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Tax assistance at Senior Center available Monday

Volunteer income tax assistance is available Monday from 9 a.m. until noon at the Spring City Senior Citizens Center, 1901 Simler Drive.

All citizens are eligible to receive this free assistance. Interested persons should bring their tax booklet, all W-2 and 1099 forms, as well as anything else received showing 1999 income and their 1998 tax return.

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

WHAT'S UP...

MONDAY

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

□ Big Spring Comandery No. 31, 6:30 p.m. dinner, 7:30 p.m. meeting, Masonic Temple, 211 1/2 Main.

□ Big Spring Amateur Radio Club, 7 p.m., at their clubhouse.

□ Big Spring Assembly No. 211, Social Order of the Beauceant, 6:30 dinner, 7:30 meeting, Masonic Temple, 211 1/2 Main.

TUESDAY

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

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

WEDNESDAY

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

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

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

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

□ Fraternal Order of Eagles Aerie, 7 p.m., Eagles Lodge, 704 West 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.

□ Citizen Police Academy Alumni Association, 5:30 p.m., RSVP offices, 501 Runnels.

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Big Spring Area Chamber of Commerce to start awareness program

By BILL MCCLELLAN
News Editor

Big Spring Area Chamber of Commerce has developed a program to make sure merchants are aware they have the chamber's support.



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The chamber has developed business card-sized "awareness cards" for chamber members and others to leave behind when they shop at various stores in the community.

"These cards will be given out to members of the board and also to some of the entities that work closely with the chamber — the city, college, school district, Moore Board (Moore Development For Big Spring) and individuals who I guess

you might say would be more in the community's eye," said Terry McDaniel, the chamber's vice president for membership.

"When these individuals go into an establishment in Big Spring they are going to leave one of these cards when they do business with them," McDaniel said.

The cards have the chamber's logo, phone number and web site address on them and contain the following statement:

"Someone affiliated with the Big Spring Area Chamber of Commerce patronized your business today. Your presence in the community is important to us."

Those who pass them out may either sign their name on the back, or leave it blank, McDaniel said.

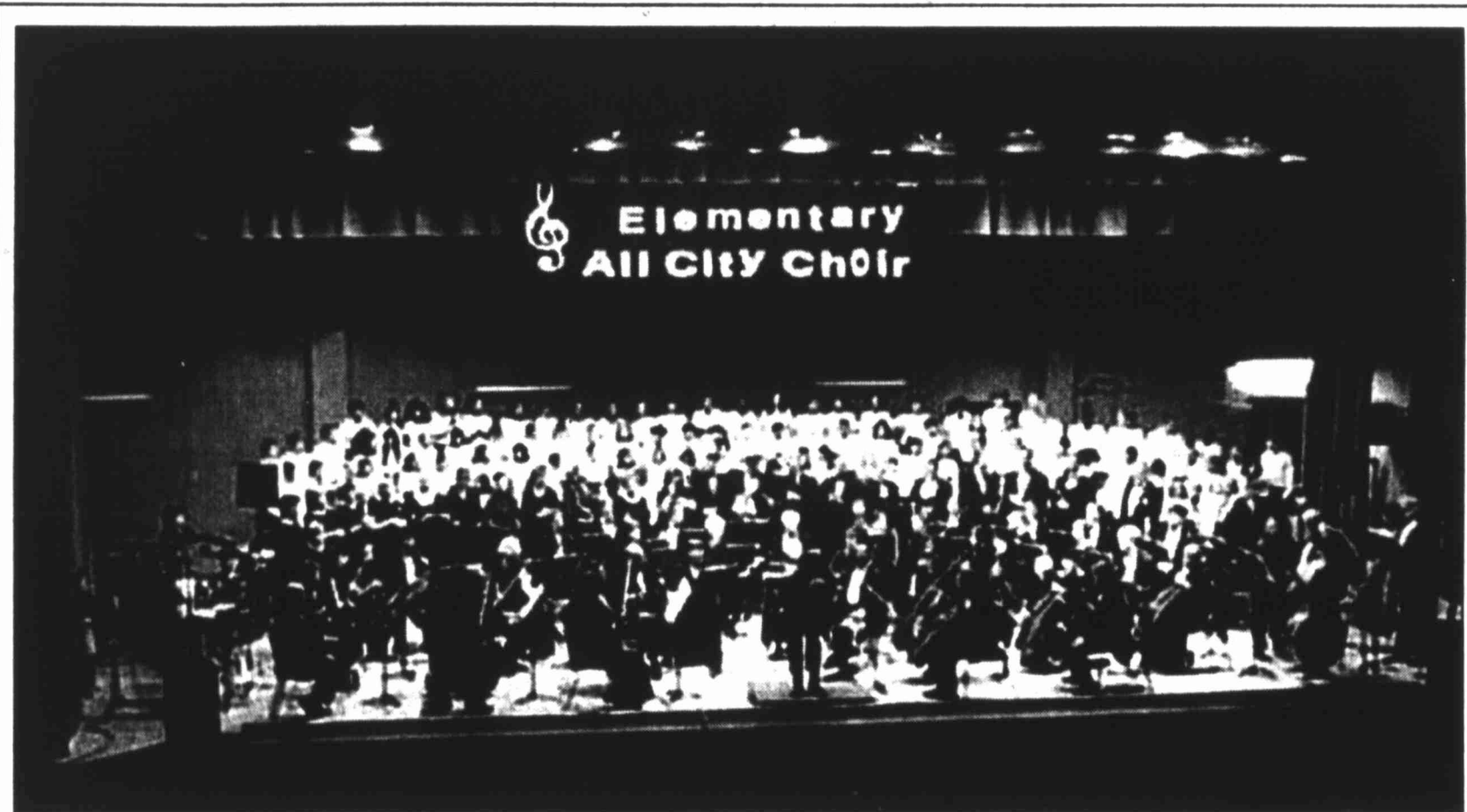
"What it should do is make the business people in Big Spring more aware of the fact that people from Big Spring do

business with them," McDaniel said. "I think it will work out real well."

McDaniel said the cards are being prepared now and will be available to board members by mid-month.

"I think we'll start with the board and will either deliver them or mail them out to others," he said.

"We'll start in the middle of the month and be in full swing in April."



The Big Spring Symphony Association presented "Sing Big Spring!" in their final concert of the year Saturday night. The concert featured The Big Spring Symphony Orchestra under the direction of Robert Hunt, joined by the Big Spring Symphony Chorus and the All-City Children's Honor Choir.

Area school board elections generating some candidates

By GINA GARZA
Staff Writer

School board election filings are starting to move at a faster pace.

Lewis Boeker, incumbent at Forsan ISD, has filed for another term. Also expiring is the term held by Sammy Anderson. Both are three-year, at-large terms.

Coahoma ISD has three positions to fill. The incumbents are Gail Wells, Larry Bennett and David Elmore. All of the terms are for three years and are at-large positions. Larry Cordes has filed to run, as have Eddie Corse, Dr. Jody Reid and James White.

At Sands ISD, three trustee positions on the board are up for election.

Four people have filed, ensuring a contested election. They are incumbent Robin Barraza and Steve Parker, Diane Robinson and Steve Blagrove.

Joe Barnes, who has been on the board for 18 years, and Reggie Hambrick, who has been on the board for 12 years, have decided to give their seats up. All three

are at-large positions.

Big Spring has two candidates contending for Place 2. That seat is currently held by Larry Hollar, who has decided not to seek re-election. Running for the spot are Tommy Churchwell and Terry Wegman. District 4 incumbent Frank A. Long has filed for another term and is uncontested.

Grady ISD has two single-member district openings this term. Those positions are currently held by Roy Cooper of District 6 and Jody Yates of District 5. Both slots are three-year terms, and no one had filed as of Friday.

Glasscock County ISD has Dennis Fuchs, Tina Flores and Jimmy Bedner up for election. Each of those are three-year, at-large terms as well. As of Friday, no one had 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 office of each individual

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Vera Jane (Bugg) Davis Lee celebrated her 102nd birthday last week. Also pictured with her is her son, Joe E. Davis Jr., and daughter, Marilyn Taylor. Lee was born in 1898 in Sterling County and came to Big Spring in 1919. She is a resident of Comanche Trail Nursing Home.

Rural Texas

Forum allows legislators to receive input from citizens

By BILL MCCLELLAN
News Editor

Big Spring will be the site this week for a forum allowing citizens and legislators to talk about rural issues.

The event is scheduled for 10 a.m. Wednesday in the East Room at Dorothy Garratt Coliseum.

"It's for anybody who wants to continue to have



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rural Texas participate in the mainstream of the economy, and I figure that would be most people," said State Rep. David Counts, D-Knox City.

"This is their opportunity to come and talk to the legislators about problems they see that concern rural Texas. And hopefully they'll have some suggestions as to how we might make it better," he added.

The legislators are members of the Texas House of Representatives Select Committee on Rural Development. The committee was created by House Speaker Pete Laney to study all issues pertaining to the current and future viability of rural areas and small cities and towns across the state. The committee has been instructed to develop plans to maintain and improve the economic, social and cultural life of rural citizens.

"This is a great opportunity for West Texans to express their concerns to the Legislature," said Counts.

The legislators will hear testimony from invited speakers and the public on rural natural

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Ambucs gear up for another slithery experience March 25-26

By CARL GRAHAM
Staff Writer

The Big Spring Ambucs are gearing up for the 38th annual Rattlesnake Roundup, set for March 25 and 26 at the Howard County Fair Barns.

The Big Spring Jaycees started the event in 1962. In 1983, the Ambucs (American Business Club) took it over and has been the sponsor ever since.

According to the organizers, a rattlesnake roundup is similar to a cattle roundup. Basically, rattlesnakes are gathered by hunters who bring them to a central location and sell them. While a cattle roundup was celebrated by a rodeo where cowboys showed their expertise with cattle, a rattlesnake

Snake-hunting permits required

HERALD Staff Report

Snakehunters for this year's Rattlesnake Roundup should be aware of a little-known state regulation requiring an additional permit.

The Texas Parks and Wildlife Department regulation that actually went into effect in January 1999 requires hunters or anyone possessing more than 10 specimens of specified non-game species to buy a \$15 permit in addition to the standard Texas hunting license. For non-Texans, the permit cost \$50.

The permits are available wherever hunting and fishing licenses are sold. Anyone who buys non-game

wildlife for the purpose of resale is now required to have a \$50 resident non-game dealer permit.

Non-resident dealer permits are \$200.

The required permit applies to rattlesnakes as well as well as to nearly 200 Texas species listed as non-game animals. Violators are subject to fines and their hunting licenses may not be renewed. Fines are \$500 per snake for each snake over the limit of 10.

According to Dennis Burns, Ambucs secretary and project chairman for this year's Rattlesnake Roundup, the permit requirement did not effect the number of hunters last year and he doesn't expect it to this year, either.

roundup allows snake handlers to show off their expertise with the venomous creatures.

Snakes are cold-blooded and hibernate during the winter.

When the weather begins to change, normally in late February or early March in Howard County, the snakes will awaken and begin to move

away from their dens. Ideally, the snake hunter will have several dens spotted and, when snakes begin to emerge, the hunter is on the spot to harvest them.

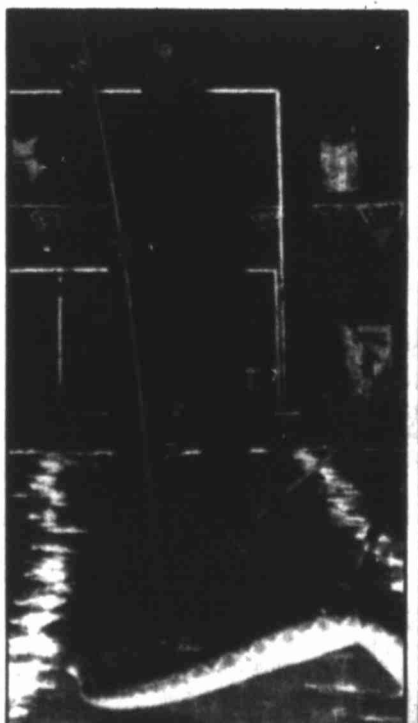
According to Ambucs secretary and rattlesnake roundup project chairman Dennis Burns, snakes should be plentiful this year.

"We have already had several snake hunters call in and say there were a lot of snakes out already," said Burns. "The weather has been extremely nice for this time of the year, which promotes the snakes for coming out earlier."

Once the snakes are collected they are loaded in containers and brought to the roundup where members of the Ambucs buy them for a certain price per pound. According to Burns, the price this year will probably be around \$5 a pound.

After the snake's venom has been milked, it is skinned. Some will be prepared for cook

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Courtesy photo
Officer Gilbert Barraza of the Big Spring Police Department is about to show off his skills as a rattlesnake handler at the Rattlesnake Roundup.

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EDITORIAL

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

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OUR VIEWS

Take the time to cast your vote Tuesday

Tuesday is Election Day in the Democratic and Republican Party primaries and if you haven't cast your vote, we encourage you to do so.

Polis will be open from 7 a.m. to 7 p.m. throughout Howard County. That's plenty of time to work in a trip to your neighborhood ballot box and make your voice heard.

And there are a number of key races in the two primaries. While the Democratic Primary officers no locally-contested races, there are some choices for major office.

The only county-wide race is on the Republican ticket, where incumbent Sheriff Bill Jennings is facing a challenge from Big Spring police detective Dave Mohn.

Then there are a number of other contested Republican races of a state and national nature, including president, U.S. Representative for District 17, Texas Supreme Court Justice, and the Court of Criminal Appeals.

According to the county clerk's office, 1,766 votes early votes were cast in Howard County for the combined elections — 1,494 in the Republican Primary and 272 in the Democratic Primary.

That turnout, while not great, is encouraging. There are more than 10,000 registered voters in the county who still haven't cast a ballot.

OTHER VIEWS

The Pentagon spends billions year in and year out — so somehow it comes as no surprise to learn that the military's money managers can't account for trillions of dollars worth of material and expenditures.

Blame the agencies, Pentagon and the others, for sloppy bookkeeping and inattention to fiscal detail. But blame Congress as well.

With its oversight committees and budgetary responsibilities, it is Congress that should be demanding and receiving an accurate accounting of taxpayer resources entrusted to federal agencies.

— no comfort to taxpayers. Only 11 of 24 big federal agencies could produce reliable financial statements for the fiscal year that ended Sept. 30, according to Sen. Fred Thompson, R-Tenn., chairman of the Senate Governmental Affairs committee.

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Russian mafia manipulates U.S. stock markets

High-placed sources tell us that the FBI has launched an investigation into the Russian mafia's involvement in U.S. stock markets, including both the manipulation of trading and the laundering of billions of dollars.



JACK ANDERSON

Before the fall of the Soviet Union, capitalism was last practiced there prior to the Russian Revolution of 1917, and peacetime capitalism was last seen there before World War I began in 1914, just after the age of the Robber Barons in America.

But where does their money go? Surely reinvesting in the Russian economy makes no sense in a day when all economic roads lead to America.

Although there is ample evidence of Russian involvement in drugs, the cleaner, white-collar American stock markets are preferable. Here is the way it works:

Market-maker exchanges, such as the large and powerful NASDAQ, do not operate out of one site like the New York Stock Exchange, where a floor specialist trades a stock and only a single quotation is listed.

Investors can also short stocks, but not on the OTCBB. They accomplish this by having their brokers borrow stocks from other investors' margin accounts and selling them. To do so, the selling investors must put up a sum of money equal to the number of shares borrowed, times the current market price of the stock as a

guarantee that the stock will eventually be "covered" (replaced through purchasing).

Some amount of investor shorting does occur on the OTCBB through offshore accounts and other means, but the real problem comes from the market makers who use the orderly market loophole.

Since investor shorting on the OTCBB is illegal, shorting is not monitored. So let us say a market maker shorts shares of a company's stock in what is known as a naked short, which means he is simply selling stock he neither owns nor has borrowed.

Now, let us say the market maker continues to short as the stock rises from \$1 per share until he has shorted 500,000 shares by the time it reaches \$7 per share.

In short, the capital required to play this game can be huge

— amounting to hundreds of millions of dollars. If, as one broker-dealer said, most of these stocks will go to zero, the market maker will never have to cover the short position.

The problem, of course, besides its being illegal, is that massive short selling often becomes a self-fulfilling prophecy. A young company benefits from a rising stock price in many ways, including the use of stock to pay debts, retire private-placement loans, compensate employees, and expand through purchases or acquisitions.

We asked Mr. Cameron Funkhouser, vice president of Market Regulation for the NASD, why such manipulation is allowed to go on and who he could call at the SEC and FBI.



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YOUR VIEWS

TO THE EDITOR:

We, Daniel and Holly Satterfield, received heart-breaking news on Monday, March 6, that our home had been burned down. We were not at home when it happened, but were contacted at approximately 12:15 a.m. and notified.

We drove back to Big Spring to see what devastation had occurred. We got to the sight and saw it; the only thing left standing was the brick. Nothing was left — nothing. Can you imagine it? Can you? No pictures, no clothes, no videotapes of our 4-year-old son's birth, no baby blankets, no grandmother's jewelry or china, no photo albums, no television, or computer — absolutely nothing.

At that point we were ques-

tioned as to our whereabouts at the time. We had been at our little apartment in Midland. We had just moved there approximately six months ago because of my husband's job. His is on call seven days per month in Midland and cannot leave for those seven days.

When I bought that house two years ago, it was nothing but a shell. I spent over a year of hard work and money finishing it out: adding square

footage, painting, putting walls up, laying tile — everything. It was my ideal home. I never imagined in a million years this heartbreaking tragedy would happen to us, but it did.

We lost everything important in our lives, other than one another. We need support now more than ever. We really appreciate those who have stepped in to lend a helping hand or a word of support.

Thank you.

DANIEL AND HOLLY SATTERFIELD, BIG SPRING

TO THE EDITOR:

We are doing research reports in my fifth grade class, and I will be reporting on Texas. The reports are due in May and cover topics such as state history, climate, traditions, and geography.

The reason I am writing to you to ask if you could publish my letter in your paper. I am hoping some of your readers in your community will write to me and tell me about their experiences, local traditions, and some stories about what it is like to live in Texas.

I live in Southern California, and I am sure many things about Texas are different from where I live. Also, if any of the readers find time to reply, it would be great if they would enclose a copy of my published letter.

Thank you so much for my request and any information would be most appreciated.

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Administration puts out new guidelines for multiracial categories

WASHINGTON (AP) — The growing diversity of the American population is prompting the Clinton administration to release new guidelines for federal agencies as the Census Bureau prepares to mail out forms offering people a chance to say if they are of more than one race.

The guidelines, issued Friday by the Office of Management and Budget, allow for more specific racial combinations to be counted when results from the 2000 census are released, changing the way demographic data about the country is kept.

For the first time, this year's census forms allow respondents to mark one or more of 14 boxes representing six

standard single-race categories of American Indian or Alaska Native, Asian, Black or African American, Native Hawaiian or Other Pacific Islander, and White.

The new multi-race categories for purposes of civil rights monitoring and enforcement are: American Indian or Alaska Native and White; Asian and White; Black or African American and White; American Indian or Alaska Native and Black or African American.

"We anticipate that most of the people who check off more than one race will check off one of these categories," Katzen said when asked why those specific combinations were selected.

The guidelines also provide for the collection of information on any multiple race combinations that comprise more than 1 percent of the population of interest, the report said.

effects on each minority group alleged to be affected by the pattern of discrimination," an OMB statement said.

It's impossible to speculate on how the new groupings will affect civil and voting rights enforcement until data from the 2000 census is released next year, said Anita Hodgkiss, deputy assistant attorney general for civil rights.

Overall, the guidelines allow people to be counted once. "No individual is counted twice, nor is any individual counted as a fraction," Katzen said.

The administration estimated about 2 percent of the population would check off that they are of more than one race.

workers dubbed the e-mail problem "Project X" and that because of the threats, she and her staff took to discussing the issue in a park near the New Executive Office Building and in a Starbucks coffee shop.

The e-mail problem came to light last month in declarations by a former White House computer specialist, Sheryl Hall.

Hall alleged in a new declaration, which Judge Lamberth also unsealed Friday, that she understood from a "career staff member of the Clinton-Gore White House's Office of Administration" that presiden-

ential aides plan to get rid of computer-taped archives and the contents of computer hard drives of presidential aides who leave.

Justice Department lawyer James Gilligan, representing the Executive Office of the President, assured the judge that the e-mails, computer hard drives and back-up tapes were being preserved, and he supplied the names of White House custodians of the records.

Former White House contractor alleges threats over problem with e-mail system

WASHINGTON (AP) — A former White House contractor says she was told that e-mail messages never turned over to congressional investigators or the Justice Department discuss Vice President Al Gore's involvement in the campaign fund-raising controversy.

In a declaration unsealed Friday in federal court, Betty Lambuth said a subordinate also told her some of the unreviewed e-mails deal with "the sale of Clinton Commerce Department trade mission seats in exchange for campaign contributions."

Lambuth said she was warned by White House superiors in May 1998 not to reveal a problem with the e-mail system that made it impossible to do a computer search of 100,000 or more messages in response to various investigations of the Clinton administration.

After Lambuth informed the White House of the problem, she said Office of Administration counsel Mark Lindsay told her "that if I or any of my team who knew about the e-mail problem told anyone else about it we would lose our jobs, be arrested and put in jail."

The White House said it will complete an initial review of the e-mail matter next week and declined to comment on Lambuth's statements.

U.S. District Judge Royce Lamberth unsealed Lambuth's declaration in a lawsuit filed by a conservative legal group, Judicial Watch.

Lambuth said she was told by the subordinate who examined some of the e-mails that they also contained information on the White House's improper gathering of FBI background files of Republican appointees

and the Monica Lewinsky scandal.

Lambuth says she learned of a problem with the White House e-mail system in the midst of Independent Counsel Kenneth Starr's obstruction investigation of President Clinton in the Lewinsky scandal.

"We are aware of the allegations regarding the e-mail issue, and we are taking appropriate steps with regard to those allegations," said Neille Mallon Russell, spokesman for Starr's successor, Independent Counsel Robert Ray.

Lambuth said she and her co-

Medical helicopter crash kills four, including 4-month-old

AMARILLO (AP) — Bouquets of flowers line the Northwest Texas Hospital hallway in which a framed portrait of a blue LifeStar medical helicopter is hanging.

The aircraft carrying a 4-month-old Oklahoma girl with breathing problems and three crew members crashed Friday shortly after taking off in fog, killing everyone on board.

"We have absolutely saved hundreds and hundreds of lives with this helicopter," Moody Chisholm, the hospital system's chief executive officer, said Friday.

"We are still in a lot of pain that we have lost this crew and patient. If we can get past this, it still is a service that is needed out here."

The helicopter went down about three miles from the Texas-Oklahoma border in an area where cattle grazing the grasslands are the only break in the scenery.

The crash occurred close to the spot where an ambulance from a rural hospital in Boise City, Okla., had transferred Kathy Esparza into the care of the helicopter's crew.

After the baby was put aboard, the helicopter took off in fog around 6 a.m., and the crew was not heard from again, said Department of Public Safety Sgt. James R. Woodrum.

When the fog lifted nearly five hours later, the wreckage was discovered less than a mile away. Debris was scattered over an area about 400 feet by 100

feet.

"It looks like it either exploded or started burning immediately on impact. It looks like they impacted on their nose and nobody knows why," Woodrum said.

Investigators from the National Transportation Safety Board were expected to begin their investigation today.

"We don't know whether he hit power lines or had a mechanical failure," said NTSB spokesman Doug Wington. "We are also looking to see if weather might be a possible cause."

Chisholm said Lauren Stone, a 30-year-old flight nurse, and Terry Griffith, a 35-year-old flight paramedic died in the accident. Pilot Ed Sanneman

was also killed in the crash.

"I know he's a very conservative pilot who has hundreds of hours of flight time and hundreds of miles logged," Chisholm said. "He wouldn't have done anything to put his crew or the patient in jeopardy."

The transfer and the crash occurred near the community of Coldwater, Texas, which is less than 20 miles from Boise City. The helicopter was following the power lines along the roadway, a common route, officials said.

Kathy's mother, who was driving to the hospital, didn't learn of the crash until she arrived in Amarillo, Chisholm said. Parents typically do not ride in the helicopter.

Supreme Court reverses lower court's abortion ruling

AUSTIN (AP) — The Texas Supreme Court late Friday allowed a minor girl to have an abortion without telling her parents, reversing a lower court's ruling that prevented her from bypassing a new state law requiring an unmarried minor to notify a parent about an abortion.

It was the first Supreme Court appeal heard since the parental notification law went into effect Jan. 1.

The case involved a pregnant 17-year-old girl who wanted to have the abortion without telling her parents. Under the law, a bypass can be granted only if a local judge decides within 48 hours if the girl is mature enough to make the abortion decision on her own.

"Victory is probably too strong, but I am pleased with the decision," said Kae McLaughlin, executive director of the Texas Abortion Rights and Reproductive Rights Action League. McLaughlin said she had not seen the ruling and would examine it further once she had a copy.

"I have to feel good about it in that a young woman who wants an abortion is being granted the right to do that," McLaughlin said.

"The ultimate parental right is the decision to be a parent or not."

State law prohibits the release of identifying details in judicial bypass cases, including the location of the lower courts or the names of the judges involved.

A lower court originally denied "Jane Doe's" bypass request two weeks ago, saying

she was not "sufficiently well informed to make the decision to have an abortion performed without notification to either of her parents."

The girl's lawyer appealed to Texas Court of Appeals, which upheld the lower court's ruling. The lawyer then appealed to the state Supreme Court, which on Feb. 25 further defined what requirements must be met in order for a bypass to be granted.

Justices sent the case back to the lower court and asked it to review the girl's request in light of the redefined rules.

The lower courts again refused to allow a bypass and the girl again appealed.

The Supreme Court justices Friday reversed the lower courts' ruling without comment.

Chief Justice Thomas R. Phillips dissented, along with Justices Nathan Hecht, Greg Abbott and Priscilla Owen.

Phillips and Owen promised opinions at a later date. Abbott dissented without comment.

Hecht wrote that the higher court's decision was made too quickly and without reviewing the court of appeals' reasons for denying the bypass. "From this

hasty and ill-considered action, I dissent," he wrote.

According to the new state law, an unmarried girl 17 or younger must notify a parent if she intends to have an abortion, regardless of whether the parent approves, or seek a court

order allowing her to bypass the law.

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Garden City netters take title at own tournament

HERALD Staff Report GARDEN CITY — They weren't ungracious hosts, but Garden City's "Red" team walked away with 58 points to take the team championship Saturday at the Garden City Invitational Tennis Tournament.

The Bearkats' 58 points gave them an 18-point margin over runner-up Forsan, while Tahoka was a distant third. Garden City got most of its points from dominating the girls' division, as Collene Cox chalked up a 6-4, 6-4 win in the finals to take the singles championship, while Lora Braden and Summer Eoff claimed the doubles crown with a 6-3, 6-3

win in the finals. Becky Chavira, a member of Garden City's "B" squad took the girls' singles consolation title, helping lead her team to an eighth-place finish with Coahoma. Garden City's Chasty Jansa and Rhetta Alvarado both reached the consolation semifinals before bowing out of the girls' singles. Clint Schuelke took a 6-1, 6-1 win over Seagraves Tim Lacy in the boys' singles final, his championship providing enough points to give Grady a sixth-place finish in the team standings. Garden City's Cory Batla, who had the misfortune of running up against Lacy in the tournament's third round, finished fourth when he suffered a 6-3, 6-

0 loss to Tahoka's Brady Raindl in the third-place match. Garden City also got singles points from Pat Randel and Matt Webb. In boys' doubles Seagraves' Eric Cavazos and Eddie Gallegos claimed the championship with a 6-3, 6-0 win over Miles' tandem of Steve Glass and Tim Blackwell. The boys' consolation championship in doubles was not determined during Saturday's matches, however. Garden City's Max Batla and Jason Smith will be forced to play against teammates Curtis Eggemeyer and Brandon Bednar to determine the winner of that match this week during a practice session.

bottom half of the inning to take a 7-2 lead en route to the final 7-3 margin. Eric Huddleston got the win for the Hawks, scattering four hits before being relieved by Chris Shannon to start the seventh. Devere had two hits and three RBI to pace the Hawks while Coahoma's Mike McMillan managed a pair of singles. In the series finale, Rusty Maddux was charged with the loss. Maddux, the four Hawk pitcher of the game, started the ninth with Howard leading 9-8. Bibbs, Trey Ensor, Alsup, McMurtry and Caleb Reger scored on a three-run home run to left by Ryan Devere. NMJC pulled to within 4-2 in the sixth before Howard put fifth hits together with an error in

grounded by Jackson. Carrillo's throw to first sailed several feet over the head of first baseman Amanda Monk, allowing both Rubio and Acri to score and cap the scoring. The Lady Steers, now 15-3 overall and 2-0 in district play, will play host to Monahan's Lady Lobos in a non-district game at 4:30 p.m. Tuesday. They'll also travel to Midland on Friday to take on Greenwood's Lady Rangers in another non-district game at noon. Big Spring will resume district play on Tuesday, March 21, when they travel to San Angelo for a 5 p.m. game against Lake View's Maidens.

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From just four victories ago all the way to No. 1, Denton has been a remarkable championship for Denton. Micah Mack scored Roy McKinney added rebounds as Ryan around since 1997 won over Dallas Madison final Saturday. The Raiders (30-6) coach Richard Scott when Mack and Mc freshmen. As seniors, they players Saturday at Madison's rally in fourth quarter that exchange five 3-point minute span. After Madison (32-58-58 on Jerome Mack hit two of four 3-pointers of his own 60 lead with 3:51 left to go.

Denton Ryan led before Madison's Eli Trojans back. Kidd, an Oklahoma went scoreless in the four attempts but with a thunderoussecutive 3-pointers to tie the score at 40-40. But then his team forgot he was there. Kidd was left without guards as they repeatrate the Ryan lane

ROUNDUP

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No. 3 Duke 82, Wake Forest 73. A week ago, No. 31 expect to have Mike for the Atlantic Conference tournament. He helped lead them to the title. Dunleavy, in his second season since contracting clevisis, scored 15 points in the top-5 Devils (26-4) return championship to defend title by beating Wake Forest 82-73. Dunleavy, 4-for-5 field and 4-for-4 from the line, had plenty of help picked up its 3-point second half, making long-range shots after for-20 from that distance. Shane Battier led with 18 points, while Williams had 16 points, assists and Nate pointers. James was the shooter in the second making four 3-pointers final 10:21. Josh Howard had 19 points for Deacons (17-14).

No. 2 Stanford 65, Arizona St. 57. Casey Jacobsen scored his 17 points in the second as No. 2 Stanford of sloppy start to beat State 65-57 Saturday a share of its second Pac-10 title. The Cardinal (26-10) put themselves in win the conference. No. 4 Arizona lost to later Saturday. Arizona State (1) needed to upset State have any shot of

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Got an Item?

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PUBLIC SCHOOLS WEEK IN ALL ITS GLORY



HERALD photo/Lyndel Moody
Gomez Diaz, fourth grader at Moss Elementary, enjoys Hat Day.



HERALD photo/Lyndel Moody
Dalanla Burton, left, Maranda Duchock and Topaze White, all from Anderson Kindergarten Center, display their western attire for Western Day.



HERALD photo/Lyndel Moody
Turquoise White, third grader at Moss Elementary, models for Inside-Out Day.



HERALD photo/Carl Graham
These 4th, 5th, and 6th grade Kentwood Elementary students display their crazy socks as part of Public Schools Week all last week. Students are front row from left, Kady Knox, Megan McCormick, Randy Phillippe and Emily Slape, and back row from left, Meagan Smith, Brinnan Pierce and Mallory Smith.



HERALD photo/Lyndel Moody
Britani Coleman, third grader, participates in Crazy Hair Day at Washington Elementary.



HERALD photo/Lyndel Moody
David Valdes, left, Courtney Boyd and Michael Starr, all of Washington Elementary, show off their sunglasses.

Big Spring schools celebrated Texas Public Schools Week with various activities throughout the week.

"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.

"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 began the week.

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

Talking about the loss of a pet and the power of words

He no longer comes to greet me when I drive up, meowing disapprovingly for leaving him and butting his head against my leg, demanding to be petted. I miss Baron, who was part of our household for 12 years.

He came to us from the Humane Society. Margaret Lloyd took me to see the cats. It was feeding time, and as the animals raced to be fed, a half-grown yellow Persian stayed by my side. I tried to look at the other cats, but he demanded my attention as if saying, "I want to be yours."

I took him home, and he enlivened our lives. Most cats preferred Paul to me, but this one, in the capricious manner of

felines, was always my cat. In his long life, he survived a serious illness and a number of mishaps, through the kind ministrations of Dr. Thompson, and later, Dr. Hill.

Age began to take a toll on Baron, and he stopped being an enthusiastic eater. One day last month, he was not there to greet me when I came home. When I found him, I realized he was very sick.

Dr. Hill's words were kind. "I don't think he's going to make it." Together we decided euthanasia would be best. I patted his head one last time and walked away crying.

Everyone at the clinic was so kind and sympathetic. They

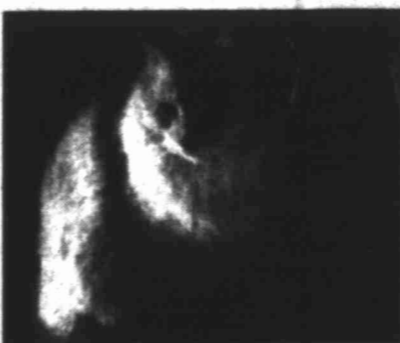
understand very well how, to quote Al Scott, pets leave paw prints on your heart.

On to more cheerful topics. I am a l w a y s amazed at the power of words and their connotation. The response to the familiar query, "How are you?", is usually, "I'm fine."

My brother-in-law, who has had some serious health



JEAN WARREN



BARON

problems, has carried this to extreme. He's always fine. Even his doctor complained to my sister, "It's difficult to treat someone who's always fine."

A friend told me that when

her son calls and asks, "How are you?", she always says, "I'm fine." But once she responded with, "I'm okay."

He became alarmed and called another member of the family to find out how his mother really was.

Now, when he calls, she assures him that she is fine. I thought this was amusing and told the incident to my daughter. She lectured me, "Mother, there's a lot of difference between being fine and being okay."

I must remember that. Words can elevate another's mood or destroy a sense of well-being. One Sunday morning a pastor looked out over the con-

gregation with a worshipful heart. The choir anthem was beautiful and seemed almost to transport him to a higher realm.

His feeling of elation ended quickly, however, when the deacon sitting beside him leaned over and whispered, "Pastor, you're really going to have to speak to the custodian about the banisters out front. The pigeons are musing on them."

(The deacon's exact words cannot be reported because the *Herald* is a family newspaper. A check of an unabridged dictionary will clear up the matter.)

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