MONDAY March 6, 2000

By DEBBIE L. JENSEN

The All-City Children's Honor Choir

and Big Spring Symphony Chorus will

join the Big Spring Symphony in concert

The young singers in the Honor Choir

"These are the cream of the crop from

were chosen from grades four through

the individual campuses," said Linda

Lindell, high school choir director who

has been working with the youth. "It is

Saturday for "Sing Big Spring!"

six in local elementary schools.

Features Editor

WEATHER





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VFW chili supper slated for Saturday

The Veterans of Foreign Wars Post 2013 will have a chili supper Saturday from 4-8 p.m. at the VFW Hall, 500 Driver Road.

The supper, which will include chili, cornbread and beans, is available for a \$4 donation. It is a fundraiser for projects of the VFW. which benefit veterans in the

For information or tickets, call Leo Welch at 267-5290 Tickets will also be available at the door.

WHAT'S UP...

TODAY

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

☐ 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.

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

☐ 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. U4206O, Hermans, 7 a.m.

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"Reflecting a Proud Community"

'Sing Big Spring!' to feature symphony, chorus children's honor choir

going to be a wonderful concert."

This final concert of the Big Spring Symphony's 1999-2000 season begins at 8 p.m. in the Municipal Auditorium. Tickets are \$10 for adults, \$5 for students and \$8 for senior citizens, available at Blum's Jewelers, Big Spring Chamber of Commerce, Dunlap's, First Bank of West Texas, the Heritage Museum, and the Symphony office, 808 Scurry.

Stan Hanes, president of the symphony board and director for the Chorus, said the adult group will join the children for evening's finale, Beethoven's Hallelujah Chorus.

the symphony orchestra, performing Beethoven's Fifth," he explained. "And we will round out the evening by ending with Beethoven as well.'

Guest conductor is Rob Hunt from the Midland-Odessa Symphony.

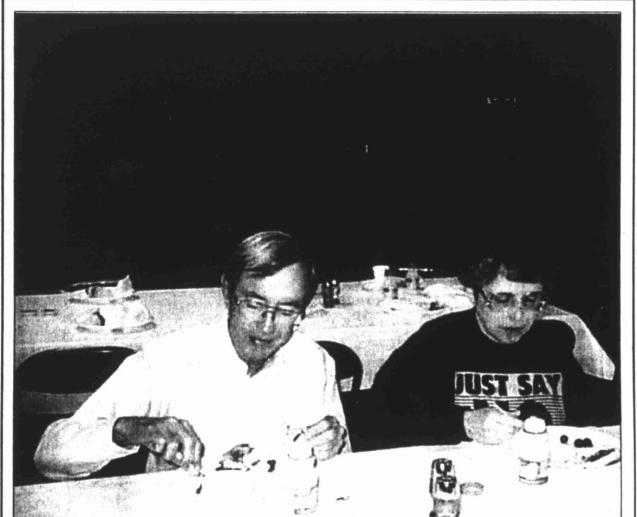
The performance by the children's choir is expected to be a highlight of the evening, drawing many parents and grandparents to the concert. The children will perform such familiar music as a medley from "The Sound of Music," "All Things Bright and Beautiful," and two numbers from the Gilbert and

"The first half of the concert will be Sullivan opera, "The Pirates of Penzanze."

Several of the songs performed by the young people will be foreign languages, including French and German. Lindell said they have worked very hard to learn the music, practicing several hours at a time on Saturdays.

"They have really had to work on this, and they have done very well," she said. "These kids are going to be a great part of the concert."

Tickets are available in advance and at the door. For ticket or other information, call the symphony office at 264-7223.



Joseph Dawes, left, a network technician for Big Spring ISD, and his wife, Susan, music teacher for Bauer Magnet Elementary, enjoy breakfast courtesy of Staked Plains Masonic Lodge No. 598 and Big Spring Lodge 1340. The masons served more than 85 teachers and administrators this morning for Texas Public Schools Week. The masons have held this event in appreciation of BSISD employees for nearly 20 years.

YMCA, Rotarians to offer swim lessons

By CARL GRAHAM

Staff Writer

Spring Family YMCA will be offering free swim lessons during spring break, Mar. 13 through Mar.

The hours

will be from 11 a.m until 1 p.m. and again from 6 p.m. until 8 p.m. Monday through Friday Enrollment is limited, so anyone interested should drop by the YMCA to assure themselves of a slot as it is on a first-come, first-served basis.

According to Pete Thiry, YMCA director, the Rotary Club of Big Spring underwrites the cost of the classes. This is the second year the Rotary Club has supported this endeavor.

"Since I am the community service director for the Big Spring Rotary Club it made it convenient for me as the YMCA director to coordinate the

Splash Week campaign," said Thiry. "It's part of a National YMCA program and some have their programs later on or during the summer. We just chose to have ours during the spring break

Thiry said there will be five free swim lessons and the classes will be 30 minutes long.

It is open to both boys and girl ages 3 and older.

Signup sheets may be picked up at the YMCA at 801 Owens,

Thirv at 267-8234.

Thiry said. For more information, call

City council

Canvassing of mayoral votes, oath of office to Russ McEwen on Tuesday's council agenda

By BILL McCLELLAN

News Editor

Canvassing of votes from Saturday's election and administration of the oath of office to

mayor Russ McEwen are among the top items on a lengthy agenda for Big Spring City Council on Tuesday. The meeting

will begin at 5:30 p.m. in council chambers, 308 E.

Fourth St. McEwen was unofficially declared Saturday's winner after receiving 1,135 of 2,115 votes cast in the specially-called election. Mayor Pro Tem Oscar Garcia received 586 and Councilman Greg Biddison got

MCEWEN

The canvassing should indicate that early balloting and Saturday's run at the polls closely mirrored each other McEwen received 609 early votes and 526 on Saturday. Garcia got 215 in early voting and 371 on Saturday while Biddison received 218 in the early period and 176 on election

"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,' McEwen said after Saturday's votes were counted.

In other business Tuesday, council members are expected to accept bids on a water well for Comanche Trail Golf Course

and agree to go out for proposals for the city depository - an annual requirement.

Other items include a memorandum of understanding with the newly-formed Crossroads Housing Development Corporation, and distribution pump rehabilitation for the water treatment plant.

"The council will consider some information on rehabilitation of some of the pumps, versus buying new ones," said City Manager Gary Fuqua. "This is a budgeted item.

Some \$65,000 has been set aside for the repair of the pumps and motors, which were installed in the 1960s. City officials will likely recommend replacing the pumps at a cost of \$67,000, rather than repairing them at a cost of \$56,000 - inpart because parts for the aging equipment are difficult to obtain.

"Another thing we will be looking at is an ordinance to establish fees at Moss Creek Lake. These are fees that have been developed through the Parks Board," said Fuqua.

The fees include an entrance permit requirement of \$6 per vehicle per day, as well as fees for RV use, camping, rental of paddle boats, canoes, pavilions and boat launching.

Though not an action item, the council will also discuss hiring a temporary attorney. The city has not had much success in finding an attorney since Jim Finley left last year.

"We need to discuss hiring an temporary attorney on an hourly basis to assist us with municipal court until we get a new attorney hired," said

See COUNCIL, Page 2

Candidate filing creeps along at BSISD, area school districts

By GINA GARZA

Staff Writer

Filing for the Big Spring ISD board of trustees race has been slow. far, T o m m y Churchwell, insurance agency owner, and auto parts

TDCJ monitor



dealership owner Terry years and believe we have made Wegman have filed for District 2 and incumbent Frank A. Long has filed for District 4.

Larry Hollar, District 2, has decided not to run.

"I've served seven years, and now my kids are in college, so I feel it's time to let someone else have a chance," said Hollar. Hollar also said he enjoyed

working with the teachers and administrators. "I felt like it was a good seven some accomplishments," said.

Churchwell said he was running because he wants to make a positive impact on the district. He has two sons enrolled in Big Spring schools.

Wegman said he was running because he sees the need to prepare students for careers in technology development. He has a son at the Big Spring Junior High and two that have already

graduated from high school. Long is seeking a second term in District 4.

"I have an interest in kids. I want to see them have the best possible education," he said. Long has two children in high

school and one at Texas Tech University Coahoma ISD has three positions to fill. The incumbents are

Gail Wells, Larry Bennett and

David Elmore. All of their terms

are for three years and are at-

large positions.

Eddie Corse, Dr. Jody Reid and James White have all filed. Sands ISD has three trustee positions on the board up for election. Only incumbent Robin Barraza has filed. The other incumbents are Joe Barnes, who has been on the board for 18 years; and Richie Hambrick, who has been on the board for 11 years. All three are at-large

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Randy Lee Price and his daughter, Christian, were among those using the canoes and paddleboats at Moss Creek Lake Saturday. The city held an "open house" at the lake to show off the work that has been done there over the past five months.

tracks offenders around the clock By CARL GRAHAM Staff Writer The Texas Department of Criminal Justice (TDCJ) has selected Pro Tech Monitoring Inc. to provide around-the-clock statewide satellite tracking offenders within the communi-

project," said Posey. "We will See MONITOR, Page 2

really state of the art.

The program will focus on

high-profile parolees, including sex offenders and predators.

According to Stinnet Posey,

public information officer for

TDCJ in Austin, the devices are

the technology involved in this

"We are really excited about

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Spanish Inn. Call 398-5522.

4189 (pager no.)

information.

or 267-7220

Wasson. Call 268-9041.

•Narcotics Anonymous, 6

p.m., St. Mary's Episcopal

Church, 1001 Goliad. Call 268-

Alzheimer's support group,

Greater West Texas Chapter

of the Alzheimer's Association,

7 p.m., Canterbury South, 1700

for coping with grief issues.

For more information call

Citizens of Howard County

meet 7 p.m. the first Monday of

each month at 806 E. Third

Street, the HARC bingo build-

ing. Call 264-0674 for more

Support, sponsored by Howard

County Mental Health Center,

meets the fourth Monday of

each month at 6 p.m. at 409

Runnels, Clyde Alsup Building.

AMI meeting to follow. For

more information call 263-0027

TUESDAY

Diseases, 6:30 p.m. second

Tuesday of each month,

Canterbury South. Public invit-

Seniors' diabetic support

Cancer support group, first

Alcoholics Anonymous, 615

Settles, noon open meeting and

LCDC, LMFT, specializing in

individual and marriage coun-

seling, Attention Deficit

Disorder and chemical depen-

dency, available for clients in

Midland. Appointments for

counseling services are made

·Narcotics Anonymous, 6

p.m., St. Mary's Episcopal

Church. Call 268-4189 (pager

·Big Spring Christian Home

Educators meet on the second

and fourth Tuesdays of each

month at 1:30 p.m. at the

Family Life Center at First

Baptist Church. Recreation is

available for the kids and net-

working for the parents. For

more information, contact

Suzanne Hanev at 263-7147.

by calling 1-800-329-4144.

Tuesday of each month, 7-8

ed. Call Leslie, 267-1069.

South. Call 263-1265.

door. Call 267-2769.

ext. 7179 or 264-7518.

Dixon, call 264-9900.

8 p.m. closed meeting.

Support for MS and Related

Family Education and

Association of Retarded

Galynn Gamble at 263-1271.

6:30 p.m., Marcy House, 2301

Around the Town

OBITUARIES

George M. Beard
Graveside service for George

M. Beard, 80, Big Spring, will be 10:30 a.m. Tuesday, March 7, 2000, at Trinity Memorial Park with the Rev. Jack Abendschan officiating.

Mr. Beard died on Sunday, March 5, at the Veterans Administration Medical Center following a short illness.

He was born on July 18, 1919, in Ranger, and came to Big Spring in 1927. He grew up in Big Spring. He was a veteran of the U. S. Army; serving during World War II. He married Nell Leming on April 7, 1939, in Big Spring. In 1991, he returned to Big Spring after having lived in Los Angles, Calif., area for 40 years. He was a retired automobile mechanic, and during the depression he had worked in the Civilian Conservation Corps. He also helped with the construction Amphitheater and the Big Spring State Park.

He is survived by: his wife, Nell Beard of Big Spring, one brother-in-law, two sisters-inlaw; and several nieces and nephews.

Arrangements are under the direction of Myers & Smith Funeral Home.

Dewey Kerr

Service for Dewey Kerr, 81, Big Spring, is pending with Myers & Smith Funeral Home. Mr. Kerr died Friday, March 3, 2000, at the Veterans **Administration Medical Center** in Big Spring.

R.I. (Bob) Parker

Service for R.I. (Bob) Parker, 72, Big Spring, is pending with Myers & Smith Funeral Home. Mr. Parker died Monday,

March 6, 2000 at his residence.

MONITOR

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initially hook up 25 of the satellite units to our high-profile parolees – the worst of the worst, sort of."

Posey said the department is in the process of training its term. personnel now on how to moni tor the offenders.

tested them and they work great," said Posey. "The cost District 5. Both slots are threewill only be \$13 a day per parolee and that's not a whole lot considering everything."

for sales and marketing for Pro are expiring. Both of those Tech who markets the tracking devices, says the system is working great elsewhere.

"The Smart System's technology will allow the state of Texas to more closely monitor these offenders 24 hours a day," said Lockwood. "The system is already working with great suc-

NALLEY-PICKLE & WELCH **Funeral Home**



and Crematory 906 Gregg St.

(915) 267-6331

MYERS & SMITH FUNERAL HOME & CHAPEL

21th & Johnson 267-8288 Dewey Kerr, 81, died Friday. Family will receive friends at the funeral home from 5 to 7 PM Tuesday Services are 10 AM Wednesday at Myers & Smith Chapel. Burial will be in Ft Sam Houston National Cemetery.

George M. Beard, 80, died Sunday. Graveside services are 10:30 AM, Tuesday at Trinity Memorial Park.

R. L. (Bob) Parker, 72, died Monday. Services are pending.

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cess in 15 states and has been tested in-house in Texas."

The contract is for one year, with options that can extend the contract through 2005. While the program will cover the entire state, the infrastructure will be deployed in six cities -Austin, San Antonio, Houston, Worth and Dallas, Fort Midland-Odessa.

"This contract is significant for Pro Tech because it further confirms that large criminal justice agencies across the country realize that technology has a valuable role in their criminal justice programs,' Lockwood said. "Texas has the second-largest criminal justice budget in the United States, and its programs are state of the art. Texas evaluated all of the technologies available and selected Pro Tech, and we are very proud of that."

The SMART System uses the Department of Defense's GPS satellite system combined with Pro Tech's proprietary personal surveillance technology to track high-risk offenders in the community. It is the first patentprotected offender tracking system being used across the

The system uses an ankle bracelet fitted to the offender and a portable tracking device that packs multiple technologies into a lightweight box. The GPS satellite constellation tracks the offender continuously, receiving a signal every two seconds. That information is relayed to Pro Tech's computer system, which maps the offender's movements around the clock.

TRUSTEES

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positions.

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

Grady ISD will have two single-member district openings "We should have the first 25 this term. Those positions are hooked up by May. We have currently held by Roy Cooper of District 6 and Jody Yates of year terms, and no one has filed as of Friday

In Forsan, the terms of Lewis Bill Lockwood, vice president Boeker and Sammy Anderson terms are three-year, at-large terms. No filings have been made

Glasscock County ISD has Dennis Fuchs, Tina Flores and Jimmy Bedner up for election. Each of those are three-year, atlarge terms as well. As of

Friday, no one has filed to run. At Borden County ISD, the terms of Randy Adcock and Mike Valentine are both up in May. They are both finishing up three-year, at-large terms.

Candidate filing is held in the business offer of each individual school district and continues through March 22 for the May 6 elections.

COUNCIL

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Fuqua. "I think we've had three applications so far, and we're still looking for someone.

A proclamation regarding SouthWest Collegiate Institute for the Deaf's 20th anniversary will be the first item of busi-

On second reading, the council will consider: rezoning of the Spring Creek

Subdivision; denying a rate increase

requested by Energas: and application of a Safe and Sober Wave Grant from the Department Transportation for Big Spring

Police Department. Council members are also expected to go into executive session to receive information about litigation with Texas Municipal League insurance coverage

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Rape Crisis Services/Big Spring

BRIEFS

GOOD SHEPHERD FEL-LOWSHIP CHURCH, 610 Abrams, 7 p.m. Wednesdays and Thursdays, and 9 a.m. Sunday. Everyone welcome to come. For more information call 267-5936.

BIG **SPRING EVENING** Lions Club will have free eyeglasses for all adults Saturday from 9 a.m. to noon at the Big Spring Evening Lions Club bingo building, 1607 East

All adults needing eyeglasses who don't have the income to purchase the exam or glasses are welcome. The recycled eyeglasses are donated by the community as a service project of the Lions. The Lions group offers the

eyeglasses the second Saturday of each month. For more information call Donna Groenke at

SENIOR CITIZENS WHO HAVE witnessed the effects of childhood diseases are needed to staff a new volunteer program that will promote immunizations.

Volunteers 55 and older are sought for the effort, to be known as the Seniors for Childhood **Immunization** Program. RSVP volunteers will visit new mothers at Scenic Mountain Medical Center and remind them of the importance of the immunizations.

To find out more about the program or to volunteer, call

THE HOWARD COUNTY LITERACY Program is seeking tutors to teach adults how to

The program requires a commitment of one to three hours each week, with long-term involvement with each student recommended Material and training are pro-

port. Scheduling flexibility is available. To volunteer call Loraine

vided each tutor, as well as sup-

Redman, Howard Country librarian, at 264-2260.

SUPPORT GROUPS

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.

• Encourager's Support Group (for widows and widowers) will meet Monday, March 6,

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MARKETS

March cotton 59.75, up 70 points; April crude 31.60, up 9 points; cash hogs steady at 40 even; slaughter steers steady at 70 even; April lean hog futures 59.80, up 45 points; April live cattle futures 72.75, down 22 Lancaster, Topic: suggestions points.

courtesy: Delta Corporation. Noon quotes provided by Edward Jones &

Atlantic Richfield 73 - 16 **Atmos Energy** 15% -% BP Amoco 47½ nc 74% -% Chevron 25% - 25% **CIFRA** Compaq Computer 28½ +5/8 Cornell Correc. 81/2 -1/16 473/16 +15/16 Dell **DuPont** 51 +4 7413/16 -18 Exxon Halliburton 41% + 1/2 12 1/8 + 1/16 **IBM Intel Corp** 118 6 - 13 Mid Amer Energy $34\frac{7}{8} + \frac{1}{8}$ NUV Palex Inc. 9¼ nc **Patterson Ener** 26 1/16 + 1/16 Pepsi Cola 31/16 -% Phillips Petroleum 37% - 1/2 437/8 - 111/16 SBC Com. 2713 16 -14 Sears 4634 -1/2 Texaco Texas Instruments 1963₁₆ + 89₁₆ Texas Utils. Co 28¹/₂ - 1¹/₈ **Total Fina SA** 664 - 8 27% - 16 **Unocal Corp** 49% - 34

group, 2 p.m., Canterbury Compassionate Friends support group for parents who have experienced death of a Wal-Mart child, 7:30 p.m. first Tuesday in Amcap February, April, June, August, Europacific October and December in the **Prime Rate** First Baptist Church, 705 West Gold Marcy. Enter by southeast Silver

Police

p.m., VA Medical Center room 213. Call Sue Jones, 263-7361 The Big Spring Police Department reported the follow-•"Most Excellent Way," an ing activities between noon addiction support group, 3610

Saturday through 8 a.m. today: · CLINT FAULKNER, 22, was arrested on a charge of assault by threat.

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•Samaritan Counseling YVONNE WALTERS, 77, charge of driving while intoxi-Center of West Texas will have rwas arrested on a charge of dri-1 cated (BSPD) Dr. Ronald Meyer, D.Min., ving while intoxicated.

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· IRMA MEDRANO, 35, was arrested on a charge of driving without a valid drivers license. • RICKY LOGSDON, 42, was arrested on a charge of public

intoxication. · SHIRLEY DAY, 45, was arrested on a charge of display of ficticous inspection sticker.

• MELITON VIERA, 36, was arrested on a charge of driving while license suspended

 KENNETH KIRKHAM, 32, was arrested on a charge of driving while intoxicated.

• THOMAS EVANS, 41, was arrested on a charge of public intoxication.

VICTOR TODD, 35, was

263-1211

arrested on a charge of public intoxication. ASSAULT was reported in

the 1600 block of MLK, in the. 400 block of West Sixth, and in the 1600 block of MLK.

• **THEFT** was reported in the 1100 block of North Monticello, in the 900 block of Willa, in the 200 block of West Marcy, in the 200 block of West Second, and . in the 300 block of Tulane.

 CRIMINAL MISCHIEF was reported in the 1300 block

 CRIMINAL TRESPASS was reported in the 1500 block of Kentucky Way.

 BURGLARY OF A VEHI-CLE was reported in the 1900 block of N. Monticello.

FIRE/EMS

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

12:02 a.m. - 1300 block Mesa. medical call, patient transported to Scenic Mountain Medical Center

6:39 a.m. — 2500 block March Circle, medical call, patient transported to Veterans Administration Medical Center.

9:06 a.m. — 1300 block Mesa, medical call, patient transport ed to SMMC. 1600 block 2:37 p.m. Harding, medical call, patient :-

transported to SMMC. 5:00 p.m. - SMMC, patient transferred to Lubbock.

7:12 p.m. — 1900 block North. Birdwell, structure fire, extinguished.

SHERIFF

The Howard County Sheriff's Office reported the following activities from noon Saturday through 8 a.m. today:

 YVONNE CHRISTIAN WALTERS, was arrested on a

• BENNY ISLAS, 35, was • ANDREW AGUILAR, 31, arrested on a charge of driving while license was suspended

RECORDS

Sunday's high 80 Sunday's low 47 Average high 65 Average low 34 Record high 91 in 1991 Record low 15 in 1989 Precip. Sunday 0.00 Month to date 0.11 Month's normal 0.64 Year to date 1.16 Normal for the year 1.22 Sunrise Tuesday 7:06 a.m. Sunset Tuesday 6:48 p.m. **Statistics not available

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Monday, Marc

Southwest Airline 142 people aboard the end of a Bu runway, slamme retaining wall an halt in the mid street, narrowly station.

Six people on fered minor injur night's accident.

The plane also that was driving next to the runv was pinned unde but a woman and

Series

LUBBOCK (A Agriculture Ch Combest today first of a series hearings to giv work on Ameri ranch lands a cl their opinions nation's agricul program.

"We are trying opportunity for not able to come to testify," said Lubbock. Heari place in nine May to get inpu ers as Congress 1 ate a new farr

Army v **WASHINGTON** Army is setting

limit on deploy active-duty and sent overseas assignments. Members of Guard and Army rently are deploy up to nine mont

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Southwest Airlines jet skids off runway at Burbank Airport; six injured

BURBANK, Calif. (AP) — A Southwest Airlines jetliner with 142 people aboard barreled past the end of a Burbank Airport runway, slammed through a retaining wall and skidded to a halt in the middle of a city street, narrowly missing a gas

Six people on the plane suffered minor injuries in Sunday night's accident.

The plane also struck a car that was driving on a street next to the runway. The hood was pinned under the aircraft, but a woman and her 4-year-old daughter inside the car were Hollywood Way less than 100 ran into what appeared to be a a spokesman with the Federal not injured, the fire department

Passenger Kevin McCoy told KNBC-TV that the plane departed from Las Vegas about two hours behind schedule.

"They told us it might be a rough landing, but none of us were expecting this," McCoy said. "We are very lucky. All of

Flight 1455 from Las Vegas to Burbank landed just after 6 p.m. and slid off the tarmac, ripped a gaping hole through a perimeter fence and stopped on

feet from a Chevron station.

Six men aboard the plane, including the pilot, were treated Providence-St. Joseph's Medical Center, then released.

Darryl Forbes, Burbank Fire Department's fire marshal, said parts of the fence were imbedded in the plane's engine and the wings were badly damaged.

Larry Hopper of Manteca was on a flight that landed on the same runway just minutes before the troubled Southwest

building," Manteca said. "It came to an abrupt halt."

McCoy said the plane made a short approach toward the runway and seemed to be going

angle that approached the runway was much steeper than I was used to," said McCoy, who was sitting in the second row and traveling with his wife.

After the Boeing 737-300 careened off the runway, the plane came to a rest with its "It was just barreling in and it nose on the ground. Louis Diaz,

Aviation Administration, said the front landing gear collapsed, although the cause of the accident had not been determined.

The National Transportation Safety Board was investigating

Fire officials said the plane leaked about 10 gallons of fuel, which was quickly covered with foam as a precaution. There were no reports of flames.

Officials planned to use a dolly and two cranes early today to position the airplane and lift it back onto airport property, the fire marshal said At a press conference in Dallas, CEO Herb Kelleher said the Boeing 737 had its last maintenance check on Thursday and "there were no visible problems with the airplane.

"There was no indication that the runway was wet and they have no indications of any problems at all with the plane,' Kelleher said.

Southwest officials said the carrier, known for its bargain ticket prices, has not had a fatality in its 30-year history.

Series of farm policy field hearings to begin today

Agriculture Chairman Larry Combest today convenes the first of a series of nationwide hearings to give people who work on America's farm and ranch lands a chance to voice their opinions about the nation's agricultural support

program. "We are trying to provide an opportunity for people who are not able to come to Washington to testify," said Combest, R-Lubbock. Hearings will take place in nine states through May to get input from producers as Congress prepares to create a new farm program in woman for the National

mental aid to farmers before

"The government does need to do something until we level the playing field in the world markets," said Bob Stallman, a rice farmer from Columbus, Texas, and new president of the Farm Bureau American

"This is at a minimum a start for what happens after 2002, and it will provide some insight into what Congress needs to do in the short-term to help these producers."

Erika Batcheller, spokes-

Farmers Union, says many producers think there is too little protection when low prices strike.

"I think they are going to hear a pretty hard consensus that there is not a strong enough farm safety net," she

The current farm program, enacted in 1996, scaled back crop subsidies in return for several years of fixed payments that were intended to wean growers from federal support. Agriculture Secretary Dan Glickman this year proposed an approach that would guarantee all farmers a minimum

income instead of supporting the prices of select crops, as the government has done since the

Over the past two years, Congress has provided \$15 billion in special aid to farmers to compensate for low commodity prices and crop failures. Shrinking export markets have sent prices for wheat, corn, soybeans and other crops tumbling, though markets for cotton and livestock exports are expected to be higher this year, and a recent Agriculture Department report forecasts export demand will pick up for

Ailing O'Connor attends Mass, receives Congressional Gold Medal

NEW YORK (AP) - An ailing ing George Washington, the Cardinal John O'Connor attended Mass at St. Patrick's Cathedral the same day President Clinton signed legislation awarding him the Congressional Gold Medal.

"For more than 50 years, Cardinal O'Connor has served the Catholic Church and our nation with constancy and commitment," Clinton said in a statement issued Sunday in Selma, Ala., where he took part in a re-enactment of a 1965 civil rights march.

"Whether it was the soldier on the battlefield or the patient dying of AIDS, Cardinal O'Connor has ministered with a gentle spirit and a loving heart," Clinton said. "Through it all, he has stood strong as an advocate for the poor, a champion for workers and an inspiration for millions.

The medal is the highest civil ian honor awarded by Congress, and both houses rushed earlier to approve it for O'Connor, mindful of his precarious health. The medal has been awarded to 250 people, includ-

Wright Brothers and Mother Teresa.

O'Connor was to be presented with copies of the legislation at his home this morning.

O'Connor, recuperating from brain tumor surgery last year, drew applause from worshippers at St. Patrick's on Sunday. In brief remarks at the start of the service, he called it "a great privilege" to be present as Auxiliary Bishop William McCormack filled in as cele-

During the Mass, O'Connor, wearing his red cardinal's cassock, sat behind the altar, periodically helped to his feet by an assistant for prayers and hymns

Spokesman Joseph Zwilling said the 80-year-old archbishop was "feeling better the last few days, but still weak and not able to resume a regular schedule."

O'Connor fell twice after his return to duty last October but celebrated Mass regularly until two weeks ago. He suffers from partial hearing loss and has difficulty reading as a result of his

Army will limit overseas duty for active duty, reserves WASHINGTON (AP) - The the Texas National Guard will the case of guardsmen and Balkans and in the Persian Gulf

Army is setting a six-month limit on deployment of both active-duty and reserve units sent overseas on temporary

Members of the National Guard and Army Reserve currently are deployed abroad for up to nine months, the maximum allowed by federal law. Active-duty units normally rotate after six months, but the service has set no official time limit until now.

The Army chief of staff, Gen. Eric Shinseki, will formally disclose the policy Tuesday during a ceremony in Bosnia at which the 49th Armored Division of

take command of U.S. peacekeeping operations from the 10th Mountain Division, a regular Army unit, a spokesman said Sunday.

To underscore the significance of the new policy for the reservists, Maj. Gen. Roger C. Schultz, director of the Army National Guard, and Maj. Gen. Thomas J. Plewes, chief of the Army Reserve, will join Shinseki for the announcement, said the spokesman, Col. Edwin

Limiting overseas duty to six months is meant to ease the burden of long deployments on soldiers, their families and, in

reservists, their regular employ-

Since the end of the Cold War, shrunk by more than one-third, the National Guard and Reserve have been called upon more regularly to support not only combat operations but also peacekeeping.

Except when they are called for overseas duty, reservists are obligated to serve in uniform only one weekend a month and two weeks each summer. Reservists now are serving in three major overseas operations: peacekeeping missions in Bosnia and Kosovo, in the

area, where pilots are patrolling the skies of Iraq.

The Army's six-month limit as the active-duty force has on overseas deployments will apply only to missions other than war, Veiga said. In the event of war, the Army could keep National Guard and Reserve units overseas for up to nine months.

And for active-duty personnel, it applies only those in units assigned to non-permanent deployments - such as peacekeeping and other temporary missions — as opposed to longterm Army commitments in places like Germany and South

The new policy brings the Army more in line with the other services. The Air Force generally keeps its reserve unpredictable, yet very cre- units abroad for no more than

One dead, two missing, in plant explosion

RADFORD, Va. (AP) — An explosion accompanied by clouds of black soot and flames as high as 20 feet tore through an industrial plant, leaving one worker dead, two missing and seven injured.

"There's a lot of twisted metal everywhere you look," Fire Chief Lee Simpkins said Sunday following the blast at New River Castings, an automobile parts manufacturing plant.

The cause of the explosion was under investigation, Simpkins said. He estimated damage at \$30 million to \$50

About 100 workers were in the plant at the time of the 9:30 p.m. blast, Simpkins said. Dogs had been brought in to search the rubble for the missing employees. The seven injured workers were hospitalized and one was released this morning.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY for Tuesday, March 7:

Your strong inner sense often keeps your mind busy discerning what is grounded and realistic. Keep a notebook and write down your ideas, even if you think they're unworkable. Time will tell. You gain financially because of a cautious approach. Carefully evaluate your choices. If you are single, you have far more appeal than you realize. Go for what you want. The next three months could bring someone quite special into your life. If attached, make a greater commitment to your home and family this summer. The rewards are multiple. ARIES helps you make

The Stars Show the Kind of Day You'll Have: 5-Dynamic; 4-Positive: 3-Average: 2-So-so: 1-Difficult

ARIES (March 21-April 19)

***** You act quickly and fearlessly. Slowing down might not hurt at all. Your mental processes also race, leaving others wondering how, what and why. Bridge the gap. Discuss ideas, share your views and let others express their amazement. Tonight: Brains torm.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20) *** Assume that there is much more going on than you had thought, especially after an inquiry draws a heated response. You might not be comfortable with others' ideas. Still, allow them to have their place in the limelight. New information comes forward. Tonight: Bide your time.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20) ***** Rest assured that you are heading in the right direction. Some you encounter won't necessarily agree, and they preother viewpoints. Maintain a sense of humor. Make time for friends. Using your witty and convivial style allows others to clear o bstacles. Tonight: Get together with the gang.

HOROSCOPE CANCER (June 21-July 22)

your authority. You can deal with it. Your sense of humor is disarming and allows greater understanding. Share ideas. A boss finds you almost inspirational! Tonight: Burn the midnight oil.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22)

***** Opt for the unknown. Venture into the outer reaches. Your ability to embrace different ideas gets a strong reaction from a known associate. Trust your abilities. Stay clear about what your ultimate goal is. You could be about to peak. Tonight: Do s omething differ-

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22)

***** Knock on doors today. Now is the time for an important discussion. One-on-one relating proves to be effective, especially at work. You could be stunned by how another views a situation. Combine forces to come up with a plan. Tonight: Togetherness c ounts.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22)

**** Build on established ground, knowing what your limits are. Creativity works with your interpersonal relationships. Understanding where another comes from helps to allow greater trust and a natural ebb and flow. A new relationship heats up. Tonight: Dance the night away.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21) *** Dig into your mental and emotional resources to resolve a scheduling problem. Be open to new technology but not totally dependent upon it. Creativity is stirred. Open doors; brainstorm with others. Check out a new purchase for the home. Tonight: Off to the gym.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec.

You are high-voltage material, capable of quickly accomplishing a lot. Your way of handling others could be

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**** Take charge. Remain ative. Follow a strong gut feel three months. ing. You'll know how to proceed. Do something special for someone you care about. Tonight: Have a good time.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan.

*** Establish stronger understandings; consider what works for you. On some levels, you cannot compromise. Knowing your limitations helps you build the financial strength you want and desire. Take unexpected action. Tonight: Happy at home.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18) ***** Your advice sometimes jolts others, while you are often taken aback by others' reactions. It is a two-way street! A little sensitivity goes a long way, breeding the kind of understanding you want. Follow your creativity. Tonight: Out and about.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20)

*** Your insights can take you in some interesting directions. However, you might want to test them out before you make them so. You have unusual perspective. What you perceive as assets might not be. Stay levelheaded and test the waters before diving in Tonight: Order in.

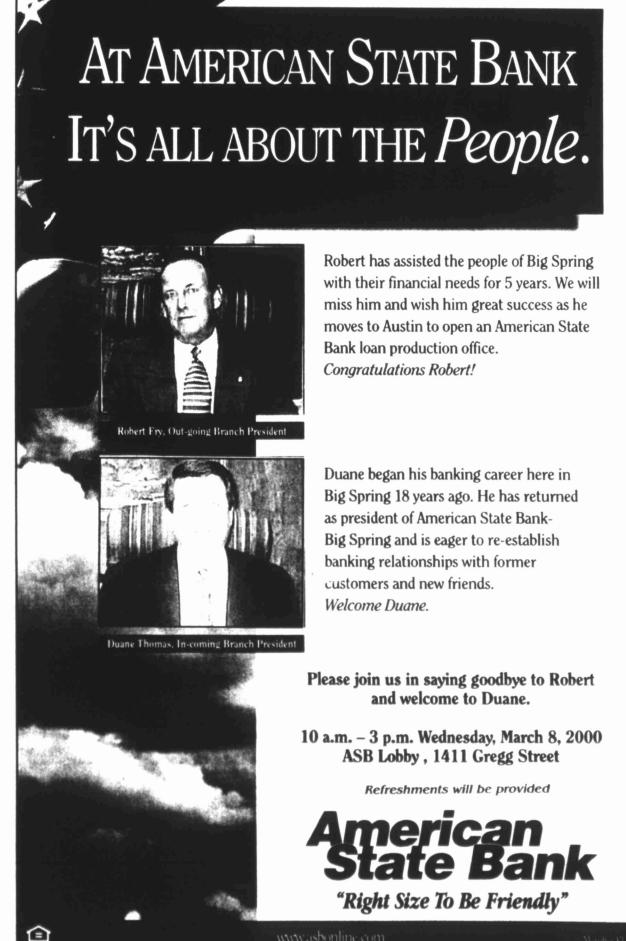
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OUR VIEWS

Take advantage of early voting in March primaries

arly voting for the March 14 Republican and Democratic primaries continues through Friday and we're pleased to say the turnout has been pretty good so far.

As of mid-morning today, some 730 ballots had been cast in the Republican Primary; 150 had been cast in the Democratic Primary.

If you haven't voted, we encourage you to become involved in the process. There are a number of very important races going on, including one locally for Howard County sheriff and, of course, for president of

That sheriff's race is on the Republican ticket and has police detective Dave Mohn challenging incumbent Bill Jennings. The winner will face Democratic nominee Javier Becerra in November.

Out Forsan way, Boyce Hale and Joseph "Butch' Lesueur are both seeking the Precinct 3 constable's post on the Republican ticket. There is no Democratic

U.S. Sen. Kay Bailey Hutchinson is unopposed on the Republican ticket, but there are five candidates on the Democratic ballot for that office. They are H. Gerald Bintliff, Don Clark, Charles Gandy, Gene Kelly and Bobby Wightman-Cervantes.

Likewise, U.S. Rep. Charlie Stenholm is uncontested in the Democratic Party to keep his District 17 seat, but there are two Republican candidates Hunt and Darrell Clements.

Presidential candidates include, on the Republican ticket, George W. Bush, John McClain, Steve Forbes, Gary Bauer, Alan Keyes, Orrin G. Hatch and Charles Bass Urban. On the Democratic ballot are Al Gore, Bill Bradley and Lyndon H. LaRouche Jr.

We remind voters they can cast a ballot in either the Republican or the Democratic election, but not both. One other point — voting Republican or Democratic for the March 14 primaries does not mean you must do the same in November.

Your vote is important. Early voting is being held at the county clerk's office in the courthouse from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. daily.

- OTHER VIEWS

Nobody knows how many people have been killed since the Russian onslaught on Chechnya began last September

The number of Chechens, civilians as well as combatants, who have been maimed, tortured, raped, incarcerated in "filtration centers" (Putin-speak for concentration camps) bombed into incoherence or madness, terrorized, beaten and otherwise abused is an even darker secret. This ignorance is the result of a deliberate Russian policy which has barred access to Chechnya to international institutions, as well as (until relatively recently) the mass

media.

Alvaro Gil-Robles, from the Council of Europe, yesterday became the first senior western official to be allowed into Grozny, the ruined Chechen capital. He, too, gained a promise of dubious worth: the Russians agreed (in principle) to let a human rights group open a Grozny mission. But much, much more is needed in the way of investigation. There is a cumulating, persuasive yewitness evidence that I issian forces have commit ed war crimes and crimes against humanity Full, independent inquirie me the

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The Writer's Art: Analyzing a bowl of bilge

n Jan. 26, thousands of high school students in New York launched into a twoday ordeal known as the

Examination in English Language Arts. On Feb. 5, The New **York Times** carried an article by Moira Mosco. a teacher of English who was among a

number of

assigned to

teachers



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read and grade the test papers. Ms. Mosco was not amused. A few students had managed to crank out prose that was reasonably well written. The vast majority did poorly. They might have done better, she surmised, if the examination had offered a fair test of the students' skills. She felt the test was unfair. As an example, she turned to a section devoted to literary essay questions. Students were asked to analyze and write about a passage containing this sentence:

"For I should see one stream within a score on me; then the space of two score no snow would stir; but, after so much

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quantity of ground, another stream of snow, at the very same time, should be carried likewise, but not equally, for the one would stand still, when the other flew apace, and so continue sometime swiftlier, sometime slowlier, sometime broader, sometime narrower, as far as I could see.'

What is one to say of the passage? It came from the clogged pen of Roger Ascham, an obscure 16-century classicist. His greatest achievement was to write a treatise on archery, for God's sake. As an example of English prose, it is bilge, mere gibberish, and not even good gibberish at that. The passage defies any sort of sensible "analysis." If this is poetry, it is bad poetry. As an instrument for the instruction of high school students, the passage was an altogether feckless choice.

Ah, well, throw out the trash We learn from bad examples just as we learn from good examples. Under the law in New York, all students must pass an English examination in order to graduate. Ideally, what should such an examination include?

It should begin with a section on parts of speech. Nothing much can be accomplished toward the mastery of our language until a student understands the function of nouns

MEANWHILE ON THE REFORM PARTY CAMPAIGN TRAIL

War-making in the nuclear age

The Cuban Missile Crisis in

clear where the Constitution's

war-making provisions were

concerned. President John F.

Kennedy informed the country

in his famous televised address

nuclear missile launched from

Cuba against any nation in the

attack by the Soviet Union on

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full retaliatory response upon

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tion, however, went a step fur-

ther. Kennedy unequivocally,

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toward war in defense of, not

just the nation, but the hemi-

sphere. Such a decision was

questioned in the backroom

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1962 made the point all too

and verbs. It is not asking too much of 18-year-old seniors to ask them to identify a subordinate clause or a modifying phrase.

There should be a section on elementary copy editing. This would embrace a recognition of familiar errors in spelling, punctuation and syntax. A reasonable examination would ask students to correct such sentences as, "Bradley and Gore has much in common." "She gave a party for him and I." This section would test a minimal command of the apostrophe, but would not require expertise in the art of the parenthesis, the semicolon or

In Part II we would move on to actual composition. In the past the New York Regents test asked for brief essays on useful topics. Students could write a letter asking for a job. They could compose a letter to the editor in favor of Bible studies or a letter supporting the distribution of condoms. They could criticize a movie. They could analyze and discuss a piece of proposed legislation.

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Such a test would go to a student's ability to organize a topic and to present a persuasive argument for or against. It would test skills of spelling and vocabulary. It would not ask them to analyze, "For I should see one stream within a score

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The Gulf Crisis provided a

such a mechanism.

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on me." A good test might ask them to analyze and to discuss. "We hold these truths to be self-evident, that all men are created equal." Or it might ask them to address the proposition that "The designated hitter rule is the best/worst thing that ever happened to base-

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ball." Defend your position! A useful examination would ask questions about the books the senior students were supposed to have read. A bonus of 10 points would be awarded to any student who actually had finished "Silas Marner" or "Moby Dick." I might ask the students to identify, "It was the best of times, it was the worst of times." There would be a tough/easy question from Shakespeare: Analyze and comment upon the following advice

friend.' On the final page of my examination, I might ask the high school seniors to provide quickly — quickly! — 10 words that rhyme with "bake" or "brine" or "fire."

of Polonius to Hamlet, "Neither

a borrower nor a lender be, for

loan oft loses both itself and

This would test their vocabulary and their wit, and it would spare the students from explaining how or why, after so much quantity of ground, another stream of snow should be carried likewise, but not equally. Bah!

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IN BRIEF

Midland, Grayson take Region V championships

College's Midland Chaparrals took the NJCAA Region V men's basketball championship Sunday with an 84-74 win over Hill College's Rebels to advance to this year's national tournament.

Midland's Lady Chaps, however, will not be making a return trip to the women's national tourney, after suffering a 75-65 loss to No. 2-ranked Grayson County in Sunday's women's final.

Grayson reached Sunday's final with an 87-54 win over Howard College's Lady Hawks.

Howard's men were also eliminated in Saturday's semifinals, suffering a 50-48 loss to

Big Spring's Brock heat winner at Abilene

Rondel Brock of Big Spring managed to take his IMCA Modifieds heat during Saturday's racing at the Abilene Speedway

Brock failed to finish in the feature race's top three, as Jube Walker of Kermit took the win.

Softball boosters slate meeting for Thursday

The Big Spring Softball Boosters Club will meet at at 6:30 p.m. Thursday at the Big Spring High School Athletic Training Center.

Parents of all Big Spring softball players and other interested persons are encouraged to attend.

YMCA begins registration for roller hockey program

Youngsters between the ages of 8 and 17 interested in playing roller hockey this spring can now register at the Big Spring Family YMCA.

The deadline for early registration is Saturday.

Registration will be \$25 for on-members and \$20 for basic program members.

For more information, call Pete Thiry at 267-8234.

Little League umpires to meet on Saturday

The Big Spring Little League Umpires Association will have its first meeting of the year at 9 a.m. Saturday at the American League park. Anyone interested in umpir

ing is invited to attend.

For more information, call Kevin Pirtle at 267-5053 or 264 0241.

UGSA schedules sign-ups for Saturdays this month

Big Spring's United Girls Softball Association has begun registering players each Saturday in March at the Big Spring Mall.

The fee will be \$30 per play

For more information, call 267-7466, 267-2208 or 267-4947.

Three-on-three tourney scheduled for Saturday

A 3-on-3 basketball tourna benefitting American Cancer Society has been scheduled for Saturday at Forsan High School.

Entry fees are \$50 per four person team and the deadline for is 8 p.m. Wednesday.

For more information, call Ernie Strickland at 263-4659.

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Hawks take win in final game of WJCAC series at El Paso

HERALD Staff Report

EL PASO — Howard College's Hawks managed to return home from a Western Junior College Athletic Conference (WJCAC) baseball series with a .500 conference mark Saturday, taking one of three games from El Paso Community College's Tejanos.

The Hawks salvaged the series in the series finale to leave their record at 5-5 in WJCAC play, using four pitchers to preserve a 10-6 win.

Wes Tunnell chalked up the win, giving up four earned runs on nine hits in five innings of work. He walked three batters while striking out four before surrendering the mound to Jerred Green, who allowed the Tejanos' final

Green allowed three hits, walked three and struck out three before Chris Shannon came on to pitch the eighth.

Shannon struck out one batter and held the Tejanos scoreless before giving way to closer Rusty Maddox, who allowed a hit, but struck out two in shutting the door on El Paso in the ninth.

Sophomores Mike McMillan and Caleb Reger keyed Howard's offense in the final game of the series.

McMillan, a Coahoma product, went 3for-6 at the plate and drove in two runs, while Reger hit his second home run of the day to drive in three runs.

Howard had opened the series with a 9loss on Friday, sophomore Danny McMurtry taking the loss, working 71/3

innings. He gave up seven earned runs on six hits, struggling with control at times. Frank Keller worked the final two-thirds of the eighth, allowing a pair of runs on two hits and a walk:

Saturday's twinbill opener proved to be the most thrilling game of the series, as El Paso managed to take an 11-10 win, dealing Eric Huddleston the loss.

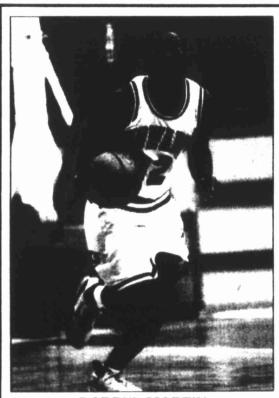
Huddleston worked just two innings, giving up eight earned runs on nine hits, two of them home runs. Shannon pitched the final four innings, giving up three runs on five hits.

While Hawks head coach Justin Hays would have liked to have won two of the three games in El Paso, he stressed the importance of having avoided a Tejano

"The most important thing was not letting them take all three," Hays said following Saturday afternoon's doubleheader split. "The key to making the playoffs is to win you games at home and split on the road. It would have been nice to have swept them today, but we at least get to come home with a win.'

The Hawks, now 14-11 on the season, return to action Tuesday when they travel to Abilene for a 3 p.m. doubleheader against Hardin-Simmons University's Cowboys junior varsity.

They'll then return home for a weekend WJCAC series against New Mexico Junior College's Thunderbirds. The first game of that series is set for 2 p.m. Friday, followed by a noon doubleheader





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Sophomore trio leads Howard's picks to All-WJCAC men's, women's teams

By JOHN A. MOSELEY

Managing Editor

Midland College's Chaparrals and Lady Chaparrals grabbed most of the individual honors when Western Junior College Athletic Conference (WJCAC) coaches their all-conference basketball selected

Howard College's Hawks and Lady Hawks earned their share of all-conference honors, however.

The Hawks, who finished the season with a loss to Hill College in the NJCAA Region V tournament semifinals and shared the WJCAC championship with Midland this season, placed three players on the men's all-conference team and earned honorable mention for another.

The Lady Hawks, who finished second to Midland in the women's conference chase and were eliminated in the Region V tournament semifinals by No. 2-ranked Grayson County, placed two on the all-conference team and had two more players garner honorable mention.

Howard's men named to the All-WJCAC team were sophomore point guard Darryl Martin, sophomore post Donald "Yogi" Ceasar and freshman post Steve Bonner. Sophomore guard Justin Rhodes was an honorable mention selection.

The Lady Hawks placed freshman post Grace Gantt and sophomore point guard Curtis Nash and Midland's Tehon Conner. Ashanti Nix picked up all-conference team and freshman post Koretha Johnson were placed on the honorable mention listing.

Both teams were headlined by Midland players, as Chaps sophomore guard Eugene Costello was named the most valuable player on the men's team, while Lady Chaps sophomore post Fatime Ndaiye was the women's MVP

Midland men's coach Junsie Cotton, who his first year at the Chaparrals helm has his team headed to the NJCAA national tournament, was selected by his peers for coach of the year honors, ending a twoyear skein by Howard's Tommy Collins. Odessa Lady Wranglers coach Tricia

Floyd, who in her first year as head coach led her team to a third-place finish in the WJCAC standings, was named the women's coach of the year.

The remainder of the All-WJCAC men's

team includes Frank Phillips' Jovani Allen and Nick Orr, Odessa's Willie Puckett and Taron Baker, New Mexico Junior College's James Felder, New Mexico Military Institute's Dantrail Coleman, South Plains

Others named to the men's honorable mention list were Clarendon's Bryar Dixon. Odessa's Maurice Turner. Midland's Ricky Duff and Aaron Whiteker NMMI's Ali Kabe and Mike O'Neil, South Plains' Regie Brooks and Felton Freeman and Frank Phillips' tandem of Shane Bannerbie and Jarrett Sidney.

The All-WJCAC women's team also included South Plains' Wanna Quintyne and Katrina Jordan, Odessa's Breanna Evans, Clarendon's Rone Henderson, NMJC's Thoruan Buchanan and the Midland trio of Julie Rampley, Shekihah Brazzle and Chanouta Rhodes.

The women's honorable mention team also included Odessa's Tiffany Sample and Summer Sparon; Western Texas' Danielle Brown; NMJC's Alexis Marshall, Erica Gonzales and Marquitta Ryan; and Frank Phillips' Tonya Robertson, Dana Martinez and Kristen Warren.

Cincinnati moves back to top spot

The ASSOCIATED PRESS

Cincinnati moved back into the top spot of the AP college basketball poll today, the Bearcats' third stint at No. 1 this season

They used a thrilling comeback win over DePaul and a rout of Saint Louis that capped an unbeaten season in Conference USA to move up one place and replace Stanford, which lost to UCLA in over-

Cincinnati (28-2) received 66 first-place votes and 1,743 points from the national media panel. The Bearcats were No. 1 for five weeks early in the season until losing to Xavier. They were out of the top spot for three weeks before moving back in for another six weeks until losing to Temple.

"It's nice to be able to say you finished your senior year No. 1," Bearcats forward Ryan Fletcher said. "That's a nice accomplishment.

The final poll of the season will be released next Monday, the day after the field for the tournament announced

Stanford (25-2) was No. 1 for the last two weeks and were a unanimous choice last week But the Cardinal had their 13game winning streak snapped by UCLA on Saturday. They received two first-place votes and 1,634 points.

third, while Big Ten co-champions Ohio State, which received the other two first-place votes, and Michigan State each moved up two spots to fourth and fifth. Temple, which lost to St.

Duke moved up one place to

Joseph's last week, dropped from fifth to sixth and Iowa State, the Big 12 champion, moved from No. 10 to seventh. Tennessee also moved up three spots to eighth, while

State and Oregon last week without injured center Loren Woods, fell from third to No. 9. LSU moved from 12th to No. 10, its first appearance in the Top Ten since being ranked ninth on Nov. 25, 1991.

Arizona, which lost at Oregon

Florida led the Second Ten and was followed by Syracuse, Texas, Tulsa, Oklahoma. Kentucky, Oklahoma State. St. John's and Indiana, Maryland.

Connecticut, Purdue, Miami, Kansas and Illinois completed the Top 25. Miami, which beat St. John's

74-70 in overtime Sunday to earn a share of the Big East regular-season title with Syracuse, moved back into the rankings for the first time since the Preseason Top 25.

Inspired by Tiger, Furyk wins Doral-Ryder Open Only a month ago, he was a 7-under 65 for a 2-stroke victo-

can raise the level of play even paired with Woods in the final when he's not playing.

Just ask Jim Furyk, who drew inspiration from Woods for a stunning comeback to win the Doral-Ryder Open on Sunday.

Furyk had every reason to lose hope when Franklin Langham chipped in for birdie to take a 6-shot lead with only seven holes to play on the tame Blue Monster.

Langham, going after his first victory in his 101st PGA Tour event, had not come close to a bogey all day. Furyk couldn't get an important putt to fall. But Furyk had been in his

position before, even if he wasn't the main character.

round of the Pebble Beach National Pro-Am. Where Woods was seven behind with seven holes to play, Furyk was even further back.

"If you had told me Tiger was going to win that event, I would have laughed at you," Furyk

Instead, he watched Woods make eagle from the 15th fairway and birdie two out of the final three holes, grabbing a 2stroke victory with a little help from fast-fading Matt Gogel. On Sunday, it was Furyk's

turn.

ry over Langham in the Doral-Ryder Open. His 265 tied the tournament record set in 1993 by Greg Norman.

"I told myself that he won that event because he really believed he could," Furyk said. "If I didn't believe I could win, then it definitely wouldn't have happened. Maybe I learned something from that.

It wasn't as exciting, but Furyk was no less efficient. The collapse by Langham was-

n't as shocking he had a back-nine 38, to Gogel's 40 but it was no less sad.

"My time will come," With five birdies on his last Langham said, his eyes glassed happens to you."

seven holes. "If you don't have a tough chin, you won't be out here for long. Nick Price made a 10-foot

birdie putt on the 18th hole for

a 67 that left him alone in third

at 270, one stroke ahead of David Duval (66) and Shigeki Maruyama (69), who secured his position in the top 50 and an invitation to the Masters.

Furyk earned \$540,000 for his fifth career victory. Langham came away with a harsh dose of reality.

Only a day earlier, he sound ed like a tour veteran when he said, "Sometimes, winning just This time, it didn't

seven holes, Furyk closed with over after making three bogeys Lady Steers finish second in Concho Belle Relays standings

HERALD Staff Report

SAN ANGELO — Some say there's safety in numbers, but for Big Spring's Lady Steers, they were the clue to a second-place team finish Saturday at the Concho Belle Relays at San Angelo

The Lady Steers, while winning just two events, piled up 125 points to give Amarillo Palo Duro a run for its money.

Palo Duro took the meet's Division II championship with 128 points, while Brownwood's Lady Lions were third with 121.5 points. San Angelo Lake View's Maidens, the defending District 5-4A team champions, finished fourth with 97 points and Lubbock Estacado's Lady Matadors were fifth with 87.5

The Lady Steers began their assault in the field events where Leandra Williams provided Big Spring's only first-place finish in the field events with a heave of

35 feet, 61/4 inches in the shot put. Big Spring was even more productive in the discus where Dena Cook finished third with a 97-foot, 10-inch effort, Amber Mayes was fourth at 97-9 and

Latoya Banks was sixth at 82-6. Another multiple point-production finish came in the triple jump where April Ward was fifth with a jump of 33 feet, 11/2 inches, while Rachelle Guinn was sixth at 31-103/4. Ward also finished sixth in the long jump with a 15-6 leap and Alexis Casillas rounded out the Lady Steers' field events points when she finished tied for third with a leap of

4 feet, 8 inches in the high jump.

The Lady Steers' best finish in running events came in the 400-meter relay where Angelica Hinojos, McGee, Stormie Huff and Amanda Rubio combined for a first-place clocking of 50.35 seconds.

Hinojos, McGee, LaTrisha Rollins and Rubio had earlier combined for a 1:47.38 clocking and second place in the 800meter relay, and the 1,600-meter relay foursome of Britania Perez, Rubio, Rollins and Huff closed the meet with a

fourth-place time of 4:20.01. In individual events, Eve Tobar and Yael Portocarrero combined for a "threefour" finish in the 3,200 meters — Tobar finishing third with a 14:17.81 clocking, while Portocarrero was right behind at 14:21.19

Teial Patel added fourth-place points in

the 800 meters with a time of 2:40.99, while Hinojos was third in the 100 meters with a 12:81 clocking.

McGee added a second-place finish in the 200 meters, finishing with a time of 26.8 seconds, just behind Palo Duro's Teresa Murray

Guinn was fourth in the 100-meter hurdles with a 17:15 clocking, while Chelsea

Churchwell was sixth with a 17.62. Perez and Churchwell added point production in the 300 hurdles, Perez finishing fourth with a 50.88-second clocking, while Churchwell was fifth at 54.44

Ashley Larson rounded out Big Spring's production with a fourth-place clocking of 6:26.44 in the 1600 meters.

The Lady Steers will return to action Saturday at the Canyon Reef Relays in

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DEAR ABBY: My family is having problems with my brother's wife. They have been married about eight years, and my brother seems like a different person today.

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concerts or church since my father didnot like to go these events. Eric never argued or spoke up to any of us, but now he has an opinion on everything and lets it be known.

He used to always put his family first, but now he favors his wife and

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children. Eric has told us that he has been seeing a counselor for a long time. He has invited all of us to join him, but we don't believe in that sort of thing. We all know Eric would have never started seeing a counselor if it weren't for his wife. Our parents are especially devastated that Eric has changed so much. What can we do to stop his

wife and get our old Eric back? HANK IN TACOMA, WASH. DEAR HANK: There is nothing you can do. And please don't blame Eric's wife for the change in his personality. She could only encourage her husband to seek counseling. The rest was up to him.

Face it, Eric has slipped his chain. Perhaps he has taken to heart what he learned in counseling and is, in fact, doing very well. Once passive "people pleasers" learn to assert themselves, it's unlikely that they will go back to being the way they were. The rest of you will have to adjust DEAR ABBY: We buried my

people said to my aunt, "I'll stop by and see you soon." I know how easy it is to make such promises when caught up in the moment, and I hope at least a couple of those people follow through.

uncle vesterday, and several

I live 75 miles away and can't SYNDICATE

sparkle from their conversations, my aunt and uncle were relegated more and more to the company of the health aides who have cared for them around the clock. Few of their old friends drop in. I know it is difficult for people to make time, especially for less pleasant things like a con-

spend as much time with my

aunt as I'd like. They used to

have a very active social life,

but as dementia took the

versation with someone who isn't the same scintillating person they used to know. But it is so good for the person to continue to have interaction with others, and it's just plain cheering to see a different face for a I don't want to preach, but I hope my letter will inspire a

few people to spend half an hour with friends or relatives who could use a bright spot in their day. Even if their minds don't remember it, their hearts will. — NIECE IN TROY, N.Y. DEAR NIECE: You have write ten an eloquent letter. When

people age, their friends begin to die and their list of social contacts grows shorter. It then becomes the responsibility of nuclear and extended family to make sure older people don't become completely isolated.

There are many ways to entertain older people who suffer from age-related memory loss: preparing and bringing over a favorite meal or dish, a cassette of music from their generation that might lift the spirits and stimulate the memory, a short drive in a familiar neighborhood.

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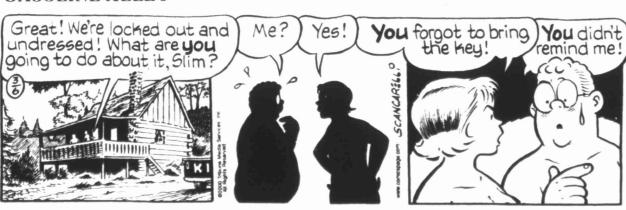
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Today is Monday, March 6, the 66th day of 2000. There are 300 days left in the year.

Today's Highlight in History: On March 6, 1836, the Alamo in San Antonio, Texas, fell to Mexican forces after a 13-day Italy

On this date: In 1834, the city of York in

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Upper Canada was incorporated as Toronto. In 1853, Verdi's opera "La

Traviata" premiered in Venice, In 1857, in its Dred Scott decision, the Supreme Court held

that Scott, a slave, could not sue for his freedom in federal court. In 1933, a nationwide bank holiday declared by President

Roosevelt went into effect. In 1935, retired Supreme Court Justice Oliver Wendell Holmes Jr. died in Washington.

In 1944, U.S. heavy bombers staged the first American raid on Berlin during World War II. In 1957, the former British African colonies of the Gold Coast and Togoland became the

independent state of Ghana. In 1981, Walter Cronkite signed off for the last time as

principal anchorman of "The CBS Evening News.' In 1983, in a case that drew

much notoriety, a woman in New Bedford, Mass., reported being gang-raped atop a pool table in a tavern called Big Dan's; four men were later convicted of the attack.

In 1987, 189 people died when the British ferry Herald of Free Enterprise capsized off the Belgian port of Zeebrugge.

Ten years ago: The Soviet parliament overwhelmingly approved legislation allowing people to own factories and hire workers for the first time in nearly seven decades.

Five years ago: The Republican-controlled House took up business-backed legislation to alter the civil legal system over White House objections that some of the proposals were too extreme (the House passed the measure the following day).

One year ago: The emir of Bahrain (Sheik Isa bin Salman Al Khalifa), a key Western ally who had ruled for nearly four decades, died shortly after a meeting with Defense Secretary William Cohen; he was 65.

Today's Birthdays: TV personality Ed McMahon is 77. Conductor Sarah Caldwell is 76. Former FBI and CIA director William Webster is 76. Federal Reserve Chairman Alan Greenspan is 74. Soviet cosmonaut Valentina Tereshkova is 63. Country singer Doug Dillard is 63. Senator Christopher Bond (R-Mo.) is 61. Actress-writer Joanna Miles is 60. Actor Ben Murphy is 58. Opera singer Dame Kiri Te Kanawa is 56. Singer Mary Wilson (The Supremes) is 56. Actor-director Rob Reiner is 53. Singer Kiki Dee is 53. Actor Tom Arnold is 41. Actor D.L. Hughley is 37. Country songwriter Skip Ewing is 36. Actress Moira Kelly is 32. Actress Amy Pietz is 31. Basketball player Shaquille O'Neal is 28.

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