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## WEATHER

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## Monday jury call canceled

Monday's jury call for 118th District Court has been canceled.

## Republican Party to host candidate

The Howard County Republican Party will meet with U.S. 17th Congressional District GOP candidate Shane Hunt at noon Monday at the Brandin Iron.

The public may attend. Lunch is dutch treat. Call (817) 573-2531 or the Howard County Republican Party Headquarters for more information.

## NJHS induction ceremony Tuesday

The National Junior Honor Society induction ceremony is planned Tuesday at Big Spring Junior High School. It will begin at 8 p.m. in the west gymnasium and parents are invited to attend.

The school plans to induct 109 students into the NJHS.

Those students, screened by a faculty committee, must meet standards that include leadership, service, citizenship and character. The society's members, who must have a grade point average of at least 90, come from both the seventh and eighth grade classes.

## WHAT'S UP...

### MONDAY

□ Staked Plains No. 598 and Big Spring Lodge No. 1340 will host Big Spring ISD teachers and administrators for breakfast at the Staked Plains Lodge on Main Street.

□ Texas Tech Exes, 6 p.m., Sparenberg Bldg. 309 South Main.

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

□ Gospel Singing, 7 p.m., Kentwood Center, 2805 Lynn, Guest singers from Stanton Midland and Colorado City.

□ Howard County Library Book Club, 7 p.m., Howard County Library, book for discussion Tuesday's with *Morrie* by Mitch Albom.

□ Parents Who Care, 7:30 p.m., Big Spring High School cafeteria. Parent volunteers needed to help with After Prom Party April 15.

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## Big Spring students ready to 'show off' throughout Texas Public Schools Week

By GINA GARZA  
Staff Writer

Texas Public Schools Week begins Monday and runs through Friday with plenty of activities scheduled around the Big Spring schools.



Parents are

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encouraged to visit and become involved in their child's school.

"This is the one time during the year we come together in a fashion where students and faculty show off the students' work," said Murray Murphy, assistant superintendent.

He said parents are encouraged to visit their child's school anytime during the year, but moreso during this week.

"This is the time when students get to show off what

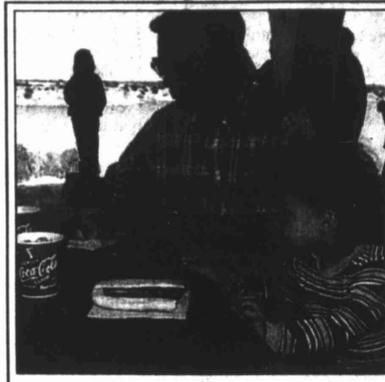
they've accomplished and what they are proud of," he said.

A Masonic breakfast for educators begins the week.

Mason Mirabeau B. Lamar, president of the Republic of Texas in 1833, established the public school system that year.

Public Schools Week is held in conjunction with School Lunch Week. Parents are invited to have lunch with their

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Charles Warren and his grandson, Aaron, were among those enjoying free hotdogs and soft drinks Saturday at the open house at Moss Creek Lake. Organizers served 200 hotdogs in the first 30 minutes.

HERALD photo/  
Debbie L. Jensen

## McEwen wins Big Spring mayor's race

By GINA GARZA  
Staff Writer

Businessman Russ McEwen is Big Spring's new mayor, by virtue of Saturday's special election.

"I'm elated that so many people turned out to vote. It's a humbling experience to see so many people voting for me," said McEwen, who received 1,135 votes out of 2,115 total cast.

Oscar Garcia received 586 votes; Greg Biddison 394.

"I'm excited and have ideas of what we can do and I look forward to working with the council we have," he said at his home where about a dozen well-wishers and family members had gathered.

"My first priority is to get my feet on the ground and then set up a work session with the council to get our ideas together. I want to get a good working relationship with the council," said McEwen, who owns an insurance business in Big Spring.

Saturday's election was called after former mayor Tim Blackshear forfeited the position to run for state representative. City officials had attempted to get the Secretary of State's Office to allow the election to be held in conjunction with the May 6 city council election, but were unsuccessful.

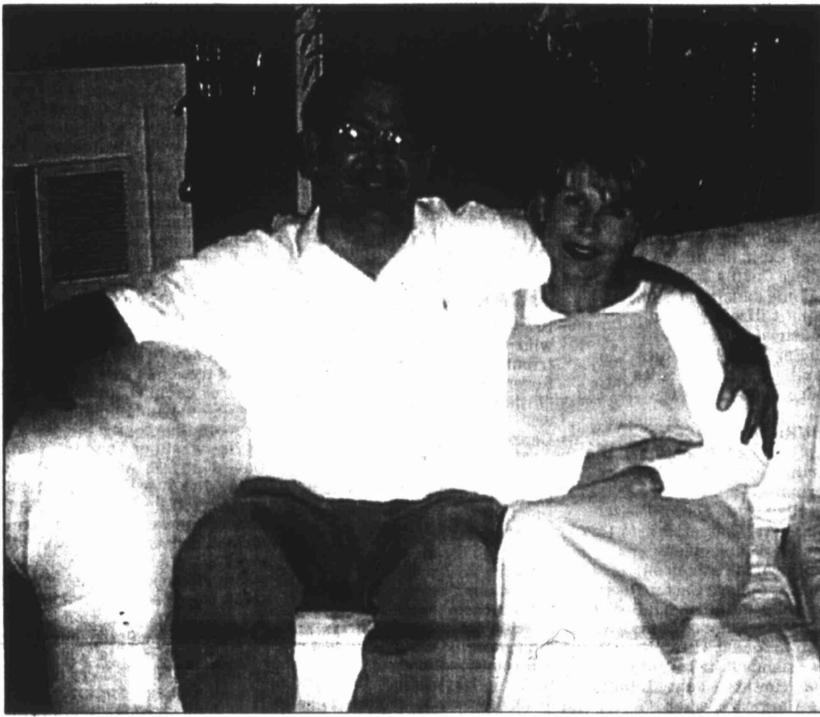
Saturday night, both Garcia,



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HERALD photo/Gina Garza  
Russ McEwen relaxes with his wife Laura after receiving news that he won Saturday night's mayoral election. McEwen said he is anxious to work with the city council on behalf of the citizens of Big Spring.

who is the District 2 councilman, and Biddison, who holds the District 6 seat, said they would seek re-election in May.

"I do plan to run for city council again," said Biddison. "I'm glad there was a clear winner so there doesn't have to be a run-off election."

"I was glad to see a great turnout," Biddison said.

"We did what we could and I

thank the Lord for the support I had and all of the people who helped me," said Garcia, who added that he would seek re-election to the council as well.

City Secretary Tom Ferguson said the turnout for the special election was "great."

"Twenty percent of voter turnout is great, possibly a record," he said.

McEwen complimented the

other candidates on running a clean race and said he is excited about taking the mayor's post.

"I think we ran a good race. I never heard Biddison or Garcia saying negative things about me and I never said anything negative about them," he said.

"I've had such a positive

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## Census

### Forms being delivered now; citizens urged to return them

By BILL McCLELLAN  
News Editor

Howard County residents began receiving Census 2000 notices and forms Friday — now the push is on to get them filled out and returned.

"We want to encourage the citizens to be watching for them. The sooner they can get them filled out and returned, the better off we will be as a community," said Gary Fuqua, Big Spring city manager and chairman of the local Census-2000 Committee.

Several hundred people attended a come-and-go census kickoff party on Feb. 26 at Dora Roberts Community Center. Schools, churches the Salvation Army and other entities and groups have been asked to help get the word out about the census.

"I understand that during the last census, our return rate was like 65 percent. Nationwide they have said they hope to improve that by 5 percent this time. I would really like to see us beat the national average," said Fuqua.

Statistics show that participa-

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## West Texas Centers for MHMR has urgent need for foster families

By BILL McCLELLAN  
News Editor

West Texas Centers for MHMR are sending out an urgent need for foster families.

The local community mental health and mental retardation center is implementing the foster care model



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as a residential alternative for some adults with mental retardation in Big Spring, Brownfield, Snyder and Sweetwater.

"Foster care is a program that has worked very well at many community MHMR centers in Texas for 20 years. We plan to develop a successful foster care program here, too," said Shelley Smith, chief executive officer of WTCMHMR.

The center has identified 28 consumers who have expressed an interest and could benefit from foster care. Pursuing fos-

ter care for Home & Community-based Services (HCS), a Medicaid-waiver program administered through the Texas Department of Mental Health and Mental Retardation.

HCS was established as an alternative to institutional care for people with mental retardation, with the stipulation that HCS could not cost more than institutional care. HCS was initially funded at 100 percent of the per capita rate. Effective March 1, however, the rate was lowered to 80 percent.

"With the rate change, we

must consider alternative ways to meet the needs of our consumers who require 24-hour supervision. So we are actively recruiting foster care families who are willing and able to welcome an adult with mental retardation into their home," Smith said.

The foster care providers are compensated at a daily rate, based on the person's level of need. Some current employees of the center are considering becoming foster care providers.

Foster care for adults with mental retardation differs from

traditional foster care for children. Foster care is temporary for children. For adults with mental retardation, foster care should be approached with permanence in mind.

"This is a special calling for special families. We want to be sure that each placement is the best interest for our consumer and the best interest for the potential foster family," said Smith.

Foster family applicants must pass an extensive screening

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## Gems, minerals bring Big Eagles to Prospectors Club's annual show

By GINA GARZA  
Staff Writer

Debra Big Eagle and her husband Warron, a full-blooded Cheyenne Indian, make gems and minerals their life.

"This is our second time to The Big Spring Prospector's Club Gem and Mineral Show," said Big Eagle.

The gem and mineral show started Saturday and continues today from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. at the Howard County Fair Barn. Admission is free.

The club is also asking for people to view displays and vote on their favorite one.

Some of the displays consist of jewelry, precious stones and rocks of all shapes and sizes. Concessions are also available.

The Big Eagles live in Pagosa Springs, Colo. and travel to various places to

attend gem and mineral shows as well as teach class.

"We started doing this seven years ago and now we not only travel but own our own bead store," she said. "It's a hobby out of control."

They have traveled coast to coast as well as several places in Texas.

"We have been to Clear Lake, Pasadena, Corpus Christi, San Antonio, Harlingen and New Braunfels," she said.

The Big Eagles also teach rock classes.

"We teach things such as wire wrapping — which is how jewelry is made — and silver smithing.

When they are not traveling, they are running their store and doing some rock mining.

"We like to mine rocks. When we find one we think might be worth something,

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HERALD photo/Gina Garza  
Debra and Warron Big Eagle enjoy attending gem and mineral shows. The Big Spring Prospectors' Club Gem and Mineral Show continues today at the Howard County Fair Barns from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m.

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we wash it and then decide what we are going to do with it," she said.

They travel mostly from January through first of April. "At first we traveled all year long, but since we own a store, we can only travel part of the year."

The main reason the Big Eagles enjoy going to the shows is because of the people they meet.

"We like meeting new people. In fact, we get to know some of them very well and persuade them to come up to Colorado to our shop," said Big Eagle.

They both agreed that children are important to their work.

"We love to talk to kids because if we don't get them interested into rocks when they are young, this profession will be lost," she said. "It makes you feel good when you see kids accept it."

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process, home study and criminal history check. Applications are available by writing HCS Foster Care, WTCMHR, 409 Runnels, Big Spring, or on the website at www.wtcmhr.org.

For more information, call 1-800-687-0135.

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tion in the census is down, not up.

Mail response rates declined from 78 percent of households in 1970 to 70 percent in 1980 and 65 percent in 1990. Though officials are hoping for a 5 percent increase, estimates are that it will actually dip to 61 percent this year.

The first forms were being hand-delivered to rural households. The bureau is trying a number of new things this year, including a \$167 million advertising campaign, to get more of those forms back.

The challenge, concedes Census Bureau director Kenneth Prewitt, is to overcome the public's increased apathy and concerns over confidentiality.

"There are more people on the move, more people in irregular housing, a higher percentage of foreign born and more disinterest, more cynicism, more disengagement," Prewitt said. "So if we can actually turn it around, I think it will be a serious and big story."

Other census novelties in 2000 include allowing people to answer surveys over the Internet.

Information generated by the census helps decide how more than \$185 billion in federal funds is shared among the nation's communities.

"We believe that an accurate count will show we have a population of more than 25,000 people," said Fuqua. "That means

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E. C. Stafford, 81, died Friday. Services are pending in Cleburne, Texas.  
Fred Wilson, 56, died Friday. Services are pending in Sweetwater, Texas.

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Big Spring would be entitled to additional funds from the federal government."

Numbers taken from the census are the means by which populations are identified in legislation and other public policies at the federal, state and local level. Census data — ethnic makeup, poverty level, housing and other — is used to determine the allocation of many grants and other funding resources.

The census is also used to determine how many seats in the U.S. House of Representatives go to each state.

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TUESDAY

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

Coahoma Senior Citizens luncheon, 11 a.m., Coahoma Community Center.

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

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

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

WEDNESDAY

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

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

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

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

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

THURSDAY

Gideons International, Big Spring Camp No. U42060, Hermans, 7 a.m.

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

Kiwanis Club, noon, Howard College Cactus Room.

Christmas in April Board of Directors, noon, Lions Bldg. 1607 East Third.

Friend of the Library, noon, Howard County Library.

American Legion Auxiliary, 7 p.m.

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

Big Spring Newcomers Club, contact Pat Mireles for time and location 267-8741.

FRIDAY

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

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

AMBUUS, noon, Brandin' Iron Restaurant.

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

SATURDAY

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

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

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response from people I talked to. The citizens of Big Spring have great ideas. In fact, I've stolen a few of them because they are so unbelievable and so well thought out ideas," said McEwen.

Big Spring City Council meets at 5:30 p.m. Tuesday to canvass votes in the election. McEwen is to be sworn in at that time.

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Former FBI agent says no agents fired guns at Waco

ST. LOUIS (AP) — Federal agents did not fire weapons or use incendiary devices during the final siege on the Branch Davidian complex near Waco, Texas, the commander of that siege said.

Richard Rogers, a former FBI agent, was in command of federal forces on April 19, 1993. The Davidians' complex burned, and leader David Koresh and more than 80 of his followers died.

Branch Davidian lawyers say Rogers should be an individual defendant in their lawsuit against the government. They say he made an on-the-scene decision to accelerate the forced eviction plan that Attorney General Janet Reno had approved.

Rogers said Friday that he had not deviated from that plan when he ordered tank-driving FBI agents to ram deep into the complex during a tear gas attack.

Rogers said one converted tank had plowed into the back of the structure to clear a path for another that was to insert tear gas in an area where the sect's members had taken refuge. In the process, the gymnasium was destroyed, but Rogers said he did not order that.

Rogers made his statements during an eight-hour deposition in Washington, D.C. He was questioned by three lawyers for Branch Davidian survivors, who say his conduct contributed to the deaths at Waco. Rogers was represented by two of his own lawyers and six others from the Justice Department and the FBI.

Informed sources have described Rogers as a key focus of John C. Danforth's investigation of Waco.

Although the deposition was closed, Branch Davidian lawyers and Justice Department sources described what Rogers said. Rogers has rejected previous requests for interviews, saying he wanted to wait until the trial of the Branch Davidians' wrongful death lawsuit is over. It is set for May.

Rogers, 56, was the commander of the FBI's hostage rescue team, an elite 50-member unit trained to handle volatile police situations. The unit had surrounded the Branch Davidian complex known as Mount Carmel and was supposed to use tanks and tear gas to force the sect's members to surrender on April 19.

Shortly after noon, about six hours after the gas attack began, the complex caught fire.

Witnesses to the deposition quoted Rogers as saying that an operations plan cannot cover every contingency and that people in the field have to be able to react to conditions.

The plan Reno approved called for a gradual insertion of tear gas into Mount Carmel over a two-day period. Converted tanks equipped with gas pumping booms were to punch holes into the structure. If no one surrendered, then the tanks were to begin dismantling the building.

According to depositions of some tank-driving FBI agents,

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Rogers ordered that tanks penetrate the building less than six hours after the gas attack began.

In an after-action report two days later, Rogers said that was to create openings for people to leave.

But in his deposition Friday, Rogers said using tanks to penetrate to insert gas was part of the operations plan.

In other developments Friday, several news organizations said in a federal court filing that the special counsel investigating the 1993 Waco siege should not be allowed to "shroud in secrecy" a court-ordered re-enactment of aspects of the deadly standoff.

Commemorative saplings planted at bonfire site

COLLEGE STATION (AP) — The slim saplings, just taller than a grown person, were nestled into the dirt Saturday.

Aggies dabbed at their eyes or stood quietly, watching the shovels flash. In the background, piles of felled logs and scraps of plastic fencing continue to clutter a campus field.

That stretch of grass was the backdrop for tragedy last year, when the A&M bonfire stack crashed to the ground, crushing 12 students to death and injuring almost 30 more.

For years to come, bonfire or no, 12 live oaks will grow at the edge of campus, plaques bearing a victim's name stuck between the roots.

"He was our buddy," said Dave Nutt, 20. After helping to spade dirt over the tree dedicated to victim Jerry Self, Nutt paused in a cluster of uniformed cadets. "This'll last forever."

The fatalities in the bonfire stack cast a somber shadow on the springtime tradition known as replant. Founded a decade ago, the ritual is meant to replenish the greenery in and around College Station, a balance to the massive tree cutting done in the months before the bonfire.

Replant was started up by environmental safety student Scott Hantman, who was disturbed by the trees felled for the bonfire. Hantman was killed in 1994 in a car accident, two years after earning his A&M degree.

Hantman's replant made a fitting tribute for the young bonfire workers, said the Hantmans, Scott Hantman's parents who stood on the fringes of the crowd during the Saturday planting.

"You cling onto everything, every little thing," said Arlene Hantman, his mother.

Besides the young trees planted every year in forests on the outskirts of town, the replant committee wanted to create the live oak grove in memory of their dead peers, said student Christopher McRae.

"These things last 300 years — crazy long amounts of time," McRae said. "They won't go away in a few years."

Speaking to hundreds of Aggies clustered at the polo fields for the planting cere-

TEXAS LOTTERY

Lotto: 7,9,39,40,48,49

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

monies, A&M president Ray Bowen said the trees will stand in tribute to "that horrible day. For generations, we will be able to come to this place and contemplate the Aggies we lost," Bowen said.

Indianapolis church facing IRS showdown attracts supporters

INDIANAPOLIS (AP) — Hundreds of people rallied in Indianapolis Saturday in support of a church that is refusing to pay a \$6 million tax bill.

Leaders of the Indianapolis Baptist Temple, who number their Christian congregation at 1,000, say they will not pay the money the Internal Revenue Service claims they owe from 1987 through 1993, nor will they surrender their church if it is seized to pay the tax debt.

Protesters chanted "No more Waco" throughout the protest, referring to the 1993 raid on the Branch Davidian compound in Waco, Texas, and making some worry that violence might break out.

Instead, the protest was more like a church picnic in springtime as the crowd gathered at a downtown Indianapolis federal courthouse, heard speeches, chanted and sang "God Save America" to the tune of "God Bless America" before walking to another downtown federal building.

Just in case, about 20 law enforcement officers were on hand in addition to plainclothes federal agents. But there were no arrests or violent incidents.

Church leaders renounced the organization's tax-exempt status in 1986, claiming that governmental regulation conflicts with their religious faith. That prompted a legal battle after the church refused to pay federal withholding taxes on the income of its 60 employees.

SUPPORT GROUPS

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

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

and Goliad.  
Project Freedom, Christian support group for survivors of physical/emotional/sexual and/or spiritual abuse. Call 263-5140 or 263-2241 for dates/times of upcoming groups.  
Alcoholics Anonymous, 615 Settles, noon open meeting.  
Alzheimer's support group, 7 p.m., Canterbury South, 1700 N. Lancaster, first Mondays of each month. Call Galynn Gamble at 263-1271.

POLICE

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

LOUD MUSIC was reported in the 4200 block of Hamilton.

DISTURBANCE/FIGHT was reported in the 700 block of Cherry and 800 block of E. 16th.

BURGLARY OF HABITATION was reported in the 1600 block of Main.

THEFT was reported in the 1200 block East 11th Place, 3300 block West Hwy 80, 200 block West Marcy, 1700 block Marcy, 18th and Gregg, 2300 block Wasson and 1100 block Lamesa Dr.

INTOXICATED SUBJECT was reported in the 1500 block of Sycamore.

ACCIDENT/MINOR was reported in the 1600 block of Gregg, FM 700 and Gregg and I-20 mile marker 176.

BURGLARY OF A VEHICLE was reported in the 1000 block of East Second.

FRANCIS AMAYA, 40, was arrested for expired driver's license.

SHERIFF

The Howard County Sheriff's Department reported the following incidents between 8 a.m. Friday and 8 a.m. Saturday:

JUAN CARLOS CORDOVA, 23, was arrested for failure to stop and render aid.

VINCENT HERNANDEZ, 22, was arrested for revocation of probation/burglary of a habitation.

ANDREZ DOMINGUEZ JR., 30, was arrested for theft by check.

ROBERT LEE EVANS, 39, was arrested for forgery of financial instrument.

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HERALD photo/Carl Graham  
Bauer Elementary students Macy Gonzalez, Jo Anna Luzano, Jeremy Landon, and Christopher Colwell got in some extra reading time from their tent. They are helping to celebrate the birthday of Dr. Seuss.

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child during the week. Parents are asked to call the school in advance to make sure enough food is made. Adult lunches are \$2.

"Each school organizes their own activities and faxes that information to us," Murphy said.

• Anderson Kindergarten Center will have open house Monday through Wednesday throughout the school day. Western Day will be observed Wednesday. Thursday will be red, white and blue day, and Friday will be designated as AKC T-Shirt Day.

• Bauer Magnet School asks students to wear their Just Say No T-shirts. There will be an open house at 7 p.m. Monday. Tuesday is hat day. There will be pastries for parents before school on Wednesday. Thursday is Dress Your Best Day, and Friday is wear red, white and blue clothing.

• Goliad Elementary will be having third and fourth grade music classes and the sixth grade choir perform on Monday. Masonic breakfast is at 7 a.m. Dress up Day also begins. Parents are also encouraged to come and meet the teacher. On Tuesday, first through fifth grade parents are invited to eat with their child. Western Day will also be observed. Jody Nix will make an appearance during an assembly. Sixth grade parents are invited to eat with their child on Wednesday. It will also be Random Act of Kindness Day. Thursday is "GEAR" up for TAAS Day, and Friday will be Claiming War on TAAS. Students are urged to wear Goliad Elementary T-shirts.

• Kentwood Elementary begins its week with lunch with your child for Mrs. Phillips' and Ms. Boyd's classes on Monday. Tuesday will be red/white/blue day for all, and lunch with your children for Mrs. Hendrickson's and Mrs. Averitt's classes. PTA Open House will be from 7 to 8:30 p.m.

Wednesday is Weird Sock Day and there will be a contest at 8:30 a.m. Parents of Mrs. Woodall's class are encouraged to come eat with their child. Friday will be Twin Day for students and faculty. Pastries for



HERALD photo/Gina Gessa  
Samuel Smith looks at some jewelry on display at the 31st Annual Gem and Mineral Show. The show continues today from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. at the Howard County Fair Barn.



Vincent M. Clemons and Michele Beach dance to the rhythm and blues music being played live last Monday at the Veterans Administration Medical Center. The music, a soul food luncheon and other activities wrapped up Black History Month.

HERALD photo/Lyndel Moody

Parents will begin at 7 a.m. and Mrs. Kennedy's class invites parents to eat lunch.

• Marcy Elementary will have its Masonic breakfast for teachers and staff at 7 a.m., Monday. It is also black and gold day. Tuesday is Stop, Drop and Read! throughout the day. Parents are encouraged to visit their child's classroom on Wednesday. Thursday will have classroom visitation from 4 to 6 p.m., and Friday will be Pastries for Parents from 7:30 to 8 a.m. Also throughout the entire week is the Book Fair.

• Moss Elementary opens its book fair and judges the poster contest on Monday. Tuesday is hat day and parents invited to eat lunch with their first graders. Wednesday is Inside-Out Day and fourth and fifth grade parents are invited to eat with their child. Red, white and blue day is Thursday, and second and third grade parents are encouraged to eat with their child. From 6 to 7:30 p.m. will be the PTA Open House. Friday is Western Day as well as an assembly to bring the week to a close.

• Washington Elementary begins its week with Crazy Hat

Day on Monday. Tuesday will be Super Shade Day and a PTA meeting will be at 6 p.m. Crazy Hair Day will be observed on Wednesday. Mr. Cox will announce he will shave his head if all TAAS scores are at 85 percent and above. Thursday is Inside-Out Day, and Friday will be Washington T-shirt Day.

• The Big Spring Junior High, high school and PAC will also celebrate Public Schools Week. The junior high will have its National Junior Honor Society induction ceremony on Tuesday, at 8 p.m. in the west gym. Big Spring High School will hold an organizational meeting for a Parent-Teacher Organization at 7 p.m., on Thursday in the high school auditorium.

"The high school is wanting to see if parents are interested in having PTO/PTA in secondary schools," Murphy said. An open house will follow until 8:30 p.m.

Personalized Achievement Center will serve refreshments and welcome all parents and citizens to visit between 10 a.m. and noon on Tuesday. Early dismissal will be Friday to begin Spring Break.

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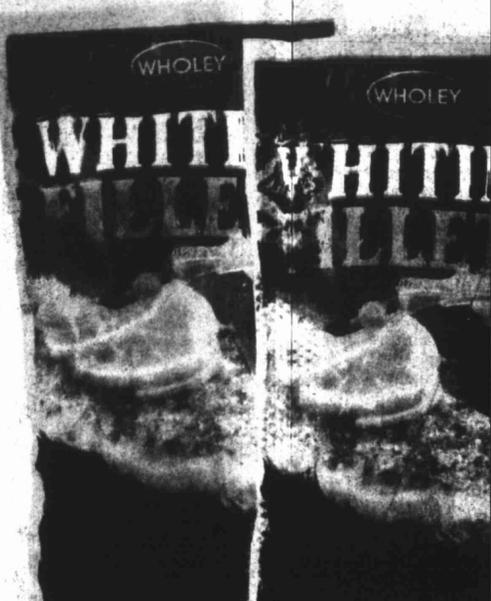
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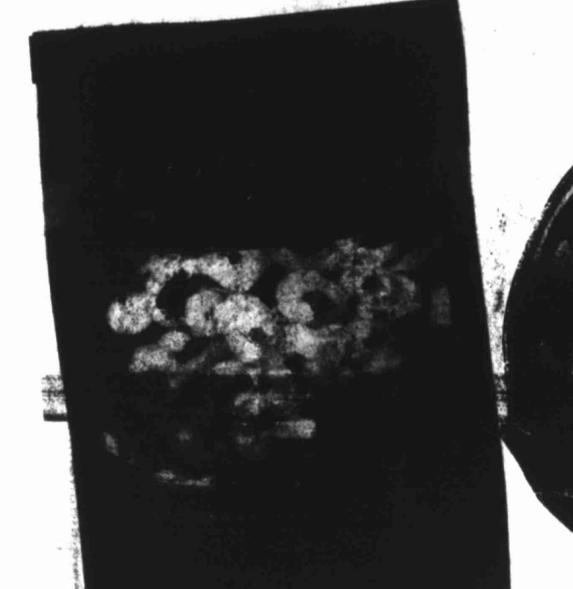
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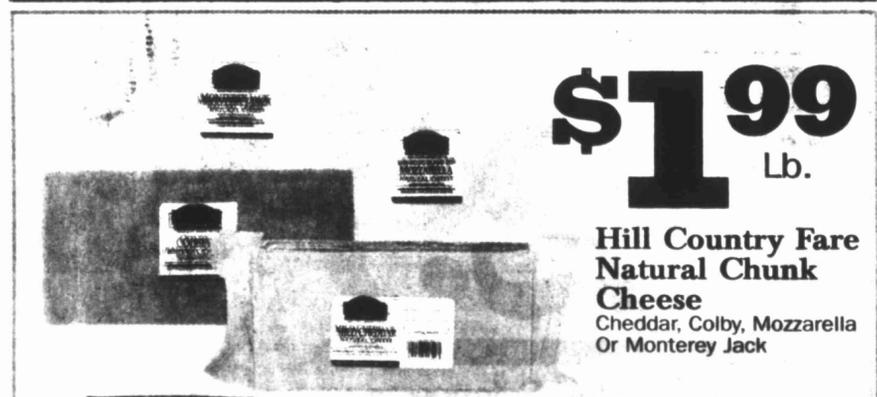
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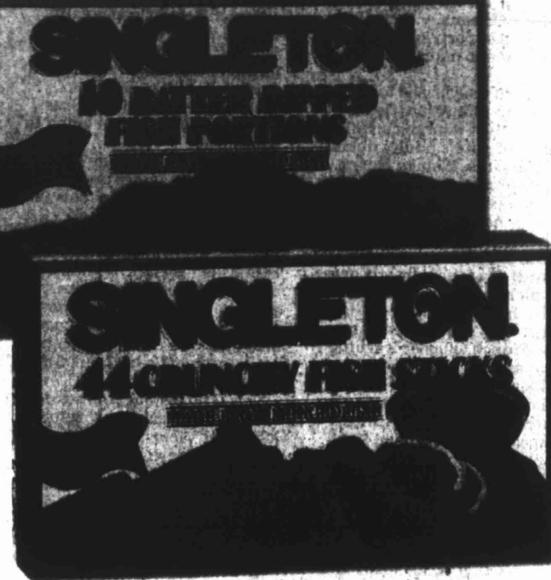


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1/2 cup milk  
1/4 tsp. garlic powder  
3/4 cup crushed buttery crackers

Heat oven to 375°F. Cook noodles according to package instructions, adding peas during the last 2 minutes of cooking time; drain in a colander. In a separate bowl, mix together soup, milk and garlic powder. Stir in noodles, peas and tuna. Transfer to 1 1/2 quart casserole. Bake 15 minutes; top with crushed crumbs. Continue baking 5-10 minutes or until thoroughly heated. Prep Time: 20 minutes. Serves 6

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1 jar (16 oz.) salsa  
6 oz. (1 1/2 cups) shredded Cheddar cheese

Rinse and drain beans. Drain and flake tuna. In large bowl, layer half of the lettuce, tuna, beans, corn and salsa. Repeat first two layers; top with beans, salsa and cheese. Refrigerate for 1-2 hours before serving. Prep Time: 10 minutes. Serves 6

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1/4 cup chopped celery  
1 hard-boiled egg, chopped  
2 tsp. finely chopped green onion, including tops  
2 tsp. finely chopped green bell pepper  
1 tsp. chopped pimento, drained  
6 flour tortillas, (6 inch each), warmed  
1 cup shredded iceberg lettuce  
1/2 cup shredded Colby or Monterey Jack cheese  
Salsa (optional)

In large bowl, combine mayonnaise, garlic salt, lemon pepper seasoning, celery, onion, bell pepper and pimento; mix thoroughly. Place generous 1/4 cup filling on one side of each tortilla; top with lettuce and cheese. Fold tortillas over; serve with salsa, if desired. Time: 10 minutes. Serves 6

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## OUR VIEWS

# Candidates deserve our appreciation

Our congratulations go out to Big Spring's new mayor, Russ McEwen. The local business owner and former council member won Saturday's election with an unofficial 1,135 votes, compared to 568 for Oscar Garcia and 394 for Gregg Biddison.

From the start, the mayor's race was a clean one that stuck to the issues. All three candidates constantly presented themselves in a dignified manner. They can be proud of the campaigns they ran.

We also congratulate Garcia and Biddison on running strong races. As we have mentioned before, the citizens were the winners in this campaign, no matter how it turned out, because all three candidates were well qualified.

Both of the districts represented by councilmen Garcia and Biddison are up for election in May, and we would encourage each man to seek re-election. In their campaigns, they both mentioned the favorable working relationship between current city council members. Their decision to seek re-election would continue the opportunity for that relationship to grow. With the election over, we now look forward to the leadership and direction McEwen will bring to the position. We endorsed him because we believe his enthusiasm and ideas for our city's future are both exciting and visionary.

Congratulations to all three men for serving their city well, and for the 2,000-plus citizens who took the time to participate in the election by casting their ballots.

## OTHER VIEWS

Here's a welcome development. The Fox television network has canceled its "Who Wants to Marry a Multimillionaire?" which, of course, had existed for the express purpose of raising the network's ratings.

We say good riddance. The program — airing on Feb. 15 for its one-time-too-many broadcast — entertained some viewers and appalled others. Our sentiments are with the latter audience.

To sound the words that moms and dads and grandmas and grandpas have said for decades, marriage is not about money, and the chances of a successful marriage are mighty

slim if the relationship is built solely on one partner's bank account.

We only hope that Fox hasn't done too much irreversible damage by undermining the many responsible adults who try to teach young people that the goals in a marriage should be to value, nurture and preserve it.

Accomplishing those goals is difficult when a marriage has, as its foundation, greed and a TV ratings sweep. Fox may have found that its ratings were good for one evening, but the network's shortsightedness has come to haunt it. Network officials shouldn't be surprised. **BEDFORD (IND.) TIMES-MAIL**

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# About Mardi Gras and the big-city celebration

Once, during party chitchat, a fellow told me how he'd seen a Mardi Gras reveler wring a live chicken's neck right there on Bourbon Street in New Orleans.

After that I never much wanted to go to New Orleans for Mardi Gras. It's not just the chicken gore. Even docile crowds make me nervous.

I've been to smaller Mardi Gras parades over the years. The one they stage in Pass Christian, Miss., is a nice size, and the floats are well-stocked. For months afterward beads hang from the live oaks like colored rain.

Ocean Springs, Miss., hosts a G-rated celebration; no drinking allowed. You can take children and not worry they'll be stomped to death by grown-ups fighting over plastic doodads. And one of these days I

intend to see a rural Cajun Mardi Gras, where masked riders plunder the Louisiana countryside, demanding live animals for the gumbo.

New Orleans — the wildest, wickedest party of them all — will have to manage without me.

I wasn't surprised to read recently that New Orleans authorities want to curtail incidents of public nudity during Mardi Gras. Women baring their breasts for beads — and even more shocking exhibitionism — has gotten out of hand. The city's always had a mammoth job picking up trash after Mardi Gras; now they propose to pick up trash during ...

In these weeks before Mardi Gras they plan to hang signs in the French Quarter warning that arrests will be made for all lewd behavior.

Police say bare breasts (and such) promote other crimes — like sexual assault and fighting.

"It's not just a nudity issue," Lt. Marion Defillo of the New Orleans Police Department told me. "All the bottle-necking on Bourbon Street is such a distraction that pickpockets and other crimes routinely take place." Defillo said most of the

360 arrested for lewd behavior last year were women out-of-towners who believed baring their breasts to be perfectly legal.

Now if New Orleans really wanted to put a dent in the fighting and gunplay and knife and occasional rape, they'd post signs that said, "No Drinking During Mardi Gras." We all know that's not going to happen.

You can't really trade on your Sin City image and then act shocked that some fools in the crowd go too far. (I do believe it was mostly out-of-towners who violated the bounds of decency. No hometown belle worth her sinner's going to give away more than a glimpse until she's wearing a ring and sure the engagement announcement's in the Times-Picayune.)

New Orleans has sold sex forever. In the Dark Ages, before MTV and Victoria's Secret, it's where Southern boys went for their first temptation. Now, painted strippers in their skimpy swinging out bar windows seem almost anachronistic.

Cities that sell parties eventually panic, because ours is a culture built on moderation.

Even wide-open river towns that pride themselves on a party atmosphere get squeamish.

Savannah, Ga., recently had an attack of nerves over its St. Patrick's Day festivities, for instance. "Come, spend money, drink green beer, have fun. Just don't make a mess, walk around drunk or cause a scene."

New Orleans' city fathers don't want the ever-evolving Mardi Gras to go the route of Rio de Janeiro Carnival, where bare-breasted beauties ride on floats and dance in the streets. (As the late comedian Dave Gardner said, "If we was moral, we could all go naked.")

But Brazil's another culture. In this country we have limits, even to organized debauchery.

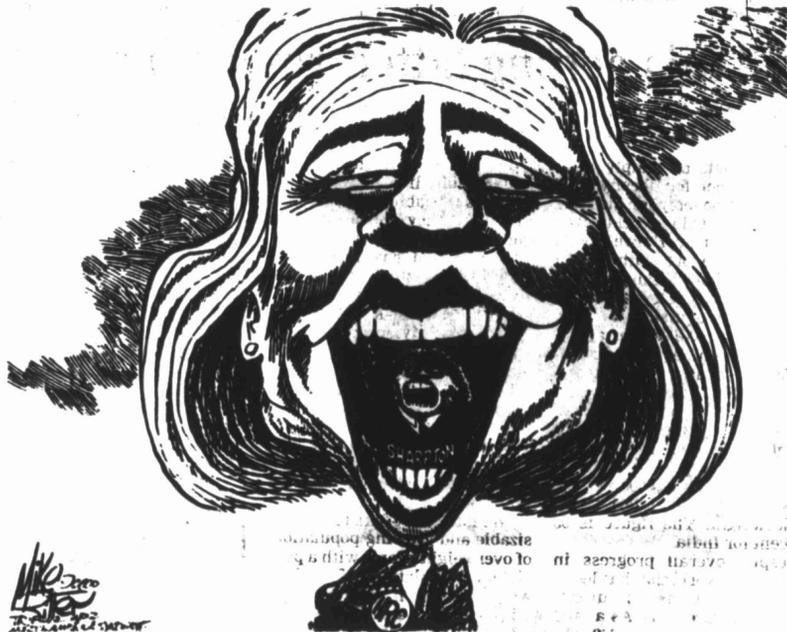
I don't mean to sound cavalier about what, I'm sure, might be truly offensive to some.

But breasts sell everything but shoe polish these days. It's hard to stay in a perpetual state of shock.

If New Orleans really wants to put a lid on Mardi Gras, follow Atlanta's Freaknik lead. Discourage the party at every turn until it packs up its favors and moves elsewhere.



RHETA GRIMSLEY JOHNSON



# Election system should be reformed

The first step in reforming the country is to repeal earlier reforms that have proven to be worse than the ills they were designed to correct. The primary election is one of them.

Originally, parties chose their nominees through conventions, but during the period that is called the Progressive Era, reformers said that nominees should not be chosen in smoke-filled rooms but by the voters in primary elections.

On the surface it sounded good, as many reformist ideas do, but it has turned out that the people in the smoke-filled rooms knew more about politics and politicians than the relative handful of people who wander into the voting booths during primary elections. More important, the people in the smoke-filled rooms had some leverage over the politicians after the candidates were elected. The average voter has none.

Today, the primary-election system has gotten plain nutty, with several states authorizing so-called open primaries that allow Democrats to vote for Republicans and vice versa, as

well as participation by independents who have rejected party affiliation. A party's nominee should be chosen by the members of that party, not by members of the opposition party, who might be trying to nominate a candidate who will be easier for their nominee to beat in the general election.

Any serious attempt to repair our election system has to look at more than just the money. We have to look at why elections cost so much money. Primary elections are one of the reasons. When candidates were chosen by convention, they could campaign with people most likely to be delegates.

In a primary election, however, candidates are forced to resort to mass advertising just to reach the random few who will vote in the primary. In large states, this really runs the costs up. And where is any evidence that primary voters do any better at picking candidates than the old party conventions? I don't see any.

Politics is an art, and despite the theory that everybody should be an interested and informed citizen, most people are not that interested in politics. It seems logical to me that those people who do have a passion for and continuing interest in politics should choose nominees. The old party system, while democratic, assured that candidates would have to make their appeals to people who were at least well-informed.

Parties, in essence, are political machines to elect candidates and distribute patronage. Most are organized around a few central ideas. But a political machine is also a grass-roots organization and can give people a voice in their government.

Primary elections, however, have caused the parties to atrophy. Today, most are just fundraising vehicles, for primary elections shift the emphasis away from organizations to big-money donors. People who get candidates elected have the most influence over them. With the primary system, that influence is now with big-money folks who finance the necessarily expensive campaigns.

Lincoln Steffens, one of the original muckrakers, wrote in his autobiography that, in retrospect, the political bosses had done a better job of governing than had the reformers who replaced the bosses. Reformers tend to be utopians and tend to be naive when it comes to recognizing the inevitable flaws in human character.

Any system that involves human beings will have a certain amount of corruption. There is corruption in politics today, but it is much more difficult to pinpoint. Rather than deluding ourselves that we can design a corruption-free system, we should concentrate on systems that afford the greatest amount of accountability.

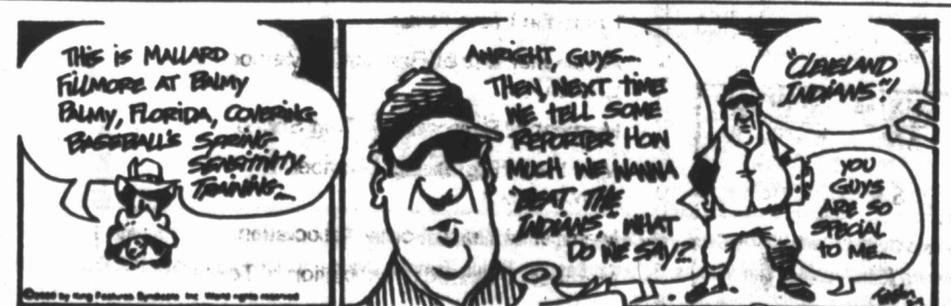


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# President Clinton continues assault on Congress over gun safety

PALO ALTO, Calif. (AP) — President Clinton appealed to lawmakers Saturday to reject "the pressure tactics and the threats" of the gun lobby in anticipation of this week's White House meeting on gun-safety legislation.

Clinton said he will push for a requirement that handguns come with child safety locks, a ban on importation of large-capacity ammunition clips and mandatory background checks on handgun purchases at gun

shows.

Those are similar to provisions in a bill the Senate passed last year on a tie-breaking vote by Vice President Al Gore.

At Tuesday's meeting, Clinton said, he will insist that lawmakers "get the job done."

He cited the death last week of 6-year-old Kayla Rolland, killed in Michigan by a 6-year-old classmate who brought a gun to school. American children are killed by gun fire a rate nine times higher than the combined

total of the next 25 top industrial nations.

"This is intolerable, and we must act, because we can do something about it," Clinton said.

Jim Nicholson, chairman of the Republican National Committee, accused Clinton of exploiting the Michigan incident "to score political points for himself and Al Gore."

For Clinton, on a political fund-raising trip to California, the address was the fourth time

in a week that he criticized Congress for failing to act on legislation he submitted after last year's Columbine High School shootings.

"In a country of 270 million people, no law can stop every act of gun violence. But we can't just throw up our hands as if gun safety laws don't make a difference," Clinton said. "We all have a responsibility to do our part: parents, community leaders, members of the gun industry and, yes, members of

Congress, too."

Clinton said he also wants Congress to approve state-issued licenses for newly purchased handguns; stricter punishment for adults whose guns fall into children's hands; and money to hire 1,000 new prosecutors for firearms cases and to develop "smart gun" technology that makes the weapon work only for its rightful owner.

On Thursday, after Clinton said he was summoning congressional leaders to the White

House, Rep. Henry Hyde said compromise is possible in good-faith bargaining. "I think the country wants legislation," said Hyde, R-Ill., chairman of the House Judiciary Committee.

Clinton sought to defuse arguments by critics that his proposals would do little to stop a criminal determined to get a gun. He said the same argument was used against the Brady background-check law, and it has stopped 500,000 firearms purchases by felons since 1993.

# Drifter's confession spans 12 years, multiple states — and 13 killings

AUSTIN (AP) — Confessing to 13 killings over a 12-year period, a former carnival worker and rail-riding drifter has crafted a homicidal hopscotch through states for authorities to investigate.

Police say Tommy Lynn Sells has confessed to using guns, knives, a bat, a shovel, an ice pick — even his bare hands — to commit murders in five states.

"My God, the guy is a killing machine," said Tom Vinger, a spokesman for the Texas Department of Public Safety. "He is a sadistic individual."

Sells, 35, is jailed on charges of capital murder and attempted

murder for allegedly slashing the throats of Kaylene Harris, 13, and Krystal Surlis, 10, on Dec. 31 in Del Rio.

Kaylene died, while Krystal ran to a neighbor's house for help. She survived and helped create a composite portrait that led authorities to Sells on Jan. 2.

On Thursday, Vinger said Sells confessed to shooting Russell Dardeen to death in November 1987. He also confessed to fatally beating the Ina, Ill. man's pregnant wife, Ruby — who gave birth during the attack — their 3-year-old son, Peter, and the newborn, a girl, Vinger said.

Vinger said Sells has confessed to a total of 13 homicides in seven states — a talking streak that has frustrated his attorney, Victor Garcia.

"I can't put a gag on him, but I wish I could," Garcia said.

Since being jailed, Sells has told reporters he has found religion and feels remorse. However, he has never provided investigators with a solid motive for the killings, said sheriff's Lt. Larry Pope.

"He makes statements like, 'I've woken up before in places where I don't know how I got there and I got blood on myself,'" Pope said.

Vinger said investigators are

confident Sells' confessions are valid in at least nine slayings, including single murders in Texas and Kentucky.

"He knows details about the crime scenes that have never been reported," Vinger said. "We are not just taking his word for this."

Vinger said authorities are less certain of Sells' confessions to a pair of murders in Little Rock, Ark., and to two murders in Gibson County, Tenn.

Investigators said they were concerned the confessions could develop into a repeat of the embarrassing case of Henry Lee Lucas, another drifter who had confessed to more than 600 mur-

ders. Lucas later recanted all of them.

But Texas Ranger John Allen, who has interviewed Sells, said Sells apparently has been telling the truth.

"At no time has he ever lied to us," he said. "We have gone out of our way to catch him in a lie, which we cannot do."

In Ina, Ill., where the Dardeens were slain more than 12 years ago, news of Sells' confession was met with relief.

"It feels like a big ton of bricks have been lifted off me," said Joann Dardeen, Russell Dardeen's mother.

"I've always believed it would be solved."

# World's population is getting fatter, researchers say

WASHINGTON (AP) — The world's population is growing — at the waist. For the first time in history, there may be as many people overweight, 1.1 billion, as underfed, researchers report.

Just because people are gaining weight does not mean the world is better fed or healthier than it was two decades ago when millions more were starving, the environmental research group Worldwatch Institute said in a report released Sunday.

In fact, the report says being obese and underweight often results from the same problem: malnutrition.

In some countries there is a growing "weight gap." Well-off minorities in India, China, Brazil and some other developing nations are growing fat as the poor go hungry.

America and other wealthier countries have the opposite problem: The richer and better-educated tend to eat right, while

the poor often balloon from a diet of cheap and fatty fast foods.

"Often, nations simply have traded hunger for obesity, and diseases of poverty for diseases of excess," said Worldwatch researcher Brian Halwell, who wrote the report with fellow researcher Gary Gardner.

In the United States, 55 percent of the population is overweight, with one in four adults considered obese, according to the most recent surveys cited in the report.

Russia, the United Kingdom and Germany also have overweight majorities, U.N. studies show.

In comparison, 56 percent of Bangladesh's population is underweight. The figure is 53 percent for India.

Despite overall progress in feeding the world that has led to sharp reductions of underweight children in Asia and Latin America since 1980, the number of underfed children

continues to grow in the poorest countries, in sub-Saharan Africa.

Both the overweight and the underweight live in worlds of sickness, disability, shortened life expectancy and lower productivity levels, Halwell said.

"This is not based on some fashion magazine's notion of proper weight or the standard set by the latest sitcom star," but on a widely accepted international standard, Halwell said in an interview.

The conclusions are based on the "body mass index," or BMI, with 19-25 considered normal. A person's BMI is weight in pounds, divided by the square of height in inches, then multiplied by 703.

"We have the coexistence of a sizable and growing population of overweight people with a persistent population of underweight people in poorer countries," Halwell said.

Both groups suffer from malnutrition, he said, a condition

of nutritional deficiency often associated only with those who have too little to eat.

While countries, including the United States, do not generally include height and weight questions in census questionnaires, medical clinics, doctors and hospitals in most countries collect and report the data.

Halwell and Gardner use World Health Organization, United Nations and individual government figures to calculate that a global weigh-in would find 1.1 billion men, women and children underweight, down slightly from the 1980s, and about the same number overweight — a considerable increase.

# Partiers swarm New Orleans for Mardi Gras

NEW ORLEANS (AP) — Mardi Gras partiers swarmed the French Quarter on Saturday and lined the city's streets to grab beads thrown by strangely costumed people on parade floats.

"It's the greatest party you've ever been to," said 70-year-old Jim Hennessy of Dublin, Ohio, as he downed a Guinness beer at 11 a.m. at Molly's at the Market, a bar near Bourbon Street.

"The whole place is partying, that's why we come down."

The party will last in heavily Catholic southern Louisiana and along much of the Gulf Coast until Mardi Gras, or Fat Tuesday, traditionally the last day of feasting and celebration before Ash Wednesday and the sacrifices of Lent.

Lenten solemnity was the last thing on anyone's mind along Bourbon Street, where an engineer at the Royal Sonesta hotel dutifully spreads petroleum jelly every morning over the metal posts holding up the wrought iron balconies overlooking one of the French Quarter's busiest spots.

"Guests entice people in the crowd to come up," explained hotel spokeswoman Jeannine Landry. "But they fall miserably because the poles are so slippery."

The hotel's "greasing of the poles" tradition has been going on for 30 years and has caught on at other Bourbon Street buildings with balconies.

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BASEBALL

**BOSTON RED SOX**—Agreed to terms with RHP Brian Rosser, RHP Jim Cho, RHP Tomkoza Oka, OF Jermaine Woodard and RHP Donnie Sadler on one-year contracts.

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**OAKLAND ATHLETICS**—Agreed to terms with OF Ben Grieco on a two-year contract. Named David Nix as president and CEO, and marketing; Billy Beane vice president/general manager, baseball operations; Ken Plonk vice president; and David Nix as vice president, stadium operations.

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# Forsan's Crow, Stanley earn first-team all-district honors

By JOHN A. MOSELEY  
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Forsan's Buffaloes and Queens picked up a pair of first-team selections and two second-team picks recently when District 2-2A coaches met to select their all-district boys' and girls' basketball teams.

Not surprisingly, Wall's Lady Hawks and Ozona's Lady Lions dominated selection to the girls' all-district squad, while Eldorado's Eagles and Sonora Broncos grabbed the most spots on the boys' team.

A quartet of Forsan seniors were in the mix, however, as Jancy Crow and Logan Stanley were first-team picks, while Tiffany Sayles and David Stone earned second-team honors.

Three Queens players — Tonnie Loera, Ashley Alexander and Callie Burt — earned honorable mention in the balloting for the girls' squad, while the Buffs' Daniel Whetsel was Forsan's only player receiving honorable mention on the boys' squad.

Eldorado, Ozona and Wall split the individual honors on both teams.

The Lady Lions' Diana Ellison was named the district's most valuable player on the girls' team, while Eldorado's Michael Mayo was the boys' team's

# received spots on the honorable mention team.

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# Iron County, Garden City dominate District 4-1A all-district girls squad

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It came as no real surprise to anyone that Garden City's Lady Barkats and Irion County's Lady Hornets dominated the voting recently when District 4-1A girls' basketball coaches met to select their all-district team.

The Lady 'Kats and Lady Hornets, after all, were the district's two playoff representatives this season.

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# Lady Steers way too much for Grape Creek to handle

HERALD Staff Report

Big Spring's Lady Steers got their final warm-up prior to the start of District 5-4A softball play on Saturday, literally blasting Grape Creek's Lady Eagles into submission.

The Lady Steers, who open 5-4A play on the road at 4 p.m. Tuesday in Sweetwater, pounded out a total of 36 hits in romping to 22-0 and 21-2 wins, both games ending early on the 10-run rule.

In the opener, Big Spring freshman pitcher Christina Gwyn tossed a 15-hit gem at the Lady Eagles, allowing just one hit and walking one in going the distance.

In addition, Gwyn led Big Spring in hitting with an impressive 4-for-5 showing at the plate. Amy Jackson, Bridget Cain and Lindsay Marino added 3-for-5 offensive performances.

Kaci Acri proved to be a little more democratic during her mound performance in the second game. While she also went the distance, allowing two earned runs on a pair of hits and two walks, she struck out only four.

But the Lady Steers continued their offensive onslaught. Acri helped her own cause with a 2-for-3 showing, while Nicci Vizcaino added a 2-for-2 performance. In addition, Gwyn, Jackson, Cain and Terri Denton chipped in with 2-for-4 efforts.

"There's not a whole lot to say other than the fact that everybody got a chance to play



Big Spring's Christina Gwyn delivers a pitch during the Lady Steers' 22-0 win over Grape Creek's Lady Eagles in the first game of a doubleheader Saturday. Gwyn struck out 15 in the five-inning game.

and that everybody contributed," Lady Steers head coach Dan Arista said following the lopsided sweep.

"These kid of games you just hope the timing doesn't throw you off," Arista added. "They (Lady Eagles) had a pretty good pitcher ... her speed just wasn't what we're used to. But we did a great job of adjusting to what she was doing, waited on the ball and drove it. That's a good sign."

While the Lady Steers were rolling to their big wins, Big Spring's junior varsity squad advanced to the championship game of the Prairie Dog Classic tournament in Lubbock on Saturday.

The Lady Steers JV was forced to battle their way back from a 6-0 loss to Bowie on Friday, however.

They took an 8-5 win over Kermit before posting a 9-4 victory over Lubbock Monterey's junior varsity. In Saturday's semifinal game, the young Lady Steers faced another varsity team, but managed a 5-3 win over Lubbock Cooper.

Saturday's title game, however, was another shutout loss to Bowie.

The Lady Steers JV did place three players on the all-tournament team, however, as Lindsay Shaffer, Courtney Brock and Melissa Ray drew the honors.

## ROUNDUP

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Chris Carrawell scored 21 points as the Blue Devils (24-4, 15-1 Atlantic Coast Conference) won their fifth straight game in the 81-year-old rivalry.

Even with the loss to Duke, the Tar Heels (18-12, 9-7) are assured at least a tie for third place in the Atlantic Coast Conference.

Duke, the regular-season ACC champion, took control early and never trailed.

Joseph Forte, who led North Carolina with 24 points, made a layup with 1:41 left to pull North Carolina within 11 at 80-69, but that was as close as the Tar Heels would get.

Carrawell made two free throws and then punctuated the victory with a dunk off a steal to make it 84-69 with 1:30 remaining.

### No. 7 Michigan St. 114, Michigan 63

Mateen Cleaves set Big Ten single-game and career assist records in his final home game, pacing No. 7 Michigan State to a 114-63 victory Saturday over Michigan and at least a share of their third straight conference title.

Charlie Bell scored a career-high 31 points in the Spartans' most-decisive Big Ten victory ever.

Cleaves' 20 assists gave him 769 in the Big Ten, moving him past Illinois' Bruce Douglas on the career list.

The Spartans trailed 5-4 before an 8-0 run put them ahead to stay. Michigan State's tenacious defense held the Wolverines to only six shots in the first six minutes of the game.

Bell, Morris Peterson and Andre Hutson combined for 34 points in the first half as

Michigan State opened a 51-24 lead at halftime.

Michigan State's second-half lead eventually reached 57 point when Steve Cherry hit a three-pointer with 7:14 left to put the Spartans ahead 99-42.

### No. 22 Kentucky 85, No. 8 Florida 70

Tayshaun Prince scored 19 points and Jamaal Magloire and Keith Bogans added 14 each as No. 22 Kentucky beat No. 8 Florida 85-70 Saturday to claim a share of the Southeastern Conference championship.

Desmond Allison and Jules Camara added 12 points each for the Wildcats (22-8, 12-4).

Mike Miller scored 17 of his 20 points in the second half to lead Florida (23-6, 12-4), which was denied the conference championship outright. Tennessee and LSU also had the opportunity to grab a piece of the SEC title with victories Saturday.

Kentucky led 43-24 at halftime and increased the margin to as many as 25 early in the second half. The Gators cut the margin to 10 on several occasions late in the game, but could get no closer.

### No. 6 Ohio State 82, Minnesota 72

George Reese tied his career high with 25 points and Michael Redd had 17 as No. 6 Ohio State defeated Minnesota 82-72 Saturday to capture a share of the Big Ten championship.

The Buckeyes (22-5, 13-3) won their fifth straight game to tie No. 7 Michigan State, a 114-63 winner against Michigan earlier in the day.

Scoonie Penn added 11 points for Ohio State. Shane Schilling

led Minnesota with 16 points, while Terrance Simmons had 15.

The Gophers gave Ohio State all it could handle in the early going, tying the game 21-21 at 9:35 on Kyle Sanden's 3-point basket and trailing just 31-28 with five minutes to play.

But the Buckeyes scored 11 of the final 13 points in the half -- six by Reese -- to forge a 42-31, halftime lead.

### No. 24 Connecticut 69, No. 9 Syracuse 54

HARTFORD, Conn. (AP) — Khalid El-Amin scored 19 points, including consecutive 3-pointers in a 14-0 second-half run, and No. 24 Connecticut beat No. 9 Syracuse 69-54 Saturday, depriving the Orangemen of the outright Big East regular season title.

The Huskies (21-8, 10-6) finished tied for fourth in the league with Seton Hall but will be the fourth seed in next week's conference tournament.

The Orangemen (24-4, 13-3) will finish tied for first with the winner of Sunday's St. John's-Miami game. If St. John's wins, it will be the No. 1 seed for the tournament. If Miami wins, Syracuse will get it.

Connecticut had an 11-point lead in the first half, but Syracuse chipped away and took the lead 45-44 on a jumper by Ryan Blackwell with 8:34 to play.

Jason Hart's driving jumper with 6:43 left tied the game at 47-47, but the Orangemen didn't score again for 2:32 as Connecticut took control.

El-Amin's consecutive 3-pointers at 4:14 capped the run.

# YMCA swimmers shine at Midland, Pecos meets

HERALD Staff Report

Members of the Big Spring YMCA Swim Team recently took part in the West Texas "C" Championships meet in Pecos and the West Texas Championships meet in Midland.

At the "A-B" meet in Midland, Big Spring's small contingent made an impressive showing as Cameron Hughey finished first in the high-point competition in the 8-and-under boys field, while his older brother, Ryan Hughey, dominated the 9-10 age group.

In addition, Kelly Sage finished second in the overall point totals for the 8-and-under girls field, while Jessica Hughey finished fourth in the highly-competitive 11-12 girls division.

Cameron Hughey finished first in the 50 freestyle, 50 backstroke, 50 breaststroke and 100 individual medley. He added second in the 50 butterfly. He also finished fifth in three 10-and-under events and sixth in another.

Ryan Hughey finished first in the 200 freestyle, 50 backstroke, 100 backstroke and both the 50 and 100 breaststroke. He was second in the 50 and 100 freestyle events, as well as the 100 individual medley. He was third in the 100 butterfly and 200 individual medley.

Sage won the 100 individual medley and finished second in the 50 freestyle, 50 backstroke and 50 butterfly. Her older sister, Lauren, competed in the 10-and-under division and finished fourth in the 100 backstroke and fifth in the 50 backstroke, 50 butterfly and 200 individual medley. She added seventh place in the 50 and 100 freestyle,

as well as the 50 breaststroke. She rounded out the day with eighth place in the 100 individual medley.

Hannah Lester was third in the 50 butterfly and fifth in the 50 and 100 backstroke, 50 and 100 breaststroke and 100 butterfly. She was sixth in the 200 individual medley and seventh in the 100 individual medley.

Jessica Hughey was second in the 200 individual medley and 50 butterfly; third in both the 100 breaststroke and 100 butterfly; and was seventh, eighth and ninth respectively in the 50 freestyle, 100 freestyle and 500 freestyle.

In boys 11-12 action, Allan Michael Sheedy was third in the 200 individual medley, fourth in the 50 backstroke, seventh in the 50 freestyle and eighth in the 50 butterfly.

Holly Mayfield added a fifth in the girls 13-14 division 400 individual medley, was seventh in the 100 backstroke and eighth in both the 200 backstroke and 500 freestyle. She was also ninth in the 100 butterfly.

Another top 10 finish came from Katy Hunnicutt, as she finished 10th in the 200 backstroke.

In the boys 13-14 division, Mark Sheedy was fourth in both the 500 freestyle and 200 backstroke, then finished fifth in both the 100 backstroke and 100 butterfly. He was sixth in the 200 individual medley, seventh in the 200 freestyle and eighth in both the 50 and 100 freestyle races.

Will Liggett added a sixth-place finishes in the 100 and 200 breaststroke events, was seventh in the 100 butterfly and was ninth in the 200 individual medley, 50 freestyle and 100 freestyle.

Rounding out the team's top 10 finishes was Chris Stokes' 10th-place finish in the 100 breaststroke.

A total of 13 Big Spring swimmers were entered in the "C" Championships in Pecos.

In 8-and-under boys competition, Evan Nabors was third in the 25 freestyle, third in the 25 backstroke and fourth in the 25 butterfly and 25 breaststroke. Caleb Lester was first in the 25 butterfly and third in the 25 backstroke.

Morgan Reinhart led the way in 9-10 girls action, winning the 50 freestyle, 50 butterfly, 100 freestyle and 50 breaststroke. She was also second in the 50 backstroke.

In 9-10 boys events, Daniel Budke was first in the 50 backstroke and 100 freestyle and second in the 50 butterfly. Spencer Briggs added second in the 100 freestyle and fourth in the 50 backstroke.

Amy Grant led the way in 11-12 girls events, finishing first in the 200 individual medley, second in the 50 butterfly and third in the 50 freestyle, 100 freestyle and 500 breaststroke.

Wendy Mayfield was first in the 50 backstroke and 50 breaststroke, third in the 50 butterfly and 100 freestyle and fourth in the 50 freestyle.

LeAnn Brumley was fourth in the 50 backstroke, fifth in the 50 butterfly, seventh in the 100 freestyle, eighth in the 50 breaststroke and ninth in the 100 freestyle.

Angela Banks added sixth in the 50 butterfly, eighth in the 50 backstroke and 100 freestyle, ninth in the 50 breaststroke and 10th in the 50 freestyle.

Allan Sheedy led the way in 11-12 boys events, finishing first in the 50 freestyle, 50 butterfly, 50 backstroke, 100 freestyle and 200 individual medley.

In the girls 13-14 division, Allison Lester chalked up a first in the 50 freestyle, 100 butterfly, 100 backstroke, 100 freestyle and 100 breaststroke.

Stokes won the 13-14 boys division 50 freestyle, 100 backstroke, 100 freestyle, 100 breaststroke and 200 individual medley. Scott Thomas added second in the 200 individual medley and third in the 50 freestyle, 100 backstroke and 100 freestyle.

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Annie was so small she couldn't get up the back steps, so three outside cats were always with her. She used to practice barking; they seemed to encourage her, putting their heads in the air as if they were trying to bark also. She didn't meow.

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## Happy birthday, Little Annie

Little Orphan Annie, English Springer puppy, came into our lives almost 20 years ago. She was all feet, and grew up loving cats, even protecting them from danger.

Annie was so small she couldn't get up the back steps, so three outside cats were always with her. She used to practice barking; they seemed to encourage her, putting their heads in the air as if they were trying to bark also. It's a miracle she didn't meow like a cat.

Later she would head for the Goliad track area, running for the sheer joy of it. I would be huffing and puffing, knowing I couldn't keep up. She learned that however many times I yelled "treats," that's how many she would get if she came home. Soon she was holding out for five.

She would put herself to bed after a day of play with her cat friends. They taught her how to steal food and treats. They say Springers are born to steal — food that is, and Annie was getting better all the time.

I had baked communion bread for our church; the loaves were set out to cool, safe, we thought. Adrian asked me if I had set five loaves out, I said yes; but now there were only four. Not even a crumb to give her away.

Annie and Billy Bob, the black cat friend, were great buddies, and worked together to steal food; they were good. One day we came home; they were sitting side by side in the kitchen looking at a can of cat treats. Annie jumped up, knocking the treats to the floor. Billy Bob took over, wrapping his legs around the can, using his feet to open it. They shared the treats, savoring each morsel.

One holiday season, Annie helped herself to the top part of a cake that took four hours to make. This time we caught her with crumbs on her mouth; she was not repentant.

We decided that Annie needed to go to obedience school. Hopefully she would come when called, not jump on us, and perhaps give up trying to steal any food she found in the kitchen. Wishful thinking.

Adrian took her to school faithfully, and we felt she was doing well. He had taken her in his truck for the final exam. I waved goodbye, sure that Annie would pass.

Adrian called from the gas station, asking me to come unlock his truck; Annie had locked him out. Laughing, but saying nothing, I unlocked the truck, warning Adrian she would do it again, and she did before I got the words out of my mouth!

That night, Annie felt sorry for the English Setter when he failed on a command; she went over, sat by him and wouldn't move. We got a diploma for Annie, but it wasn't signed.

Annie was never mean to anyone or anything. She ruled the pet roost, stopping cat fights, protecting us from burglars, helped by her faithful friends.

She was terrified of thunder. I was sitting down weeding when there was a lot of thunder, and all I remember was Annie jumping where my lap should be, leaving me with a hairline fracture in my foot. After that, during storms we paced together up and down the back porch.

To her dying day at 15, she was the most beautiful Springer I had ever seen and still full of love for us.

Her last meals were all the cat food and treats she wanted. She had to steal them in her lifetime; now she ate them slowly, but with great relish.

Today is her birthday, Happy Birthday, Little Orphan Annie, you will always be a part of our happiest memories.



MARY RANDLE

# THE GAL'S GOT A GUN

For years, Jimmie Permenter would not even open a can of biscuits without her husband's help.

The loud "whack!" the can makes when it breaks open scared her, she said.

"I wouldn't do anything like that without my husband's help," Permenter said. But a few years ago, with her husband in a nursing home battling Alzheimer's Disease, Permenter had to change.

She had to learn how to protect herself.

Permenter is one of dozens of local women who have taken their safety into their own hands, buying a gun and learning how to use it.

Ed Wright, local gun safety teacher, said women in his classes are typically afraid of guns at first.

"You have to get to know how to handle them, and then you're okay," he said. "Most of the women I teach are single, widowed, or divorced, and they need a way to protect themselves."

Many women may travel for a living, or visit relatives out of town, and need to feel safer on the road. Virginia Davidson, a widow and grandmother to four, travels with her .38 on the seat beside her.

"I just feel safer that way," she said. Since she lives alone, Davidson also keeps the gun on her nightstand while she sleeps.

"I never liked guns," she said. "I would never have anything to do with them. My husband kept shotguns for hunting, and I wouldn't even move them in a closet if I needed to get something out of there."

Art Dehlinger, a police officer and president of the Western Sportsman Gun Club, said women often start with a small gun, such as the .22, while learning.

"It doesn't kick, it's not loud, but it gets you used to handling a gun. Then you can go to something bigger," he said.

Permenter, for example, has a .22 now, but is looking for something like a .38. She is in the process of getting a concealed-carry permit from the state of Texas.

In those classes, students learn about gun laws and safety, which Wright and Dehlinger both said is vital.

"Don't ever point the gun at anyone unless you are ready to shoot it at them," Wright said. "Keep your finger off the trigger until you are ready to use it, too."

And in a home with children, both men advised extreme caution among gun owners. Wright said education is key to avoiding an accidental shooting.

"You should educate your children, instill confidence in them, and answer their questions whenever they ask them," he said.

According to state law, you are liable if you left a handgun in a place where it was available to a child who caused injury to himself or others, Wright said.

"Use common sense," urged Dehlinger. He said many accidents, caused by adults or children, are due to lack of knowledge about guns.

"Some are complicated, some are simple, but you need to know several basic things before you deal with one at all," he said. The differences in gun laws of this and other states, added to the difference in features of many guns, make education a necessity, Dehlinger said.

For many women, just the confidence that they have the gun and know how to use it is often a comfort, Wright said.

"Just the sight of a gun is sometimes enough to scare off a perpetrator," Wright said. "But you need to know that you could use it, if it came to that."

Davidson said the hardest part was realizing that she actually might have to shoot someone that was trying to hurt her.

"I know I have the nerve to use it now, if I have to," she said. "I would use it if I had to."

Wright said he had never had a student that couldn't learn to use a gun and feel comfortable with one. He added that many of his students have been senior citizens like Permenter and Davidson, and age makes no difference in ability.

Permenter said her grown children were pleased to find out she had armed herself.

"I advise every woman to do it," she said, adding that her one regret is her husband, who no longer recognizes her most of the time, doesn't know. "My husband would probably never believe it."



Jimmie Permenter, above, shown with her .22 handgun, says she feels safer owning a gun and knowing how to use it. The senior citizen is living alone while her husband is in a nursing home due to Alzheimer's disease. Below, widow and grandmother Virginia Davidson took gun classes to learn to use her .38, which she keeps next to her bed and takes on out-of-town trips. Both women are among dozens locally who have taken gun safety and shooting classes, citing the need to protect themselves.



## VA celebrates Four Chaplains' Day, presents awards

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

February Employee of the Month: Karen Davila, Secretary, Engineering Service.

"Ms. Davila has shown to be resourceful and expedient in assuring that all documents have been completed in a high quality organized manner," said Brown. "It was an extremely busy year for Engineering Service in FY99, and even while performing the normal duties during the stren-

uous months preceding JCAHO, she somehow was able to put together all the documentation requested by her supervisor."

On Feb. 3, 1943, the troop ship *Dorchester* was torpedoed off the coast of Newfoundland a little after midnight. On board were four chaplains who had been helping the soldiers fight the fear they were feeling. They were handing out life preservers, but ran out before all soldiers got one. So the chaplains, a Catholic priest, a Jewish rabbi and two Protestants, gave their life preservers away.

As the ship sank, the four could be seen praying together,

their arms linked.

The VA celebrated Four Chaplains' Day on Feb. 3 in the chapel at the West Texas VA Health Care System. Two local veterans of the local Veterans of Foreign Wars, Leo Welch and Jesse Hernandez, read names of veterans who passed away the last year and the branch of service in which they served.

Chaplain Dean Thomas presented the Legion of Honor Award to those whom the veterans have suggested to receive this award. This year, the award was presented to: Clara Lewis, a VA volunteer, Larry Moore, a Recreation Therapy Assistant, and Annette Hodnet, an RN.

These people are an example of those who give their lives to helping and serving our veterans and their families.

A national survey of veterans commissioned by the National Partnership of Reinventing Government has found that veterans who use the hospitals and clinics are increasingly satisfied with their health care. Eighty percent of VA health-care users are more satisfied now than two years ago.

The survey contacted veterans who received outpatient care from May 1-May 14, 1999. The overall loyalty to the VA system in this sample of veterans registers extremely high — 90 percent for VA compared

with 68 percent for private hospitals — based on their willingness to reuse the system.

More information is available on the website, [www.npr.gov](http://www.npr.gov).

The Big Spring VA Medical Center welcomes the following new employees: Robin Brown, Nursing Service; Olga Gamboa, Laundry Service; Vance McCright, Dietetics Service; Sherril New, Medical Service; Connie Plagens, Patient Representative; Joe Robles, Laundry Service; and Juan Williams, Nursing Service.

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

# WEDDINGS

## Jones-Bingham

Celeste Jones and Cecil Bingham, both of Big Spring, were united in marriage on March 3, 2000, at East Fourth Baptist Church in Big Spring with the Rev. Dudley Mullins officiating. She is the daughter of Sean and Toni Bouchereau of Big Spring. He is the son of June McCracken of Big Spring. Maid of honor was Angie Diaz. The flower girl was

Sherada Jones and Cody Jones was the ringbearer. Randy Lewis served as best man. Following the ceremony, a reception was held in the Last Chance Saloon. The wedding cake was a three tiered fiesta cake. The bride is employed by Head Hunter Beauty Salon. The wedding trip will be taken at a later date. The couple has made their home in Big Spring.

## ON THE MENU

**SENIOR CITIZENS CENTER**  
MONDAY-Fish, potato wedges, peas & carrots, coleslaw, milk/cornbread, cookies  
TUESDAY-Meatloaf, macaroni & cheese, zucchini, spinach salad, milk/rolls, pudding.  
WEDNESDAY-Smothered steak, potatoes, okra & tomatoes, salad, milk/rolls, fruit.  
THURSDAY-Chicken, rice, blackeyed peas, fruited gelatin, milk/rolls, cookies.  
FRIDAY-Turkey & dressing, sweet potatoes, green beans, salad, milk/rolls, cake

**SANDS SCHOOLS**  
MONDAY-Hamburgers, lettuce, tomatoes, pickles, tater tots, wacky cake, milk.  
TUESDAY-Steak fingers w/gravy, june peas w/carrots, sliced potatoes, hot rolls, fruit, milk.  
WEDNESDAY-Beef & cheese tacos, pinto beans, salad, cobbler, cornbread, milk.  
THURSDAY-Fried chicken, mashed potatoes, green beans, hot rolls, fruit, milk.  
FRIDAY-Pizza, salad, pork & beans, pudding, milk.

**COAHOMA SCHOOLS**  
MONDAY-Pizza, tater tots, mixed fruit, milk. Teachers only: salad or baked potatoes  
TUESDAY-Tacos (corndogs), pinto beans, salad, pudding, milk.  
WEDNESDAY-Chicken nuggets, gravy, green beans, mashed potatoes, rolls, milk.  
THURSDAY-Spaghetti (burritos), salad, carrots, bread, apple cobbler, milk.  
FRIDAY-Hamburgers, fries, lettuce, tomatoes, pickles, fresh grapes, milk.

**ELBOW ELEMENTARY**  
MONDAY-Spaghetti/meat sauce, salad, corn, garlic bread, milk.  
TUESDAY-Taco/sauce, cheese, salad, fruit, milk.  
WEDNESDAY-Meat/cheese sandwich, chips, vegetables.

fruit, milk.  
THURSDAY-Hamburger, french fries, salad, pickle spear, milk.  
FRIDAY-Steak fingers, mashed potatoes, peas, fruit, hot roll, milk.  
**STANTON SCHOOLS**  
MONDAY-Pizza (baked potato), green beans, tossed salad, peaches, milk, fruit drink.  
TUESDAY-Oven fried chicken (country fried steak), mashed potatoes, cream gravy, mixed vegetables, Italian bread, cobbler, milk.  
WEDNESDAY-Cheese enchiladas (corndog), pinto beans, tossed salad, pineapple chunks, cornbread, milk, fruit drink.  
THURSDAY-Hamburger on a bun (cheeseburger on a bun), french fries, hamburger salad, fresh apples, sugar cookies, milk, fruit drink.  
FRIDAY-NO SCHOOL

**BIG SPRING SCHOOLS**  
MONDAY-Chicken nuggets (roast beef), mashed potatoes, green beans, sliced peaches, hot roll, milk.  
TUESDAY-Taco (grilled chicken sandwich), salad, corn, refried beans w/cheese, ice cream cup, milk.  
WEDNESDAY-Chicken fried steak (chef salad), mashed potatoes, english peas, pear half, hot roll, milk.  
THURSDAY-Chicken fajitas (smoked sausage), tortilla, spanish rice, ranch style beans, apple cobbler, milk.  
FRIDAY-Hamburger (fish patty), salad, french fries, mixed fruit, cookie, milk.

**FORSAN SCHOOLS**  
MONDAY-Fish, macaroni & cheese, english peas, hush puppies, fruit, milk.  
TUESDAY-Taco salad, ranch style beans, salad, fruit churros, milk.  
WEDNESDAY-Hamburgers, french fries, salad, pickles and onions, pineapple tarts, milk.  
THURSDAY-Bar-b-que on bun, chips, salad, pickles and onions, cookies and fruit, milk.  
FRIDAY-Ham and gravy, whipped potatoes, green beans, hot rolls, fruit, milk.

## STORK CLUB

Kiersten Nicole Perez, girl, Jan. 18, 2000, 10:45 a.m., seven pounds five ounces and 19 inches long; parents are Lea Tolison and James Perez.  
Grandparents are Luis and Cathy Perez and Sue Tolison, all of Big Spring, and Herbert Tolison of Coahoma.

Amalia Celia Rios, girl, Jan. 18, 2000, 4:52 p.m., eight pounds seven ounces and 21 inches long; parents are Tina Baldomino and Jacob Rios.  
Grandparents are Abel and Leonor Rios and Gloria Baldomino, all of Big Spring.

Adrienne Rae Mendoza, girl, Jan. 18, 2000, 2:57 p.m., six pounds 10 ounces and 18 inches long; parents are Santos Mendoza Jr. and Jennifer Velasquez.  
Grandparents are Mr. and Mrs. Santos Mendoza Sr. and Louis H. Velasquez, all of Big Spring, and Oscar and Delbosque of Lansing, Kan.

Marivel Aurora Martinez, girl, Jan. 18, 2000, 10:59, five pounds six and 1/2 ounces and 18 and 1/2 inches long; mother is Michelle Martinez.  
Grandparents are Aurora Dominguez and Elpidio Ortega, both of Big Spring.

Stephen Joseph Perez Rios, boy, Jan. 19, 2000, 5:11 p.m., seven pounds 13 ounces and 20

inches long; parents are Alma Perez and Jesse Rios, both of Big Spring.

Raylen Alvarado, girl, Jan. 20, 2000, 4 a.m., eight pounds 12 ounces and 20 1/2 inches long; parents are Eddie and Rosemary Alvarado.

Grandparents are Dolores Alvarez and Estella Sanchez, both of Big Spring.

Christopher James Barrera, boy, Jan. 24, 2000, 1:46 p.m., eight pounds seven and 1/4 ounces and 21 and 1/2 inches long; parents are Tony and Patricia Barrera.

Grandparents are Jessie and Bertha Barrera of Big Spring and Lupe and Edna Vera of Denton.

David Martinez III, boy, Jan. 24, 2000, 3:25 p.m., five pounds 10 ounces and 18 and 1/2 inches long; parents are Carmelita and David Martinez Jr.

Grandparents are Simona Deleon and Mary Lou Mendez.

David Garret Ferguson, boy, Jan. 27, 2000, 2:41 p.m., five pounds 15 ounces and 18 inches long; parents are Jimmy and Raena Ferguson.

Grandparents are Frances Ferguson of Big Spring and Howard and Bonnie Newman of Sandy, Ore.

Morgan Taylor Ferguson, girl, Jan. 27, 2000, 2:43 p.m., five pounds eight and 1/2 ounces and 17 and 1/2 inches long; parents are Jimmy and Raena Ferguson.

Grandparents are Frances Ferguson of Big Spring and Howard and Bonnie Newman of Sandy, Ore.

Braden Lane Pearson, boy, Jan. 25, 2000, 6:45, six pounds 11 and 1/2 ounces and 20 and 1/2 inches long; parents are James Pearson and Mary Thomason.

Grandparents are Joel and Cheryl Pearson and Bobby and Sharon White, all of Big Spring, and the late Barbara Johnson of Coahoma.

Kathlene Arzavala Marquez, girl, Jan. 31, 2000, 9:10 p.m., seven pounds 3 and 1/2 ounces and 20 inches long; parents are Diana Comerina Marquez and Santiago Arzavala.

Grandparents are Cruz Marques Canez, Ricardo Arzavala, Refugio Mendez, and Ramona Marquez Pina.

Kari Dawn Gross, girl, Feb. 2, 2000, 5:10 p.m., six pounds six ounces and 19 and 1/2 inches long; parents are Tammie Gross and Kris Lewis.

Grandparents are Betty and Marvin Gross of Big Spring, and Mary and Jonathon Lewis of Coahoma.

Aaron Anthony Martinez, Feb. 3, 2000, 11:37 a.m., six pounds two and 1/2 ounces and 19 and 1/2 inches long; parent is Adriana Martinez.

Nijhal Dante Brown, boy, Feb. 6, 2000, eight pounds six ounces and 20 and 1/2 inches long; parents are Boo Brown and Chanta Farr.

Grandparents are Tracy and Troy Osburn and Annie and Lehebron Farr, all of Big Spring.

Raylene Ann Johnson, girl, Feb. 9, 2000, 9:01 a.m., seven pounds 11 and 1/4 ounces and 20 and 1/2 inches long; parents are Irene Castillo and Jimmy Johnson.

Grandparents are Patsy Castillo, James Johnson, and Mary Johnson, all of Big Spring.

Jaedan Bain Stanislaus, boy, Feb. 10, 2000, 1:58 p.m., seven pounds nine ounces and 20 inches long; parents are Brenden and Loretta Stanislaus.

Grandparents are Ron and Barbara Stephens of Big Spring and Doug and Gwen Stanislaus of Sand Springs.

Angel Ray Martinez, boy, Feb. 14, 2000, 7:00, six pounds nine ounces and 19 inches; parents are Albert Martinez and Corina Leos.

Grandparents are Eva and Carlos Leos of Big Spring and Minnie Martinez of Knott.

Ophelia Haley Swafford, girl, Feb. 23, 2000, 5:51 a.m., seven pounds two and 1/2 ounces and 21 inches long; parents are Ennett Puentes and Devon Swafford.

Grandparents are Rodolfo Puentes of Miami, Fla., Corina Aguirre of Midland, and Bill Swafford and Carol Davis Swafford, both of Big Spring.

## HUMANE SOCIETY



Pictured: Lestat - Male black and grey Tabby, neutered, very loving, 1 year old plus.  
Special Note: All dogs and cats presently available for adoption at the shelter have received their vaccinations, including rabies.  
Kelly - Female soft orange

in color, spayed, 5 months old.

Daisy - Female, tortoise shell, spayed, 10 weeks old.

Siren - Male, soft orange and white, neutered, 4 months old.

Mouse - Male, grey Tabby, neutered, lot of personality and fun, love to play, 5 months old.

Elaine - Female, grey and white Tabby, spayed, 1 year old.

Rocky - Male, grey long hair Tabby, neutered, 3 year old.

Maggie - Female, black and white, spayed, 1 year old plus.

Bobby - Male, grey and white Tabby, neutered, 1 year old.

Gracie - Female, grey and orange, spayed, 2 year old.

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

## IN THE MILITARY

Air Force Airman Seth B. Newell has graduated from basic military training at Lackland Air Force Base, San Antonio. He received special training in human

relations. Newell is the son of Tammy J. Custer and grandson of Gladys Custer, both of Big Spring.

Air Force Airman, Lee T. Escobar, has graduated from basic military training at Lackland Air Force Base, San Antonio. He received special training in human relations.

Escobar is the son of Consuelo T. Escobar of Big Spring. He is a 1997 graduate of Big Spring High School.

## GETTING ENGAGED



Stephanie Lynn Barham of Phoenix, Ariz., and John Hester Walker of Big Spring will exchange wedding vows on May 20, 2000, in a private ceremony at the Dora Roberts Community Center Gazebo. The Rev. Eddie Tubbs of First Baptist Church will officiate.

She is the daughter of Nora Harris of Charleston, W.Va. He is the son of the late Horace and the late Eula Walker of Taylorsville, Miss.



Raela Leanne James of Big Spring and Justin Wayne Edwards will be united in marriage on March 11, 2000, at East Fourth St. Baptist Church. Craig Rhoton will officiate.

She is the daughter of Ricky James and Ron and Jannette Westbrook and the granddaughter of Allan James.

He is the son of Steve and Velinda Edwards of Colorado City and the grandson of James and Christine Sanderson of Loraine.

## WHO'S WHO

Craig Milliken has been awarded University Honors upon completion of the Fall 1999 semester at the University of Texas at Austin. To obtain University Honors status, a student must earn a grade point average of 3.50 or above while completing at least 12 semester hours. Craig is a 1997, graduate of Coahoma

High School and is enrolled in the College of Communication as an advertising major.

Degrees were officially conferred on 394 West Texas A&M University graduates at the December commencement ceremonies. Area graduates include, Cash L. Rainer, Big Spring, with a BAS-Bachelor of Applied Arts and Sciences in Applied Arts and Sciences.

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## Wal-Mart

DALLAS (AP) seven meat cutters biggest retailer their department Supercenter in It was the first at a U.S. Wal-Mart election is now says it will close stores in six s prepackaged mea A spokeswoman connection betw the union vote. "Our decision meat has nothing

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By CARL GRAH Staff Writer

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### Wal-Mart will end meat-cutting at 180 stores

DALLAS (AP) — Two weeks ago, seven meat cutters took on the nation's biggest retailer by voting to unionize their department at a Wal-Mart Supercenter in Jacksonville, Texas. It was the first successful union vote at a U.S. Wal-Mart, but the fate of the election is now in limbo. Wal-Mart says it will close the meat-cutting operation in Jacksonville and 179 other stores in six states and sell only prepackaged meat. A spokeswoman Friday denied any connection between the closures and the union vote. "Our decision to expand case-ready meat has nothing to do with what went

on Jacksonville," said Jessica Moser from Wal-Mart's headquarters in Bentonville, Ark. She said prepackaged meat "has a better appearance and longer shelf life" and is easier to track inventory. Moser said Wal-Mart has been planning the switch to prepackaged meat for months, but the meat cutters at the Jacksonville store weren't buying it. "They just remodeled our store. They spent about \$40,000 on a new wrapping machine. They just got new pans to hold the meat," said Maurice Miller. "If they'd been thinking about this for months, why would they spend all that money?"

Miller, a 45-year-old meat cutter, was on the winning side of last month's 7-3 vote to be represented by Local 540 of the United Food and Commercial Workers. Local and national union officials said Wal-Mart was responding not only to the Jacksonville vote but to a pending election at its store in Palestine, and organizing efforts at about 20 Wal-Marts around the country. "This is just a ploy by Wal-Mart. It's an attempt to demoralize the workers," said John Rene Rodriguez, a Dallas-based business agent for the local.

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### Crossroads, phone companies work to solve connection woes

By JOHN A. MOSELEY  
Managing Editor

Crossroads Communications officials say Internet service subscribers in the Big Spring area have greatly benefitted from improvements the company has made in its change to improved Southwestern Bell systems. "We're thrilled with the results that have more than met our expectations," Crossroads owner Rick Peurifoy said, adding that 95 percent of the company's subscribers are

experiencing higher speed and stronger connectivity. However, Peurifoy said the company is still concerned about problems some customers in communities surrounding Big Spring have experienced. "We are concerned about problems in some of the fringe communities around Big Spring," he explained. "Our Westex Coop customers are having problems connecting."

See CROSSROADS, Page 4B

### New HEB manager glad to be in Big Spring

By CARL GRAHAM  
Staff Writer

Kirk Kiser is the new manager at HEB Food Stores in Big Spring. Kiser comes to Big Spring from Midland where he had been employed by Albertsons grocery since 1992. "Though for now I am commuting back and forth from Midland we are looking at homes here and hope to be moved by mid-April," said Kiser. "I love Big Spring and the people here are so friendly and nice. I am really looking forward to making Big Spring my home." Kiser is wasting no time in getting involved in community activities as he has already joined the Big Spring Rotary Club. He is a former member of the Evening Lions Club in Midland. Kiser began his grocery career bagging groceries in 1977. Although he has had five years of education in electrical engineering, his love for the grocery business keeps his doing what he's doing. He is a member of Community Bible Church in Midland as well as being an elder of the church. He and his wife, Sherry, have been married for 20 years. They have a 13-year-old son, Kyle, and a 6-year-old daughter, Tory. Kiser said he met his wife



HERALD photo/Carl Graham

New Big Spring HEB Food Stores manager Kirk Kiser is looking forward to meeting and serving all the grocery's customers while working at a grocery store. She was a cashier at the store while he was a bagger. Kiser brings 15 years experience as a store manager to HEB and that was enough to sell the corporate bosses in San

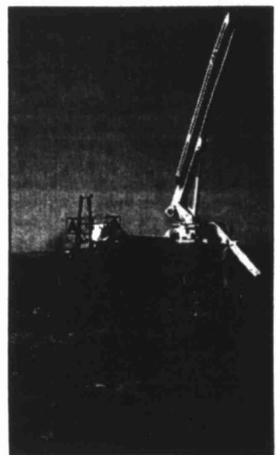
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### Cap Rock

#### Electric company plans to purchase properties in Arizona and Vermont

By BILL McCLELLAN  
News Editor

Cap Rock Electric has announced it will purchase all the electric utility properties of Citizens Utilities in Arizona and Vermont. The transactions are expected to close within the next 12 months, following regulatory approvals. Cap Rock has more mergers to its credit than any other electric cooperative in the country, having completed three in Texas, with another pending. "These additional acquisitions are an important strategic step in our plans to build a company that is locally focused in each community it serves, and yet has a nationwide presence," said David Pruitt, Cap Rock president and CEO. Acquiring Citizens' Vermont electric division will add approximately 21,000 meters to Cap Rock's existing customer base. Citizens' Arizona utilities are in two separate areas of the state. The Santa Cruz County service area has approximately 12,500 meters in the Nogales area. The Mohave County service area has approximately 58,000 customers in and around Lake Havasu City, Kingman and Bullhead City. Cap Rock is in the process of converting from a cooperative to an investor-owned publicly held utility. When the conversion is completed, Cap Rock Electric Cooperative will become Cap Rock Energy Corporation. Completion of the conversion is expected to coincide with the closing of the purchase of the Citizens Utilities properties, Pruitt said. Cap Rock's electric properties, including those in Arizona and



HERALD photo

Cap Rock Electric, shown here erecting utility poles along FM 700, is purchasing electric properties in Arizona and Vermont.

Vermont, will be operated as separate divisions in each state. "Our vision of Cap Rock's future is to build a nationwide company that is focused on local service and community involvement," said Pruitt. "And we intend to raise as much of our equity capital as possible from our customers. We will continue our tradition of fast and efficient customer service that we established under our cooperative form. We believe that our new structure will provide increased ownership flexibility that is simply not available under the cooperative form of business." Cap Rock has served electric consumers in Texas since 1939, and now distributes electricity in 28 counties.

### Pecan trees require high level of care in our area

Many individuals in Howard County have recently asked me about planting pecan trees. Pecan trees are not native to this area, therefore they require a high level of management to be a high producer of pecans. Most pecan varieties require approximately 250 days for full nut development. Freeze injury can be a problem in some instances within the West Texas area, especially with the late season varieties. Low pecan yields typically

are a result of three things. Insects, lack of water and or fertility and heat have the most impact on how much a pecan tree produces. The recommended varieties for this area of Texas are: Western, Wichita, Cheyenne, Pawnee,



DAVID KIGHT

and Texas. This is not to say that some of the other varieties would not work for our area most of the time. These five varieties, over time, have shown to be the best match for this area. The primary essential nutrient required by pecan trees is nitrogen. Approximately 250 pounds per acre of 33 percent nitrogen is needed by mature producing trees. Zinc continues to be the primary micronutrient that is required to assure good production and growth. The two most significant

pecan tree pests are the pecan casenut borer and aphids for most pecan producers. Aphids are more of a pest than a serious threat to pecan trees, although in dry conditions they will zap a great deal of energy from the leaf and tree. Aphids cause the plant to produce a honeyed substance that is shiny on the leaves and gets on vehicles, sidewalks, and homes. There are other related pests such as mites and various

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### IN THE NEWS

Big Spring Area Chamber of Commerce will host Business After Hours from 5-7 p.m. Thursday at CARRIAGE INN, 501 West 17th Street. There is no charge to attend the event, which allows merchants to get together with other merchants and customers. Refreshments will be served and door prizes awarded.

Permian Basin Regional

Planning Commission board of directors has approved a resolution honoring Big Spring Texas Workforce Center's VIRGINIA BELEW for 20 years of service to the residents of the Permian Basin.



BELEW

State Rep. DAVID COUNTS has announced that the Texas House of Representatives Select Committee on Rural Development will hold a public hearing in Big Spring at 10 a.m. Wednesday, March 15, at Dorothy Garrett



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Coliseum. Legislators will hear testimony from invited speakers and the public on rural natural resources concerns such as water rights, groundwater regulation, water conservation and drinking water systems. DR. JOHN KEY, DDS, FADI of Big Spring completed the Predictable Complete Dentures course at the Pankey Institute for Advanced Dental Education

in Key Biscayne, Fla. Dr. KEY earned 26 participation credits in an interactive class designed for dental professionals wishing to acquire a deeper knowledge of removable prosthodontics and advanced restorative procedures. Signup for the Emergency Conservation Program in Howard County has begun and will continue through April 14,

according to RICK LILES, Howard County Farm Services Agency executive director. The ECP is designed to provide or facilitate emergency livestock water. Practices approved include silt removal from earthen tanks, drilling livestock water wells, livestock water pipelines and water storage facilities. Producers who are interested should go by the Farm Service Agency.



Courtesy photo

Maintenance section employees recognized for safety were, left to right, kneeling, Herb Sarinena, Danny Martin and Claude Horn, and standing, James Gilbert Jr., Kyle Lacey, Gregg Cotton, Joey Fernandez, Roby Rice, Jimmy Clanton, Johnny Moore and John Alford.

Howard County maintenance employees were recently recognized for combined totals of 174 years as safe operators and 84 years of no injury. Office employees compiled totals of 141 years as safe operators and 122 years of no injury. They groups were recognized during the Texas Department of Transportation's Abilene district Safety Awards Banquet.



Courtesy photo

Office employees receiving awards for safety were, second from left, front row, Thomas Edwards, Gerald Cobos, Doyce Mike Lee, Ron Boley, and back row, Art Barrow, James Payne and Robert Kilpatrick. Trish Gabbard, left, area office manager, joined the honorees.

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CROSSROADS

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In an effort to solve those problems, Peurifoy said Crossroads, Westex and Southwestern Bell officials and technicians met in Coahoma at one of Crossroads' user homes Friday to assess the situation and run tests to locate the problem.

Peurifoy said Westex and Southwestern Bell technicians indicated they believe there is a problem in the connection between Westex and Southwestern Bell equipment.

"The Bell technician indicated that the problem is sporadic and that it has caused problems for both Crossroads, as well as our Midland competitor Apex 2000," Peurifoy added.

"Crossroads Communications is making its best efforts to assist these two telephone companies resolve the problem that is affecting Internet service to a very important segment of our subscriber base," he continued. "We need to do everything we can do to help get these folks back on-line as quickly as possible."

WAL-MART

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"Wal-Mart has always been anti-union."

Wal-Mart officials announced their plan to close meat-cutting operations during a hearing before National Labor Relations



Big Spring's Kyle Kight, center, was a winner in the Feb. 19 calf scramble held at the 51st annual San Antonio Stock Show and Rodeo. Shown above are, from left, chairman Joe Ernst, Don Tyler, Kyle Kight, Steve Alber, Herb Ernst and Charlie Roerber.

Board staffers.

Wal-Mart argued unsuccessfully — all the way to Washington — that all 300 store employees in Jacksonville, and not just the meat cutters, should have been able to vote on joining a union.

Now it argues that union officials took improper actions to influence the vote, and a hearing is scheduled for March 28.

The meat-cutting departments that will close in May or June are located in Texas, Arkansas, Oklahoma, Louisiana, Kansas and Missouri. Moser, the Wal-Mart spokeswoman, said the company plans to switch entirely to prepackaged meat at all its 700 supercenters, but she said there is no timetable for eliminating butchers at the remaining stores.

Deadline for comment on TDA proposed rules related to organic cotton growers is Saturday

HERALD Staff Report

Cotton growers have until Saturday to comment on the Texas Department of Agriculture's proposed rules establishing guidelines for organic cotton production in active boll weevil eradication zones.

"They have just a few more days to comment on this draft, and we are eager to hear what Texas cotton growers have to say about the proposed rules," said Matt Brockman, special assistant for producer relations. "We want the cotton industry to

take the comment period seriously and provide us with the best input possible."

TDA developed the rules to protect organic certification standards and the crops marketed under the program while also maintaining the effectiveness of boll weevil eradication efforts across the state.

The proposed rules, published in the Texas Register on Feb. 11, establish an indemnification program for growers who must destroy organic cotton crops due to infestation in active eradication zones.

"We are developing a system

that respects the integrity of the eradication effort, but also does not place undue financial hardship on the organic cotton growers who will be impacted by the program," Brockman said.

"In the long run, boll weevil eradication will be good for all cotton farmers," Brockman added.

Anyone who would like to comment can write to TDA, Attn: D. Matt Brockman, P.O. Box 12847, Austin, TX 78711, or fax TDA at (512) 463-1104.

For more information, call Brockman or Scott Heselmeyer at (512) 463-7593.

KIGHT

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forms of bacteria and fungi that can be harmful as well.

I hope this brief overview of pecan tree management has been of assistance to you; if you need additional information call or come by the Texas Agriculture Extension Service office located in the courthouse basement.

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

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Antonio that he was the man for the job.

He said he has no plans for any immediate changes in the future.

"I don't see any problems here and I just want to continue what has already been established here," Kiser said.

"We will continue to do what we can to meet our customers' needs because after all, they are the reason we are in business."

Boost in crude oil production sought

LONDON (AP) — Three major petroleum-exporting countries recommended a boost in crude oil production Thursday to ease a world shortage and trim the high prices consumers pay for home heating oil and gasoline.

But the oil ministers from Saudi Arabia, Venezuela and Mexico wouldn't specify the amount or timing and oil industry analysts said this lack of specifics means prices aren't likely to ease significantly any time soon.

A final decision will likely come at a meeting of the Organization of Petroleum Exporting Countries March 27.

PUBLIC RECORDS

**Justice of the Peace Bonnie Green Precinct 1, Place 1 Bad Checks/Warrants issued:**  
The addresses listed are the last known addresses. Names on this list remain until all fines have been paid. If any problems with this list, please call 264-2226.

- Anderson, Michelle, 7105 E. County Rd. Midland
- Calcutt, Gloria, 1104 N. Bell or 1011 N. Scurry, Big Spring
- Cervantes, Roy G., 105 N. Goliad, Big Spring
- Davis, Bobby Harold, 1311 E. 17th, Big Spring
- Dillon, Julie Ann, 443 W. 14th, Colorado City
- Dodson, Linda, 405 31st, Snyder
- Durrett, Carl Alan, Rt. 3 Box 196, Big Spring
- Evans, W. Carol, 809 E. 33rd, Plainview
- Ford, Paul, 501 A West Kiowa, Hobbs, N.M.
- Fowler, Sharon Kay, 2720 Ranchland #23 Odessa or 1711 Alabama, Big Spring
- Freeman, Cindy A., 1441 Tanglewood, Odessa
- Harrison, Tiffany S., 1935 Dunbar Rd., Woodlawn, Tenn.
- Henry, Kakkia, 618 State, Big Spring
- Hernandez, Juanita, 1502 Bluebird, Big Spring
- Hodnett, Hank Joe, 1307 Mr. Vernon, Big Spring
- Hoffman, Donald Robert, 4108 Parkway Big Spring
- Holje, Jon, 835 E. 11th St. Colorado City
- Hunt, Taneca Scott, 903 Sgt. Paredes St. Big Spring
- Kent, Cynthia Lee, Newport News, Va.
- Kinard, Michael D., 410 South Jill Road, Coahoma
- Kirby, Mark, 2600 Crestline, Big Spring
- Kroell, Kevin, 8409 S. County Road 1270, Midland
- Latheres, Glen, 2074 Lcr 252, Colorado City
- Leiba, Rebecca Martinez, 607 34th St. Snyder or 1011 S. Johnson, Big Spring
- McSwain, Cherrie Lee, P.O. Box 1485 or 404 Goliad, Big Spring
- McClinton, A.J., 501 W. 17th, Big Spring
- Mims, Carol L., 4005 Connally, Big Spring
- Moore, Gary, 817 W. 26th St., Odessa
- Nail, Jessica, P.O. Box 1934, Big Spring
- O'Bannon, Eddie, Rt. 1, Box 50, Ackerly
- Olivas, Julian Hernandez, P.O. Box 304, Coahoma
- Orozco, Juana, P.O. Box 186, Idalou
- Ovalle, Nirma Gonzales, 3801 E. Hwy 80, #34, Midland
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- Resendez, Guadalupe, 945 Clifford, Odessa
- Reyes, Shalina, 538 Westover #234, Big Spring
- Rivas, Dahlia Ann, 407 S. Oak, Stanton
- Rivera, Krishna N. 2020 Mattie Woods Land, Colorado City
- Roberts, Doris P., 3303 Auburn, Big Spring

- Rodriguez, Dalma, 707 N. 9th, Lamesa
- Rodriguez, Gloria, 3313 Cuthbert, Midland
- Rodriguez, Jesse, 5318 Opal Lane, Big Spring
- Rodriguez, Daniel V., 3304 W. Hwy 80, Apt. 39, Big Spring
- Rodriguez, Joel, 1601 E. 3rd, Big Spring
- Rudd, Matt A., 17059 Hwy 46 W Lot 35, Spring Branch
- Ruiz, Jennifer, P.O. Box 484, Colorado City
- Ruiz, Lorenzo T. P.O. Box 31, Lamesa
- Runnels, Brad Mark, 6414 E. County Rd. 75, Midland
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- Selvera, Joey, 2006 Ave. L, Snyder
- Simmon, Tonya, 3306 S. Co. Rd. #1206, Midland
- Smith, Rosemary, 7470 E. 8th, Big Spring
- Stanford, Lisa, 2506 Ann, Big Spring
- Torres, Christine, 2101 Lakeview Circle #109, Lewisville
- Tyron, Evangeline, 406 E. Cedar, Midland
- Urbe, G. Gina, P.O. Box 123, Big Spring
- Vasquez, Judy, 1907 N. 7th St. Lamesa
- Velasquez, Vita L., 2023 W. 6th, Odessa
- Viasana, Elizabeth R., 203 N.W. 3rd, Big Spring
- Villafrance, Felisa, 301 E. Peck, Midland
- Villarreal, Paul, 206 Southwest Ave. N., Seminole
- Washburn, Shawn, 139 Normal Ave. Apt. D11, Kutztown, Pa.

Welch, J.B., 3311 Scf 1206, Midland. Wilburn, Fred, 3307 Drexel, Big Spring. Williams, Jason, Camp Pendleton, Calif.

Howard County Clerk's Office:

**Marriage Licenses:**  
Michael Thomas Marquez, 21, and Kirstin Nicole Lujan, 18  
Charles Mendoza, 49, and Rebecca Marr, 44  
Henry Gonzalez Rodriguez, 21, and Dominga Cuellar, 19  
Jameson Lee Bellingsley, 24, and Jarah Jo Dilberto, 21  
John Andrew Sowell, 18, and Dawn Darlene Schriber, 19

Court Records:

**Deeds:**  
Warranty Deed: grantor: Harold H. Raney Sr. grantee: Brenda K. Bedwell property: lots 5 and 6, blk 3, South Haven Addition filed: Feb. 18, 2000  
grantor: Rufus H. Miller Jr. homme sole grantee: Rufus H. Miller Jr., sole trustee, or his successors in trust under the Rufus H. Miller Jr. Living Trust, dated March 13, 1997 and any amendments thereto, property: all of lot 3, in blk 4, Park Hill Addition filed: Feb. 18, 2000  
grantor: Kathleen Ferguson and Glen

James Ferguson grantee: Patrick Dale Ferguson property: a 1 acre tract of land out of the West part of Section 25, blk 33. filed: Feb. 18, 2000

grantor: Harold Dean Spencer and Tresa J. Spencer grantee: With life estate reserved to Grantors, Harold Dean Spencer and Tresa J. Spencer, as trustees of the Harold Dean Spencer and Tresa J. Spencer Revocable Living Trust property: A tract of land out of the Northeast 1/4 of Section 42, blk 32. filed: Feb. 17, 2000  
grantor: Joyce Fay Williamson Castleberry grantee: LaVonne Brumley property: being out of and part of section 31, blk 33. filed: Feb. 18, 2000

grantor: Karen J. Albano grantee: Shane W. Ward and Karen R. Ward property: the surface estate only of an 8.84 acre tract of land, more or less out of the Southwest 1/4 of section 3, blk 32 filed: Feb. 18, 2000  
grantor: Timothy A. Appel and Cynthia A. Appel grantee: Hilda Eva Fernandez property: lot 3, blk 28, College Park Estates filed: Feb. 18, 2000  
grantor: Dennis Knecht and Caroline Knecht grantee: Gene Campbell and Mary

Jane Campbell property: lots 1 and 2, subdivision C, blk 19, Fairview Heights filed: Feb. 22, 2000

grantor: Guadalupe R. Castillo and Paula H. Castillo grantee: Arnoldo Abrego and Jo Ann Abrego property: all of lot 4 and that portion of lot 5 lying to the East of the middle of a 30 foot drainage easement to the State of Texas, Denton Subdivision of a 16.29 acre tract of land out of the Southwest 1/4 of section 44, blk 31. filed: Feb. 22, 2000  
grantor: Janet S. Reinert grantee: Cindy McGuire and spouse, Keith McGuire property: all of lot 3, blk 1, Highland South Addition filed: Feb. 23, 2000

grantor: Beverly Taylor grantee: Gaylon Knowlton and Tyna Knowlton property: the surface estate only in and to a tract of land out of and a part of the Southwest Quarter 14 of section 31, blk 32. filed: Feb. 17, 2000  
grantor: James C. Williamson grantee: Joyce Fay Williamson Castleberry property: being out of and part of section 31, blk 33. filed: Feb. 18, 2000  
Warranty deed with vendor's lien: grantor: Kristy Lindsey Honeycutt m

single male grantee: Jeffrey S. Seeger and Tisha D. Seeger property: Lot 8, blk 7, Replat of Wasson Place filed: Feb. 17, 2000

grantor: Mid-State Trust IV grantee: Raul Garcia Jr. and wife, Rosa Maria Garcia property: a 5 acre tract of land out of the Southeast 1/4 section 29, blk 32. filed: Feb. 18, 2000

grantor: Bank of New York grantee: Mariano Granados, Jr. and Odilia Granados property: a 4 acre tract of land out of the Northwest 1/4 section 28, blk 32. filed: Feb. 23, 2000.

110th District Court: Filings:

Marisela L. Carrillo vs. Jose H. Carrillo Irma Moreno vs. Joe Moreno Tina Marie Rose vs. Timothy Ray Rose Toni S. Zellars vs. Donald Craig Zellars Debbie Pool vs. David R. Pool Steven David Berner vs. Tamara Deanna Berner Injuries & damages with a motor vehicle: Robert Adkins vs. Ray Lee Metcalf Jr. Family: Bonnie L. Peters vs. Robert Seago Angela Adams vs. Don L. Brooks Barbara Michelle Green vs. Michiel Wayne Green Accounts, notes & contracts: J.G. Kigor vs. Dimas Moralez Jr.

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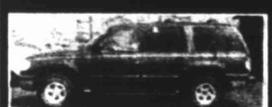
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22 "Pretty Woman" man  
23 Amer. ship designation  
24 Lot  
26 Stangy negative  
27 Cut the hair of 30 Mister turkey  
31 Phones  
34 Thole insert  
35 Wonder  
36 On the line  
37 One who bends downward  
39 Cat's wink  
40 Barnyard enclosure  
41 Transmitters  
42 Supped  
43 Walked unsteadily  
45 Garr of "Mr. Mori"  
47 Nourishes  
48 Flatfoot  
51 Distinctive flair  
52 Swampy wetland  
53 Mrs. Ralph Kramden  
55 "Blue Bayou" singer Rorstedt  
57 Zealous advocate  
60 Diminishment  
61 Engage in delaying tactics  
62 Came up  
63 Unicorn constellation

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1 Benefactor Yale  
2 Drama dialogue  
3 Roundish shapes

4 "Nautilus" captain  
5 Language: suff 6 Broadcast  
7 Oolong or Darjeeling  
8 Heir's inheritance  
9 Ill-fated  
10 Distress letters  
11 True up  
12 VCR insert  
13 Subdue  
14 Ones who turn in coupons  
21 Broadway destinations  
24 Flipped free  
25 Habitual failure to appear  
27 However  
28 Alter to fit  
29 Speak monotonously  
31 Long, slender cigar  
32 More majestic  
33 Antifacial  
34 Roundish shapes

38 Bizarre  
44 Look after  
46 Arabian Sea leader  
48 1998 Horse of the Year  
49 Eye: pret.  
50 Strip away the skin from  
53 Guinness of "Star Wars"  
54 Arthur of "The Ruling Class"  
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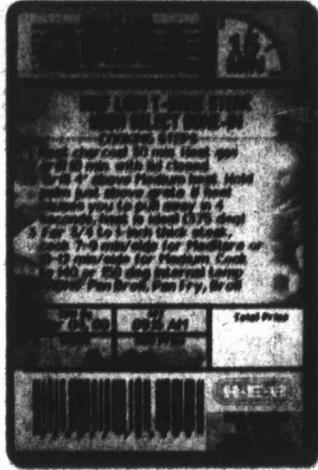
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