### **SUNDAY**

February 20, 2000

### WEATHER

**Today:** 

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**PARTLY CLOUDY TONIGHT TODAY** 

## VITA to offer electronic filing for free Monday

Volunteer income tax assistance is available each Monday through March 27, 9 a.m.-noon at the Spring City Senior Citizens Center, 1901 Simler Drive.

All citizens are eligible to receive this free assistance. On Monday, the trained volunteers will offer electronic filing at no charge.

Interested persons should bring their tax booklet, all W-2 and 1099 forms, as well as anything else received showing 1999 income and their 1998 tax return.

Please call Dorothy Kennemur, 398-5522, or the center, 267-1628, for more information.

### WHAT'S UP...

MONDAY

☐ Big Spring Howard **County Retired Teachers** Association, 10:30 a.m. coffee and social hour and 11:30 a.m. lunch, Howard County Cactus Room.

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

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

### **TUESDAY**

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

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

### WEDNESDAY

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

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

☐ 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 Feb. 24 ☐ Gideons International, Big Spring Camp No.

U4206O, Hermans, 7 a.m. ☐ Big Spring Senior Citizens Center Art Classes, 9:30 to 11:30 a.m. for 55 and

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# Big Spring mayoral candidates respond to Herald questionnaire

By BILL McCLELLAN

Early balleting continues in the Big Spring mayoral election. In order to help Big Spring voters become more informed about the individuals seeking the position, the Herald has asked each candidate to respond to a questionnaire.

The three candidates are Greg Biddison, Oscar Garcia and Russ McEwen.

Biddison, 45, is owner and operator of the Ponderosa Restaurant. He has served as



**GARCIA** 

District 6 representative on the council for the past three years. He also serves on the Big Spring Main Street Inc. board and has previously served on





Transportation Board

instructor for College. He is currently mayor pro tem and serves as the District 2 city councilman.

He is a member of the

McEwen, 50, owns and operates an insurance company. He previously served seven years as an at-large councilman. Advisory Board including two years as mayor pro tem. He has served as president and campaign chairman of the United Way, chairman of the YMCA, served on the Rotary Club. Civil Commission. Traffic

Commission, and the committee formed to promote, design, raise funds and construct the Big Spring ISD athletic facility. He has served on the State USA

Gymnastics Board and the

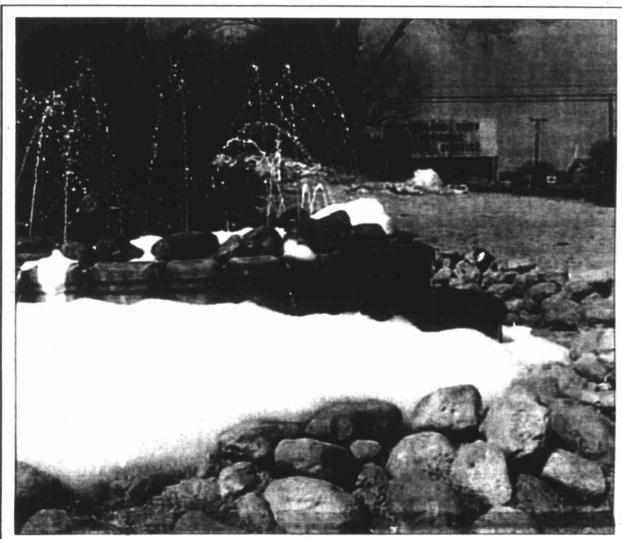
National YMCA Gymnastics Advisory Committee.

The three are seeking to finish the term of former mayor Tim Blackshear, who automatically gave up the post when he filed as a candidate for the Texas House of Representatives'

District 70 seat. Early voting continues in the city secretary's office at city hall through Feb. 29, weekdays. during normal business hours. Any registered voter who

lives within the city limits can

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The Colorado River Municipal Water District fountain was full of suds Saturday, catching the eye

# **JCAHO**

## Big Spring State Hospital prepares for triennial survey to occur over three-day period

**VALERIE AVERY** 

Herald Correspondent

Surveyors from the Joint Commission on Accreditation of Healthcare Organizations

will tour the Big Spring State Hospital on Wednesday. Thursday and Friday as part of the hospital's triennial sur-

Big Spring State Hospital and other health

care facilities are reviewed every three years by the independent, not-forprofit organization. JCAHO evaluates and accredits nearly 20,000 health care organizations in the United States in an effort to ensure the quality of health

CLARK

Big Spring State Hospital's

last triennial visit was March

"We scored well-above average during our last survey." Big Spring State Hospital CEO Ed Moughon said. "We believe that we'll do that well again. Our employees provide excellent care all the time; not just when surveyors come to visit.

JCAHO surveyors are special ized in three areas, said Marilyn Clark, Big Spring State Hospital director of quality oversight. The survey team is comprised of a physician, nurse and administrator and all will review their area of expertise.

During the three-day site visit, they will tour all patient care units and talk to patients and employees; interview treatment teams and department heads, inspect living conditions; and study volumes and volumes of patient, organiza-

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## Candidate filing for public school boards will begin Monday

By CARL GRAHAM

of passing motorists.

Staff Writer

The first day for filing as a trustee candidate in the May 6 public school board elections is Monday.

Big Spring Independent School District will have two terms expiring. Those will be the terms of insurance agent Larry Hollar and Frank Long, a farmer. Hollar represents District 2 while Long represents District 4. Both are holding three-vear terms.

Sands ISD will have three the board for 18 years; Richie term on the board. All three are incumbents there are board positions on the board up for Hambrick, who has served for at-large positions. election. The incumbents are 11 years; and Robin Barraza. Joe Barnes, who has been on who is just finishing up his first three positions to fill The

Coahoma ISD will also have

president Gail Wells, Larry

## Three terms up for election on Howard College board of trustees

**HERALD Staff Report** 

Monday is the first day to file as a candidate for Howard College board of trustees.

Three seats will be filled in the May 6 election.

Place 3. Place 4 and an atlarge, unexpired term will be on board president Don McKinney serves as Place 4 representative. while board secretary Harold Davis holds the Place 3 chair.

filled by Sue Partee. She was elected in 1998 to serve the unexpired term of long-time portion of the county while See TRUSTEES, Page 2A

the ballot this year. Currently. Howard College supporter Dr. P.W. Malone.

All college trustees serve sixyear terms, and each candidate must live within the boundaries The at-large position is being of the Place he or she is choosing to represent. Place 3 covers. an area within the southwest

Filing packets are available in the president's office at Howard College, 1001 Birdwell Lane.

We have prepared the packets which prospective candi-

## First double-wide rolls off Solitaire Homes production line

By CARL GRAHAM

Staff Writer

Solitaire Homes rolled its first home off the production line Friday, with about 100 cheering employees, several local dignitaries and a handful of company officials celebrating the event.

**According to Solitaire Homes** President D.J. "Pete" Hogstad, it was the first of what he hopes will many

'We are glad to be here in Big Spring and we hope to have a long and lasting relationship," he said. "One of the strong points about locating here was the strong labor market and a more central location."

Hogstad said Solitaire has already added \$500,000 in new equipment and will be adding

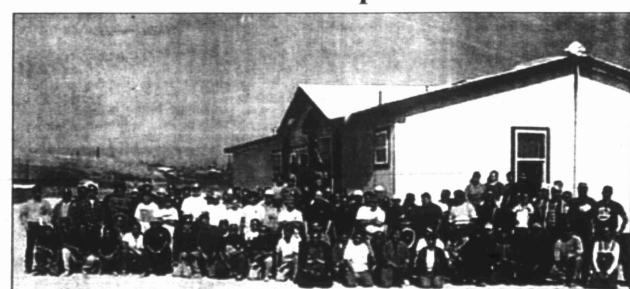
on more as operations progress. We will have 130 employees on board by Monday and we expect to reach around 200 or more by the first part of April," he said.

Solitaire will have an annual payroll of around \$3 million once everyone is on board, Hogstad noted. Those are the kinds of words

officials from Moore Development For Big Spring were eager to hear. Moore Development approved a \$750,000 sale of 11 acres to Solitaire on Nov. 22 last year.

We are elated to have Solitaire here in Big Spring and we believe the partnership will be a good one," said Pam Welch,

See SOLITAIRE, Page 2A



When Solitaire Homes pulled its first manufactured home off the production line Friday, all 110 employees wanted to be there. Plans are to employ more than 200 people by the summer.

## John A. Moseley receives promotion as Herald managing editor

**HERALD Staff Report** 

John H. Walker, publisher of the Big Spring Herald, has announced the

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promotion John Moseley as the newspaper's managing edi-Moseley first

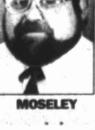
Herald staff as

news editor in

January 1993

and left in the

joined



summer of 1994 during a staff served as that publication's before moving to East Texas. restructuring. He returned to the *Herald* as news editor in May 1996 and assumed the duties of sports editor in

November 1997. "I'm excited that John will be leading the newspaper's news room," Walker said. "He has proven himself time and again and is a valuable member of the staff who fully understands and appreciates the Herald's leadership role in the community."

He began his newspaper

career as a sports writer at The

sports editor and regional editor before assuming duties as managing editor of The Clarksville Times in 1985.

Moseley then moved to Mount Pleasant where he spent three years as sports editor of the Daily Tribune before serving as that paper's managing editor for two years. He will continue to handle local sports until a new sports editor joins the staff March 1.

A native of Denton, Moseley lived as a youngster for a num-Paris News in 1978 and later ber of years in West Texas

He received his associate of arts degree from Paris Junior College in 1973 and attended the University of Texas-Permian

An award-winning journalist, Moseley has been recognized on numerous occasions by the Associated Press Texas Managing Editors, Texas Press Association, North and East Texas Press Association. Texas State Teachers Association and the Texas Sports Writers Association

He has also been active in

numerous service clubs and other civic projects. He is currently a member of the Big Spring Area Chamber of Commerce Sports Committee.

He is a former member and past president of the Noon Optimist Club of Paris, former member and sergeant-at-arms of the Clarksville Kiwanis Club and former member and director of the Mount Pleasant Lions

As one of his first duties as managing editor, Moseley

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Around the Town

BIG SPRING

At Borden County ISD, the

terms of Randy Adcock and

Mike Valentine are both up in

May. They are both finishing

In Forsan, the terms of Lewis

Boeker and Sammy Anderson

are expiring. Both of those

terms are three-year, at-large

At Garden City, the terms of

Dennis Fuchs, Tina Flores and

Jimmy Bednar will be expiring.

Each of those are three-year, at-

The last day to file for these

positions will be March 22 at 5

p.m.. Candidate filing is held in

the business office of each indi-

dates must obtain, complete and

return to the college," said

Linda Conway, vice president of

There is no cost to file for the

Howard College board of

trustees election. The deadline

announced the promotion of

another employee of the

Herald's editorial department

and the return of a former

the newspaper as a telemar-

keter in 1993 and has served as

editorial clerk/librarian and

then as features assistant since

1994, has been promoted to staff

Lyndel Moody returns to the

staff, filling the features assis-

Solitaire has three manufac

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"Our homes will be anywhere

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will get to about 25 floors a

According to Hogstad, the

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\$36,000 and \$40,000.

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to file is March 22.

**PROMOTION** 

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up three-year, at-large terms.

### **OBITUARIES**

### Willie John Word

Willie John Word, 73, of Big Spring, passed away at 4:14 p.m. Friday, Feb. 18, 2000, following

a short illness. Funeral ser vices will be at a.m. Monday Myers & Smith Funeral Home with Ken Rev. McMeans, pastor of College Baptist

WORD

Church, officiating. Burial will be at Trinity

Memorial Park. Mr. Word was born Jan. 31, 1927, at Dimmitt, Texas. He was the son of Mattie Doris Brooks Word and Ernest (Buck) Word. He grew up in Dimmitt and was

Big Spring in 1989. He was a veteran of World War II serving in the army and merchant marines

a long time resident of Dimmitt

and Amarillo before coming to

He had served as fire marshall in Dimmitt for a number of years, but spent most of his life in the trucking business as an independent operator, and later with Steer Tank Lines. He started with Steer in Amarillo and later transferred to Big Spring as terminal manager.

He married Edna Gertrude Schur on Sept. 18, 1971, in Amarillo. She preceded him in death on July 14, 1998.

He is survived by one daughter, and son in-law, Belinda Joan Tharp and Charles of Clovis, N.M.; one brother and sister-inlaw. Marlin Word and Laura of Alpine: three grandchildren. Rachel Springer, Shean and Gina Massengill: two greatgrandsons, Logan and Cameron Springer; and a number of nieces and nephews and greatnieces and great-nephews.

Pallbearers will include Leo Free, Albert Overby, Joe Hastings, Donald Wright and Charles Barbee. Paid obituar

Florene Pfluger Crowell

Florene Pringer Crowell, 85, of Monday, Feb. Big Spring, died Wednesday, 21, 2000, at the Feb. 16, 2000, at her daughter's Nalley Pickle & ome in Houston. Funeral service was held Saturday, Feb. 19. 2000, at the Memorial Chapel of Cook-Walden/Capital Parks Funeral Home with Rev. Keith Wiseman officiating. Interment is at the Immanuel Lutheran Cemetery Church Pflugerville.

She was born Sept. 10, 1914, in Pflugerville and married Robert H. (Bob) Crowell in 1938 at Immanuel Lutheran Church. They later moved to the Snyder. and then to Big Spring.

Mrs. Crowell and her husband wined an interest in Big Spring Printing and operated the busiiess for more than 20 years. She was active in the First United

### **MYERS & SMITH** FUNERAL HOME & CHAPEL

24th & Johnson 267-8288

Will John Word, 73, died Friday, Funeral services will be at 1:00 AM Monday at Myers and Smith Chapel, with burial at Trinity Memorial Park.

### NALLEY-PICKLE & WELCH **Funeral Home** Trinity Memorial Park



906 Gregg St. (915) 267-6331

F. D. Rogers, 84, died Saturday. Services will be 10:00 AM Monday at Nalley-Pickle & Welch Rosewood Chapel. Interment will follow at Trinity Memorial Park.

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Methodist Church. He preceded her in death after 59 years of marriage

Survivors include two sons, Bill Crowell of Austin and Steve Crowell of Buenos Aires, South America; a daughter, Barbara Ragland of Houston; two brothers. Lawrence Pfluger of Pflugerville and Luther Pfluger of Mansfield. Pa.; two sisters, Marie Pechacek of The Woodlands and Elsie Doerpinghaus of Atlanta, Ga.; eight grandchildren; and six great-grandchildren.

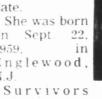
Memorials are suggested to First United Methodist Church, P.O. Box 1229, Big Spring, TX,

### Elizabeth **Marie Lyons**

Elizabeth Marie "Lisa" Lyons, 40. of San Antonio, formerly of Big Spring, died Thursday, Feb.

10, 2000, in San Antonio. A private family service will be held at a later

She was born on Sept. 22, 1959. in Englewood



LYONS

include her husband, Carlos Trevino of San Antonio; two sons, Jerry Jones of Big Spring and Joey Toudouze of San Antonio; one daughter, Shannon Toudouze of San Antonio; her father, Edward Lyons of the Philippines: three brothers, William Lyons of Alaska, John Lyons of Big Spring and Richard Lyons of St. Louis, Mo.; two sisters. Pat McIntire of Big Spring and Helen Gibson of Corpus Christi; and numerous nieces and nephews.

### F.D. Rogers

F.D. Rogers, 84, of Big Spring, died on Saturday, Feb. 19, 2000, in a local hospital after a short illness

Funeral services will be at p Welcl Chapel Cotton, pastor Trinity

**ROGERS** 

Baptist Church, officiating. Interment will follow at Trinity Memorial Park

He was born on Nov. 27, 1915. in Ellis County, Texas, to W.C. and Inez Davenport Rogers. He married Esta Mae Lilley on March 21, 1936, in Coahoma. Texas. She preceded him in death on Oct. 31, 1998. He later married Maurine Barr, who loved him dearly and was a loved companion, in July 1999.

He was raised in Coahoma. Mr. Rogers owned and operated Rogers Food Store and R. and H. Hardware Store before working in civil service. He retired from civil service at Webb Air Force Base in 1976 after 15 years.

He was a member of Trinity

Baptist Church Survivors include his wife, Maurine Rogers of Big Spring; a daughter and son-in-law, Kay and Rudy Claveran of Big Spring; two granddaughters. Joy Shaffer of Tucson, Ariz., and Dianne Hatch and husband Rod of Groves; a grandson, Kevin Murphy and wife Shirley of Big Spring; three great-granddaughters, Summer Thompson of Tucson, Ariz., Chelsea Smith of Groves and Mandy Murphy of Big Spring: and four greatgrandsons, Austin Shaffer of Tucson, Ariz., Nune Moralez and Taylor Smith, both of Groves, and Lance Murphy of

Big Spring He was also preceded in death by his parents, one brother, W.A. "Allen" Rogers, and one

sister, Louise Hair. Pallbearers will be Kevin Murphy, Austin Shaffer, Lance Murphy, Nune Moralez, Albert Pettus and Jack Minchew. All friends are considered honorary



**Sunday Night Buffet** 5:00-8:30 pm

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pallbearers

The family will receive friends at the funeral home on Saturday afternoon from 4 p.m.

to 6 p.m.

The family suggests memorials to the building fund at Trinity Baptist Church, 810 E. 11th Pl., Big Spring, TX, 79720. Arrangements are under the direction of Nalley-Pickle & Welch Funeral Home.

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"The will look at everything," said Clark, "They are very thorough. They are known to pull out lint screens from clothes dryers and check refrigerators for temperature and cleanliness. They'll walk onto a unit and ask to talk to our newest employee. Or they'll see a patient and they'll ask to see his

tional and procedural charts.

or her chart. "It's a very intensive survey to make sure patients across the nation are taken care of proper-

If facilities are not found up to par, health care funding from the federal and state governments and commercial insurance may be halted. Clark said. Without accreditation, it would be extremely difficult for any hospital to survive financially.

Clark expects that surveyors will look positively on Big Spring State Hospital's progress on a series of \$4 million in construction and renovation projects, which have been undertaken to improve patient care.

Since the last survey, nearly 40 restroom facilities that will provide privacy for patients are being added to several patient Next week's survey is unrelat-

ed to a mid-December unannounced visit by two surveyors from JCAHO, Clark said. Surprise site reviews are per-

formed on 10 percent of all freestanding psychiatric hospitals nationwide. Big Spring State Hospital

received high marks during the turprise survey but more importantly officials said, it was good practice for this week's important triennial sur-'We viewed it as a dry run for

the triennial survey," Clark said. "We know we provide great care; we just have to make sure all our t's are crossed and i's are dotted."

### **SCHOOLS**

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Bennett and David Elmore. All of their terms are for three years and are at-large positions. Grady ISD will have two single-member district openings

this term. Those positions are currently held by Roy Cooper of District 6 and Jody Yates of District 5. Both slots are threeyear terms

Stanton ISD will have three seats up for election. They include District 2, currently held by Sonny Garza. He was first elected in 1994. Also up for election is the District 6 post. held by Pinky Jones. Jones was elected to office in 1994 and serves in an at-large position. The other seat, District 7, is held by Ricky Barnes, who is filling an at-large unexpired



## LOS ANGELES (AP) Gasoline prices rose more than

4 cents per gallon at the pump during the past three weeks on the strength of unseasonably high demand and a strege in crude oil prices, an industry

# **ALLAN'S**

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TEXAS LOTTERY

Lotto: 9,14,21,34,40,42

Lottery numbers are unofficial until confirmed by the state lottery commission

analyst said Sunday

The national average price on Friday, including all grades and taxes, was \$1.4105 per gallon, up 4.29 cents, according to the Lundberg Survey of 10,000 stations nationwide.

The average price was about a nickel per gallon off the peak of about \$1.46 in November

Winter months typically have a drop in gasoline use, but January's demand was 5.5 percent higher than in January 1999, analyst Trilby Lundberg said.

That "speaks volumes. because January is the month when Americans consume the least gasoline," Lundberg said.

The price hike might have been as much as a penny more, but dealers sacrificed some profit margin, she said. She said wholesale gasoline prices in the past three weeks rose faster than retail prices.

Crude oil prices are up amid uncertainty over whether the Organization of Petroleum Exporting Countries will increase output when an agreement on lowered production expires next month.

"If they do cancel export reductions next month then the chances of a severe gasoline price run-up this spring and summer, when U.S. gasoline demand picks up, would be much reduced," Lundberg said.

# MEETINGS

**COAHOMA ISD** 7 p.m. Monday, 600 Main Street, Coahoma

Items on the ag nda include" · FHA Star event presenta-

 call board election and appoint election judges

approve technology plan Moore Development assistant · consider contracts for principals, athletic director, business office manager girls basturing plants Oklahoma and ketball coach.

> • enrollment report check payments · investment report

GLASSCOCK **COUNTY ISD** 7 p.m. Monday, 308 West Chambers, Garden

Items on the agenda include: · campus reports

**BIG SPRING MOVIE** HOTLINE For showtimes call 263-2479

· high school course and schedule options

· administrators and athletic director contracts

 preliminary calendar proposals for 2000-01

 use of school facilities by Mary Ray for driver education,

and others · preliminary discussion of

instructional personnel superintendent's report

### MOORE DEVELOPMENT FOR **BIG SPRING** 4:30 p.m. Wednesday, **Chamber of Commerce** boardroom

Items on the agenda include: previous minutes

 January financials · January investment report

• 1998-99 annual report · consideration of sponsor-

ship for Texas Economic **Development Council Spring** Conference

 executive session to consider real estate, development of airpark property director's report

### POLICE

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

• SAMUEL ORTIZ, 37, was arrested for public intoxica-

· ANTHONY ROBLES, 58, was arrested for public intoxi-

· NOEL ORTEGA, 22, was arrested for driving while license suspended. - LOUD PARTY/MOISE was

reported in the 1000 block of

 ACCIDENT/MINOR was reported in the 1600 Block of Martin Luther King and the

2600 block of Allendale. · THEFT was reported in the 400 block of E. Fourth and the 1100 block of Lamesa

 CRIMINAL MISCHIEF was reported in the 4200 block of Hamilton.

 BURGLARY OF A HABI-TATION was reported in the 1200 block of E. Fifth · ACCIDENT MAJOR was

reported in the 2700 block of DISTURBANCE/FIGHT

was reported at 18th and Young and in the 1600 block of Owens.



**Medical Center** 1601 W. 11th Place 263-1211

## **Re-Elect** W.B. "Bill" Jennings **Howard County Sheriff Republican Candidate**

Primary Election Day: Tuesday, March 14 Early Voting: February 28 through March 10 (Pd. Pol. Adv., by W. B. Jennings, Treasurer, P. O. Box 2422, Big Spring, Texas 79721)



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cast a vote in the election. Those who don't cast a vote by Feb. 29 can do so on election day, March 4. On that day, voting will take place from 7 a.m. to 7 p.m. in council chambers, adjacent to city hall.

Below are the questions and each candidate's responses, edited where noted for length.

1. One of the complaints about the city over the years is the constant repair of water lines. Many people believe the city is using a "Band-Aid" approach of making temporary repairs when it should be replacing lines. In your opinion, is the city taking the right approach, and if so, why? If not, what should be done to address the problem? (limit 100 words)

**Biddison** — In my opinion the city is taking the right approach in repairing the water lines with the funds that are available. I am concerned about the water breaks that occur. The water lines didn't become old and deteriorated overnight so they cannot all be fixed overnight. The city does plot a map of all the breaks to concentrate on specific areas of water lines to be replaced. For example, on last year's budget, \$150,000 was budgeted for water line replacement. The cost of the water line replacement in the College Heights subdivision alone was \$357,657, and that only replaced 13,932 linear feet of water line.

**Garcia** —The City of Big Spring currently spends about \$140,000 per year replacing water lines and has been doing so without having to increase taxes. The city applies for grants to help fund the work but it is not always successful in receiving the grants. In 1997, the city replaced water lines at a cost of over \$800,000 in the College Heights area and will begin work in the Capehart Addition with grant money that was approved by the state. We could of course propose to

raise taxes and have more money to spend on replacing water lines but how high must we raise taxes to do the required work.

**McEwen** —The city of Big Spring must come up with a plan of action by which we undertake the systematic replacement of outdated and corroded water lines. Our city has excellent records of where repairs are being made and is able to identify those lines most in need of replacement. We must prioritize our replacement program to replace the lines that are causing the most problems. Our community has been designated as a rural community and we should seek grant monies that are available because of that designation for the purpose of implementing a viable replacement program.

2. In recent years, the city has worked to address some problems in its recreational facilities - i.e. the golf course, ballparks and most recently Moss Creek Lake. How important are these facilities to the citizens of Big Spring, and should there be some plan of routine upkeep for them, other than mowing and watering? (limit 100 words)

**Biddison** The recreation facilities were rated #2 in the Long Range Plan, so yes, I would say that they are very important to the citizens of Big Spring. There are already plans in place for upkeep. However, due to the shortage of man power, equipment, and funds in the Parks budget some of the facilities get put on the back burner. The Parks department is also responsible for the grounds at City Hall and Municipal Auditorium. We are very fortunate to have the inmate program to help with the upkeep of the recreation facilities.

**Garcia** — Our recreational facilities are very important to everyone in our community. Not only do they provide us with a place to spend time outof-doors with our families, they also attract out-of-town visitors who spend their money here in our community. With proper

management, all of our recreation facilities can be maintained properly and when these facilities start to make money on their own, such as the golf course is doing, the parks themselves can be self-maintained. To accomplish this we need to have our community visit our parks more and report anyone who is observed abusing our parks.

**McEwen** — It is very impor tant that a city endeavors to add to the quality of life of its citizens. People interested in relocating are extremely interested in the the quality of life of a prospective location. Recreational facilities contribute immeasurably to a com munity and the city council should have a viable plan for the upkeep and the enhancement of its assets. Our golf course and city park are incredible assets that we should endeavor to upgrade. Our golf course is showing a profit and we should take the steps necessary to enhance the quality of play by significantly upgrading that facility.

3. Last year, a representative of the firefighter's union went before the city council to request a 20-percent pay increase for firemen. How would a 20 percent raise be funded? What about raises for other city employees? (limit 100 words)

**Biddison** — All of the city employees deserve a substantial raise. At the present time a 3 percent raise requires \$300,000 in revenue. Anyone can see that a 20 percent increase is just not feasible. How would it be paid for? At the present rate, property taxes only bring in \$2,082,000. The operation of the Fire Department alone requires \$2,139,439. As a tax-paying citizen I would not want my property taxes to go up high enough to bring in that kind of

revenue; would anyone else? Garcia - When that representative of the firefighters union requested a 20 percent raise, he was not concerned with where the money came from. If that is not being irresponsible on his part, then

surely he should have told those whom he represents that the money needed for this could only come from a major tax increase. If we are to give the firemen a 20 percent raise in salary, why only them? Why not every employee of the city. the same raise they are asking for? Past increases in salaries have been given out equally to all employees and have never excluded any city employee. (edited for length)

McEwen Based on the present budget it would be impossible to fund a 20 percent pay raise for the fire department. However, I feel that is incumbent upon the city council to seek ways of increasing the pay for all city employees We must find ways to bring our pay scale up to more acceptable standards. The status quo will not allow any type of pay increases so the city council must look at alternative ways of approaching the various components of the bud-

4. What do you see as the future of the ambulance service in Big Spring? (limit 100

**Biddison** At the present time the city is looking at all of our options concerning the ambulance service. There is not any problem with the service. They are going a great job. The problem lies with funding. Bad Debt expenses totaled \$191,177 in 1998, and increased to \$214.955 in 1999. At this rate of increase and this amount of debt, I believe it is very important to look at all of our options.

**Garcia** — The future of the ambulance service is one that will have to be determined when budget workshops get under way. I know that we certainly want the best service but how much higher should we raise the cost of providing this service? We are already sharing the highest rates and a good number of our citizens are unable to pay this cost. Many of these citizens are elderly and live on fixed incomes while others may be single parents also on fixed incomes, living from paycheck

to paycheck. How can we ask them to pay more? Or do we just not provide ambulance service? (edited for length)

McEwen — The city council needs to approach our ambulance service with a completely open mind. We should look at all alternatives with an eve toward providing the best ambulance services at the least

5. What is your vision for the City of Big Spring over the next five years? What changes, if any, do you feel we need to make? What suggestions do you have to make this a reality? (limit 100 words)

**Biddison** — My vision for Big Spring is to be debt free. At present we are \$8.1 million bond in debt. We have been reducing this by paying off some bonds. A bond was paid off in 1999; others will be paid off in 2000, 2001 and 2002. I believe that we can still be progressive and move ahead. I believe this will take cutting back the amount of projects we attempt and pay down the debt at a fast rate. This would free up some cash flow and we won't have to rely on water sales revenue so much Freedom from debt will also the property tax rate which

allow us to hold or even reduce will encourage more businesses and people to locate here. (edited for length) **Garcia** — Our community has

come a long way in the last five years. Our most recent audit report showed that for the first time our general fund is operating in the black. This shows that our city council along with city management has got our community heading in the right direction. We are not where we want to be but we are on the right route. According to the TWC, we now have more job openings in Big Spring than we have applicants to fill these openings. With more jobs available here in Big Spring, our children will not have to go elsewhere to find

employment. (edited for length) **McEwen** — I would not be running for mayor if I didn't see the potential for great

things happening in Big Spring in the next five years. I will endeavor to bring the city council together in settings that will allow us to set goals and priorities for the next one, three, five and 10 years. The xity needs to open dialogue with the other taxing entities (county, school district, college) to find areas in which we duplicate services. It should be our goal to combine those services with an eye toward saving the taxpayers money.

6. Many of our city streets are in bad shape. Is there a need for an alternative plan to seal-coating?

**Biddison** — Yes, I believe there is a need for a different plan, but that takes money. Please refer to my vision. It is hard to express all of your ideas and views when there is a limited amount of space. Please feel free to contact me

with any question or ideas. **Garcia** — Until two years ago the double seal-coating plan called for coating two or three streets in each district. Since then, with the council's approval, we are now coating 21 to 23 mile sections of the city that often in lie one or two districts. This plans was agreed to because it is easer to see the repair work being done and we expect to have every paved street double seal-coated by the end of the next five years. Along with coating paved streets, we use all leftover material to cover unpaved streets and get to include them in the coating cycle along with paved streets.

McEwen — We must continue our seal-coat program to protect the streets that are still serviceable. However, we must also undertake a program of systematic replacement of our worst streets. We should seek alternative funding for the replacement program.

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## OUR VIEWS

# Congratulations on fine seasons, **BSHS** hoopsters

The girls saw their stay in the Class 4A playoffs terminated in an 81-51 bi-district loss to Stephenville's Honeybees at Hardin-Simmons University's Mabee

Loter and Steers mentor Jimmy Avery, both in their second year at the helm, wanted more for their teams. However, both they and their players can look back on a season that can only be considered monumental successes.

Avery arrived in the fall of 1998, but less than two years later have clearly returned to respectability.

impressive.

"also-ran" in District 5-4A by most observers.

Instead, they delivered a solid 18-15 record and fin-

They then eliminated Lake View from the district's mini-tournament that determined bi-district playoff seeding before dropping a showdown with Snyder for

And while the Steers' frustrating 3-7 showing in district play left them with a 16-17 mark overall, they

virtually every 5-4A game they played.

following the season-ending losses. "We were better this year than we were last year," Avery noted. "We expect better things next year.

what we've got to look at." What's more, we as a community not only need to offer our congratulations to the Steers and Lady Steers for their marked improvement this year, but our

resented their school and our city

### Your Views

TO THE EDITOR:

Agriculture is holding a organic farmers who will public hearing on Monday, have the option to forego Feb. 21, at 3 p.m. in the planting cotton, but still get Dawson County Annex located at 609 North First Street in Lamesa.

This has been rather hastily scheduled and not that well advertised. The topic of discussion will be Department of Agriculture's proposed guidelines that will com-

pensate organic cotton farmers at a level traditional farmers wouldn't get in their best years.

This proposal is trying to be snuck in the back door. It is for this reason I would urge all traditional cotton farmers to attend this meet-

I am sure those farmers who pay their boll weevil eradication fees would be particularly interested to

learn how some of their fees The Texas Department of will be used to compensate paid for their crop. And before too many tradition als out there get excited, the Department of Agriculture has already realized what a windfall this would be, so only farms certified organic prior to the 2000 crop year can qualify for this subsidy.

There are only three public hearings scheduled (and they are all scheduled on Monday or Tuesday), and the meeting in Lamesa is the closest. If anyone needs directions on how to get to the Dawson County Annex, vou may call me at (806) 439-6693 or 263-9630 for directions.

TAMMY TELCHIK **BORDEN COUNTY** FARM GIRL

## Sensible foreign policy theme mapped

ooking up a quote, I chanced to re-scan the book "Israel's Fateful Hour" by Yehoshafat Harkabi, who at one time was chief of

Israeli military intelligence. More importantly, Harkabi was a wise many and in one chapter of his book he gives a short summary of sensible foreign policy that is applicable to any country.



You can use

his advice to judge our own foreign policy as well as the positions of various candidates. He begins by pointing out that, with the rise of democracy, foreign policy is no longer the exclusive property of an aristocracy or elite. Popular opinions are a constraint on a government's freedom of action (hence, I would add, the government's interest in propagan-"Policy has thus come to

depend on the quality of public

thinking; a democracy will suc- impact the country we do it to ceed only if it is blessed with a sophisticated public opinion. An island of political wisdom surrounded by a sea of boorishness and folly will soon be drowned by the waves,' Harkabi writes.

Unfortunately, America's entertainment-news industry contributes more to boorishness and folly than to sophisticated public opinion. We ought to insist that journalists recognize that foreign affairs are not on the same level as sports and entertainment. Another tip Harkabi offers is, "Your enemy is not a criminal merely because he is your enemy." In other words, people may have moral and historical reasons for opposing a policy or a nation.

He adds: "The international arena is an interactive system in which actions are not linear and unidirectional but reciprocal and dialectical. The tendency to ignore the interactive nature of international arena stems from an excess of selfimportance - egocentricity in the individual, ethnocentricity in the group.

What he is saying is that no nation can act in a vacuum. What we do will not only

but also other countries that, in turn, will also take actions. For example, President Clinton's bombing of Baghdad and Yugoslavia not only resulted in damage to those countries but also caused serious damage to U.S. and Russian relations. Russians, for example, rejected the nuclear-reduc-

He points out that history shows that most solutions achieved by force are weak. and that subjective factors like diplomatic ability and the ability to inspire trust and good will can also be decisive factors in successful foreign poli-

tion treaty and are now mod-

ernizing their nuclear forces.

Harkabi advocates realism, which he defines as what determines the bounds of the possi-

He cautions against confusing subjective evaluations of what is possible with what is objectively so. He describes a fantasy as a set of images that fulfills a need that reality denies, while vision is a set of images that anticipates and provides for a future reality

Realists do not begin by defining their desires, he writes, but rather use their critical imagination to discern what it is possible to desire. In

them at the same time. They ly. They are circumspect but the situation requires it. They are not seduced by transitory gains. Finally, they avoid selfrighteousness that leads to the belief that merely being right is sufficient to guarantee suc-

or Big Spring's Steers and Lady Steers the 1999-2000 basketball season came to an end on the same night last week in a manner neither of the teams wanted.

The boys, who'd seen their hopes of qualifying for the postseason dashed in Fort Stockton four nights earlier, struggled through a miserable shooting night and closed the season with a 67-59 loss at Snyder.

There is no question Lady Steers head coach Kathy

Both programs were in disarray when Loter and

Perhaps the Lady Steers' turnaround is the most

A year ago, Big Spring's girls and their new coach suffered through a 6-24 campaign and entered the justcompleted season considered as no more than an

ished in a three-way tie for second place in the district standings at 6-4 with Snyder and San Angelo Lake

the league's second-place seed.

Even the 30-point loss to Stephenville couldn't tarnish the Lady Steers' accomplishments.

with only a couple of exceptions — threatened to win

Perhaps Avery expressed both coaches' sentiments

We've got to be patient and understand it just takes time to improve. We're steadily improving and that's

thanks for the exemplary manner in which they rep-

It was, without question, a job well done.

# The boat that sank in the attic

nce, on a February Sunday long ago, my former husband underlined in red a classified newspaper ad. WOODEN SAILBOAT, GOOD CONDITION. MUST SEE.

The next thing I knew we had seen and were buying a wooden sailboat, writing a check for more than our combined paychecks for three months.

In fairness.

the purchase wasn't totally impulsive: Jimmy had wanted a sailboat forever,

JOHNSON had considered building one himself, an idea that terrified

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And we did insist on taking a test sail on the lake where we found the boat in Meridian. Miss. It was a splendid ride, with plenty of wind and everything.

It's a big moment whenever you buy any kind of boat, and this was our first. We didn't even take it as a bad omen when the friend who had come along for the ride fell while jumping from the sailboat to the dock, losing his eyeglasses and chipping three teeth.

He bled only a little, and his misfortune did little to quell the excitement

We trailered the boat home, to our rented town house in Jackson. And there the old boat floated on the piece of crabgrass that passed for the

backyard, majestic on its high perch, a novelty in the neighhorhood

Friends came over for a cook out and to inspect the purchase. We climbed up into the boat and ate burgers, imagining the day when we'd pull her to Biloxi and loft sail. But first, the boat possibly

needed a few minor repairs, Jimmy decided, details that should be seen about before a launch. The poking and prodding began. There was a little rot, noth-

ing alarming, my partner soon informed me, but rot could spread if all the spongy wood weren't replaced. After work each day, he con-

scientiously pulled off the affected area and poked about some more. And then some

Soon there was just a carcass high atop the trailer, a few ribs and a piece or two of teak trim. "We wasted all that money," I said. "The sails alone are worth

what we paid," Jimmy said. As the boat disintegrated piece by piece, it looked less like a middle-class prize and more and more like regular junk.

You had to have a really good imagination to envision the boat afloat, our fine, seaworthy treasure of yesterday

The same friends who'd toasted our purchase now laughed at the skeletal remains. A neighbor complained The landlord warned us once,

twice, until we took the hint and our boat - and left. We stored what was left of the boat ballast and cleats and an

anchor — in one of those rental utility sheds. That added yet another monthly payment to our stressed budget.

Eventually we carted our jigsaw boat a piece at a time to the attic of a new rental house. And when finally we left Mississippi to move to a Tennessee lake, we conveniently forgot to pack most of the remains.

I once estimated we'd spent about \$5,000 for our one sail. Which, I would later find out. was about average. There were to be other, nonrotten sailboats

in my future, and none of them proved any cheaper to operate. It sounds like I'm complaining. I'm not. Hobbies are like in-laws; when you marry, you accept a partner's passions. I refused to wear white, or speak silly sailor talk — "Heaving-to puts great strain on the rudder" — but I did embrace the sport to the best of my ability.

And often I remember fondly the day we actually did pull a boat all the way to Biloxi and launch it before dark. It was early spring. The first day of shrimping season, to be exact. Every fool who owned anything that would float was in the water, with and without running lights, casting a net.

I remember thinking how long it had taken us to get to a significant breeze, to the place all Saturday sailors want to be the ocean

Maybe you need a rotten boat or two before you can fully appreciate that rare sail when all goes well, and the wind is steady, and the moon is full. Some moments are worth a

whole lot.

other words, simply declaring that some goal is vital or necessary does not mean one will achieve it.

Realists, he says, think about goals and the means to achieve think strategically, not tacticalcapable of extreme action when aspire to permanent assets and

I don't think that most of our politicians hold up any better than the Israeli politicians he was criticizing in the book. In every country, there seems to be a surplus of demagogues and a shortage of statesmen.

There is certainly no guarantee of a happy ending in human affairs

We need to work hard to develop a sophisticated public opinion, at least enough to know that what Russian leader Vladimir Putin thinks and does is more important than what movie stars and athletes think and do.

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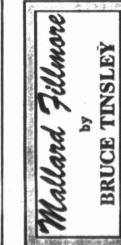
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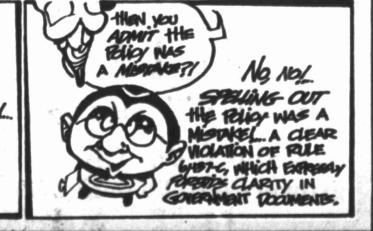
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## Defensive driving available on Internet

HOUSTON (AP) - A fenderbender in 1998 turned out to be the sound of opportunity knocking for David Bruce

Bruce got a traffic ticket for a 1998 accident that occurred after he left his Houston real estate office. State law lets drivers clear a ticket from their record by taking a defensivedriving class, and Bruce wondered if he could find a course on the Internet.

The 28-year-old found a site for California drivers, but nothing for Texans. So he created DefensiveDriver.com, a Web site offering a six-hour course people can take at home.

At about the same time, three Dallas entrepreneurs had the same idea. Kyle Collins, Richard Schiller and David Ianni opened Txdriving.com in December, and they say about 1,000 people have completed the

Collins and Schiller have operated Comedy Driving, which hires comedians to teach

decade before branching out on

"It seemed like a natural progression to offer it at home so the student doesn't have to leave their home," Collins said.

Both courses cost \$40, have interactive programs, use animation and graphics to teach students and then test their learning. And both have received the Texas Education Agency's blessing.

"The whole idea is for the test

to be convenient and flexible," Bruce told the Houston Chronicle. "They can do it at home, or on the road with their laptop. Getting state approval for the

sites took more than a year because the state had no guidelines on approving such ventures, said Bruce. Kathy Kenerson, director of driver training for the Texas

Education Agency, said devel-

oping safeguards to guarantee

defensive driving, for nearly a test delayed approval. But the companies were able to craft site safety nets that quelled the state's concerns.

"It's not perfect, but we think we have created a good level of security," Kenerson said.

The TEA also wanted to make sure that the student took six hours to complete the course. Kenerson said. Unlike the regular course, however, the six hours need not be completed in one sitting.

Collins said that the scrutiny was so intense, he and his two partners named their Web site company Bureaucracy Online.

Under state law, drivers receive a 10 percent reduction on parts of their auto insurance premium for three years upon graduation from the six-hour course, said Texas Department of Insurance spokesman Lee Jones. They also can have a ticket stripped from their record, and keep it from affecting their insurance rates, he

## Woman facing execution blames abuse

year-old woman scheduled to die this week is pleading with Gov. George W. Bush to grant further review of her claim that she killed her husband in self defense after years of domestic abuse.

"I'm asking you to let me live," Betty Lou Beets said Friday, her voice cracking in a plea broadcast on ABC's "Good Morning America." She is scheduled to die by injection

"I'm asking for mercy. And I'm asking for that compassion and I'm praying you will allow

Beets would be only the second woman executed in Texas since the Civil War and the fourth nationwide since the Supreme Court allowed capital punishment to resume in 1976. There are nine women on death row in Texas and 50 nationwide

Death penalty opponents

GATESVILLE (AP) — A 62- a test of Bush's "compassionate

conservatism. Beets was convicted of murder for the 1983 shooting death of Jimmy Don Beets, a Dallas fire captain and her fifth hus-

band, at the couple's trailer home near Gun Barrel City. She was charged with, but never tried, in the 1981 shoot ing death of her fourth husband, Doyle Barker. She also was convicted of shooting and wounding husband No. 2.

Acting on a tip. authorities found Beets' body in a shallow grave under a wishing-well flower garden outside her trailer. She had reported him missing two years earlier, saying he never returned from a fishing

A short time after finding Beets' body, searchers found Barker's remains under a shed. He had been missing for four years; Beets had said he left

one day and never came back. Her lawyers are asking the have said cases like Beets' are parole board to consider what

they say is a decades-long hi tory of abuse by her husban and recommend her senten be commuted to life.

### Activists increase cry for moratorium on Texas executions

AUSTIN (AP) - Death-pen ty opponents on Saturd. stepped up their push fo. moratorium on executions Texas, saying recent case prove that innocent people can

be sentenced to death. Those cases put a face of the death penalty," said Car Villarreal, an organizer for the Campaign to End the Death

Activists held a forum Saturday at the University Texas to call for an end to can ital punishment. Organize: said they see new hope for their cause after Illinois Gov George Rvan issued a morat rium on executions there.

### the right person completes the Officials consider commerical lodges at half-dosen state parks

state is considering allowing commercial lodges at six public parks across Texas to promote ecotourism and encourage peo-

But some conservation groups are concerned that the private businesses could destroy the ing a public resource.

Officials at the Parks and Wildlife Department who have been studying privatization projects for a decade said a thorough environmental impact study will be completed before any decision is made

vation of natural resources.'

"The goal would be to develop a nature-based lodge and educational center, but we appreciate the potential negative impacts if a project is done wrong," Cook

for Palo Duro, near Amarillo: Caddo Lake, in East Texas near Lodge, in the Davis Mountains of West Texas; Mustang Island, near Port Aransas on the Gulf Coast; Guadalupe River, north of San Antonio; and Brazos Bend, west of Houston, depart-

FORT WORTH (AP) — The Bob Cook, the agency's deputy

ment officials said.

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"Our first concern is conser-

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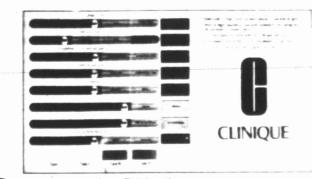
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## State Department orders expulsion of Cuban official

State Department ordered the expulsion Saturday of a Cuban diplomat linked to the Cubanborn U.S. immigration official arrested in Miami on spy charges.

The diplomat, whose name was not released, was given even days to leave the counrv. spokesman James Foley said

The Cuban official was ordered out of the country for activities "incompatible with his diplomatic status," Foley

Although Foley did not go into detail, the diplomat apparently was a Washington contact of Mariano Faget, a 34-year veteran of the Immigration and Naturalization Service who was arrested Thursday night as the results of a government sting operation.

Faget, 54, a supervisor in the Miami office of the INS, may

WASHINGTON (AP) - The have been passing on classified information about Cuban defectors for some time, authorities

> According to court papers, Faget met with Cuban intelligence officials in Miami on at least two occasions, contacted officials with the Cuban mission in Washington and had regular contact with a man he called last week in the sting a New York businessman with

ties to the Cuban government. Foley said the State Department acted against the Cuban diplomat in response to evidence presented by the FBI.

Felix Wilson, the acting head of the Cuban diplomatic mission, formally known as the Cuban interests section, was summoned to the State Department Saturday afternoon and informed of the expulsion

Foley said the diplomat was expected to leave the country as requested.

This is believed to be the first Cuban diplomat asked to leave the United States since 1996. Then, the mission spokesman, Jose Luis Ponce, was asked to leave in retaliation for the expulsion of an American diplomat from Havana.

In August 1996, Cuba expelled Robin Meyer, a diplomat with the political-economic section of the U.S. mission in Havana. Her primary responsibility was human rights.

Cuba charged that Meyer had carried out activities "incompatible with her diplomatic sta-

Faget, the immigration official now charged with spying, was arrested after falling into a trap set by the FBI, investigators said Friday.

The FBI said it fed him phony information about a pending defection and then caught him passing it on just 12 minutes

later to a contact with ties to the Cuban government.

Authorities said they had been investigating Faget for a year but wouldn't say how long they believe he had been passing on classified information. They also said they were uncertain about the effects of his alleged espionage - whether any Cubans were prevented from defecting, for example.

Faget (pronounced fy-EHT') who was arrested Thursday, is charged with violating the federal Espionage Act and making false statements to a federal

The first charge carries up to 10 years in prison; the second could bring five years.

Appearing in court Friday, Faget was ordered held until a bail hearing Feb. 24.

Defense attorney Joel Kaplan would not comment. Nor would Faget's family members and

Ford Motor Co. pays \$3.8 million in federal discrimination settlement

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WASHINGTON (AP) — Ford and nondiscrimination require Motor Co. is paying \$3.8 million in one of the largest settlements with the Labor Department involving discrimination in hiring women or minorities at cials said.

seven of the company's plants. Ford has agreed to compensate women and minority applicants for lost wages for entrylevel assembly positions at company plants in Louisville, Ky.; Wayne and Sterling Heights, Mich.; Sandusky, Ohio; Kansas City and St. Louis, Mo.; and Norfolk, Va.

Ford also will hire 100 women and minorities from previous applicants for assembly jobs at the plants, according to the consent decree.

It is the fifth-largest settlement by a company with the Labor Department's Office of Federal Contract Compliance, which oversees federal contractors for compliance with the government's affirmative action

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ments, officials said Friday.

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Labor officials said the agreement also ensured that Ford would hire more women and minorities at all its facilities because Ford agreed to employ them in proportion to the percentage that apply.

"It is significant that the company - on a corporate-wide basis - will change its hiring analysis which will open a pipeline of opportunity to women and minorities who have too long been excluded from good paying jobs on the Ford assembly line," said Labor Secretary Alexis Herman.

Ford did not admit to any discrimination in the settlement. The company said it wanted to avoid the costs and uncertainties of litigation.

## U.S. officials won't change custodian of Cuban boy

WASHINGTON (AP) Rejecting a request from Elian Gonzalez' father in Cuba, the Immigration and Naturalization Service refused Friday to shift the 6-year-old boy to a new temporary custodian in Miami on grounds that would be too dis-

The INS said that it was continuing to press in federal court for Elian's return to his father in Cuba.

But the agency said "transferring Elian temporarily to a new and unfamiliar environment would not be advisable for the child after already experiencing the trauma of leaving his home in Cuba and losing his mother.'

The decision was relayed by letter to the father, Juan Miguel Gonzalez, in Cuba, INS officials

Thanksgiving, Elian has been temporarily placed in the custody of a great-uncle, Lazaro Gonzalez, whose family is fighting in federal court to keep the boy in this country permanently His mother and 10 others died in a boat wreck while flee-

Elian's father had requested that Attorney General Janet Reno shift the boy's temporary custody to another of his great-Miami. Manolo

Gonzalez Juan Miguel Gonzalez had complained that Lazaro Gonzalez and his family had given the news media too much access to Elian, had arranged psychiatric treatment for the boy by doctors who had not been approved by his father,

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The INS statement said the agency shares the father's concerns about the boy's well-being and therefore will request information from Lazaro Gonzalez concerning the credentials of any psychiatrist or psychologist who has seen Elian, as well as any treatment that may have been prescribed

The agency also promised to obtain details of Elian's schooling in this country.

A Miami-based nongovern mental organization visited Lazaro's home to verify that it was an adequate setting for Elian, the INS said. The agency also said it was aware that Lazaro had past convictions for driving under the influence of

Nevertheless, the agency said its current information does not suggest Lazaro's home is inadequate for Elian's temporary

Earlier in the day. Reno rejected a request to meet with Elian during a Friday visit to Miami, her hometown.

Lazaro's family had asked Reno to meet with them and the Cuban boy in hopes she would sympathize with their fight to keep the child in the United States. She spoke at an awards ceremony for an organization that provides legal assistance to neglected children.

Spencer Eig, Lazaro's attorney, wrote a letter to Reno requesting the meeting so the boy and the relatives can "make their plea to you, and for you to meet the child whose fate rests so largely in your hands.'

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broad, muscular winter storm carried severe, sometimes deadly conditions into the Midwest and Northeast, shutting schools and stranding travelers as 'it brought coatings of snow, sleet

While snow plows and saltspreaders were pressed into service, schoolchildren reveled Friday in a Presidents Day weekend made longer by the harsh weather as classes were either canceled or dismissed

The weather also made traveling difficult, causing numerous flight delays and snarling traffic. leading to several deaths.

Up to a foot of snow was recorded in parts of eastern New York with lesser amounts in other states. Nine inches of snow were recorded in parts of Wisconsin, Iowa and Nebraska: inches in parts of Massachusetts and 4 inches in areas of northern Ohio and New Hampshire.

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spawned tornadoes and severe thunderstorms that moved from central Arkansas into the Mississippi Delta, damaging more than 100 homes and leaving eight with minor injuries. High winds and rain in Tennessee destroyed a mobile home and downed some power lines and trees, but no injuries were reported. Golf-ball sized hail was reported in the Little Rock. Ark. area.

The snowy weather to the north was blamed for several deaths, mostly from traffic accidents on slickened roads.

One driver was killed when her car spun out of control and hit an oncoming car in Portage,

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While New York City residents slogged through slushy streets, the storm was merciful on two of the state's snowiest spots - Syracuse and Buffalo. Despite forecasts of a foot or more of snow, residents in those cities escaped with as little as 4

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but still cold conditions still "I figure the kids will want to play outside in the snow," she said, "so I'd better have all the right stuff to warm them up when they come inside and are all wet and bright pink.'



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# Bush wins pivotal South Carolina primary; McCain vows to fight on

Bush rallied conservatives Saturday to defeat Sen. John McCain in South Carolina's primary, snatching momentum from his insurgent rival as the race heads into 18state sprint over 14 days. McCain was pugnacious before supporters, declaring, "We have just begun to fight."

"I'm relieved," acknowledged Bush, who was buried in a landslide in New Hampshire's leadoff primary nearly three weeks ago. "Relieved is not the right word. I'm excited and ener-

Forced to regroup, McCain my candidacy," said Bush,

both congratulated Bush for his victory and criticized the negativity of the governor's campaign. "I cannot wait for the next round," he said, saying he would offer "a choice between a record of reform and an empty slogan of reform."

With 77 percent of the vote counted, Bush had 225,689 votes, or 54 percent to McCain's 173,902 or 41 percent. Alan Keyes ran a faraway third at 5 percent. The dramatic campaign produced a record turnout, but it didn't help McCain as he had hoped.

"The pundits were saying a big turnout would be harmful to "when in fact this campaign that Bush won by a lopsided needed to win the Republican out a Michigan victory, and ignited and united the Republican base.

Bush needed to win here to stall McCain's surge, and indeed for months his campaign had seen South Carolina as a tradition-minded "firewall state" which could blunt any damage from the chars of New Hampshire. The Texas governor had a huge lead in early polling but McCain closed the gap in the past 10 days - only to see Bush mount a \$4 million campaign with help from interest groups who question McCain's conservative credentials..

Interviews conducted Voter News Service indicated margin among bedrock conservatives and regular Republicans. Six out of 10 voters in the primary were Republican, and Bush won two-thirds of them.

McCain drew from moderates, independents and Democrats. but the size of that coalition in South Carolina is not nearly the force that created his victory in New Hampshire. "We come roaring out of

South Carolina with a new energy in our campaign," said Bush. We're on our way to Michigan and Arizona."

Earning at least 34 of South Carolina's 37 delegates, Bush has 61 of the 1,034 delegates

nomination. McCain is at 11. McCain will have a quick chance to recover his footing.

On Tuesday Republicans will select delegates in Michigan and his home state of Arizona, with three contests coming a week later. On March 7, 13 states conduct GOP contests that could go a long way toward the nomination.

Michigan may be a must-win state for McCain, and a poll by the Detroit Free Press showed the candidates in a tight race. Aides say it will be difficult, if not impossible, for McCain to overcome Bush's financial and organizational advantages with-

they believe the Midwest state will be friendlier territory. Independents and conservative Democrats in suburban Detroit will be prime McCain targets.

Exit polls in South Carolina showed that McCain failed to best Bush on some of his strongest points. The former Vietnam prisoner of war aggressively recruited veterans, but only managed to split their vote. And the man who rides the "Straight Talk Express" didn't score as a reformer and he didn't fare any better than Bush when voters were asked to name the candidate who says

# NAACP decides to continue economic boycott against South Carolina

national NAACP decided Saturday to continue its economic boycott against South Carolina over the state's flying of the Confederate flag atop its Capitol.

"It is not just a piece of cloth. This is about the dignity of people," Kweisi Mfume, the president of the civil rights group. said at the NAACP's 91st annual meeting.

Leaders of the National Association for the Advance- said Mfume, who hopes 20,000

ment of Colored People also announced plans for a march next month on the Florida Capitol in Tallahassee to protest Gov. Jeb Bush's move to eliminate racial and gender preferences in admissions at the state's 10 public universities and in granting state contracts.

"We are hoping to send a message to Governor Bush and others attempting to deny opportunity that the NAACP won't go away quietly on this issue,"

people will participate. Mfume and Julian Bond,

chairman of the NAACP board, outlined the organization's agenda for 2000, which includes combating racism, saving affirmative action and registering about 4 million voters.

On the same day as South Carolina's important GOP presidential primary, Mfume took the opportunity to stress the NAACP's resolve to stick with the boycott until the flag is low-

"This is the same flag that the estimated \$280 million. was embraced by the Ku Klux Klan when it was founded," Mfume said, adding, "The flag will come down. It's just a matter of when."

The NAACP started a nationwide tourism boycott of the state aimed at removing the flag on Jan. 1. The goal of the nation's oldest civil rights organization, with 500,000 members in 2,200 branches, to pressure the South Carolina Legislature to lower the flag or risk losing

Those who support the flag, which has flown over the Statehouse since 1962, say it honors Southern heritage. Opponents say it is a symbol of racism and slavery.

State legislators, with the sole power to lower the banner, are

struggling with what to do. Last week, South Carolina Gov. Jim Hodges proposed moving the Civil War-era flag from the Statehouse dome, saying it

should be placed at a

Confederate monument on the Capitol's grounds

"This compromise we were offered is unacceptable and is non-negotiable." Mfume said.

Bond said Hodges' compromise would "move the flag from a place of honor above the Capitol and give it a place of honor on the Capitol steps.

Bond said the NAACP would agree to having the flag displayed in a Confederate relic room near the Capitol or in a glass case inside the Capitol.

## Clinton wants GOP to curb corporate tax shelters WASHINGTON (AP) - Tax

shelters: They've been described as deals done by smart people that, if it were not for tax advantages, would be very stupid. But the proliferation of corporate tax shelters is no laughing matter to the U.S. Treasury, which puts losses at \$10 billion a year — and grow-

President Clinton is asking Congress for tough new laws to crack down on companies and the financial advisers who design these complex tax-avoidance schemes. Reluctant Republicans contend the issue is being overblown in a oneman crusade by Treasury Secretary Lawrence Summers.

The attitude of the GOP and corporate opponents of the Clinton administration proposal was summed up recently by House Majority Leader Dick Armey

"The business of a corporation is to maximize its earnings for its shareholders," Armey, R-Texas, told reporters. "Since tax is a very large part of their

costs, anything they can do to minimize that share of their fare. costs would be a legitimate thing. Obviously, they need to do what is legal, and we presume they are doing that.'

But evidence to the contrary is increasing.

For example, corporate tax receipts were down 2.5 percent in fiscal 1999, even though the U.S. economy is booming and there is no commensurate decline in company profits. Also, the Internal Revenue Service recently has won a series of federal court cases exposing tax shelters devised for major companies such as United Parcel Service, Compaq and Winn-Dixie.

"It's become a substantial source of competition to provide shelters, to market shelters, often with confidentiality agreements" Summers said in an interview. "There is pressure ... otherwise the businesswill be taken to another accounting firm.'

Corporate tax shelters often are wrongly confused with

loopholes and corporate wel-

Loopholes are special provisions inserted in the tax law by Congress to benefit specific industries or even favored companies.

Welfare is a term used by political opponents to condemn any broader government program aimed at assisting certain types of business.

Tax shelters, on the other hand, are labyrinthine plans to avoid paying taxes. They are dreamed up by accountants and tax lawyers and sold to compa-

Summers says these companies and advisers are playing the "audit lottery" in hopes they can devise a scheme so complex that the IRS cannot figure out if it is illegal.

Francisco attorney who heads the tax section of the American Bar Association. "They are sold on the basis that examining agents won't understand them.

Even if a company is caught, it can take the IRS years and great costs to win a court case. The offending corporation often is liable only for back taxes and interest – sometimes an acceptable price of doing busi-

Summers is pushing for tough new penalties, including a 25 percent excise tax on the marketers and buyers of tax shelters and an increase in the penalty for corporate tax underreporting from 20 percent to 40 percent. These proposals would raise about \$23 billion in revenue over 10 years, according to Treasury estimates.

"There have to be penalties possible if we're going to deter this activity," Summers said. "Our tax system is based on voluntary compliance. That "They are predicated on com- compliance depends on people plexity" said Paul Sax a San having the sense that others particularly those who are more fortunate, pay the taxes they are required to pay." ...

The administration's proposal would require more disclosure to the government.

## Survey finds many Hispanics fear census, won't participate

PHOENIX, Ariz. (AP) - Fear ulation, the center found that is prompting many Hispanics to skip participation in the new census survey, a new poll

A Behavior Research Center poll found that 16 percent of Arizona's Hispanics don't plan to participate.

The poll also found many fear information would be shared with other government agencies (44 percent) or would be sold to private companies (27 percent).

Already aware of the fear, the Immigration and Naturalization Service said it will postpone routine enforcement actions during the census to help the government obtain a more accurate count of Hispanics.

About one in four believes that only U.S. citizens need to take part in the headcount that begins April 1, the center said. The poll found that one in five believes the count applies only those born in the United States.

And though the amount of federal, state and other governmental money allocated under many programs is based on popmany Hispanics (22 percent) simply don't believe that being counted matters in that regard.

Neil Weiner, manager of the Census Bureau's Tucson office, said Hispanics were undercounted by more than 4 percent in 1990 - nationwide, an estimated 8 million people. Weiner noted that besides funding, the census also is used to determine congressional districts.

The survey the Phoenix center has an error margin of less than plus or minus 5 percentage points.

Weiner said he wasn't surprised by the figures, fears and misperceptions the center

"I think the actual number may be higher." Weiner said. "We have a lot of people who don't trust us.

On the positive side, more than three-quarters of the 500 Hispanics surveyed agreed completing the census questionnaire would help provide assistance to low-income Hispanic families.

## Shaw endorses lifting Social Security earning limits

President signs tough federal law for date-rape drug

officials said.

Security beneficiaries, now losing billions of dollars in benefits, shouldn't be penalized for staying on the job after turning 65, the chairman of a House panel that oversees the national retirement plan said Saturday.

The House could vote as early as March 2 on a GOP plan to repeal Social Security's "earnings penalty" for working Americans 65 to 69, Rep. Clay Shaw, R-Fla., said.

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ees who stay on the job after they pass retirement age.

The legislation would erase a rule requiring the government to deduct \$1 in Social Security benefits from every \$3 over a prescribed limit earned by beneficiaries up to age 70. The limit is currently \$17,000 a year.

"Millions of older Americans know exactly what the Social Security earnings penalty is, because they have lost literally billions of dollars in benefits

and often have no memory of

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ficult to trace, often leaving the

Under the legislation, GHB

to seek federal criminal prose-

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body within 24 hours.

WASHINGTON (AP) - Social benefit checks for older employ- because of it," said Shaw, chairman of the House Ways and Means subcommittee on Social Security.

> 'What's worse, millions more soon-to-be seniors in the baby boom generation could be hit by this work penalty if we don't change the law now," he said.

Shaw described the plight of a 66-year-old Florida constituent who received about \$5,000 a year in Social Security benefits. If the woman, identified only as Janet, took a part-time job as a

and distributing the drug, DEA

Exceptions would be made for

GHB clinical studies approved

by the Food and Drug

grocery store cashier, she could earn \$18,500.

Because that is \$1,500 over the current earnings limit, Janet would lose one-third of that amount, or \$500, in Social Security payments, Shaw said.

"That's just not fair," Shaw said. "Americans pay into the Social Security system their entire working lives, and working seniors deserve their benefits just like everyone else does. They shouldn't be penalized because they want to work.'

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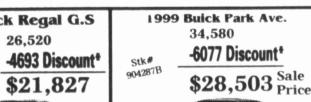
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### Playoff game added to list at 'The Dorothy'

Another game has been added to the list of high school playoffs scheduled at Dorothy Garrett Coliseum.

The most recent addition to the list is a Class 4A boys' bidistrict game between Granbury and Fort Stockton set for 6 p.m.

A Class 1A boys' bi-district doubleheader is set for Tuesday. Grady's Wildcats will take on Wellman's Wildcats at 6 p.m., followed by Ira's Bulldogs taking on Klondike's Cougars at 8 p.m.

And on Friday, Eldorado's Eagles will face the winner of a bi-district playoff between Stanton and Sundown at 8

### Ozona, Wall take wins over Seagraves, Post

Ozona's Lady Lions and Wall's Lady Hawks walked away winners Friday night in a Class 2A area playoff doubleheader at Dorothy Garrett Coliseum

Ozona looked a lot like the Lady Lions of old Friday night, as they rolled to a 61-49 win over Seagraves' Lady Eagles, while Wall posted a 42-34 upset over No. 10-ranked Post's Lady Antelopes.

The No. 7-ranked Lady Lions now advance to face fifth-ranked Farwell at 7:30 p.m. Tuesday, the winner advancing to the Region I, Class 2A tournament.

The Lady Hawks, who finished as runners-up to Ozona in District 2-2A, will face Hale Center on Tuesday for another regional tourney berth.

Prior to the two playoff games, Ozona's boys took a 53-37 win over Wellman in a practice game.

### Chicano Golf Association to hold tournament today

Chicano Association of Big Spring will hold its annual membership trive tournament today at the Comanche Trail Golf Course. The fee is \$20 per player for

membership. Each team in the four-man scramble will be composed of A. B. C and D players.

In addition to tournament prizes, the first player to hit a hole-in-on on No. 4 will receive a Club Car golf cart.

Registration begins at 8:30 this morning and all players must have signed up and paid their fees by 10.

### International LL board to meet on Tuesday

Board members of the International Little League will meet at 6:30 p.m. Tuesday at the Country Corner Cafe.

The board will discuss the upcoming season and all coaches and other interested persons are encouraged to attend.

For more information, call Denise Yandrich at 263-1945, Raymond Ontiveros at 263-3811 or Delbert Green at 263-

## ON THE AIR

### **Television AUTO RACING**

11 a.m. — NASCAR Daytona 500, CBS, Ch. 7. **NBA** 

11:30 a.m. — Dallas Mavericks at Toronto Raptors, FXS, Ch. 29.

2 p.m. — Portland TrailBlazers at Sacramento Kings, NBC, Ch 9. 4:30 p.m. — Los Angeles Lakers at Philadelphia 76ers,

### NBC, Ch. 9. **COLLEGE BASKETBALL**

Men 12:30 p.m. — Oklahoma at Kansas, ABC, Ch. 2 and Ch. 8. 6 p.m. — TCU at Fresno State. FXS, Ch. 29.

Women 3:30 p.m. — Hawaii at Rice, FXS, Ch. 29.

**GOLF** 3 p.m. — PGA Nissan Open.

final round, CBS, Ch. 7. 4:30 p.m. - Senior PGA GTE Classic, final round, ESPN, Ch.

NATIONAL HOCKEY LEAGUE

7 p.m. — Philadelphia Flyers at N.Y. Rangers, ESPN, Ch. 30.

WINTER SPORTS 7 p.m. - Winter Goodwill Games, TNT, Ch. 28.

# Doubles dominance give Coronado BSHS Invitational win

**HERALD Staff Report** 

Lubbock Coronado turned first- and third-place finishes in both the boys' and girls' doubles Saturday to chalk up the team championship of the 10th annual Big Spring Invitational Tennis Tournament at the Figure 7 Tennis

Midland High finished second overall, while Odessa Permian was third, Snyder fourth and Big Spring's host squad finished fifth.

Coronado's win might have been even more dominating had it not been for Midland's Marcus Valdez, who took a 6-3, 6-2 Coronado's Brent Hunter in the boys' singles championship.

Big Spring's best finish of the day came in the boys' singles where Derek DeHovos finished fourth, dropping the third-place match to Permian's Gage Mann for the doubles title and Coronado bracket, taking a 6-4, 6-0 win over team-Hicks, 6-2, 2-6, 6-1.

Coronado's Mitchell Anderson and Scotty George won the boys' doubles title with a 6-3, 6-4 win over Permian's Casey Ballio and Joel Morgan, while Mustangs teammates Seth Atkins and Jonathan Lindsey took a 6-4, 7-5 win over Snyder's Adrian Gonzales and Ryan Gibson for third place.

Snyder claimed a first-place finish when Drew Branum took a 6-2, 6-0 win over teammate Cassie Davis in the girls' singles championship.

Midland's Ashley Shannon took third place in the singles when she defeated Coronado's Kristen Carmichael, 7-5, 6-3. Coronado and Permian dominated the girls' doubles draw

Sisters Courtney and Kristen Steinbock took a 6-0, 6-1 win over Permian's Trish Corcoran and Melissa teammates Shelly Pessa and Nikki Smith posted a 7-6, 6-1 win over Permian's sisters duo of Anna and Kate McMinn.

Big Spring's still young and relatively inexperienced team turned in a number of good finishes.

Alex Edgemon and Jay Shroff teamed to take seventh place in the boys' doubles, defeating teammates Aaron Langford and Zach Smiley, 7-6, 6-2. Annette Richardson and Mindy Partee

matched that finish in the girls' doubles, taking a 7-6, 2-6, 6-4 win over Carlsbad's Beth Weckel and Leslie Smith. The other Big Spring girls' doubles

team of Becky Vera and Megan Roffers finished 14th, dropping their final match 6-1, 6-4 to Carlsbad's Candice Dawson and Tiffany Graham.

In girls' singles play, Big Spring April Ward finished eighth in the consolation mate Seneca Arguello.

Big Spring's Brian Watt finished 13th in the boys' singles following a 6-4, 6-4

loss to Midland's Jeorge Saenz. Big Spring's junior varsity boys and Forsan's varsity girls were paired together in the team standings and fin-

ished seventh in the eight-team field. Brian Wingert and Michael Roffers led the way for that team, finishing seventh and ninth, respectively, in boys' singles. Wingert took seventh place with a 6-4, 6-2 win over Roffers.

Drew Mireles and Scott Downing added 14th place in the boys' doubles following a 6-4, 6-1 loss to Carlsbad's Boone Morgan and John Riley.

Nathan Smith and Ryan Vela were 15th in the boys' doubles, taking a 7-6, 2-6, 6-4 win over Carlsbad's Loren Bendixson and Mike Correa.

# Hawks sweep Frank Phillips

By JOHN H. WALKER

Publisher

Howard College pulled its 2000 baseball record even at 7-7 with a three-game sweep Friday and Saturday of Western Junior College Athletic Conference (WJCAC) foe Frank Phillips.

Howard now plays host to a touring University of Victoria team from Victoria, British Columbia, Canada in a single game Tuesday at 1 p.m.

The Hawks won Friday's series opener 11-3, came back to take the first game Saturday 5-2 and then hung on in the nightcap to claim an 8-7 win.

The importance of sweeping the weekend series went deeper than just improving the Hawks' record to 4-2 in WJCAC play. however

"Every conference game is important, but that's especially true when we're here playing at home," Hawks head coach Justin Hays explained. "It's nice to win on the road like we did in Odessa, but you have to win at home if you want to contend for the championship and advance to the regional tournament.

In the series finale, Howard jumped to a 7-1 lead after four innings only to have Frank Phillips battle back.

The Hawks opened a 3-0 lead in the first when Kennard Bibbs and Andy Harrington hit back-to-back singles. After Jay Alsup lined out to center, Caleb Reger plated Bibbs with a single to left. Harrington and Reger later scored when Zack Matthews singled to center one of five hits during the inning for Howard

FPC picked up a run in the second, only to see Howard add another three runs in the sec-

Harrington and Alsup — who reached on a fielding error and a double — scored on a triple off the left field wall by Reger with Reger scoring on a sacrifice fly to center by Ryan

Howard added a seventh run in the fourth when Harrington who had three hits - doubled off the wall in right center. took third on a sac fly by Alsup and scored on a fielder's choice

In the Frank Phillips fifth, the Plainsmen came to life.

With one out, Luis Laboy single to right and took third on a two-base error when Matthews was unable to field the ball. He



Howard College's Brett Headland (7) slides into home and scores the Hawks' fourth run Friday on a wild pitch. as Frank Phillips catcher Christian Espinet and pitcher Joe Guzman both get to the plate too late to make a play. Headland, the courtesy runner for Howard catcher Jason Jurgens, scored two runs in the 11-3 win.

then scored on a fielder's nightcap. Huddleston got the choice by Ryan Davis.

With two outs. Christian Espinet singled to center and took second when Jason Bush's ground ball was booted by shortstop Mike McMillan. A walk to Brad McCamus loaded the bases for Odannis Ayala. who hit a grand slam to right center to make the score 7-6.

Howard added what would prove to be the winning run in the seventh when McMillan reached on an infield hit, took second on a throwing error by shortstop Jay Scharnell and scored on a double to left by

But the Hawks still had to withstand the FPC ninth when Espinet opened with a walk before Bush and McCamus were retired reliever Frankie Keller

With two outs, Keller walked Ayala and pinch hitter Nelson Rios to load the bases before striking out Scharnell on a full count to end the game

Keller, who had come on in relief of Erik Huddleston in the first game, got the save in the

win in the opener, while starter Wes Tunnell got the win in the second game. Chris Shannon pitched 2 2/3 innings of relief in the nightcap.

Friday's series opener, scheduled as a 9-inning game, was shortened to just seven innings on the 8-run rule, as sophomore ace Danny McMurtry allowed just three Plainsmen runs by scattering five hits and striking out six batters.

All three Frank Phillips runs were the products of home runs, a solo shot in the fifth inning by Ayala and a two-run blast in the sixth by McCamus. Offensively, the

Hawks pounded Plainsmen pitching for 11 runs on 13 hits and took advantage of every mistake Frank Phillips committed.

'We said back in the fall that we were going to be a good hitting baseball team and we have been," Hays noted. "But we've also become a good defensive club, as well.

"And it was really nice to see us give Danny some support out there today," Hays added. "He's had three good outings when we didn't help him out much, but we gave him some runs today.

Indeed.

The Hawks jumped on Plainsmen starter Joe Guzman from the outset, scoring three runs in the bottom of the first inning by capitalizing on a Frank Phillips error and back to-back doubles by Ryan Dever and Matthews.

Howard would get all the runs it needed in the second, thanks to a second error by Frank Phillips' shortstop Jay Scharnell, an infield hit by McMillan and a series of wild

pitches uncorked by Guzman Dever led off the third with a triple and scored when Tim Gilhooly laced a one-out single to left to make it 6-0, and in the fourth inning the Hawks added two more to make it 8-0.

Bibbs led off the Hawks' fifth with a triple to left and scored on a sacrifice fly by Harrington. Reger added a twoout double to center and scored

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## BSHS thins' best showing in distances **HERALD Staff Report**

SAN ANGELO - Distance events were the strength for the Big Spring Steers track team Saturday as they took part in a three-way meet with San Angelo Central's Bobcat thinclads and Abilene High's Eagles.

Rolando Ladesma and Mike Martinez finished first and second, respectively, in both the 3,200 meters and the 1,600 meters in leading Big Spring's point production.

Ladesma chalked up the 3,200 win with a 10:18.0 clocking, and broke the tape in the 1,600 with a 4:52.0. Martinez was just three seconds back in the mile and was 10 seconds off his teammate's pace in the 3,200.

"This is going to be a much different year than we're used to around here," Steers coach Randy Britton said following the meet. "We've got a lot more kids out running this year than we ever had, but almost all of them are very young ... a lot of freshmen.

'It seems like always in the past we've had some top-level seniors to help lead and encourage our younger kids," he added, "but that's not the case this year. The only seniors we've really got with a lot of experience are Rolando and Kyle (Britton). This is going to be a real learning process for

all of us. Mike Solis added third place in the 1,600 meters, while Will Sahager was fifth. Solis was fourth in the 800 meters with a 2:09 clocking, while Sahager also provided fourth-place points in the 3,200 with an 11:11.0 clocking.

Big Spring's only other firstplace finish came from Braden Wegner in the pole vault when he cleared the bar at 12 feet.

Curtis Woodruff, Ronnie Johnson and Ramon Ford finished tied for second-, thirdand fourth-place in the high jump, all three clearing 5 feet, 6 inches.

Jaroe Parnell added more field events points with a fourth-place leap of 18 feet, 3 inches in the long jump, while Keith Newton was fourth in the discus with a toss of 121 feet.

Jason Woodruff, Sam Gray, Josh Gibson and Kyle Britton teamed together for a 45.6-second clocking in the 400-meter

See TRACK, page 9A

# Garden City, Borden County girls survive area round

**HERALD Staff Reports** 

ANDREWS - For a third straight year, Garden City's Lady Bearkats brought an end of the Wink Lady Wildcats' basketball season Friday night

with a 36-32 Class A area playoff win. It wasn't an impressive showing that allowed the Lady 'Kats to advance to the regional playoff round, but a defensive effort that held Wink scoreless for the final 6:11 of the game.

Garden City needed that kind of defense at crunch time, because the Lady 'Kats managed just four points down the stretch, all of them coming from the free throw line.

"Wink just took us out of our offense, but this is the kind of defense we've been playing all year," Lady Bearkats head coach Mike Wallace said following the win that improved Garden City's record to 25-4. "We've been holding teams to an average of 36 points. We did a little betthe game with a pair of pressure-packed ter tonight and it's a good thing that we

## PLAYOFF ROUNDUP

The Lady 'Kats now have their work cut out for them, as they'll face No. 2ranked Sudan (27-1) in a regional quarterfinal game at 7 p.m. Tuesday in

With the fourth-quarter clock showing 6:11, the two teams were deadlocked at 32-all when Wink's Lindsay Graham scored what proved to be the Lady Wildcats' final points.

Ten seconds later, Lady 'Kats junior post M'Lynn Niehues hit a free throw that wound up being all Garden City would need.

Collene Cox scored her only point of the game at the 3:11 mark to make it 34-32 Garden City. And with just 10 seconds remaining,

Niehues went back to the line and iced

All told, the game was tied seven times and included nine lead changes, as the Lady Wildcats see-sawed their way to a 21-20 halftime advantage

And when Wink jumped out to a 28-22

lead with 51/2 minutes left in the third quarter, it looked as if Garden City was Lora Braden didn't seem to think so,

however, as she hit three consecutive buckets to give the Lady 'Kats a 29-28

Those were the only points Braden scored, but they were important. Braden's six, as well as the six first-

quarter points provided by Summer Eoff were crucial, Wallace said. "They shadowed M'Lynn and Kyndra (Batla) everywhere they went," he explained. "As a matter of fact, they did a good job of disguising that they were in

a triangle-and-one. It looked line a man-

to-man, and it took us a while to realize

that we had to get the ball out to the

wing they weren't covering."

Niehues scored a game-high 12 points for the Lady 'Kats and pulled down 10 rebounds, while Batla finished eight points, thanks to a couple of key threepoint bombs.

Wink, which finishes the season at 18-6, got 11 points from Jennifer Hawkins.

### **Lady Coyotes advance** following 51-32 win

SWEETWATER - Borden County's No. 4-ranked Lady Coyotes were forced to struggle through a hard-fought, intense contest with Robert Lee's Lady Steers before claiming a 51-32 Class A area playoff victory Friday night.

The defending region champion Lady Coyotes improved to 27-3 and advance to the Region II quarterfinals.

For the first two periods Friday, how-

ever, it looked as if Borden County's bid See PLAYOFFS, page 9A

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7. Ohio St.	17-4	Indian
<ol><li>Oklahoma St.</li></ol>	20-2	Charlo
9. Syracuse	20-2	Toront
10. Indiana	18-4	Milwa
11. Florida	18-5	Detroi
12. Aubum	19-4	Atlanta
13. Tulsa	22-2	Clevel
14. lowa St.	21-3	Chica
15. Temple	18-4	WEST
16. LSU	19-4	Midw
17. Texas	17-6	
18. Connecticut	17-6	San A
19. Kentucky	17-7	Utah
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21. Utah	19-4	Denve
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23. Seton Hall	18-4	Houst
24. Kansas	18-6	Vanco
25 Purdue	17-7	Pacific
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TOP 25 - WOMEN

The top 25 teams in The Associated ress' women's college basketball poll with first-place votes in parentheses:

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1. Connecticut (31)	22-
2. Tennessee (4)	21-
3. Georgia (9)	24
4. Louisiana Tech	19-
5. Notre Dame	21-
6. Penn St.	20-
7. N.C. State	20-
8. Rutgers	16-
9. LSU	19-
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11. UC Santa Barbara	21-
12. Texas Tech	19
13. Aubum	18
14. Duke	19
15. Arizona	20-
16. Old Dominion	18
17. Purdue	17
18. Oklahoma	20-
19. Boston College	19
20. Tulane	21
21. Vinginia	19
22. Mississippi St.	18
23. Marquette	20-
24. UCLA	13
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The top 20 teams in the National Junior college. Athletic Association Division I nen's basketball poll with first-place votes. parentheses and records through Feb

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Miami	31	19	.620	_
New York	31	19	.620	_
Philadelphia	28	23	.549	31/2
Orlando	25	27	481	7
Boston	22	29	431	91/2
New Jellsev	20	31	.392	111/2
Washington	15	37	288	17
Central Division				
Indiana	34	17	.667	
Charlotte	29	21	.580	41/2
Toronto	27	23	.540	61/2
Milwaukee	27	25	.519	71/2
Detroit	25	26 .	.490	9
Atlanta	20	29	.408	13
Cleveland	21	31	.404	131/2
Chicago	11	38	.224	22
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Midwest Division				
	w	L	Pct	GB
San Antonio	33	18	.647	
Utah	31	19	.620	11/2
Minnesota	28	22	.560	41/2
Denver	23	28	.451	10
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Houston	21	31	.404	121/2
Vancouver .	15	35	300	171/2
Pacific Division				
Portland	41	11	.788	

Boston at Seattle (n) **Today's Games**Dallas at Toronto, 11,30 a.m.

Miami at Charlotte, 2 p.m.
San Antonio at Houston, 2 p.m.
New Jersey at Minnesota, 2 p.m.
Portland at Sacramento, 2 p.m.
L.A. Lakers at Philadelphia, 4 30 p.m.

Washington at Golden State. 8 p.m.

Vancouver at Cleveland, 6:30 p.m.

Phoenix at San Antonio, 7.30 p.m. Atlanta at Utah, 8 p.m. Sacramento at Deriver, 8 p.m. Boston at Portland, 9 p.m.

Monday's Games
L.A. Clippers at New York, Noon
Dallas at Indiana, 5 p.m.

Miami at Detroit, 7 p.m.

2 Grayson County, Texas 3. NE Oklahoma A&M 4. Central Anzona 5. Tyler, Texas 6. State Fair, Mo.

Daytona Beach, Fla. Weatherford, Texas Southwestern Illinois Independence, Kan.

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 Gulf Coast, Fla.

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18. Barton County. Kan 19. Seminole, Fla. 20. NW Mississippi

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L.A. Clippers Friday's Games
Philadelphia 104. Cleveland 75 Denver 95, Toronto 91 Charlotte 115, L.A. Clippers 87 New Jersey 91, Miami 84

Minnesota 103, Vancouver 91 L.A. Lakers 107, Orlando 99, OT Sari Antonio 116, Houston 92 Phoenix 85, Atlanta 73 Portland 93. Washington 85 Sacramento 118. Seattle 85 Golden State 122. Boston 100 Late Games Not Included New York 87, Indiana 73

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IUCO - WOMEN

25-2 25-1 25-4 23-3 25-3 The top 25 teams in the National Junior College Athletic Association women's bas-ketball poll and records through Feb. 15: 1. Seward County, Kan

### Transactions

nerican League
ANAHEIM ANGELS—Signed RHP Dernok Turnbow to a one-year contract.

CLEVELAND INDIANS—Agreed to terms with OF Mark Whiten on a minor-league

ionitract.
MINNEAPOLIS TWINS—Agreed to terms
with LHP Eddie Guardado on a two-year

contract extension through 2002

TAMPA BAY DEVIL RAYS—Agreed to terms with OF Kenny Kelly on a four-year contract, and OF Bubba Trammell, RHP Dan Wheeler, INF Daman Rolls and LHP Carteric Research Cedrick Bowers on one-year contracts. Placed LHP Tony Saunders on the 60-day

Mational League
ARIZONA DIAMONDBACKS—Released
RHP Al Garcia:
LOS ANGELES DODGERS—Agreed to terms with 1B Eric Karros on a three-year

ontract extension through 2003 ational Basketball Association
CLEVELAND CAVALIERS—Signed G Earl

Boykins to a second 10-day contract HOUSTON ROCKETS-Signed LOS ANGELES CLIPPERS—Named

Kareem Abdul-Jabbar assistant coach.
ORLANDO MAGIC—Activated F Derek Strong from the injured list. Placed G Chauncey Billups on the injured list. PHILADELPHIA 76ERS—Activated G Kevin Ollie and F Jumaine Jones from

injured reserve.

Women's National Basketball Association
PHOENIX MERCURY—Acquired F Brandy
Reed from the Minnesota Lyrix for a 2000
first-round draft pick. Continental Basketball Association

CBA—Placed Quad City G-F Kris Johnson on the league inactive reserve SIOUX FALLS SKYFORCE—Added G Corey Beck to the roster. Placed G Chris

Smith on the injured reserve list.

Barndt to a five-year contract. CLEVELAND BROWNS - Agreed to terms with S Percy Elisworth on a contract.

DETROIT LIONS—Agreed to terms with
FS Kurt Schulz on a five-year contract.

Named Pat Ruel offensive line coach.

NEW OPLEANS SAINTS—Signed TE Andrew Glover and DT Kevin Thomas to one-year contracts. Agreed to terms with LB Phil Clarke, G Phil Hunt and DT Kevin Thomas to Angreed to terms with LB Phil Clarke, G Phil Hunt and DT Kevin Thomas. Thomas. Named Bob Palcic tight ends coach.
ST LOUIS RAM'S—Named Larry

Pasquale HOCKEY

National Hockey League
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TAMPA BAY LIGHTNING—Recalled RW
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Detroit of the IHL. Assigned RW Dan Kesa and D Chris McAlpine to Detroit.

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UBLAHOMA STATE—Announced the resignation of Rob Ryan, defensive coordi-nator, to accept the position of linebackers coach with the New England Patriots. RUTGERS—Agreed to terms with C Vivian Stringer, women's basketball coach

Friday's Games
Colorado 4, N.Y. Rangers 2
Los Angeles 3. Detroit 2
St. Louis 2. Nashville 1
Phoenix 4. Dallas 3
Washington 5, Chicago 4
Calgary 4. Edmonton 2
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Saturday's Games
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Detroit at Chicago, 2 p.m.
Dailas at Colorado, 2 p.m.
Philadelphia at N.Y. Rangers
Atlanta at Phoenix, 8 p.m.

### Men's Scores

Boston College 80. West Virginia 76. Boston U. 75. Hartford 64. Fordham 74. La Salle 70. George Washington 99. Rhodé Island 31. Massachusetts 75. St. Joseph s. 65. Miami 63. Connecticut. 57. Naw. 58. Holy Cross 51. St. Bonawentyer 71. Duquesne 62.

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xas 60. Baylor 38 xas Tech 76. Texas A&M 64 FAR WEST Arizona 99, UCLA 84 Colorado 102, lowa St. 90 Idaho 91, North Texas 72

### **PLAYOFFS**

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for a return to the state tournament might get derailed, as the Lady Coyotes struggled offen-

Although they got off to a slow start, Lady Coyotes head coach Gailan Winegarner said he knew his team's experience would pull it through.

"We played tough defense and that makes your offense work," he noted, saying he'd told his team to settle down at halftime.

The Lady Coyotes took his advice and turned a 22-16 halftime lead into a 35-22 margin going into the final eight minutes

The turning point came midway through the third quarter when senior wing Julie Mayes found her range. Mayes would score 14 of her 20 points in the second half, while 6-foot-1 post Valerie Wootan added 12 more for the Lady Coyotes.

Robert Lee finished the season with a 20-10 record

### Trent comes back to eliminate Grady

COLORADO CITY - Grady's Lady Wildcats saw a 6-point lead evaporate in the fourth quarter Friday night, as they suffered a 59-50 Class A area playoff loss to Trent's Lady

Gorillas. "They just did an awful good job of playing defense against us in the fourth quarter," Grady head coach Johnny Peugh said following the loss. "We only got three shots in the fourth quarter, and that's simply a result of the fact that they're a good

Grady, which finishes the season at 26-4, had led by as many. as 13 in the second quarter before the Trent defense began

team.

to put on the clamps

Senior Caroline Madison paced the Lady Wildcats with a game-high 22 points, but she was Grady's only player to reach double figures.

The Lady Gorillas got 21 points from Lindsay Sergeant and 15 more from Tiffany Brown, as they advance to the regional quarterfinals where they'll face Munday's Lady Moguls on Tuesday night at Abilene Wylie High School.

### **TRACK**

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Britton added a fourth in the 100 meters with a clocking of 11.5 seconds, while Ford and Jason Woodruff were fifth and sixth, respectively, at 11.7 sec-

Ford rounded out Big Spring's point production with a fourth-place finish in the 200 meters with a time of 24.0 sec

### **HAWKS**

Continued from page 8A

on Dever's third hit, a single. Dever's bid for hitting the cycle was thwarted in the sixth when Frank Phillips reliever Ryan Rowland struck him out.

After Ayala finally got the Plainsmen on the board, the Hawks added a pair of runs on just one hit, capitalizing on a pair of stolen bases for one tally and adding the other on Scharnell's third error of the

A nifty double steal ended the game, as courtesy runner Brett Headland scored the Hawks' allimportant 11th run

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# Sutherland leads logjam at Nissan, but Tiger's close

David Sutherland shot a 3under-par 68 Saturday to take many days on No. 13, slamthe third-round lead in the Nissan Open, just ahead of a logjam of players that included Tiger Woods

Sutherland, who first played on the tour in 1991 and has never won a tournament, went to 9-under 204 through 54 holes, one shot in front of a group of six players, including Bob Tway and Tommy Armour

Struggling with his putter and also getting miffed at a photographer, Woods still managed to shoot 69, leaving him within three shots of the lead as he goes for his seventh victory in his last eight PGA Tour starts

With many of the players grumbling about how rough and unpredictable the greens were at Riviera Country Club, there still were 37 rounds played under par on the third

The stage was set for a rousing race to the finish in the final round, with 29 of the 71 players in the field bunched within three shots of the top.

Fred Couples, who won the tournament in 1990 and 1992 and finished second three times in the decade, shot 68 and was two strokes off the lead. David Duval, ranked No. 2 in the world, shot a 69 and was in a group with world No. Woods at 6-under.

Woods, who began the third round on the back nine at Riviera Country Club, four-sinking putts this week.

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his second double bogey in as ming his putter down in disgust afterward.

He also three-putted No. 17 for a bogey, missing his par putt from 5 feet.

But, after making the turn with a 1-over par 37, he recovered on his second nine with a 3-under 32, thanks in part to hitting the ball within 5 feet of the pin twice to set up birdie putts, which he made.

When a photographer snapped pictures of Woods during the backswing of his approach shot on No. 9, Woods threw his club down after hitting the shot, turned and yelled at a group of photographers trailing him.

"Hey guys, watch it with the pictures while I'm swinging,

His approach shot left him 25 feet from the pin, and he twoputted from there for par. Woods then walked over to a group of photographers and again told them to wait to snap pictures until after he hits the

It was not determined which of the photographers snapped pictures on Woods' backswing, something experienced photographers know not to do.

Woods signed a few autographs but did not stop to speak with reporters after his round. He had complained the previous day that the greens were bumpy.

Woods has had difficulty

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## Hot-handed Stanford pounds rival Cal, 101-50

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Cal never had a chance against No. 2 Stanford.

The Cardinals overwhelmed their regional rival with a blistering shooting display and bruising defense in a 101-50 victory Saturday.

David Moseley scored a career-high 28 points and helped break it open early with 14 points during a 25-4 run that gave Stanford a 42-18 lead before the game was 17 minutes old.

By the time Casey Jacobsen connected on a 3-pointer with 14:11 remaining, Stanford was up 70-30 and the crowd mocked Cal by chanting, "Down by 40! Down by 40!

Jacobsen finished with 15 points and Mark Madsen had 13 points and 10 rebounds as Stanford won its 10th straight. Stanford converted 64.9 percent of its shots during the game while its defense, ranked tops in the nation, held Cal to 33.3 percent shooting.

Sean Lampley had 10 points for shell-shocked Cal, held to its lowest output of the season.

No. 3 Duke 71, N.C. State 66

Chris Carrawell scored 22 points, including several key baskets down the stretch, as No. 3 Duke clinched at least a share of a fourth straight ACC title

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North Carolina State.

The Blue Devils were held 19 points below their scoring average and had to hold off a furious 16-5 rally by the Wolfpack over the final 4) minutes.

But Duke never trailed in sending the Wolfpack to its fifth straight loss

Duke extended its six-point halftime lead to 53-37 with 11:47 left as the Wolfpack started 1for-9 from the field in the second half and the Blue Devils got inspired play from freshmen Jason Williams and Carlos Boozer.

No. 4 Arizona 99, UCLA 84

Even with Loren Woods out with back spasms, fourthranked Arizona was way too much for the fading UCLA Bruins.

The Wildcats shot to a 22point lead in the first half Saturday and rolled to a 99-84 victory over the bumbling Bruins.

Jason Gardner had 16 points, 11 assists and seven steals for the Wildcats. His steals, two short of the school record, came in the first half, when the Bruins committed 17 of their 23 turnovers.

Gilbert Arenas scored 23 and Michael Wright 22 for Arizona. Freshman Jason Kapono

with a 71-66 win Saturday over matched his high game with 27 points for UCLA, including 5-of-9 3-pointers.

> No. 6 Michigan St. 59, Wisconsin 54

Morris Peterson and Charlie Bell each scored 15 points and No. 6 Michigan State hung on to first place in the Big Ten with a 59-54 win over Wisconsin on Saturday.

Andy Kowske scored 11 points for Wisconsin (13-12, 5-8), which held the Spartans to just three field goals over the final 14:21 of the game.

Michigan State shot just 34 percent (16-of-47) from the field and the Badgers 39 percent (16-

A three-point play by Kowske gave Wisconsin its first lead, 32-31, on the first score of the second half. It was the first of six lead changes in the half.

No. 8 Oklahoma St. 94, Nebraska 55

Brian Montonati had 22 points and 12 rebounds and Glendon Alexander scored 18 as No. 8 Oklahoma State moved back into a tie for the Big 12 lead with a 94-55 victory over

Nebraska on Saturday night. The Cowboys are tied with Iowa State and Texas for the conference lead..

Louis Truscott scored 14 for Nebraska, which suffered its

worst loss of the season. The Cornhuskers got behind early and never recovered as Oklahoma State shot 56.7 per-

After Nebraska made the game's first basket, the Cowboys scored 10 straight points during a three-minute span. A 17-4 run that started midway through the first half gave Oklahoma State a 34-16 lead. The Cowboys led by 22

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No. 17 Texas 60, **Baylor 38** 

three times in the half.

Chris Mihm had 17 points and 12 rebounds and No. 17 Texas held Baylor to 13 points in the second half Saturday for a 60-38

Darren Kelly added 16 points for Texas (19-6, 10-2 Big 12), which held the Bears to four second-half field goals and 25 percent shooting for the game. It was the first time Texas gave up fewer than 40 points since allowing 39 to Arkansas in 1979. Baylor's 38 points were a Big 12 record for fewest points.

Wendell Greenleaf led Baylor (12-11, 3-9) with 13 points, 11 in the first half.

Texas, which had its own struggles offensively against Baylor's zone defense, led 35-31 with 13:44 left before the Longhorns used a 16-0 run to break open the game.

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Sunday, February 20, 2000

**Big Spring Herald** 

**QUICK TRIVIA** 

## **Columnist** recovers from severe stroke. pneumonia

Myrtle's article this time comes not from her pen, but her daughter's. On Jan. 13, Mom suffered a severe stroke which has paralyzed her -

left side. Some of her speech has returned and a few days after the stroke. she told me from her hospital bed, "Bring me

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MYRTLE GRIFFITH

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some serious writing to do. I know what my next article will be."

Unfortunately, pneumonia has made her so ill, she has been unable to tell me what she wanted to write.

To all the ones out there who have told her how much they enjoy her articles, we say, "Thanks."

Sometimes she almost felt like quitting or didn't know what she could write about, but then would think of all those who gave her encouragement and would come up with another idea.

Hopefully, someday, she will recover and be able to continue to write. One of her favorite sayings was, "The good Lord willing and the creek don't rise, I'll be back."

Here is a poem she wrote in 1984 when her late husband was gravely ill. Now this same poem can apply to her. I'd like to share it with all of you.

To My Family Let me lean a little longer. Let me lean till mind and heart are stronger:

Let me lean and I'll hold on Seeking courage to continue

the fight; Reaching for comfort, solace and peace.

Hoping grief will grant my

mind release. Let me lean till I can stand

And show the love that I want known: So much your loving care

has meant, Truly, darlings, you must be heaven sent.

Without support and love from all of you, I can't imagine what I would

I'd pine and grieve and maybe die, From a burden too great to even cry;

So, let me lean for just a Then I'll revive because with

faith I can; Life will be brighter with a lessening pain,

Sunshine will come to replace the rain; Then, maybe, I can be my old self again.

If you will only let me lean. Myrtle Griffith's column this month was written by her daughter, Lola Lamb. Myrtle will resume her regular writing schedule when she is able

# Jab February

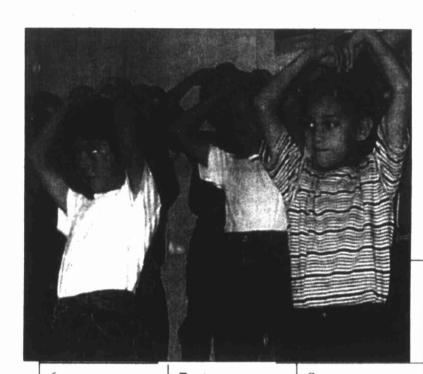
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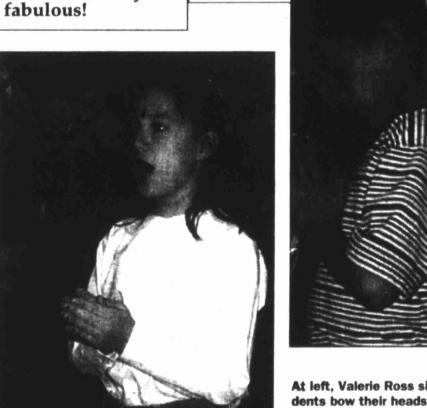
Far left, first graders make a heart around their heads during a song about Valentine's Day. At left, Turquoise White, a third grader. read information about black history during the

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At left, Jesse Garza and James Stanley wear special hats honoring Abraham Lincoln and George Washington's birthdays, which occur in February.







Photos by Debbie L. Jensen

At left. Valerie Ross sings "He's Got the Whole World in HIs Hands," during the program. Above, left, first grade students bow their heads with clasped hands during a spiritual that was part of the program. Above, right, Timothy

# Some pets climb right into your heart and leave paw prints

While living in Gatesville in deciding to have them in my 1958, we had two collie dogs. Not at the same time, but both were poisoned by a rancher on a tract just behind our home good reason for giving up any prospective pets in our family.

This lasted until moving to Big Spring, when a homeless Seal Point Siamese kitty came by and adopted the Scott fami-

We have all been "cat lovers" ever since and all this happened during the era of Webb Air Force Base in the '70s. Well, it happened that this particular Seal Point was one of the "pear shaped" kitties and was pregnant as the day is

We prepared a bed for her under the kitchen stove, which she immediately rejected, favorite recliner. I can't recall how many times

the Scott family went through these traumatic periods of kitty cat birthings, but there were

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many Then one day a lovely friend ours, a Webb Force Air wife, came to us with a problem. Her family was

too

**AL SCOTT** 

shipping out. Going overseas. Would we take her tiny Siamese kitty and give her a home? Well you all know

became part of our family and lived with us for some 12 years. She was treated as the Royal Princess that she was (Early Egyptians kept these beauties as "Guardians of the Buddhist Temples"). We nursed Ching through countless pregnancies and few serious illnesses but one day, however, her time was called by the great Feline

Father upstairs. Now we had gone through many, many illnesses and nursed all of them back to health. We had taken Ching, along with Humperdinck, a beautiful long-haired Himalayan, up to our mountain

trailer-house cabin Cloudcroft, New Mexico. It was obvious that our Ching-Ching was dying. Her

the answer. So Ching-Ching weak heart was just giving her former owner even men-refused to let me go. She out. We nursed her through the night until the morning sunlight broke through the pines. Our Ching-Ching had to leave us. She is buried up there just behind our cabin in the backyard, and a rock marker memorialized her.

We were simply devastated by her loss. In the auto coming home with Humperdinck, he fussed and fumed knowing that Ching was not coming home.

The years passed, and a neighbor girl moving to the Fort Worth area asked us to take care of Squeaky, already 18 years of age, a precocious female, who would jump up in my lap and smooch me on the cheek whenever she was hungry. Squeaky remained with us for some seven years and had

tioned wanting her back would have had a fight on her hands.

Squeaky left us for Cat Heaven on July 29, 1999, and once again we were devastated. My wife, Arlys, said "No more cats. It's just not worth the heartbreak of losing them."

Well, actually, I said the same thing but the home was so lonely. We still had Mordakai, a yellow alley type that was loving and never gave any anguish.

I missed my Squeaky terribly I finally ended up out at our Big Spring Humane Society. I walked into a large cat cage, where a small jet black female. Halloween kitty, all but ate me alive with her loving. Phoebe pounced on my shoulder when I bent down to pet her. She just rubbed on me and immediately stole my heart. A little over a year old, still

kittenish. So I signed her papers and paid the lady 50 bucks (a small price to pay). At home at last, she pulled

down a tablecloth, shattering a favorite ceramic bowl. No way to make points with the wife. mistress of her new home.

But then she jumped up on the mistress' lap and all seemed forgiven.

Phoebe – a tiny, jet black Halloween trickster, investigated her new surroundings. looked up at us and said "Good. I'll take it." So I suspect she will be with us for a long, long

Al Scott's columns appear regularly in the Herald,

## Moss-Headrick

Stephanie Moss and Robert Headrick, both of San Angelo, were united in marriage on July 10, 1999, at the First Christian Church, Big Spring. with the Rev. Gary Groves, of First Christian Church in Midland, officiating.

She is the daughter of Ronnie and Pam Moss of Big Spring. He is the son of Joanne Feynor of Big Spring, and Roy

and Janie Headrick of

Organist was Virginia Martin, and planist was Julie Shirey Jeff Moss and Stephanie Cox (Burton) were

the vocalists. Given in marriage by her parents, the bride wore a catheiral length gown of candlelight satin and Italian lace with a handmade athedral length

She carried a cascading bouquet of cream roses and star-

Maid et honor was Stephanie

Bridesmaids were Kristie Cankersley, bride's cousin. indsay Christian, bride's ousin Amy Ballenger and Stefanie Waggoner

Stefanie Headrick, groom's aughter, and Lauren Moss, bride's cousin, were the flower girls, and Zachary Moss. bride's cousin, was the ring-

Trey Headrick, groom's prother served as best man.

Serving as groomsmen were leffrey Hausenfluck, groom's ousin, Jeff Moss, bride's brothr. Roy Headrick, groom's tather, and Nick Headrick. living in San Angelo.



MRS. ROBERT HEADRICK

Richard Christian and Mike

Kennedy, bride's uncles, and

Amador Gonzales were the ush-

Jeff Moss and Jeffrey

Following the ceremony, a

The bride's cake was a three

tiered French vanilla

The groom's cake was choco-

The bride is a 1995 graduate

of Big Spring High School. She

is currently a full time student

The groom is a 1985 graduate

Following a wedding trip to

of Forsan High School and is

currently a full time student at

at Angelo State University.

Angelo State University

Hausenfluck served as candle-

reception was held in the fel-

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Victorian-style cake.

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### Volunteer Valentine fundraiser biggest yet "To Love and be Loved is the Karen Brewer, Shirley Bodin At 7 a.m. Feb. 14, our crew of express thanks to all these

Greatest Joy on Earth."

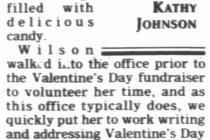
perweight that has sat on my desk for more than 20 years. Never was the meaning of that quotation more evident than what I witnessed on Valentine's Day 2000 at Big Spring State Hospital. As most of the world was rubbing the sleep out of its pounds and eyes, Big Spring State Hospital volunteers already were beginning to roll out of the hospital's Community Relations Office carrying balloons, candy and flowers. Others were en route to deliver singing telegrams.

We raised more than \$3,500 the highest sum in history for this project. The money will be used for Patient Fun Day. Each summer, volunteers give our 200-plus patients a new T-shirt, cap and sunglasses.

Preparations for one of our two most productive fund-raisers began weeks earlier when a group of volunteers - Penney Hill, Glenda Smith, Brenda Brodbeck, Nell Wilson, Betty Lee. Ruth Stephenson, Hazel Duggan, Linda Hawthorne,

and Joanne Forrest — began That message is printed on a tying bows, planting ivy, and arranging teddy bears with

> candy Hawthorne turned her kitchen into a candy factory and made pounds of homemade white chocolate candy for the mugs filled with delicious



Hill and Don Newsom arranged flowers, Susan Lewis mapped out the town for the singing telegrams and Johnny Russworm organized our delivvolunteers arrived and the busiest Valentine's Day we ever experienced in seven years started in motion. The Valentine treats were delivered by Cliffa and Wally Slate, Ike and Ouida Watznaur, Dorothy Sheppherd, Claire Cline, Albert and Penny Hill, Sandra Cox. Doris Shirley Bodin, Huibregtse, Howard Adams, Hawthorne, Newsom, Maria Brito and Suzanne Markwell.

Newsom finished his deliveries in the morning and went to his new business venture, La Posada, where he served lunch to the entire group of Valentine

The singing telegrams were delivered by two groups of singers and were our best ever.

Big Spring State Hospital employees Ken Moore, Jaime Sotelo, Claudette Forward, and Dana Boes comprised one group that serenaded Valentine recipients. Suzanne Haney, Ellen Valencia. Annette Roberts and Carol Scott represented a second group.

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including rabies.

hard-working and devoted volunteers for all they do on this project. I feel indebted to them and also to our community for supporting Big Spring State Hospital.

The success also should be credited to the local media for the excellent coverage they provided this worthwhile project. Big Spring Herald Features Editor Debbie Jensen, KWES-TV Anchor Thomas Jenkins. **KBST-FM News Director China** Long and reporter Lance Daniels, and Cox Cable got the word out and we appreciate it

If one ever asks the question Why are these volunteers willing to work so hard; what do they get out of it?" The answer

to that question is simple. It is love being given and love being received. There is no

greater joy. And our patients and the entire community benefit from their giving attitude.

Kathy Johnson is Director of Community Development at Big

Spring State Hospital.

# WHO'S

David Michael White, of Amelia Torres Coahoma, was named to the Dean's List at Texas Tech University.

To make the Dean's List, a student must take at least 12 semester hours and earn a 3.50 to a 3.99 grade point average.

Marco Torres, Big Spring, was named Homecoming King at South Plains College.

Cozumel, Mexico, the couple is Torres is a sophomore architecture major and the son of

and the late Valentin Torres. He is also a member of the Texan track team.

Torres was also named to the 2000 edi-

tion of Who's Who Among Colleges.



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adoption at the shelter have These, plus many more dogs received their vaccinations, 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. And feline leukemia tests for cats. Two-

# IN THE

Air Force Airman Kristina E. Mereness has graduated from basic military training at lackland Air Force Base, San

During the six weeks of raining the airman studied the Ar Force mission, organiatt n. and customs and received special training in buman relations

In addition, airmen who comlete basic training earn creds toward an associate degree ish the Community of the Air Force

ness is the daughter of and Kristi R. Mereness arsan. She is also a 1998 raduate of Forsan High

Army Sgt. Jesse R. Crane has been decorated with the Army Achievement Medal.

The medal is awarded to soldiers who have served in any capacity in a noncombat area authorized by the Secretary of the Army The recipients distinguished themselves by merifor louis service or achievement and have accomplished the act with distinction.

Crane is an infantry rifle team leaded with the 27th Infantry at Schofield Barracks.

He is the son of Charles and Doris Vieregge of Big Spring and a 1990 graduate of Big Spring High School

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# **HAPPY**

William King will be celebrating his 80th birthday on Saturday, February 26, 2000. William is married to Lucille Moore King and has been for 53 years. William has lived in Texas all of his life, except for 4 years he served in World War II. During that time he was a Prisoner of War from 1943 until 1944. William's family include his wife, Lucille, daughter Rose Thomas of Coahoma, her son Kelly Thomas of Austin, and her daughter Krista Thomas of Los Angeles, California, son Billy King and wife Ginger, daughters Amy Lowe and husband Rob of Austin, Vanessa Mendez and husband Mike and son Taylor of Coahoma, Paige, Issac, and Zack King all of Big Spring, daughter Judy Thomas and husband Darren of Colorado Springs, Colorado and sons Josh of College Station and Christopher of Colorado Springs, Colorado. Bill is currently employed by Wal-Mart as the Door Greeter and has been for 2 years. The celebration will take place at 11 am at the Coahoma Community Center. Saturday. February 26, 2000. All of Bill's friends and acquaintances are invited to share in this festive occasion.

# Expecting??

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# ANNIVERSARIES

## Robles





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JIMMIE AND NELLIE ROBLES

Jimmy and Nellie Robles will celebrate their 25th wedding anniversary with a dinner with their children and grandchild.

He was born in Big Spring, and she was born in Melvin as Nellie Abundez. They met in October of 1974 while working at the VA Medical Center. They were married on Feb. 22, 1975, in Cuidad Acuna, Mexico.

Their children are Charles Maldonado and Denise and Julie Robles, all of Big Spring. They also have one grandchild. They have lived in San Angelo

and Big Spring during their

F resently, Jimmy is a maintenance worker at the VA, and Nellie is a Health Tech for the VA. They are affiliated with Sacred Heart Church. He enjoys carpentry and automotive work, and she enjoys bingo and embroidery

This was their comment about their 25 years of marriage, 'Faith, trust, love and being blessed with our children and grandchild."

# Salazar





MR. AND MRS. CELEDONIO SALAZAR, THEN AND NOW

Mr. and Mrs. Celedonio G. Salazar celebrated their 40th wedding anniversary on Jan. 231 2000, at Sacred Heart holic Church with a mass, wed by a dinner reception and a dance at La Vedera Club hosted by their children. They were both born in Big

Spring. They met through mutual friends in 1955. They were married on Jan. 30, 1960, at Sacred Heart Catholic Church.

Mr. and Mrs. Salazar have two children, Brenda Sue Salisbury of Baltimore, Md., and David and Sheila Salazar of Big Spring. They also have one granddaughter. The couple has lived their entire marriage in Big Spring.

He is currently employed by Scenic Mountain Medical Center, and she is a retired operating room nurse, serving 39 years. They are Catholic. He is involved in the VFW, and she is in AORN. He enjoys crossword puzzles and gardening, and she enjoys quilting, reading and cropping.

This was their comment about their 40 years of marriage, 'Our faith and our love for each other has strengthened our marriage through the

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THURSDAY-Stew, flower/peas, salad, cornbread, milk, cake. FRIDAY-Roast beef, potatoes,

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milk/rolls, fruit.

SANDS SCHOOLS MONDAY-Hotdogs w/chili, ranch style beans, tater tots, cake milk.

TUESDAY-Chicken strips, mashed potatoes, green beans, hot rolls, fruit, milk.

WEDNESDAY-Frito pie, salad, pinto beans, cornbread, cobbler,

THURSDAY-Steak fingers w/gravy, sliced potatoes, june peas w/carrots milk.

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

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casserole, pineapple, jello crackers, milk. WEDNESDAY-Pasta/ham salad, fruit, crackers, milk. THURSDAY-Sloppy joes, tator

tots, salad, pickle, milk. FRIDAY-Fish, macaroni & cheese, peas, fruit, milk.

COAHOMA SCHOOLS MONDAY-Chicken tenders (corn dogs), breaded okra, potatoes, rolls, milk.

TUESDAY-Taco salad (burritos/fries), peach cobbler, milk. WEDNESDAY-Frito pie (baked cheese sandwiches), corn,

pineapples, milk. THURSDAY-Taco beef pie (sub sandwiches), salad, milk. FRIDAY-Pizza, tater tots, mixed fruit, milk. Teachers

only, salad or baked potatoes.

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FORSAN SCHOOLS MONDAY-SCHOOL HOLIDAY

TUESDAY-Pizza, scalloped potatoes, salad, cookies/creme,

WEDNESDAY-Steak sandwich, french fries, lettuce and sliced tomatoes, coconut cake, fruit, milk

THURSDAY-Hot dogs, chips, salad, pork & beans, cookies, fruit, milk

FRIDAY-Chicken nuggets and gravy, whipped potatoes, green beans, hot rolls, fruit, milk.

**BIG SPRING SCHOOLS** MONDAY-STUDENT HOLI-

TUESDAY-Chili dog, waffle fries, mixed fruit, pickle spear,

WEDNESDAY-Spaghetti/meat sauce, glazed carrots, green beans, sliced pears, hot roll,

THURSDAY-Chicken fajitas, tortilla, spanish rice, refried beans w/cheese, apple cobbler,

FRIDAY-Hamburger, salad, french fries, pork & beans, strawberry banana bar, milk.

STANTON SCHOOLS MONDAY-STUDENT HOLI-

TUESDAY-Cheeseburger or hamburger, french fries, hamburger salad, mixed vegetables, sugar cookies, milk, fruit drink. WEDNESDAY-Goulash (country fried steak), mashed pota-

toes, cream gravy, spinach, cobbler, rolls, milk. THURSDAY-Chicken enchila-

da (corndogs), pinto beans,



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tossed salad, pineapple chunks, cornbread, milk, fruit drink.

FRIDAY-Pizza, baked potato, green beans, vegetable sticks, fruit cocktail, Italian bread, milk, fruit drink

GARDEN CITY SCHOOLS MONDAY-Sliced ham, macaroni & cheese, green peas,

salad/rolls. TUESDAY-Chicken spaghetti, mixed veggies, hot rolls, cook-

WEDNESDAY-Chili-cheese fries, pickle spear, pineapple

cake, crackers THURSDAY-Beef stew, cheese stick, oranges, cornbread, crack-

FRIDAY-Peanut butter, pimento cheese, tuna sandwiches.

**GETTING ENGAGED** 

Medina Corwin and Douglas Barron, both of Warrensburg. Mo., will exchange wedding vows on March 11, 2000, at the First United Methodist Church. Big Spring, with the Rev. Jim Wingert, chaplain of McMurry University, officiating.

She is the daughter of Tom and Jobeth Corwin of Big

He is the son of Judith Barron of White Lake, Mich., and Alan Barron of Waterford, Mich.

Due to space constraints, all other engagements submitted for this week will be printed next Sunday.

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## Latin American ministers leading moves to ease crude oil prices

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Latin American oil ministers are suggesting that OPEC raise its output of crude oil to restrain soaring prices that are at nine-year highs and have substantially boosted gasoline and heating oil costs in the United States.

Mexico's energy minister, Luis Tellez, said he believes Saudi Arabia, the largest OPEC producer, and Norway, a major producer outside the cartel, both share Mexico's view that production should be increased.

His comments were the latest suggesting that pressure is building on the Organization of Petroleum Exporting ing that level in Europe. Countries to raise production quotas at its meeting March 27 in Vienna, Austria.

Late Wednesday, Venezuela's oil minister, Ali Rodriguez, called on OPEC to do something about rising crude prices.

"I think it's time to take corrective measures." Rodriguez said in a televised address.

Meanwhile, Saudi Oil Minister Ali Naimi, who is on a visit to Sc th Korea, was quoted as saying he favored crude oil prices in a range of \$20 to \$25 a barrel. Currently crude is above \$30 in the United States and is approach-

A statement issued last week by the Korean Energy Ministry also said Naimi suggested that crude prices would fall following the high-demand winter season. It gave no clue, however, whether Naimi favors raising quotas at the next OPEC meeting or believes prices will moderate on their

Saudi Arabia, the world's largest crude oil exporter, and Venezuela are among the top producing members of OPEC. Mexico and Norway are not members of the 11-nation ca.tel, but both supported production cutbacks begun in 1998 to increase oil prices

from severely depressed levels.

Oil prices have more than doubled since OPEC and its non-OPEC allies agreed in March 1999 to cut output by some 2.1 million barrels a day. That, added to the 1998 cuts, removed more than 4.3 million barrels a day from international markets, a decline of about 6 percent.

A series of coming meetings could provide clues on what OPEC may do at the end of March.

Secretary Bill Energy Richardson was scheduled to travel to Mexico on Saturday for talks with Tellez on oil prices.

This week he is expected to travel to

Saudi Arabia and Kuwait for further discussions.

Oil ministers from the Arab Gulf states are to meet Wednesday in the Saudi capital, Riyadh, to coordinate

their strategy for the OPEC meeting. Tellez, meanwhile, has scheduled a trip to Norway on March 1 for talks with his Norwegian counterpart, Marit Arnstad. A day later, he is scheduled to meet with the Saudi and Venezuelan oil ministers.

Mexico, Saudi Arabia and Venezuela were the trio of oil producers that put together the 1998 output cuts that involved both OPEC and non-OPEC

## Crossroads Communications boosting service

### Switchover taking place early today By BILL McCLELLAN

News Editor

Crossroads Communications is taking advantage of new developments by Southwestern Bell to increase speed and reliability for its customers. "Over the past few months,

Crossroads had made a progressive and significant step in improving its services by reconfiguring its Internet network architecture," said Rick Peurifoy, Crossroads Communications president.

"This will enable Crossroads Communications to offer the very best Internet service technically possible for Big Spring and its surrounding communities, period.

According to Peurifoy, speed and reliability will be the net positive effect of the changes being made.

Peurifoy said Crossroads Communications is taking advantage of upgrades and improvements made recently by Southwestern Bell to its Big Spring Central



Ricky Peurifoy, president of Crossroads Communications, has announced changes the company is making to increase speed and reliability for its customers.

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## Ag department hearings will focus on proposed rules for organic cotton

By BILL McCLELLAN

News Editor

The Texas Department of Agriculture has set up hearings in three locations to hear comment on proposed rules and guidelines for organic cotton production in boll weevil eradication zones

'These proposed rules are merely a draft," said Matt Brockman, special assistant for producer relations. "We want the cotton industry to take these hearings and the comment period seriously and provide us with the best input possible.'

Meetings have been scheduled for Monday at 10:30 a.m. in the Texas Agricultural Research and Extension Center in Lubbock and at 3 p.m. in the Dawson County Annex in Lamesa, and for Tuesday at 9 a.m. at the Muleshoe State Bank

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### TDA HEARINGS

### **MONDAY**

10:30 a.m., Texas Ag Research Center, Lubbock 3 p.m., Dawson County Annex, Lamesa

### **TUESDAY**

9 a.m., Muleshoe State Bank, Muleshoe

integrity of TDA's organic certification standards and the crops marketed under the program.

The proposed rules published in the Texas Register establish an indemnification program for growers who must destroy organic drops due to infestation in active eradication zones.

Growers who must destroy organic crops or who forgo the planting of organic cotton in favor of an alternative crop will be compensated according to a proposed formula. The plan takes into consideration the grower's historical planting patterns, yields used in the federal

### **Howard County Demonstration** Handbook set to be published

he Howard County **Extension Service** will be publishing its annual Result Demonstration Handbook on March 6.

Result demonstrations are experimental trials conduct-

ed on a farm basis to evaluate economic feasibility and practicality of farm and ranch practices and the economic feasibility of these practices.



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nstrations were conducted on six farms and/or ranches in Howard County during 1999. Demonstra-tions looked at yield potential and loan values on new cotton varieties. Tillage operations were analyzed for yield and value differences as well as cost effectiveness. Different plant populations of cotton per acre were evaluated. New technologies of B.T. cottons were also evaluated and results correlated. Ultra narrow row cotton was evaluated, then yield, cost and returns were calibrated.

Several range demonstrations were also conducted during the year. Brush control chemicals and rates on mesquite, juniper, prickly pear and yucca were evaluat-

A copy of the Results **Demonstration Handbook** may be obtained by contacting the Texas Agricultural **Extension Service, Howard** County, located in the courthouse basement or by calling

## SBA Answer Desk available on-line

Special to the Herald

America's 25 million small business owners and future entrepreneurs can now e-mail their questions about starting and growing their businesses to the U.S. Small Business Administration (SBA).

The administration has expanded its Answer Desk service to the Internet

The new service build's on SBA's toll-free telephone Answer Desk service, which handles nearly 3,000 information requests each week. Ten business information assistants, who answer specific business questions and provide information on SBA programs and assistance, staff the Answer Desk, located in Charlotte, N.C.

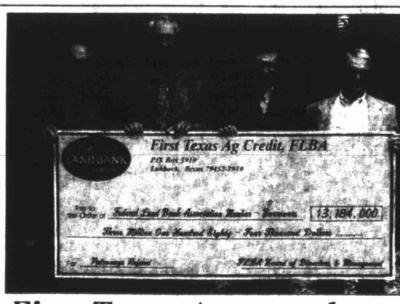
The service will allow persons seeking answers to business questions to e-mail their requests through the SBA website — www.sba.gov — 24 hours a day, seven days a week. In addition, telephone callers can speak with a business information assistant during regular operating hours.

'Our mission is to help people start and grow their businesses," said SBA Administrator Aida Alvarez. "The expansion of the Answer Desk to the Internet is the latest example of our effort to provide greater access to SBA's programs and services.'

Besides answering specific questions, the Answer Desk staff directs callers to the wide range of publications and inforthrough their local SBA office

and at the SBA website. "Not all questions are easy ones," said Lee Cornelison, SBA district director. "We answer such questions as 'How do I start a business?' or 'How do I get a loan?' immediately. Some other require research. We're averaging nearly 3,000 calls each week and the goal of our Answer Desk staff is to respond to all questions within one work day:

Answer Desk operating hours are 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. Central time, Monday through Friday. The toll-free number is 1-88 U-ASK-SBA (827-5722). Spanishspeaking business specialists are available.



First Texas Ag Credit, FLBA will return \$3,184,000 in patronage refunds to stockholders of the rural lending cooperative this month. Holiding a check symbolizing the refund are FLBA board members, from left, Gene Perry of Big Spring. David Franklin of O'Donnell, chairman Keith Vandivere of Brownfield, and Don Peterson of Ackerly.

## First Texas Ag extends customer refund

HERALD Staff Report

LAMESA - Nearly 5,900 rural land owners will share in a \$3,184,000 patronage refund from their mortgage financing cooperative, First Texas Ag Credit. Federal Land Bank Association, this month

The refund was declared by the association board of directors based on strong 1999 earnings. Since 1997, First Texas Ag Credit has returned more than \$7,984,000 in patronage refunds. including the latest refund paid in mid-January, to its borrower-stockholders.

The patronage payments will. in effect, reduce customers' net cost of borrowing by an average of 75 basis points, or threequarters of a percent.

"Patronage refunds are one of the true benefits of doing business with a member-owned cooperative like First Texas Ag Credit," said association board chairman Keith Vandivere of Brownfield.

When we have excellent financial results, as we had last year, we share our success with our customers for their

benefit, and this philosophy sets us apart from other real estate mortgage lenders."

First Texas Ag Credit has approximately \$470 million in mortgage loans outstanding to farmers, ranchers, agribusiness owners, rural landowners and country homeowners in 47 counties of West Texas.

The association has offices in Bowie, Childress, Crosbyton, Dalhart, Dimmitt, Hereford, Lamesa, Levelland, Littlefield, Lubbock, Muleshoe, Spur, Tulia, Vernon and Wichita



HERALD photo/Carl Graham Cary D. Brown, CEO of the VA Medical Center, presents Bethany Eberett with a plaque in recognition of being the 1999 VA Medical Center Employee of the Year. Bethany is a computer assistant with the Information Resource Management

## NAMES IN THE NEWS

**DUANE THOMAS** has been named senior vice president and branch manager of American State Bank in Big Spring. Thomas comes to ASB from Chase Bank Midland where he served as senior vice president and credit executive for the past five years. Thomas was born and raised

in Big Spring. He is a 1978 graduate of Big Spring High School and played on the golf team. He is a graduate of Texas Tech University with a BBA in finance. He and his wife Brenda have

a 13-year-old son, Trey. Thomas replaces ROBERT FRY, who will be head up a new American State Bank loan office in Austin.

Businesses depending on farmers and ranchers in Howard County can apply for low interest Economic Injury Disaster Loans from the U.S. SMALL BUSINESS

ASSOCIATION. The loans are available to help businesses meet normal operating expenses that cannot be met due to the effects of a disaster. Farmers and ranchers are not eligible for this loan program. However, nurseries that are victims of drought disaster can

Loans may be approved for up to \$1.5 million for actual disaster-related financial needs Interest rates are 4 percent and terms may extend to 30 years, depending upon the repayment ability of the individual appli-

To obtain an application or receive additional information, interested business owners may call the SBA at 1-800 366-6303. The deadline for filing an application is Sept. 12.

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Warranty Deed grantor: Jerry M. Anthony Sr. and Stella D. grantee: Jimmy D. LeMarr and Irene LeMan iled: Jan. 31, 2000

grantor: Doris Pike Guthrie property: lot 9. blk. 6. Porter Addition

grantor: Adelia Julia Louise Meyer grantee: Glenn Zimmermann property: an undivided 1/5th interest in blk

30. Vincent Townsite, a subdivision of the southeast 1/4th of section 9, blk. 25 filed: Jan. 31, 2000

grantor: Linord D. Simpson and Adelia D. Simpson grantee: Linord D. Simpson and Adelia D. Simpson, as trustees for the Linord D.

Simpson and Adelia D. Simpson Revocable property: lot 13, blk. 4, Kentwood (Unite No 1) Addition

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es for the Donald C. Lee and Myrtie J. Lee Revocable Living Trust property: lots 7-8 and the south 18' of lot 9. blk. 6. Furrh Addition. Coahoma. 1.32 acres section 45, blk. 31; the east 100' of the south 65.2 in lot 1, blk. 23, Saunders Addition, a tract or parcel of land out of and part of the northeast 1/4 of section 45 m blk 31 filed: Jan. 31, 2000

grantor: Mark and Sue Harwell grantee: Abner Graber property: the east 100' of the south 10' of lot 3 east 100' of lots 4-5: east 100' of the north 40' of lot 6; all in blk. 16, Brennand Addition

grantor: Gene A. Bartorelli and Gretchen E grantee: L'RA Financial Network, Inc

filed: Feb. 1, 2000

property: all of lot 6, blk. 1, Caham Addition grantor: J.G.W. - SN, L.P.

grantee: Associates Financial Services Company property: lot 11, blk. 2. Wasson Place filed: Feb. 1, 2000

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grantor Traci Myrick grantee Shawn Cooley property: 10,000 agres of land, more or ss, out of section 38, blk 33; all of lot 8, blk Ridgelea Terrace Addition

grantor: Kenneth H Teters and Robin B

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grantor Rebecca Sue Pierce grantee Chuck Rosenbaum property all of lot 2, blk 17, McDowell Heights Addition

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grantee Sherry Collins property, all of lot 2 blk 1 Manning filed Jan 31 2000

grantor. Chuck Rosenbaum grantee Mark Maas property: all of lot 12 and the east 9' of lot blk. 4, Central Park Addition filed: Jan 31 2000

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grantee: David S and Freda Dominguez property lots 1-2, save and except a strip of land of the east side of lots 1-2 blk 11 College Heights Addition

filed Jan 31, 2000 grantee Mike Martinez and Tina Martinez property. lot 12. blk. 4. Hillcrest Terrace

grantor: Robert A. and Connie S. chase grantee: Chuck Rosenbaum

property: all of lot 17. blk. 2. Capehart filed: Feb. 2, 2000 grantor: Gerald Harris and Ramona Harris

grantee D.W Holsenbeck property: lots 3-4. Subdivision "B" blk 16. Fairview Heights Addition filed Feb 2, 2000

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grantor Chuck Rosenbaum grantee: Debra Maas property all of lot 2, blk 17, MgDowell Heights Addition filed: Feb. 4, 2000

grantor Diosdado T Tatad and Ofelia M grantee Larry D and Sandrga N Dille property lot 3, blk 1. Colonial Hills Addition

grantor Donna Smith King and Doris Smith grantee Kelly and Jennifer Chesworth property all of lot 23 blk 16. Kentwood Unit

grantor: Dillard Johnston and Julia Johnston grantee Curtis D. James property a tract of and out of and a part of filed Feb 4, 2000

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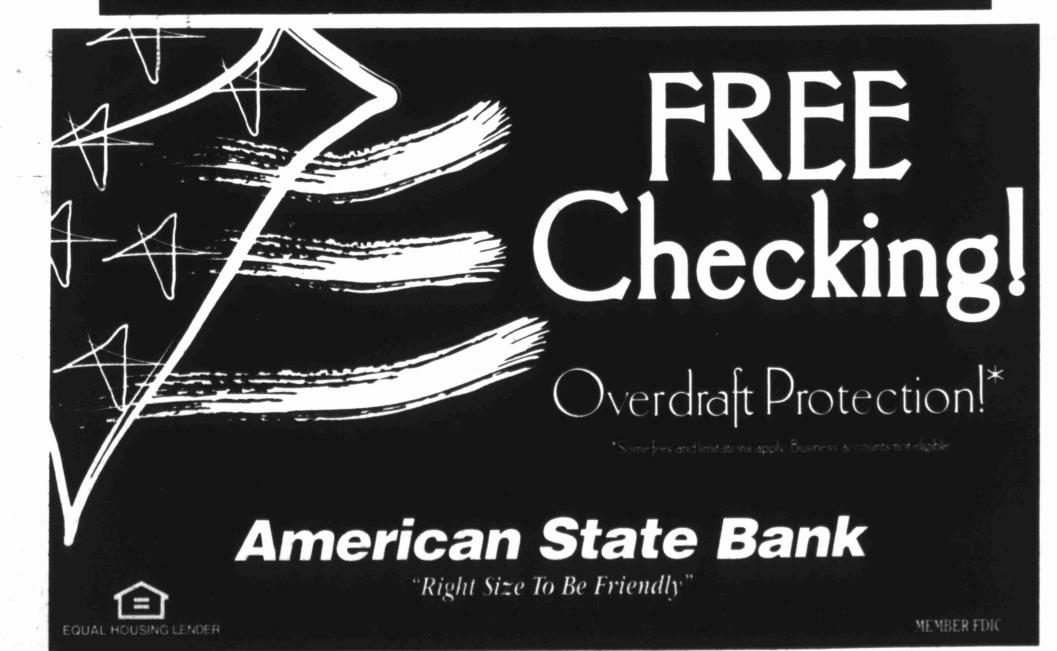
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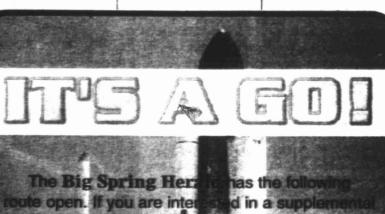
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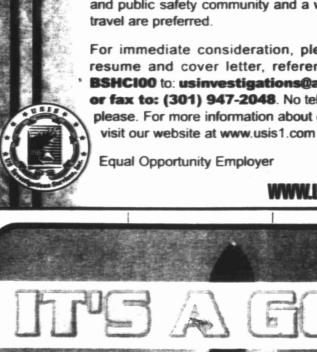
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### MOBILE HOMES

LOOK BY JACQUELINE BIGAR Sunday, Feb. 20, 2000: Remain clearheaded this

person; make independent c hoices. Popularity soars and many opportunities become possible. If single, you meet someone special just by being yourself. If attached, learn to clarify messages and communicate more effectively. You will succeed if you're determined. VIRGO approaches problems in a most different manner than vou do.

The Stars Show the Kind of

\*\*\* Take the time to complete

\*\*\*\*\* Your sense of fun may

nurturing, but do your own thing right now. Let the child in you emerge. Be spontaneous and worry less about others for the moment. Tonight: Be gracious about a misunderstand-

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GEMINI (May 21-June 20) \*\*\* Plans change; misunderstandings happen. Be easygoing as you decide for yourself. No one can stay entertained as well as you can. Don't obsess about a difficult associate. You

don't need that pressure. He is who he is. Tonight: Lounge around CANCER (June 21-July 22)

difficult time seeing eye to eye. Misunderstandings pop up out of nowhere. Be more tolerant of others. Take a walk, browse through a favorite bookstore or do whatever you need to do to lessen stress. Tonight: Don't

**LEO** (July 23-Aug. 22)

\*\*\* What you thought was agreed upon turns out to be a source of confusion. Stay direct. Know your limits when dealing with a loved one. Another could be contrary, simply to get a reaction out of you! Don't avoid a discussion. Tonight: Treat another to d

**VIRGO** (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) \*\*\*\* Try as you might, you cannot settle another down. Listen to feedback. Decide what will work for you. Take time

## TOO LATES

Office Suite "C" for Lease: Spacious & Nice - Coffee bar, Gary Bidg. 1512 Scurry. Call 1512 Scurry.

1999 Kia Sephia 4dr. Air, auto, 18K. Call 263-1361

16-30 year old females needed in Amarillo, Midland, Big Springs, and Sweetwater areas. Both English speaking and bi-lingual needed. Great pay! Easy Work! Call 352-1943 for details.

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oposed Building Maint Work for the Texas Department of Transportation **Equipment Bays and Exterior** 

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4250 N. Clack, Abilene, Texas until 1:30 p.m., Tuesday, February 29, 2000 then publicly opened and read posal/agreement form and specific

ations, may be obtained fro A. Carl Preston or Scott Mitchel Texas Department of 4250 N. Clack Abilene, Texas 79604

**PUBLIC NOTICE** 

5:15 P.M. IN THE CITY COUNCIL Comanche Trail Golf Course Manager, 1380 Airpark Drive East, Bldg. #19, Big Spring, Texas 79720. All bids must be marked with the date of the bid and a genreal description of the bid item(s).
The City of Big Spring reserves the right to reject any or all bids and to waive any or all formalities.

## HOUSE FOR SALE

The Howard County Junior College District has for sale the following Lot 18 Block 1 Stardus (House, Lots & Other 1507 Orlole

To arrange an appoin

Administrative Annex, room A2 of Howard College, 1001 Birdwell Lane, Big Spring, TX 79720 and read aloud. The bids will then be

To view the property or obtain a bid form, please contact Ellen Phillips at Ellen Phillips Realitors, Philips at Ellen Philips Page 17. Listing Agent, (915) 267-3067 of (915) 264-0570 after hours Bidding questions may be direct to Dennis Churchwell, Purchase 1001 Birdwell Lans

bid award will be made at a future

### \*\*\*\* Make plans to join \*\*\*\* You and another have a friends. Don't take another's

assessment personally. Discern what you want to share. Finances could get out of control. Use self-discipline. Take a firm hand. Aim for what you want. Remember that you are in control. Tonight: Where your friends are.

with a family member, perhaps

to get into a cleaning or rear-

ranging project with him.

Another might be choosing to

not understand! Tonight: Use

\*\* If you can make this a lazy

day, do so. Others disappoint

you; plans change. Do your

own thing. Stay grounded,

knowing what you need. A mis-

understanding pops up out of

the blue. Minimize it, rather

than making it a big deal.

Tonight: Vanish while you can.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21)

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22)

your magic.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec.

\*\* Pressure builds. Accept that there are some things you cannot change. Others confuse you; you could be reactive. Avoid being controlling if possible. Go off and get physical. You need the exercise. Tonight: A must show. CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan.

\*\*\* Reach out for another. Make a phone call; don't put it off any longer. Make plans to visit and see others. Remain flexible, as there might be some unanticipated changes. Careful! You could take a comment far more personally than neces-

sary. Tonight: C atch a movie. AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18) \*\*\*\* Relate closely to a partner, even though it could be difficult. You have the choice of not standing on ceremony and moving through a problem. Give up any need to control others or even to have them agree with you. Tonight: Be with a favorite person!

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20) \*\*\*\* Follow through on projects, but don't count on a partner or family. The more independent you are right now, the better off you are. Others don't mean to cause problems, but communication runs amok. Your sense of humor needs to come out. Tonight: Let others do their thing.

**BORN TODAY** Director Robert Altman (1925), actress Jennifer O'Neill (1948), basketball player Charles Barkley (1963)

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## **Stay-at-home mom hates** to leave kids with stranger

DEAR ABBY: I am the mother of three elementary schoolaged children. Every few years, my husband is awarded a trip by his company that he can take me on. The trip this year is one week during the school

I have decided I will not go, since the only way I would be able to go is to separate my children out to friends or

neighbors. We have no grandparents family or members who are able watch them for one week at our home. Mv friends and family can't believe this is

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made. Abby, my children are my first priority. It is unfair in my mind to ask friends or family to shoulder the responsibility that I have chosen and am proud to do -- driving my children to school, homework, etc. just so I can have a week of 'playtime.'

I keep hearing "hire a sitter" -- even from my own mother-inlaw! Why would I hire someone I do not know to come into my home for a week to watch my most treasured possessions? In this age of so many troubled children whose parents put themselves first, I feel as though I am the only mother left in this country who takes her responsibilities seriously. Your thoughts, please. -- STAY-AT-HOME MOM WHO MEANS IT, ROSWELL, GA.

DEAR MOM: While I admire your idealism, being a responsible mother isn't a case of black-and-white - it's a matter of degree. Your mother-in-law is trying

to tell you something important. Don't lull yourself into thinking your entire responsibility is to your children; it's more far-reaching than that. Your husband should come first and your children a close second. In the next 20 years, if you, as parents, have done your job well, the children will "fly the nest" and you'll be left with each other. Therefore, it is vital that you invest in that relationship.

Perhaps a good friend would stay with your children in your absence, or take them all in for a week. You could repay her in kind at a later date. If not, perhaps your clergyperson could recommend a trustworthy and experienced sitter.

Your husband has been awarded a trip in recognition of his effort -- and you belong with him, helping him to enjoy every minute of it.

DEAR ABBY: I am a 17-yearold high school senior. I have always been the math and science type, taking every class possible.

I joined a chemistry class this year that meets outside the classroom. The teacher is a very friendly guy, a little obsessed with our work, but

The problem is, I have become attracted to his 15-yearold daughter, and I believe she feels the same about me. We have a lot in common. So far, we have spent little time together outside of school, but we talk on the phone for hours.

Her father, my teacher, is oblivious to all of this, and may be an obstacle, but I can deal with that.

Since I am a senior and she is a freshman, I am wondering whether I should pursue the relationship. I have spent countless hours debating the issue, but it seems trivial when think of her. What do you think? -- CRAZY FOR A **FRESHMAN** 

DEAR CRAZY: You may be a whiz in math and science, but vou're obviously only a Bminus in biology and psychology. Make it a priority your teacher's permission to see his daughter. If you are caught "sneaking around," it will look like you have something to hide, and he might not be so "friendly" when it comes to giving you a passing grade.

DEAR ABBY: A little over a year ago, I met a nice lady and we started to date. She told me a long tale of woe — how she had staved with her last husband until the family business went bankrupt.

I felt sorry for her and gave her money and presents, including three automobiles. \$1,000 worth of dental work and money for five months rent on her apartment. All along, she broke every

engagement we made to spend

time and holidays together. I am now behind in my bills. My charge cards are maxed out, and I am still paying for her new living room suite. She was supposed to have moved into my home by now and we were to be married. Now she says she needs three more months to "think about it" in

order to be sure. I own my own home, Abby, and do not want to lose it to this woman and her daughter, who is an attorney. Do you think I am being played for a fool? — AFRAID IN EDGEWA-TER, FLA. DEAR ABBY: You are not a

fool, but you will be if you continue this relationship. Take advantage of the three months she wants "to think about it" to do some thinking of your own. This "nice lady" seems to

have a history of leaving the men in her life bankrupt; don't be her next statistic. You have taken generosity to an extreme. Next time, don't lavish gifts on a woman until you know she likes you for yourself - not for what you can give her. To recei 3 a collection of

Abby's most memorable - and most frequently requested poems and essays, send a business-sized, self-addressed envelope, plus check or money order for \$3.95 (\$4.50 in Canada) to: Dear Abby's "Keepers," P.O. Box 447, Mount Morris, IL 61054-0447. (Postage is includ-

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## HAPPY BIRTHDAY for

year. Resist becoming involved in others' issues. Listening to what ails friends and loved ones can be confusing, even though you want to help. But sometimes doing nothing helps the most. Become your own

Day You'll Have: 5-Dynamic; 4-Positive; 3-Average; 2-So-so; 1-

Difficult ARIES (March 21-April 19)

> errands and handle private matters. Relax and get some needed R & R. Take an overview. Think about personal goals before plunging off the deep end. Confusion surrounds plans. Check the particulars before taking off for a mee ting. Tonight: Easy does it.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20) not be well-received. In fact. another could be downright gruesome and depressed. Be

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**PUBLIC NOTICE** THE CITY OF BIG SPRING ZON ING BOARD OF ADJUSTMENTS WILL HOLD MEETING WEDNES DAY, FEBRUARY 23, 2000 AT 5:15 P.M. IN THE CITY COUNCIL CHAMBERS 401 E 3RD STREET. BIG SPRING, TEXAS TO CON-SIDER THE FOLLOWING RAY RINARD, LT. 10 BK 1 JOR-DAN PARK ESTATES, LOCATED AT 718 COLGATE IS REQUEST-ING A VARIANCE TO THE ZON-ING ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF BIG SPRING FOR THE

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2607 February 11 & 20, 2000 **PUBLIC NOTICE** THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF BIG SPRING, TEXAS, WILL HOLD A MEETING ON TUESDAY, MARCH 14, 2000 AT 5:30 PM, IN THE CITY COUNCI 307 EAST 4TH (HANDICAPPED ACCESS AVAILABLE), BIG SPRING, TEXAS TO CONSIDER THE FOLLOWING REQUEST FOR ANNEXATION IN THE COR

OF BIG SPRING. Lee Harris owner of Highland Hills acre tract in the NE/4 of Secti Block 32, T-1-S, T&P RR, Co. hereby petitions to the City of Big Spring, for annexation in the corporate limits of the City of Big Spring. 2624 February 17 & 20, 2000

**PUBLIC NOTICE** NOTICE TO BIDDERS Pugsuant to the authority granted by the City Council of Big Spring. Texas, seeled bids will be received until 2:00 p.m., Tuesday, March 7, 2000, for inspection of our steel

2000, for inspection of our steel and concrete water storage tanks. Bids are to be opened and read aloud in the Big Spring City Council Chambers, City Hall, 307 Cast 4th Street, Big Spring, Texas 79720, with award to be made at a regularly schieduled meeting of the Big Spring City Council. Bid information and specifications may be Big Spring City Council. Bid infor-mation and specifications may be obtained from the Office of the Purchasing and Material Control Manager, 1360 Airpark Drive East, Bidg. 619, Big Spring, Texas 79720. All bids must be marked with the date of the bid and a gen-eral description of the bid item(s). The City of Big Spring reserves the right to reject eny or all bids and to walve any or all formalities.

Models/Demonstrators

District Office of the Texas
Department of Transportation

2616 February 13 & 20, 2000

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### 2615 February 13 & 20, 2000 **PUBLIC NOTICE**

the property and acquire a required bid form please contact Eller Phillips at Ellen Phillips Realtors, (915) 267-3061 or (915) 264-0570 after hours, 406 E. Marcy Drive, Big Spring, TX 79720. Only seeled bids submitted on the required forms will be accepted. Seeled bids will be received in the office o Ellen Phillips Realtors through 3:00 p.m. on March 23, 2000. The bids will be publicly opened on March will be publicly opened on March 23, 2000 at 3:30 o.m. in the

to Dennie Churchwen, Purchase, 1001 Birdwell Lane, Big Spring, TX 79720, (915) 264-5167. Howard County Junior College District reserves the right to waive any formalities or to reject any and