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Today:



TODAY 68°-70° TONIGHT 35°-37°

Wear your red and get in free to college games

Wear red and get in free to Monday night's basketball games at Dorothy Garrett Coliseum, featuring Howard College against Midland College.

Monday is also a special night honoring Big Spring ISD. Anyone from the school district will also be admitted without charge.

A tailgate party opens the festivities from 5-6:30 p.m. Located near the front entrance of the coliseum, a hamburger/hotdog supper will be available for \$3.50 per person.

Inside, the women's game begins at 6 p.m. At halftime, the Big Spring High School Color Guard will perform. Also, the Howard College softball team will be introduced.

The men's game begins at 8 p.m. In between games, the Big Spring High School cheerleaders will perform, and at halftime of the men's game, the Howard College cheerleaders will perform and the baseball team will be introduced.

Monday jury call for county court reset for Thursday

The jury call for county court has been rescheduled from 9 a.m. Monday to 9 a.m. Thursday, according to Howard County Judge Ben Lockhart.

Those who have been notified to appear are asked to make note of the date change.

WHAT'S UP...

MONDAY

- Texas Tech Exes meeting, 6 p.m., The Sparenberg Building, 309 South Main.
- Big Spring Evening Lions Club, 6:30 p.m., 1607 E. Third.
- Big Spring Amateur Radio Club, 7 p.m.
- Gospel singing, 7 p.m., Kentwood Center, 2805 Lynn. Guest singers from Stanton, Midland and Colorado City.

TUESDAY

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

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New Sacagawea dollar coins are out, but not so easy to locate

By **CARL GRAHAM**
Staff Writer

If you have had a difficult time trying to get hold of the new Sacagawea coins, don't feel like the Lone Ranger.

Calls to several local financial institutions revealed only a few that had any of the new dollar coins.

Don Osborne, State National Bank cashier, said SNB had \$2,000 worth

of the new coins shipped to them early in the week but as of Friday there were less than 250 left.

"I was really disappointed when I saw them. They are being called gold but they are really not a good color of gold," said Osborne.

First Bank of West Texas in Big Spring doesn't have any, said Bruce Griffin, president.

"We will have some at a later date, probably around

the first week of March," said Griffin.

"It's really hard to say for sure because we were told that they were behind in the production of them," he added.

At American State Bank, Darlene Dabney had similar comments.

"We haven't received any of the new coins either and do not expect any before March," said Dabney. "We order ours from the main branch in Lubbock so it

just depends on the availability."

No merchants at the Big Spring Mall have been able to obtain the coins.

The U.S. Mint is aggressively marketing the new coins by placing them in Wal-Mart cash registers and in boxes of Cheerios.

Big Spring Wal-Mart SuperCenter had some Friday, but was limiting them to three per customer

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Big Spring charts streets with help from above

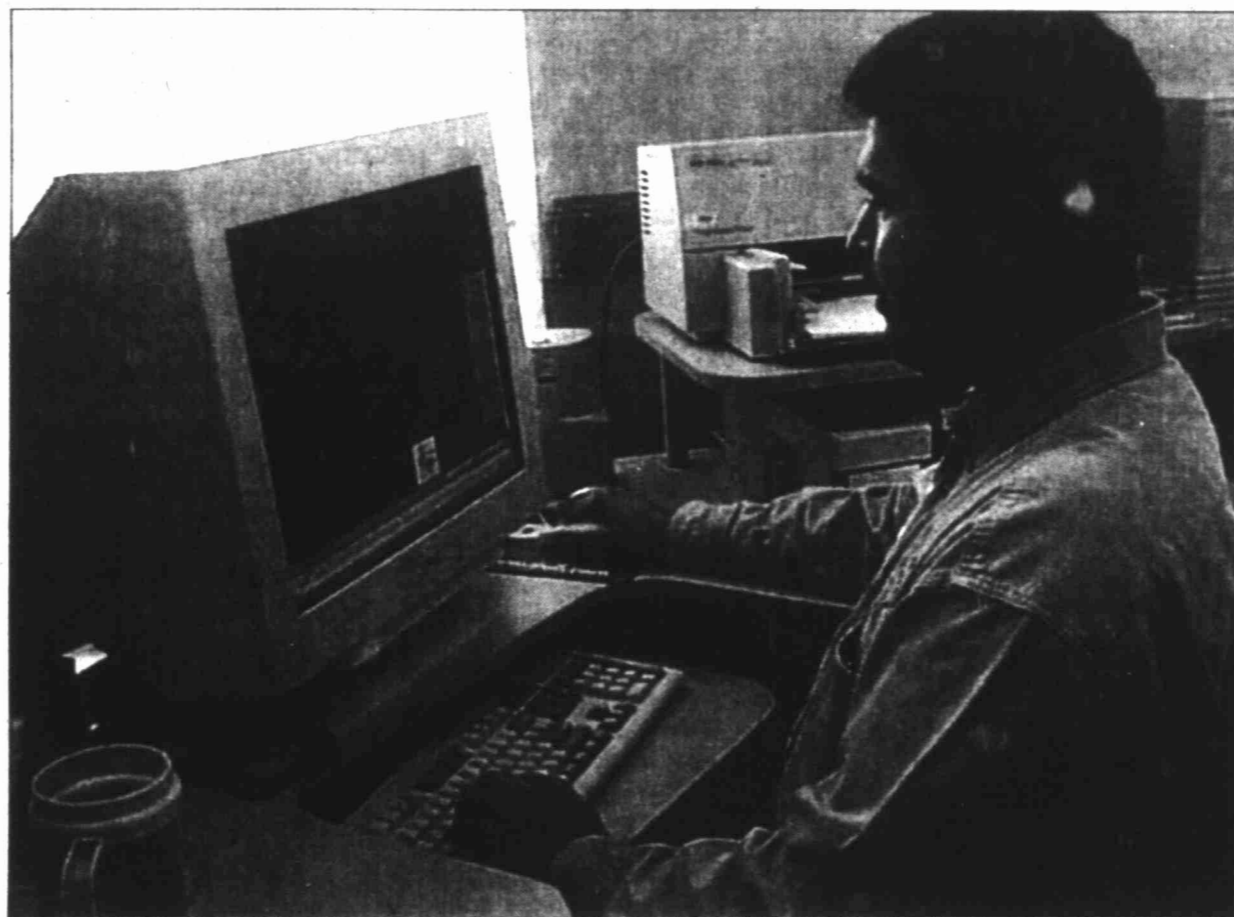
By **BILL McCLELLAN**
News Editor

The City of Big Spring is mapping streets, utility lines and checking its landfill with a piece of technology that is proving its usefulness in accuracy and savings of time and dollars.

It's a Global Positioning Satellite unit, something that has been used for years in military applications and surveying. But its expanded use is allowing the city to track water meters, junk cars and anything else that needs pinpointing.

"We're using it mainly for mapping purposes, the streets and utilities," said city employee Bobby Arizmendi. "We can better locate them and get to the site and know which valves we need to shut off. Or if a valve gets covered up, we can find it quickly."

The equipment uses satellites to determine latitude and longitude. Once the coordinates are punched into a hand-held device, it can be taken back to the office and the information fed into a computer. Then when a water main breaks, for instance, workers can use the GPS unit to accurately tell them exactly where the valves are located. It will even provide directions to the valve, and calculate how long it will take to get there, based on miles per

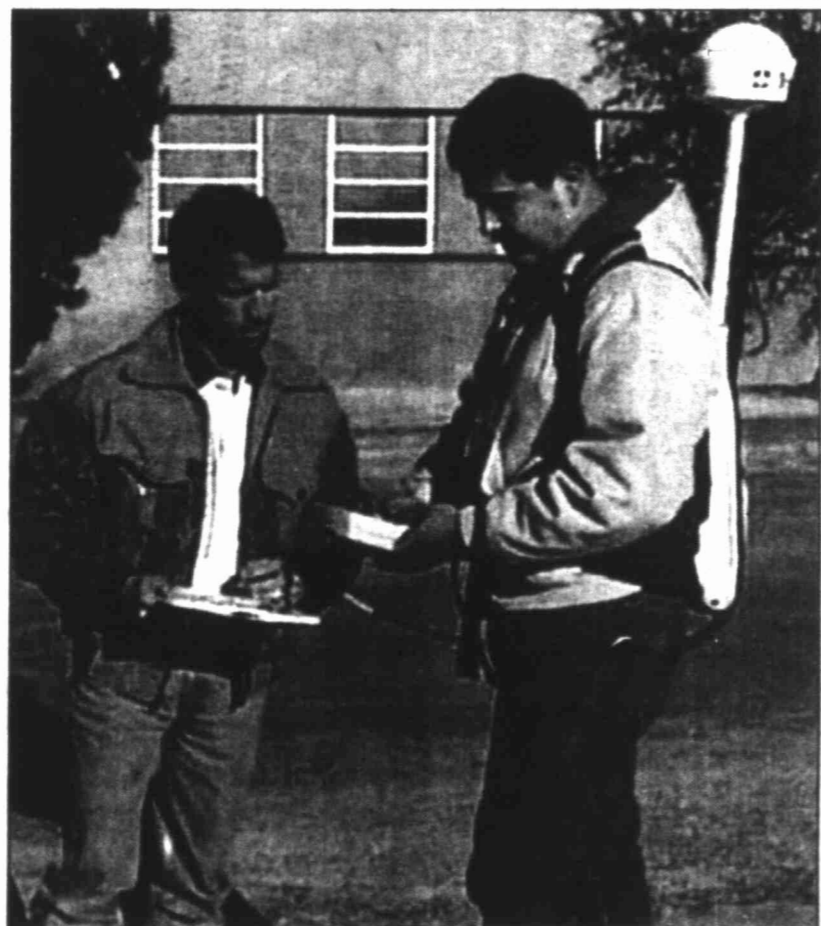


Bobby Arizmendi draws up a traffic accident scene with information taken with a Global Positioning Satellite unit. The primary function of the unit is to map Big Spring streets and utilities.

hour. "It (the Global Positioning Satellite) was set up mainly for military purposes. This particular one is within three-foot

accuracy. We've checked it with survey points on Scenic Mountain and out along Interstate 20 near Coahoma,

and it's been very accurate," said Todd Darden, city director. See **MAPPING**, Page 2A



Todd Darden, left, and Bobby Arizmendi are two of four city workers trained on the GPS unit, which uses satellites to determine the latitude and longitude. Arizmendi is wearing the portable unit.

Police see savings in time, manpower with GPS unit

By **BILL McCLELLAN**
News Editor

Global Positioning Satellites (GPS) have been used in the military for years, and more recently for surveying, but as technology improves, their use is becoming more wide spread.

One area in which the systems are being used more and more, is in law enforcement.

"What we found in using the GPS is we can do scale diagrams in less than an hour, whereas by using tape measures and marks, it takes three to five hours," said Big Spring Police Chief Lonnie Smith. "He can download that information and have it printed out in 30 to 35 minutes, where we could spend another four to five

hours drawing it out."

It adds up to a savings of manpower and time.

"One other factor is that it takes three to five officers to do the accident scene and with this you are looking at using two people," Smith added.

City police investigated 195 major traffic accidents in 1999, three involving fatalities. Smith estimates that in a fourth to half of those accidents police would have used the equipment if it had been available.

He believes that based on a conservative figure of eight man hours saved per accident (considering time and fewer officers needed), the city would have saved 24 man hours, or an estimated \$270.

"That doesn't include the fact that you've freed up some of your manpower to be doing other things that are needed," said Smith.

Currently the police department

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Walker named publisher, Williams going to San Marcos

HERALD Staff Report

John H. Walker, 49, editor of the *Herald* since Jan. 12, 1996, has been named publisher of the newspaper. Walker replaces Chuck Williams, who has been transferred to San Marcos and named regional publisher by parent company Community Newspaper Holdings Inc.

The changes are effective immediately.

Williams joined the *Herald* in March 1993 as controller of finances. He was named publisher a year later.

In his new position, Williams will serve as publisher of the *San Marcos Daily Record* as well as having responsibility for the *Herald*, *Sweetwater Reporter* and *Del Rio News-Herald*.

Williams worked for Goodson



WILLIAMS WALKER

Newspapers in New Jersey and Pennsylvania as well as for the Sacramento, Calif., *Union*. He has more than 15 years in the newspaper business.

Since his arrival in Big Spring, Williams has been active in the community and served as president of the Big Spring Area Chamber of Commerce in 1999.

He has a master's degree from Wichita State University and a

bachelor's from the University of Colorado. He and his wife, Pat, have two grown sons and one grandchild. His wife will join him in San Marcos following the completion of the current school year.

Walker is in his second stint at the *Herald*, first joining the newspaper in December 1991 as managing editor. He was transferred to Fayetteville, Ark., in January 1993, worked in Scottsbluff, Neb., in 1995 and returned to the *Herald* in January 1996.

A native of Greenville, Miss., Walker attended Delta State University and began his commercial newspaper career while still in high school.

He has served as sports editor in both Harlingen and Plainview and as assistant sports editor and regional editor

in San Angelo before joining the *Herald*.

Like Williams, Walker has been active in the community, serving as chairman of the Convention and Visitors Bureau, as a trustee of The Heritage Museum, a member of Friends of the Settles, a member of the Salvation Army advisory board and as a board member of the Howard/Glasscock Old Settlers Reunion.

He also serves as president of the Ambassadors Club and is a member of the Big Spring Kiwanis Club.

"This is an exciting opportunity," Walker said. "The *Herald* has a 97-year history of serving the community and her people and I look forward to our continuing that."

"Our employees are committed to this community and its

Health

Taking Care of People is theme for Fair

By **MARSHA STURDIVANT**
Staff Writer

Invitations have been sent for the annual Big Spring Health Fair, and booths are available for an event

April 15 that draws more than 2,000 people to Dorothy Garrett Coliseum.

"We have been doing this health fair for more than 10 years, and this year we will focus on cancer awareness. We'll be working with the American Cancer Society, providing all sorts of screenings for cancer," said Marcie Lykken, co-chairman of the health fair.

The health fair offers a variety of screenings free of charge to the patrons. More than 50 booths representing health care providers from Big Spring, Midland, Lubbock and San Angelo are expected to participate this year, she said.

"Our theme is Taking Care of People, and we'll have different health care providers working together to provide health screenings and tests. This fair is open to all health care professionals, and we're hoping for a good response to our invitations, as we have had in the past," Lykken said.

Booths space is available for \$75 now until March 15. After March 15, booth reservations will be \$100, she said.

"To reserve a booth, contact Debbye ValVerde at the chamber of commerce," Lykken said. ValVerde said booths come complete with a covered, skirted table, two chair, a sign with the name of the provider and even a trash can.

"We need people to register early, so that we know how many booths to prepare," ValVerde said.

In the past, providers have offered such screenings as glucose, blood pressure, glaucoma and spinal alignments, Lykken said.

This event will offer several special screenings that focus on cancer prevention and detec-

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OBITUARIES

Ed Wilson.

Ed Wilson, 81, of Olney, died Thursday, Feb. 3, 2000, in an Olney hospital.

Graveside service was held Saturday, Feb. 5, 2000, in the Newcastle Cemetery under the direction of Lunn Funeral Home.

Mr. Wilson was born Dec. 24, 1918, in Oilton, Okla., to Sam E. and Nola Fields Wilson. He married Rachael Marie Terrell in Childress in 1948.

He lived in Newcastle until 1985 when he moved to Olney. He was employed with the City of Olney from 1984 to 1994.

Survivors include his wife, Rachael Wilson; six sons, Leon of Newcastle, Eugene of Big Spring, Larry and Lawrence of Graham and Bob and Bill of Enid, Okla.; four daughters, Glenda Rose of California, Linda Clayton of Olney, Nancy Zimanez of Albuquerque, N.M., and Jannette Evans of Oklahoma City; 27 grandchildren; 17 great-grandchildren, and one great-great-grandchild.

Clide Roberts

Clide Roberts, 81, of Big Spring, died on Friday, Feb. 4, 2000, at his residence. Graveside services will be at 10 a.m. Monday, Feb. 7, 2000, at Trinity Memorial Park with Rev. Eddie Tubbs, pastor of First Baptist Church, officiating.

He was born on Dec. 23, 1918, in Carter County, Okla., and married Alice Geneva Callihan on March 15, 1941 in Big Spring, Texas.

He worked at Webb Air Force Base as an airplane mechanic, retiring in 1972.

He was a member of First Baptist Church. Mr. Roberts was a veteran of World War II, serving with the Army Quarter Master Detachment from 1940 to 1945. He was a longtime member of the Howard County Sheriff Posse and the American Quarter Horse Association.

Survivors include his wife, Geneva Roberts of Big Spring; one daughter, Jean Davis of Filer, Idaho; one brother, Max Odell Roberts of Big Spring; and one grandson, Zane Davis and his wife Holly of Wisdom, Mont.

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

Final obituary.

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of public works.

"One of the things we use it for is the landfill. We are required to keep track of the elevation of the landfill, and this can help us keep an accurate accounting of that," Darden said.

Code enforcement is another area the instrument can be used. City workers can "shoot" a junked vehicle and come back in 48 hours to see if it has been moved.

"It is extremely accurate as to late and time," noted Arizmendi.

The equipment was purchased in November and fur-

city employees were trained in its use — Arizmendi, Darden, distribution and collection superintendent Rick Boiles and distribution and collection foreman Eddie Castillo.

"The city hired a consultant two years ago to begin a base city map, and we basically bought this to go along with that. We'll get all of our infrastructure put on the map," said Darden.

Because of the fact that one person can operate it, officials are seeing savings in manpower, plus an improvement in accuracy over more traditional mapping methods.

"We can take about 60 shots a day, so it moves more quickly than you would think," said Arizmendi.

In three weeks, most of the city's 270-plus miles of streets have been mapped. Darden hopes to have that completed within two weeks.

"The biggest savings will be in time," said Darden. "Right now, while we've got two guys out looking for a valve, water is running down the street. Besides the time and water, you've got customers who are out of water. With this, we know exactly where the valve is, and directions to get there."

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ment is working with the city on responding with the equipment to accidents in which serious injury or death occur.

"What we're wanting to do is possibly look at our training program and see if we can get some individuals trained to operate the equipment this year. And in the next budget year, we'd like to budget purchasing some additional add-on equipment," said Smith.

That extra equipment would allow the GPS unit to be used indoors.

"It's like a laser. You point it at what you want, and it sends a signal to the antenna outside. With it, you can take accurate information from a crime scene indoors, whereas right now, you have to be out in the open," said Smith.

The technology has unlimited possibilities, but what Smith sees as its major value is the overall saving of time and manpower, as well as a convenience to the public.

"When we have a major accident, we have to bring extra people in and take all these measurements. And it's very time consuming and often leads to overtime for some of these guys," said Smith. "By using one of these, you have less personnel at the accident scene — freeing them up to what they need to be doing elsewhere — and you get the job done more quickly, which means that traffic is tied up for a shorter period of time.

"The overtime savings and utilization of manpower would be significantly enhanced. I'm really excited about it."

HEALTH FAIR

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tion, she said.

"The VA hospital will be drawing blood for a special test that detects prostate cancer. And Covenant Health Care Systems will be processing the lab work for us. This is an expensive test, and we were very fortunate that these two are able to work together to provide this at the health fair," Lykken said.

Another cooperative effort between Scenic Mountain Medical Center and Covenant

Malone Hogan Clinic will provide mammograms by appointment at a reduced fee, Lykken said.

"We haven't worked out all the details yet, but the appointments and mammographies will be done at a time other than the Health Fair," she said.

Dermatologists from Lubbock are also expected to attend the health fair, to provide screenings for skin cancer, she said.

"And there is a new product on the market to help women do self-examinations for breast cancer, and we're expecting Leonard's Pharmacy will provide a booth demonstrating that product," she said.

Refreshments should be available, and other attractions such as balloons and face tattoos are also sure to be crowd pleasers, she said.

"This has always been very successful, and we're expecting another good reception by our community," she said.

COINS

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and they were not available at cash registers. Customers wanting to purchase the coins needed to go to the service desk and request them.

Where the Anthony dollar coin bore the likeness of Susan B. Anthony, the new dollar coin — with an image of the Shoshone Indian woman who helped the Lewis and Clark expedition explore the West, has a gold-colored surface and a smooth edge.

The Anthony coin, often mistaken for a quarter because of its similar size and ridged edge, was a flop, and the government was stuck with nearly two-thirds of the 857 million coins produced between 1979 and 1981. Supplies eventually ran out and the Mint produced a final 1999 encore run.

Not everyone is pleased with the special arrangement Wal-Mart has with the U.S. Mint.

"When the government offers something like this to private industry over others, especially an industry as big as Wal-Mart, they ought to offer it to small businesses who are trying to compete," said Jim Seigfried, owner of Jim's IGA in Marshall, Mo. who is also a Missouri state legislator.

The Mint plans to spend \$40 million promoting the gold-colored coin in a television, radio and print advertising campaign in the spring.

Anyone is interested in ordering the coins can do so on the Internet at www.usmint.gov.

The Associated Press contributed to this article.

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

WEDNESDAY
□ Optimist Club, 7 a.m., Howard College Cactus Room.
□ Senior Circle Big Spring Mall walkers meet 9:15 a.m. in front of movie theater box office.

□ Big Spring Downtown Lions Club, noon, Howard College Cactus Room.
□ Line dancing, 1 p.m., Senior Citizens Center, Industrial Park.

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

THURSDAY
□ Gideons International, Big

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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.
□ Christmas in April board of directors, noon, Lion's Bingo Building, 1607 E. Third.

□ Friends of the Library, noon, Howard County Library.
□ American Legion Auxiliary, 7 p.m.

□ Masonic Lodge No. 598, 7:30 p.m., 219 Main.
□ Big Spring Newcomers Club, contact Pat Mireles at 267-8741 for time and location.

FRIDAY

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

□ The Greater Big Spring Rotary Club, noon, Howard College Cactus Room.

□ AMBUCS, noon, Brandin' Iron Restaurant.

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

SATURDAY

□ Howard County Scottish Rite Club, 7:30 a.m., Masonic Lodge, 21st and Lancaster. Breakfast served.

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

Charges dropped in custody case

HOUSTON (AP) — Prosecutors have dismissed all charges against a Houston woman who took her six children to Guatemala during a custody dispute in 1996.

Gloria Joy Coates, 42, had faced six counts of interference with child custody. But documents filed Friday by Harris County Assistant District Attorney Mike Makris showed the evidence was insufficient.

"I feel relieved and grateful and excited," Coates told the Houston Chronicle. "I'm very happy about it. ... I'm looking forward to seeing my children again."

Coates was indicted in July 1997. Court documents alleged she left the United States with the children the previous June, knowing that her late husband's parents had filed a lawsuit to get custody.

In November, after being gone more than three years, the children were taken from Coates by Guatemalan authorities and placed in an orphanage.

The children returned to the U.S. and now live with their grandparents, Ed and Jane Coates, in Abilene. The couple did not return calls seeking comment Saturday.

The legal fight over the children — Shanna, now 19, Melissa, 16, Isaac, 11, Briana, 9, Gretta, 7, and Amy, 5 — started after Coates' husband, surgeon Nathan Coates, died of bone cancer in 1996.

The grandparents, apparently concerned about the children's psychological condition, first fought for visitation and later filed for custody.

The Coateses have said their daughter-in-law stunted the children's mental growth by

TEXAS LOTTERY

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

exposing them only to her narrow spiritual view of the world, including speaking in tongues, faith healing and distrust of modern medicine.

The grandparents eventually won custody of the children.

Coates returned to Houston after the children were taken from her and was arrested. She was jailed for more than 30 days, initially in lieu of \$3 million bail, an amount that later was reduced.

•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 Rannels, Clyde Alsop Building. AMI meeting to follow. For more information call 263-0027 or 267-7220.

•Encourager's Support Group (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 Rannels (enter through the north door). Bring a covered dish and a valentine. For more information call 398-5522.

•Survivors of Suicide will meet Monday, Feb. 21, at 7:30 p.m. at the Pastoral Care Office of Memorial Hospital and Medical Center, Midland. The topic will be "Dealing with the Shock of Loss."

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

DEA agent pleads guilty in murder for hire plan

LAREDO (AP) — A drug enforcement agent pleaded guilty Thursday to charges he tried to hire someone to kill his cousin's alleged killer.

Salvador Michael Martinez, 37, entered the plea before U.S. District Judge George Kazen. He was arrested in December in Brownsville and accused of trying to arrange the killing of Miguel Angel Flores.

Though he was tried three times for the murder of Martinez's cousin, Flores was eventually freed. The cousin, Lionel "Bruno" Jordan, was killed during an apparent carjacking on Jan. 20, 1995, in El Paso.

Jordan died just days before his brother, former DEA Dallas head Phil Jordan, took over as director of the El Paso Intelligence Center. The DEA and other federal agencies run the center together.

Flores was 13 at the time of the killing. Though he was convicted at his first trial, the verdict was overturned and two successive juries failed to reach a unanimous decision. He was freed last year.

POLICE

The Big Spring Police Department reported the following activities from 8 a.m. Friday through noon Saturday:

•MICHAEL BREAUX, 27, was arrested on a charge of possession of dangerous drugs.

•MICHAEL BOREL, 24, was arrested on a charge of drinking while driving.

•CRIMINAL MISCHIEF was reported in the 1700 block of Donley.

•DISTURBANCE/FIGHT was reported in the 800 block of Owens.

•BURGLARY OF A HABITATION was reported in the 1300 block of Wright.

•BURGLARY OF A BUILDING was reported in the 2000 block of West 4th.

•THEFT was reported in the 2300 block of Wasson, the 400 block of Johnson and in the 500 block of East 19th.

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.

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Clide Roberts, 81, died Friday. Graveside services will be 10:00 AM, Monday, at Trinity Memorial Park.

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Bush favors explanation of Confederate plaque in Supreme Court building

AUSTIN (AP) — Gov. George W. Bush believes the state should post an explanation of why a plaque sporting the Confederate battle flag hangs on a wall at the Texas Supreme Court building, according to a letter from his office.

The National Association for the Advancement of Colored People wrote Bush on Jan. 14 asking his help in the civil right's groups efforts to have the plaque removed.

Gary Bledsoe, NAACP Texas president, has said use of the battle flag and its image is an offensive reminder of slavery.

"Governor Bush understands the sensitivity of this issue to many people and agrees with you that the only official flags that should fly over our Texas state office buildings are the Texas and United States flag," Bush's executive assistant Clay Johnson wrote in a Feb. 2 letter to Bledsoe.

The letter does not say specifically if Bush supports the plaque, only that it was ordered by the Legislature in 1955 to reflect "the will of the people."

Historical representations of the six governments that have ruled Texas are visible through

out and around the state Capitol, including a memorial statue to confederate soldiers.

"These symbols and emblems reflect the history and diversity that make Texas unique," Johnson wrote.

The plaque is located in the entryway to the building housing the Supreme Court and Texas Court of Criminal Appeals. It includes an image of the battle flag and quotes Confederate Gen. Robert E. Lee. Another plaque includes the seal of the Confederacy.

The building was commissioned in 1955, a year after

Texans approved a constitutional amendment to use money from the state's Confederate Pension Fund to build it.

The Legislature determined the building should include a commemorative cornerstone or plaque.

The reason for including the plaques should be more clearly explained and state officials are exploring ways to do that, Johnson's letter said.

"I'm disappointed," Bledsoe told the Dallas Morning News. "The plaques need to come down." He did not immediately return telephone calls Saturday

from The Associated Press.

The Confederate battle flag has become a political issue in recent months, punctuated by the NAACP boycott of South Carolina for flying the banner over its statehouse. Bush has declined to take a side in that controversy, saying the issue is best left to South Carolinians.

The NAACP has also requested Bush's help in persuading some Texas school districts to discourage use of the battle flag at school functions, such as high school football games.

Bush has said that is for local communities to decide.

But while on the presidential campaign trail in Michigan on Friday, Bush said he doesn't believe a Confederate soldier statue should be placed on the courthouse lawn in Grimes County, northwest of Houston.

Several lawmakers earlier this week asked the Texas Historical Commission to oppose it. Black leaders have suggested public parks or other areas as alternative sites for such a statue.

"That will be resolved. I don't think they ought to have the statue on the courthouse grounds," Bush said.

Texas murder suspect is arrested in Worland

WORLAND, Wyo. — Schools were locked down as police surrounded a home where a murder suspect from Texas had holed up.

Guadalupe Flores, 29, of Dallas emerged from the home unarmed and was arrested without incident Friday afternoon, Worland Police Chief Bob Richardson said.

Flores and Marco Medina, 28, had been charged with homicide in a Jan. 23 bar shooting in the Dallas area. Medina was

arrested earlier in Texas.

Dallas police contacted Worland authorities on Jan. 31 to say that Flores had relatives in Worland and that he and his girlfriend might be headed to Wyoming.

Flores' relatives initially gave misleading information, but through continued questioning, Worland officers learned Friday that Flores was alone at an acquaintance's home in east Worland, Richardson said.

About 20 local, state and federal

officers surrounded the home and evacuated neighbors. Police asked officials at a nearby grade school to keep children inside.

School administrators locked down five schools, including Worland High School, to be sure that students on their way home did not pass through the neighborhood where Flores was believed to be staying, Richardson said.

Officers then used loudspeakers to order Flores out and he

complied. Students were released shortly thereafter.

Flores had arrived in Worland late Thursday night, police said.

Flores' girlfriend, Stephanie Gonzales, 31, his mother, Esperanza Flores, 52, and a man who lives with the mother in Worland, Francisco Deniz, 43, were each cited for interference with a police officer for allegedly misleading investigators about the man's whereabouts, Richardson said.

Judge says student who took photo can have his day in court

LUBBOCK (AP) — The Midland Independent School District may ask a federal judge to reconsider a ruling allowing a former Midland High School student to sue the district, claiming his First Amendment rights were violated.

The district kept Casey Riggan from walking in his 1999 graduation ceremony for having a picture of Principal Neil Richmond's vehicle parked outside a teacher's home.

Word of the picture got around town and rumors circulated about the married principal's love life.

Shortly thereafter, the principal punished Riggan for being disrespectful toward an adult by fostering rumors. The picture showed no people, only Richmond's vehicle.

In a 29-page ruling, a federal judge said a jury should hear the case. It could take up to a year for the trial to begin.

"It is important to reiterate that students' constitutional rights do not end at the schoolhouse door," Judge Royal

Ferguson wrote.

MISD spokesman Barney Welch said Friday that district leaders are disappointed Ferguson did not dismiss the case.

"The order on MISD's motion for summary judgment indicates that the court believes, at this stage of the litigation, that some of the plaintiff's asserted claims give rise to fact questions that should be determined by a jury," Welch said in a prepared statement. "After a thorough analysis of the court's order, MISD may ask the court to reconsider one or more issues raised in the summary judgment pleadings."

Welch would not elaborate on the issues the district would ask the court to reconsider. He said the district's original goal was to have the case dismissed.

Riggan filed his case in May 1999, after he was punished for refusing to turn over the photograph to Richmond. Then a high school senior, Riggan appealed his punishment to the school board, which ruled in the school's favor.

Investigators still don't know why mother shot kids

TOMBALL (AP) — Police charged a substitute teacher Friday with fatally shooting her teenage daughter and son with a gun, investigators said she bought for the express purpose of killing her children and then herself.

But Linda McKenty Carr only partially succeeded Thursday afternoon, killing her 15-year-old daughter, Aubrey, and wounding her 13-year-old son, Justin, police said.

She called 911 and told police what she had done on an inexplicable impulse, investigators with the Harris County Sheriff's Department said. Carr, 41, now stands charged with murder and aggravated assault with a deadly weapon.

It remains a mystery why the single mother, who taught occasionally at her daughter's high school, would carry out such an attack, police said.

"In cases like this, sometimes

you really can't say why. People have their own reasons for doing what they do," said Sgt. Bob Black, a homicide investigator with the sheriff's department. "We just know that for whatever reason, she had got distraught, and thought she'd be better off dead and her children, too."

Detectives said Carr bought the gun, a 9mm semiautomatic, at a nearby sporting goods store.

Just before 5 p.m., police said, she walked into her daughter's bedroom and fired several times, fatally striking Aubrey in the torso.

Detectives found her dead on a daybed, Sgt. Bob Black said.

Her son was in her sights next, and she hit him with a single bullet to the abdomen, Black said. Justin was able to move himself from his bedroom to the living room, where paramedics found him.

Family, FDA battling over 4-year-old cancer victim's treatment

HOUSTON (AP) — An Arizona couple's battle to get alternative treatment for their 4-year-old son's brain cancer is drawing national attention in the debate over medical freedom of choice.

For three months, James and Donna Navarro of Tucson have tried unsuccessfully to persuade the U.S. Food and Drug Administration to let their son Thomas be treated by Houston doctor Stanislaw Burzynski without first undergoing conventional treatment.

"The medical Mafia is thwarting what should be our freedom to make intelligent decisions based on research," James Navarro told the Houston

Chronicle for Saturday's editions. "Doctors who have taken the Hippocratic oath have been less than honest with us and portrayed us as emotionally unstable zealots because we prefer a doctor whose treatment itself won't ravage our son."

Burzynski uses antineoplastons, a synthesized version of human peptides found in blood and urine, to treat cancer. His therapy is the focus of a decades-long feud with the government that culminated in 1997 with the doctor's acquittal on charges related to interstate shipment of the drug.

He is now allowed to prescribe antineoplastons only in FDA-approved clinical trials.

Patients seeking the therapy for brain cancer must already have failed to progress on chemotherapy and radiation.

Doctors say conventional treatment leads to survival for at least five years in 50-70 percent of cases similar to Thomas Navarro's, depending on patients' age. But side effects may include fatigue, hair loss, skin rash and nausea or even hearing loss, spinal growth deficit, hypothyroidism and mental retardation.

Burzynski says his treatment has no such side effects. But there is only anecdotal evidence that it works, because Burzynski has never performed clinically approved trials.

Several Republican presidential candidates have joined the Navarro's cause.

Former U.S. Ambassador Alan Keyes, who has mentioned the case during debates, wrote a letter to Health and Human Services Secretary Donna Shalala, urging her to allow Thomas to receive Burzynski's treatment.

The letter was also signed by Gary Bauer, George W. Bush, Steve Forbes, Orrin Hatch and John McCain.

"It should be the right of every responsible American citizen to seek the medical care of their choice without government bureaucracies standing in their way," wrote Keyes.

A meeting last week between

the Navarros and doctors at the University of Texas-M.D. Anderson Cancer Center, arranged by Texas Commissioner of Health William R. Archer III at the behest of Gov. Bush, was unproductive. The doctors said they could treat Thomas Navarro's tumor with lower dosages to help alleviate some of the side effects.

Bomb threats continue at Smithson Valley High

SAN ANTONIO (AP) — For the 10th time in three weeks, a Comal School District campus was evacuated Friday because of a bomb threat.

A note was found about 1 p.m. at Smithson Valley High School, the fifth such threat the school has received. The facility was emptied, but no bomb was found.

The campus is about 30 miles northeast of San Antonio.

Students were dismissed early

and will have to make up the time later in the school year.

Sophomore Jana Dowling told the San Antonio Express-News that students are fearful that if more school time is lost to bomb threats, they may have to make it up during spring break.

"We definitely don't want to do that," she said. "I think we're all just very frustrated. Our classes are being interrupted all the time. We're having

trouble getting anything done."

Earlier, four students were charged with state jail felony crimes of making a false report in connection with three of the district's 10 threats. But Comal school board member John Bertelsen said he doesn't think there's an answer yet on how to get the threats to stop.

"Nobody really has an answer," he said. "If anyone knew what it would take to stop them, it would have stopped."

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OUR VIEWS

Let's get behind the Lady Hawks, Hawks Monday

Perhaps the biggest games of the 1999-2000 Western Junior College Athletic Conference (WJCAC) basketball season are on tap for Monday when Midland College's Chaparrals and Lady Chaparrals take on Howard College's Hawks and Lady Hawks at Dorothy Garrett Coliseum.

They are at least the most important games to date for the Hawks and Lady Hawks.

While Howard's teams have played one less game than Midland College's — the result of inclement weather two weeks ago — the Lady Hawks are essentially tied with the Lady Chaps and Odessa College's Lady Wranglers for the WJCAC women's lead, and the Hawks enter Monday's game in second place, one game behind Midland, in the men's standings.

As a result, Howard College officials have deemed Monday as not only "Pack The Dorothy Night," but as "Big Spring Night," as well.

That means that anyone wearing red, a clear sign of backing Howard's squads, will be admitted free. In addition, all residents of Big Spring are being offered free admission.

The reason, of course, is to put as many Howard fans in coliseum seats as possible, creating a positive atmosphere for the Hawks and Lady Hawks.

Simply put, however, it's a basketball bargain for local sports fans.

Monday's 6 p.m. opener will pit the past two Region V women's champions. The Lady Hawks finished third at the NJCAA tournament in 1998, while the Lady Chaps matched that national finish a year ago.

And when the men take to The Dorothy's parquet floor at 8 p.m., a Hawks team that returns several starters from last season's WJCAC champion will be facing the No. 18-ranked Chaps.

The college's bid to pack the gym Monday is nothing short of a win-win situation for local residents. Not only are they being offered free admission, but a chance to witness what will clearly be a showdown of the best basketball teams in West Texas.

So, pull out those red shirts, blouses and sweaters and get ready for some big time hoops.

We'll see you at The Dorothy!

YOUR VIEWS

TO THE EDITOR:

The Board of Directors of the Mobile Meals program to provide a meal five days a week to elderly home bound citizens of Big Spring thanks the following contributors: Dora Roberts (\$25,000 annually), Howard County Commissioners (\$273.33 monthly), City of Big Spring (\$1,500 annually), the United Way (pending), and Conoco (\$300).

Memorials and checks from some seniors vary.

The local program is older than Meals on Wheels. It is supported locally and is not subject to government regu-

lations.

Mobile Meals has two paid employees and faithful volunteers who deliver 75 to 85 meals a day five days a week.

The Yellow-Rose Cafe at Scenic Mountain Medical Center provides the meals at \$2.50 each.

The total cost of the program is over \$65,000 per year and contributors are always needed.

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Covering the Courts: About that executive order

In his State of the Union address, President Clinton recommended legislation that would require the registration of firearms. He recommended 50 other programs, more or less, but gun registration will do as a hypothetical example for today's purposes. We're talking today about executive orders and the separation of powers.



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Suppose, to be supposing, that the president is so in love with gun registration that he is unwilling to wait upon the Congress. He forms a committee to study the proposal. The committee holds public hearings and brings forth a report recommending that a new agency be created to administer gun registration. The president accepts the recommendation and issues an executive order putting the plan into effect as of Jan. 1, 2001.

Bingo! The Prez has pulled off a fait accompli, a coup d'etat, and a slick piece of work. The National Rifle Association is having apoplexy, but the nation's mayors and chiefs of

police are well pleased. The Old Fuddy-Duddy caucus in the Senate is upset. A few constitutional scholars object that our wily leader has usurped the powers of Congress under Article I, Section 7, etc., etc., but the Justice Department issues regulations having the force and effect of law, and the registration begins. Congress grumps off in October to run for re-election, and the NRA is left to sputter.

This hypothetical scenario is far-fetched, but it is not wildly far-fetched. Now pending in the Supreme Court is a real-world petition for review that poses the question of "executive orders" all over again. These are the facts:

In his State of the Union address three years ago, President Clinton proposed an American Heritage Rivers Initiative. His purpose was to help communities along Heritage Rivers to revitalize their waterfronts and clean up pollution. Acting with remarkable dispatch, he established an American Heritage Rivers Interagency Committee. The committee held public hearings and soon brought forth its recommendations.

In September 1997 the president issued Executive Order 13061. Thus, without so much as a by-your-leave from Congress, he created the Heritage Rivers program all by himself. He directed federal

agencies to lend their resources toward the restoration of designated rivers, and he named himself to designate the first rivers to be so honored.

Bingo! He thus pulled off a fait accompli, a coup d'etat, and a slick piece of work. He made an end run around the whole congressional establishment. If Congress is displeased by this kind of effrontery, Congress can vote to deny funding to the Heritage Rivers program. As an alternative, individual members can go to court.

That is what happened. Four members of the House of Representatives, led by Helen Chenoweth of Idaho, sued the president in U.S. District Court in Washington. They charged the president with usurping their legislative powers. The trial court ruled that the members had no standing to sue. The Court of Appeals affirmed, and now Chenoweth and her colleagues have petitioned the Supreme Court for review. Eight other members of the House have filed a supporting brief.

In one form or another, the questions raised in Chenoweth v. Clinton, No. 99-944, have come up before. In 1996 three senators sued to prevent enforcement of the Line Item Veto Act. In 1997 the high court ruled in *Raines v. Byrd* (Robert Byrd, that is) that the

senators had no standing to sue. They had not suffered any specific, concrete, personal injury. They had suffered only an abstract dilution of their institutional legislative power. The Supreme Court's jurisdiction is limited to actual cases and controversies. This was not the kind of case or controversy the court wanted to get into. The vote was 7-2, with Justice John Paul Stevens complaining in dissent that the Line Item Veto Act violated the Constitution. The act "deprives every senator and every representative of the right to vote for or against measures that may become law."

I doubt that the Supreme Court will accept the Chenoweth case. The precedent of *Raines v. Byrd* is fresh, and the court has more on its plate this term than it can cogently digest. But I am sure of this: The constitutional validity of executive orders eventually will run into a head-on challenge from some plaintiff who has undoubted "standing." I voice no objection to the Heritage Rivers program as such. It probably is a good thing. Look at what San Antonio has done with its river! But if we are to respect the fundamental doctrine of separation of powers, we ought to insist that presidents mind their manners. They can propose. But the power to dispose resides on Capitol Hill.



Poverty is the issue of our times

In this age of unparalleled prosperity America continues to be plagued with poverty. Yet, we hear nothing more than traditional Band-Aid solutions from the current crop of presidential contenders. Why?

The answer is that liberalism became a bad word in the political lexicon, and anything perceived as liberal has been shunted aside. But what was once a political choice has become a political excuse. It is considered liberal for the government to support people, and mainstream America has derisively dubbed such a concept as the Welfare State. Both the executive and legislative



JACK ANDERSON

branches have prided themselves in welfare legislation that limits the number of years for welfare eligibility, as if poverty could simply be willed away.

But the fact is that for 1998, the Census Bureau listed 32,476,000 people living below the poverty line. And that line, according to the Department of Health and Human Services, is currently \$16,700 for a family of four.

Poverty means lack of proper nourishment, clothing and housing. It means inadequate or nonexistent health care. It means squalor, crime and hopelessness. And it especially means these things for the greatest victims of poverty: children.

Yet our politicians, reflecting a rationalizing and desensitized public, turned a blind eye. This is outrageous. The worst of them dismiss the problem with such mantras as: "Washington can't solve all

problems."

"It's up to the states."

"Throwing more money at a problem won't solve the problem."

This, of course, is nothing but sophistry. Worse, it is irresponsible and immoral for the richest nation the world has ever known to turn its back on so many millions of people in need. It is not a question of liberalism or conservatism; it is a matter of right and wrong, and except for national defense, America faces no greater challenge.

So why do we not hear from the presidential candidates. Why are they debating crop prices, tax cuts and flag desecration, but not poverty? It is the central problem of our time, and future generations will not forgive our selfish rationalizing. We have the money, but lack the will, and it is time to stop hiding our greed behind labels of liberalism and mantras of hypocrisy.

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BRANSON, Mo. (AP) — The newly crowned Miss USA says she hopes her accomplishment will serve as encouragement for adopted children.

That's because Lynnette Cole is an adoptee herself.

"One good thing about this title is that I can tell them that just because you are adopted does not mean that there is anything wrong — you're very special," the 21-year-old Miss Tennessee said Friday night after being crowned Miss USA 2000 at Branson's Grand Palace.

Miss New Hampshire, Bridget Jane Vezina, 19, of Nashua, N.H., was named first runner-up. Miss Alabama, Jina Mitchell, 22, of Trussville, Ala., was the second runner-up.

Cole, a pre-law student at Columbia State Community College, amused the crowd after the pageant by answering some silly questions with a deadpan expression.

Asked why male beauty pageants are not popular, she answered: "Because they don't look good in dresses."

Asked where she was going to store her crown: "On my head."

Cole moves on to compete in the Miss Universe Pageant in Nicosia, Cyprus, on May 12, and becomes the Miss Universe Organization's official spokeswoman for breast and ovarian cancer awareness.

Carson Daly of MTV was the

Students are encountering more right-to-pray policies

WASHINGTON (AP) — Each day before he tackles advanced Latin at his Georgia high school, Darius Trimble observes a mandatory moment of silence. Sometimes the 12th grader uses the time to go over his lessons, sometimes he prays.

"It's good because it's a time where everybody just stops and thinks for a minute," said the 17-year-old Trimble, a member of the Jehovah's Witnesses who likes the option of practicing his faith privately. "Since it's morning time, some people try to sleep. The main thing is, it's a break."

In the nearly 40 years since the Supreme Court banned organized school prayer, more

states have delighted religious conservatives and angered civil libertarians by enacting moment-of-silence laws that either encourage or require public schools to observe a minute of silence for meditation, prayer or reflection at the start of every school day.

Civil liberties groups condemn the movement as a backdoor attempt to flout the 1962 and 1963 Supreme Court rulings against organized prayer in schools, which said it violates the constitutional dividing line between church and state. Legal challenges have been mounted in several states.

Georgia's moment-of-silence law was the first in the nation to survive a court challenge.

Last week, Virginia moved a step closer to requiring the silent period.

Rev. Barry W. Lynn, executive director of Americans United for Separation of Church and State, expects the Virginia law as it appears to be heading to face legal challenges. "There is a pretty strong record that the effort is to bring back prayer into Virginia schools," he said.

Teachers and students approach the silent moment in different ways. Not all teachers block off the time, and when they do the children often fill the brief time as they wish: praying, passing notes, studying, just keeping quiet or even napping.

"But the teachers are real good about letting them know that you're not supposed to be talking at that time," said Trimble, of Lithonia, Ga.

Conservatives say the practice encourages prayer and reflection and also builds character and combats violence in schools. In Virginia, Republican Gov. Jim Gilmore supports the measure.

Lynn said state legislators used last April's school shootings in Littleton, Colo., to push moments of silence, posting of the Ten Commandments, creationism and other religious policies into public schools.

"If these legislators can't find any better solution than moments of silence, they ought

to find a new line of work," he said. "This is not a very serious endeavor for solving real problems. You just have taxpayers spending money to defend the indefensible."

More than 20 states and the territory of Guam have a moment of silence law on their books, according to a search of a legal database.

Georgia law's, which survived review by a federal appeals court in 1997, says students should open the day with 60 seconds of "silent reflection on the anticipated activities of the day." Laws in North Dakota and New Jersey were struck down because they were seen as encouraging students to pray.

Prosecutors mull treatment of 8-year-old murder suspect

COKER CREEK, Tenn. (AP) — Neighbors said that for months the ramshackle mobile home littered with piles of trash and beer cans had been the site of loud parties and drunken fights, most in front of two young boys who lived there with their mother and her boyfriend.

When it was quiet, they said, the children often were left alone with no running water or electricity.

Then, last week, the mother's boyfriend was stabbed to death, and the 8-year-old boy confessed to killing him, the Monroe County Sheriff's Department said. According to police reports, the boy said Keith Podzabka, 41, had been hitting his mother.

District Attorney General Jerry Estes said authorities are reviewing the case to decide if the boy will be tried as a juvenile or an adult.

"These issues are rare. I don't recall having an 8-year-old involved in a murder," Estes said Saturday. "This is a first for us."

Where the child is prosecuted depends on the motive and whether he has committed other violent acts, Estes said.

The second-grader — described by neighbors as a sweet, intelligent child — is accused of stabbing his Podzabka in the chest Jan. 30 in this isolated rural community, tucked away in the Cherokee National Forest near the North Carolina border.

According to police reports, the boys' mother said another man stabbed Podzabka, but then her 8-year-old son confessed.

"He was smart with a lot of potential despite what was going on in that home," said Ann Irons, the parent of a child who attends the same school as the boy. "He was attention-seeking but not violent. He was a good boy. If he did it, he was pushed."

The boy's mother was charged with child neglect and pleaded guilty Tuesday in Monroe County Sessions Court. She was given a suspended six-month sentence. The boy and his 11-year-old brother have been placed in foster care, apparently because the young suspect was not considered dangerous, authorities said.

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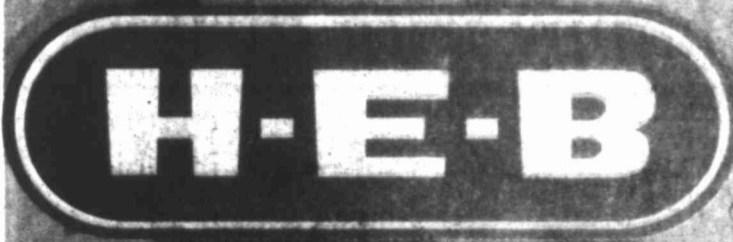
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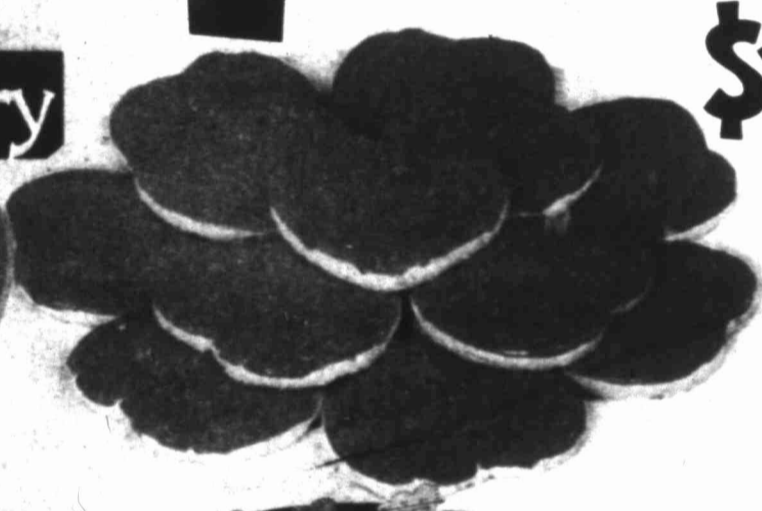
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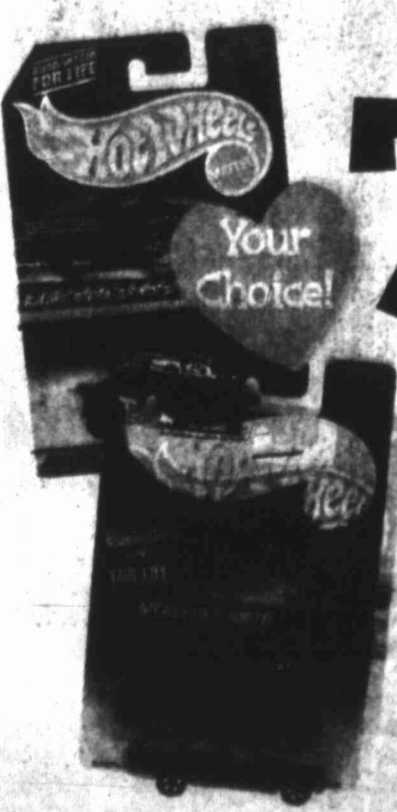
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Clinton's final budget eyes his legacy, campaign

WASHINGTON (AP) — Mindful of his legacy and the fall elections, President Clinton is proposing a \$1.84 trillion budget Monday that would bolster education and health care in fiscal 2001, cut taxes for the poor and help other Democratic constituencies.

Clinton's final spending blueprint envisions an activist government using massive projected surpluses to boost dozens of programs while shoring up Social Security and Medicare and paying down big portions of the national debt.

In an election year in which compromise is unlikely on most issues, the budget all but dares Republicans to fight over schools, health and other areas where Democrats traditionally enjoy strong public support.

"Our budget is going to stand for the principles of fiscal discipline and investing in the future," White House budget chief Jack Lew said.

The president's proposal — 2.5 percent more than the \$1.79 trillion to be spent this year — is certain to hit rough waters in

Congress, where Republicans must sign off before a 2001 budget can be enacted.

"We won't let the agenda of a lame duck president in any way reduce our commitment to smaller government, saving Social Security, paying down debt and providing for tax fairness," said Rep. John Kasich, R-Ohio, chairman of the House Budget Committee.

Clinton's package projects \$746 billion in federal surpluses over the next decade without counting Social Security's even larger balances, said knowledgeable Democrats speaking on condition of anonymity.

That is less than half the \$1.9 trillion the nonpartisan Congressional Budget Office — assuming much less spending than Clinton wants — projected last month as the surplus' best-case scenario.

That means Clinton would leave far less money available for the tax cuts wanted by many Republicans, among them GOP presidential hopeful George W. Bush.

Clinton would use much of

the surplus to trim the accumulated \$5.7 trillion national debt, saying in the process that he will extend Medicare's solvency to 2025 and Social Security's to 2050, Democratic aides said.

He also would spend \$168 billion over the next 10 years to create a prescription drug benefit for the elderly, officials said, a popular idea that Republicans ignored last year. They are now preparing their own version.

Under Clinton's plan, monthly premiums would start at \$26 and rise to \$51 by 2009, but be reduced or eliminated for many low-income people.

Clinton would finance the program with \$99 billion from the surplus and the rest from savings extracted from hospitals and other Medicare participants, the aides said.

The White House already has released many other proposals, including tax breaks to help families afford college and sick relatives' long-term care. The president would spend billions to provide health insurance to the poor, combat global warming and modernize schools,

while boosting defense, farm subsidies and anti-terrorism activities.

"He hearkened back to basic Democratic programs," Sen. Frank Lautenberg, D-N.J., said in describing Clinton's remarks to Democratic senators Friday about his priorities.

Many Clinton ideas are sure to die or be watered down by Republicans, such as a plan to expand the earned income tax credit for low-income families. Already, Republicans are saying Clinton's budget does not cut taxes deeply enough, should not raise other taxes and spends far too much money.

"It's flavor of the day," Kasich said. "Whatever any interest group wants, the president is making a promise to them."

In one coming clash, the president would let the one-third of the budget that covers everything but automatically paid benefits like Social Security grow annually at about the rate of inflation for a decade. Republicans would hold such spending closer to this year's level of roughly \$600 billion.

Public becoming more unhappy with airlines

The ASSOCIATED PRESS

The din of complaints about airline service is becoming deafening.

Deana Pollard says she was barred from using the bathroom while her airplane sat on a Seattle runway, and ordered off the plane for protesting.

Slavia Moylan says an airline lost track of her 10-year-old daughter when the girl's international flight was postponed, leaving the youngster wandering Chicago's O'Hare airport for hours.

Legions of other passengers are ticked off about delays, bumpings, rude treatment and assorted grievances.

From gripes aired on Web sites to the passenger rights' movement to complaints sent to the government, fliers appear more irritated than ever.

Passenger complaints filed with the U.S. Department of Transportation more than doubled last year, to 20,945, after surging 26 percent in 1998.

One reason for the rise: the Internet, which makes it easier to complain.

But there's good reason for passengers and airline workers to be cranky. With people flying in record numbers, planes are more crowded than ever.

U.S. airlines carried 640 million passengers in 1999, up from 453 million in 1991, according to the Air Transport Association. The load factor, or percentage of seats filled, rose to a record 71.3 in 1999, based on preliminary figures.

"It's like putting more mice in a cage — the more mice you put in, the more edge they will become," says Mike Taylor of the marketing information firm J.D. Power and Associates. "It's just the sheer

Passenger complaints more than doubled last year, to 20,945.

reality of serving 450 people." But the reasons for the latest rise in passenger dissatisfaction go deeper:

— Flight delays have increased by about 35 percent in the past year, according to the Aviation Consumer Action Project.

— Bumpings have grown as planes fill.

— Airlines have imposed rules that have drawn passengers' ire, including limiting carry-on bags, eliminating advance boarding passes, increasing the time passengers must be at the airport for boarding and raising fees for changing itineraries.

— The distance between economy-class rows, or pitch, has shrunk from an average 34 inches in the early 1980s to as little as 31 inches today; most seats have less padding too.

Airlines are trying to address some complaints through Congress-inspired customer service initiatives launched in December. On Thursday, American Airlines announced it will increase the space between rows to 34 inches in coach; United Airlines has been adding 5 extra inches between seats to the first 10 rows in coach.

But the airlines have a long way to go to calm passengers.

"There are so many things that are adding up," says Dean Headley of Wichita State University in Kansas, co-publisher of an annual airline quality rating. "I think it's just gotten to a point where consumers are saying 'I've had it. I'm going to blow a gasket on somebody.'"

Expert says biological attack on U.S. is inevitable

SAN DIEGO (AP) — The United States is not prepared for an attack by terrorists using the smallpox or anthrax viruses, which is likely to happen within the next decade, experts say.

"This is not the stuff of science fiction," said Margaret Hamburg, a bioterrorism expert with the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services. "This is a very real threat and there is a real urgency that we address it."

Hamburg spoke Friday at a conference where more than 300 physicians, scientists, public officials and law enforcement agents have gathered to discuss strategies for dealing with a potential biological attack. The two-day conference ends today.

"We are a long way away from

being even modestly prepared," said D.A. Henderson, director of the Johns Hopkins Center for Civilian Biodefense Studies. "But we're doing a lot more now than we did 12 months, or even 6 months ago."

He said the question is not if an attack will occur, but when.

"We're likely to see an attack within the next five to 10 years," said Henderson, a leader in the effort to eradicate smallpox.

He now is mobilizing health workers against bioterrorism, the release of deadly bacteria, viruses or products of those agents.

Those that pose the greatest threat are smallpox, anthrax and plague because they have the potential to spread quickly and cause large numbers of

deaths.

Henderson said Russia, North Korea and Iraq are suspected of stockpiling biological weapons.

Fringe groups, meanwhile, have already threatened attacks. In 1995, a Japanese doomsday cult tried and failed to release botulism toxin, anthrax and to acquire the deadly Ebola virus from Zaire, Henderson said. The cult later succeeded in releasing the nerve gas sarin in a Tokyo subway, killing 12 people.

Policy-makers know how to respond to chemical spills and nuclear plant leaks, but those hazardous material plans won't work for a bioterrorist attack, Henderson said.

"With a virus, signs aren't apparent for days or weeks," Henderson said. "The flu-like

symptoms may get misdiagnosed until the disease reaches an epidemic level."

Hamburg urged people not to panic, saying the federal government has allocated millions of dollars to help states prepare for bioterrorism.

The government also is committed to building a national stockpile of vaccines, antibiotics and treatments that communities can access quickly, Hamburg said.

The United States hasn't vaccinated against smallpox since the 1970s, and there's currently only enough vaccine left for 7.5 million people and no factories to make more, Henderson said. The development of an anthrax vaccine available to the public is another 5 years away, he said.

Americans fighting similar problems concerned about effect of battle over Elian

WASHINGTON (AP) — In government parlance, Juan Gonzalez is a "left behind" parent, fighting from afar to persuade U.S. officials to return his son, Elian, to Cuba.

Thousands of Americans are fighting similar battles, including more than 1,100 on the State Department list of active cases.

Officials believe the longer Elian's case drags on, the more difficult it will be to help American parents seeking return of children taken overseas in custody disputes.

Already, it has been 10 weeks since the 6-year-old boy was pulled from the Atlantic Ocean after a shipwreck killed his mother as they neared Florida while they were fleeing Cuba.

One "American Elian" is Amanda Johnson. Her father, Thomas Johnson, a State Department official, has spent \$250,000 of his savings trying to re-establish a relationship broken five years ago when she was taken to Sweden by Johnson's former wife, a Swedish diplomat. His efforts have yielded but a handful of brief supervised visits with her in Sweden.

The State Department, Johnson's employer for 20 years, has tried to help him but with scant results, a common occurrence because governments often refuse to cooperate.

The Immigration and Nationalization Service has ordered that Elian Gonzalez be sent home, consistent with international law, but the boy's relatives in Miami have taken the case to court. They and their supporters believe it would be cruel to return him to a country not known for democratic liberties.

No resolution of the case is expected before next month.

In the meantime, U.S. officials increasingly are anxious about the implications for American parents who are victims of international child-abduction

cases. State Department spokesman James P. Rubin said the failure to implement the INS decision could "seriously jeopardize" the department's efforts on behalf of parents seeking the return of American children to the United States.

In a court brief filed in Elian's case, Mary Ryan, the department's top consular affairs official, said, "Because other countries carefully scrutinize the practices of the United States, our credibility and effectiveness depend upon our ability to adhere to the principles we espouse."

But Nancy Hammer of the National Center for Missing and Exploited Children wonders whether the Elian case will make a difference.

"The United States has always been a leader on issues of child protection," she said. "Other countries do look to us for that

leadership. On the other hand, we haven't seen a lot of reciprocity from other governments. Even if we do the right thing, there is no guarantee that this will inspire others to do the right thing."

Hammer said American parents are amazed at the amount of energy the U.S. government has summoned in the Elian Gonzalez case on behalf of a foreign father.

Johnson agrees, asserting there is no comparable effort on behalf of American parents in similar situations. "If Elian's tragedy serves any good purpose, it would be to point out that irony," he said.

As an outgrowth of the case, Rep. Nick Lampson, D-Texas, who heads a House group on child abduction, will convene a day-long conference on the subject Wednesday. Several parents of abducted children have been invited to attend.

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IN BRIEF

Hawks still searching for first baseball win

Howard College's Hawks left the Blinn College Invitational still looking for their first win after suffering losses to Tyler Junior College and Northeast Texas Community College on Friday.

Tyler turned an unearned run in the seventh inning into a 6-5 win, while Northeast rallied from one run down going into the final inning to take an 11-9 win.

The Hawks were paced offensively by Jay Alsup, Mike McMillan and Tim Gilhooly. Alsup and McMillan were both 3-for-4 at the plate against Northeast.

Alsup drove in three runs, as did Gilhooly, who delivered the Hawks' only home run.

Now 0-4 on the season, the Hawks play their home opener on Monday, playing host to Hardin-Simmons in a 1 p.m. doubleheader at Jack Barber Field.

Baseball boosters set meeting for Monday

The Big Spring Baseball Booster Club will meet at 6:30 p.m. Monday at the Big Spring High School Athletic Training Center.

All parents of Big Spring baseball players are encouraged to attend.

Members will discuss outfield signs, concession stand duties and printing of programs.

All advertising for programs must be turned in during the meeting.

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

Hunter education class scheduled for Feb. 12-13

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

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

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.

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 Empire Building in Midland's Hogan Park.

All prospective and returning umpires need to attend.

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

IT'S MISSING

Results from Friday's high school games involving Forsan, Grady and Sands are not included in today's edition of the Herald.

Coaches from those schools did not report their scores.

ON THE AIR

Television
NATIONAL FOOTBALL LEAGUE
4:30 p.m. — Pro Bowl, ABC, Ch. 2 and Ch. 8.

NBA
2:30 p.m. — San Antonio Spurs at Utah Jazz, NBC, Ch. 9.
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Men
Noon — Ohio State at Michigan, CBS, Ch. 7.

Women
2 p.m. — Ole Miss at South Carolina, FXS, Ch. 29.

NATIONAL HOCKEY LEAGUE
1:30 p.m. — NHL All-Star Game, ABC, Ch. 2 and Ch. 8.

GOLF
2 p.m. — PGA Pebble Beach National Pro-Am, final round, CBS, Ch. 7.

FIGURE SKATING
3 p.m. — Grand Prix of Figure Skating, ABC, Ch. 2 and Ch. 8.

BOWLING
11:30 a.m. — PBA Senior Doubles, ESPN, Ch. 30.

Steers post comeback win; Lady Steers drop heartbreaker

By VALERIE AVERY
Herald Correspondent

SAN ANGELO — Big Spring's Steers saved their "A" game for the final 4:44 of Friday night's District 5-4A showdown with San Angelo Lake View, fighting back from a 55-46 deficit in a thrilling 61-55 come-from-behind victory over the Chiefs.

The win moves the Steers, 16-14 overall and 3-4 in district play, into a third-place tie with Andrews heading into the final week of 5-4A action.

Earlier in the evening, the Lady Steers dropped a heartbreaking 59-44 loss to Lake View, one that made the 5-4A girls' playoff picture murky until the closing night of district play.

The Lady Steers (16-12, 5-4) head to

Fort Stockton on Tuesday to face a Prowlers team they easily manhandled in the first round, while Lake View (13-15, 6-3) meets Snyder (10-16, 5-4).

League-leading Sweetwater (27-2, 9-0) has clinched first place, while Lake View, Snyder and Big Spring are fighting for the two remaining playoff berths. For the Lady Steers to enter postseason play, they must beat Fort Stockton and Lake View has to finish off Snyder.

Should Big Spring win Tuesday and Snyder knock off Lake View, a mini tournament to decide the district's second and third seeds will be scheduled.

The Lady Steers couldn't get anything going early against the Maidens, as Lake View's Kristi Caples scored eight of the home team's first 12 points.

Trailing 12-9 at the first period's close, Big Spring found the Maidens double

teaming go-to player Melissa Forth. As a result, the Lady Steers were unable to gain any ground and went into halftime with the Maidens holding a 21-17 edge.

"We tried to tell the girls to shoot and hopefully get a good shot," Loter noted. "We cut the lead at halftime and we didn't. We were very lethargic."

Lake View spread the scoring around in the third quarter. While Caples was held scoreless during the frame, Jennifer Hill came alive and scored eight of her 10 points on the evening.

Christina Gwyn's bucket at the 3:32 mark of the third quarter cut the Lake View margin to 27-25, but the Maidens would rattle off 11 unanswered points before Melissa Flenniken ended the skain with a short jumper early in the fourth quarter.

By that point, Lake View had increased its lead to 38-27.

Flenniken scored two more baskets and Brittany Bryant made one from the charity stripe, but Lake View increased its lead to 53-32 behind the shooting of Hillery Lee and Hill.

The Maidens led 57-36 when the Lady Steers made their charge.

"We tried to make a run, but when you're 20 down, it's a little hard," Loter said. "Lake View just wanted that win a whole lot more than we did."

The Lady Steers junior varsity improved to 8-1 in district play with a 50-34 win, Tejal Patel leading all scorers with 14 points. And in freshman action, Big Spring got 13 points from Amanda Lasater and 10 more from Sterling

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Lady 'Kats take 4-1A lead Hornets prove way too much for Bearkats

By JOHN A. MOSELEY
Sports Editor

GARDEN CITY — It's almost a done deal. Garden City's Lady Bearkats all but locked up the District 4-1A girls' basketball championship Friday night with a resounding 55-44 win over Irion County's Lady Hornets.

The victory gave the Lady 'Kats and first-year head coach Mike Wallace the district lead with one game remaining on the regular season schedule — this week's road date with Sterling City's Lady Eagles.

What's more, the Lady Hornets lost their chance to control their own fate in the championship race.

Irion County closed district play with the loss, owning a 23-6 record overall and 6-2 in the league.

Garden City, on the other hand, improved to 22-3 on the season and 6-1 in district play with the win.

The visitors did reap a healthy measure of revenge in the varsity boys' nightcap, however, the Hornets taking an easy 58-31 victory over the Bearkats.

That had been expected. What the near capacity crowd packed into Bearkat Gym to see was a showdown between District 4-1A's top two girls teams.

Nobody left disappointed.

Having suffered a 47-34 loss to the Lady Hornets in their first district meeting, that game played in Mertzon, the Lady 'Kats knew it was important to get off to a good start.

They did just that, scoring the game's first six points behind 6-foot junior post M'Lynn Niehues' lead.

Irion County countered with the play of guard Wendy Robertson, who scored the Lady Hornets' first seven points with penetrating drives.

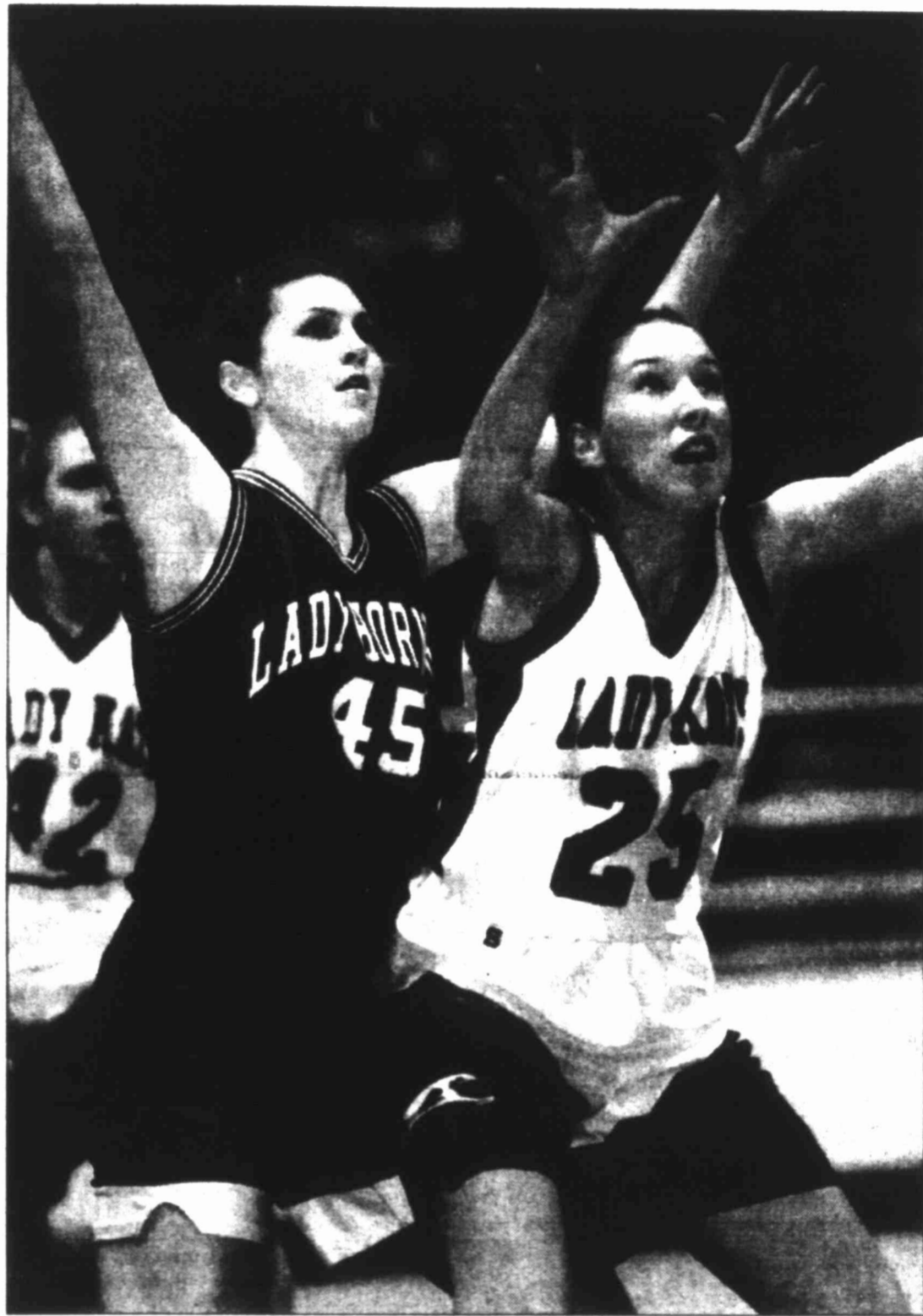
In the process, Robertson managed to put Niehues into foul trouble almost immediately.

As a result, Wallace was forced to put his team leader on the bench less than five minutes into the game, but the Lady 'Kats continue to roll, taking an 18-11 lead by the end of the first period.

Niehues returned to the floor for the second quarter, and after Kyndra Batla ripped mesh from three-point land, hit a jumper from the paint that gave Garden City a 23-11 lead.

But Niehues fouled Robertson again with 5:17 left in the half and was again forced to take a seat on the Garden City bench.

That was all the spark the Lady Hornets needed to claw their way back into the game, rattling off 10 unanswered points to pull within two, 23-21, with 1:25 remaining before the intermission.



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Garden City's M'Lynn Niehues (25) waits for a lob pass while Irion County's Kacie Dawes (45) tries to stay between the Lady Bearkats' leading scorer and the goal during Friday night's showdown between the top two girls' teams in District 4-1A. Niehues, despite foul problems, helped lead Garden City to a 55-44 win.

Irion County squandered a chance to pull even with 35 seconds showing on the clock when Kacie Dawes missed a couple of free throws.

Batla made the Lady Hornets pay an additional price with just one second remaining when she banked home a jumper from the key, giving Garden City a 25-21 halftime lead.

"Believe me, I was really concerned there in the second quarter," Wallace admitted. "They were on a roll, we couldn't get anything going and I couldn't afford

to put M'Lynn back on the floor. "We were still in a difficult spot at the start of the second half, too," he added. "We were able to put M'Lynn back on the floor, but the foul trouble put her in a position of not being able to play very aggressively. We really needed somebody to step up and fill the void."

Batla and Summer Eoff did just that. In a see-saw third quarter, Batla hit her second three-pointer of the night and

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Bulldogettes stay alive in District 3-2A girls' playoff chase

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COAHOMA — With their backs firmly against the wall, Coahoma's Bulldogettes kept their hopes of qualifying for the postseason Friday night with a 43-25 win over Plains' Cowgirls in District 3-2A girls' basketball action.

In the evening's final game, however, Coahoma's Bulldogs were left still seeking their first district win, as the Cowboys rolled to a 69-55 win — setting up a Tuesday night showdown with Stanton's Buffaloes for second place in the standings behind league-leading Tahoka.

The varsity opener saw Jayci Roberts score 10 points in leading the Bulldogettes to the win, while point guard Kortney Kemper added eight more.

After the Bulldogettes emerged from the first period with a 10-9 lead, they were never threatened again, rolling to a 25-15 halftime lead and emerging from

the break to outscore the Cowgirls 10-4 in the third quarter.

With the win, the Bulldogettes improved to 15-12 overall and 5-4 in district play.

The road to the playoffs doesn't get any easier for the Bulldogettes, who are tied with Stanton's Lady Buffs for third place in the 3-2A standings.

While the Lady Buffs will close the regular season Tuesday night against the hapless Cowgirls, the Bulldogettes must find a way to defeat league-leading Post in order to force a playoff with Stanton for the district's third playoff seed.

In the boys' game Friday, Plains got 16 game-high points from Eddie Gallegos, as the Cowboys improved to 21-6 on the season and 5-2 in district play.

The Bulldogs, who dropped to 8-17 overall and 0-7 in 3-2A action, were paced by Brett Bennett's 15 points. Post Jamie

Howard added 13 more for Coahoma, while Tyler Marshall chipped in 10. In junior varsity action, Coahoma's young Bulldogs took a 59-43 win.

Stanton squads sweep wins over Seagraves

STANTON — Crucial wins over Seagraves' Eagles and Lady Eagles Friday night allowed Stanton's Buffaloes and Lady Buffaloes to stay in the thick of District 3-2A basketball playoff chases.

The Lady Buffs got things going with a 55-52 win over the Lady Eagles, making sure they can qualify for the postseason by beating Plains on the road Tuesday night.

The Buffs followed that with a 57-42 win that means they can finish no worse than tied for third in the 3-2A boys' standings.

Brady Cook led the way for Stanton in the nightcap with 12 points and Jeremy Hull added 11 more, as the Buffs

improved to 16-5 overall and 5-2 in district play.

The Buffs, whose only 3-2A losses have come at the hands of league-leading Tahoka, are tied for second place in the district race with Plains and will hit the road Tuesday for a crucial showdown with the Cowboys.

The Lady Buffs, on the other hand, all but guaranteed themselves a postseason berth by pulling off what some would consider an upset of the Lady Eagles.

Stephanie Washington led a list of four Lady Buffs to finish the night in double figures with 14 points. Jessica DeLeon, Washington's front court teammate, added 13 for Stanton, while Kaci Moore had 12 and point guard Rachel Madison chipped in 11 more.

The win improved Stanton's record to 21-8 on the season and 5-4 in district play, leaving them tied with Coahoma's Bulldogettes for third place in the 3-2A standings.

Seagraves dropped to 18-11 and 6-3 with the loss.

BSHS golfers please coach with showing

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SNYDER — Big Spring's Steers and Lady Steers golfers provided a glimpse of what first-year coach Steve Ward expected over the weekend — promise of better things to come.

That was particularly true at the Snyder Invitational tournament Saturday when sophomores Jerrod Simmons and Nick Read finished tied for eighth in the medalist standings, leading the Steers to a fifth-place team finish with a 331-339, 670 total.

Simmons opened the tournament Friday with a round of 78 on the Western Texas College Golf Course and followed that with an 84 on the Snyder Country Club layout for a 78-84, 162 total.

Reed started the tournament with an 82 on Friday, but led Big Spring in the final round with an 80. Richard Gaitan added an 82-87, 169, while Zac Hall finished with an 89-88, 177.

Isaac Willborn posted an 89 during Friday's opening round, but missed the team bus Saturday.

"We made some trouble at times, but for the most part the guys played pretty well," Ward said. "The most exciting thing was for a couple of sophomores to finish tied in the top 10 individually. That's something to build on and we've got some time to do that between now and the district tournament."

There isn't a lot of time before having to show their wares on their home course, however, as the Steers and Lady Steers play the role of host for the Big Spring Invitational this Friday and Saturday at the Big Spring Country Club.

Odessa Permian's Panthers took the team title in Snyder, their 321-314, 635 score giving them a 15-stroke win over runner-up Seminole. Midland Lee was one stroke back at 322-329, 651 in third place, while Monahan finished fourth with a 329-338, 667 total.

Snyder's junior varsity managed a 681 team total to finish sixth on their home courses, while Abilene Cooper was seventh with a 692 total. Rounding out the top 10 teams were Odessa High, 729; Abilene High 745; and Lubbock High School, 760.

Ward was also pleased with

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Opportunity to play in Pro Bowl a long time coming for Beuerlein

HONOLULU (AP) — Steve Beuerlein can appreciate the moment.

After 13 NFL seasons, Beuerlein is finally playing in the Pro Bowl.

While Beuerlein may share the distinction of being one of 41 first-time players in today's game, he's unlike most of the others — he knows firsthand that things may not turn out the way the experts predict.

"It's pretty satisfying to be recognized finally," he said Friday. "I've probably got a better sense of appreciation than most of these guys because I've gone about as long as anybody without a chance to be in this."

Staying healthy was one key to Beuerlein's success in 1999.

Looked to by Carolina Panthers coach George Seifert to bring some stability to the team's quarterback position, Beuerlein threw for 4,436 yards and 36 touchdowns and helped the Panthers finish 8-8.

"It's only the second or third time where I've had the chance to play a majority of the season," Beuerlein said. "As the year went along, we just kept getting better and better offensively. People around the league, once they started seeing that consistency, realized we had a pretty good offense.

Fortunately for me, I got recognized a little bit."

As important as staying healthy, Beuerlein said finally finding himself in the right situation helps partially explain why so many veteran quarterbacks such as fellow Pro Bowler Rich Gannon of Oakland and 1999 Pro Bowler Vinny Testaverde and Randall Cunningham have had successful revivals the past two years.

"The bottom line is getting into the right situation for you," Beuerlein said. "Where you've got a system that fits you, you've got people around you that understand it and make you look

good, and you've got a coaching staff that has the confidence to let you go out there and do your thing."

Beuerlein will share time with Super Bowl MVP Kurt Warner of the St. Louis Rams and Brad Johnson of the Washington Redskins, both making their Pro Bowl debuts. Warner will start, but isn't sure how much he'll play.

On the AFC side, Peyton Manning of the Indianapolis Colts will start, and will be relieved by Gannon and Mark Brunell of Jacksonville.

AFC coach Tom Coughlin was amused when asked whether he was

pleased with the intensity he was getting from his players during practice sessions.

"Intensity? This is an all-star game!" Coughlin said.

NFC coach Tony Dungy hasn't asked for much intensity from his players, preferring to emphasize the reward aspect of the week.

"We've got so many talented players, that's the thing that makes it pleasant," Dungy said.

"Basically, you're here for enjoyment," he added. "But they want to play a good game and they're getting zeroed in what they have to do."

Zimbabwe near big upset of U.S Davis Cup team

HARARE, Zimbabwe (AP) — Zimbabwe stunned the U.S. Davis Cup team by taking a 2-1 lead with a grueling doubles victory Saturday, leaving John McEnroe's Americans within a game of a first-round elimination.

"We're going to fight to the last drop," vowed captain McEnroe — who isn't playing although he dearly wishes he were — who must urge Andre Agassi and newcomer Chris Woodruff on to victory.

If either player loses Sunday, the Americans are out of the competition.

Zimbabwean doubles partners Wayne Black and Kevin Ullyett battled back after being down two sets to one — including one in which they were scoreless — to beat Rick Leach and Alex O'Brien, 7-6 (4), 5-7, 0-6, 7-5, 7-5.

Black and Ullyett were buoyed by a capacity crowd at Harare's 4,000-seat City Sports Center, which belted whistles and beat drums to show support for the Zimbabwean team, known as "the Giant Killers."

The Americans, even Leach who last week won the Australian Open doubles title, were rattled.

At deuce in the final game, Ullyett fired a backhand service return winner down the alley.

"I just picked my spot and ripped away," Ullyett said.

Leach then double-faulted — his third of the match — to hand Zimbabwe the win.

"At the end it was just a frenzy out there," Leach said. "It was kind of a blur."

Leach said the crowd noise was so loud that he had trouble taking to O'Brien. It was the first time the pair had played together.

In the third set, the Americans seemed to have victory in their grasp as they blanked out the Zimbabweans. But Black and Ullyett gamely fought back, using finesse at the net.

"It's the best feeling of my career," Ullyett said after playing in his first-ever Davis Cup doubles match. "It's unbelievable — to win it like that."

McEnroe repeated his contention that chair umpires were making calls against the Americans to get back at McEnroe for his habitual outbursts as a player.

Several times Sunday, McEnroe stalked up to chair

umpire Bruno Rebueh of France to contest a call. The Zimbabwean spectators and players did not appreciate it.

Every time McEnroe complained, the crowd loudly booed. Wayne Black complained afterward that at one stage he had to delay resuming play for a minute because McEnroe was "chirping" at the umpire.

"I'm waiting to serve, and Mac's just there complaining," Black said. "The umpire should put a stop to it."

McEnroe later fired back.

"He thinks that that was me arguing too long, you know what I wish? That he had played me in my prime," McEnroe said.

Although McEnroe, America's most successful Davis Cup player, praised the Zimbabweans' level of play, he took a jab at Wayne Black.

"He's got to be kidding himself if he thinks that this is giving your absolute best," McEnroe said. "I think that's a bunch of baloney, to put it mildly."

Sunday's two final singles matches pitted Agassi against Byron Black, Zimbabwe's top-ranked player, while his brother Wayne faces Woodruff. Agassi, the world's top-ranked player, is favored over Byron Black, but Wayne Black is expected to beat Woodruff.

In Friday's matches, Agassi beat Wayne Black and Byron Black trounced Woodruff.

Wayne Black predicted Zimbabwe would emerge victorious.

"I'm going to say for the record we're still underdogs, but we're going to win," Black said, adding that Woodruff faces immense pressure because "he's holding the flag up for the big United States."

Elsewhere, four nations advanced by taking insurmountable 3-0 leads: Russia over Belgium, Spain over Italy, Slovakia over Austria and Brazil over France. Three others won doubles to take 2-1 leads: Switzerland against defending champion Australia, the Czech Republic against Britain and Germany against the Netherlands.

The United States has rebounded from being down 2-1 only three times in Davis Cup history — in 1934, 1961 and 1981.

McEnroe was on the 1981 team that dug itself out of a hole against Mexico.

Journey prepared Campo for Cowboys job

IRVING (AP) — When Dave Campo was growing up, there were lots of things he considered doing with his life. Coaching the Dallas Cowboys wasn't among them.

Campo was a good enough middle infielder to get drafted by the Philadelphia Phillies, a good enough defensive back/running back to start for Central Connecticut State and a good enough folk singer to cut an album with his band, the Windjammers.

But when he finished college, Campo wasn't sure what to do. He was talked into joining the National Guard by a buddy who was a recruiter.

While waiting to go active, Campo took a job at New London (Conn.) High School as a substitute teacher and football coach. He guided the freshmen to an 8-0 record and their league's championship. He also was an assistant coach on the varsity team and it won the state title.

"At that point I said, 'This is pretty good,'" Campo said.

Thirty years and 12 teams later, Campo is sitting in his office — the biggest one in the coaching wing of Valley Ranch — and telling the story of how he wound up here.

Campo is only the fifth person to have the job and, strange as it may seem, he's more qualified than predecessors Jimmy Johnson, Barry Switzer and Chan Gailey in one very important way.

Campo knows exactly what he's getting into in his new relationship with owner-general manager Jerry Jones because he's worked for him the last 11 years.

He's had a front-row seat for the bad times (1-15 in '89, good times (three Super Bowl victories) and in-between (a 24-24 record the last three years).

While working for Johnson, Switzer and Gailey, Campo filled notebooks with things they did that did and didn't work and things he thought should and shouldn't have been done.

"What I've learned is that Jerry is passionate, is committed, wants to do everything he can for this organization and fans because of the expectations," Campo said. "And that's exactly what I want to do."

"My relationship with him will be my relationship with him. It won't be Jimmy's, it won't be Barry's, it won't be Chan's."

Jones' heavyhanded ways have created the perception that by taking the job Campo has agreed to be the owner's puppet.

Campo's response is that he prefers to view Jones as the general manager. From that perspective, Campo considers Jones' "socks-to-jocks" involve-

ment no different from other GMs.

Campo noted that Tennessee's Floyd Reese was in the coaches' booth at the Super Bowl, which is hardly different from Jones roaming the sidelines at most Dallas games.

"The GM is actively involved in the everyday running of a football team," Campo said. "The great thing about this situation is it doesn't take the GM long to get to the owner."

"What I want is a guy working with me who has the same goals and the same passion for the game that I do. I think with that type of a situation, you've got a better chance to get things done."

"So I look at it very simply. When I walk onto that football field, Jerry Jones does not want to coach the team, but he wants to know what's going on with the team — as Ron Wolf does, as anybody else you name who is a general manager."

At 52, Campo wants to be seen as his own man, not as an extension of Jones or a disciple of any one coach. After all, he's worked for 13 of them since his journey began as a linebackers coach at Central Connecticut State in 1971.

"I'd prefer to say there's probably a little bit of each of them in me and there's a certain amount that's just me," Campo said.

"I can tell you the things I believe in: discipline, accountability, family atmosphere, people respecting each other's abilities, taking care of your own responsibility, don't give your buddy the world to cover. Those are the kinds of things you learn on an everyday basis."

The Cowboys are coming off an 8-8 season that ended with a first-round playoff blowout. Dallas also was wiped out in the first round the previous year.

Having been around, Campo knows what many of the problems are.

"I really think there has been a big division between the offensive players and defensive players," Campo said. "So one of the major things from the very beginning is to have everyone feel this is a team game."

Campo believes that if the kinks are worked out Dallas can become a contender again soon. Like most coaches around the league, he's pointing to the rapid rise of Super Bowl teams St. Louis and Tennessee as proof — and inspiration.

"To be honest with you, I think we're close," he said. "I feel like we have core players on this team that we can win with."

His no-time-to-waste approach began with promoting close friend Mike Zimmer from secondary coach to defensive coord-

inator. Campo had the job the last five years and the unit was in the NFL's top 10 four times.

Rather than stability, the Cowboys sought a new direction on offense so they brought back former quarterbacks coach Jack Reilly to re-install the system used during the glory days of the 1990s.

Next up are some tough decisions on free agents.

Should Dallas keep Deion Sanders? Pursue Tim Brown? Both? Neither?

How those questions are answered will then impact who the Cowboys draft.

The whirlwind of being hired having to hire a staff and starting to put together the roster hasn't left Campo much time to

savor his new status.

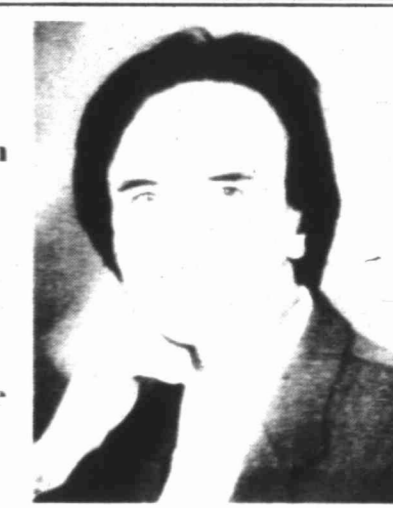
He spent Super Bowl weekend in Lake Tahoe, but that was a combination business pleasure trip with Pepsi that had been planned long ago.

His voice mail has been filled with calls from job-seekers and well-wishers.

Congratulatory gifts remain unwrapped. He's hardly had time to decorate his office despite the long hours he's already putting in getting ready for a season that's seven months away.

"My wife said, 'Are you avoiding me on purpose?'" Campo said. "My answer was that I'm doing what I have to do to be completely prepared to give us a chance to win."

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Mihm comes up very big in Texas win over UMass

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Chris Mihm stood right in the way of Massachusetts' comeback bid.

The 7-foot Mihm blocked a school-record eight shots, scored 10 points and had 12 rebounds as No. 16 Texas defeated Massachusetts 68-57.

The Minutemen trailed by 20 points early in the second half before closing within six.

"We knew they'd make a run at us in the second half, but we kept our poise," Mihm said.

Lawrence Williams hit five 3-pointers and scored 17 points for Texas (15-6). Gabe Muoneke added 16 points.

Chris Kirkland and Shannon Crooks both scored 17 for Massachusetts (11-10) and Monty Mack had 16.

"If we could play the whole game like we played the second half, we'd beat a lot of teams," said Kirkland.

Texas controlled most of the game, but a pressing Massachusetts defense helped the Minutemen sneak back to within 51-45 with 7:30 left on a dunk by Kirkland and 3-pointer by Crooks.

"I wasn't pleased with our 24 turnovers," said Texas coach Rick Barnes. "But I like the way we responded when they came at us in the second half and against their pressure."

Texas went ahead 41-21 with 17:13 left on a dunk by Muoneke. A pair of 3-pointers by Mack nudged Massachusetts to within 49-40 with 10:45 left.

Two Texas fast breaks, four points by Muoneke, and two foul shots by Mihm pushed the Longhorns' lead back to 59-47 to end an 8-2 run with 4:54 left.

Yet Massachusetts again came back to within 61-53 with 57 seconds left on consecutive baskets by Kirkland. Unrattled, Mihm sank two free throws.

"We attacked better in the second half," said Massachusetts coach Bruiser Flint. "Of course, when Mihm blocks shots, you tend to get a little tentative."

The Longhorns broke away to 17-9 lead with an eight-minute, 12-0 run that was built on six points by Mihm and capped by Muoneke's basket with 6:10 left.

The top big man for Massachusetts, 6-10 Kitwana Rhymer, left early in the first half with two early fouls, giving Texas favorable matchups for Mihm. He seized the chance and scored 12 of his 18 points in the first half.

No. 13 Oklahoma St. 87, Texas A&M 55

Desmond Mason and Glendon Alexander led a first-half blitz that gave No. 13 Oklahoma State a comfortable lead, and the Cowboys avenged an earlier loss to Texas A&M by rolling to a 87-55 victory Saturday.

Mason scored 16 and Alexander had 15 in the first half, when the Cowboys (18-2, 7-1 Big 12) led by as many as 28 three times.

Alexander wound up tying his career high with 25 and Mason

BIG 12

finished with 23.

The Cowboys, outthusted and outplayed in a 64-59 loss to A&M on Jan. 22, played with a purpose from the start Saturday. They led 12-2 after four minutes, 24-6 after seven minutes and 42-14 with six minutes remaining before halftime.

Aaron Jack scored 14 for the Aggies (6-14, 2-7), who were held to 34 percent shooting and lost their fourth straight since beating Oklahoma State two weeks ago.

Alexander made two 3-pointers while scoring eight of Oklahoma State's first 12 points. Then Mason took over, hitting three straight 3s and three of four free throws in less than three minutes, giving the Cowboys a 26-8 lead.

Alexander and Mason scored all the points in an 11-2 run that made the score 46-18. The Aggies got no closer than 22 the rest of the way as Oklahoma State kept up the intensity that has been lacking in recent games.

All but one Oklahoma State player took the court with freshly shaven heads. The only player who abstained was freshman Andre Williams, who had four blocks in 15 minutes.

No. 15 Kansas 87, Texas Tech 62

Kenny Gregory was perfect from the field and scored 19 points Saturday, leading No. 15 Kansas to an 87-62 victory over struggling Texas Tech.

Gregory went 8-for-8 from the field as Kansas (17-5, 6-2 Big 12) kept the Red Raiders winless in conference play. Texas Tech (9-10, 0-8) lost its seventh straight game.

The Jayhawks started three freshmen for the first time since the 1982-83 season as coach Roy Williams changed his starting lineup for the first time this year.

Kirk Hinrich started for sophomore Jeff Boschee and Williams replaced junior center Eric Chenoweth with forward Drew Gooden. Nick Collison, another freshman who has been starting at forward, opened at center.

Gooden had 14 points, Boschee added 11 and Nick Bradford had 10 for the Jayhawks.

Hinrich finished with nine points, Collison with eight to go with 11 rebounds.

Rayford Young led the Red Raiders with 13 points and Brodney Kennard added 11.

Kansas used two 10-0 runs to take a 54-29 halftime lead.

Gooden scored six points in the first run, which began after Mario Layne's left-handed shot from the lane put Texas Tech up 15-14 with 13:11 left in the half. Boschee hit two 3-pointers in the second run, which gave Kansas a 38-20 lead with 5:34 remaining.

The Jayhawks shot 61 percent

(22-for-36) in the half while holding Texas Tech to 31 percent (10-for-32).

Saturday's game was the first at home for Kansas since Jan. 24, when Williams called Jayhawks fans a "wine and cheese crowd" for what he considered a lack of support in an 87-79 victory over Colorado. Williams apologized a day later for his remarks, and fans Saturday cheered loudly throughout the game.

And for the fans who began to leave with about 2 minutes left, Kansas student Curtis Sample had a hand-lettered message.

"Be a real fan, stand and cheer" read one side of the junior's sign. For those who continued toward the exits, the other side read:

"Don't come back."

No. 18 Oklahoma 68, Baylor 59

Eduardo Najera scored 14 of his 20 points after halftime as 18th-ranked Oklahoma came from behind to beat Baylor 68-59 Saturday, keeping the Bears from breaking another lengthy losing streak.

Oklahoma (18-3, 6-2 Big 12) needed just four minutes after halftime to erase a seven-point deficit, getting even at 43 by the first timeout of the second half. The Sooners needed less than two minutes more to go ahead to stay.

The first of three straight 3-pointers by J.R. Raymond tied it with 16:10 left, just seconds after Najera worked strong inside for a basket. Raymond hit another 3-pointer with 14:39 left to break the tie, and another about a minute later.

The closest Baylor got after that was 53-51 when Charlie Naihe made a 3-pointer with 10:03 left. Najera responded at the other end with a strong inside basket and the lead grew to as much as 13.

In its previous three games, Baylor (11-9, 2-7) had snapped a 22-game Big 12 losing streak and then won a conference game on the road for the first time in 19 trips. The Bears still haven't beaten a ranked team since 1998, and have lost 12 straight against the Sooners.

Najera finished with 20 points and 16 rebounds — 10 of the boards also coming after the break — for his ninth double-double in 12 games.

Raymond finished with 15 points, all on 3-pointers.

The Sooners won their fourth straight game by shooting 54 percent from the field (23-of-43), including 9-of-17 3-pointers. Oklahoma has shot 50 percent (115-of-229) overall in the streak.

After hitting 15-of-31 first-half shots while taking a 38-31 halftime lead, Baylor made just 7-of-29 (24 percent) after halftime.

Jamie Kendrick had 13 points of his 15 points by halftime for Baylor, including his layup with 5:49 left that put Baylor ahead until midway through the second half.

DeMarcus Minor led the Bears with 17 points and eight assists.

Top-ranked Cincinnati continues winning, thumping UAB, 93-80

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Kenyon Martin had a career high 31 points and 16 rebounds Saturday as No. 1 Cincinnati stopped UAB's 10-game home winning streak, 93-80.

Martin was a one-man show for the Bearcats, getting seven blocks and two steals to go along with his scoring and rebounding.

UAB, which made just 5 of 20 shots through the first eight minutes and had six turnovers, quickly trailed 25-11. The Bearcats stretched their lead to as many as 17 in the first half and led 43-30 at the break.

Eric Holmes scored four to lead a Blazers' rally to 51-44 with 12:49 left, but Cincinnati reclaimed the game on a 14-2 run.

Pete Mickeal, in foul trouble most of the day, converted a three-point play. Martin made a free throw and Steve Logan and Mickeal each connected on 3-pointers during the run to make it 63-46 with 10:35 to go. Logan finished with 25 points, including four 3-pointers. Eric Holmes led UAB with 25.

No. 3 Duke 106, Virginia 86

Scratch fatigue and emotional letdown as possible stumbling blocks for No. 3 Duke.

Forty hours after beating arch-rival North Carolina in overtime on the road, the streaking Blue Devils defeated Virginia 106-86 Saturday, getting 25 points each from Chris Carrawell and Carlos Boozer

and 21 from Shane Battier.

Duke's season-high first-half point total (65) almost matched its shooting percentage (68.4) over the opening 20 minutes. Virginia coach Pete Gillen called three timeouts in the first half, but nothing could slow down the Blue Devils' onslaught.

Carrawell and Boozer had 16 points each in a half in which the Blue Devils made 26 of 38 shots and forced 10 turnovers.

The Cavaliers, the second-best offensive team in the ACC, missed their first eight shots and were 3-for-18 to fall into a deep hole early.

A pair of free throws by Battier midway through the half put Duke up 31-14 and Virginia was on its way to its 11th straight loss in the series.

No. 8 Michigan St. 85, No. 7 UConn 66

Charlie Bell opened each half with a 3-pointer and Michigan State rolled to an 85-66 win over Connecticut in a battle between two of last season's Final Four teams Saturday.

It was a school-record 24th straight home win for the No. 8 Spartans (17-5), breaking a mark set during the early 1930s and matched during the mid-1960s.

The loss snapped a three-game winning streak for seventh-ranked UConn (16-5).

The Spartans, who haven't been outrebounded all season, had a 40-26 edge on the boards, 25-17 at the defensive end.

Morris Peterson led the Spartans with 16 points, fresh-

man Jason Richardson scored 14, A.J. Granger had 13 and Bell 11.

Khalid El-Amin scored 21 for the cold-shooting Huskies, who hit only 26-of-60 from the field.

The Spartans, holding UConn to two field goals over the final 4:58, led 46-17 at halftime without having a player in double figures. They had held UConn to 8-of-28 from the field and outrebounded the Huskies 24-10. Connecticut didn't attempt a free throw in the first half.

No. 10 Auburn 73, Arkansas 55

Scott Pohlman scored 13 of his 21 points in a four-minute span of the second half, and 10th-ranked Auburn's defense took care of the rest in a 73-55 victory Saturday over Arkansas.

The Tigers started a 30-5 run late in the first half after trailing by as many as 10 points.

The Razorbacks were just 2-of-21 from the floor in the first 15 minutes of the second half.

Arkansas had hit six 3-pointers in a six-minute span of the first half for a 35-25 lead. Then the shots quit falling, and Auburn scored 35 of the game's next 44 points.

Chris Porter finished with 20 points and four steals. Daymeon Fishback added 11 points.

Alonzo Lane scored 10 points for Arkansas. Brandon Davis and Teddy Gipson had nine apiece.

The Razorbacks were 15-of-29 from the floor before the break and 4-of-27 afterward.

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Senior Central

Place for meeting, sharing a meal in jeopardy due to funding shortage

It's a gathering place for hundreds of local people who come to eat a healthy meal, play a game, dance a few steps, get help with their taxes or find a new talent.

But if more funding is not found, the Spring City Senior Center may not be able to continue to operate.

"If we don't come up with some kind of help, we might have to shut down," said Bobbie Leonard, director of the center for eight years. "This is too nice a place for that to happen."

Recently Leonard announced to seniors gathered at the center that it was having financial problems. In truth, its annual income from federal grants, county and city funds is just over half what it needs to operate each year.

"I don't normally bother them with these problems," Leonard explained, "but this time it seemed too important not to."

After her short speech, Leonard was besieged by seniors with donations, anywhere from \$1 to \$20 and even a couple of \$100 bills.

"I couldn't believe it," she recalled with tears in her eyes. "This place is so important to them. And they were saying, 'Please don't let this place close.'"

The center is a lifeline to seniors in many ways, Leonard said. First and foremost, it offers them a free, hot and nutritious meal at lunchtime each weekday. About 100 seniors take advantage of that; another 50 shut-ins also have a hot meal delivered.

"We'd starve without it," said Francene Smith, only half-joking. She and others recognize that for some seniors, the meal they get at the center is their only hot meal of the day.

"I don't cook at home," acknowledged Dorothy Lusk. "I'm sure there are a lot who don't."

But for some, the center is more importantly a social place. They gather at all hours of the day for activities that range from line dancing to dominoes to art lessons and bingo. Or they just sit and talk. Van service is also provided to give rides to the center, as well as on errands and to medical appointments.

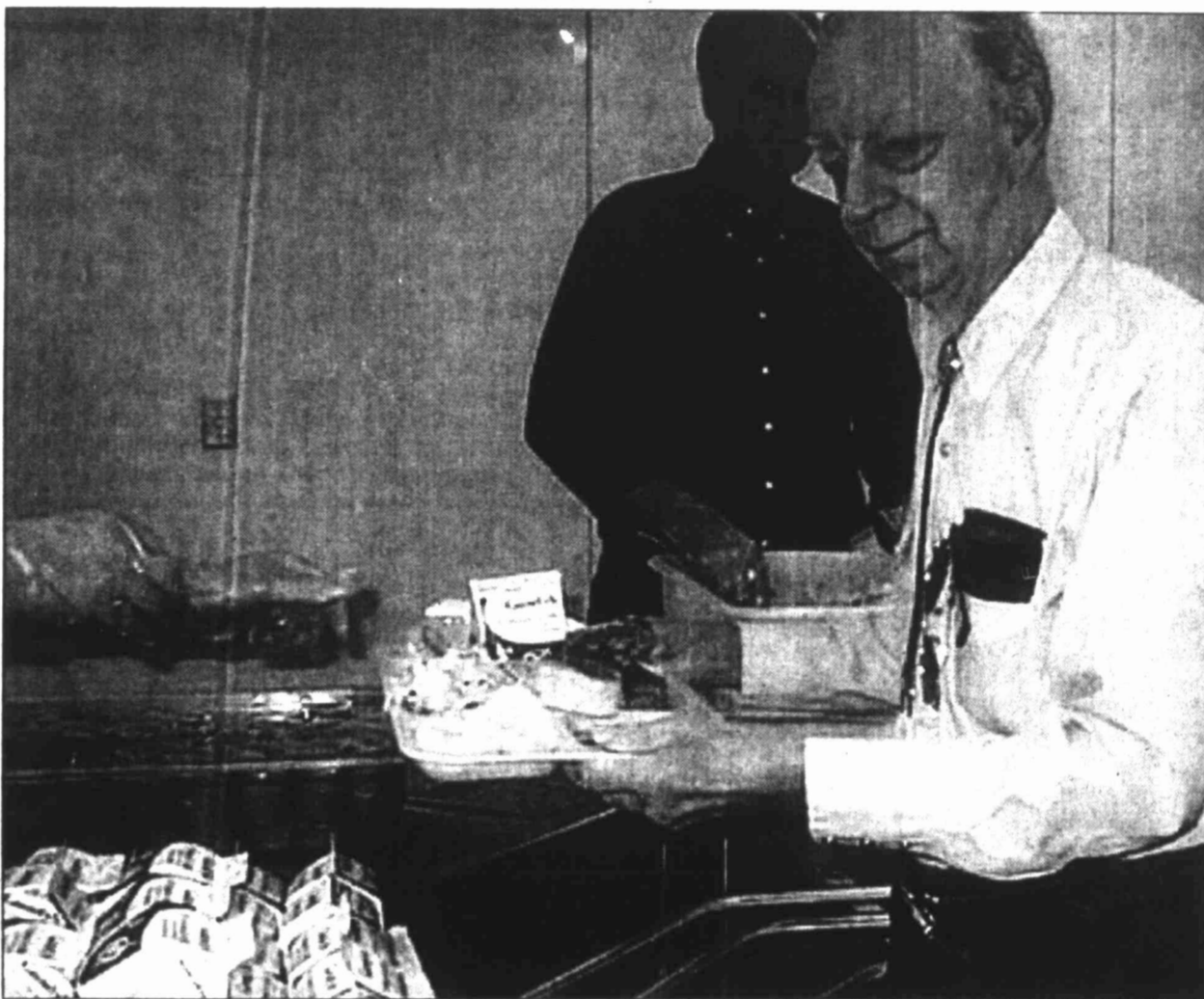
"The fellowship to me is more important than anything else," said Dorothy Bailey as she visited with friends at the center last week. "Without it, I would just sit at home. And that's not good."

Susan Crenshaw, contract manager for the Area Agency on Aging, which provides some of the center's funding, said the social aspect is vital.

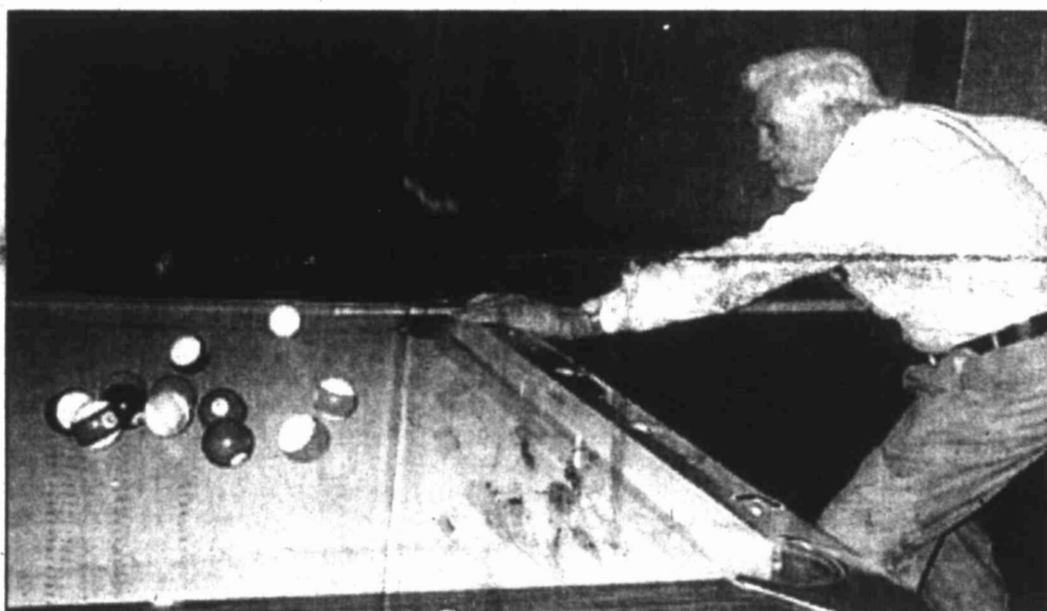
"Socialization helps them to be independent," she said. "Having a center like this gives seniors a place to go to be with others."

She explained that much of the center's funding comes from a program known as the Older Americans Act. Government funds, including Title III and USDA money, are disbursed based on population, number served and other figures. And they fluctuate according to federal allocations.

"Our federal funding seems to be always getting cut," explained Leonard. The center gets about \$100,000 in federal money now, along with \$12,000 from the county and \$5,000 from the city. It also takes in \$36,000 in program income, or fees some seniors pay for their meals and other programs.



At left, Spring City Senior Center participant and volunteer Bob Erickson gets his lunchtime meal while in the background, volunteer Cliff Howard waits to serve another diner. Below, left, Ralph Parkison, 93, shoots in a pool game that organized after lunch one day last week. Below, Dorothy Lusk eats lunch with the company of her friend Dorothy Bailey (back to camera) and Francene Smith (not shown).



At left, senior center volunteer Earnest Grubaugh holds up a number to allow seniors gathered for lunch to join the serving line. The local center has many volunteers among its participants, doing jobs such as cleanup, taking money and other duties.



Its budget, however, is about \$275,000 a year, including utilities, seven paid staff members (all but three part-time), maintenance and use of the van, and the cost of food. The remainder of the money is usually made up with help from fundraisers, donations and grant money from the Dora Roberts Foundation. Board members estimate if the center was forced to close, or cut back on programs, as many as 500 people might be affected. "It would really be bad for the whole community," said Russell Tidwell.

"We need money, that's the problem put in simple terms," said Bobby Sledge. "We've had money from different sources that is not coming in like it did, and things are not as bright and sunny as they used to be."

But all agreed they are committed to keeping the center open with the same programs in place if they can. "I've had people tell me this place was a lifesaver to them," said Leonard. "Without it, they don't know what they would do."

Story and photos by
Cobbie L. Jensen

Car talk: Our autos bring close calls, frustrations and memories

Do you remember your first car? My father taught me to drive on a gasoline tank truck. While he was gone one day, I started the truck and thought I would show off driving around town. All he taught me was how to start and stop; he caught me, so my joy ride was short-lived.

More money is spent on advertising cars than any other product. With good reason, for many it is the largest investment they will make, with car payments to prove it. Some time ago there was even a TV show called "My Mother The Car."

I've talked to people about their cars and everyone had a favorite story. Most of them were great, involving racing or rumble seats or stripped-down

cars that gave a thrill every mile. Or scrapes they got into involving cars!

When I went away to school, my father let me use Uncle Roy's and his hunting car; it was a 1931 Chevrolet two door coupe with a rumble seat. It had square corners and if you went over 45 miles an hour, it whistled.

In warm weather the rumble seat was left open. Although the car had few miles on it, it had hauled many wet hunting dogs so that's what it smelled like all the time. Since they had trouble finding the keys, it had a toggle switch instead. It was a great car and no one ever tried to steal it!

A lady friend and I shared our rumble seat stories, giggling and laughing like school-

girls. One friend from North Carolina explained to me how the NASCAR races began; just

people who loved cars and speed and put them together with great success.

When we lived at the other house, friends stayed with us several weeks. The husband was in the Air Force on temporary duty in San Antonio; he came home on weekends in his Mercedes 300SL. It was and still is one of the greatest cars ever made, and all the neighbors

came to look when he was at our house.

It was a famous racing car with gull wing doors, specially created tires, a trailblazing engine, and it shifted into third gear at 100 miles per hour.

I got my ride on a hot Saturday afternoon. He shifted into third gear and 100 mph at the refinery. It was unbelievably noisy, and so hot I couldn't breathe. When I tried to open the window, he screamed, "Don't do that, the door will fly off!"

He took our neighbor up Scenic Mountain. When they came back, Alex was as cool as a cucumber. The neighbor, however, was shaking so hard he couldn't light his cigarette. I asked him where they had gone, and he said, "I don't

know, we were going too fast!"

He always drove back from San Antonio very late; it took five hours from the base to our house. Once a driver in a new Chevrolet tried to keep up with him. At 120 mph, the Chevrolet driver's wife was screaming at her husband. Alex accelerated to 150 mph-plus, and left him behind. The 300SL could maintain that speed all day.

We visited them in Great Falls, Mont. "The car," in pristine condition, was pampered in that cold climate with a special garage and heaters. The house was nice, but the garage showed more consideration for the car than the house did for the people.

Cars are such a big part of our lives that we take them for granted — until they break

down or have to be replaced. Although I have always been fascinated by cars, I drive a 9-year-old vehicle with no plans to get a new model.

Most of us drive SUVs out here because of our jobs and the long distances involved. When I lived in Dallas, there were so many in Highland Park they were called "Texas Cadillacs."

The car industry is touting windshields with infrared screens that see at night, an automatic pilot, computers to find us, and computers to keep us from getting lost. I could use one of those.

Boy, Henry Ford really started something, didn't he! Mary Randle writes a monthly column for the Big Spring Herald.



MARY RANDLE

PHOTO BY BOBBY SLEDGE

WEDDINGS

Ogburn-Bagwell

Katherine Ogburn and Michael Bagwell united in marriage on Nov. 6, 1999, at the First United Methodist Church with Dr. Ed Williamson and the Rev. Jack Abendschan officiating.

She is the daughter of Carol and Redge Crowder of Big Spring, and of Charline and Jeanette Ogburn of Forsyth, Ga.

He is the son of Chuck and Sue Bagwell of Big Spring.

Organist was David Gilbreath, guitarist and soloist was Virgil Feinsod.

Given in marriage by her father, the bride wore an antique ivory satin sleeveless gown with a square neckline. It featured a cowl-draped back with a bow flowing to sashes overlaying the train. The bodice, sashes, train, and hem were embellished with reem-broidered lace and pearls.

She carried a cascading bouquet of casa blanca lilies and greenery.

Matron of honor was Laura Vriezelaar, sister of the bride.

Lisha Leatherwood and Wendy Scott were the bridesmaids.

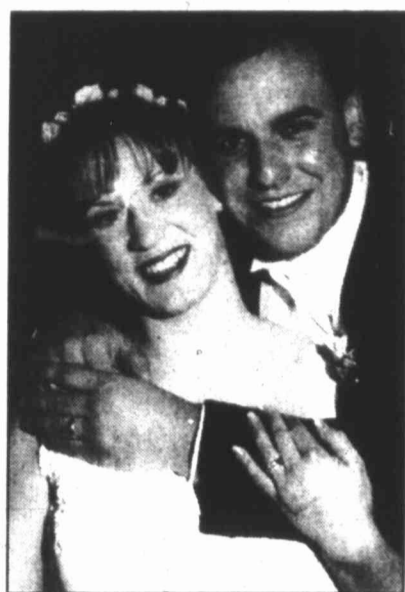
Hanna Feinsod was the flower girl, and Triston Dodson was the ringbearer.

Brad Everett served as best man.

Serving as groomsmen were Chad Averette, Chris Evans, Matt Bagwell and Jon Bagwell.

Matt Bagwell and Jon Bagwell also served as ushers.

Following the ceremony, a reception was held at The Stampede with Texas Rhythm



MR. AND MRS. MICHAEL BAGWELL

of Amarillo providing the music and a barbecue dinner served by the groom's parents.

The wedding cake was a three tiered white cake with buttercream icing, cornelli lace piping and fresh casa blanca lilies.

The groom's cake was a German chocolate cake with white frosting.

The bride is a 1992 graduate of Snyder High School and is owner/manager of Sportsman's Club in Colorado City.

The groom is a 1993 graduate of Forsan High School and a 1998 Tarleton State University graduate. He is owner/manager of Sportsman's Club in Colorado City.

Following a wedding trip to Aruba, the couple has made their home at Lake Colorado City.

Umbilical cord blood offers new life to others

VICTORIA (AP)— A new procedure using umbilical cord blood not only has put 10-year-old leukemia patient Eddie Benavides into remission, it has allowed him to be a little boy.

Like most little boys, Eddie enjoys riding his bike in the sunshine and playing in the piles of crispy leaves in his backyard in San Antonio.

But until a year ago, Eddie couldn't do the things that other little boys do. He couldn't ride a bike or attend birthday parties with his friends, or play in the leaves that his father raked in the yard.

"He had just turned 5 when he was diagnosed with leukemia," said his mother Olga Benavides.

She spoke quietly after a pause, "I'll never forget that phone call."

Olga said she would sit with her son while he received chemotherapy in the hospital.

She said he cried even though he wasn't in much pain.

"Don't think about the pain," she had said to him. "Just think about going home with Mama."

Olga said that her son went through so many procedures that it hurt her as a parent.

The pause in her voice grew longer, as if remembering a painful event somewhere in her life, then she continued to speak dryly.

The woman said that she knew, however, that her doctors would do everything they could to save her son.

Eddie had received treatment for four years. During that time he had two relapses while his doctors found new sites of the cancer.

Eddie's parents never gave up hope and offered all the love and support they could muster.

For four years, Eddie and his parents went back and forth to the hospital for the sickening cocktail of powerful cancer-fighting drugs.

"I knew that it was going to take time," Olga said. "It was hard, but I knew that I was always going to bring him home."

She spoke solemnly as she explained that her son was ill from the medication and when he relapsed the second time, his doctors decided to seek a blood donor match.

Olga's voice was again breached by silence, then she continued to explain that they had a blood drive for Eddie, but were unable to find a match. Afraid, she prayed for her son.

Finally, her doctors suggested a new procedure for fighting leukemia using umbilical cord blood.

The blood from a newborn's umbilical cord is a rich source of blood stem cells that form into other blood cells and aid in the growth of bone marrow. This cord blood remains in a newborn's umbilical cord after delivery, and is normally discarded.

Stem cells are the building blocks of the blood and immune system that change into other blood cells; red blood cells that carry oxygen, white blood cells, which fight infection; and platelets, which help the blood to clot.

Umbilical cord blood is a viable alternative to bone marrow in treating several types of leukemia, brain tumors, Hodgkin's disease, non-Hodgkin's lymphoma, ovarian cancer, small-cell lung and testicular cancer, and such blood disorders as sickle cell anemia.

This method of obtaining stem blood cells is non-invasive and painless, unlike the traditional bone marrow donation from an adult.

The South Texas Blood and Tissue Center is a not-for-profit organization responsible for supplying blood and tissue from volunteer donors to 80 hospitals and clinics in 43 counties. In order to meet regional hospital demand, the center must collect 300 units of blood each day from its four donor centers in San Antonio and satellite branches in Victoria and Laredo and through its mobile blood drives.

As a result, more families are opting to bank their newborn's cord blood because the stem cells it contains are genetically unique to their families. Cord blood banking has been called a type of "biological insurance" because it could be useful if certain members of the family require medical treatment involving stem cells. Storing cord blood ensures that these stem cells can be immediately available, avoiding lengthy searches for a specific type of blood.

Cord blood can be stored or banked by cryogenic freezing and can be used by a family member because it is a natural match for the patient's blood type. This service may eliminate the need to search for an unrelated donor and avoid the time-consuming process of finding an unrelated match.

The organization's Community Relations Director Shelly Valdez said that this science is very effective despite it being relatively new.

"Lives have been enhanced by blood tissue transplants," she said. "The use of cord blood could benefit a large number of patients in a culturally diverse population."

Valdez said research indicates that cord blood is viable for 10 years. She cautions that it is a new science and until more research has been done, the exact shelf life cannot be determined.

Eddie received the marrow transfusion from umbilical cord blood in April 1998.

Olga said her husband was skeptical at first, but that she trusted her doctors.

"I knew that it was going to work," she said. "I had faith in my doctors."

She said the 10-minute procedure was painless for Eddie — his doctor injected it intravenously.

Olga said after the procedure, her son was like a new person. Eddie started going to public school for the first time. He no longer has to wear a mask when he goes outside, and he even enjoys an occasional burger and fries.

"He likes doing these things because he missed out on them for so long," she said in a phone interview Tuesday.

While Eddie understands that he has to take special care of himself, he is too young to fully realize his predicament and to appreciate the second chance he has been given by this fairly simple procedure, she added.

"Donating blood is very important," Olga said. "It's a shame that the public doesn't understand the importance of donating blood and bone marrow."

Olga added that she keeps a diary for her son so she can record his progress. She chuckled as she said her son writes little notes that say "I love you, Mama."

VA VITAL SIGNS

By IVA JO HANSLIK
VA Medical Center

Each month Cary D. Brown, Chief Executive Officer, recognizes an "Employee of the Month." These employees are nominated based on their exemplary service to our veterans and fellow co-workers.

January 2000 Employee of the Month: Norma Fraser, Accounting Technician, Engineering Service. "Ms. Fraser has shown to be resourceful and expedient in assuring that all documents have been completed in a high quality organized manner. This could especially be seen while she systematically prepared documents for the Chief Engineer and Assistant Chief Engineer in preparation for the 1999 CCAHO survey." Congratulations Ms. Fraser.

The West Texas VA Health Care System invites the public to participate in open house activities Feb. 13-19, during the observance of National Salute to Hospitalized Veterans.

"The National Salute of Hospitalized Veterans gives everyone a chance to let those who have given the nation so much know that they are not forgotten," said VA Medical Center Chief Executive Officer Cary Brown. "We've invited local celebrities, athletes, school children, and other groups to visit during the week. We want people of all ages to bring Valentine cheer to our patients."

We've scheduled activities to bring patients and visitors together throughout the week. Entertainment and autograph signing will be extended to the veterans on Monday, Feb. 14, 2 p.m. in room 212. A variety of service organizations and active duty military have scheduled visits and refreshments for our hospitalized veterans during the entire week.

Mr. Brown said he hopes visitors will also learn more about the important roles volunteers play at the medical center throughout the year and perhaps pursue volunteer opportunities themselves.

"The National Salute is a great way for people to learn more about helping the veterans we serve here at the medical center," Brown said. "We hope that individuals and groups will join us during this week to give special recognition to these men and women."

Television and film actor Richard Crenna, three-time Golden Globe Award nominee, is national chairman of the 2000 National Salute to Hospitalized Veterans. The U.S. Army World War II veteran will visit VA medical centers during Salute week and promote the VA volunteer program throughout the year.

Syndicated advice columnist Ann Landers has again asked her readers to send "Valentines to veterans" during the National Salute. Her call last year generated over a million cards and letters to hospitalized veterans.

Individuals or groups wishing to participate in the medical center program should call the Office of Community Relations at 264-4824.

Stand Down 2000 is now history. This four-day event provided information and assistance to more than 115 homeless and low-income veterans. Cary Brown extends his sincere appreciation to the entire community for the support received for Stand Down 2000.

Big Spring VA Medical Center welcomes the following new employees: Gary Grice, engineering service; Ronald Moore, environmental management service; Sheila Moore, social work service; Freddie Williams, environmental management service; Carolyn Baker, nursing service; Diane Livengood, nutrition and food service; Katy Wong, medical service; Jose Hernandez, pathology and laboratory medicine; Sandra Griffin, nursing service; Diedra Burgess, nutrition and food service; Gloria Chappell, nursing service; Cindi Mayhugh, medical administration service; Janette Griffith, nursing service; Lisa Carragher, medical administration service; Stacie Deleon, medical administration service; Irma Trevino, environmental management service; Dwight Yarbrough, psychiatry service; Anna Yanez, nursing service; Evelyn Wilkins, canteen service; Michelle Torres, pharmacy service; Wendy Langston, resource management service; Ross White, engineering service.

Feb. 13-19 National Salute to Hospitalized Veterans.

Iva Jo Hanslik is temporarily the Community Relations Coordinator at the VA Medical Center.

IN THE MILITARY

Vanessa C. Olivas, daughter of Edward and Linda Olivas of Big Spring, enlisted in the U.S. Air Force's Delayed Enlistment Program on Jan. 24.

Vanessa will graduate from Big Spring High School and is scheduled for enlistment in the regular Air Force on June 21. Upon successfully completing the Air Force's six week basic military training at Lackland Air Force Base, San Antonio, Vanessa is scheduled to receive technical training in the administrative aptitude area career field.

The Texas Chapter LST/Amphibious Association is looking for all amphibious shipmates for reunions with old shipmates. The next reunion will be held in Beaumont at the 11th Street Holiday Inn on April 27-29. For more information contact R.H. Garner LST 461; HC 52, Box 362; Hemphill; 75948.

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).

The USS Saint Paul CA 73 and USS Minneapolis-Saint Paul SSN-708 will hold its 10th reunion Aug. 22-26, in Colorado Springs, Colo.

For more information or to give the whereabouts of former crew members, contact George M. Takis Jr., Secretary; 125 Spalding Drive, N.E.; Atlanta, Ga.; 30328; or call (770)393-3185.

The USS Cascade Ad-16 will have a reunion on Aug. 6-13, in Richmond, Va., at the Holiday Inn Select.

For more information contact Lyle "Preacher" Burchette; P.O. Box 566; Hollister, Mo.; 65673; or call (417)334-5627; or Bob Croghan; 7827 Cassia Court; St. Louis, Mo.; 63123; or leave a message at (314)849-3340.

The 82nd Airborne Division Association will have a mid-winter conference in Nevada, The Spring Fling in Virginia and the Static Line Awards in Atlanta.

We are in search of those who served in the 82nd Airborne Division.

For more information or to give the whereabouts of any member, please contact: Airborne of 2000; 5459 Northcutt PI; Dayton, Ohio; 45414-3742; or call Shirley Gossett (WWII) at 1-937-898-5977.

STORK CLUB

Gary Matthew Hernandez, boy, Jan. 6, 2000, 6:18 p.m., one pound seven ounces; parents are Jeannie and Gary Hernandez.

Grandparents are Olga and Ignacio Hernandez of Big Spring, Mary Lou Filla of St. Louis, Mo., and Richard and Elaine Filla of Desoto, Mo.

Saige Makayla Stallings, girl, Jan. 20, 2000, 12:34 p.m., seven pounds 1.5 ounces, 19.75 inches long; parents are Kneel and Linda Kaye Stallings.

Grandparents are David and Linda Barnes of Big Spring, and Gary and Cynthia Stallings of Tularosa, N.M.

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NEWCOMERS

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

Michael and Becky Solis and daughter Daisy, Lamesa. He is a mechanic for G&M Garage.

Phillip and Thelma Shanks and sons Brandon and Zackery, Fort Worth. He is employed by the Federal Correctional Institution.

Tim and Cheryl Stewart and sons Alex and Cory, Snyder. He is the manager for Colortime.

Robert B. McFaul, San Antonio. He is a surgeon at Malone & Hogan Clinic.

Tim and Tammy Woellert, Oklahoma City, he is employed by Wal-mart.

Kim E. Theffon, Hamilton. She is a student at Howard College.

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TUESDAY-Hamburgers, french fries, squash, lettuce & tomatoes, milk/buns, cobbler.

WEDNESDAY-Enchiladas, rice, beans, cucumber/tomato salad, milk/cornbread, fruit.

THURSDAY-Charbroiled steak, potatoes, carrots, salad, milk/rolls, cookies.

FRIDAY-Turkey & dressing, sweet potatoes, mixed vegetables, salad, milk/rolls, cake.

SANDS SCHOOLS
MONDAY-Burritos, salad, corn, hot sauce, cake, milk.

TUESDAY-Bar-be-que ribs, ranch style beans, potato salad, hot rolls, cobbler, milk.

WEDNESDAY-Taco salad, chips, pinto beans, cornbread, apple crisps, milk.

THURSDAY-Roast beef w/gravy, sliced potatoes, june peas w/carrots, fruit, milk.

FRIDAY-Pizza, salad, pork & beans, cake or fruit, milk.

ELBOW ELEMENTARY
MONDAY-Pizza, salad, corn, fruit, milk.

TUESDAY-German sausage, potato salad, pinto beans, fruit/hot roll, milk.

WEDNESDAY-Beef mac casserole, green beans, fruit, crackers, milk.

THURSDAY-Hamburger, french fries, salad, pickle spears, milk.

FRIDAY-Beef/bean chalupa, salad, fruit, milk.

COAHOMA SCHOOLS
MONDAY-Pizza, tater tots, apples, milk. Teachers only: salad or baked potato.

TUESDAY-Chicken nuggets, gravy, green beans, mashed potatoes, rolls, milk.

WEDNESDAY-Enchiladas (corn dogs), ranch beans, milk, jello w/fruit.

THURSDAY-Fried chicken (ham sandwiches), gravy, corn, potatoes, rolls, milk.

FRIDAY-BBQ beef on bun (burritos), baked beans, chips, fresh fruit, milk.

FORSAN SCHOOLS
MONDAY-Burritos, buttered potatoes, salad, cookies, fruit, milk.

TUESDAY-Chili cheese fries, ranch style beans, salad, banana pudding, milk.

WEDNESDAY-Hamburgers and cheese, chips, pickles and onions, salad, ice cream, milk.

THURSDAY-Soup, sandwiches, chips, salad, spice cake, applesauce, milk.

FRIDAY-Steak and gravy, whipped potatoes, green beans, hot rolls, jello and fruit, milk.

BIG SPRING SCHOOLS
MONDAY-Breaded pork cutlet, herb rice, ranch style beans, spiced apples, hot roll, milk.

TUESDAY-Soup & sandwich, carrot sticks, jello w/mixed fruit, milk.

WEDNESDAY-Tamales w/chili, refried beans w/cheese, corn on cob, apple, milk.

THURSDAY-Chicken fried steak, mashed potatoes, green beans, sliced pears, hot roll, milk.

FRIDAY-Cheeseburger, salad, french fries, border beans, cookie, milk.

STANTON SCHOOLS
MONDAY-Cheeseburger on bun (hamburger), potato puffs, hamburger salad, mixed fruit, sugar cookies, milk, fruit drink.

TUESDAY-Shepherd's pie (country fried steak), mashed potatoes, cream gravy, green beans, apple cobbler, rolls, milk.

WEDNESDAY-Baked fish (corn dogs), macaroni & cheese, mixed vegetables, apples, Italian break, milk, fruit drink.

THURSDAY-Pizza (baked potato), green beans, vegetable sticks, peaches, chocolate chip cookies, milk, fruit drink.

FRIDAY-Bean burrito (hot dog), chili con carne & beans, corn, mixed fruit, brownies, milk, fruit drink.

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Pictured: Peach — Short-haired male, 2 years old plus, neutered, very loving.

Special Note: All dogs and cats presently available for adoption at the shelter have received their vaccinations, including rabies.

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Poppy — Short haired grey female tabby, 1 year old, spayed.

M — Short haired black and grey female tabby, 8 years old plus, spayed.

Maya — Short haired grey female tabby, 1 year old plus, spayed.

Sally — Short haired female Calico, 1 year old plus, spayed.

Bobby — Short haired grey and white male, 1 year old, neutered.

These, plus many more dogs and cats are awaiting adoption. Adoption fees for dogs are just \$60 and cats are \$50. This includes spaying or neutering, vaccinations, wormings and rabies shots. Also covers feline leukemia tests for cats. All pets come with a two-week trial period. Call the shelter at 267-7832 for more information.

RELIGION BRIEFS

LOUISVILLE, Ky. (AP) — The Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.) says it lost \$1.7 million on a youth rally in Indianapolis that ended New Year's Day. The denomination hoped 30,000 teens and young adults would attend "The Dawn ... an Epiphany," but only 2,000 turned up.

Presbyterian official John Dettterick said due to the debt the denomination should reduce its planned gift of \$400,000 to help the National Council of Churches meet a 1999 operating deficit of \$3.2 million.

"We mismanaged this even," Dettterick told Presbyterian News Service. He called the youth rally a spiritual success for those who attended, but a financial disaster for the denomination.

Congregations strive to cross the lines of culture and race

ARLINGTON (AP) — In the 1950s, the Rev. Billy Graham told "Reader's Digest" that 11 a.m. Sunday is the most segregated hour of the week.

Not much has changed.

Although churches are making concerted efforts to diversify their congregations and leadership, the process has been slow, church leaders and church-growth experts say.

The biggest factor inhibiting growth has been overcoming the cultural differences between services, many leaders said.

"It takes a great deal of adaptation for an African-American Baptist to go to a traditional Anglo church because they are not nearly as expressive," said Charles Chaney, a research professor in missions at Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary in Fort Worth.

"And for someone who is Anglo who goes to an African-American church where there's celebration and joy, it could be uncomfortable."

Also, because even churches that are considered multicultural tend to conduct services in English, many people who speak English as a second language may just feel more comfortable attending a mono-cultural church, Chaney said.

"You have people who, hey, they've been speaking English all week, at least on Sunday they want to hear good ol' Spanish like it's spoken in heaven," Chaney said.

That was the case for St. Matthew Catholic Church in Arlington, which lost 1,700 Vietnamese members when they moved to their own building on East Mayfield Road.

Still, the church is holding its own in terms of diversity as

Masses become more and more mixed, the Rev. Joe Schumacher said.

But many say the resistance is not necessarily a negative.

And a church that strives to be diverse may run into problems when it meshes the cultural differences that make groups unique, said Sylvester Key, senior pastor of Grace United Methodist Church in Arlington.

Grace, a predominantly African-American church, does have members of different cultures.

Once headed by an Anglo female pastor, the church has not tried to create a worship style that is a conglomerate of the diversity, but instead keeps its African-American cultural identity.

"If you try to be middle ground, no one's going to identify with what you're doing," Key said. "We're going to keep our identity, yes we're going to keep the worship style."

Finding a worship style that appeals to a mixed congregation has been the major obstacle for the Rev. Steve Drake, who left Cornerstone Baptist Church in Arlington to form a multicultural church now meeting in Hurst.

It has been tough finding the right type of music, the right preaching style, to accommodate people who may have grown up with vastly different church styles, he said.

"It's one thing to say that it's a Chinese restaurant, but when you get in and it's soul food, that's false advertising," Drake said.

Yet, few churches are completely integrated, and many feel Graham's comments in the 1950s are as relevant today as they were then.

WHO'S WHO

Big Spring resident Molly Balthrop, a graduate of Big Spring High School and the daughter of Craig and Claudia Balthrop, has been named to the Austin College Dean's List for the 1999 Fall semester.

All students named to the Dean's List earned a semester grade point average of at least 3.71 on a 4.0 scale and are ranked in the top 20 percent of the student body.

Kamie Schwartz has been elected to serve as President of Chi Omega Sorority at West Texas A&M University where she is a junior. She served as secretary of the organization last year. In addition, Kamie has been named as a finalist for University Queen with the winner to be announced at the University Formal on Feb. 11.

Kamie is a 1998 graduate of Garden City High School and the daughter of Floyd and Martha Schwartz of St. Lawrence. Her grandparents are Emma Doe of Big Spring, and Joe and Rose Schwartz of Garden City.

Amanda Tijerina has been named to the Dean's Honor Roll of Scholars at the University of North Texas. Only students who have earned a 3.5 grade point average on a course load of 12 or more hours during the past semester earn the distinction.

tion of the Dean's Honor Roll. She is the daughter of Santos and Amparo Tijerina of Big Spring.

Hardin-Simmons University announces that Tonya Vess of Big Spring has made the Honorable Mention Honor Roll for the fall 1999 semester.

The HSU Honorable Mention Roll honors students who completed six to 11 semester hours with a grade point average of 3.60 or higher for that semester.

Blinn College has announced its academic honor students for the 1999 fall semester on its Bryan campus.

Those students from Howard County making the lists were Kara Hughes of Big Spring, a Distinguished Student.

The college recognizes those students who take a minimum of 12 college credit hours and earn a grade point average of 3.25 to 2.74 as Distinguished Students.

Hardin-Simmons University announces that Tara Sterling of Coahoma has made the Dean's List for the fall 1999 semester.

The HSU Dean's List honors students who completed 12 or more semester hours with a grade point average of at least 3.75 for that semester.

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Woman gives birth to triplets for second time

BALTIMORE (AP) — Defying odds of about one in 50 million, a woman has given birth to triplets for the second time in less than two years.

Crystal Cornick, 19, who was not using fertility drugs, gave birth Tuesday to her fourth, fifth and sixth children at the University of Maryland Hospital. Doctors say Cornick and her babies should be able to go home in a week or two.

Cornick and her fiancé, Richard Williams, 22, said they were in shock when they learned they were having triplets again.

"I was at work, she called me ... and said we're having triplets. I said, 'No, you're lying, stop lying,'" Williams said.

Cornick said her pastor helped reassure her.

"He said your children are a blessing and you should feel lucky to have them, because some people can't have children and you're lucky to be blessed with three at once," Cornick said. "So that kind of put me at ease."

The children, Ariel, Tyler and Tyree, were in stable condition this morning in the hospital's neonatal intensive care unit.

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Nursing home owners plead for increase in Medicaid payments

AUSTIN (AP) — Bobby Dockal said money is so tight in the nursing home business that only those who couldn't get jobs flipping burgers will take his \$8.25 an hour jobs as nursing aides.

"I am competing with McDonald's and fast food chains, and they are going up to \$10," he said. "In order to attract people who are good, you have to pay a better wage. I can't do that."

Dockal nodded Friday as nursing home executives pleaded at a hearing with the Department of Human Services to raise Medicaid payments for nursing home patients.

"I have been in the nursing home business since 1970," said Dockal, who

owns or operates eight homes in the Austin area. "This is the roughest time I have ever seen."

Peter Longo, chairman of Texas Health Care Association, a nursing home trade group, testified that companies are going broke due to chronically low reimbursement rates and the rising costs of liability insurance and labor.

While more than 200 executives, workers and patients applauded, Longo called for a larger spending increase than the 3.7 percent proposed by the human services department.

The industry lost \$4 a day for every Medicaid patient in 1999, Longo said,

and nursing home operators need at least a 6.2 percent increase this year just to keep up with expenses.

Those expenses include liability insurance, which has increased from about \$650 per bed in 1998 to \$1,811 in 1999 due to increased punitive damage awards against the industry, he said.

Longo said Texas nursing homes are fighting a losing battle with the fast food business for entry-level employees. "Whataburger can afford to pay health benefits, we can't," he said after the hearing.

The result, he said, is that more than 20 percent of Texas nursing homes are in bankruptcy, "with more looming on

the horizon."

"The frail, indigent, elderly of this state deserve better than what is proposed," he said. "We urge you on their behalf to do the right thing."

Health and Human Services Commissioner Don Gilbert is expected to set the Medicaid reimbursement rate next week, said Charles Stuart, a spokesman for the commission.

The reimbursements are money paid to the homes for caring for Medicaid patients. The rate is related to the amount the state will pay for health care for the elderly, according to the Texas Health Care Association. In round figures, the federal Medicaid

program pays about two dollars for each dollar the state pays.

Because the Legislature has authorized only enough money for a 3.7 percent increase, Gilbert's options are somewhat limited, he said.

"Obviously, we have to work with the money that has been appropriated," Stuart said.

The Legislature has set aside another \$25 million for reimbursing new spending on patient care, although the state bureaucrats have not yet written the fine print on that policy, Stuart said.

"They want to have the rate tied to the quality of care," he said of lawmakers.

Culligan building new location on FM 700

By CARL GRAHAM
Staff Writer

Big Spring residents driving down FM 700 lately have probably noticed a lot of construction work near Schlottzsky's Deli and wondered what's going on.



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Well wonder no more. It's the future location of the Culligan water conditioning office.

Richard Wright, local owner/manager of the facility, is looking forward to seeing it completed.

"I'm hoping to be in there by the first of May but a realistic date or a guarantee date is the first of June," said Wright.

The new structure will cover about 8,000 square feet and according to Wright will be a more convenient location and look a lot better.



HERALD photo/Carl Graham

Mitch Gutierrez is busy leveling the ground at the future home of Culligan Water Conditioning, owned by Richard Wright. The new building, located near the 1500 block of East FM 700, should be ready by May.

"You know the main purpose of this whole deal is to have a dealership with a good location to serve my customers better, especially now with us getting into the sprinkler system business," Wright said.

Getting into the sprinkler system business was sort of by accident, according to Wright.

"I got a few calls from folks asking me if I knew of anyone that could do sprinkler systems and I thought to myself I can do

that," Wright said. "I ended up getting my license and now three of my employees have passed their tests and are now licensed to install sprinkler systems."

Culligan offers services,

rentals and sales, salt delivery service, bottled water, water conditioners, drinking water systems, free water analysis and repairs systems as well.

The first Culligan business was housed at Sixth and Golliad

and that building is still there. In 1992, Wright moved his business to its present location on Union Street.

"Really we just outgrew our

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Ag grants

From maroon carrots to Polish chefs, grants promote Texas products

AUSTIN (AP) — The Texas Department of Agriculture awarded financial grants last

Cost is \$29,235.

J&D Produce of Edinburg will undertake a \$29,959 project to open new markets for maroon carrots developed by Texas A&M University's Vegetable Improvement center. The carrots, which have maroon exteriors, contain up to 40 percent more beta carotene than regular carrots.

Other grants: — Brazos Country Foods, Bryan, \$10,000, for recipe cards and other materials promoting Red Eye Bloody Mary Mix as a cooking ingredient.

— Douget's Rice Milling, Beaumont, \$30,000, for in-store promotions to increase rice sales in South and West Texas.

— Messina-Hof Wine Cellars, Bryan, \$23,000 to develop point-of-sale materials promoting the Texas wine industry in retail stores.

— Texas Nursery and Landscape Association, Austin, \$12,000 to create a media kit promoting landscape plants identified as superior for the Texas environment.

— Texas Wine and Grape Growers Association, \$14,400, to publish a "Texas Wine Country Tour Guide" and \$14,441 to establish a Texas Hill Country Wine Trail.

— Citrus Marketing Inc., Mission, \$23,529 to conduct samplings of Texas vegetables at retail stores; and \$25,882 to create point-of-sale materials for a Gulf Coast weekend sweepstakes to attract shoppers to Texas watermelon, cantaloupe and honeydew melon displays.

— Younger Brothers Sausage Co., Amarillo, \$7,058 for advertising about buying from local producers to enhance the rural economy.



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week for a series of promotions — everything from selling more maroon carrots to teaching Polish chefs how to serve beef in Texas-style dishes.

Eleven projects, totaling \$220,000, were the first to receive matching funds under a new Go Texan Partner Program created by the 1999 Legislature to boost sales of agricultural products and commodities.

Agriculture Commissioner Susan Combs said the program offers some good news to farmers and ranchers coping with the third drought in four years.

"This is a positive sign that Texas agriculture is alive, well and taking off in exciting new directions," she said.

Money for the projects comes from both the state and grant recipients themselves, said Delane Caesar, assistant agriculture commissioner. Producers, commodity groups, cooperatives and small businesses may apply for funding.

One grant went to the Texas Beef Council, which will conduct training seminars in Poland in cooperation with the U.S. Meat Export Federation.

The training will teach chefs and restaurant owners in seven cities how to serve underutilized beef cuts and should help cattlemen by creating a demand for beef chuck and round, which have dropped more than 20 percent in value since 1992.

Area FFA, 4-H members to compete in Houston

By CARL GRAHAM
Staff Writer

Forty-three area FFA members will be joining other FFA and 4-H members from all over Texas for intense competition in the show ring at the 2000 Houston Livestock Show and Rodeo from Feb. 18 through March 5, at the Astroball.

The junior show, which showcases the animal projects of these FFA and 4-H exhibitors, is held during the second week of

livestock competition, beginning Feb. 24. Professional breeders and ranchers will compete for top prize money and global recognition in the livestock industry during the first week of the show, which kicks off Feb. 18.

Entries from both the open and junior shows, along with the horse show, combine to make the Houston Livestock Show the largest event of its kind.

Howard County FFA members

participating at Houston are Nick Bailey, Cory Joe Baker, Dustyn Beauchamp, Aaron Ty Beckworth, Shelly Chaney, Leonard Crowell, Angela Dickinson, Kristie Gunselman, Joshua Hampton, Heather Harris, Barrett Hutchison, Andrew Ison, Jeremy Knight, Lyndell Leatham, Sydney Leatham, Cody McCann, Sara Murphree, Austin Nutting, Brandi Plantt, Steven Watson, Christopher Viginton, and Tony Wyrick.

Stanton FFA members participating are Karyn Cook, Keith Cook, Jeremy McIntyre, Thomas McKenzie, Zackery Pylant, and Lance Waters.

Grady FFA members participating are Michelle Cardwell, Kendell Cook, Lacey Cox, Sandi Cox, Bryan Creech, Winston Holloway, Jusdon Oppgaard, Whitney Oppgaard, Derrick Pruitt, Cole Romine, Geoffrey Schuette, Eric Tunnell.

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IN THE NEWS

On Wednesday, several important trainings will be offered, including WPS training for agricultural workers and a three CEU opportunity for those with a Pesticide Applicators License. These trainings will take place at the Martin County Community Center in Stanton.

The WPS training will begin with registration at 8:30 a.m. and will conclude at 11 a.m. This is a required training for agricultural workers, unless

they are certified applicators, and must be completed every five years.

Workers must receive complete WPS training by the fifth day of entering into an area on any agricultural establishment that has been treated, or has been under Restricted-Entry Intervals in the last 30 days.

This training is required for all farm workers, is free, and will be offered in Spanish and English. Please RSVP for this event by calling 756-2251 by

Feb. 7 at 5 p.m.

At 1 p.m. on Feb. 9, a course worth three CEU's is going to be offered at the same location. It will include one hour of laws and regulations, one hour of IPM, and one hour of drift. There will be no cost for this event as well. This course will be very valuable to those of you looking for a few more hours to complete the 15 hours required for recertification.

For more information, please call 756-2251.

Total Petroleum settles sexual harassment suit

OKLAHOMA CITY (AP) — A woman who claims she was duped into a blindfolded banana eating contest at a company picnic was awarded \$100,000 Friday as part of a sexual harassment settlement.

Total Petroleum agreed to pay Sabrina Myers and provide sexual harassment training for employees at its Oklahoma gas and convenience stores.

The company also must post a notice of its sexual harassment policies at all facilities.

The lawsuit was filed in September by the Equal Employment Opportunity Commission on behalf of Myers in federal court in Oklahoma City. It accused the company of violating Title VII of the Civil Rights Act.

According to the lawsuit, Myers, a former district manager, was subjected to sexual harassment and discrimination when she was called on to enter a banana eating contest in front of 150 colleagues at a 1997 company picnic.

During the contest, male participants left the stage, leaving Myers to perform alone. Once her blindfold was removed, Myers was subjected to crude sexual remarks from co-workers and supervisors, said Robert Canino, an EEOC attorney in Dallas.



The Big Spring Ambassadors Club last week marked the relocation of Beacon Homes to the McMahon-Wrinkle Airpark with a ribbon cutting. Pictured at center is owner Roy Taylor and Beverly Hearn, general manager.

AT&T defends proposed merger

WASHINGTON (AP) — AT&T defended its proposed merger with cable giant MediaOne Friday as a way to give consumers greater choice in local phone and Internet service. But critics warned that such a combination would give AT&T too much control over the content that reaches peoples' homes.

The nation's No. 1 long-distance carrier squared off with rival phone companies and consumer advocates at a Federal Communications Commission forum on its proposed purchase of MediaOne. That deal, originally valued at \$58 billion, would make AT&T the nation's largest cable TV company and provider of high-speed cable Internet services.

Good time for pruning, transplanting

The recent warm temperatures have finally been replaced by winter weather! Now is a good time to make plans for pruning

and transplanting trees and shrubs. Trees and shrubs are dormant now so now is a good time to prune as well as transplant.

When transplanting established trees or shrubs, prune the top back about 1/3 to compensate for the roots lost in digging.

All pruning cuts should be made with a 90 percent angle to the branch of trees.

Familiarize yourself with the light requirements of the tree before choosing a planting site. Always loosen the soil deep and far beyond the crown or drip line when planting.

Don't fertilize newly transplanted trees or shrubs until after they have started to grow, and then only very lightly the first and year.

Always keep grass and annuals away from the tree or shrub.

Examine the main stem of the tree and face the part that is leaning outward towards the south west. Our predominant south west winds will eventually straighten the stem. Staking with a strap may need to be done.

The purpose of pruning is to remove dead wood. The top portion of the shrub should be balanced with the roots in order to stay healthy. Shrubs should be pruned to reach the desired shape as well as to receive maximum sunlight penetration. Pruning can rejuvenate older plants and can also assist in producing more and better flowers or fruit.

For additional information on this subject or other agriculture related topics, call the Texas Agricultural Extension Office at 264-2236.

(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.)



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Texas ranchers' drought woes are deepening

COLLEGE STATION (AP) — The ongoing drought has cost state ranchers \$154 million in supplemental feed since last summer, and unless it starts raining, crop damage in 2000 could exceed \$1 billion, according to Texas A&M researchers.

Current hay stocks are dwindling and likely won't last through the final two months of cattle feeding season, economists with the Texas Agricultural Extension Services reported this week.

Further, the lack of rain has prevented Texas cattle raisers from increasing herds and enjoying one of the healthiest beef markets in years. Texas beeve numbers dropped by 100,000 during 1999, according to the Texas Agricultural Statistics Service.

Ranchers had hoped to restock after the 1998 drought and the more serious 1996

drought, said Ernie Davis, an extension livestock marketing economist.

"We still haven't been able to start rebuilding herds to take advantage of these prices," Davis said. "If we don't get some good winter and spring rains, there's going to be people scrambling all over the place for hay. We'll see hay prices go up and see (alternative feed) prices go up. As a result, we'll see people continue to liquidate their herds. Some are not in the financial position to have to subsidize feed for their herds for another year."

Dry stock tanks are forcing some raisers to haul water, another additional expense.

While wheat farmers and ranchers are feeling the brunt of the drought this winter, field crops will begin to suffer this spring if the soil remains dry into planting season.

And unlike the beef market, crop commodity prices are slumping, meaning farmers face the prospect of depressed production compounded by low prices for what they manage to bring to market.

"You put the low price situation in combination with low production, then we're going to need government assistance like we got in 1998 and 1999 to keep our farmers and ranchers going," extension economist Roland Smith said.

The extension service estimates losses could approach 20 percent of normal production, or \$637 million, with a 1998-style drought. A more severe drought, as in 1996, could result in a 50 percent production drop that could cost farmers \$1.5 billion.

Ranchers have been maintaining cash flow by slaughtering more heifers, the female

calves usually raised for breeding. Usually, only 35 percent of beef cattle are heifers, but Davis said that number has been running nearly 41 percent recently.

"It's been 5 to 6 percent higher than normal, meaning not many of those heifers are being held back," Davis said. "They're being taken to market, forced to slaughter just to get cash flow for the ranches. It's not a matter of profits, it's a matter of cash flow (for ranchers)."

Stock ponds are drying up statewide, except in parts of South Texas drenched by Hurricane Bret last August.

Other livestock is suffering, too. Sheep and lamb inventory was down 11 percent Jan. 1 compared to last year. Goat numbers were down 4 percent on Jan. 1 from the same time last year.

Chief executive of 7-Eleven announces April retirement

DALLAS (AP) — 7-Eleven Inc. president and chief executive Clark J. Matthews II said he will retire in April and be succeeded by chief operating officer James W. Keyes.

Matthews, 63, has been president and chief executive since 1991 when the Dallas-based convenience-store company, then known as Southland Corp., emerged from bankruptcy.

The announcement came the same day that the company reported a 52 percent jump in net income in the fourth quarter, to \$10.5 million, or 3 cents a share, compared to \$6.9 million, or 2 cents a share, in the same quarter of 1998.

7-Eleven also recorded its fourth straight quarter of double-digit sales increases.

For all of 1999, the chain reported net income of \$83.1 million, or 18 cents a share, compared to \$74 million, or 17 cents a share, in 1998. Revenue for the year grew nearly 14 percent, to \$8.35 billion.

In midday trading Friday, 7-Eleven shares jumped 17 percent, up 62 cents to \$3.93 on the Nasdaq Stock Market.

Matthews joined 7-Eleven in 1965 as an attorney and became vice president and general counsel in 1973. He rose to executive vice president and chief financial officer in 1979.

Matthews will remain on the company's board of directors, the company said.

Keyes, who joined 7-Eleven in 1985, became chief operating officer in 1996.

Pipeline Group sets annual program

HERALD Staff Report

Safety is the major theme of a program and dinner scheduled Thursday in Big Spring.

The Pipeline Group's annual "Public Education — Contractor Awareness Program," is set for 6:30 p.m. at the Howard County Fair Barn. The dinner is free to anyone involved in excavation-related activities in Howard, Borden, Glasscock, Mitchell, Scurry and Sterling counties.

Following the dinner, a program stressing the importance of accident prevention will be held. Key issues will include:

- identifying pipeline and utility rights of way,
- use of one-call systems,
- the importance of working with pipeline utility companies to safely excavate in the vicinity of underground facilities.

The new state law requiring notification to a one-call system before excavating will also be discussed. For more information, call 800 982-8752.

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Jonathan Tunnell, and Joshua Tunnell.

More than 14,000 entries, representing 1,014 Texas 4-H clubs and FFA chapters, will compete in this year's junior show.

A wide variety of animals will be shown in both the junior and open divisions of the livestock

competition, including market steers, market barrows, market lambs, market poultry, beef and dairy heifers, breeding gilts, breeding sheep, goats, llamas, ostriches, commercial steers and breeding rabbits.

The four market animal categories represent animals raised by exhibitors for food sources. The finest animals in each of these categories are eligible for their individual market auctions.

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current location, and like I said earlier it just wasn't as good location but I think we have solved that problem with our move to 700," said Wright.

"The work they are doing now is getting the ground level and getting rid of the big holes that were out

there.

"We want to make sure we have good drainage and that sort of thing."

Wright said the building will be put together in pieces although it is not what you would call prefabricated.

"I hope that this move will help increase my business volume because I'm putting two kids through college," he quipped.

PUBLIC RECORDS

**Justice of the Peace
Bernie Green
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Bad Checks/Warrants Issued:**
The addresses listed are the last known addresses. Names on this list remain until all fines have been paid. If any problems with this list, please call 264-2226.

Crawford, Randall, P.O. box 1929, Big Spring

Dillon, Julie Ann, 443 W. 14th, Colorado City

Dodson, Linda, 405 31st St., Snyder

Duval, V.E., 510 South Ave. F., Lamesa

Ford, Paul, 501 A West Kiowa, Hobbs, N.M.

Freeman, Cindy A., 1441 Tanglewood, Odessa

Garza, Lagene Woodard, 1104 Mt. Vernon, Big Spring

Griss, Pam, 1505 Owens, Big Spring

Harrison, Tiffany S., 1935 Dunbar Rd., Woodlawn, Tenn.

Henry, Nakia, 618 State, Big Spring

Holje, Jon, 835 E. 11th St., Colorado City

Kent, Cynthia, P.O. Box 3, Big Spring

Kirby, Mark, 1104 Delmar, Midland

Korell, Kevin, 8409 S. County Road 1270, Midland

Lopez, Michael, 520 N. Ave. A, Kermit

Matticote, Aliene, 800 W. Marcy, Apt. 14, Big Spring

Olivas, Julian Hernandez, P.O. Box 304, Coahoma

Resendez, Guadalupe, 945 Clifford, Odessa

Reyes, Shalina, 538 Westover No. 234, Big Spring

Rivas, Dahlia Ann, 407 S. Oak, Stanton

Rivera, Krishna N., 2020 Mattie Woods Lane, Colorado City

Rodriguez, Dalma, 707 N. Ninth St., Lamesa

Rodriguez, Elda, 3010 Cheroke, Big Spring

Rodriguez, Gloria, 3313 Cuthbert, Midland

Rodriguez, Daniel V., 3304 W. Hwy 80, Apt. 29, Big Spring or P.O. Box 955, Stanton

Rodriguez, Joel, 1601 E. Third, Big Spring

Rudd, Matt A., 17059 Hwy 46 W. Lot 35, Spring Branch

Ruiz, Jennifer, P.O. Box 484, Colorado City

Ruiz, Lorenzo T., P.O. Box 31, Lamesa

Runnels, Brad Mark, 6414 E. County Road 75, Midland

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Simmons, Tonya, 3306 S. Co. Rd. No. 1206, Midland

Torres, Christine, 2101 Lakeview Circle No. 109, Lewisville

Wilburn, Fred, 3307 Drexel, Big Spring

Williams, Jason, Lima Co. 3/5 Wpns., Camp Pendleton, Calif.

Woods, Rachel, 908 E. 14th, Big Spring

Yanez, Eva Carrasco, 1408 Oriole or 1616 Mesquite, Big Spring

and 3 days in jail, Kevin Dwayne Kennemur \$500 fine, \$249.25 court cost and 60 days in jail

Probated judgment public lewdness: Donald Belcher \$500 fine and 180 days in jail

Probated judgment DWI: Epifanio Yruera Hernandez \$1,000 fine and 180 days in jail, Fernando Flores Mata \$1000 fine and 180 days in jail, Pedro villa Leon (2nd offense) \$1,500 and 365 days in jail, Billy Gene Spies \$750 fine and 180 days in jail, Adolfo S. Lopez \$1,500 fine and 180 days in jail, Jorge A. Armendariz \$1,000 fine and 180 days in jail, Malcolm Troy Osburn (2nd offense) \$2000 fine and 365 days in jail

Probated judgment theft over \$50/under \$500: Robby Carroll Atkinson \$250 fine and 180 days in jail

Probated judgment delivery of alcoholic beverages to minor: MARY ANN ESCOBEDO \$500 fine and 180 days in jail

Judgment and sentence burglary of vehicle: Esequiel "Chico" Calderon \$500 fine, 4269.25 court cost and 60 days in jail

Probated judgment flee from police officer/vehicle: Michael Wayne Pearson \$250 fine and 180 days in jail

Deeds:

Warranty Deed: grantor: Domingo L. and Consuelo Rodriguez grantee: A.E. Kelley property: the west 1/2 of the east 1/2 of the north 1/2 of lot 1, blk. 2, Lockhart Addition filed: Jan. 24, 2000

grantor: Bernice Davis grantee: Terry Lee Hanson property: all of my right, title and interest in section 32, blk. 32 filed: Jan. 24, 2000

grantor: Doyle and Frances Rice grantee: Bob Brock Ford, Inc. property: the east 1/2 of lots 11 and 12, blk. 24, Original Town of Big Spring filed: Jan. 25, 2000

grantor: Mary Louise Traczyk grantee: The Mary Louise Traczyk Revocable Trust property: lot 2, blk. 14, Douglass Addition No. 2 filed: Jan. 20, 2000

grantor: Joe Mac Gaskins grantee: Joe Mac Gaskins and LaVerne Martin Gaskins, trustees of the Joe Mack Gaskins and LaVerne Martin Gaskins Family Trust property: a 159.36 acre tract of land out of the southeast 1/4 of section 36, blk. 34

filed: Jan. 25, 2000

grantor: Bonnie Kaye Smith grantee: Rhonda Smith property: the south 50' of the northeast 1/4 of blk. 8, Saunders Addition, Coahoma filed: Jan. 25, 2000

Warranty deed with vendor's lien: grantor: Robert James Doe a/k/a Bobby Doe and Rhonda Doe grantee: Maria Irene Resendez property: 1. lot 8, blk. 6, Settles Heights Addition, 2. lot 11, blk. 7, Settles Heights Addition filed: Jan. 28, 2000

grantor: B.F. and Julia Jo McGettes grantee: John A. and Terri B. Hopkins property: the south 61' of lot 22 and the north 25' of lot 21, blk. 6, Highland South Addition Ne 3 filed: Jan. 28, 2000

grantor: Pedro Jr. and Margaret S. Trevino grantee: Carlos M. Jr. and J. Annette Flores property: all of lot 14, blk. 10, Hall Addition filed: Jan. 28, 2000

grantor: Donald and Frances Barber Cloud grantee: Jesse Lee Jr. and Lori Metcalf property: a 4.417 acre tract, more or less, out of the northwest part of section 5, blk. 31 filed: Jan. 28, 2000

118th District Court:
Filings:
Divorce: Linda Bea Cypert vs. Donald Keith Cypert
Thomas Cobos vs. Erica Cobos
Misty Dawn Barnes and Michael Jason Barnes
V.B. Broadrick vs. R.W. Broadrick
Annette Roberts vs. Randy Roberts
Injuries & Damages: Domingo Castillo and Peggy McCord and as nft to Kiana Castillo vs. Big Spring, City of
Walter Ray Morgan vs. Manuel Limon, Roy Clifton Sanders and Librado M. Calderon
Family: John Moses Chapa vs. Cynthia Chapa
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Accounts, notes & contracts: Citizens Federal Credit Union vs. Sammie Duncan

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Court Records:
Motion to dismiss revocation of probation: Colleen B. Johnson, Bobby Glenn Ruth Jr., Patricia Martinez, Ruben Cortez Castillo.
Order of dismissal: Oscar Cervantes, Christopher D. Rivera, Guy Stewart, Glen LaFoy Shirley, Miguel Delgado, Eric Owens, Felix Matthew Martinez, Frankie Juarez, Clyde Putnam III, Charles Taylor Parrish, Keely Renee Patterson, Hector Reyes Jr., Jorge Armendariz, Billy Gene Spies
Revocation of probation & imposition of sentence: Stephen W. Mathis, Alice Rio's Guzman, Esequiel Calderon
Probated judgment DWI: Robby Carroll Atkinson \$250 fine and 180 days in jail
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CENTERS now hiring
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Direct Care Staff. High
School Diploma/GED
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\$517.85 biweekly (\$13,464
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Applications may be
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Day and Evening Shifts
Available. Must be
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Position are now available
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Need Experienced oilfield
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TECH HAIR SALON is
now accepting
applications for FT/PT
stylist. Enjoy comfort and
flexible working
conditions. Lease or
commission. Call Helen
Hernandez 267-1544 or go
by 207 W.9TH.

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Need mature lady to work
PT in laundromat. Must be
in good health, have car
and work well w/public.
Pick up application @ 208
11th. Place.

HELP WANTED

Need Medical Billing clerk
with Medical manager
experience. Send resume to
P.O. Box 150, Big
Spring, TX 79721 or call
267-6361.

HELP WANTED

Oil Well Service
Company is seeking
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Opening for an Oil &
Gas Secretary
Computer experience
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SKILLS A MUST.
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Fulltime position
Minimum of 2 years
experience preferred
Credentials a plus

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Center
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Big Spring, TX 79720
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915-268-4962 FAX
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Corporation has
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are needing help.
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Tobacco and alcohol
certified a plus. Drug test
required. Apply in person.

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Technician, Injection Mold
Maintenance wanted by
Co. involved in Manuf &
Sale of Plastic Containers
for Bev Ind for position in
Big Spring, TX. Must have
6 yrs maintenance
mechanic related exp
Respond to: Barbara
Morrison, Western
Container Corporation,
1600 1st. Ave, Big Spring,
TX 79720.

HELP WANTED

Local fast food chain is
seeking experienced
manager and assistant
manager candidates.
Competitive salary and
benefits available. Send
resume to: RS, PO Box
989, Big Spring, TX 79721
or FAX 915-263-8487.

HELP WANTED

Sierra Well Service, Inc.
Mechanic needed, own
tools, truck & rig.
Excellent benefits, wk
vacation after 6 mos.
401K, insurance. Apply at
2206 N. Hwy 87.

HELP WANTED

SIERRA WELL SERVICE
INC. Needing night
dispatcher with oilfield
knowledge & computer
skills. Position offers
insurance, vacation &
401K. Apply at 2206 N.
Hwy 87.

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Loans from \$50-\$450
Se Habla Espanol
Phone Apps. Welcome
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MIDWEST FINANCE
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NEED CASH
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HELP WANTED

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Loans from \$100 - \$470.
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No Credit - No Problem
Loans \$100-\$467
Apply by phone 267-4591
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DOG, PETS, ETC.
AKC Boxers: 3 male, 1
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bloodlines \$250 each. Call
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Great Valentines Gift.
Free Border Collie
puppies to good homes.
Call 264-0620.

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E-Z Rentals
120 days same as cash!
Namebrand TV's, VCR's,
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Unbeatable Values at
Branham Furniture
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In bedroom, livingroom
suites, dinette, sofa sets,
computer desk, bunk and
canopy beds, mattresses,
futons, vanities and new
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Living room, bedroom
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LOST & FOUND
ITEMS
LOST ON FEB. 2-3
Womens black wallet. If
found please call
268-9417.

HELP WANTED

MISCELLANEOUS
For Sale: Futon bunk bed,
electric stove, central air
unit. Call after 5:00pm.
394-4037

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Salon Equipment
For Sale
263-6392 leave message.

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WEDDING CAKES!!
Arches, silk bouquets,
catering. Evening calls
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The Grishams
267-8191

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Moving Sale Used
washer \$100.00, dryer
\$100.00, side/side
refrigerator \$200.00 and
Antique dresser \$50.00.
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BUILDINGS
Must sell this week!
Bargain! 14' x 40'
garage/workshop. Slight
Damage. will deliver.
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HELP WANTED

SPECIAL PURCHASE
10' x 16' workshops,
\$46.00 a month
remaining stock.
Delivery/Financing.
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HELP WANTED

SPAS
Display Models - Last or
- 1999 discontinued
Spa/Hot Tubs - Eight to
choose from. Delivery and
financing available.
563-3108.

HELP WANTED

ACREAGE FOR
SALE
8 acres w/trailer house &
lg metal storage bldg.
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near Coahoma on
Swinney St. 263-4410.

HELP WANTED

House & 9 lots, also 40
acre tract, all near Lake
Colorado City in Mitchell
Co. 512-255-6010.

HELP WANTED

Land for Sale. Some for
mobile homes, some for
houses. Best quality and
volume of water in
Howard County. Some
wells make over 50
gallons a minute. Will
finance or Texas
Veterans. 263-8785.

HELP WANTED

BUILDINGS FOR
SALE
Steel buildings, new, must
sell
40x60x14 was \$17,500
now \$10,971
50x100x16 was \$27,850
now \$19,990
80x135x16 was \$79,850
now \$42,990
100x175x20 was \$129,650
now \$78,850
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BUILDINGS FOR
SALE
BELL'S PHARMACY
Pretty brick building 60's
Display fixtures \$35-\$100
Small refrigerator \$50
1001 E. 11TH PL.
267-6766 or 267-5863

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BUILDINGS FOR
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FOR LEASE: 5600 sq ft.
warehouse with 3 offices
on 2 acres, fenced land.
Hwy 350 11/2 mile No.
1-20. \$550 + dep. Call
Westex Auto Parts
263-5000.

HELP WANTED

FOR LEASE: building on
Snyder Highway. Approx.
1800 square feet with
office on 1 acre. \$250 per
month 100 deposit. Call
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263-5000.

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CEMETERY LOTS
FOR SALE
2 cemetery spaces for
sale. Trinity Memorial
Park, Masonic area.
Garden of Sharon, valued
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Best offer, leave message
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HELP WANTED

2 spaces in Garden of
Mediation, 1 space in
Lebanon, Trinity
Memorial \$600 each.
Call 915-756-2307.

HELP WANTED

HOUSES FOR SALE
3/2 Custom built home.
Extra large rooms. 2600
sq ft. Real nice
neighborhood. Wood
floors. Also 16 1/2 ft boat
for sale. 65hp mtr. To see
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ABANDONED HOMES
in Big Spring
Take up payments
w/nothing down.
Local 264-0510

HELP WANTED

Beautiful Executive home
1008 Driver Rd. 2.69
acres pool, priced below
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263-0664

HELP WANTED

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study or 4 bdr. 2 bdr
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Scott Apt. 267-6126

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2 or 3 bedroom homes
Owner Financing
Provided. Low monthly
payments. Use Your
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ENJOY PRIVACY AND
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home on 2.96 acres just
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garage, fenced. Price
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REALTORS at 267-8266
or 267-6557 or 425-8804.

HELP WANTED

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

HELP WANTED

For Sale By Owner 3 bdr
2 bath 2 car garage,
carport, fireplace, & more.
505 Highland Drive. Call
Tom @ 263-3916, office
263-2300.

HELP WANTED

COAHOMA 3/1
Corner lot, garage &
workshop, Central H/A
Charles Smith agent
263-1713 or Home
Realtors 263-1284.

HELP WANTED

SNUGGLE IN by the
fireplace on cold winter
evenings in this
immaculate 3 bedroom, 2
bath brick home near
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garage, separate dining
70 sq REEDER
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HELP WANTED

Totally
Remodeled, Spacious
4Br-2bth New CH/A,
Double carport, Forsan
ISD. \$57,500. 267-7025.

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COLLEGE PARK 2/1
CH/A. Newly remodeled.
Possible Owner Finance.
263-5926 or
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COMFORT in this 4
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home on 2.96 acres just
outside of town. 3 car
garage, fenced. Price
reduced. REEDER
REALTORS at 267-8266
or 267-6557 or 425-8804.

HELP WANTED

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

HELP WANTED

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carport, fireplace, & more.
505 Highland Drive. Call
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263-2300.

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1 Gave a hand
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15 Analysis of
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patterns
16 Sure-handed
17 "A Love
Supreme"
saxophonist
18 Fertilizer
19 River into The
Wash
20 Private sch.
22 Hang loosely
23 See-through
27 Egyptian viper
28 Chance to play
29 Seventh Greek
letter
30 H. Rider
Haggard novel
31 Ref. figures
34 Cribbage piece
35 Table protector
36 Covered up
37 Sock's end
38 Afore
39 Unearthly
smarts: abbr.
40 Flightless bird
41 Q-U connection
42 Theol. belief
43 "Bravo"
44 Gullible person
45 False front
46 Here in Paris
47 Circular
instrument
49 Russian chess
master
50 Absurd
55 Black cuckoo
56 Trolley car
57 Mascuine
58 Processed
cotton
60 Rude
64 Word with
block or failure
65 Took up again
66 Get the wrong
total
67 Certain
stitchers

Friday's Puzzle Solved

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HOUSES FOR SALE

For sale by owners. Ideal investment property. Live in one property and let income from the other two make mortgage payment. Situated on adjoining lots in neighborhood close to schools, churches, one rent house is occupied, and the other is for rent. The main house is very spacious (over 2500 sq. ft.), with ltr and fdr eat-in kitchen with built-in dishwasher, nice cabinets with pantry and built-in china cabinets. Very large mbr with attached bath, study or nursery with handicap accessible bath; two more br. attached by hallway, with full bath. Extremely large laundry/utility area, paneled den, lots of closets. Detached double garage, handicap ramp, fenced, central air and air conditioning. One rent house located in rear of main house, small two-br one bath, nice other two-br one bath rent house located on corner. Large lots. Utilities for main house and rear rental house connected on single meter. Asking price \$45,000 for all three properties. Properties in good repair, with four-year-old roof, new sewer line for one property, main house recently painted and refurnished. Owners willing to negotiate terms. Shown by appointment only. Leave message 915-263-0246.

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Large 1 Br, fully furnished. Bills paid \$240/mo. 1 block East of HEB 263-0510. FURNISHED HOMES Great for rent. Fully furnished with RENTED and MAINT. (Ed) OFFICE SPACE For Rent/Lease office space 1500 sq. ft. office space on FM 700. Call 915-263-1709.

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2507 Albrook 3/1 \$395 1115 Loyd 3/1 \$350 1804 A State 1/1 \$200 American Realty (915) 520-7577

PUBLIC NOTICE V Square Properties, LP will receive bids for repairing the interior and replacing the roof and cornice of the historic Harris Drug Building, 114 S. Gladbourne St. in San Angelo. Worker's comp. bid bond and experience with historic 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, 901 South Irving, San Angelo, Texas 76903 (915) 655-9826 2600 January 30, 2000 & February 6, 2000

PUBLIC NOTICE THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF BIG SPRING, TEXAS, WILL HOLD A MEETING ON TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 22, 2000 AT 5:30 PM. IN THE CITY COUNCIL CHAMBERS, 307 EAST 4TH (HANDICAPPED ACCESS AVAILABLE), BIG SPRING, TEXAS TO CONSIDER THE FOLLOWING REQUEST FOR A REZONE.

The City of Big Spring is requesting a zone change from Office (O) to Light Commercial (LC) of Lot 1, Block 1, Spring Creek Subdivision, location of Schlotzky's Deli, 1513 E FM 700, Big Spring, Texas. 2605 February 6 & 7, 2000

HERALD Classified Ads Call 263-7331

UNFURNISHED HOUSES

1 br, 1 bath, 1102 Sycamore. No Pets 11 Call 267-3841 or 270-7309.

1 Br, range & refrigerator, shower, East 12th, HUD OK. 3 Br home, HUD OK, Robin St. 267-7380

1 extra large bdr. 1 bath apt. stove & frig. w/d corn, carpet, cable pd. No Pets. \$250/mo. + \$150/dep. 267-2177.

1005 E. 12th. 2 bdr. CH/A. \$350/mn. Call 263-5818.

2 bdr 2 bath, house with water well, on approx. 1 acre, good neighborhood just outside city limits. Call 915-263-1574 for more info.

2 bdr. mobile 1410 rear Harding \$265/mn. \$150/dep. water paid. Call 263-6667.

2 bedroom, 1 1/2 bath, 304 E. 5th. No pets. Call 267-3844 or 270-7309.

3 bdr, 1 bth. w/d connections, fenced yard. Available 2-1-00. \$325/mn. \$150/dep. Call 263-7488 after 6pm.

3 bdr. 2 bath. Stove & refrigerator. Will accept HUD. Call 263-3846 for more information.

3701 Hamilton Nice 3 BR/2b. fireplace, Dining room, utility room. Fenced yard with storage. CH/A 263-3350 or 634-9997

3BR, 2bth. appliances, carpet, covered patio, fenced yard. Water & cable paid. CH/A. Nice & clean. References. \$450/mo + \$250/dep. 267-2177 & leave message.

3BR-2bath mobile home on 1 acre. Large carpet, water well, new carpet, dishwasher, satellite system, CH/A. Coahoma school dist. \$400/mo + \$200/dep. 393-5268 270-7854 or 270-1854

4 bdr. 2 bth. \$300, 3 bdr. \$250, 2 bdr. \$220. Call 264-0510.

405 West 5th. Sorry No Pets! \$228/mn. \$100/dep. Call 263-4922.

Especially nice 3/1 Parkhill. Central H/Ref. A, carpet, fenced back yard. \$425. Call Janet at 267-4147. Home Realtors 263-1284.

For Lease: 2809 Lawrence, brick 3/2 w/garage & large carport, fenced yard. \$350/dep., \$650/mo. for local info, or 830-899-5560.

Community Care Hospice is seeking a qualified RN & CNA's with prior hospice experience for rapidly growing company. Qualified individuals should contact Terry Stout or Donna Patrick at 888-881-0238 or fax resume to 915-552-7936. EOE

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HAPPY BIRTHDAY FOR SUNDAY, FEB. 6:

You're more unpredictable and quirky than you have been in prior years. On many levels, you are undergoing a transformation. Communicating your feelings and needs remains important. Others will be responsive and supportive. Money is an active topic of thought and conversation. Be careful of frivolous spending, especially this summer. If single, a new love may appear on the horizon. This person could force you to take a hard look at yourself. If attached, you put the old zing back into your relationship this summer. PISCES helps you understand money matters more clearly.

The Stars Show the Kind of Day You'll Have: 5-Dynamic; 4-Positive; 3-Average; 2-So-so; 1-Difficult ARIES (March 21-April 19) ***Take a deep breath. If necessary, pull away from the craziness that surrounds your life. Take some time off to recharge, think and center. Visit with a young relative who you find amusing yet very interesting. Don't push. This is your day of rest. To night: Early to bed.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20) ****Focus on what is important to you. Do nothing halfway. You will be pleased with the end result. Instincts help you with an older relative. Others respond to your suggestions. Make time to gather with friends. A favorite pastime calls. Tonight: Where your friends are.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20) ****Take the initiative. Others respond to your energy. Make plans for a day outing, or see a favorite art show. You gain understanding because of a key conversation. Guard against putting others on a pedestal. In the long run, you'll both lose. Tonight: In the limelight.

CANCER (June 21-July 22) ****Take time with a partner who has a case of the jitters. By taking off and changing your setting, you'll soothe your soul and get yet another perspective. Do not minimize the importance of a different environment. Try a talk again.

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AGRICULTURAL LAND OWNERS Property owners who have applied under article VIII D or VIII D-1 (Texas Constitution) for ag-use valuation in 1999 or prior years need not reapply.

PERSONS, CORPORATIONS AND ASSOCIATIONS Having one or more of the following exemptions must apply for the exemption annually: 1. Solar and wind powered energy devices exemption 2. Cemetery exemption 3. Historic site exemption 4. Miscellaneous (under Sec. 11.23 State Comptroller's Tax Code) Forms are available at Howard County Appraisal Dist. 315 Main St., Courthouse Annex P.O. Drawer 1151 Big Spring, TX 79721-1151 Phone (915) 263-8301 2602 February 6 & 18, 2000

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Virgo (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) ****Go with an energy surge this morning. Clear out any odds and ends that need to be done. Socialize and visit with friends in the later day. You find another's affable manner irresistible. Realize what you want in a relationship. Tonight: Another knows how to appeal to you.

Libra (Sept. 23-Oct. 22) ****Creativity surges; how active you become depends on how much you are into your imagination. Taking a lazy day could be OK. You need some time off. Listen to what another shares. Be sensitive to someone who makes a big difference in your life. Tonight: Kick back.

Scorpio (Oct. 23-Nov. 21) ****Build greater security. Someone close to home creates uproar. Decide to back off. Be more active - some exercise might be right up your alley. Invite a friend or loved one to join you in a preferred winter sport. You naturally enjoy yourself. Tonight: A child becomes chatty.

Sagittarius (Nov. 22-Dec. 21) ****Make calls early on, as you might opt to become the happy recluse later on. Whether you curl up with a good book, surf the Net or visit with a child, you need some quiet time. Another clearly enjoys your company. Pick

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