range of cancers and clearly were exposed to cancer-causing radiation and chemicals in the workplace.

The studies, reviewed by a special task force, examined health records and other data covering three decades of the Cold War from the late 1940s into the 1960s. An official familiar with the report emphasized it does not relate to workers' conditions today.

But the draft report, which President Clinton ordered last July, marks a reversal in the government's long-standing position that no links exist between work conducted at the Cold War-era weapons plants and later illnesses. That argument has stymied numerous lawsuits seeking compensation.

While the compensation issue has yet to be resolved, the government now is acknowledging

that hundreds — perhaps thousands — of workers may well have been made sick by their working environment.

"It does appear that in the DOE complex, there is a direct link between exposure and the possibility of contamination," Energy Secretary Bill Richardson said in Davos, Switzerland, where he is accompanying President Clinton at an economic forum.

In an interview with The Associated Press, Richardson cautioned that the findings are preliminary and won't be completed for several months. Still, Richardson said, if the findings are borne out, "The honorable thing for the government to do is to protect its workers, past and present," including compensation.

The report said elevated rates of 22 categories of cancer were

found among workers at 14 facilities in the department's atomic weapons complex. They included leukemia, Hodgkin's lymphoma and cancers of the prostate, kidney, salivary gland and lung.

"The exposures we are seeing are in excess" of those in similar population groups, a source familiar with the report said. "We don't know what the cause is, but it's clearly related to exposure there (in the workplace)."

President Clinton ordered the review after the Energy Department concluded the government should compensate workers who had developed an incurable lung disease because of exposure to beryllium, a material used in nuclear weapons production.

Richardson and the White House wanted to determine if

other nuclear weapons plant workers likewise should be compensated because of exposure to plutonium, uranium and a variety of radioactive or highly toxic substances. The interagency group reviewed dozens of epidemiological studies, raw health data and other documents, many of which in the past have been dismissed by the government.

The draft report makes no conclusion on compensation, which will be examined in the coming months. One official said compensation most likely would be to families "in the hundreds, not thousands."

Clinton will use the final report to develop a recommendation to Congress, which is responsible for providing the money.

Daniel J. Guttman, an attorney for the Paper, Allied-

Industrial Chemical and Energy Workers Union, told the Times the government turnabout was stunning, because for years the government has marginalized the risks to the thousands of weapons plant workers.

The report's findings included workers at plutonium production facilities at Savannah River in South Carolina and Hanford in Washington state; the Rocky Flats plant near Denver, where plutonium was molded into weapons components; uranium enrichment and processing plants at the Oak Ridge, Tenn., complex; the Fernald uranium processing plant near Cincinnati; and the Lawrence Livermore and Los Alamos national laboratories in California and New Mexico, respectively.

None of the plants still produce nuclear weapons.

Chanting protesters demand that Elian be sent home to his father in Cuba

MIAMI (AP) — About 200 chanting, flag-waving protesters marched in front of the Immigration and Naturalization Service's office Saturday, demanding that 6-year-old Elian Gonzalez be sent home to his father in Cuba.

But Rep. Dan Burton, whose congressional maneuvering to keep Elian in the United States has infuriated the boy's father, said Saturday that the boy told him he doesn't want to go back.

"He's a very intelligent young man and I was able to ask him without any coaching a couple of questions," the Indiana Republican said after meeting

for 30 minutes with Elian at the home where the boy is staying with relatives.

"The first question I asked him is how did he like living here and he said he liked it very much as he was blowing bubbles. Then I said 'Would you like to go back to Cuba?' And he was very firm in saying 'No' and this without any coaching."

Elian has been the subject of heated debate since he was found clinging to an inner tube Nov. 25 off the Florida coast. His mother and 10 others traveling with him drowned during an effort to leave Cuba.

More than 100,000 Cubans

gathered Saturday in the Cuban city of Cienfuegos for another in an almost daily series of government-sponsored, nationally televised rallies for Elian's return.

In Ottawa, about 30 protesters marched in front of the new U.S. embassy carrying signs that read: "End the Kidnapping" and "Cuban Children are Not for Sale."

"If that was an American boy over in Cuba, we would have the whole Marine Corps over there trying to get him back," said Rudy Pisani, 68, of Los Angeles.

Cuban-Americans among the

protesters at the INS office in Miami said they wanted to show that not all Cuban-Americans want Elian to remain here. They said the boy had been kidnapped and should be returned to his father.

"Every child needs a father and a mother," said Juan Morales, a Cuban who has lived in the United States for eight years. "If the mother dies, the person directly responsible is the father and not the uncle and not the United States."

Andres Gomez, national coordinator of the Antonio Maceo Brigade, a group that organized the protest and advocates nor-

malizing relations with Cuba, said the demonstrators have a noble purpose.

"We are coming together in this case in defense of the most fundamental rights of a human being, which are the rights of a child," he said.

Later Saturday, the anti-Castro Democracy Movement, a group which wants Elian to stay put, launched a flotilla of about 20 boats to pay tribute to Elian's mother and the 10 others who drowned. About 300 people took part.

Demonstrators released balloons into the air and threw flowers into the water as the

American and Cuban national anthems played. Donato Dalrymple, a fisherman who found Elian floating at sea, tossed a wreath with flowers arranged in the pattern of the Cuban flag into the water.

"Today we're here to remember ... the mother of Elian Gonzalez, Elisabeth Brotons, and the other people who drowned in the unfortunate tragedy," said Ramon Saul Sanchez, the leader of the Democracy Movement.

The INS has ruled Elian should return to his father. But its order has not been carried out.

Clinton administration proposing subsidies to tighten farm 'safety net'

WASHINGTON (AP) — The Clinton administration is proposing new farm subsidies that would take effect when commodity prices are low.

The "supplemental income" payments, estimated to cost taxpayers \$3.1 billion this year, would vary in size according to fluctuations in crop revenue. They are meant to substitute for emergency subsidies that Congress has made the past two years to compensate growers for a collapse in exports and commodity prices.

Agriculture Secretary Dan Glickman said the program would "strengthen the farm safety net" until Congress rewrites existing farm policy in 2002.

"Payments will increase when

times are the toughest and will taper off when prices rebound," Glickman said in a conference call Friday with farm broadcasters.

The administration's proposal, which is similar to an idea offered last year by Rep. Charles Stenholm, D-Texas, is certain to run into opposition from many producers and lawmakers because of the limits on the payments.

The payments would be pegged to the average gross income nationally over the past five years for eight major crops — corn, wheat, cotton, rice, soybeans, sorghum, oats and barley — and would be capped at \$30,000 per operation. Most farmers would get far less than that because their annual "mar-

ket-transition" payments, the fixed subsidies they receive under the 1996 law, would count toward the \$30,000 limit.

Some 1.3 million farmers currently receive market transition payments, and 200,000 get at least \$10,000 a year. Of those, 30,000 receive more than \$30,000.

"The size of an operation doesn't necessarily limit the difficulty that anybody has financially," said Dick Newpher, chief lobbyist for the American Farm Bureau Federation, the nation's largest farm group. "We would like to help all of agriculture."

But John Schnittker Sr., a private consultant and former Agriculture Department economist, said that capping the pay-

ments "is the right thing to do, both from the fiscal standpoint, to avoid runaway costs, and from the standpoint of getting most of the money to relatively modest-size farmers."

The program would fix what the Clinton administration and some producer groups see as a major flaw in the 1996 farm law, which scaled back income-based farm subsidies, ended controls on planting and gave farmers a series of fixed annual payments. Critics say the fixed payments were insufficient when commodity prices fell sharply in 1998.

The new subsidy program will be included in President Clinton's 2001 budget along with \$1.3 billion in farm conservation spending that Vice

President Al Gore announced earlier this month and an additional \$640 million earmarked for cutting premiums on federally subsidized crop insurance. The government has offered

similar insurance discounts in 1999 and again this year in order to encourage more farmers to buy the coverage to protect against weather-related losses.

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Ice hits north Georgia again, moves into Carolinas

ATLANTA (AP) — The second ice storm in a week made highways treacherous Saturday, leaving the pavement so slippery in places people couldn't stand, let alone drive.

Cars slid into police cars and trucks trying to clear the roads, and ice-covered overpasses and interchanges were shut down across the state.

Another storm earlier in the week had knocked out electrical service to thousands of customers.

"It just happened so suddenly," said state Department of Transportation spokeswoman Kim Law. "You look out your window and not see any ice on the trees and assume it's OK. Well, it's anything but."

The ice was blamed for a 47-car pileup at the junction of Interstate 20 and Interstates

75/85 in downtown Atlanta. Later, 12 other cars slid into each other on I-20. One traffic death in the state was blamed on the ice.

"We've had (vehicles) slide into 10 of our officer's cars," said DeKalb County Police spokeswoman Mikki Jones. "Everyone needs to slow down. We're seeing people try to drive 70 miles an hour on the interstate."

As the weather system turned up the East Coast, storm advisories were posted Saturday across South and North Carolina, where residents were still digging out after last week's record snowfall of 20 inches. An ice storm warning was in effect for northeastern Alabama.

The same storm had dropped more than a foot of snow in

areas across the Plains and the South and was blamed for three deaths in Arkansas, one in Louisiana and five in Missouri. A 14-year-old boy died in a sledding accident near Memphis, Tenn.

Rick Cantrell and John Schifko hoped to see Atlanta's sights after driving from St. Louis for the Super Bowl, but watching drivers not used to ice trying to maneuver on the slick pavement made them think again.

"This is child's play compared to what we get in St. Louis, but the worst hazard is everyone else," Cantrell said. "We saw people going too fast on the interstate and spin out left and right."

The storm also iced roads in Kentucky on Saturday, forcing police to close a 10-mile section

of Interstate 75. "It's utter chaos this morning, brother," said State Police Sgt. Russ Harney in Richmond.

In Lexington, Ky., Ken Kurtz, 70, and his wife were out shopping when the sleet began.

"We hit the parking lot with clear windows, and by the time we came out 25 minutes later every window was coated with ice," Kurtz said.

Temperatures in the 40s were forecast for Super Bowl Sunday in Atlanta.

Freed scholar returns to America

PHILADELPHIA (AP) — A college librarian held in China for nearly six months on charges of smuggling state secrets returned to the United States on Saturday.

"During the past 30 years, I never cried, but last night I cried all night," said Song Yongyi, looking tired but smiling broadly as he arrived at Philadelphia International Airport.

Song was detained in August and later charged under China's vague secrets law.

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Big Spring netters win first matches in Midland

Big Spring's Steers and Lady Steers opened the spring tennis season Friday, battling not only tough competition, but bitterly cold temperatures at the Tall City Invitational Tennis Tournament in Midland.

Still, Big Spring managed to chalk up three first-round wins.

April Ward took a 3-6, 6-3, 6-4 win over Shaniara Gray of Andrews in the opening round of girls' singles action, only to be ousted by Midland's Drew Branum, 6-0, 6-1.

Derek Dehoyos had similar fate in the boys' singles, knocking off Brett McKinley 6-1, 6-1 before suffering a 6-0, 6-1 loss to Midland Lee's Trent Branch.

And in boys' doubles, Aaron Langford and Jake Smile took a 6-3, 6-0 win in their opening match, only to lose by the same score in their second match with Lee's Pardela and Richmond.

Softball umpires training set to begin on March 1

The Permian Basin Softball Umpires Association will begin training for all slow-pitch and fastpitch umpires at 7 p.m. Wednesday, March 1, at the Bill Williams Complex Umpire Building in Midland's Hogan Park.

All prospective and returning umpires need to attend.

For more information, call Mack Gipson at (915) 520-5961.

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 is Thursday

The National Little League of Big Spring will hold a meeting at 6:30 p.m. Thursday 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 Politivent 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.

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Television

NBA
11 a.m. — Sacramento Kings at New York Knicks, NBC, Ch. 9.
2 p.m. — Los Angeles Lakers at Houston Rockets, NBC, Ch. 9.

NATIONAL FOOTBALL LEAGUE
5 p.m. — Super Bowl XXXIV, Tennessee Titans vs. St. Louis Rams, ABC, Ch. 2 and Ch. 8.

GOLF
11 a.m. — Senior PGA Skins Game, final round, ABC, Ch. 8.
2 p.m. — PGA Phoenix Open, final round, CBS, Ch. 7.

COLLEGE BASKETBALL
Women
1 p.m. — Nebraska at Kansas State, FXS, Ch. 29.
3 p.m. — Arizona State at Arizona, FXS, Ch. 29.

Lady Steers take big win over Snyder; Steers lose in OT

By VALERIE AVERY
Herald Correspondent

SNYDER — Big Spring's Lady Steers positioned themselves squarely in the District 5-4A girls' basketball playoff hunt Friday night with a decisive 45-36 win over Snyder's Lady Tigers.

Snyder got some measure of revenge in the nightcap, however, as the Tigers dealt the Steers a heartbreaking 65-60 overtime loss.

Kathy Loter's Lady Steers improved their record to 15-11 overall and 4-3 in district play, pulling into a tie with Snyder for second place in the district standings.

San Angelo Lake View's Maidens were expected to make that a three-way tie with a win over Andrews Saturday

night. Results of that game were unavailable at press time.

Big Spring's overtime loss was one of the most thrilling, but disappointing games for the Steers this season.

The Steers shot well and battled under the boards, but struggled with foul problems all night.

Seniors Justin Dille and Blair Nutting, as well as sophomores Clarence Wilkins and Arthur Belvin, fouled out of the game, while starting post Lance Brock finished the night with four personals, as the Steers were whistled for a total of 30 team fouls.

Snyder, which pressed the Steers throughout the game, racked up just 19 fouls and sent the Steers to the free throw line just 12 times. Big Spring converted on seven of those opportunities,

but Snyder was 20-of-33 at the charity stripe.

Despite all the strikes against them, the Steers made a game of it — one that the fans, spearheaded by a vocal Big Spring student following, enjoyed.

The Steers trailed 31-27 at halftime, but came out blazing hot in the third quarter and took a 43-40 lead into the fourth quarter.

In fact, Big Spring expanded its lead to 48-41 with 7:31 remaining, but the Tigers were already in the double bonus and that's when Dille fouled out of the game.

The Tigers closed the gap to 50-48 with 4:24 left and Snyder appeared as if was prepared to run away when they took a 54-52 edge with 2:04 left, but Belvin connected off a rebound to deadlock the game.

Snyder headed into a stall but eventually turned the ball over to the Steers with 9.5 seconds remaining.

Big Spring was unable to score, however, and the game went into overtime.

Snyder jumped out to a 60-54 lead before John Purcell hit two free throws and Gary Harris added another pair to close the game to just two, 60-58.

But a free throw by Snyder's Jared Hester made it 61-58, allowing the Tigers to stay slightly ahead when Jason Woodruff hit a basket with 27 seconds left.

The Tigers' Heath Pinkerton, who finished with 23 points, added a free throw to make it 62-60.

The officiating crew called an offen-

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Bufs power past Antelopes

By JOHN A. MOSELEY
Sports Editor

STANTON — No contest ... period. Stanton's Buffaloes made sure there would be no challenge to their position in the District 3-2A boys' basketball standings Friday night with a 52-35 win over Post's Antelopes.

What's more, the Bufs were even more dominating than the final score would indicate, because Stanton head coach Doug Gordon allowed his reserves to handle mop up duty for much of the second half.

In the aftermath, Gordon was perhaps more pleased at having had the opportunity to give his bench plenty of playing time than he was the whitewashing his starters put on the 'Lopes.

"That was a big deal for us," Gordon said of having had the opportunity to rest his starters for much of the third quarter and the entirety of the fourth. "There haven't been as many opportunities for those kids to play as there have been here in recent years. They deserved to get that playing time, because they've worked tremendously hard this year ... just like everyone else on this team."

It almost went without saying that it was in the manner in which the Bufs starters played when they were on the floor that provided their teammates plenty of playing time.

"We got off to a great start," Gordon acknowledged. "We had a tremendous night shooting the ball. More than that, though, we played great defense and did an excellent job of keeping them off the boards."

Indeed, Stanton was so dominant from the outset, in fact, that the Bufs all but wrapped up their 15th win of the season in the first seven minutes — roaring out to a 12-0 lead behind the scoring and rebounding of post Brady Cook.

Cook clearly owned the hottest hand on the floor, repeatedly moving outside to take three-point shots that devastated the Antelopes.

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Lady Buffs fall just short of posting upset win

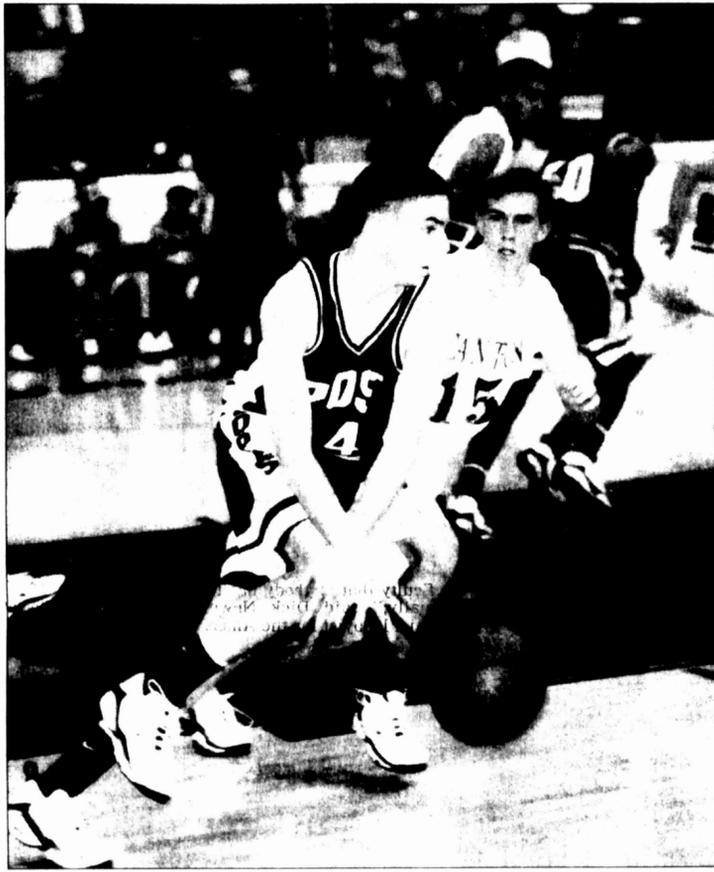
By JOHN A. MOSELEY
Sports Editor

STANTON — When it counted the most, Post's Lady Antelopes stepped up and played like champions.

Having trailed by as many as 11 points in the second half, the Lady 'Lopes forced a series of crucial turnovers in the closing minutes Friday night and converted them into pressure-packed points and a 49-46 comeback win over Stanton's Lady Buffaloes.

In the process, Post all but put a lock on the District 3-2A girls' basketball title.

The Lady 'Lopes improved to 23-1 on the season with the victory, but more importantly, remained unbeaten in district play — their 7-0 mark in league action giving



HERALD photo/Jim Fierro
Stanton reserve Dustin Rogers (15) stays glued to Post's Jarrett Vickers (4) late in the third quarter of their District 3-2A game Friday night in Stanton. The Buffs were so dominant in taking the 52-35 win that Rogers and the rest of the Stanton bench played much of the second half.

them a two-game lead over second-place Seagraves with three games remaining.

And for the Lady Buffs, who saw their season record drop to 20-8, the loss was almost devastating, leaving them with a 3-4 district slate.

"We wound up making mistakes when we absolutely couldn't afford to make them," Stanton head coach Tim Van Hecke said after seeing the Lady Buffs allow two steals in the final 11/2 minutes of play to lose a lead they'd held since the midpoint of the second quarter.

A wild finish sparked by stellar defensive play seemed only fitting, however, since both teams turned in defensive performances that were nothing short of spectacular — the Lady Buffs' matchup zone continually giving Post trouble, while the Lady 'Lopes countered with relentless

man-to-man pressure.

It was that pressure that proved to be the Lady Buffs' downfall.

After having broken open a tight 21-20 game at halftime with an eight-point run to open the third quarter, the Lady Buffs fashioned a 35-24 lead with 3:37 remaining in the period.

But Post retaliated with an 11-6 run to pull within six, 41-35, going into the final eight minutes.

As the pressure mounted, both teams found it impossible to score from the field during the first four minutes of the fourth quarter.

That drought was broken with 3:34 remaining when Meghan Mills swiped a Lady Buffs pass and streaked down the

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Coahoma splits with Tahoka in 3-2A action

HERALD Staff Reports

COAHOMA — Brad Pebsworth scored 26 points and Sedrick Williams added 12 more in leading Tahoka's league-leading Bulldogs to a 58-49 win over Coahoma's Bulldogs in District 3-2A basketball action Friday night.

Coahoma had its revenge in the first game of the evening however, as the Bulldogettes took a 48-41 win over the Lady Bulldogs.

Senior post Suzanna Woods paced the Bulldogettes with 14 points, while Karen Sterling added 13 and Brandi Hart chipped in 12 more.

The win improved the Bulldogettes record to 15-11 overall and 4-3 in district play.

While Pebsworth and Williams were doing most of the damage for Tahoka in the nightcap, Brett Bennett was the only Coahoma player in double figures with 10.

Coahoma got nine points and nine rebounds from sophomore post Chase Ward.

Garden City, Rankin split close contests

RANKIN — M'Lynn Niehues sank a free throw with 13 seconds left in the game to give Garden City a nail-biting 38-37 win over Rankin's Lady Red Devils in what might have otherwise been a disastrous District 4-1A outing for the Lady 'Kats.

Niehues finished the night with a game-high 17 points in leading the Lady Bearkats to the win that improved their record to 20-3 overall and 5-1 in district play. Kyndra Batla added nine more for Garden City.

Rankin's boys got even in the evening's finale, however, taking a 62-57 win over the Bearkats.

Cory Batla paced the Garden City boys with 13 points, but game-high honors went to Rankin's Ruben De La Paz, who had 24 points in leading the Red Devils to their fourth win in five district outings.

Grady, Ira split District 18-1A tilts

LENORAH — Grady's Lady Wildcats improved their record to 22-3 on the season and 4-2 in District 18-1A play Friday night with a 52-46 win over Ira's Lady Bulldogs.

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Area coaches say there's no telling about UIL realignment

It'll be anything but riveting television, but there's not much question that Tuesday morning a great many high school coaches and administrators

across the state will be huddled around television sets to see who their district rivals will be for the next two years under University Interscholastic League realignment.

When it comes to high school football in Texas, there's probably nothing more important than the biennial shuffling of districts and classifications.

As a result, Crossroads Area coaches that aren't tuned in to Fox Sports Net's live, 30-minute broadcast — one continuous scroll of names and districts

rolling across the bottom of the television screen — will be checking the Internet, since the UIL will post the realignment on its Web page at 9 that morning.

And if past realignments are any barometer, several of them will be calling the "Rotund One," knowing that The Associated Press moves them over the wire as quickly as the UIL releases them.

While Fox Sports Net's live, 30-minute broadcast sounds like an insomnia cure-all, it's political high drama in Texas prep sports.

That's because the secrecy that surrounds realignment — akin to guarding military secrets in some small countries — prevents schools from getting an early look at which district they will play in next season.

It also prevents schools from getting a jump on creating a favorable schedule. The UIL realigns football and basketball districts every two years. Moving up or

down in a classification or changing districts can ignite state championship dreams — or drown them.

While none of the Crossroads Area's eight teams figures to change classifications, changes elsewhere could have a major effect on the make up of their districts.

Big Spring's Dwight Butler says he doesn't expect much change in the district competition the Steers will face following realignment, save for his belief that Sweetwater will drop to the Class 3A ranks and Pecos' Eagles will find their way back on the schedule.

"I don't think you're going to see a lot of change for us," Butler said.

"Sweetwater's almost a lock to drop down to 3A, but the only change I think that'll make is that Pecos moves back in with us. There just aren't that many Class 4A schools out here for them to do anything else.

"To be honest, I really haven't given it much thought because of that."

Although Sweetwater is almost certain to fall below the minimum cutoff for Class 4A schools, recent editions of the *Sweetwater Reporter* have indicated that school officials there may petition the UIL to compete in the 4A ranks.

Of course, Mustangs head coach Hank Dowell says he believes Sweetwater is headed for Class 3A.

"I'm pretty sure we're going to be 3A," Dowell said, while making it clear he doesn't believe a drop in classification necessarily means the Mustangs will return to the playoffs after a two-year hiatus just because of the change.

"There are good programs everywhere and in every classification," he explained. "We feel like its going to be a challenge wherever we wind up. We just want our numbers to be more comparable."

Colorado City is almost sure to drop from Class 3A to 2A with the realign-

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JOHN A. MOSELEY

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Tossing the Charmin around

ATLANTA — They were Kurt Warner's receivers back when he was throwing rolls of Charmin instead of footballs.

This was almost five years ago, at the Hy-Vee supermarket in Cedar Falls, Iowa. Like everyone else who ever wound up on the business end of a Warner toss, their lives are a little better for it. Unlike a chosen few, however, it didn't do much for their careers.



JIM LITKE

"It's a great thing that people can reach for the stars and succeed at it," Dave Jensen said over the telephone. "Kurt worked hard for everything he's got."

Likewise for Jensen. He was the nightside manager when Warner was a \$5.50-an-hour stockboy on the graveyard shift, living with his future in-laws to save money, working out at his alma mater during the day and dreaming about another shot at the NFL.

Back then, after the shelves were restocked, Warner might wander over to paper goods, grab some Charmin or a roll of paper towel and start chucking it down the aisle to Jensen. If business was really slow, they'd head for the back, pull the Nerf football out of somebody's locker and start kicking field goals. To get the three points, the ball had to land between the rails and above the loading dock garage door.

"Remind Kurt I still hold the record," Jensen said, laughing. "Something like 30 feet."

Since then, Warner's life has been one continuous upward spiral. He went on to lead the league everywhere he played, from the Iowa Barnstormers of the Arena League to the Amsterdam Admirals of NFL Europe and the St. Louis Rams in the Super Bowl. Jensen, meanwhile, was promoted to something called assistant cars coordinator at Hy-Vee. He still gets off work when the rest of the world has gone to bed.

That explains, in part, why he hasn't had a chance to catch up with Warner. And maybe why he hasn't found tickets for today's game in the mail.

"I couldn't be happier for Kurt, though," Jensen said. "I'll watch the game, take a nap and then head into work."

Unlike the old days, Chad Potratz won't be there to greet him. He's moved to the Hy-Vee in nearby Waterloo, Iowa, since Warner gave his two weeks notice in spring 1995, and headed for Des Moines to quarterback the Barnstormers.

Still, Potratz hasn't forgotten how polite the local hero turned out to be. The previous fall, as a fifth-year senior, Warner led the University of Northern Iowa Panthers to the semifinals of the Division I-AA playoffs and was named first team All-Gateway Conference in his only season as a starter.

"Having a big-time college star coming to work night stock was a pretty big deal in a town like Cedar Falls," Potratz said. "The first thing that struck me is what an ordinary guy Kurt was."

The second thing was how accurate and strong Warner's throws were.

"You'd be up front and hear this big roar in the back and figure Kurt must be throwing the Charmin through something or other," Potratz said. "The joke going around here now is how to garnish his

wages for all the displays he broke."

As fate would have it, one of the most prominent displays in either Hy-Vee store is Kurt Warner's Krunch Time cereal, a vitamin-packed version of frosted flakes, at \$2.99 a box. The proceeds go to Camp Barnabus, a camp for children with special needs in Purdy, Mo. Boxes are going out the door as fast as they come in.

"We get calls from all over. The other day a guy from Florida called and paid to have us ship him a case," said Brian Larson, the assistant manager who hired Warner in Cedar Falls. "I don't know why people call here. Maybe they figure it's special because Kurt worked here."

Whether that's so, Warner's memories of working at the Hy-Vee are special enough. He went to Packers training camp in fall 1994, undrafted but invited as a free agent. He left not long after, certain he was in over his head. Green Bay had Brett Favre, Mark Brunell and Ty Detmer already in camp and after watching them work, Warner refused to take part in a scrimmage.

"I knew I wasn't strong enough or anywhere near ready for the NFL," he recalled.

He went back to the Northern Iowa campus and began rebuilding his confidence. At the same time, his relationship was taking off with Brenda Carney, who would become his wife. Warner moved in with Larry and Sue Carney to be close to Brenda and her kids, Zachary and Jesse, and one day out of the blue, the Barnstormers called with a job offer.

It was the first step in Warner's improbable climb toward the top. Unlike the guys at the Hy-Vee, some of the receivers Warner was throwing to started moving up the ladder along with him.

Dedric Ward, his primary target at Northern Iowa, wound up being drafted by the New York Jets. Willis Jacob, who took over the role during Warner's stint with the Barnstormers, is retired and living in Minnesota. But Warner thinks Jacob, much like himself, "is one of those guys who could have made it if the right opportunity came along."

Todd Doxzon is counting on that very thing. He worked out with Warner while the two were in Des Moines, went to NFL Europe with him and even today, credits his former quarterback for helping him straighten out his life. The two born-again Christians were teammates in Amsterdam almost two years ago and had to cut through the red-light district nightly on their way to services.

"If it hadn't been for Kurt Warner, I probably would have slipped back again," said Doxzon, who just recently signed with the Dolphins.

On Friday, the Admirals presented Warner with the jersey he wore in Amsterdam. It was laid out in a gilt-edged picture frame. Somebody else handed him a desk set. Warner walked down the hallway with his loot.

Someone asked him what he remembered about the guys back at the Hy-Vee and he paused to remember the days before he was burdened by expectations.

"Throwing the Charmin around," he said brightening. "That was fun."

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Times have changed since Rams won title

LOS ANGELES (AP) — Ticket scalping had not become a part of sports lingo. Of course, the top seats were \$5, with general admission \$3 a pop.

Even then, nearly half the 100,000 seats in the Los Angeles Coliseum remained empty on game day.

Times have changed since the Rams won their last NFL championship.

Although the 1951 title game featured some of the league's marquee names of the day, including Cleveland's Otto Graham and the Rams' Bob Waterfield, Elroy "Crazy Legs" Hirsch and "Deacon" Dan Towler, it caused barely a ripple across America.

The tag "Super Bowl" and its attendant Roman numerals were 15 seasons in the future, television coverage was sparse, and there were no media hordes scrutinizing the players' every move.

"Compared to all this, it was like a high school championship game," Towler, 71, said from Atlanta, where he will

attend today's Super Bowl between the St. Louis Rams and Tennessee Titans. "There wasn't all the hype."

It was just another week, business as usual. But no more.

"The Super Bowl has become a sports circus, with the game almost secondary to the commercials and all that," said Towler, who worked on his masters degree of theology during his six years with the Rams, then quit the game to become a church pastor.

Woodley Lewis was another member of the Los Angeles Rams team that beat Cleveland 24-17 on Dec. 23, 1951, when Norm Van Brocklin threw a 73-yard touchdown pass to Tom Fears midway through the final quarter.

"Then we all got in our used cars, if we had a car, and drove home and started thinking about going back to work on Monday," recalled Lewis, 74, who worked as a probation counselor. "Most of us had to have other jobs."

Dick Horner, a member of the

Rams' "Bull Elephant Backfield" along with Towler and Paul "Tank" Younger, even had trouble finding an offseason job.

"Companies didn't want to hire you because they knew you were going to be playing football for six months of the year," said the 77-year-old Horner. "I worked as an usher at Hollywood Park and Santa Anita."

The Rams earned \$2,108.44 each for beating the Browns, while the losers earned \$1,483.12 apiece.

"We were darned glad to get it," Horner said. "Some of the guys were playing for \$2,000 or \$3,000 a year. Some of them who lived out of town were always drawing money against their future salary so they could get home after the season."

Each member of the winning Super Bowl team this year will get \$58,000; the losers \$33,000.

Attendance at the '51 championship game was 59,475, and the gross revenue was \$325,970, with total TV and radio rights

going for \$75,000 — \$1,667 more than the cost of one second of commercial time during today's game.

The cheapest tickets, in the end zone, this time have a face value of \$325, and some scalpers are asking four or five times that amount.

Towler, who kept an eye on the Rams from the press box as a volunteer statistician for The Associated Press until the team moved to St. Louis in 1995, remembered that he wasn't exactly swamped by the media during the week of the championship game.

"I was a first-string player, and I don't think a reporter ever asked me what I thought about anything, either before or after the game," said Towler, who scored one touchdown in the title game after averaging 6.8 yards a carry on 231 carries that season. "It was a totally different atmosphere."

"Television and advertising has taken the game into a whole different sphere of entertainment."

Minority hiring once again an issue at Super Bowl

ATLANTA (AP) — There's never been a minority head coach in the Super Bowl. Of course, the odds are stacked against it.

Only two blacks, Minnesota's Dennis Green and Tampa Bay's Tony Dungy, are among the 31 NFL head coaches, so commissioner Paul Tagliabue found himself addressing a familiar issue Friday as another title game approached.

In particular, Tagliabue was grilled on the recent trend of coaches-turned-kingmakers designating a successor before even leaving their post.

Bill Parcells did that in New York, though Bill Belichick quit the Jets after only one day. Dave Wannstedt was elevated to the top job in Miami as Jimmy Johnson retired.

Even the St. Louis Rams, who meet the Tennessee Titans in today's Super Bowl, know who their coach will be after Dick Vermeil retires. Offensive coordinator Mike Martz is next in

line, though he probably won't get the job until 2002.

Belichick, who now coaches the New England Patriots, is white. So are Wannstedt and Martz. Ditto for Dave Campo (Dallas), Al Groh (Jets) and Mike Sherman (Green Bay), hired since the end of the regular season.

But Tagliabue, speaking at his annual Super Bowl news conference, defended the league's minority hiring record.

"The reality is that one-third of our coaches are African-Americans," the commissioner said, including assistants in his figures.

"The growing number of coordinators are African-Americans. And to the extent that coaches are trying to designate an heir apparent, I think you are going to see African-Americans in that pipeline."

Tagliabue pointed out that the Jets have just elevated Maurice Carthon to assistant head coach and that Ted Cottrell, Buffalo's

defensive coordinator, is well respected around the league.

The commissioner doesn't believe minority candidates are denied a fair opportunity when a successor is named in advance.

"It might be a positive thing if people are doing that kind of long-range planning," he said. "They might start looking at younger coaches. ... I don't see that as a negative in terms of minority hiring, frankly."

On another issue, Tagliabue acknowledged the NFL is concerned about off-field crimes committed by its players, but he also suggested those crimes are part of a deeper problem.

"I think our track record is better than society at large," Tagliabue said.

The league's well-polished image has been sullied this season by a number of off-field

arrests. The most serious involved former Carolina receiver Rae Carruth, released by the Panthers after he was charged with first-degree murder in the shooting death of his pregnant girlfriend.

"Can we separate ourselves from society? Of course not," Tagliabue said. "We can't predict what NFL players will do any more than we can predict students shooting other students or workers shooting fellow workers."

At this Super Bowl, the hottest topic has been the cold weather. Both teams practiced in wintry conditions until Friday, when they moved to the Georgia Dome.

You certainly won't hear the Titans or Rams complaining about the lack of headline material. They're here to play for a championship.

Female impersonator flops in bid for ticket to big game

HOUSTON (AP) — Convinced the Super Bowl will be a man's paradise, Ronald Salazar was willing to impersonate a woman to get there.

The hefty 34-year-old donned makeup, women's clothing and a huge false chest Friday to become a contestant in a "dating game" at Houston's Gallery Furniture warehouse. The prize was a trip with a furniture salesman to see the St. Louis Rams and Tennessee Titans in the Super Bowl, one of six tickets the store gave away.

"Man, we could have had a good time," the bitterly disappointed Salazar shouted at the salesman after being passed over for a more feminine, less bearded contestant.

But consoled by door prizes, Salazar later laughed and explained that he concocted the stunt after learning that the store was offering the free ticket to women.

"I told them, hey, the Super

Bowl is better for a guy," he said. "So they said, do whatever you think you have to do."

The former Houston Oilers fan had strong personal reasons for wanting to go to the big game.

"I want to see the Rams whip the Titans," he said. "It was hard for me when the Oilers moved to Tennessee. Now I'm just glad they're gone."

Most of the handful of football fans who gathered amid love seats and china cabinets Friday felt differently.

Art Horridge, who for 25 years roamed the sidelines of the Astrodome as the Oiler's mascot, posed for photos in his trademark blue jersey and silver hard-hat as a high school marching band and drill team entertained nearby.

"They may be the Titans, but they're still the Oilers to me," he said. "I mean, there's been some bad blood, but we still love our team."

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Petal talk

Most of us have experienced it: A vase of flowers lands on your desk or dining table. Then you know he's sorry, you remember they love you, or get the idea someone is thinking about you.

While most of us enjoy flowers, we don't stop to think much about them; we ask the florist to choose the blooms, or pick up the first bouquet available at the grocery store.

But many believe flowers do "speak." Books have covered the subject of the meaning of certain flowers, and traditions have developed that are kept alive from year to year.

As we inch closer to one of the busiest holidays for flowers, Valentine's Day, and head into a busy season of weddings and anniversaries, it seemed a good time to take a look at the meaning behind those bouquets.

Need to apologize? Afraid to speak your mind? Need to honor someone's memory or mark a special occasion? Check our lists and put together a bouquet that is more than just a pretty bunch of petals.

Wonder why roses are so constant for Valentine's Day, at weddings and given to honor anniversaries? They represent love, according to "The Language of Flowers," a primer on the subject.

Got a secret love? Send a gardenia, which says, "you're lovely." Want to tell your mate how much he still means after all these years? Try a zinnia, which shows lasting affection.

If you notice plenty of stephanotis in wedding bouquets, it is because the flower represents "happiness in marriage." If embarrassment or guilt is what you want to convey, try the peony, which says "shame."

See the chart at right for more on this colorful "language."

While they agree flowers have developed meanings through years of tradition, local experts did not put too much importance on most flower-speak.

"If you like it, you should send it," said Debbie Sheppard of Dakota's Flowers and Gifts. "I don't always think it has to be the 'right' flower, just the one you like."

But which flower is right? There are guidelines to follow as well as practical reasons for certain choices.

Lupe Pattin, a designer at Faye's Flowers, suggests the elegant flowers, such as stargazer lilies, for weddings. They also make great table decorations at dinner parties.

Snapdragons, which are often placed in a tall vase, are used often at funerals — probably because the height looks good in a crowded chapel. Gladiolus also make good flowers at funerals, since they are large, full flowers.

Picture a flower like the daisy, and you are bound to think happy thoughts. It also represents youth, and works well in arrangements for young people, Pattin said.

Another "happy" flower is the sunflower, which can be used in a variety of arrangements or stand alone.

"The sunflower fits with anything, and it makes the whole arrangement look cheery," Pattin said.

"Everybody's got their different tastes," said Henrietta Haechten, a designer with Dakota's. "If you know the person likes white

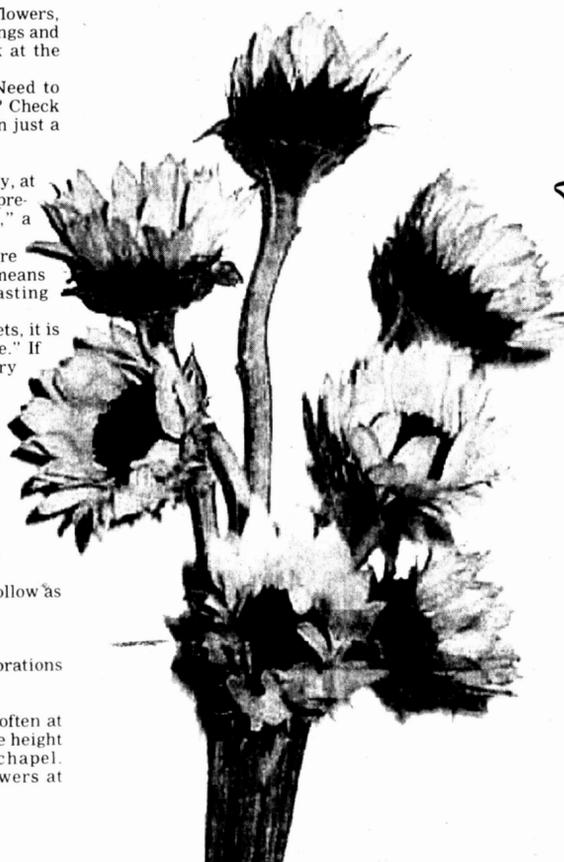
daisies, ask for those and work around that."

While the iris is popular with an older crowd, it is a beautiful flower that is underused, our experts said. Want something different? The bulbs, such as tulips and daffodils, are coming in season now and should be available.

Heard of lisianthus? Blue delphinium? Ask about unusual flowers that might be available, possibly even those you have never seen before. Or ask for flowers that have a strong, pleasant scent or appear in a rare color.



Blue Delphinium



Sunflowers



Spray roses



Daisies

Say What?

Here are some of the meanings behind the most popular blooms, according to "The Language of Flowers."

- ASTER - Love, daintiness.
- AZALEA - Take care of yourself for me; Chinese symbol of womanhood.
- BEGONIA - Beware.
- BELLS OF IRELAND - Good luck.
- BOUQUET OF WITHERED FLOWERS - Rejected love.
- CARNATION (general) - Fascination.
- CARNATION (pink) - Longing for you.
- CARNATION (red) - My heart aches for you.
- CARNATION (solid color) - Yes.
- CARNATION (striped) - No, refusal.
- CHRYSANTHEMUM - You are a wonderful friend.
- DAFFODIL - Regard, unrequited love.
- DAISY - Innocence, loyal love.
- FORGET-ME-NOT - Memories.
- GARDENIA - Secret love.
- GLADIOLA - Give me a break.
- HYACINTH (purple) - I am sorry, please forgive me.
- HYACINTH (white) - I will pray for you.
- LILY (white) - Purity.
- LILY (calla) - Beauty.
- LILY (tiger) - Wealth and pride.
- LILY OF THE VALLEY - You have made my life complete.
- MARIGOLD - Grief, jealousy.
- ORCHID - Beauty, refinement. Chinese symbol for many children.
- PETUNIA - Anger.
- POPPY - Consolation.
- ROSE (dark crimson) - Mourning.
- ROSE (pink) - Perfect happiness.
- ROSE (white) - I am worthy of you; secrecy.
- TULIP (red) - Believe me.
- TULIP (yellow) - There is sunshine in your smile.
- VIOLET - Modesty.
- ZINNIA - Thinking (or in memory) of an absent friend.

Story and design by
Debbie L. Jensen

Some day I will clear away all this clutter but not today

Back during the mid 70's when I worked as an advertising salesman for the Big Spring Herald, one of my accounts to call on was Don Newsom's supermarket. I would carry proof sheets of his ads for him to okay. Don had a large sign on his desk reading, "A cluttered desk is a mark of Genius."

And it was. Today, I have a sort of an office at the Big Spring Video rental store, which has now number two son Glen Scott's Computer Service Center. And I gotta tell you, my desk is a veritable disaster area. Any piece of paper more than a week old lays somewhere at the

bottom of the stack. But next week or next month...or some time in the new millennium, I will get ORGANIZED.

My 1987 GMC pickup also serves as a mobile-type office, and it is a tiny bit more organized. I don't dare try to stack anything in the pickup bed in back, because any West Texas wind would blow 'em away into the street.

So, I keep a slew of cardboard boxes behind the front seat where my auto jack and tire iron should go. Heaven help me, should I have any kind of a flat-tire disaster.

I have umpty-nine manila folders and 9 x 14 envelopes in

boxes with military catalogs, Marine Corps discharge papers

of some of my Marine pen pal correspondents, and snapshot photos going back to the Stone Age. The latter are still in their original envelopes from the now defunct Photo-Magic, Keaton Color and others.

Then, there are stacks of



Al Scott

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snapshots processed at H-E-B and Wal-mart. Photos of my past feline pets, Marine Corps birthday parties of years past, photos of Howard Walker's Harley Davidson Chili Cook-offs as well as ancient photos going back to my high school days. Still, another box holds more catalogs and eight or 10

years of "Leatherneck" and VFW magazines.

Now, I absolutely REFUSE to throw any of this stuff away. Sort of reminds me of those two brothers out in California or New York or somewhere, who saved up 30 years of newspapers, and authorities had a devil of a time finding their

bodies among the ceiling-high stacks of old paper.

But, I PROMISE...a New Year's resolution. I will CLEAN and THROW AWAY...and I will get ORGANIZED. I swear no one is gonna find my dead body buried beneath mountains of paper in that 1987 GMC pickup.

But, you know, I won't do this today or not even tomorrow. I have just gotta WAIT until the time is right. Maybe some time in the year 2005 or so.

Because a cluttered pickup is a mark of genius.

Al Scott's column will appear regularly in the Big Spring Herald life! section.

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WEDDINGS

Baker-Crisp

Meredith Dawn Baker and Charlie Crisp were united in marriage on Dec. 18, 1999, at the First Baptist Church with the Rev. Eddie Tubbs officiating.

She is the daughter of Donnie and Linda Baker of Big Spring, and the granddaughter of Lela Geer of Big Spring, and Evelyn Gray, formerly of Big Spring.

He is the son of Mary Crisp and the late Gene Crisp of Clovis, N.M.

Organist was Beth Spence, pianist was Betty Downey, and vocalist was Kathy Harden of Clovis, N.M.

Given in marriage by her father, the bride wore a French tulle gown by Mon Cheri. It featured re-embroidered alencon lace, a square neckline trimmed in pearls, long sleeves and a skirt of royal satin with Venice lace trim. It had a cathedral length train covered in pearls and clear sequins.

She carried a cascading bouquet of white Virginia roses with stephanotis and accents of sheer ribbon.

Matron of honor was Keely Dunn, Irving, and maid of honor was Tammy Gray, Weatherford.

Tara Cozart of Cisco, cousin of the bride, Rachel Harland of Hurst and Stephanie Dworsky of Midland, were the bridesmaids.

Kenzie Kennedy was the flower girl, and Ryan Childers, cousin of the bride, was the ringbearer.

Josh Crisp and Jessie Crisp, brothers of the groom and both of Clovis, N.M., served as best men.

Serving as groomsmen were Brian Gray of Clovis, N.M., Marc Baker of Decatur, brother of the bride, and Shane Carlson of Lubbock.

Craig Baker of Big Spring, brother of the bride, Chance



MR. AND MRS. CHARLIE CRISP

Baker, Lubbock, cousin of the bride, and Daryl Hanson of Lubbock served as ushers.

Candlelighters were Whitney Baker of Lubbock, cousin of the bride, and Ben Lukkar of Clovis, N.M., cousin of the groom.

Following the ceremony, a reception was held in the parlor.

The bride's cake was a French vanilla cream cake decorated with circles of pearls and topped with fresh lilies.

The groom's cake was a German chocolate cake decorated with a football field.

The bride is a 1993 graduate of Big Spring High School and a 1998 graduate of Texas Tech University. She is employed by the Big Spring ISD.

The groom is a 1992 graduate of Clovis High School and a 1996 graduate of Eastern New Mexico University. He is employed by the Big Spring ISD.

Following a wedding trip to Cozumel, Mexico, the couple have made their home in Big Spring.

Kinnan-Graham

Sandra Kinnan and Carl Graham, both of Big Spring, were married Dec. 31, 1999, at 402 Westover in Big Spring with the Rev. Doug Shelley, pastor of Eastside Baptist Church, officiating.

She is the daughter of S.R. Bell of Big Spring and the late Mary Louise Bell. He is the son of Elwood and Mable Graham of Loraine.

Given in marriage by her grandson Michael Kinnan, the bride wore a short, ecru lace dress with a scoop neck. She wore a corsage of white and pink carnations.

Matron of honor was Jina Clark, bride's sister, Midland. Best man was Craig Shipman.

A reception followed the ceremony. The cake was four tiered, iced in white with chocolate doves as a topper. White beads and small orchid and blue flowers completed the decoration.

The bride is a 1968 graduate of Snyder High School and a



MR. AND MRS. CARL GRAHAM

1992 graduate of Howard College.

The groom is a graduate of Loraine High School, Howard College and Texas State Technical College. He is employed by the Big Spring Herald.

The couple plans to live in Big Spring.

GETTING ENGAGED

Amber K. Johnson and Mike Vega, both of Big Spring, will exchange vows on Feb. 14, 2000, at the Albuquerque Church in Albuquerque, N.M.

She is the daughter of Bobbie K. Greer of Sebring, Fla.

He is the son of Irene Vega of Big Spring.

IN THE MILITARY

There will be a USS Maddox Destroyer Reunion DD731, 622 and 168, Sept. 10-15, in Las Vegas, Nev.

For more information contact Cliff Gillespie at 215 Wichita Ave. Apt. 605; Huntington Beach, Calif.; 92648; e-mail: CGILLES@mail.arco.com; or (714)960-5283.



Mindy Green, Big Spring, and Trey Cauble, Midland, formerly of Big Spring, will unite in marriage on June 17, 2000, at the 14th & Main Church of Christ with Rick Cunningham, minister, officiating.

She is the daughter of Steve and Trissa Green of Big Spring, and the granddaughter of Billy and Mary Helen Green and Roy and Sallie Bailey, all formerly of Big Spring.

He is the son of Ricky and Trisha Cauble of Midland and formerly of Big Spring, and the grandson of Richard and Moe Cauble of Big Spring, and Bobby and Della Hogue, formerly of Big Spring.

Caudill-Williams

Pamela Beth Caudill of Abilene, and Joseph Allen Williams exchanged wedding vows on Jan. 22, 2000, at the Logsdon Chapel at Hardin-Simmons University with Terry Davis, minister of Hamby Baptist Church, officiating.

She is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Fran Bordofski and Mr. Donald R. Caudill, all of Abilene.

He is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Bobby C. Williams of Seagraves.

Organist was Sharon Brown, and Trevor Dickson and Annette Range were the vocalists.

The bride was given in marriage by her father.

Maid of honor was Vanessa Dionne-Browning of North Hollywood, Calif.

Elise Kail of Midland, and Arlean Stroud of Dayton, were the bridesmaids.

Flower girl was Crescenda Williams, daughter of the groom, and Austin Williams, son of the groom, was the ringbearer.

Jack Williams of Abilene, served as best man.

Serving as groomsmen were Whitney Williams, brother of the groom of Lamesa, and Gary Range of Abilene.

Eric Williams of Lamesa, David Bordofski of Frisco and Terry Bordofski of Broken Arrow, Okla., were the ushers. Courtnee Turner of Big Spring,



MRS. JOSEPH WILLIAMS

served as candlelighter.

The reception was held in the Windsor Hotel.

The bride is a 1982 graduate of Big Spring High School, and a 1986 graduate of Hardin-Simmons University. She is employed by Crime Victim Crisis Center in Abilene as the assistant director.

The groom is a 1981 graduate of Seagraves High School and a 1985 graduate of Hardin-Simmons University. He is employed by West Texas Utilities.

Following a wedding trip to an undisclosed location, the couple will make their home in Abilene.

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Black churches take more active role in preventing HIV spread

OAKLAND, Calif. (AP) — Back when many people thought AIDS was a gay white man's disease, three black men came to Dr. Robert Scott and told him that they could not bear to confide in their pastors about their infections.

"Each one told me, 'Whatever you do, don't tell my pastor,'" Scott recalled.

"I said, 'Something is wrong. Do I have to be both doctor and minister too?'"

So Scott rounded up their pastors, who ministered at some of the East Bay's largest black Baptist churches. "What have you said or not said that makes people fearful of talking to you?" he asked them.

It's a question being asked more and more at black churches, as the latest statistics show blacks are not benefiting as much as other groups from a slowing of the AIDS death rate.

Thanks to new drug treatments, AIDS deaths nationwide dropped 65 percent between 1995 and 1998, but only 55 percent for blacks. While blacks represent just 13 percent of the U.S. population, they comprise 49 percent of AIDS deaths — 8,316 people last year, according to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention.

Since most blacks have some connection to a church, it's vital that black churches take an active role in HIV prevention, said Pernesha Seele, founder of The Balm in Gilead, a New York nonprofit that teaches ministers how to do AIDS education.

"In our community, the church, the pulpit, is the loudest voice that we have," Seele said. "Historically, if you want to organize around anything, you go to the church. With AIDS devastating our community we must use that vehicle which we know."

It wasn't always this way. Homosexuality, sex outside of marriage and intravenous drug use are sins churchgoers learn to hate. In many cases, they learned to hate the sinners as well.

"It was always reinforced that being gay was a bad thing, it was a sin. If it was talked about, it was in a negative sense," said Derek Lassiter, 34, a gay black man who is HIV-positive.

He has been welcomed at Glide Memorial Methodist Church in San Francisco, where gays, drug abusers and the homeless are equally embraced, and where advocates hand out condoms and HIV testing is available. But he says this is an anomaly.

"In the black community, everyone has had a church experience; it never leaves you," he said. "But then you start remembering how you were not accepted."

Most churches do not offer the extensive AIDS programs of Glide or Allen Temple Baptist Church in Oakland, where the 5,500-member con-

gregation holds monthly meetings to recruit volunteers to act as buddies to people with AIDS.

This month, Allen Temple opened 25 low-cost housing units in Oakland for disabled patients. The church also runs an AIDS case management center, and reaches out to other black churches that may not be talking about AIDS at all.

"As a Christian physician it was clear to me ... the church is a diverse reflection of our whole society," said Scott, who heads the AIDS ministry at Allen Temple and has 400 HIV-positive patients among his 2,000 clients in Oakland.

"Some people who got this disease are drug users. Some were prostitutes. Some got it because they are gay," he said. "As a church we're having to confront a whole population of people who are marginalized. We certainly don't want to push aside and marginalize people of our own race."

Money is starting to embrace the community, too.

Since the Congressional Black Caucus successfully lobbied President Clinton to authorize \$156 million to fight AIDS among blacks and Hispanics in 1998, the AIDS National Interfaith Network, a clearinghouse for religious organizations conducting HIV education and support, has seen many more inquiries from church leaders.

The funds allowed the CDC to expand its church-based initiative, inflating an annual budget of \$100,000 to \$2 million. In October, the CDC also allotted \$39 million to prevent AIDS in minority communities — up 50 percent over last year.

"Clearly as the epidemic continues to spread — and particularly in communities of color — I think religious leaders in faith communities realize the role they can play and they want to play that role increasingly," said Dr. Helene Gayle, who directs the CDC's center for prevention of HIV, sexually transmitted diseases and tuberculosis.

That would help clients of AIDS case manager Kenneth Hall, who set up the outreach group Ark of Refuge at Allen Temple four years ago. "Seventy-five percent are real leery about committing themselves spiritually anywhere if they haven't outed themselves to the pastor or the congregation about their diagnosis," Hall said.

Support for AIDS programs is evolving. "The church was part of the problem because no one was saying anything and it was moving through the church," said the Rev. Theo Frazier of Church of the Pentecost in San Francisco, who emphasizes abstinence when he discusses AIDS with congregants.

But as people got sick and began dying, he said, "we had to talk about it."

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WEDNESDAY-Meatloaf, rice, squash, salad, milk/rolls, fruit.
THURSDAY-Steak, noodles, carrots, salad, milk/rolls, cookies.
FRIDAY-Ham, sweet potatoes, green beans, salad, milk/rolls, pie.

ELBOW ELEMENTARY
MONDAY-Chicken fajita, salad, fruit, milk.
TUESDAY-Spaghetti w/meat sauce, salad, fruit, garlic bread, milk.
WEDNESDAY-Taco/sauce, salad, corn, fruit, milk.
THURSDAY-Corn dog, pinto beans, spinach, cornbread, fruit/milk.
FRIDAY-Tuna salad sandwich, chips, carrot coins, celery sticks, apple/milk.

COAHOMA SCHOOLS
MONDAY-Cheeseburger, tater tots, lettuce, tomatoes, pickles, chocolate chip cookies, milk.
TUESDAY-Chicken fried steak (chili dogs), corn, gravy, potatoes, rolls, milk.
WEDNESDAY-Cheeseburger pockets (corn dogs), tater tots, pears, milk.
THURSDAY-Homemade burritos (cheese fries), pinto beans, peaches, milk.
FRIDAY-Spaghetti (burritos), salad, carrots, cobbler, milk.

SANDS SCHOOLS
MONDAY-Bar-B-Que, lettuce, tomatoes, pickles, tater tots/ketchup, wacky cake, milk.
TUESDAY-Steak fingers w/gravy, sliced potatoes, june peas & carrots, hot roll fruit, milk.
WEDNESDAY-Beef & cheese tacos, pinto beans, salad, pudding, cornbread, milk.
THURSDAY-Fried chicken, mashed potatoes w/gravy, green beans, jello, milk.
FRIDAY-Beef & cheese lasagna, salad, blackeye peas, fruit, batter bread, milk.

FORSAN SCHOOLS
MONDAY-Chicken and noodles, blackeye peas, salad, cookies, fruit, milk.
TUESDAY-Stew, corn, cornbread, fruit pies, milk.
WEDNESDAY-Chicken sandwich, chips, peanut butter cookies, fruit, milk.
THURSDAY-Hot dogs, tater tots, salad, pork & beans, chocolate cake, applesauce, milk.
FRIDAY-Braised beef tips, rice, green beans, hot rolls, fruit, milk.

BIG SPRING SCHOOLS
MONDAY-Corndogs, potato rounds, carrot sticks, ranch dip, orange wedges, milk.
TUESDAY-Steak fingers, mashed potatoes, english peas, mixed fruit, hot roll, milk.
WEDNESDAY-Grill chicken nuggets, macaroni & cheese, green beans, jello w/pineapple, hot roll, milk.
THURSDAY-Chili mac, fried okra, peaches, applesauce, hot roll, milk.
FRIDAY-Hamburger, salad, french fries, pinto beans, lemon pie, milk.

GARDEN CITY SCHOOLS
MONDAY-Chili dog, french fries, fruit, cake.

STANTON SCHOOLS
MONDAY-Cheeseburger or hamburger, french fries, hamburger salad, fruit and cookies.
TUESDAY-Spaghetti/meat sauce (country fried steak), green beans, tossed salad, applesauce gelatin, milk, fruit drink.
WEDNESDAY-Pig 'n blanket (baked fish), macaroni & cheese, mixed vegetables, peaches, rolls, milk, fruit drink.
THURSDAY-Beef taco, taco shell, flour tortilla, pinto beans, lettuce & tomato, pineapple chunks, cornbread, milk.
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Pamper yourself: Turn your bathroom into a home spa

ABILENE (AP) —The perfect end to a hectic day might be as close as your own bathroom. Follow a few of these ideas designed to pamper yourself and you just might transform the bathroom of your home or apartment into your own peaceful haven.

Carol Ender Sterbenz and Genevieve Sterbenz in their book, "The Home Spa: Creating a Personal Sanctuary," offer many ways to slow down the clock and get all the benefits of a trip to a luxurious spa without spending the time or money.

Suggestions include turning off the phone, hanging a "Do Not Disturb" sign and taking advantage of every minute of quiet time to restore calm and tranquility and get back in touch with your inner self.

To prepare your individual haven of peace, surround yourself with some of your favorite things.

Essential to the experience are clean, thick towels, washcloths and loofahs, a bath mat, robe and slippers.

A privacy screen, bath stool, tub cushion, elegant hand towels, faucet sachets and candles are some additional ways to make ready the special spot.

Low lighting and the glow of candles help to soften rough edges and create a quiet mood. Mirrors will reflect their light, while fresh flowers and foliage will lift your spirits.

Some of the most relaxing sounds are the soft tones of tonal prayers and chants can inspire a serene sense of well-being.

A small bath or shower side table can hold the jars and bottles of creams, lotions and scrubs for self-indulgence. A tub caddy can hold a favorite book or magazine and a glass of herbal tea or mineral water with lemon.

The authors suggest the bath ritual begin by immersing the body in water and bringing senses alive by scrubbing until the skin tingles. Natural products should be selected for exfoliating, moisturizing, cleansing and rinsing.

Deborah Gibbs of Deborahs Collection, a locally based skin care system, says she uses Dead Sea salts as a base for her scrubs.

Her spa treatments include products for relaxation, aromatherapy, botanicals and different fragrances to calm spirits.

"My products use botanicals for reducing stress and conditioning the skin," she says. "Im

a firm believer in aloe vera which heals, moisturizes and penetrates all layers of the skin."

Laurel Seigum at the Borghese counter at Dillard's says products in the line she represents include sets already put together for customers to enjoy the spa experience at home.

"We sell sets with gels, effervescent tablets, body lotions, face mugs and sea salt soaps," she said.

Nancy Martin, one of the managers of the Bath and Body Works shop at the Mall of Abilene, said aromatherapy products are her biggest sellers.

"We have four formulas and are all big sellers one for stress relief, one for tranquil sleep, one for balance and another for vitality."

She says that customers want bath soaps, candles and bubble baths to pamper themselves.

After-bath time can be equally important, say the Sterbenzes.

Their book suggests nourishing and refreshing drinks such as mineral water or a fresh fruit smoothie made with fruit and skim milk.

Serve these in etched or jeweled carafes and tumblers for an elegant touch.

Try to sustain the benefits of the spa experience by repeating the bath ritual periodically and adding a few daily beauty and face masks can refresh stressed skin. Skin washes should be gentle.

Special products are made to heal and rejuvenate hands and feet. Puffy, tired eyes can be soothed with cucumber treatments. Hot oil treatments leave hair shiny and healthy.

Keep stress away by frequent massages and rubdowns.

"Massage gels are big sellers in our line" said Martin. "You need someone else to help apply them, and if you heat them, it feels so much better. They also have a stronger scent when heated," she added.

Room sprays also help maintain the quiet mood of the spa. There are special linen sprays you can get to spray and lend a sense of calmness to your sheets at bedtime.

"This day and time, it seems the word spa is used as a treatment for everything," notes Gibbs. "It used to be just used for the bath but now it includes so much more like facials, pedicures. The word has taken on a whole new realm."

Not so fast: States demand young drivers train longer

WORCESTER, Mass. (AP) — Annie Hennigan is behind the wheel of the family car. Dad right next to her with pointers: A bit of gas now, slow it down here. The 16-year-old is learning more than how to drive. She is learning patience.

Not just patience behind the wheel, but patience to wait for the day she can drive like an adult. Unlike her older brother and sister before her, she has to wait at least six months longer for that right. So do other teen-agers in half the country.

Shaken by high numbers of serious accidents among the youngest drivers, the nation is embracing a new approach to putting teen-agers on the road. The goal: Slow the transition from back seat to driver's seat, and give teen-agers more time to learn, to mature.

In half the nation, driving privileges now come in three phases, with each step bringing more responsibility. Only if teen-age drivers pass the first two steps without tickets or crashes do they get full privileges.

Now Annie must wait at least six more months. Not much time in the eyes of her father, Bob. But for Annie, who would like to drive teammates to next summer's softball games, it is a huge chunk of high school life.

For legislators, the concern was safety, and the statistics were frightening:

— The Insurance Institute for Highway Safety found that as a group, 16-year-olds die in car accidents at nearly three times the rate of the general population. Its analysis of 1996 accidents found that 35 of 100,000 16-year-old drivers were killed in accidents. In the general population, 12 drivers died per 100,000.

— Teen-age drivers (ages 15 to 20) make up only 7 percent of the driving population but are involved in 14 percent of all crashes and in 21 percent of fatal wrecks.

In 1997, only Florida licensed teens in three steps: the traditional learner's permit, which allows teens to drive only with an adult; a new intermediate license that let teens drive alone, with restrictions; and full privileges.

WHO'S WHO

Daniel Ryan Freshour, Big Spring, has been named to the President's Honor Roll for the Physician Assistant Program at Texas Tech University for the fall semester of 1999. Honored students must maintain a 4.0 GPA.

Shane Viccinelli graduated from the University of Northern Illinois in De Kalb, Ill., in December 1999 with a M.A. in Foreign Languages and a Ph.D. in Literatures. French. He is employed by the French Tourism Agency in Chicago, Ill. He had graduated from Beloit College in Beloit, Wis., with a BA in French.



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He is the son of Kathy Johnson of Big Spring, and Louis Viccinelli of Kingwood.

Southern Illinois University Carbondale has named local student Monica Marie Villarreal of Big Spring to its fall semester Deans' List.

Deans' List recognition goes to students who compile grade-point averages that range from 3.25 to 3.75 on a scale of 4.0

NEWCOMERS

New residents of Big Spring welcomed recently by Joy Fortenberry and the Newcomer Greeting Service include:

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Zaw Myint, Wilmington, N.C.

Christopher and Judy Lee, Groton, Conn. He is employed by the VA Medical Center.

Lynn Crowell, Fort Collins, Colo. He is retired from the railroad.

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Arnold and Altie Lee and daughter Mary Frammer, Colorado City. He is retired from construction work.

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Duchess Bassett mix, brown female, very loving 2 year old plus, spayed.

Sissie Lab mix, black playful female, 2 year old plus, spayed.

Shawn Shepard/Collie mix, light brown male, 1 year old, neutered.

Cheyenne Springer Spaniel mix, brown and white female, 2 year old plus, spayed.

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.

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Brides Of The New Century

New etiquette has changed the face of marriage

NEW YORK (AP) — Today's wedding may look much like those celebrated in previous generations.

But behind the big event are changes which challenge old assumptions about wedding etiquette, reports Bride's magazine in its December/January issue.

— **Wedding Expenses.** Traditionally, the bride's family pays for most of the wedding, the groom's family hosts the rehearsal dinner, pays for the bride's flowers and the officiant's fee.

But now, both families may share the expenses of a wedding. The bride's family may pay for the reception space, the groom's might cover flowers and catering, and the couple pays for the rest. Three out of 10 couples pick up the entire

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cost themselves.

But don't ask guests to contribute to the cost of the wedding, the magazine says. That includes setting up a cash bar or valet tipping.

— **Invitations.** The traditional formal wedding invitation is engraved in black script on white or off-white stock, placed in an inner unsealed envelope. Reception information appears on a separate enclosure in the same typescript and paper. A similar response card can be included, but a handwritten reply is still expected.

Information about hotel accommodations and directions to the events should be mailed separately.

For semi-formal weddings, custom-designed invitations, created either by a stationer or on the couple's home computer, are appropriate. Colored ink and paper and response postcards also are appropriate. Maps and hotel information, printed on the same paper stock and typeface as the invitation, may be mailed with the invitation.

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than 50 guests or one that's less than a month away, the couple can send handwritten notes or e-mail. Guests can phone or e-mail their responses to these.

Whichever form you use, don't use a computer or a typewriter to address the envelopes. The address should be calligraphed or in the couple's own handwriting.

— **Ceremony.** Couples exchange customary vows, embrace traditions and music in a religious setting in the traditional ceremony.

Now, even in a formal ceremony, the couple may modify the wording of their vows — such as replacing the word "obey" with "cherish" — incorporate parts of two religions and include ethnic traditions to represent each family's heritage.

Don't make your guests uncomfortable with vows that are too personal or racy, Bride's says.

— **Registry.** In the traditional mode, the bride and her mother will visit the local department store to register for such things as china and sterling flatware. Guests learn about the registry by word of mouth.

But now a couple might go to the department or specialty shop to register for a wide variety of gifts, from crystal to cars.

Or they might register online from home or office and post their list on a gift registry Web site.

Whatever the mode, don't put registry information on wedding invitations or as enclosures with the invitations.

Pearls

A constant among bridal accessories

NEW YORK (AP) — Cultured pearls are as traditional for the wedding as diamonds are for the engagement. But today's bride is looking beyond tradition.

She already may have a strand of 7mm pearls — as a gift to herself, an inheritance or part of a divorce settlement.

"The great thing about a strand of pearls is that it is classic, timeless, something that can be worn every day," says Melvyn Kirtley, general manager and regional vice president of Tiffany & Co. in New York City.

But there are a lot of other options, from funky to high fashion. The pearls range from imperfect to flawless in shape and luster, and prices are based on quality, size and setting design.

"Just one drop would be so beautiful on a snake chain," a spokesman at a recent industry show of pearls harvested in Japan and Australia, Tahiti and elsewhere in the South Seas. Tahitian pearls are distinctive for their color, ranging from black and gray to pistachio and yellow. The Tamara Comolli Collection had a 9mm cream drop accented with a .36 carat diamond. From Coleman Douglas Pearls, a pistachio "love nugget" was sitting on a little ruby.

Ella Gafter designs in Italy while her daughter, Talila, takes care of business at the Ellagem salon in New York. The designer says pearl pendants have been "successful with husbands. Men are more open to change than women."

Prince Edward's gift to Sophie Rhys-Jones for their June wedding was a necklace of his design: a black pearl cross on a white pearl strand. The necklace and matching drop earrings for the new Countess of Wessex were made by British jeweler Asprey & Garrard.

For bridegrooms who prefer to leave the designing to others, New Yorker Henry Dunay certifies each of his South Sea cultured pearls with a serial number. One necklace of his design any bride would love, available at Neiman Marcus salons, is a large single pearl suspended from a curl of brushed platinum accented with a diamond solitaire.

A cultured pearl pendant from Cartier Inc., is like the bud of a white peony bursting with life. It is secure on a necklace of marquise motif diamonds.

Still, a string of pearls is "the quintessential gift," according to Kirtley of Tiffany. It is given by the bridegroom, or sometimes by the bride's parents. In Italy, Gafter says, the bridegroom's family traditionally make the purchase.

"The great thing about a strand of pearls is that it is classic, timeless, something that can be worn every day," Kirtley says. But in these heady financial times, "lots of brides are looking for something other than pearls. They're looking at platinum and diamonds." Or combinations thereof.

Tiffany offers something for nature-lovers — a butterfly or dragonfly pendant of platinum and diamonds on a platinum chain interspersed with small cultured pearls. Sans motif is a diamond necklace in platinum or 18K gold with one pearl for every three diamonds.

Lynn Ramsey, president of the Jewelry Information Center, suggests a triple-strand dog collar for the bride with a swan neck and strapless gown.

Decadent? You bet. But a girl can dream. And some dreams do come true, most likely for those brides whose visions are a little more earthbound.

Elsa Peretti, designing for Tiffany, has pearls by the yard on a fine gold chain. Prices start at an affordable \$450.

Details, details: From the right book to preserving the wedding dress

By THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Books for Brides

— Your wedding photographs don't have to be those flash-camera group shots. Get inspiration for more creative treatment from "Forever and a Day: Wedding Moments" (Abbeville Press/Edith Stemmler, \$49.95), a showcase of Philippe Cheng photographs with text by Carley Roney.

Cheng captures verite images of the wedding event — the bride being dressed or pensively awaiting the start of the proceedings, flower girls in unac-

customized finery, the guests, and remains of the reception.

— Two useful titles from the chatty "The Complete Idiot's Guide" series are "Creative Weddings" (Macmillan/Alpha Books, \$18.95 paperback), by Antonia van der Meer, and "Bridal Showers" (Macmillan/Alpha Books, \$16.95 paperback), by Jennifer R. Barr.

Hang onto the latter book after the ceremony, because it also includes advice about baby showers.

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REGISTER FOR YOUR WEDDING

Brides Of The New Century

Where to wed? Choice has lasting effect

By DEBBIE L. JENSEN
Features Editor

There are many decisions to be made when a wedding is in the works, not the least of which is where to have the ceremony.

Many people choose to have the wedding ceremony in a church, often the church where one or both worship regularly. Others choose an outdoor setting, or have the ceremony in a home or meeting hall of some kind.

Another choice is whether to have the ceremony performed by a minister, a justice of the peace, or someone else with the authority.

Local ministers said in a church or not, the service is a sacred event and should be treated as such.

"The church is not the building," said the Rev. James Liggett, rector of St. Mary's

Episcopal Church. "Whether the wedding takes place in a church or not, a wedding service is first and primarily a service of worship of the church."

A former medical school chaplain, First Baptist Church pastor Eddie Tubbs said he has performed between 300 and 400 ceremonies. He said couples who choose a church as the site of their wedding should do so because it makes a statement.

"It should be because you want to make Christ the center of your relationship," he said. "Don't just choose the church because it looks good."

Liggett added, "Make the church part of your life before

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Eddie Tubbs,
pastor, First Baptist



TUBBS

and after the wedding ceremony. Otherwise, why bother?"

Tubbs and Liggett agreed the music and readings, everything that is part of the service, should reflect the religious faith of the couple.

"Choose songs that are worshipful and Christian," Tubbs said.

Most churches have guidelines for couples who plan to be married there. They may include restrictions on decorations, music to be played or who can perform the ceremony. Check with the church well in advance, because today's churches are busy places with meetings and special events

that are often scheduled well in advance.

Big Spring has a variety of other places that are suitable sites for weddings, including the historic spring at Comanche Trail Park, Big Spring State Park and Dora Roberts Community Center.

At DRCC, there has been a wedding in nearly every room. There are various settings, including a fireplace, a view of the nearby lake and a large hall that is often the site of receptions. A new gazebo constructed behind the center is expected to become a popular place for outdoor ceremonies.

Private homes are also popular spots for ceremonies, including those with nice backyard spaces or large, open living areas suitable for a crowd. Remember to communicate with your host, however, and agree on decorations, music, and how to avoid distractions during the event.

Mothers should look and feel great at the ceremony

NEW YORK (AP) — "You can be gorgeous at 20, charming at 40, and irresistible for the rest of your life," Coco Chanel once said.

She was speaking of a woman's worldliness, and it's something every mother of the bride — or groom — might take to heart.

Probably at no other time is she made so aware that her job as a parent is entering a different and diminished phase. And probably at no other time is she so aware that, despite her best efforts, her waist is thickening and the crow's feet are multiplying.

Hey, Mom. Brush back the tears, spend a little time and money on yourself and look and feel irresistible! It's easier than you think.

Jerry and Marjorie Jaffe's only daughter, Bryce, is planning a July wedding, not in New York City where she was born and where her family still lives, but in Lake Tahoe, Calif.

If Marjorie was bothered at first, she's grateful now.

She is sure that the changing role as mother of the bride "frees me from doing what I always thought 'should' be done."

The Jaffes have learned is that there are few "shoulds" in today's weddings, except perhaps to keep things practical.

Bryce, a former dancer now studying osteopathy, chose black for her attendants because it's a flattering color and the dresses can be worn later. For the same practical reason, she and her intended, Tyler Munson of Los Gatos, Calif., gave their mothers free rein in their dress.

Such personal style is important and — yikes! — even separates are OK, according to stylists like Phillip Bloch, a current favorite of many stars. They fall into the practical category.

One look, if you can carry it off, is the little cashmere cardigan and camisole with a skirt.

What kind of skirt? "Silks. Chiffons," he says. "Shantung is good for spring."

And why cashmere? Because it's a luxury item and, Bloch says, "you can throw it on over jeans later."

Among typical designs for spring and summer weddings are pleated chiffon pipe-stem pants and lace tunic in pale blue and a pleated chiffon skirt and lace tunic in peach.

Bloch has one last suggestion: Straight skirts slit at the side or back are sexy, and women of all ages can wear them.

Just make sure to create a leggy look with sexy heels and skin-tone stockings — with control tops to flatten the tummy and corral the hips.

Humor at the ceremony

Weddings can bring plenty of lighter moments

By DEBBIE L. JENSEN
Features Editor

Sometimes the most serious occasions in our lives can be the funniest — and that is definitely true for weddings.

Eddie Tubbs, pastor of First Baptist Church, and a veteran of more than 300 weddings in his years in the ministry, said he has enjoyed some hilarious moments during the ceremonies.

"There was one I did where the bride said not one word the entire time," he said. "She was crying so hard, crying tears of joy I guess, that she couldn't speak. I finally said, 'Honey, if you agree, just nod.' She did, and that was how we got through that one."

The Rev. Jim Liggett of St. Mary's Episcopal Church, said some of the "light" moments that occur in weddings have to do with the placement of people, and rings that don't fit. When the ring doesn't fit, he said, "You just pretend that it does."

And as for brides, grooms and others participating who don't always remember where to stand, ministers said they use the "aim and direct" method.

"That's where rehearsals come in," Liggett said. And when that doesn't work, a whispered direction usually does the trick.

Quail Dobbs, rodeo clown turned justice of the peace, has performed close to 30 weddings, many of them including a few moments of levity.

"There was the time that just before we said the 'I do's' the baby started screaming," Dobbs said. "Grandpa had to get up and give the baby to its mother (the bride) to get it to quiet down. When it stopped, we just got on with things and finished up."

Dobbs doesn't often perform weddings to tuxedo and gown-clad grooms and brides, but most do dress for a special occasion. There was one ceremony, though, performed at the home of the couple, where the groom kept his gimme cap on the entire time.

And there are plenty of stories of grooms running late, and a few stories of brides that didn't quite make it to the church on time.

Tubbs said on one occasion, he had just gone down front to explain to the congregation that the ceremony would be delayed 10 minutes or so.

"When all of a sudden, the bride comes busting through the door. She had to go through the sanctuary to get to her dressing room," he explained.

"She's wearing jeans and has her wedding gown slung over her arm. That was quite a sight, and the guests found it hilarious."

Without realizing it, Dobbs hosted an impromptu wedding "reception" after one of the ceremonies he performed at his office.

"I was babysitting my grandchildren that day," he explained. "And I had given them some ice cream cups to keep them happy for a while."

When a couple showed up asking to be wed, Dobbs obliged, and then had to go up front for a minute when someone else came in the office.

"When I got back, my grandchildren had broken out the ice cream cups, and they were serving them all around."

His grandson, then 7, was taking pictures of the couple and the family members they had brought along.

"That," Dobbs said, "was one I will never forget."



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Dell Computer pushes down expectations for its profit, revenue

AUSTIN (AP) — Dell Computer Corp.'s announcement that its profit and sales would be below expectations this quarter is the latest cautionary note from the technology industry.

Dell, the largest domestic seller of personal computers, blamed parts shortages and slower customer demand because of Y2K concerns for its shortfalls.

The company expects to report revenue of about \$6.7 billion for the fourth quarter, up 30 percent from the prior year period. Dell expects to earn about \$430 million, or 16 cents per share. Analysts surveyed by First Call/Thomson Financial had estimated

earnings for the quarter would be 21 cents per share.

For the full year, Dell expects revenue of more than \$25 billion, an increase of 38 percent over the prior year. Annual earnings are expected to be about \$1.8 billion, or 68 cents per share, up 28 percent over prior-year earnings of 53 cents per share.

Dell, based in Round Rock, is among several major high-tech companies making lackluster announcements. IBM announced a profit drop last week.

A snagged supply of semiconductor components during the quarter caused \$300 million in lost sales, primarily of

newly introduced consumer products, Dell said, echoing an earlier warning by rival Gateway Inc.

Gateway, the second-largest direct seller of computers after Dell, also warned early this month that its fourth-quarter profit would miss expectations. Direct sellers of computers are especially vulnerable to supply shortfalls because they warehouse few parts and instead rely on steady supplies from chip makers.

"Dell is, in the end, only able to sell as many computers as it can get parts for," said Joe Osha, an analyst with Merrill Lynch & Co. in New York.

The parts shortage has caused some

criticism of direct sellers, which once could rely on manufacturers to come up with extra parts as orders increased. But a growing demand that is quickly outpacing supply has made filling orders difficult for the direct companies, Osha said.

"If you misplan, it's become a lot harder to do that than a year ago," he said. "That's why this ultra-lean channel management model came under pressure."

Dell said they are working on the problem.

"Our consumer and small-business unit now has significantly improved component supplies and shorter lead

times, and is achieving record days in orders and shipments," said Tom Meredith, Dell's chief financial officer.

It's the second-straight quarter for which Dell reported lower-than-expected earnings.

In October, Dell said an earthquake in Taiwan caused a higher-than-expected jump in the price of computer memory chips, which hurt its third-quarter profit.

Although Dell expects corporate sales to increase more than 20 percent from the fourth quarter last year, fewer customers than expected bought from Dell after the 2000 date change, reducing expected revenue by about \$500 mil-

StarTek call center exceeding projections

By MARSHA STURDIVANT
Staff Writer

StarTek USA opened an out-sourcer call center in Big Spring in December, and now has 418 people on the payroll.

"It is amazing to me that we started this just six weeks ago, began taking our first calls Dec. 3, and we have grown to this size with this much production in just six short weeks. This has been a cooperative effort between all the powers that be, and we look forward to a long future here in Big Spring," said StarTek USA chief operating officer Preston Sumner.

Local facility manager Mark Caple said the center is operating 19 hours a day, from 6 a.m. until 1 a.m., seven days a week. And thus far the center is receiving between 7,000 and 8,000 calls per day.

"Our production agents are the reason we are successful. They are the most important asset we have. Without them we would not have a reason to be here, and we are very pleased with the workforce we have and with the future we see here," Caple said.

Caple said the success of the call center has been due to the help of many different people and individual entities, from Rep. David Counts (D-Knox City), who intervened with bringing the proper telephone lines into Big Spring, to Howard College and its workforce training program and Moore Development for Big Spring.

"Our agents train for 10 days, with the ninth and tenth day being half days of receiving



StarTek USA chief operating officer Preston Sumner talked with Moore Development for Big Spring executive director Kent Sharp and assistant director Pam Welch along with Big Spring Area Chamber of Commerce executive vice president Terri Newton at a special reception at Howard College. Following the reception, Sumner conducted a tour of the new call center in College Park Shopping Center.

calls. We will have a new training session starting every Friday through March," Caple said.

Human resources manager Shelby Christensen said the amount of applicants has remained steady, and she continues to interview quality people ready to work.

"Our applicants are eager, and the flow has not decreased but remained steady through the past several weeks. People have different needs, and we are seeing more individuals interested in part-time work now," Christensen said.

Applicants who test their typing and general aptitude at the



Texas Workforce Center make appointments for interviews with Christensen's department.

"And those that do book appointments keep those appointments. We have an exceptional show rate for training classes, and the people are so eager, ready to work and friendly," she said.

Caple, who moved to Big Spring from Colorado, where StarTek is headquartered, said he has been amazed at the friendliness of West Texans.

"In Colorado, people don't

talk, or make eye contact or speak. Here, I go to the grocery store and people look at me and speak. I'm adjusting, and it is a nice change," Caple said.

Currently, employees at StarTek begin training at \$6.50 an hour for the first 30 days. After that, with bonuses and incentives, an employee who performs the computer support service well may earn up to \$12 an hour, he said.

"That's depending on how productive that person is. The better you are, the more you earn. We will be introducing a new wage scale soon, which

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High tech

After a slow start, Texas lawmakers make strides to lure technology businesses

WASHINGTON — Like many Americans, Texas lawmakers on Capitol Hill are playing catch-up with technology.

Find any list of the "tech-wise" or the "tech-friendly" or the "tech experts" in Congress, and it's laden with members from California and Virginia — not Texas.

Rep. Lloyd Doggett, D-Austin, said this congressional digital divide is a combination of many factors, including politics, regional concerns and the age of the state's technology business.

"The Texas industry is basically younger, and its participation in the state has been relatively modest," he said.

In addition, Doggett said, technology is "still pretty much a regional issue in Texas," mostly concerning Central Texas and the Dallas-Fort Worth area, which makes it less pressing for the entire delegation this year.

"My guess is that you still will not see as many Texans active on this subject as you do people that represent what is now a large corridor in Silicon Valley and northern Virginia," he said.

Rep. Lamar Smith, R-San Antonio, said, "We have to acknowledge that California has had a head start promoting and attracting high-tech industry, but I think that will change in coming years."

Politics also plays a role in who gets credit for technology measures, Doggett said.

"I've been very involved in a number of these issues, but I haven't made a point of introducing a lot of legislation in this area that I know is not going to be considered" by the GOP-majority Congress, he said.

Consequently, Doggett said, he is not surprised that the two Texans who sometimes enjoy the "tech-friendly" label are Republicans.

Sen. Phil Gramm became a darling of the tech industry last year when he pushed hard to raise the number of special visas granted annually to foreign computer programmers, engineers and other highly skilled workers. House Majority Leader Dick Army of Irving built a tech reputation by creating a GOP "e-contract" with America. Army generally opposes government regulation of the Internet, as well as taxes on electronic commerce — both popular stances with technology companies.

"As far as Texas is concerned, Republicans in the House and the Senate are in the position to set the agenda because they are in the majority," Doggett said.

In Central Texas, the most pressing issue for the software industry is a shortage of high-tech workers, he added. To satisfy the need, technology companies have lobbied heavily for Congress to increase the number of H-1B visas issued annually to qualified foreign professionals.

Last year, many of the coveted H-1Bs went to a variety of non-tech workers, from fashion models to physical therapists, Doggett said.

In response, Doggett said he may join those in Congress pushing to create a separate category of work visa for high-tech employees.

"I'm very interested in the subject, and I'm planning to solicit further comment from Austin technology companies about what their practical experiences are with the H-1B process and how we might expedite that," he said.

Doggett said the push for new visas will solve immediate needs, but that a long-term strategy must be developed to



DOGGETT

Workers needed to take census in Howard County

By BILL McCLELLAN
News Editor

It's door to door, but the commitment isn't long-term and the pay is not too bad.

Census takers are needed for Howard County, and the work can be full- or part-time.

"A lot of it is in the evenings and weekends, so it's ideal for someone wanting to supplement their income, or someone needing part-time work," said

Charlene Romero Wurtz, Census 2000 community partnership specialists.

The government is hoping to recruit 356 people to help take the census in Howard County. That means workers are needed in Coahoma, Forsan and out in the county as well as Big Spring. Some 150 or so people have signed up for testing, so another 200 are needed.

"We'll be needing people right up through July," Wurtz said. "We'll have some who decide they don't like the job or others who for one reason or another will have to quit, so we'll take applications for the next several months."

Pay is \$9.75 an hour for those who qualify. Workers must have transportation and be at least 18 years of age. They do not have to be a U.S. citizen, but must be in the country legally, Wurtz said.

Workers will be paid mileage at 31 cents per mile.

Hiring and training will be taking place in the next few weeks, with special group quarters counts — hospitals, nursing homes, correctional institutions and college dorms — beginning in early February.

There is no exact start or end date to Census 2000, said Wurtz. "About March 7 will start mailing out the actual question-

naires, and hope to get them back April 15-16. Then we will start sending count takers out to homes that have not returned their questionnaires. After that is a 'Be Counted' phase which targets those who have still not received a form. It all goes on pretty much until August," Wurtz said.

Those interested in being hired as a census taker may call Gene Quigley at 263-7013 or 806-785-6782. They will be told when and where to take a 30-minute skills test. The application form also takes about 30 minutes to fill out, according to Wurtz. Veterans who score well on the skills test are given preference.

Youth to participate in upcoming livestock shows

Approximately 400 animals were exhibited at the recent Howard County Junior Livestock Show. The show was a tremendous success, much to the credit of the many volunteers that devoted their time, skills and resources to insure a successful event.

On behalf of all of the youth that participated in the educational event, thank you for your dedication and hard work.

This year's sale totaled more than \$85,000. The money went to approximately 150 4-H and

FFA youth that qualified for the premium auction.

Approximately 60 4-H and FFA members will be participating in the upcoming shows in Fort Worth, El Paso, San Antonio, Houston and San Angelo over the next two months.

Youth gain knowledge and

get an opportunity to go see and do many things that they might not ever have an opportunity to encounter if not for these events.

These shows allow youth to experience many learning opportunities and meet many people which allows for a well-rounded individual.

The youth also have an opportunity to exhibit their animal on a competitive basis and also sell their animal at auction.

With lots of hard work (and just a little bit of good luck), from selection of quality animals to the many hours invest-

ed in caring for that animal, perhaps that animal will qualify for sale at auction.

Regardless of qualifying an animal for the sale, all of these youngsters are winners due to the fact that they have learned responsibility, initiative and have developed many other skills along the way. This is what allows them to become better citizens.

(David Kight is Howard County Extension Agent — Agriculture. His telephone number is 264-2236 and his office is located in the basement of the Howard County Courthouse.)



DAVID KIGHT

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Magazine forecasts return to 'normal' for oil industry

STARTEK

HOUSTON (AP) — The oil industry should enjoy rather typical exploration and production activity in 2000 after riding a two-year boom-and-bust roller-coaster, according to a trade magazine forecast released on Friday.

Based on a survey of producers and predicted price stability between \$25 and \$28 per barrel, World Oil magazine researchers forecast a worldwide drilling increase of 21.9 percent, to 60,343 from about 49,500 in the best year of 1999.

U.S. activity is expected to see

a more robust recovery, rising 30.6 percent to 24,416 wells drilled from 18,700 last year. In Texas, the magazine forecasts a 31.9 percent increase to 1,573 wells drilled from 1,193 last year.

While the forecasted drilling activity would be a great improvement from 1999, World Oil publisher Lanie Finlayson cautioned that that this year likely won't approach the boom levels of 1998.

"With the worst drilling year in more than half a century behind us, operators around the

world are returning to more typical E&P activity levels this year," Finlayson said.

Last year wouldn't have been so bad if companies reacted more quickly to oil prices that doubled when foreign oil powers agreed to cut production, Finlayson said.

"The consensus explanation is that the earlier price collapse was so devastating... that many firms needed nearly a year's worth of increased profits just to repair the balance sheet damages," Finlayson wrote in his annual oil outlook report.

Bill Gilmer, chief economist for the Houston Branch of the Federal Reserve Bank of Dallas, added that operators blistered by the price plunge in 1999 wanted to wait and see if the current high-price environment would persist.

"I don't think anybody is going to bet their company on an oil price forecast," Gilmer said.

He added that confidence remains shaky that the Organization of Petroleum Exporting Countries will keep up its months-long production

drawdown, especially with the lure of healthy prices.

"Fundamentally, there hasn't been a whole lot of evidence people are buying into higher oil prices. Rig counts have remained flat," Gilmer said. "Gas has been the driver for this market, helped by oil. People are more willing to trust the fundamentals of the natural gas market."

Internationally, the magazine forecasts revived activity in Canada, off the Brazilian coast, and offshore in Africa and Australia.

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will help our agents determine their own pay," Cagle said.

Along with name tags that have mini photographs of employees, StarTek treats their agents like family, Christensen said.

She had planned an ice cream social for the agents, and has picnics and other gatherings such as pizza parties scheduled.

"And we'll have an employee of the month, too," she said.

Once the facility is fully operational, Sumner said there is the potential for 800 employees, which would make StarTek Big Spring's largest employer.

And when the construction of the former TG&Y building is finished within the next few weeks, the facility will sport 428 computer work stations.

"Our average age of employees right now is 25 to 26, but we have such a variety of people. Ideally, we will have about 90 percent full-time and 10 percent of our workforce part-time. And they are all told I have an open door policy, for any questions or discussions," Cagle said.

Face-recognition technology being tested on machines in Texas

ARLINGTON (AP) — Alex Navarro doesn't have much to do with operating the cash-checking machine in the corner of his convenience store, but he says it's been good for business.

"They come in and use it a lot, especially on Fridays and Saturdays to cash their paychecks," said Navarro, co-manager of a Racetrac store. "Then they buy gas and groceries."

Unlike ATMs, the machine in Navarro's store is designed for people, many of them immigrants, who don't have credit cards or bank accounts.

When someone signs up to cash checks, the machine takes a picture of his face and uses that picture to verify his identity the next time he comes in.

Several companies are scrambling to develop and deploy machines that identify people

by scanning their faces, eyeballs, fingerprints or voices. The companies say their technology — called biometrics — is more convenient and secure than checking driver's licenses and signatures. It is bound to find more uses, they say.

But some analysts think biometrics is destined to become a niche industry.

"We can tick off the places where biometrics would be useful — for security at military bases, nuclear power plants. But does everybody need this? How many people are unsatisfied with the security of using a PIN at their ATM?" said Charles Rutstein, a senior analyst with Forrester Research in Cambridge, Mass.

Rutstein believes privacy concerns will limit the growth of biometrics — people won't want to have their face or eyeball

scanned every time they want to cash a check.

On the contrary, said Joseph Atick, co-founder and chief executive of Visionics Corp., which developed the face-recognition technology used in the machine at the Racetrac store in Arlington.

"If the individual is well-informed, they can only see this as privacy enhancing," he said — an improvement over four-digit personal-identification numbers.

Atick's privately held company, based in Jersey City, N.J., was a pioneer in mapping the human face. Atick and fellow scientists developed a method of measuring between dozens of stationary points on the face — the eye sockets, cheekbones and bridge of the nose, for example — and writing instructions that let computers recognize facial

patterns.

Except for identical twins, each person has a unique "faceprint," much like a unique fingerprint, Atick says.

Visionics and San Francisco-based InnoVentry, which is owned by Wells Fargo & Co. and Fort Worth-based Cash America International Inc., hope to install 2,000 face-reading check-cashing machines in five states in the next year.

The companies are testing their machines in about 175 convenience stores in the Dallas-Fort Worth area, Houston and Phoenix. The companies make money by charging the user a fee, which they said averages 1.75 percent of the check. The stores make money from rent paid by InnoVentry.

Other companies are pushing digital signatures closer to everyday use. BioNetrix

Systems Corp. of Vienna, Va., hopes to soon have a thumbprint-identification system running that will let Drug Emporium Inc. get prescriptions from doctors over the Internet. AuthenTec Inc. of Melbourne, Fla. has developed a technology to verify users by their fingerprints.

"There are more companies jumped into this space than you can imagine," said Rustein, the Forrester Research analyst. "But the number of units being sold is very small. It's a specialized market. The likelihood of it being applied broadly isn't very great."

Frank Petro, chief executive of InnoVentry, the partner in the face-recognition machines being tested in Texas, said check-cashing is just the first of many applications for the machines and the technology.

Frito-Lay bars its farmers from using genetically engineered corn

PLANO (AP) — In a move that has angered farm groups but pleased environmentalists, giant snack maker Frito-Lay Inc. is telling its suppliers not to use genetically altered corn.

The American Farm Bureau Federation, which says biotechnology can produce larger and more nutritious crops, accused Frito-Lay of caving in to anti-biotech activists.

"People like Frito-Lay are responding to small splinter

groups out of fear they're going to be boycotted," said Joseph Fields, a spokesman for the farm group. "We feel the companies are overreacting."

Greenpeace and the Union of Concerned Scientists applauded the decision by Plano-based Frito-Lay, the leading U.S. maker of salty snacks. Greenpeace had lobbied Frito-Lay's parent company, PepsiCo, to stop using biotech crops in its products.

"Frito-Lay is about two-thirds of PepsiCo's sales. They realize the handwriting is on the wall and that people don't want to eat GMOs," genetically modified organisms, said Charles Margulis of Greenpeace.

A spokeswoman for Frito-Lay said the company was acting in response to consumers' worries and not to protests by Greenpeace or other groups.

Lynn Markley noted that the U.S. Food and Drug Adminis-

tration has ruled that biotech foods are safe to eat, "but we're a consumer products company. There is some consumer concern out there. We felt at this time it's appropriate to ask our growers not to sell us genetically altered corn."

The anti-biotech edict is contained in contracts Frito-Lay is sending to hundreds of its farmers. Last year, the company bought 1.2 billion pounds of corn, a tiny fraction of the U.S. crop, for products such as Doritos, Fritos and Tostitos.

Scientists create biotech crops by splicing the genes of plants and inserting genetic material from other organisms to make the original bigger, hardier or

tastier.

Monsanto Co. makes seeds that survive the company's Roundup herbicide, meaning farmers can freely spray their fields knowing they'll kill weeds but not the crop. Biotech corn, called Bt corn, is designed to produce a natural pesticide that kills the European corn borer.

Farm groups argue that genetically altered crops use less pesticide. Critics say any such benefit would be short-lived — that weeds and pests would adapt, in the same way that they develop resistance to herbicides and pesticides, and would require stronger and more environmentally dangerous weapons to kill them.

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Court Records:

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grantor Elbert Bouillon JR grantee R.H. and Joyce Weaver property the west 1/2 of lot 17 and all of lot 18, blk. 1, Edwards Heights Addition filed Jan. 21, 2000

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Warranty deed with vendor's lien grantor Marcellous Weaver grantee Pat Vines property the surface estate only of a 18.8 acre tract of land out of the southwest part of section 9, blk. 32 filed Jan. 21, 2000

118th District Court: Filings: Divorce: Laticia Lanette Park vs. Robert Scott Park

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Ron Brooks vs. Jana D. Brooks

Esmeralda Reyes vs. Ruben L. Reyes

Other: Seizure of certain contraband vs. Tony Fuentes

Seizure of certain contraband vs. Luanna Franco

Seizure of certain contraband vs. Fernando D. Franco

Injuries & damages with a motor vehicle: Maria R. and Flora Gonzalez vs. Ronald G. Letcher

Luis H. Flores Jr. vs. Frankly L. Barnhill

Accounts, notes & contracts: Edward Garcia vs. Donald E. Cummings

Deeds: Warranty Deed: grantor: Gerald Lynn Wooten and Bobbie J. Wooten grantee: Brandon Wooten, Gerald Wooten property: lot 1, blk. 8, Parkhill Addition filed Jan. 18, 2000

grantor: Joyce Fickling Hare McQuien and Margy Fickling grantee: Robert Seago property: lot 8, blk. 16, McDowell Heights Addition filed Jan. 18, 2000

grantor: Cathy R. Coleman Reitzer grantee: Billy G. Sullivan property: lot 1-2, blk. 5, Furrh Addition, Coahoma filed Jan. 19, 2000

grantor: Catharine Williams grantee: Ruben and Wendy Ortiz property: all of lot 11, blk. 6, Stanford Park Addition filed Jan. 20, 2000

grantor: Thomas Thayer grantee: Phillis Christine Thayer property: lots 12-16, a block/tract 0311 N. Acres, Original Town of Coahoma filed Jan. 21, 2000

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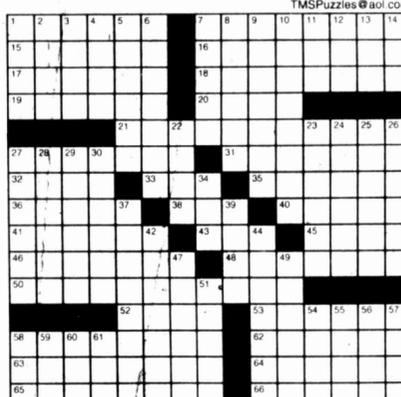
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By Josiah Breward, Scranton, PA 1/29/00

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HAPPY BIRTHDAY FOR SUNDAY, JAN. 30:

You'll value friendship more than ever this year. One particular association will be a major influence over the year's events and will be most instrumental in your decisions. At last, you can lasso in a long-term desire and make it real. Network to expand your immediate personal circle and your professional contacts. If you are single, a friendship could develop into much more by summer. If attached, the two of you become even more connected. You make quite the team. SAGITTARIUS comes through for you in a pinch.

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ARIES (March 21-April 19) *****Though it's the weekend, you might feel like you're on vacation. Take off and enjoy yourself. A far-out suggestion proves to be worthwhile. Sometimes you have to let go. A dear friend enjoys this process. Tonight: Consider calling in sick tomorrow!

TAURUS (April 20-May 20) *****Blaze a new trail with a partner. A must show proves to be rewarding for both of you. Listen to another's take of what went on; it could be considerably different than yours. Honor both viewpoints; they could be equally valid. Tonight: Snuggle in.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20) *****Others lure you with fun, options and charisma. Why not? Take off spontaneously and enjoy a day trip with friends. Exploring proves to be worthwhile. It not only recharges your batteries, but it also helps you see others in a new light. Tonight: Pretend there is no such thing as Monday.

CANCER (June 21-July 22) *****A partner has a very relaxing idea. Take a spin together and talk. Whatever is up his sleeve delights both of you. Clear out an errand or two at the same time. Sharing a project bonds you even more. Tonight: Put your feet up.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22) *****Accept invitations; go out and visit with friends. Certainly no sign knows how to have a good time like yours. A

partner eggs you on to join him. Put on your dancing shoes. Return to a childlike state again. Let wonder be more common. Tonight: Heat up the night.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) *****Family takes priority. Deal with others in a more succinct manner; you need to be clear or your message simply will not reach others. Creativity surges no matter what you take on, be it a project or relaxing in front of the fireplace. Tonight: Make a favorite food.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22) *****Talk is important, especially with children and a loved one. Help others grasp your logic. Listen to others' ideas, too, even if they feel a little unrealistic. Share your views and long-term dreams. Tonight: Catch up and visit with a neighbor.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21) *****Finances still aren't as you would like them to be. Understand what is going on with a child or loved one. Instincts might tell you something different. Walk away from preconceived ideas. Begin discussions with a clean slate. Tonight: Restructure your budget.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21) *****Stride out the door to visit with friends. Decide to do that special something you have been putting off. You discover how rewarding it is to be spontaneous. An animated discussion has you thinking. Tonight: Do your thing.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19) *****You might still be mulling over a money issue. Solutions are available if you go within. Use your own strong financial acumen. Trust yourself. What keeps rolling around in your mind is grounded. Check it out. Tonight: Clear off your desk at home.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18) *****Hook up with a friend you can be fully open with and share what is on your mind. Together you babble, laugh and have a generally great time. Others around you find your humor and joie de vivre contagious. Tonight: You are the party.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20) *****Listen to someone who has a lot on his mind. You might put this person on a pedestal, but he has problems, just like you. Discussions help you get a more realistic perspective. Reserve tickets to a concert or play. Tonight: All eyes turn to you.

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PUBLIC NOTICE V Square Properties, LP will receive bids for repairing the interior and exterior of the historic Harris Drug Building, 114 S. Chardroux St. in San Angelo. Workers' comp bid bond and experience with his tonic rehabilitation required. Bids will be opened at 3 pm on Thursday, February 17, 2000. Bid documents are available at the office of McClanahan and Associates, 601 South Irving, San Angelo, Texas 76903. (915) 655-9826. 2600 January 30, 2000 & February 6, 2000

PUBLIC NOTICE NOTICE TO BIDDERS Pursuant to the authority granted by the City Council of the City of Big Spring, Texas, sealed bids will be received until 2:00 p.m. Tuesday, February 15, 2000, for the Up-Grade to the Irrigation System at Comanche Trail Golf Course. Bids are to be opened and read aloud in the Big Spring City Council Chambers, City Hall, 307 East 4th Street, Big Spring, Texas 79720, with award to be made at a regularly scheduled meeting of the Big Spring City Council. Bid information and specifications may be obtained from the Office of the Purchasing and Material Control Manager, 1380 Arpark Drive East, Bldg. #19, Big Spring, Texas 79720. All bids must be marked with the date for the bid and a general description of the bid item(s). The City of Big Spring reserves the right to reject any or all bids and to waive any or all formalities. 2599 January 30, 2000 & February 6, 2000

PUBLIC NOTICE NOTICE TO BIDDERS Pursuant to the authority granted by the City Council of the City of Big Spring, Texas, sealed bids will be received until 2:00 p.m. Tuesday, February 22, 2000, for the purchase of Records Management Software for Big Spring Police Department. Bids are to be opened and read aloud in the Big Spring City Council Chambers, City Hall, 307 East 4th Street, Big Spring, Texas 79720, with award to be made at a regularly scheduled meeting of the Big Spring City Council. Bid information and specifications may be obtained from the Office of the Purchasing and Material Control Manager, 1380 Arpark Drive East, Bldg. #19, Big Spring, Texas 79720. All bids must be marked with the date for the bid and a general description of the bid item(s). The City of Big Spring reserves the right to reject any or all bids and to waive any or all formalities. 2599 January 30, 2000 & February 6, 2000

PUBLIC NOTICE The Joint Commission on Accreditation of Healthcare Organizations will conduct an accreditation survey of Big Spring State Hospital on February 23-25, 2000. The purpose of the survey will be to evaluate the organization's compliance with nationally established accreditation standards. The survey results will be used to determine whether and the conditions under which accreditation should be awarded the organization. Joint Commission standards deal with organizational quality of care issues and the safety of the environment in which care is provided. Anyone believing that he or she has pertinent and valid information about the accreditation process may request a public information interview with the Joint Commission's field representatives at the time of the survey. Information presented at the interview will be carefully evaluated for relevance to the accreditation process. Requests for a public information interview must be made in writing and should be sent to the Joint Commission no later than five working days before the survey begins. The request must also indicate the nature of the information to be provided at the interview. Such requests should be addressed to: Division of Accreditation Accreditation Services Specialist Joint Commission on Accreditation of Healthcare Organizations One Renaissance Boulevard Oakbrook Terrace, IL 60181 The Joint Commission will acknowledge such requests in writing or by telephone and will inform the organization of the request for any interview. The organization will, in turn, notify the interviewee of the date, time, and place of meeting. 2573 January 30, 2000 & February 6, 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 Specifications may be obtained from: Dennis Churchwell, Purchaser, Howard College, 1001 Birdwell Lane, Big Spring, TX 79720. (915) 264-5167. Sealed bids will be accepted through 3:00 p.m. on February 17, 2000, in the Administrative Annex, room A2, Howard College, 1001 Birdwell Lane, Big Spring, TX 79720, at which time they will be opened and read aloud. The bids will then be tabulated and final determination of bid award will be made at a future board meeting. Technical and bidding questions should be directed to Dennis Churchwell, Purchaser, 1001 Birdwell Lane, Big Spring, TX 79720. (915) 264-5167. Howland County Junior College District reserves the right to reject any and all bids. 2588 January 23 & 30, 2000

PUBLIC NOTICE THE CITY OF BIG SPRING ZONING BOARD OF ADJUSTMENTS WILL HOLD A MEETING ON WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 2, 2000 AT 5:15 P.M. IN THE CITY COUNCIL CHAMBERS, 401 E. 3RD STREET, BIG SPRING, TEXAS. TO CONSIDER THE FOLLOWING REQUEST FOR A VARIANCE: Clay and Joetta Slape, LT 3 BK 5 Kentwood, located at 2504 Lary is requesting a Variance to the Zoning Ordinance of the City of Big Spring for the encroachment of the side yard setback requirements for the construction of a carport. Jose Ontiveros is requesting to the Ordinance of the City of Big Spring permission to Park a tractor trailer on occasion at LT 6 BK 21 Bauer, located at 711 NW 99. 2591 January 24 & 30, 2000

PUBLIC NOTICE BID 00-439 Advertisement for Bids The Howard County Junior College District is now accepting bids for the following: Office Furniture and Equipment Specifications may be obtained from: Dennis Churchwell, Purchaser, Howard College, 1001 Birdwell Lane, Big Spring, TX 79720. (915) 264-5167. Sealed bids will be accepted through 3:00 p.m. on February 17, 2000, in the Administrative Annex, room A2, Howard College, 1001 Birdwell Lane, Big Spring, TX 79720, at which time they will be opened and read aloud. The bids will then be tabulated and final determination of bid award will be made at a future board meeting. Technical 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. 2590 January 23 & 30, 2000

PUBLIC NOTICE Please be informed that the Big Spring Public Housing Authority (PHA) will soon begin preparation of an Annual Plan and a Five Year Plan for PHA operations. The Five Year Plan will describe the mission over the subsequent 5 years. The Annual Plan will provide details about the operations of the PHA, including: operations, resources, program participants, programs and services, and the PHA's strategy for handling operational concerns, resident concerns, resident needs, and program activities for the upcoming fiscal year. The PHA Plans will serve as a: 1) Planning Tool for the PHA, 2) Community Guide to PHA policies and program activities, and 3) Streamlined submission to HUD of grant programmatic activities. The Plan will discuss the resources that are anticipated to operate, modernize, and provide services to residents. The PHA will examine existing operations and needs, and design short and long range strategies to address those needs. The PHA is requesting the assistance of Big Spring citizens in the preparation of the Annual Plan and Five Year Plan. Your input is very important. The PHA is requesting your input on identifying local housing needs, gaps in housing, and PHA service improvements. Write us a letter and explain your housing needs or improvement ideas to: Big Spring Housing Authority, Attn: Board of Commissioners 711 E. 3rd St., Big Spring, TX 79720. Although not required, please indicate if you or your agency is willing to assist us in public determination and assessment. The PHA Plans will be available April 14, 2000. On that date they will be available for review at the PHA office, 711 E. 3rd St. We would request that any suggestions or ideas you have to improve assisted housing and community needs be submitted by February 29, 2000. The PHA will hold a Public Meeting at 5:30 p.m. on Tuesday, May 30, 2000 at City Council Chambers, 307 E. 4th St. All citizens of Big Spring and current assisted housing participants will be asked to provide input on the PHA Plans. After the Public Meeting, the PHA will submit the Plans