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Temple, 211 1/2 Main.

SUNDAY March 12, 2000

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"Reflecting a Proud Community"

Big Spring Area Chamber of Commerce to start awareness program

By BILL McCLELLAN News Editor

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

sized "awareness cards" for chamber members and others to leave behind when they shop at various stores in the communi-

"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

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:

has developed business card- you might say would be more in "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

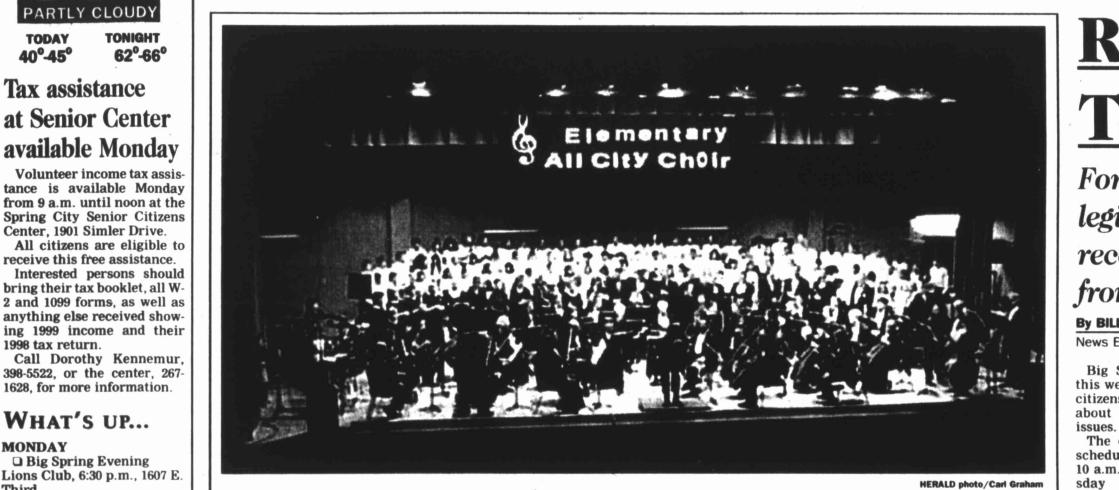
business with them," McDaniel said. "I think it will work out real well.'

50 CENTS DAILY/\$1.25 SUNDAY

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



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 rural

The event is scheduled for 10 a.m. Wednesday in the East Room at Dorothy Garrett Coliseum. "It's for any body who

wants to con-COUNTS tinue to have

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

eeting, Masonic Temple, 211 1/2 Main.

Beauceant, 6:30 dinner, 7:30

TUESDAY

clubhouse.

□ Intermediate line dance classes, 9 a.m. Senior Citizens Center. D 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. G Fraternal Order of Eagles Aerie, 7 p.m., Eagles

Lodge, 704 West Third.

THURSDAY

Gideons International, Big Spring Camp No. U4206O, Hermans, 7 a.m. **Big Spring Senior**

Citizens Center Art Classes. 9:30 to 11:30 a.m. for 55 and older. Gillia Kiwanis Club, noon,

Howard College Cactus Room.

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

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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 Blagrave.

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, atlarge terms.

Candidate filing is held in the business office of each individual

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HERALD photo/Lyndel Moody

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.

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 the at Howard County Fair

Barns. The Big **Spring Jaycees** started the event in 1962. In 1983, the Ambucs

BURNS (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** wildlife for the purpose of

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

Texas Parks and The 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 hunting and fishing licenses are sold. Anyone who buys non-game

roundup allows snake handlers to show off their expertise with the venomous creatures. Snakes are cold-blooded and

hibernate during the winter.

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.

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.

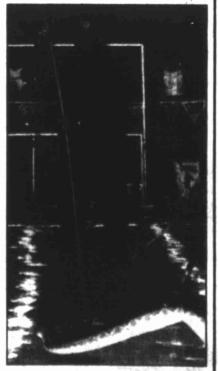
According to Ambucs secretary and rattlesnake roundup project chairman Dennis Burns, snakes should be plentiful this year.

"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

See SNAKES, Page 2A



Officer Gilbert Barraza of the **Big Spring Police Departs** is about to show off his sk as a rattlesnake handler at the **Rattlesnake Roundup**,

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OBITUARIES

Bruce Eugene Benton

Service for Bruce Eugene Benton, 59, of Lubbock, formerly of Big Spring, will be held Monday, March 13, 2000, at Bellaire Baptist Church with the Rev. Scot Edmondson, pastor, officiating. Burial will follow in Resthaven Memorial Park.

Mr. Benton died on Thursday. March 9, 2000, at Covenant Medical Center.

He was born on April 5, 1940, in Big Spring, and served in the U.S. Marine Corps. He married Jane Mills in Big Spring on Jan. 15, 1959. He owned and operated Wood World Construction Co. and was a member of Bellaire Baptist Church. He had been a resident of Lubbock since 1957.

Survivors include his wife, Jane Benton of Lubbock; three sons, Lonnie Del Benton of Houston, Stephen Craig Benton of Littlefield and Sterling Kent Benton of Levelland; two daughters, Jamie Gail Benton and Marla Sheree Dorman, both of Lubbock; one brother, Don Benton of Ventura, Calif.; one sister, Suzonne Herring of Shallowater; and 13 grandchildren.

The family will receive friends at the funeral home Sunday from 2 to 4 p.m.

Arrangements are under the direction of Resthaven Funeral Home in Lubbock.

Precilia **G. Marquez**

Funeral mass for Precilia G. Marquez, 53, of Louisville, Ky., and formerly of Big Spring, will

be at 11 a.m. Monday March 13, 2000, at Immaculate Heart of Mary Catholic Church. Burial will be at Mt. Oliv Memorial Park. Wake Service will be

at 7 p.m. Sunday, March 12, 2000, at Myers and Smith Chapel

Ms. Marquez died at her home always ready on Wednesday, March 8, 2000.

moving to Louisville, Ky. three vears ago.

She is survived by one son, Manuel Marquez Jr. of Big Spring; one daughter, Nadine Peckenpaugh of Louisville, Ky.; her mother, Tiodosa Garcia of Fort Worth; five sisters, Hope Aleman and Connie Torres, both of Big Spring, Socorro Casarez of Odessa, and Rosie Doporto and Sylvia Alvarez, both of Fort Worth.

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

Willie Key Glass

Funeral service for Willie Key Glass, 87, of Sterling City, will be at 10 a.m. Monday, March 13, 2000, at the First Presbyterian Church in Sterling City with Rev. Jeff Glass, grandson, and Rev. John Wintringham, pastor of First Presbyterian, officiat-

ing. Mrs. Glass died Friday, March 10, 2000, in Shannon Hospital in San Angelo.

She was born Dec. 14, 1912, in Tom Green County. She graduated from Sterling High School in 1930 and attended Trinity University at Waxahachie. She married David Glass of Sterling County at Miles, on Dec. 29, 1931.

She is survived by her husband, David Glass; her children, David Lawrence, James Lynn and Willene Key Boger; her sister, Olga Key Phillips of Fort Worth; her brothers, Wesley Marvin Key of Dunlap, N.M., and Melvin Ray Key of Yeso, N.M.; seven grandchildren; and five great-grandchildren.

Arrangements are under the direction of Ross Funeral Home of Sterling City.

Ascension **Melendrez**

God called Ascension "Cinch' Melendrez, 52, home on March 10. 2000, after a long hard struggle with liver

disease while waiting for a liver transplant Ascension, or "Cinch," lived

a full life with

a big smile and

for a good joke.

Interment will follow at Trinity Memorial Park with Military Graveside Rites by the U.S. Army Detachment Goodfellow Air Force Base at San Angelo, Texas. Funeral arrangements are under the direction of Nalley-Pickle & Welch Funeral Home. Paid obituary

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Lane Michael Grantham **Luke James**

Grantham Lane Michael Grantham and Luke James Grantham returned

to be with Our Lord on March 10, 2000. They were loved by their parents, Lyle and Lorrie Grantham, of Knott, and grandparents, Tootsie Grantham of Big Spring, and Mr. and Mrs. George Dawbin II, of West Gardiner, Maine, and aunts, uncles and cousins and other family and loved ones.

Thank you God for letting us have them as long as you did! Matthew ll:28, "Come to me all you who are weary and burdened and I will give you rest." Matthew 4:19, "Come, follow Me," Jesus said, "and I will make you fishers of men.'

Graveside funeral services will be held at 1 p.m. Monday, March 13, 2000, at Trinity Memorial Park. Officiating will be Dr. Jimmy Watson, minister of the First Christian Church of **Big Spring**.

In lieu of flowers, memorials may be made to First Christian Church, 911 Goliad, Big Spring, Texas, 79720. Arrangements are under the direction of Nalley-Pickle & Welch Funeral Home.



Funeral services will be 3 elections. p.m. Monday, March 13, 2000, at During spring break, those the Nalley-Pickle & Welch wishing to file for Big Spring **Rosewood Chapel with Pastor** can do so at the Bus Barn, 3600 **Carroll Kohl and Pastor Steve** 11th Place. In Coahoma, the Stutz, both of St. Paul's office will be open from 8 a.m. Lutheran Church, officiating. to noon on Friday and in Ackerly, the office will be open Monday through Friday from 1 to 5 p.m. Other school business from offices are closed until after spring break.

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SNAKES

LOCAL

Emilie Melendrez, all of Big

Spring; his mother, Natividad

Melendrez; and by many aunts,

uncles, cousins and eternal

brother, Jesse

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ing and others will be used for demonstrations by professional handlers. During these demonstrations, the handlers will explain what to do, and not what to do, in an area inhabited by snakes. This year, Monty Stalcup of

Fort Worth will again be here as the featured handler. He will be bringing a cobra with him in order for people to see how they differ from the rattlesnake.

Burns said that in the 17 years the Ambucs have been sponsoring the event, no one has been bitten. That's proof enough that the snakes are handled in a safe environment, he said.

The hours of this year's event will be from 10 a.m. until 5 p.m. on Saturday and Sunday. Price of admission will be \$4 for adults and \$2 for children 4 through 11.

"I would like to invite the public to come out and learn a lot about snakes," said Burns. "You will also see that the snakes are handled in a safe and clean environment."

For more information on the upcoming event, contact Dennis Burns at 263-3409 or the Big Spring Area Chamber of Commerce at 263-7641.

FORUM

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resources concerns like water TAUCN has reported in the rights, groundwater regulation, 3300 block of W. Highway 80, water conservation and drinking water systems

TEXAS LOTTERY Lotto: 3.7.31.32.38,42

Lottery numbers are unofficial until confirmed by the state lottery commission

State representatives who have been appointed to the committee include Clyde Alexander (D-Athens), Warren Chisum (R-Pampa), Judy Hawley (D-Portland), Jim Keffer (R-Eastland), Tracy O. King (R-Weatherford), Jim McReynolds (D-Lufkin), Tom Ramsay ((D-Mt. Vernon), Irma Rangel ((D-Kingsville) and David Swinford (R-Dumas).

The committee will later issue a report recommending both short-term changes and longterm changes in state policy, rules and regulations concerning rural areas. The report will be presented to the 77th Texas Legislature before the next legislative session convenes in Austin on Jan. 9, 2001.

POLICE

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

· ANTHONY MUNOZ, 31, was arrested on a charge of public intoxication.

· BRENT STEWART, 40, was arrested on a charge of public intoxication

• EDWARD GARCIA, 20, was arrested on a charge of driving while license was suspended.

• ROBERT CHRANE, 85, was arrested on a charge of driving while intoxicated.

• THOMAS BOLTON, 17, was arrested on a county warrant.

• CHAD McMURTRY, 80, was arrested on a county warrant

• INEZ ROCHA, 32, was arrested on a charge of driving while license was suspended. BURGLARY OF A HABL

in the 1100 block of Lamar, and in the 100 block of Washington.

block of S. Main and in the 1300 block of Birdwell. • BURGLARY OF A BUILD-**ING** was reported in the 200

block of Gregg. DISORDERLY CONDUCT was reported in the 400 block of Runnels.

MEETINGS

HOWARD COUNTY COMMISSIONERS COURT

10 a.m. Monday, Commissioners **Courtroom, Howard County Courthouse**

Agenda items include:

Annual financial report

 Budget amendments Personnel considerations

• Wildhorse Creek bridge replacement

• Appointment to executive VFD board for commissioner and member

 Request to provide optional services for county indigent health care.

STANTON CITY COUNCIL

7 p.m. Monday, council chambers

Agenda items include: Consider information on **Chips program** Consider appointment of Nancy Haggard as election judge for city elections Consider street light at St. Mary and School Street Consider resolution affirming support for neutral tax

treatment of internet purchas- Homestead and over 65 exemptions for year 2000 Designation of signatories or the TCDP grant financial and contrain documents Resolution supporting the submission by TECBUILT of

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She was born Aug. 1, 1946, in Big Spring. She was a lifetime resident of Big Spring until

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Precilia G. Marquez, 53. died Wednesday. A vigil wake service will be 7:00 PM Sunday at Myers & Smith Chapel Funeral Mass will be 11:00 AM Monday at Immaculate Heart Of Mary Catholic Church with burial at Mt. Olive Memorial Park.



Ascension "Cinch" Melendrez, 52, died Friday in Dallas. Funeral services will be at 3:00 PM Monday at Nalley-Pickle & Welch Rosewood Chapel. Military Graveside Rites will follow at Trinity Memorial Park under the direction of Nalley-Pickle & Welch Funeral Home.

Lane Michael Grantham and Luke James Grantham, stillborn on Friday. Graveside services will be at 1:00 PM Monday at Trinity Memorial Park under the direction of Nalley-Pickle & Welch Funeral Home.



nties, \$13,25 elsewhere The Herald is a member of the iated Press, Audit Bureau of on, American Newspag and West Texas Pre exas, 79720-9

POSTMASTER: Send cha ddress to: Big Spring Herald, 1431, Big Spring, Texas. 79720 He was raised in Brownwood and graduated from Brownwood High School. He proudly served his country by serving in the U.S. Army for 18 months during the Vietnam War. In 1971 he met and fell in love with Emily Sanchez and they were married in May 1973. In 1977 and 1980 they were blessed with their own family of two daughters, Christina and Ermelinda. He worked for Fina Oil and Chemical Company for the next 27 years of his life. He was only with us for a short while but undoubtfully lived life to the fullest. He loved telling jokes, listening to all types of music and writing letters to keep in touch with all of his family and friends. He will sadly and surely be missed.

God blessed his family to move around a lot due to his job where they were blessed in being close to family and friends wherever they went. In 1989 God blessed them to go to the St. Paul Lutheran Church where they were adopted into a second family with lots of new and dear friends.

He was preceded in death by his grandfather, Refugio Reyes and his grandmother, Francisca Reyes.

He is survived by his wife, Emily S. Melendrez; two daugh-Christina Angelica ters. Melendrez and Ermelinda

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Funeral service for Lewie Henry Merworth, 88, of Comanche, will be held Monday, March 13, 2000, at 10 a.m. at Comanche Funeral Home Chapel. Graveside service will be at 4 p.m. at Trinity Memorial Cemetery in Big Spring.

Mr. Merworth died Friday, March 10, 2000, at Western Hills Nursing Home in Comanche.

He was born Aug. 12, 1911, in Decob, Texas, to Timothy and Becky Merworth. They preceded him in death.

He is survived by his wife, Cleo of Comanche; a son, Robert of Comanche; a daughter, Deffie Fairchild of Comanche; a brother, Fred of DeLeon; eight grandchildren; and 12 great-grandchildren.

The family will receive friends on Sunday from 6:30 p.m. until 8 p.m. Lunch for the family will be served at Pearl Street Church of Christ on Monday, at 11:30 a.m.

Arrangements are under the direction of Comanche Funeral Home.



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school district and continues through March 22 for the May 6

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But the topics are not limited to those

"This forum is focused more on natural resources but if they want to talk about telecommunications in rural Texas, or transportation in rural Texas, or delivery of health care in rural Texas, that's fine. We want everybody to feel welcome

to come," said Counts. Members of the committee range from across the state.

"It's great that we are having this forum in West Texas. Our chairman, Barry Telford (D-DeKalb) represents an area that is about as far in northeast Texas as you can get. And those are rural folks. But their issues are also about as different from West Texas as you can get, too. So it is important that hear what West Texans have to say," Counts addec

The tentative agenda includes invited speakers from the Texas Natural Resource Conservation Commission, the Texas Water Development Board, the Texas Parks and Wildlife Department, the Texas Rural Water Association, the Texas A&M Real Estate Center, the High Plains Underground Water Conservation District, the Panhandle Ground Water Conservation District and Colorado River Municipal Water District.

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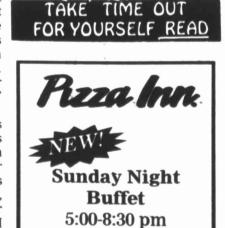
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 CRIMINAL TRESPASS was reported in the Gamble Acres area.

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an application for the funding of a multi-family housing project to the Texas Department of Housing and Community Affairs.

· Consider sidewalk ordinance for the City of Stanton



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NASD, why such manipulation

is allowed to go on and who we

could call at the SEC and FBI.

He said, "I would be happy to

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Apparently, he believes, they

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We asked Mr. Cameron

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Suprem

AUSTIN (AP) Supreme Court allowed a minor g abortion without parents, reversi court's ruling th her from bypassir law requiring a minor to notify a an abortion. It was the first S appeal heard sinc notification law w Jan. 1.

"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. -FIRST AMENDMENT

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OUR VIEWS Take the time to cast your vote Tuesday

uesday is Election Day in the Democratic and **Republican Party primaries and if you haven't** cast your vote, we encourage you to do so. Polls 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 to 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. Those include several candidates for our nation's president as well as five candidates for U.S. Senator from Texas.

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. Voters in the Tubbs Addition and those living south past Forsan, will choose between Boyce Hale and Joseph "Butch" Lesueur, who are both seeking the Precinct 3 constable's post on the Republican ticket.

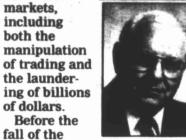
Then there are a number of other contested Republican races of a state and national nature, including president, U.S. Representative for District 17, Texas Supreme Court Justice and the Court of Criminal Appeals.

According to the county clerk's office, 1,766 votes early votes were cast in Howard County for the com bined 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. If you are one of them, we encourage you to take the time to vote. It only takes a few minutes, but the choices you make will be important for several years to come. Please, go vote!

Russian mafia manipulates U.S. stock markets

tigh-placed sources tell us that the FBI has launched an investigation into the Russian mafia's involvement in

U.S. stock



JACK Soviet Union, capitalism **ANDERSON** 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. So the reintroduction of capitalism during the 1990s was something of a time warp, complete with Robber Barons and criminals who cheated their way to billions. And those criminals became collectively known as the Russian mafia.

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. However, the sums are so vast that the usual outlets - prostitution, loan sharking and the like — do not provide large enough economic universes. The booming drug trade and

list continuously changing bidand-ask quotations from dozens of market makers, and they are regulated and monitored by the National Association of Securities Dealers (NASD) and the Securities and Exchange Commission (SEC). However, most stocks are traded on the NASD's Over-the-Counter **Bulletin Board (OTCBB)**. One broker-dealer told us that most OTCBB companies

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do not make it, which means that market makers tend to play the game from the "short' side. Shorting is a legitimate tool that allows market makers to maintain an orderly market by selling stock they do not own.

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 orderly market loophole. Instead of carrying a short position of a few thousand shares, some unscrupulous market makers are known to carry short positions in the hundreds of thousands or even

Enter the Russian mafia. 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. The clearing house (where the broker-dealer's financial transactions are cleared) expects the market maker to match the funds taken in from the sale (short). 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. Then he shorts an additional 500,000 shares and helps drive the price down. The market maker has now put up millions of dollars on just one out of dozens, even hundreds, of stocks in which he is making a market. In short, the capital required to play this game can be huge

the market makers who use the millions of shares.

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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. Pentagon money managers made almost \$7 trillion in adjustments to their financial ledgers in an attempt to make them add up, the Pentagon's inspector general disclosed last week. The hundreds of computer systems running accounts on such topics as health care, payroll and inventory are not integrated and don't produce figures that meet accounting standards, making it impossible to account for what went where. ... The Pentagon is not alone

- 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.

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

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. Our immediate reaction was denial, "No, this could not be happening." Then we received further details and incredulous shock set in. I broke down and Blame the agencies, started crying desperately. My

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china, no photo albums, no television, or computer absolutely nothing. It was nothing short of devastating to both of us.

TO THE EDITOR:

We, Daniel and Holly

Satterfield, received heart-

husband buried his head in his

hands and couldn't get up, but

we did get up because we had

to see what devastation had

occurred. We got to the sight

and saw it; the only thing left

Nothing was left - nothing.

No pictures, no clothes, no

videotapes of our 4-year-old

son's birth, no baby blankets,

no grandmother's jewelry or

Can you imagine it? Can you?

standing was the brick

We drove back to Big Spring

no choice.

At that point we were ques-

the time. We had been at our little apartment in Midland. We ha. ' ent it 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. Well, somehow in the confusion following the fire, a rumor began, speculating that the little apartment where we lived was our actual "permanent home," instead of where we stayed for just a few days out of the month, out of necessity. The house on 207 Todd Road contained everything that was precious, and in our eyes, irreplaceable to us. Every room was filled with furniture, memories and mementos of our family. It had been said that no one lived in that house, but our lives were contained in that house which burned to the ground. We lived there, had family and friends over, worked, played, and prayed there - it was our home.

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 do count ourselves very lucky, and are thankful that we do have a bed to sleep in and a couple of changes of clothes in that little apartment. We realize that when something terrible like this usually happens, people are left with only the clothes on their backs. The Lord blessed us in this respect and we are grateful.

YOUR VIEWS

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. The people at Bosworth and Scenic Mountain Medical Center have been as supportive as all of our friends and family. Thanks to all of you who have already done a kind deed or said kind words - we deeply appreciate

it. 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. MELISSA MELTZER **CIELO VISTA ELEMENTARY** SCHOOL **ROOM 14** 21811 AVE DE LOS **FUNDADORCS**

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GENERAL NEWS



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

WASHINGTON (AP) - The growing races and subcategories or "some other race." For instance, in the last census, someone who was of both black and white ancestry could only check off only one choice.

> In all, as many as 63 racial combinations are possible, and the Census Bureau will release data for each of those categories, said Nancy Gordon, the agency's associate director for demographic programs.

> The guidelines also revise the way statistics are kept for purposes of civil rights monitoring and enforcement, said Sally Katzen, counselor to the **OMB** director.

For that purpose, OMB added new multi-race categories in addition to the

standard single-race categories of collection of information on any multi-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

ple race combinations that comprise more than 1 percent of the population of interest, the report said.

If an individual who is white and of one minority race is involved in a civil rights enforcement case, that individual will be allocated to the minority race. A person of two or more minority races and involved in an enforcement case would be allocated to the race that is allegedly discriminated against.

Finally, if a person of two or more minority races is involved in a civil rights case based on a pattern of discrimination, the enforcement agency "will conduct a thorough analysis of

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.

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

WASHINGTON (AP) - A former White House contractor by White House superiors in 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 jail." 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, Office she said 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

The White House said it will dal. 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 jobs, be arrested and put in files of Republican appointees

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gations," said Neille Mallon

Russell, spokesman for Starr's

successor, Independent Counsel

Lambuth said she and her co-

workers dubbed the e-mail problem "Project X" and that Lambuth says she learned of a because of the threats, she and problem with the White House her staff took to discussing the e-mail system in the midst of issue in a park near the New **Executive Office Building and Independent** Counsel Kenneth Starr's obstruction investigain a Starbucks coffee shop. tion of President Clinton in the

The e-mail problem came to light last month in declarations "We are aware of the allegaby a former White House comtions regarding the e-mail issue, puter specialist, Sheryl Hall. and we are taking appropriate

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-

tial 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.

Gilligan rejected the suggestion that the White House has "suppressed production of emails."

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 4month-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 Wigington. '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 the helicopter. Supreme Court reverses lower court's abortion ruling

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was also killed in the crash.

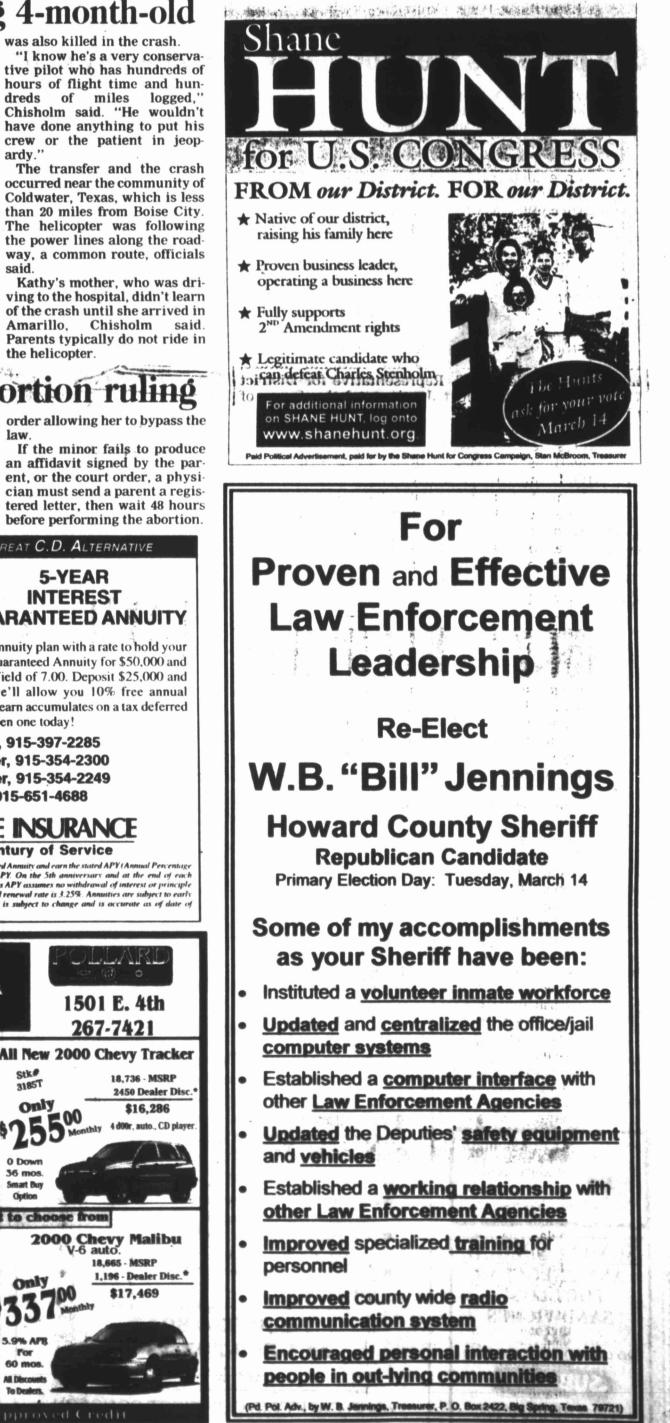
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"I know he's a very conservative pilot who has hundreds of hours of flight time and hundreds of miles logged," Chisholm said. "He wouldn't have done anything to put his crew or the patient in jeopardy."

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



AUSTIN (AP) - The Texas she was not "sufficiently well hasty and ill-considered action, order allowing her to bypass the Supreme Court late Friday informed to make the decision I dissent." he wrote.

INTEREST

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 said Kae the decision," 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

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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

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HAPPY BIRTHDAY for Sunday, March 12:

Work on improving the quali-ty of your home life, whether by moving into a new house or adding to the quality of your interactions. You'll have a golden opportunity to enhance your family life this summer. You might change the nature of your work or opt f or a home office. You will be looking to improve your life in general and make yourself happier. You also are subject to sudden insights. If you are single, romance is important to you, but it might not be as grounded as you would like after June. If you are attached, work on a nesting project. GEMINI stabilizes you.

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)

**** Push comes to shove in the morning. Decide to revamp plans accordingly. You find yourself looking at problems differently. Unexpected news energizes you. Make calls. Plan a get-together with a dear friend or two. The good times roll. Tonight: Talk u p a storm.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20) ** A partner is cantankerous and testy. You might wonder why you are doing what you are doing. Let go and enjoy the moment. A boss or loved one's request surprises you. Indulge

and treat others well, despite their attitudes. It works for you in the long run. Tonight: Out

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for dinner. GEMINI (May 21-June 20)

**** What is a problem in the morning easily evens out if you take unexpected action. Go within and explore a solution that makes everyone happy. Be spontaneous. Be willing to take off unexpectedly. Tonight: Whatever makes you happy.

CANCER (June 21-July 22) ** Take some time off. You've been pushing yourself hard, and you need some downtime. Forget errands and chores. Make this an official lazy day. The unexpected occurs with a partner, who seems willing to fill in where you can't right now. Tonight: Be spo ntaneous. LEO (July 23-Aug. 22)

**** Gather with friends and make the most of the moment. A child or loved one reacts; he has a different agenda for the day. Try to integrate both sets of plans, but don't give up a chance to meet your friends. Tonight: The good times roll.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) *** Make a must appearance, even though a family member

or a domestic matter preoccupies you. Others look to you for ideas and help when making a decision. Drop in on an older relative; make sure all your work is cleared out. Sometimes you are more comfo rtable being overly responsible.

Tonight: All eyes turn to you. LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22)

**** Take the high road, even if another gets touchy or petty. How you see a situation develop could change considerably because of your attitude. Show caring and understanding with a difficult friend. A child or loved one delights you. Tonight: Try a ne w nightspot. SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21)

**** Togetherness happens when you let go of money issues. Sometimes you get overly uptight. Think through a decision that could affect your home life. Communicate on a one-on-one level. A partner is helpful and unusually caring. Tonight: Go with atmosph ere and dinner for two.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec.

21) *** You are simply testy, and you need a break. How you are currently viewing a partner just might not be realistic. Your mood could be off. Surprises happen once you are relaxed. Go with the flow in the later afternoon. Tonight: Where others are.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19)

*** Pace yourself. Think about what you want. Take a break; get some extra R & R if you need it. Others are demanding, but they have good intentions. Get into a hobby and clear out an errand or two. If you are in the mood to buy a lottery ticket, do it. Tonight: Don't push yourself. AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18)

**** A friend disappoints you. You could have a strong reaction. Be creative and find other answers. Be more playful. If single, someone you meet today could prove to be important in the long run. Events delight you. You are full of spunk and excitement. Tonight: Add naughtiness to your life.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20)

** Family needs your time and attention, but a boss or professional matter also proves to be far more important than you had originally thought. Covering your bases is challenging at best. Family seems more willing to work with you. Tonight: Make it an e arly night.

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FBI investigating D-FW Airport for possible environmental violations FORT WORTH (AP) — The FBI is investigating Dallas-Fort The airport did not return calls placed by The Associated

Worth International Airport for Press on Saturday. FBI officials in Dallas told the Associated possible criminal violations related to environmental pollu-Press that no one in their pubtion caused by the de-icing of lic relations department was planes. available, and they could not

FBI agents visited the airport last week to examine possible violations of federal environmental laws, but FBI spokeswoman Lori Bailey declined to release details, saying only that no search warrants have been issued.

"If we find some indication of violations of a federal law we're tasked to enforce, obviously that would go through the federal court system," she said in Saturday's editions of the Fort Worth Star-Telegram.

Airport spokeswoman Melba Williams told the Star-Telegram that "we're cooperating with the investigation.'

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to flow into the Trinity River. The airport responded by building catch basins to contain the fluid and release it more slowly.

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Big Spring's Steer ed from a pair of Thursday to take a over El Paso Irv Abilene Cooper Classic on Friday. The Steers were n in their final game nament on Saturda

The Big Spring Boosters Club has the Steers' home ga Monahans at 2 p.r as the "Law En **Recognition Game.** in Howard County to attend the game

YMCA swim tea new members to

The Big Spring Y Team is inviting an ested in swimming

team. Practices for the son begin at 6:30 p.n March 20. Boys and girls be ages of 5 and 14 who one length of the p gible to join the tea The fee is \$20 per members of the YM per month for non-i For more inform the YMCA at 267-82 Hughey at 267-2819.

One patient's plea for mercy is echoed by countless others

DEAR ABBY: I have kept the enclosed column of yours for many years. It is yellowed and frayed at the edges, but it carries a strong message that many people are unable or unwilling to hear. Would you please print it again? -**GERTRUDE IN VERO BEACH**

DEAR GERTRUDE: Here it is. Many people identify with its message. Read on: LET ME

GO Pardon me, doctor, but may I die? know I your oath requires you to try to keep me alive

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form tells physicians in better for me in the long run. sures" to keep you alive if you are in a coma and will never regain consciousness, or have no hope for a meaningful quality of life.

DEAR ABBY: My parents will be celebrating their 50th anniversary this month. I am interested in any ideas you might have to make the party unique. I have three small girls ages 7, 5 and 3 who might be able to do a small performance, etc. Any ideas? - STUCK IN 2000

DEAR STUCK: Yes. The "girls" could sing. "Happy Anniversary to you" (three my third year of marriage to times in unison), take a bow, my husband. We have a daughthen smile sweetly, and leave ter who is a year old. the audience begging for more!

DEAR ABBY. I have been painfully clear that we do not seeing a terrific woman for have even one interest in comabout a year. She's a musician, mon. My husband could surdivorced and the mother of three. We're dance partners. a bed, a computer, a television She and I have had an up-anddown relationship, with occasional breakups over our age difference. I am 29 and she is 15 years older. She wants me to get to know her family. I want the freedom to see other

advance whether you want We can never have a family of them to perform "heroic mea- our own, and although I don't want one right now, it still bothers me. Am I right to continue explor-

ing this relationship knowing that there may be someone younger out there for me? -DOING THE TEXAS TWO-STEP

DEAR DOING THE TWO-STEP: Since you do not see a future with this woman, do her a favor and level with her. Feeling as you do, it's time to change partners and move on before you waste any more of her time — or yours.

DEAR ABBY: I am now in

Unfortunately, it has become

prepare the things he likes. He treats his own mother the same way. She laughs it off and seems to take his lack of manners in stride.

Is there any hope of changing someone who doesn't care what others think of him, or what his actions do in regard to other people's feelings? **STUMPED IN NORTH CAROLI** NA

DEAR STUMPED: Sorry you are fighting a losing battle. There is no way to help someone who is not willing to help himself. But if any of my readers have managed to "raise the dead,'' I'll pass along their IT PAR

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VAN there is a breath of life. BUREN But listen, Doc, l've buried my spouse, My children are grown and

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on their own. My friends are all gone, and I

want to go, too. No mortal man should keep

me here When the call from Him is unmistakably clear.

I DESERVE the right to slip quietly away.

My work is done and I am tired.

Your motives are noble, but now I pray,

You can read in my eyes what my lips can't say.

Listen to my heart and you'll hear it cry,

Pardon me, Doc, but may I die?

DEAR READERS: If people (of any age) are enjoying their lives and want to live, fine keep them comfortable and happy as possible, but those who can no longer find any joy in life should not be forced to go on living.

Before you or a loved one reach a critical stage of illness, a durable power of attorney for health care form (or whatever form is applicable for your state) should be filled out and placed in your medical records. Appropriate forms are available in most hospitals.

With this document you designate a family member or friend to carry out your wishes if you are unable to make medical decisions for yourself. The



women Each time we have gotten back together, it has been because I want to dance only with her. However, one thing usually leads to another, and after a month of dancing, we are lovers again. She's taught me more about love and life than all the women I had dated before put together.

She's after me again to spend some time with her children. This is one of the issues that led us to break up before. After our last breakup, I have never come to grips with the age and lifestyle difference.

Abby, the bond I feel with her is very strong, but I feel that a more traditional relationship with another woman would be

vive to the end of his days with and a VCR.

I have accepted the fact that this man will never take the world by storm because of his complete lack of ambition. What I can no longer accept is that he has no respect for anyone. He seems to lack a fundamental concern, compassion and respect for other human beings. On top of this, he is sneaky. His work ethic is low, and he categorizes people who enjoy their work as "workaholics who work and one day die." He lacks passion, has no hobbies outside of TV and computers, and could not be less enthused about life.

During the holidays, my mom kills herself to lay out a spread that makes the Ritz pale by comparison, and each year my husband shows up in jeans and a sweatshirt. When I ask him each year to please pack something nice, he gets an attitude. The kicker is that she tries hard each time he is coming to



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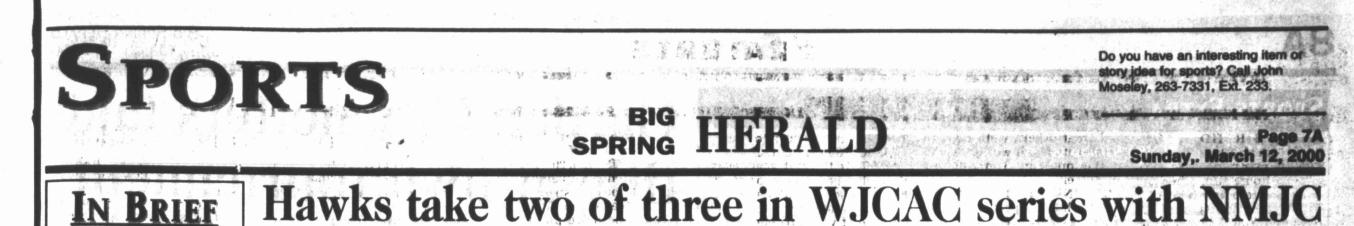
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Hawks take two of three in WJCAC series with NMJC

Former Howard player leads SFA to crown.

Former Howard College Lady Hawks star Shawnta



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Johnson led the Lady 'Jacks to a 79-68 win over Northwest Louisiana in claiming the conference championship.

Steers post 11-6 win, then fall to Andrews

Big Spring's Steers rebounded from a pair of losses on Thursday to take an 11-6 win over El Paso Irvin at the Abilene Cooper Cougar Classic on Friday.

The Steers were not so lucky in their final game of the tournament on Saturday, as they dropped a 5-4 decision to District 5-4A nemesis and defending Class 4A state champion Andrews.



The Big Spring Baseball Boosters Club has designated the Steers' home game against Monahans at 2 p.m. Monday as the "Law Enforcement **Recognition Game.**

All law enforcement officers in Howard County are invited to attend the game and will be given free admission.

YMCA swim team inviting new members to join

The Big Spring YMCA Swim Feam is inviting anyone interested in swimming to join the

Practices for the spring seateam. son begin at 6:30 p.m. Monday, Boys and girls between the ages of 5 and 14 who can swim one length of the pool are eligible to join the team. The fee is \$20 per month for members of the YMCA and \$27 per month for non-members. For more information, call the YMCA at 267-8234 or Kim Hughey at 267-2819.

By JOHN H. WALKER

Publisher

Howard College won two of three games with New Mexico Junior College (NMJC) this weekend at Jack Barber Field to keep pace with both the Thunderbirds and Odessa College in the Western Junior **College Athletic Conference** (WJCAC) baseball race.

The wins - 14-4 on Friday and 7-3 in Saturday's first game - leave the Hawks with an 18-12 record overall and 7-5 in conference play. Howard takes to the road this week to play six games in the Cactus Classic Tournament in Tucson, Ariz. before heading into the home stretch of the conference season.

"It's tough to sweep a team, especially in junior college ball," explained Hawks firstyear head coach Justin Hays. "If we had swept, we would have had a chance to be in first, but the two wins were big and put us in a good spot."

Hays said the key to the sea-

son will come follow this week's Spring Break.

"That's when it counts in conference play," he said. "That's when every game is a big game.

NMJC looked like anything but the conference leaders during the first two games - and the T-birds, despite taking a 4-1 lead in the third game of the series, had to battle back twice before staking claim to an ugly, 12-9 win in the finale.

There were a total of 29 hits and 10 errors in the third game with 12 of the game's 21 runs being scored during three of the final four at-bats.

With Howard leading 5-4 going into the NMJC eighth, the Thunderbirds scored four runs on five hits and an error to take an 8-5 lead.

In the Hawks' half of the inning, though, Howard answered with four runs on five hits and two errors to go back on top 9-8. But New Mexico had another

at-bat.

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HERALD photo/Jim Flerre Howard third baseman Jay Alsup makes a late tag attempt on a New Mexico Junior College runner dur-

ing the fourth inning of the Hawks' 14-4 win on Friday. Howard took two of three games from NMJC during the weekend series.

Lady Steers top Prowlers, 8-2 By JOHN A. MOSELEY Managing Editor It wasn't necessarily pretty, but it was a Big Spring's Lady Steers took advantage

of Fort Stockton mistakes to remain perfect in District 5-4A softball play Friday with an 8-2 win over the error-prone Prowlers.

Following the Lady Steers 5-0 districtopening win over Sweetwater, head coach Dan Arista had expressed concern about his team's lack of offensive production.

Sadly, Big Spring did nothing to alleviate those concerns Friday.

win.

In fact, the Lady Steers managed just five hits off Prowlers freshman Deida Leyva. But Big Spring did manage to take care of virtually every scoring opportunity Fort Stockton allowed The Lady Steers did it by putting the ball in play and forcing the Prowlers to execute — and they couldn't. The only real scoring opportunity the Lady Steers failed to capitalize on came in

Sooners blast orns The ASSOCIATED PRESS

Eduardo Najera scored a career-high 31 points and was the driving force in a decisive second-half rally that carried No. 15 Oklahoma to an 81-65 victory over No. 13 Texas on Saturday in a semifinal of the Big 12 tournament.

Najera fueled an 18-5 run that started midway through the second half to carry Oklahoma, A.(26-5) into the finals Sunday and against No. 2004 State, which theat Oklahoma State 68-64 in

the first semifinal. Oklahoma beat Iowa State 80-

Volunteer firefighters set golf tourney for Saturday

The Howard County Volunteer Fire Department will hold its first ever benefit golf tournament for Saturday at the Big, Spring Country Club.

Entry fees will be \$200 per team for the four-man scramble which will be limited to 36 teams.

Registration for the tournament ends on Tuesday.

For more information, call Tommy Sullivan at 393-5853 or Richard Willadsen at 267-7857.

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Television AUTO RACING

10 a.m. - FIA Formula One Australian Grand Prix, FXS, Ch. 29.

Noon - NASCAR Winston Cup Cracker Barrel Old Country Store 500, ABC, Ch. 2.

4 p.m. - International Race of Champions, ABC, Ch. 2. **COLLEGE BASKETBALL**

Noon — Southeastern Conference championship, CBS. Ch. 7.

2 p.m. - Big 12 Tournament championship, ESPN, Ch. 30. 2:30 p.m. - Big Ten Conference championship, CBS. Ch. 7.

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11:30 a.m. — Miami Heat at Indiana Pacers, NBC, Ch. 9. 5 p.m. — San Antonio Spurs at New York Knicks, NBC, Ch. 9. BOLF

2 p.m. - PGA Honda Classic, inal round, NBC, Ch. 9. NATIONAL HOCKEY LEAGUE 7 p.m. - Philadelphia Flyers at Colorado Avalanche, ESPN, Ch. 30.

TENNIS

2 p.m. — ATP Franklin emplenton Classic, finals, FXS, ch. 29.

the second inning when they threatened without ever garnering a hit.

Out one away, Vanessa Rodriguez struck out but reached first when the ball got away from Fort Stockton catcher Mindy Duran.

Rodriguez managed to steal second after teammate Lindsey Marino failed to get down a sacrifice bunt and popped up to the third baseman for the second out of the inning. Monica Rubio then reached base on an error charged to Prowlers shortstop Jessica Carrillo.

Leyva managed to avoid disaster by striking out Kaci Acri to end the inning, but Fort Stockton would not be as lucky in the bottom of the third.

The Prowlers took a 1-0 lead in the top of the third inning when third baseman Amanda Garrison laced a two-out single to center and scored when Carrillo belted a triple to the fence in right field.

Fort Stockton would not enjoy the lead long, however.

What proved to be the game-winning rally started when Leticia Hernandez led off the Lady Steers' third by reaching base on a Garrison error.

Big Spring third baseman Amy Jackson then laid down what was supposed to be a sacrifice bunt. Instead, Prowlers first baseman made a wild throw to first in an attempt to retire Jackson and in the process, allowed both Hernandez and Jackson to score.

The four-base error seemed to unnerve Leyva momentarily, and the Lady Steers continued to take advantage.

Leyva managed to strike out Bridgett Cain, but gave up a double to Lady Steers counterpart Christina Gwyn. Nicci Vizciano added a single to left and Vanessa Rodriguez blasted a triple to right, driving



Big Spring center fielder Kaci Acri makes an unsuccessful dive for the ball on a "Texas League" blooper during the first inning of the Lady Steers' game against Fort Stockton on Friday. Acri failed to make the catch, but the Lady Steers rolled to an 8-2 win, improving to 15-3 on the season and 2-0 in District 5-4A play.

out by Marine when she tried to steal sec-Redriguez would score a couple of min- ond with two out in the fifth.

The Lady Steers were anything but through, however.

Although they entered the bottom of the sixth with a 5-2 lead and needed only three more outs to end the game, the Lady Steers again mounted a threat.

And again, Big Spring's cause was great ly enhanced by Fort Stockton mistakes.

With one away, Marino got things started by reaching base on a Carrillo error, the Prowlers shortstop's second of the day. It would not be her last.

Rubio followed with an infield single, set ting the stage for an Acri bunt that Duran fielded and threw wildly to first, allowing Marino to score.

Fort Stockton manage to get pinch hitter Misty Padilla to ground out for the second out, but Carrillo committed her biggest blunder moments later after fielding a

reach base and one of them was thrown See LADY STEERS, page 8A

75 in double overtime during the regular season, giving the Cyclones one of their four loss-

Najera's previous career high was 29 in December against Arkansas State.

Najera, who had 28 in a game at Texas on Jan. 15 and has scored 77 points against the Longhorns (23-8) in three games this season, helped send the Longhorns home disappointed again. The Longhorns have been to the Big 12 semifinals three straight times, losing each time. They have not made a tournament final since losing in the Southwest Conference final to Texas Tech in 1996.

Oklahoma and Texas split their two regular season games. each winning at home.

Nolan Johnson and J.R. Raymond each had 16 points for the Sooners. Chris Mihm had 20 points to lead Texas, and Gabe Muoneke had 15.

Oklahoma led 45-40 after a basket by Najera, but the Longhorns got to 45-44 after a basket by Ivan Wagner and a pair of free throws by Muonekę.

But Victor Avila started the decisive run with a jumper, and Najera banked in a 3-pointer and then scored off a feed from Kelly Newton.

The Sooners led 57-47 with 8:16 to play when Johnson won

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Borden County duo joins Grady's Madison on all-state team

By JOHN A. MOSELEY

Managing Editor

Borden County's tandem of Valerie Wootan and Julie Mayes, who helped lead the Lady Coyotes to an unbeaten run through District 18-1A play and a berth in the Region II, Class 1A tournament, and Grady rival Caroline Madison have been named to the Texas Six-Man Coaches Association girls' all-state basketball team.

Not surprisingly, Wootan, Mayes and Madison were also named to the allregion team along with another Crossroads area player - Sands' senior Brianne Fryar.

For Wootan, the 6-foot-1 junior post, who led the Lady Coyotes in scoring with 18.1 points per game and rebounding, pulling down 8.6 boards per game, it marks the second straight season in which she had earned all-state honors. As a sophomore, Wootan earned a spot on the all-state tournament team, as well as being named to the all-region and allstate teams selected by both the Texas Association of Basketball Coaches and the Six-Man Coaches Association.

in two more Big Spring runs.

10 Fort Stockton batters.

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on a passed ball.

utes later on a Marino ground out.

That was all Gwyn would need.

Although the Lady Steers' freshman ace

gave up six hits to the Prowlers, they were

effectively scattered. What's more, Gwyn

didn't give up a single walk and struck out

The Prowlers managed to trim Big

Spring's lead to 5-2 in the top of the fourth

when left fielder Alex Fuentez singled and

advanced to third when Cain was charged

Fuentez failed to score when Jackson

turned in a nifty fake throw to first on a

sacrifice bunt attempt and gunned the

Prowlers outfielder at the plate. But Arcie

Primesa, who'd reached base on Cain's

miscue, would score a few moments later

From that point forward, however, Fort

Stockton would have just two more players

Mayes, a senior who played both guard and forward in coach Gailan Winegarner's scheme, was the Lady Coyotes' second-leading scorer with 14.4 points per game and averaged 5.8 rebounds. She also averaged 2.6 steals per game and 2.3 assists.

She, too, was a repeat honoree on the team, having earned all-region and allstate honors a a junior in 1999. She was also an all-region selection by the TABC last season.

Mayes had earlier been named the

most valuable player on the District 18-1A all-district girls' team.

Madison, who led the Lady Wildcats to a runner-up's playoff berth in District 18-1A, makes her first appearance on the Six-Man Coaches Association all-state squad.

Moved to wing this season after having started at point guard for her first three years under coach Johnny Peugh's scheme, Madison averaged 16.4 points per game this season and 6.43 rebounds. She also averaged four steals and 2.63 assists per game.

A four-year, first-team all-district selection, Madison earned all-region

The Crossroads trio were joined as first-team all-state honorees by Guthrie's sister tandem of Krissy and Joli Shipman, Trinidad's Myicia Smith,

Abbott's Melanie Boatwright, Priddy's Keisha Massingill, Jonesboro's Lisa Laird, Allison's Glenda Dukes and Brookesmith's Buddie Richmon.

Those earning second-team all-state honors were Abbott's Jennifer Herrell, Trent's Blandi Sargent and Ashley Brown, Zephyr's Beverly Painter, Meadow's Jill Wilson, Benjamin's Blaine Conner, Ira's Morgan Clements, Walnut Springs' Tessa Tyler, Whitharral's Jamie Hoskins and Chillicothe's Elizabeth Milligan.

Fryar, who will also play in the Texas Six-Man Coaches Association All-Star Games in July along with Madison and Mayes, averaged 11.3 point per game for Jimmy Taylor's Lady Mustange, She averaged 7.6 rebounds per game, while

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honors last season.

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98-110. Burgess Automotive 76-132, Mason's Collecables 75-133. VA COUPLES WEEX 22 RESULTS-Sex Pistols over Untouchable Dogs 6-2, BSI over Fourteen 8-0, The Dreamers over Winners 8-0, Misfits over Hardison 6-2, Do's and Don'ts over Bette's Bandits 6-2, Thirteen tide Light 4-4, Hoot Owls over Lighthouse 6-2, Choke-sholics over Undecided 8-0, Three over NFS 6-2; hi sc team series The Dreamers 2071, Choke-sholics 1990, Do's and Don'ts 1978; hi sc team game Choke-sholics 717, Do's and Don'ts 711, Eight 701; hi sc series men Gene Richard Robertson 595; hi sc game men Richard Robertson 244, Roger Glover 242, Gene Richard 227; hi sc series women Jan Graham 528, Rosalita Lozano 507, Alice Ewing 506; hi sc game women Jan Graham 188, Carolyn Coatney 189, Vicki Evans 187; hi Adcp team game Three 952, Choke-sholics 939, Hoot Owls 923; hi hdcp series men Gene Richard 765; Thomas Moreno 743, Richard Robertson 742; hindcp game men Richard Robertson 293, Thomas Moreno 280, Roger Glover 269; hi hdcp game women Alma Yanez 717, Sam Hoton 708, Jan Graham 702; hi hdcp game women Alma Yanez 717, Sam Hoton 708, Jan Graham 702; hi hdcp game women Alma Yanez 717, Sam Hoton 708, Jan Graham 702; hi hdcp game women Alma Yanez 717, Sam Hoton 708, Jan Graham 702; hi hdcp game women Alma Yanez 717, Sam Hoton 708, Jan Graham 702; hi hdcp game women Alma Yanez 717, Sam Hoton 708, Jan Graham 702; hi hdcp game women Alma Yanez 717, Sam Hoton 708, Jan Graham 702; hi hdcp game women Alma Yanez 717, Sam Hoton 708, Jan Graham 702; hi hdcp game women Alma Yanez 717, Sam Hoton 708, Jan Graham 702; hi hdcp game women Alma Yanez 717, Sam Hoton 708, Jan Graham 702; hi hdcp game Ware 718, Untouchable Dogs 86 90, Fourteen 86-90, Do's and Don'ts 8492, Misfits 84-92, Bette's Bandits 80-96, Undecided 78-88, Thirteen 77 90, Sex Pistols 73-103, Hardison 52-124. HAWKS Continued from page 7A **VA COUPLES** VA COUPLES WEEK 23 RESULTS-The Dreamers over Fourteen 8-0, Sex Pistols over Winners 6-2, BSI tied Untouchable Dogs 0-0, Thirteen over Bette's Bandits 8-0, Eight over Mardison 8-0, Do's and Don'ts over Mistifs 6-2, Choke-a-holics over Three 6-2, NFS over Lighthouse 8-0, Underside over Herd Duth 8-0, b) or order in the ninth. On Friday, the Hawks pounded four NMJC pitchers for 11 Three 6-2, NFS over Lighthouse 8-0, Undecided over Hoot Owls 8-0; hi sc team series The Dreamers 2125, Eight 2050, Undecided 1967; hi sc team game The Dreamers 755, Chokea-holics 718, Undecided 708; hi sc series men Roger Glover 690, John Jackson 576, Joe Kurg 565; hi sc game men Roger Glover 276, John Jackson 237, Guy Burrow 224; hi sc series women Denise Richard 604, Lavonne LADY STEERS

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956; hi hdcp series men Roger Glover 765; Vance McCright 719, Joe Krug 691; hi hdcp game men Roger Glover 701, Vance McCright 284, John Jackson 274; hi hdcp series women Denise Richard 787, Debbie Gregory 724, Gail Krug 699; hi hdcp game women Denise Richard 293, Gail Krug 266, Kim Parrish 259. STANDINGS-Eight 119-65, NFS 108 76, BSI 103-73, The Dreamers 102-282. Choke-s-holics 101-83, Hoot Owls 98 86, Three 98-86, Lighthouse 96-88. Winners 93-91, Do's and Don'ts 90-94. Fourteen 86-98, Untouchable Dogs 86

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Game 6 winner, 6 p.m. Game 16 — Game 7 winner vs Game 8 winner, 7:45 p.m.

Game 17 — Game 10 loser vs Game 11 loser, 9:30 p.m. Friday, March 17 Game 18 — Game 9 winner vs

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6 loser, 1:45 p.m. Game 14

8 loser, 3:30 p.m.

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Game 3 --

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grounder 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 Monahans' Lady Loboes 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.

ALL-STATE

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 eighthplace finish with Coahoma.

Garden City's Chasity 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 finals, 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, 60 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 champion 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.

Trojans back. Kidd, an Oklaho bottom half of the inning to take went scoreless in th a 7-2 lead en route to the final 7four attempts but

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

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led 63-50 with 5:40 to The Sooners led 4:44 to play when Na again.

No. 3 Duke 82, **Wake Forest 73** A week ago, No. 3 expect to have Mik for the Atlant **Conference** tournam

's helped tead the to the finals. Dunleavy, in his s back since contracti cleosis, scored 15 p minutes as the top-s Devils (26-4) return championship to de title by beating f Wake Forest 82-73 Sa Dunleavy, 4-for-5 field and 4-for-4 fro line, had plenty of h picked up its 3-point the second half, m long-range shots afte for-20 from that dista Shane Battier le with 18 points, w Williams had 16 po assists and Nate points. James was th shooter in the seco making four 3-point final 10:21.

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hits - including five doubles In the ninth, NMJC plated four runs off four hits and yet another error to go up 12-9 and set the stage for the win when Howard went down in

and a home run. Jay Alsup, with a home run and single, and Kennard Bibbs, with a pair of singles, had multiple hit games. Alsup had three RBI while Bibbs, Andy Harrington and Jason Jurgens each had

two RBI. Sophomore Danny McMurtry got the complete game win for the Hawks, walking three, striking out two and scattering

In the first game Saturday, Howard jumped to a 4-0 lead in the third when Bibbs scored on a sacrifice fly by Alsup and McMurtry and Caleb Reger scored on a three-run home run to left by Ryan Devere.

sixth before Howard put fifth

NMJC pulled to with 4-2 in the Hawks.

ARIZONA DIAMONDBACKS— Reassigned RHP Martin Sanchez, LHP Jeff Kubenka and C John Pachot to their minor-league camp. Optioned OF Jason Conti and LHP Troy Brohawn to Tucson of the PCL CHICAGO CUBS-Reassigned RHP

Kerry Lacy and LHP Dave Zancanaro, C Mike Amrhein, C Pat Cline, INF Chris Petersen and INF Brandon Wilson to their minor league camp. BASKETBALL

itional Basketball Association NBA-Fined the New York Knicks \$25,000 for failing to make its players available to the media following its practice on March 6. Fined Denver F Chris Gatling \$5,000 for committing a Regrant penalty two foul in a game against Detroit on March 8. BOSTON CELTICS—Activated G

Dana Barros from the injured list. Placed F Walter McCarty on the injured MIAMI HEAT-Activated F-C Otis

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ARIZONA CARDINALS-Named Jeff

ald au zGerald quality control coach. CAROLINA PANTHERS—Named

arlos Mainord defensive backs coach. DALLAS COWBOYS—Agreed to terms with DB Chris Akins and WR Jeff Dgden on one-year contracts. Signed XE Dimitrius Underword MINNESOTA VIKINGS-Agreed to

MENS MAJOR

N.Y. Islanders at Buffalo, 1 p.m. Edmonton at Nashville, 1:30 p.m. St. Louis at Dallas, 2 p.m. Chicago at Tampa Bay, 5 p.m. Philadelphia at Colorado, 7 p.m.

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Calgary at Los Ange

MENS MAJOR LOCAL BOWLING

WEDNESDAY NITE TRIO

WEEK 25 RESULTS-Trio Fuels over Mason's Collectables 6-2. Bob Brock Ford over ms Restaurant over BSI 6-2, Collu O'Daniel Trucking 6-2, Parks over Burgess Automotive 8-0; RESULTS-Arrow Refrigeration over Loan Stars 8-0, KC Steakhouse over No Series Jerald Burgess Automotive 90, ni sc series Jerald Burgess 665, Ray Kennedy 645, Terry Davis 627; hi sc game James Rawls 247, Ray Kennedy 247, Doug Greer 246; hi sc team series Bob Brock Ford 2920, Parks Agency 2877, Tino Fuels 2845; hi sc team Name 6-2, Big Spring Music over Disfunctional 8-0, Alley Cats over Timeless Design 8-0, BSI over MGM 6-2, Slow Starters over Our Gang 8-0, American State Bank split with rapid Amencan State Bank spirt with rapid Masonry 4-4, Spankys (unopposed) 6-0; hi sc team game Spanky's 577, Rapid Masonry 575, Amencan State Bank 572; hi sc team series Rapid Masonry 1668, Amencan State Bank 1652, Big Spring Music 1613; hi hdcp team game Spanky's 739, BSI 711, Slow Starters 710; hi hdcp team series Big Sonre 2877, Tho Fuels 2845; hi sc team game Tio Fuels 1053, Parks Agency 1011, Bob Brock Ford 1011; hi hdcp senes Jerald Burgess 737, Larry Cole 712, Terry Davis 693; hi hdcp game Doug Greer 270, Jarald Burgess 270, James Rawls 270; hi hdcp team senes Bob Brock Ford 3337, Parks Agency 3330, Tho Fuels 3292; hi hdcp team 3330, Tho Fuels 3292; hi hdcp team game Trio Fuels 1202, parks Agency 710; hi hdcp team series Big Spring Music 2030, Slow Starters 2029, KC Steakhouse 2026; hi sc game men Adrian Brown 248, Jim Gaither 248, Mark Rogers 241; hi sc series men Adrian Brown 668, Mark Rogers 653, 1162. Bob Brock Ford 1150. STANDINGS-Trio Fuels 130-70, Parks Agency 119-81, Collums Restaurant 116-84, Bob Brock Ford 100-100, BSI 96-104, 0'Daniel Trucking 94-106, Mason's Collectables 73-127, Burgess Automotive 72-128. Jackie Lecroy 642; hi hdcp game men Mike Cogburn 291, Jim Gaither 289, Mark Rogers 274; hi hdcp series men Mark Rogers 274; hi hdcp senes men Mark Rogers 752, Jim Gather 742, Mike Cogbum 740; hi sc game women Kay Hendricks 237, Alice Ewing 199, Robin Brown 504; hi hdcp game women Alice Ewing 572, Kay Hendricks 546, Robin Brown 504; hi hdcp game women Kay Hendricks 286, Masonya R. White 279, Pauline Fulesday 250; hi hdcp series women Alice Ewing 716, Robin Brown 693, Kay Hendricks 693. STANDINGS-Big Spring Music 138-62, Disfunctional 132:54, Rapid Massony 123:75, KC Steakhouse 115-MENS MAJOR WEEK 26

RESULTS BSI over Parks Agency 6-2. Collums Restaurant over Mason's Collectables 6-2, Bob Brock Ford tied Burgess Automotive 4-4, O'Daniel Trucking tied Tho Fuels 4-4; hi sc series Richard Rowden 737, Sam Gonzales 714. Jim Gaither 651; hi sc game Richard Rowden 274, Sam Gonzales 244, Jim Gaither 236; hi sc team ser 62, Distunctional 132-54, Rapid Masony 123-75, KC Steakhouse 115-85, Timeless Design 113-87, American State Bank 110-90, Spankys 107-77, BSI 102-98, Slow Starters 102-98, No Name 100-100, Arrow Refrigeration 90-110, Our Gang 90-110, Loan Stars 86-114, Alley Cats 78-120, MGM 74-118. Collums Restaurant 2987, Trio Fuels 2865, Mason's Collectables 2822; hi sc team game Collums Restaurant 1061, Trio Fuels 973, Bob Brock Ford 971: hi hdcp series Sam Gonzales 786. Richard Rowden 773, Jim Gaither 753; hi hdcp game Richard Rowden 286, Jim Gaither 270, Lee Everett 269; hi hdcp

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Game 21 loser Game 21 winner vs. Game 22 win ner, 8 p.m

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coming up with 4.4 steals and 3.5 assists per game.

Others joining the four 18-1A representatives on the all-**Region II team were Trent's** Sargent and Brown, Ira's Clements, Buena Vista's Crystal Sickler, Marathon's and Martinez Maritza Klondike's Courtney Pinkerton.

TEXAS SIX-MAN COACHES ASSOCIATION ris All-State Basketball Team First Team

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ents, Sr., Ira; Ashley Brown, Jr., Crystal Sickler, Sr., Buena Vista; Maritza rtinez, Sr., Marathon; Brlanne Fryar, Sr. Sands: Courtney Pinkerton, Sr., Klondike



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PUBLIC NOTICE

On January 25, 2000, TXU Electric Company (TXU Electric) filed a Tariff Filing with the Public Utility Commission of Texas (Commission) and all cities with original jurisdiction over its rates. This Tariff Filing was made pursuant to Substantive Rule 25.241. The Tariff Filing requested revisions to 27 of its retail rates/riders to be effective March 1, 2000. The primary purpose of this Tariff Filing is to modify, close, or delete certain existing tariffs in order to facilitate the transition to a competitive retail market as of January 1, 2002, pursuant to Senate Bill 7. Specifically, TXU Electric proposes to (1) close certain existing retail tariffs to new customers for services deemed competitive energy services by the Commission's Substantive Rule 25.343; (2) close and/or modify optional retail tariffs with contract provisions that extend beyond the January 1, 2002, start date for full retail market competition or that are no longer necessary; (3) modify retail tariffs for basic rates to limit contract terms to December 31, 2001; and (4) delete retail tariffs that are no longer being utilized.

The Tariff Filing does not propose to either increase or decrease any existing charge or rate, and TXU Electric does not anticipate any change in revenues as a result of these proposed tariff revisions. The changes proposed in this Tariff Filing are designed to address new customers and do not directly impact current customers receiving service under these rates.

The Commission has established Docket No. 22051. "Application of TXU Electric Company to Revise Retail Rates/Riders, Pursuant to P.U.C. SUBST. R.§25.241" to address these proposed revisions and has suspended the proposed effective date until June 30, 2000. Persons who wish to intervene in the proceeding or comment upon action sought, should contact the Public Utility Commission of Texas, at P.O. Box 13326, Austin, Texas 78711-3326, or call the Public Utility Commission's (commission) Office of Customer Protection at (512) 936-7120 or (888) 782-8477. Hearing- and speech-impaired individuals with text telephones (TTY) may contact the commission at (512)936-7136 or use Relay Texas (toll-free) 1-800-735-2989. The deadline for intervention in the proceeding is March 27, 2000 and a letter requesting intervention should be received by the commission by that date. Correspondence concerning this proceeding should reference Docket No. 22051.

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Josh Howard had high 19 points for Deacons (17-14).

No. 2 Stanford 65, Arizona St. 57

Casey Jacobsen s his 17 points in the as No. 2 Stanford (sloppy start to be 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.

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From just four victories three years ago all the way to No. 1 in Class 4A. It's been a remarkable ride to the state championship for Denton Ryan.

Micah Mack scored 20 points and Roy McKinney added 16 points and 14 rebounds as Ryan capped its turnaround since 1997 with an 80-69 victory over Dallas Madison in the Class 4A final Saturday.

The Raiders (30-6) were a 4-25 team in coach Richard Scofield's first season when Mack and McKinney were both freshmen.

As seniors, they were the critical players Saturday as Ryan held off Madison's rally in an electrifying fourth quarter that saw the teams exchange five 3-pointers in a twominute span.

After Madison (32-3) tied the game at 58-58 on Jerome Rogers' 3-pointer. Mack hit two of four free throws and a 3-pointer of his own as Ryan took a 67-60 lead with 3:51 left and retained control.

Denton Ryan led 52-38 in the third before Madison's Ellis Kidd Jr. led the Trojans back

Kidd, an Oklahoma State signee, went scoreless in the first half on just four attempts but sparked the rally with a thunderous dunk and hit consecutive 3-pointers in the fourth quarter to tie the score at 55.

But them his teammates seemingly forgot he was there.

Kidd was left watching the Madison guards as they repeatedly tried to penetrate the Ryan lane with fruitless dri-

ves. He took only one more shot the Ryan Stone's putback in the second rest of the game, and missed it.

With Madison's hottest scoring threat suddenly cooled by his own offense, Ryan steadily pulled away with nine free throws over the last three minutes. Kidd finished 3-of-9 from the floor for eight points.

Ryan was 29-of-47 as a team, 62 percent.

Rogers and guard Robert Hart led Madison with 16 and 23 points, respectively, but combined for 10 turnovers and four points over the final five and a half minutes.

Class 3A Championship Waco La Vega 60,

Gainesville 47

Waco La Vega had a sure-fire formula for winning the Class 3A state championship — let Don Hooks go full throttle and hope he never puts on the brakes.

Hooks scored 24 points in propelling La Vega to its first state championship with a 60-47 victory Saturday over Gainesville.

Hooks. La Vega's 5-foot-10 point guard and one-man wrecking crew, slashed and cut through Gainesville's defense for layup after layup. And when Gainesville shut the lanes down, he stepped out to hit 4-of-6 3-pointers. Hooks wreaked havoc on the other end of the floor as well with five steals and was chosen most valuable player

of the championship game. La Vega (33-4) led 20-8 after the first quarter before Gainesville managed to start slowing things down. The Leopards crawled back to a 24-24 tie on

quarter before La Vega's Jermaine Carpenter closed the half with 3-pointer at the buzzer for a 29-26 lead.

Hooks kept up the pressure in the third with two fouls shots to start the quarter and a steal and layup to make it 37-30.

Brian Williams scored six points in the third to keep Gainesville close before Hooks stole any hope of a late rally. His wild 3-pointer from the left side banked off the glass for a 46-38 lead going into the fourth.

Wesley Pendley scored six of La Vega's next eight points as the Pirates pulled away. Pendley finished with 13 points and a game-high 13 rebounds.

With the outcome all but determined, La Vega turned the game into showtime. Mario Kinsey shook a Gainesville's B.J. Banks by taking his crossover dribble through the defender's legs and Hooks set up Pendley with an alley-oop dunk in the waning seconds.

Williams scored 17 for Gainesville (29-8), which was making just its second state tournament appearance.

Class 2A Championship Peaster 67,

Van Vleck 58

For A.J. Hill and the Peaster Greyhounds, it was a championship to dye for.

Hill scored 30 points and grabbed 14 rebounds as Peaster (33-4) defended its Class 2A state championship with a 67-58 victory Saturday over Van Vleck. Hill, the tournament MVP, scored 34 points in the semifinals against Hale

The only questions left for Peaster now are, can the Greyhounds win three in a row and what color will their hair be if they make it back next vear?

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The entire team dyed its hair yellow in 1999, when Peaster won the 1999 title. This year, the Greyhounds sported jet black coifs, as did coach Danny Henderson and many of the Peaster fans.

Both teams let it fly early and often Saturday, combining for 31 attempts from behind the 3-point arc before halftime.

Surprisingly, Van Vleck, which enjoyed superior leaping ability with two-time defending state high jump champion Vonchass Griggs and last year's high jump runner-up Sherman Abbott, went outside instead. The Leopards launched 18 shots from long range in the first half, making just five.

Peaster was much more efficient, striking for five 3-pointers in the second quarter alone, two each from Hill and Josh Harney.

Class A Championship Brookeland 63.

Moulton 53

Brookeland gave Robert Tovar his points. They refused, however, to cough up another state championship. Ramon Williams scored 28 points and Carl Johnson added 15 to carry Brookeland past two-time defending champion Moulton 63-53 Saturday for the Class 1A state championship. The victory was a measure of

revenge for Brookeland (39-1), which lost to Moulton in the 1999 state final.

The loss prevented Moulton from becoming just the sixth school in any class from winning three straight state titles. Tovar scored 27 for Moulton (36-4) but it wasn't enough to cap a stellar high school career with his third straight title game most valuable player award.

Those honors went instead to Williams, who repeatedly slashed through the Moulton defense for layups and squashed Moulton's fourth quarter rally with 10 points in the final period.

The opening play of the game was a good indication of how it would end for Moulton when Tovar missed an alleyoop layup and the Bobkatz went on to hit just seven of 22 shots in the first half.

Leading 27-20 after two quarters, Brookeland got a break when Moulton guard Anthony Weeaks picked up his fourth foul early in the third quarter with Brookeland leading 32-30.

Brookeland exposed the weakened Moulton defense with two Williams layups and Johnson's put back in an 11-4 run that pushed Brookeland's lead to 43-34

Moulton rallied to within 49-46 on Weeaks' jumper at 3:55 in the fourth before Williams and Johnson scored eight straight to give Brookeland an 11point lead, 57-46, with 2:40 left.

Weeaks, who along with Tovar had played for Moulton's two state champions, finished with 13 points but was just 4-of-19 shooting, including 3-of-13 from 3-point range.

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a fierce scramble for a loose ball and drove for a dunk.

Then Najera, one of the four unanimous choices for the All-Big 12 team along with Mihm, took control with powerful inside moves. He scored three straight baskets, and Oklahoma

led 63-50 with 5:40 to play. The Sooners led 67-55 with 4:44 to play when Najera scored again.

No. 3 Duke 82, **Wake Forest 73**

A week ago, No. 3 Duke didn't expect to have Mike Dunleavy the Atlantic Coast for Conference tournament. Now. shelped lead the Blue Devils to the finals Qualified Re. Dunleavy, in his second game back since contracting mononucleosis, scored 15 points in 22 minutes as the top-seeded Blue Devils (26-4) returned to the championship to defend their title by beating fifth-seeded Wake Forest 82-73 Saturday.

NCAA tourney bid. The Sun Devils likely will wind up in the NIT.

David Mosely finished with 15 points for the Cardinal, all in the second half, as Stanford stopped a two-game losing streak and tied a school record with its 15th conference win.

Alton Mason paced the Sun Devils with 13 points and Eddie House had 11, but only two in the second half.

House, the only senior on a freshmen-filled Arizona State roster, made just 5 of his 23 shots.

No. 7 Iowa St. 68, No. 17 Oklahoma St. 64 Stevie Johnson made two the boom plays in the final 1:58 Saturday as No. 7 Ibwa State beat No. 17 Oklahoma State 68-64 in a rugged Big 12 semifinal that

The Razorbacks (18-14) will meet Auburn in Sunday's chammatic trip to the NCAAs on the line. A loss would likely send Arkansas to the National Invitation Tournament.

LSU (26-5) was the only survivor from the quarterfinals among the four teams that shared the SEC's regular-season championship. But the Tigers couldn't make it past Arkansas, which looked like the fresher team despite playing until past midnight in a Friday victory over No. 16 Kentucky.

No. 5 Michigan St. 55, Wisconsin 46

CHICAGO (AP) - Just when Michigan State was about to lose control Saturday, the Spartans clamped down on defense and turned to Mateen leaves to settle them down. Cleaves had four points and a nice feed in the closing four minutes and the Spartans held Wisconsin without a basket in the final 5:29 to beat the Badgers 55-46 and advance to the Big Ten tournament finals for a second straight year. The championship will be a rematch of a year ago when the No. 5 Spartans face Illinois, which beat Penn State 94-84 in Saturday' first semifinal. Morris Peterson led Michigan State (25-7) with 18 points and Cleaves finished with 13 shooting just 5-of-13 - and had seven assists. Wisconsin (18-13), confident it

nament, had beaten Northwestern and Purdue on pionship game, with an auto- · Thursday and Friday but didn't have enough to stop the Spartans.

> TUCSON, Ariz. (AP) ---Suffering an emotional hangover from its big victory over No. 2 Stanford, ninth-ranked Arizona sputtered to a 70-61 victory over California on Saturday to finish as Pac-10 cochampion and earn the conference's automatic berth in the NCAA tournament

Gilbert Arenas scored 22 for the Wildcats (26-6, 15-3), who -share the conference title with No. 2 Stanford, but get the automatic bid by beating Cardinal twice.

Arizona will find out Sunday if it will get the No. West. It is the ninth time the Wildcats have won or shared the Pac-10 title in coach Lute Olson's 17 years at the school. Cal (16-14, 7-11) didn't make it easy for the 'Cats, who were without Justin Wessel. Wessel sprained his right ankle in Thursday night's 86-81 victory over Stanford. With 7-foot-1 Loren Woods already out with a back injury, Arizona was down to sax scholarship players, all freshmen and sophomores, and no true center.



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No. 9 Arizona 70, California 61

Dunleavy, 4-for-5 from the field and 4-for-4 from the foul line, had plenty of help as Duke picked up its 3-point shooting in the second half, making nine long-range shots after starting 6for-20 from that distance.

Shane Battier led the way with 18 points, while Jason Williams had 16 points and 11 assists and Nate James 14 points. James was the key jump shooter in the second period, making four 3-pointers over the final 10:21.

Josh Howard had a seasonhigh 19 points for the Demon Deacons (17-14).

No. 2 Stanford 65, Arizona St. 57

Casey Jacobsen scored 14 of his 17 points in the second half as No. 2 Stanford overcame a sloppy start to beat Arizona State 65-57 Saturday and clinch a share of its second straight Pac-10 title.

The Cardinal (26-3, 15-3 Pac-10) put themselves in position to win the conference outright if No. 4 Arizona lost to California later Saturday.

Arizona State (18-12, 10-8) needed to upset Stanford to have any shot of getting an

technical fouls.

Johnson also made two free throws with 17 seconds left as the Big 12 regular season champions (28-4) advanced to Sunday's championship against Texas or Oklahoma.

Marcus Fizer, a unanimous choice as Big 12 player of the year, was held to 19 points, the first time in six games the 6foot-8 forward hadn't scored at least 29. But Johnson had 21 points and 11 rebounds, while Jamaal Tinsley had 18 points and 12 rebounds.

Joe Adkins, who scored 19 points for Oklahoma State (24-6), made a 3-pointer for a 61-57 lead with 2:30 to go.

the Desmond Mason, Cowboys' All-Big 12 guard, then picked up his fifth foul and Johnson's free throw cut it to 61-58

Arkansas 69, No. 10 LSU 67

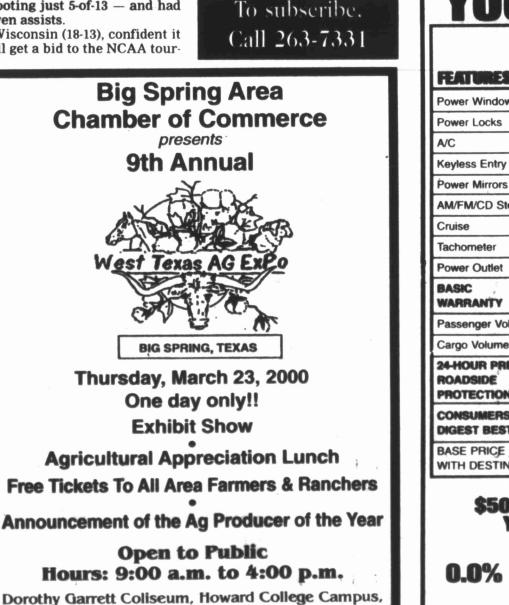
ATLANTA (AP) — Arkansas needed to win four games in four days to have any chance of reaching the NCAA tournament. The Razorbacks are one victory away from pulling it off. Joe Johnson scored 21 points, Brandon Dean added 20 and Arkansas used a 23-4 run in the second half to knock off No. 10 LSU 69-67 on Saturday in the semifinals of the Southeastern Conference tournament.

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BIG SPRING HERALD Sunday, March 12, 2000 I have never conquered a Himalayan peak or discovered a lost city.

Even so, I have some major exploits to my credit. For years I have grocery shopped not only for my seven-person family but also for my six-man fire station. And after all that, both my budget and sense of humor are still intact. For me, life is like any other adventure. You've just got to know where to get the right equipment. My name is Al Lopez. I live in Corpus Christi, Texas. And I shop at H. E.B.



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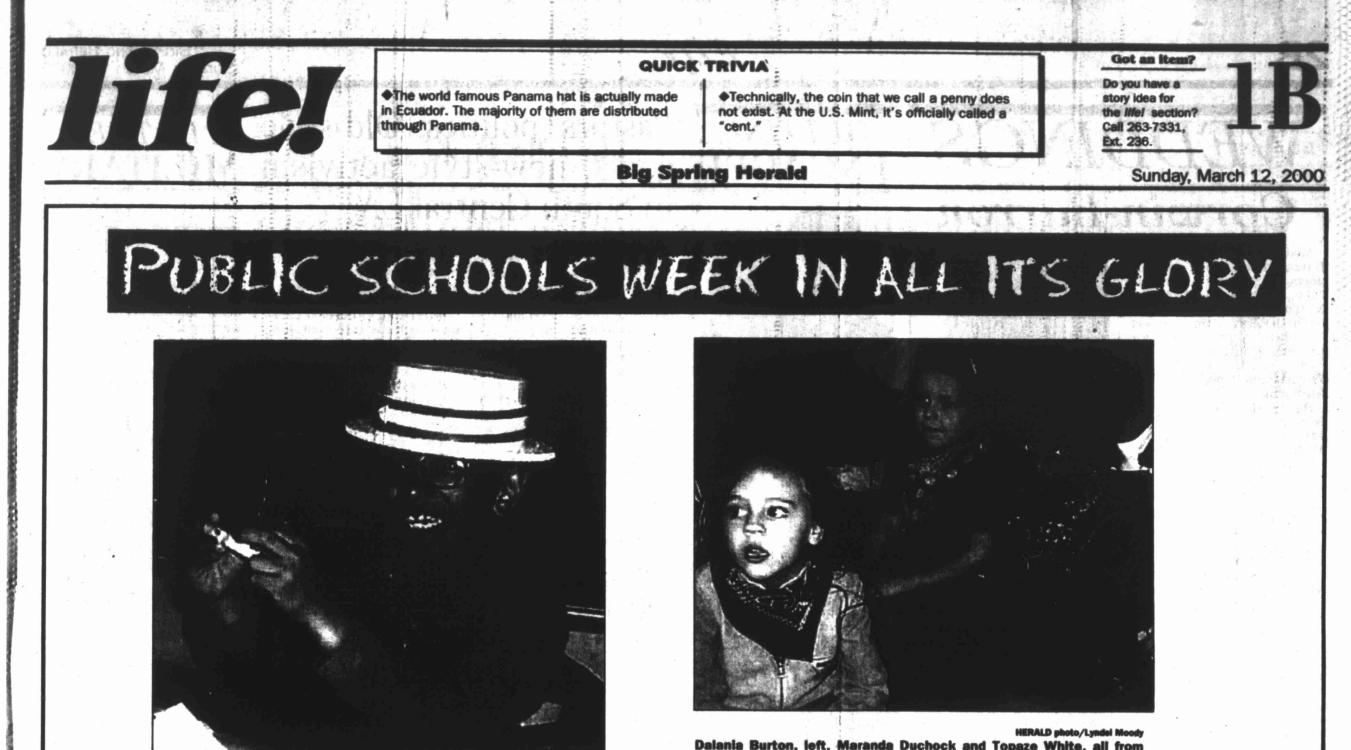
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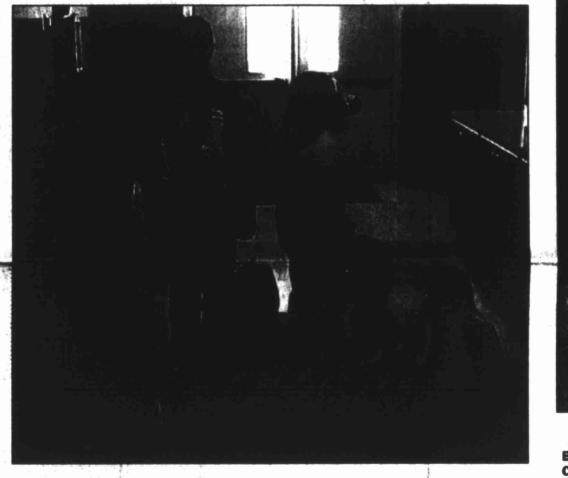


HERALD photo/Lyndel Moody Gomez Diaz, fourth grader at Moss Elementary, enjoys Hat Day.

Dalania Burton, left, Maranda Duchock and Topaze White, all from Anderson Kindergarten Center, display their western attire for Western Dav.



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HERALD photo/Lyndel M 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, Randye Phillippe and Emily Slape, and back row from left, Meagan Smith, Brinnan Pierce and Mallory Smith.



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



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

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

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 halfgrown 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

He no longer comes to greet 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 pat-ted 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 always amazed at the of power words and their connotation. The response to the familiar query, "How

fine.

IEAN are you?", is WARREN usually, "I'm My brother

in-law, who has had some serious health



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 wellbeing. One Sunday morning a pastor looked out over the congregation 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 muting 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.) Jean Warren's column appear in the Herald the second Sa of each month.

WEDDINGS Corwin-Barron

Medina Corwin and Douglas Barron exchanged wedding vows on Saturday, March 11, 2000, at the First United Methodist Church, Big Spring, with the Rev. Jim Wingert, Chaplain of McMurry University, officiating.

She is the daughter of Thomas and Jobeth Corwin of **Big Spring**.

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

Organist was Denise Ross and vocalist was Mark Corwin, brother of the bide.

Given in marriage by her father, the bride wore a fulllength, sleeveless gown of white raw silk with an off the shoulder neckline. The bodice was adorned with alencon lace, beads, and pearls. The gown's cathedral length train featured beading, lace, and a silk bow. She wore a two tiered cathedral length veil attached to a headpiece adorned with crystal beads and pearls.

She carried a cascading bouquet of bluebird and akita roses with stephonotis and English ivy accents around a gardenia center tied with lavender colored organza ribbon.

Brides attendants were Melinda Corwin and Marilyn Rogers, both sisters of the bride.

Bethany Rolan, niece of the bride, was the flower girl.

Eric James served as best man.

Laura and Christie Barron, sisters of the groom served as candlelighters.

Eric James and Brent Rogers, brother-in-law of the bride and of Columbus, Ohio, were the ushers

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The reader was Claudi Vicas of San Mateo, Calif.

Following the ceremony, a reception was held in the Big Spring County Club where guest were entertained with harp music by Carol Reid and enjoyed a buffet of appetizers.

The bride's cake was a three tiered French vanilla cake embellished with white and light lavender colored roses and lilies. The cake was topped with an elegant ivory colored bride and groom figurine.

The bride is a 1987 graduate of Big Spring High School and a 1991 graduate of Texas Tech **University Health and Sciences** Center.

The groom is a 1983 graduate of Walled Lake Central and a 1987 graduate of Michigan Tech University. He is presently employed with the U.S. Air Force.

Following a wedding trip to San Juan Islands, the couple will live in Washington D.C.

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LOS ANGELES (AP) -Richard Byrd, a pastor and an activist, believes in the power of prayer. He also believes in the power of the business meeting, the grant proposal and the politician's handshake.

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Byrd is at the forefront of a post-civil rights style of activism that balances traditional, TV-friendly rallies with behind-the-scenes partnerships and policy research that are helping redefine, albeit gradually, some neglected California neighborhoods.

'We understand that the key changes that affect our community are policy changes," Byrd said during an interview in his cramped church office at Christ Unity Center.

Byrd is president and cofounder with Eugene Williams of Los Angeles Metropolitan Churches. The organization is made up of 40 mostly black churches, each with 150 to 200 congregants, centered in South Central, a neighborhood that has come to symbolize urban blight.

Williams and Byrd, Metropolitan Churches were the force behind the GED Initiative, a state law that requires nonviolent offenders in two county courts to study toward high school equivalency diplomas before earning probation. They count the pilot law as their most visible success.

The idea behind it is simple: Give inmates a chance to learn to read, write and fill out a job application, and they'll opt out of the crime cycle that sends 70 percent of California offenders back to prison.

At the bill signing on Sept. 15, 1998, Byrd and Williams shook hands with then-Gov. Pete Wilson, a conservative Republican. An odd partnership, perhaps, but politics was not their concern. They simply knew he was the man to get them what they wanted.

"We have no permanent friends, we have no permanent enemies, ^{on} Williams said. "We

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just have permanent interests." Byrd and his fellow pastors in Metropolitan Churches have lots of interests. They want to turn toxin-laced lots in South Central into children's parks, church halls into computerequipped tutoring centers, parents into education reformers.

They created a model for action with the GED initiative. The lobbying wasn't easy. The men struggled to get the ear of County Supervisor **Yvonne Brathwaite-Burke and District Attorney Gil Garcetti.** Their organization's members met with Garcetti's staffers late in 1995, but afterward heard little from them. And Brathwaite-Burke agreed to attend a group meeting in October 1997, then did not.

The organization's response? About 250 members showed up in front of Garcetti's office for a prayer vigil and rally. Within months, he had drafted a bill. And at the meeting Brathwaite-Burke missed, an empty chair with her name on it was placed on the dais as TV cameras rolled. The supervisor was at the next meeting, agreeing to support the churches group.

"Politicians and bureaucrats have experienced this community as a toothless tiger," Byrd said.

As for the Metropolitan Churches, Garcetti acknowledged, "They keep our feet to the fire."

Some black ministers say the organization's overtures to conservative leaders are dangerous

"If we're in the ministry and we're out to lead the people, we need to be careful who we go to bed with," said Leonid Jackson, associate minister at Los Angeles' First AME Church, which is not part of the organization. "We need to step back and think first of all before we make a stand on an issue and make sure that we speak with one voice.

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

There will be a USS Maddox **Destroyer Reunion DD731, 622** and 168, Sept. 10-15, in Las Vegas, Nev.

For more information contact **Cliff Gillespie at 215 Wichita** Ave. Apt. 605; Huntington Beach, Calif.; 92648; e-mail: CGILLES@mail.arco.com; or (714-960-5283). ...

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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Shepherd mix male, neutered, **Distinguished Student list for** the Fall 1999, semester has Special Note: All dogs and been released at Tarleton State University. Students listed on the A Honor Roll have a 4.0 grade point ratio(GPR) on the 4.0 system and are taking a minimum of 12 hours. **Distinguished Students** include freshman and sophomore students who have a minimum GPR of 3.25 with no grade lower than C, and juniors and seniors who have a minimum GPR of 3.50 with no grade lower than C and are in good standing. Among those listed were: Jason N. Henry of Big Spring, Cassie Ann Tidol of Coahoma, and Christie A. Brown of Garden City.

Church in Robert Lee with the Rev. Frank Daniels, Southside Church of Christ, officiating." She is the daughter of Tad

The A Honor Roll and and Therese Emert of Robert Lee.



and the granddaughter of Bill and Juanita Briley of Big Spring. He is the son of Ron and Martha Muller of Amarillo.

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She is the daughter of Jerry

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Ron Muller officiating.

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The University of North Texas had it's graduation ceremony on Dec. 19, 1999.

Amanda Tijerina, a 1993 Big Spring High graduate, received a Bachelor of Arts in Radio, Television, and Film.

She is the daughter of Santos and Amparo Tijerina of Big Spring.

He is the son of R.L. and Linda Coates of Coahoma, and the grandson of E.A. and Lucille Richters of Coahoma.



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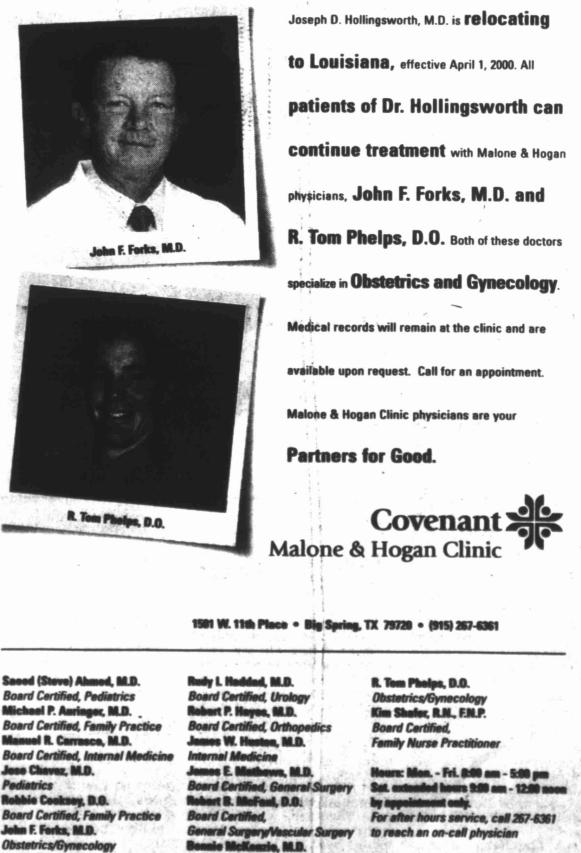
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Sandra Griffin, daughter, Melissa, son, Jonathan, Richmond, Va. She is employed by the V.A. Medical Center. Melissa is currently attending Howard College. Jayme Barker, Everman. He

is employed at Sears. Gary and Lucy Grice,

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Newcomers recently greeted technician at the VA Medical

Bobby G. Carso, San Angelo. He is elf employed. Larry and Gretchen Wildman, Tucson, Ariz. He is self employed.

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It's plastic time — Miller to be offering containers for three brews

NEW YORK (AP) - Miller Time is coming your way in plastic containers.

The Milwaukee-based brewer announced on Thursday it will sell three of its best-selling beers Miller Lite, Miller Genuine Draft and Icehouse - nationally in 16-ounce and 20-ounce plastic bottles in addition to traditional glass bottles and aluminum cans.

The nation's second-largest brewer has been testing reaction to the plastic bottles over the past 18 months in more than a dozen markets and are-

While plastic is widely used for beverages like milk and soft drinks, Miller would be the first U.S. brewer to use it on such a large scale.

"Plastic bottles represent one of the biggest breakthroughs in the beer world in years and have met with an overwhelmingly positive response," said Miller's top marketing executive, **Bob Mikulay**.

But others say many beer drinkers find the idea of beer in plastic as cheap. Beer industry leader Anheuser-Busch Inc., had previously tested but rejected using plastic bottles.

Miller spokesman Scott Bussen conceded that there was "natural skepticism" by beer drinkers to the idea of a plastic beer bottle. But he said tests showed Miller that the wariness "tends to melt away" when they get a chance to hold the bottle and taste the brew.

He said beer in plastic stays cold longer than in aluminum cans and as long as in glass bottles. Plus, he said, the beer tastes the same.

"Eighty-five percent of the people we asked in a variety of markets said they would buy it again," he said.

Bussen said Miller doesn't expect that plastic will take over, but the new option will enable the brewer to sell beer in sports arenas, music halls or the beach - places where glass or cans may not be permitted.

He said plastic bottles are actually more expensive to make than glass in part because they are thicker than a soda bottle but Miller hopes to reduce the costs as more are produced.

Two recycling groups applauded the move. "Turning old bottles into new bottles is a step forward, at a time when recycling rates are steadily declining," said Pat Franklin, executive. director of the Container Recycling Institute of Washington, D.C.

But they said the plan to use amber for the Miller Lite and Icehouse containers would boost recycling costs for some cities since they would have to be sorted and saved separately from other clear or green containers.

"Many communities cannot afford to subsidize costs to sort amber-colored bottles," said Rick Best, president of the Grass Roots Recycling Institute, based in Athens, Ga.

Carriage Inn offers new catering service

By CARL GRAHAM Staff Writer

The Carriage Inn has a new catering service and the staff there under the leadership of food service director Jeanette Butler is ready to handle any size get-together, party, wedding or reception.

Butler brings six years of food service experience to the Carriage Inn. She has about eight employees as well as a stand-by staff on call for catering functions. They are anxious to serve the catering needs of the public.

"We are proud of our facilities here at Carriage Inn and for that reason we wanted to host Business After Hours in order to show off what we have available here," said Butler. Carriage hosted the Big Spring Area Chamber of Commerce event Thursday night.

"We invite you come check us out before making your decision on a caterer for your special occasion," she said.

The 52-bed living community for independent, active senior adults offers one- and two-bedroom apartments with space to spare.

Monthly rental on the apartments Sinclude (firee) meals a day, housekeeping and many other amenities.

A professional staff is available 24 hours a day to respond to any tenant needs. Service is



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Vera Stilwell, left, and Alva Vaughn, employees of Carriage Inn, cater the eveing meal to the residents.

also available for shopping, doctor appointments, hairdresssenior adult care. er or whatever the tenant has a need for. director for the facility, has six

Residents participate in planned monthly activities as years of experience while about how the food service staff well as leisure games of bingo, Phillis S. Palmer, the new com- can help cater a special event, bridge, cards and dominoes.

dent services director and she erty management to the has four years of experience in Carriage Inn.

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For more information on Effice Shults, the marketing what is available in senior adult care or for questions munity director, brings about call the Carriage Inn at 267

State wants to keep railroad running but proposed buyer says TxDOT reneged on deal

COLEMAN (AP) — The state of Texas has offered up \$6 million to keep a rail line that has a junction near this West Texas town and continues on to Presidio, Mexico, up and running.

Off track

Keeping the line, abandoned by South Orient Railroad Co., in operation "is going to be a significant route for NAFTA transportation" and alleviate congestion on other lines into Mexico, said Gaby Garcia, a spokeswoman for the Texas **Department of Transportation.**

Grupo Mexico, through its **Texas Pacifico Transportation** Co.. was interested in providing funds to keep the line operating until it says the Texas Department of Transportation reneged on its end of the deal, company officials claimed.

"Certainly, my client (has) spent a great deal of time, money and effort to acquire this property" from the Dallas-based South Orlent, said Fritz Kahn, a Washington D.C. transportation attorney who represents Grupo Mexico.

"And they had a deal and then would free up some of Grupo at the last minute, the TxDot legal office said no dice," Kahn said. "There was an agreement and it was pursuant to that agreement that my client went forthe Surface ward to Transportation Board to begin operations," Kahn said. The Surface Transportation Board is a federal agency that grants operating licenses to railroads. Under the transportation board's decision, Texas Pacifico could take over the rail line in Brewster, Coleman, Crane, Crockett, Irion, Pecos, Presidio, Reagan, Runnels, Tom Green and Upton counties. The line is the only rail access in San Angelo and other West Texas cities who see the continued use of the line as vital to their economies.

However, David Laney, chairman of the Texas Transportation Commission, said there never was an agreement between the Texas Department of Transportation and Grupo Mexico.

He spent Thursday working to contact attorneys for Grupo Mexico in an effort to work out the stalemate. Attorneys for the transportation department never told Grupo Mexico that they were unwilling to provide the \$6 million, Laney said.

"The acquisition proposed by (Grupo Mexico) included a number of operating rights, including the right to abandon the track, and for a number of reasons we think it is correct for the state to hold the rights to abandon those tracks," Laney said.

"Rather than operating rights, including the right to abandon, we said we would purchase all of those rights from (South Orient Railroad Co. and then transfer to Grupo all the rights to operate that track.

Laney said by doing so, it **Mexico's investment** to allow

them to fix the tracks, some of

which are so old the speed limit .

"If they don't like that struc-

"When we entered the fray,

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and we will see what happens,"

we saw some need for slight

adjustments (to the agreement).

We did need to make some

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of surprise to some, but they

were not substantial," Laney

Kahn said the changes pre-

sented to Grupo Mexico were

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ae 2000 Central Texas **Pecan Short Course** will be held on March 28 in the Mills County Civic Center in Goldthwaite.

The event begins with registration and viewing of commercial exhibits between the hours of 8 and 9 a.m.

Program presentations begin at 9 a.m. A tremendous slate of guest speakers will discuss a diversity of pecan production and management topics.

First on the program agenda is Dr. George Ray McEachem, extension horticulturist, who will discuss "Orchard Floor



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ment" including shuck disorders, aerial fungicidal applications, reduc-

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ing/eliminating embroy rot, and diagnosing problems. At 10:30 a.m., John Begnaud, extension horticulturist from San Angelo, will discuss **"Cultural Practices in Tree** Management," including pruning, tree spade utilization vs. planting to fill skips, shaking large trees, grafting and top working.

Prior to lunch, commercial exhibitors will have an opportunity to discuss their exhibits and products.

Lunch will be served on site at 12 p.m. Following lunch, Dr. Larry Stein, extension horticulturist, will discuss "Pecan Physiology" including kernel development, alternate bearing, crop load management, and more.

Dr. Mark McFarland, extension fertility specialist, will discuss "Irrigation and Water Quality" including water sampling, interpreting results, and water implications on tree health.

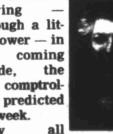
Beginning at 3 p.m., Dr. Chris Sansone, extension entomologist, will discuss "Insect Pest Management" and will

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Rylander says booming economy will slow a little, but keep growing

ing economy, which added more jobs in the 1990s than any is more diversified." he said.

state, other will continue growing although a little slower — in coming the decade, the state comptroller predicted last week. "By



RYLANDER accounts, **Texas is driven**

by a powerful, well-tuned economic engine," Comptroller Carole Keeton Rylander said.

With an output that would give an independent Texas the world's ninth-largest gross national product, the state is far more diversified now than in the mid-1980s, when oil prices plunged and much of the rest of the Texas economy followed.

"In the '90s, Texas has mirrored the national economy certainly more than it did in the '80s." said Mike Reissig, the comptroller's director of estimates

"You're never impervious to a bust. It's just that the factors are different now. ... We're clos-

AUSTIN (AP) - Texas' boom- er to impervious than we were said. in the '80s because the economy

> Unemployment is at a 20-year low, about 4.5 percent statewide.

The comptroller's latest Texas Economic Update says the state ended the century with 9.31 million jobs, and more than 25 percent of those were created during the past 10 years.

Texas added 2.35 million jobs in the 1990s. California ranked second, 1.78 million. And despite a growing state population, the number of out-of-work Texans dropped by 15 percent during the decade. Looking ahead, officials said

education is a big concern.

"The fastest growing sectors of the economy over the next decade will be largely in industries requiring specialized education and skills," the comptroller's report said.

By 2030, 25 percent of the state's new jobs will require at least a bachelor's degree, according to the U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics.

But nearly 60 percent of all Texans are expected to have only a high school education or less, the comptroller's office

"If we don't raise the level of educational attainment for all Texans, our future workforce will be less well-educated, more likely to work in low-paying jobs and more likely to earn lower wages than our current

The state's economic forecastthe new decade.

at 4.6 percent annually during the 1990s, and by 5.5 percent per year during the last five years. Between now and 2010, that growth rate will be closer to historical levels of 3.6 percent a year.

The comptroller's office expects Texas to create more than 230,000 new jobs per year over the next decade. Most new jobs will be in large, slowergrowing fields such as cashiers, retail sales, office executives and office clerks.

High-tech and health care will make up a large share of the state's fastest-growing occupations.

But the majority of new jobs will come from more traditional businesses, the comptroller said.

Rip Griffin's Truck Stop, just off U.S. Highway 87 and Interstate 20, received a new sign or Thuisday. The sign was completely installed by late that day.

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workforce," Rylander said.

ers expect slower growth during

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PECANS

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work through a lab practical. The final topic on the agenda will be a panel discussion involving several of the program speakers. The event will adjourn at 5 p.m.

The registration fee includes the noon meal. TDA approval for CEU's has been requested. If you have questions or need more information, please contact the Mills County Extension office at (915) 648-2650.

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Addition filed: March 3, 2000 grantor: Jerry W. Sanderson grantee: Olegario Melendez, as his sole and separate property

property: lot 5, blk 5, Cedar Crest Addition filed: Feb. 22, 2000

understand correctly, the Texas

Legislature provided \$6 million

to facilitate this transaction,"

Kahn said. Grupo Mexico "was

willing to pay the balance to

consummate this transaction.

Kahn told the Scripps Howard

News Service if Texas Pacifico

bought the line, it would aim to

connect with the Fort Worth &

Western Railroad in San

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The line was completed in

Arthur Edward Stilwell, who

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They feel very frustrated."

grantor: Darrell T. Herrington and Tracy Herrington

grantee: Sharp Image Exploration, L.L.C. property: West 1/2 of Section No. 33,

blk 31. filed: Feb. 24, 2000

grantor: Curtis Lynn Bruns and Pamela Louis Bruns grantee: Chuck Rosenbaum property: Lot 14, blk 3, Stanford Park Addition

filed: Feb. 25, 2000

grantor: Dean M. Roberts and Rebecca P. Roberts grantee: Ergon Refining, Inc. property: Lot 19, blk 2, Colonial Hills Addition

filed: Feb. 28, 2000

grantor: Richard Russel Fort and David Lance Fort, heir of Richard William Fort deceased

grantee: John Edwin Fort Jr property: 19.183 acre tract of land out 18, Kennebeck Heigts tract Subdivision in section 12, blk 33 filed: Feb. 28, 2000

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Kennebeck Heights filed: Feb. 28, 2000 120

Glenn Alfred Rogers, grantor Individually and as trustee of the Mary Hathcock Rogers Estate Trust and the Lee Otis Rogers Estates Trust grantee: Mike Abusaab

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into trouble with its financiers. In 1930, Santa Fe Railway completed the line to Presidio. The traffic just never picked up on the line and Santa Fe sold it in 1990 to a company that wanted to use it for scrap. At that time, Texas Legislature stepped in and leased it to South Orient Railroad.

South Orient Railroad couldn't make a go of it either, and in 1998 asked to discontinue its operations on the tracks. The Surface Transportation Board told the railroad to work harder to find another owner.

"They are now looking for a way out," Garcia said.

'At this point, TxDot owns the lease and the right of way. The company owns the line. Our objective in this whole matter is to preserve the rail corridor," Garcia said.

grantor: Davis B. Edens and wife,

grantee: W.H. Ward Jr. and wife.

property: The surface estate only of

the West 1/2 Northwest section 21, blk

grantor: Brian Roper and Karla Roper

grantee: Robin Stevens and Dannie

property: All of lot 4, blk 1, Caroline

grantor: Paula Boyer grantee: Jimmy Deleon and Rosalinda

property: All that certain parcel and

Quarter of section 45, blk 31, Township

Warranty deed with vendor's lien:

grantee: Victor H. Garcia and his wife.

grantor: Charles Barbee, Jarrell

property; A tract of land out of and a

grantee: Severo Leija Jr., and spouse,

Patsy R. Edens, and Mattie Nell Patty

and husband, Robert Eugene Patty

Margie Ward

filed: Feb. 29, 2000

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grantor: A. E. Kelly

filed: Feb. 24, 2000

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Drought toll on agriculture tops \$300 mil have a very dry soil profile. COLLEGE STATION (AP) -

Drought has cost Texas farmers and ranchers an estimated \$319 million since last fall, according than normal.' to economists with the Texas **Texas Agricultural Extension** Service.

Agricultural losses ran \$223 million in the fall of 1999 and already have mounted to another \$96 million this year, the Texas A&M University-affiliated extension experts reported.

"The fact is the entire state is in a mild to severe drought," extension agronomist Travis Miller said. "Every reporting region in the state is in some phase of drought at this time. The fact that we have green vegetation on the surface in some

"With the way the weather patterns have been going, indications are it's going to be drier

much stock in the recent spate of rains that have soaked parts of the state, extension economist Mark Waller said.

Rose Marie Rodriguez vs. Luciano

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There is no end in sight to the current drought woes, said George Bomar, chief meteorologist for the Texas Natural Resource Conservation

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agricultural losses.

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grantor: The Decorator's Center, Inc. grantee: David Lee Thayer and Spouse, Iris B. Thayer property: Lot 1, blk 1, Edgemere Subdivision, in section 4, blk 32

filed: Feb. 25, 2000

grantor: Curtis L. Bruns and Pamela L. Bruns grantee: Chuck Rosenbaum

property: Lot 14, blk D, Forrest Addition

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Thurston grantee: David Dominguez Jr., Estella

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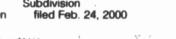
property: Lot 1, blk 2, Highland Park grantee: Loy D. Hahn and wife. Kathryn E. Hahn

property: Lots 3 and 4, blk 5, Clawson Subdivision filed: Feb. 24, 2000

grantor: Loy Dean Hahn and Kathryn Elizabeth Brooks Hahn

grantee: John C. Dobbs, a single person and Shawna J. Adams, a single person

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areas doesn't mean we don't A lot of the state is still dry."

Winter wheat has endured the brunt of this year's losses at \$55 million, mostly because of 400,000 acres of crop that never

were planted in 1999. Wheat still standing is in jeopardy, off-

cials said. And Texans shouldn't put

"But, February for some parts of the state is the lowest amount of rainfall they get for the year. It still doesn't amount to much.

Commission.

"In terms of drought prediction, there are some compelling reasons to think this drought has not run its course and will continue to plague Texas for many months," Bomar said.

Texas' last two drought-ridden summers - 1996 and 1998 each caused around \$2 billion in

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Vasquez, Judy, 1907 North Seventh. Lamesa Villafrance, Felisa, 301 E. Peck,

Midland

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Leanne James 20 David J. Kachinski, 33, and Joann

Krysinsky, 28. Patrick A. Hoppaugh, 34, and Debra Anderson, 39

Douglas Walter Barron, 34, and Medina Suzanne Corwin, 31 Joe Tarres Jr., 18, and Amy Lynn

Fores, 18. Verne Leroy Robin, Jr., 49, and

Teresita Padron, 43.

Court Records:

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Warranty Deed:

grantor: Michael L. Reznik and Linda Reznik grantee: Dr. Philip J. Corbin as Trustee of the Odessa Real Property Trust dated June 1, 1999. property: the North 50 feet of Lot 4 and the South 65 Feet of Lot 1, blk 69. filed: Feb. 23, 2000

grantor: Denis H. Ross, and joined by her husband, John Ross grantee: Calvin Hughes and wife, Joe

Hughes property: Lot 8, blk 4, replat of lots 2 to 9 inc., blk 4 and replat of all of blk 5 of the Amended Plat of Muir Heights Addition

filed: March 3, 2000

grantor: Ross Builders, Inc. grantee: Evanell J. Truszkowski property: Lot 2, blk 6, Muir Heights Addition filed: March 3, 2000

grantor: Denise H. Ross grantee: Ross Builders, Inc. property: Lot 2, blk 6, Muir Heights ddition filed: March 3, 2000

grantor: Susan C. Smith grantee: Dean Albert Barney and wife, Jenifer Dawn Barney property: The North 50 feet of the Southeast 1/4 blk 27, College Heights

property: Lot 1, blk 4, Hathcock grantor: David O. Johnson and wife, Heights filed: Feb. 28, 2000 Suzanna L. Johnson grantee: Miguel Martinez and wife, grantor: Carolyn Reimenschneider Cecilia Martinez property: Lot 2, blk 8. Hall Addition grantee: Mike Abusaab property: The surface estate only of a filed: Feb. 29, 2000 tract of land out of ad part of Section 12, blk 33 grantor: Thomas D. Price and Ceinwen L. Price filed: Feb. 28, 2000 grantee: Donnie G. Wren and spouse, grantor: Larry Allan Newton Beverly S. Wren grantee: Terri Jo Newton property: Lot 2, blk 2, Indian Hills Addition filed: Feb. 28, 2000 grantor: Miguel Mendoza and wife, Eva Mendoza grantee: Erika Mendoza property: Lot c, Tract 8, Kennebec Heights filed: Feb. 28, 2000 grantor: Secretary of Veterans Affairs, an Officer of the U.S.A grantee: Robert Kevin Rich and spouse, Amber Lynette Rich property: Lot 25, blk 19, Edwards Height filed: Feb. 28, 2000 grantor: Norwest Bank of Minnesota, Filed: Feb. 28, 2000 N.A

grantee: David Lopez property: all that certain parcel and piece of and out of and part of the Southeast 1/4 of section 32, blk 32 filed: Feb. 29

Dr. Anna Rosinska, M.D.

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property: Lot 10, 11 and 12, in blk 3, Marshall Fields Estates filed: Feb. 29, 2000 grantor: Walter W. Martin and Laura Martin grantee: Robert G. Gee and Andrea S. Gee property: A 2 acre tract of land out of the North part of a 7.67 acre tract out of the Northeast 1/4 of section 1, blk 32 filed: Feb. 29, 2000 grantor: Gary T. Gool and George McAlpine grantee: Eric Brian Anker and Kelly Lea Anker property: certain parcel and piece of land out of and part of the Northwest 1/4 of the Northwest 1/4 of section 20, blk 32

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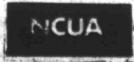
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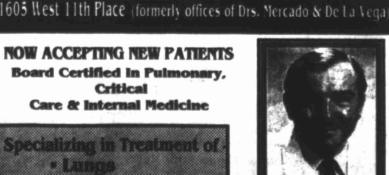
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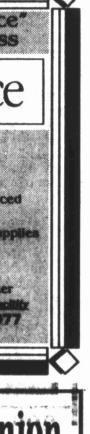
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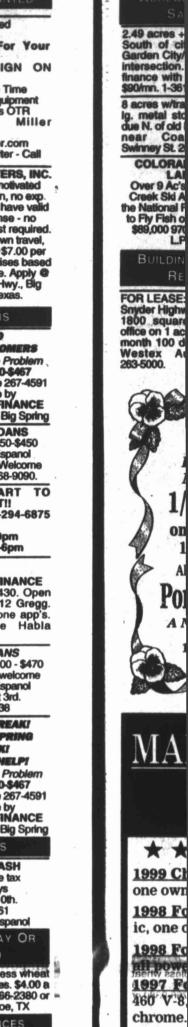
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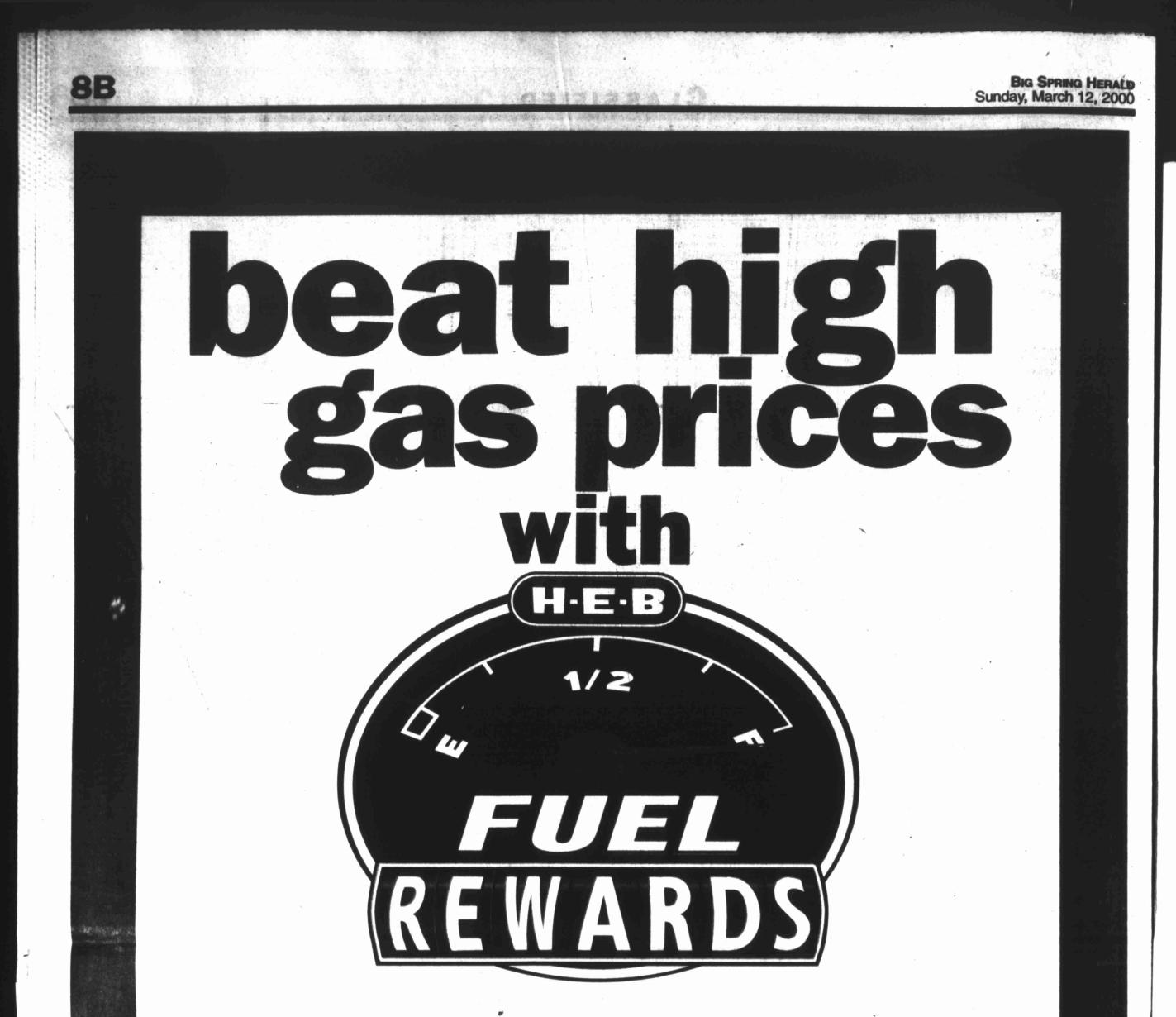


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