SUNDAY April 9, 2000

WEATHER

Today:



TODAY 72°-77°

TONIGHT

Christian rock concert planned Monday night

A huge Christian rock concert is planned Monday night, featuring Audio Adrenaline's "The Underdog Tour." The concert, sponsored by the youth ministry at First Baptist Church, will take place at Dorothy Garrett Coliseum and thousands are expected to attend.

Tickets are available at The Master's Touch in Big Spring as well as at the door. Also performing are bands Raze and Fono, solo artist Riley Armstrong.

For more information, call the First Baptist Church office at 267-8223.

Fund-raiser to assist Harbour family with bills

A painting by Big Spring city employee Charles Rhodes will be given away as a fund-raiser for the Chad and Cindy Harbour family, who lost their two children to a tragic accident on March 23.

The 18- by 30-inch painting is on display at the First Bank of West Texas. More information on the fund-raiser is available at the bank, Big Spring City Hall or the landfill.

WHAT'S UP...

TODAY

Old Sorehead Trade Days, downtown Stanton, noon-5 p.m.

MONDAY

☐ Texas Tech Exes meeting, 6 p.m., 309 South Main in the Sparenberg Building. Special report regarding the golf tournament in June.

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

☐ Big Spring Comandery No. 31, 6:30 p.m., dinner, 7:30 meeting, Masonic Temple, 221 1/2 Main.

☐ Big Spring Assembly. No. 211, Social Order of the Beauceant, 6:30 p.m., dinner, 7:30 p.m., meeting, Masonic Temple, 221 1/2 Main.

☐ Christian rock concert featuring Audio Adrenaline, with Raze and Fono, 7 p.m. at Dorothy Garrett Coliseum. Tickets in advance at the Master's Touch or at the door.

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Folk duo will entertain for community concert

Features Editor

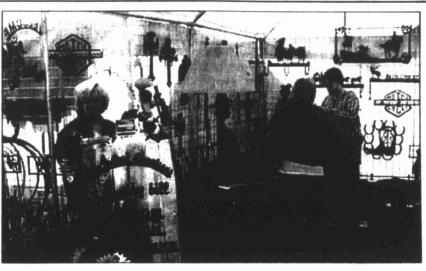
The Coahoma Community Concert series kicks off a new season tonight with folk duo Carter and Tracy Dave Grammer.

The singer-songwriter duo from Portland, Ore., will perform at 7 p.m. at First Presbyterian Church, 205 First St. in Coahoma. Suggested

donation for the concert is \$7 per person, \$15 for the immediate family.

Series organizer the Rev. Walt Lee, a Presbyterian minister, had planned to take a hiatus from his work organizing the concerts. But Carter and Grammer, who had heard about Lee's series, which has brought artists from all over the Southwest to Coahoma, sent

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Big Spring residents **Barbara Carey and Debbi** Mathews do some shopping at the Southwest Creations booth during Old Sorehead Trade Days in Stanton as owner Shirley Rogers looks on. The event continues today from noon until 5 p.m.

HERALD photo/Carl Graham

Crooker recalls experiences as prisoner of war

Staff Writer

While on a mission Dec. 6. 1944, William B. Crooker Jr. and his fellow crew members were shot down by German fighters about 15 minutes after they had dropped their bombs.

"On Dec. 20, 1944, Maj. Gen. N.F. Twining, commanding officer of the 15th Air Force, notified my parents that bombers of this Air Force had struck another blow at the Nazis' hopes for victory when they carried out a successful attack on the marshaling yards at Devinska, Czechoslovakia, and their son had taken part in this raid," said Crooker, who is a longtime Howard County commissioner.

But Crooker's plane did not return from that mission.

Several of the returning air crews reported the plane was severely damaged by enemy fighters and at least five parachutes were seen.

On Feb. 13, 1945, Crooker's parents were notified that he was a prisoner of war (POW) of the Germans.

Today is POW Day. This day is set aside to those who endured the suffering of captivare 52,000 POWs still living.

Crooker described the fear and uncertainty he felt as capture seemed evident. "This was my first experience

at parachuting. We believed we were at about 24,000 feet when custody we jumped," he said. "You are free falling at 70 to 80 miles per hour into a world you have never seen before.



HERALD photo/Gina Garza

Bill Crooker, along with his wife Joyce, talked about his experiences as a prisoner of war in Germany in 1944-45 in a documentary for the Hangar 25 Museum recently.

delay opening the parachute so where we boarded the train for ment and by the second or third that we would reach the ground Vienna, Austria. By this time, before the Germans would have there were about 15 of us," said ity. It is estimated that there a chance to shoot us in the air. Crooker. My decision was made as I entered some low clouds at

Landing in the backyard of a school, Crooker and the others were immediately taken into

"They took us to a large converted school which looked like a gymnasium floor where they had beds. The next day they "Our instructions were to took us to a railroad station

"In Vienna, we had to transfer from one railroad station to the other by trolley car. I was chosen by a German sergeant arrived at the railroad station we boarded a train for Frankfurt. Frankfurt was the central location for interrogation of all Air Corps prisoners.' When he arrived, Crooker was put into solitary confine-

day was interrogated.

"They asked all kinds of questions relative to the mission, what type of bombs were carried, what our group and squadron was, where our base was in Italy and what other to carry his baggage. When we missions we had flown. The usual answer to any question was to give them your name, rank and serial number," he said

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"This would anger them and

One-act

BSHS drama troupe dances on to region

By CARL GRAHAM

Staff Writer

The Big Spring High School drama department has done it

Their "And They Dance Slow Jackson," has advanced the University Interscholastic League Regional One-Play

HAYNES Contest, set for

Angelo State University. Big Spring and Canyon High School which presented "Taming of the Shrew," were the plays selected to advance

Friday at Worsham Auditorium in Snyder. Tim Haynes, BSHS drama

from the Area contest held last

director, was ecstatic after the announcement "I have just got a great feeling

about our show and I believe we will continue to do well at the next level of competition," he said. "They believe in themselves an in what they are doing and that's what it takes to win at this level.

Lauren Fraser, who took best

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Penalty free: Now's the time to take those overdue books back

By DEBBIE L. JENSEN

Features Editor

Sitting on a stack of overlibrary books? Got a book that was due in 1972, but just haven't found the time to take it back? This week is

your chance to return all over-



week long.

due books to the Howard County Library free of charge. Loraine Redman, librarian, said the library will forgive its usual 5-cent per day fines all Even books that were due

months or years ago can be returned without penalty, she "We are doing this in hopes of

getting some of our books back," Redman said. "We do have some that have been out a long time and we'd like to have them back.

patrons toting overdue materials won't face lectures or embarrassment, either.

"This is a free week for you. Just bring them back and drop the off," she said. While 5 cents may not sound

like much, multiplying it over five to 10 books, after several weeks, makes a difference. "It can really add up," Redman said.

People who don't return books and pay their fines are not usually allowed to check out other

Redman promised that library materials, so this week can a special meeting of the group serve as a fresh start, Redman said.

"This is a chance for some people to get back and start using the library again," she

The library planned this amnesty week to recognize National Library Week. Staff are also planning a pup-

pet show Tuesday at 4 p.m. for children of all ages and their parents. Among other activities to cel-

ebrate National Library Week is

Friends of the Library. Members of the Friends help support library programs and raise funds to purchase equipment and hold special events.

Friends will have a membership tea Thursday at 7 p.m. Everyone interested in helping to support the library and its programs is invited to attend.

"The Friends are a good group," Redman said. "They do a lot for us, and this is a chance for them to recruit some new members.

Coahoma kids jump rope to assist heart association

By GINA GARZA

Staff Writer

According to the American Heart Association's (AHA) statistics recently released, 153

every day from cardiovascular diseases Cardiovascular disease remains the

number one killer Texas, claim-**HOPKINS** ing the lives of 56,007 people

in 1**998 (39 per**cent of the 142,389 Texas residents who died). What that says is that two out of every five deaths are related to cardiovascular disease. In Howard County, out of the

diovascular. That's 36.9 percent. In Big Spring, out of the 282 deaths recorded in 1998, 104

were cardiovascular, or 36.9

339 deaths in 1998, 125 were car-

Some Coahoma Elementary students helped support the AHA with Jump Rope for Heart last week.

"This is the first time in about three years we have done this," said Terri Hopkins, physical education teacher at Coahoma Elementary. "We raised around \$8,200 for this cause.

First graders raised \$1,146.97, the second grade raised \$1,748, third graders raised \$1,448.85 and the fourth grade raised \$1,935.31. The fifth grade brought in a total of \$1,179.90 and sixth graders generated \$692.80.

All proceeds go to the AHA

for research. The kids in their physical education classes were allowed to divide up into groups and make posters with their team name. At least one team member had to be jumping rope during the entire 45 or 50 minutes

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Zachary Posey, from left, Riley Thompson, Skyler Coates and Kyle Gerstenberger, all first graders at Coahoma Elementary, goof off a bit during a break from jump roping. They are among several hundred students at Coahoma Elementary participating in the Jump Rope for Heart 2000 to benefit the **American Heart Association.**

following short illness. Graveside service will be at a.m. 2000, at

Monday, April Trinity **Memorial Park** with Rev. Robert Rachuig

officiating. At 11:30, a memorial service will be held at Forsan Baptist Church with John Gustin officiating.

Mrs. Johnson was born on Sept. 14, 1919, in Lake Creek, Texas. For more of her life she had been a Howard County resident. She married Hershel Johnson on June 30, 1949, in Fairview Community. Mrs. Johnson was a homemakers and had also worked at Medical Arts Clinic Hospital.

She is survived by her husband, Hershel Johnson of Big Spring; two daughters, Carol Gustin and her husband John, of Big Spring, and Sheron Lee of Dallas: four sisters, Doris Maneval of Lynden, Wash., and Billie Walker, Bettie Pettus and LaVerne Patrick, all of Big Spring; two brothers, A.J. Gross of Austin and Don Gross of Riverside, Calif.; four grandchildren; two great-grandchildren; and a number of nieces and nephews.

The family will be at 500 Wilderness Trail.

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

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 they would try to cajole you with a cigarette, but after three sessions like this, they removed me from solitary, which I had been in for eight days, and placed me in the barracks containing interrogated Air Corps prisoners where we awaited shipment from Frankfurt to a prison camp.'

The Germans referred to the POWs as kriegsgefangenen (Kriegies) and transported them to Stalag I.

When the Germans transported you, they gave you half a loaf of bread, small roll or processed meat and some hard cheese. This was to last the journey, in this case five days,' said Crooker.

"When we arrived, we were processed, assigned rooms and given one Red Cross parcel containing, as best as I can remember, a box of cereal like Ralston, one pound can of powdered milk, one-half pound of sugar, about one-half pound of a chocolate D bar, one pound can of prunes, a small can of concentrated coffee, one pound of margarine, a few packs of cigarettes, crackers, one-half pound in of jam, one pound of peanut putter and one pound of canned meat. This was the last full parcel we were to see.

There were 288 men in the barracks (12 rooms holding 24 men each).

"From Christmas of 1944 to May 1, 1945, we began to receive

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24th & Johnson 267-8288

Oleta Johnson, 80, died Friday. Graveside services will be 10:00 AM, Monday at Trinity Memorial Park, followed by a memorial service at 11:30 AM, at Forsan Baptist Church.

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of food a week. The Germans sporadically supplemented the Continued from Page 1A parcels with rutabagas, a turnip with a rather bland taste, and

of class.

less than one Red Cross parcel

German bread which we hon-

estly believed contained saw-

dust. We estimated it weighed 8 to 10 pounds," said Crooker.

'We found the best way to eat it

was by toasting a thin slice and

It was estimated by three

English doctors in camp that

their daily diet was about 800 to

1,000 calories. The doctors told

the soldiers that in a year's

time, they could starve to death.

for these men, they started play-

ing bridge, cribbage, reading

paperbacks, writing letters -

they were allowed two per

month - and took walks

began to hear the muffled thun-

der of heavy guns coming from

the southeast," Crooker said.

"We knew it was the Russian

front moving slowly in our

direction. Toward the end of

April the thunder became very

close. During the last night of

April, the guards had vacated

the towers and left the camp to

"Three days later, realizing

we were hungry, the Russians

drove a herd of Holstein dairy

cattle into the camp to be

slaughtered for meat to be given

to us. We cooked it — it was

tough, but it was meat and it

was tasty! Two weeks after the

guards left the towers, we were

flown by B-17s out of Germany

to the coast of France where

several temporary camps were

set up to receive POWs from

He had met his wife, the for-

mer Joyce Glenn, through

mutual friends while she was

the Supply Officer's secretary at

the Bombardier School in Big

Spring. They were married

after his return from captivity,

on Aug. 8, 1945, in Big Spring.

actress honors in district com-

petition, once again brought

home best actress honors.

George Williams made the all-

star cast and Toryn Haynes

once again took honorable men-

tion all-star cast honors. Anna

The rest of the cast and crew

members include Julie Adams,

Priscilla Flores, Laura Davis,

Haley Haynes, Sarah Smith,

Amanda Sheedy, Chris Trevino,

Andy Rodriquez, Eric Gamble,

Jeremy

Lopez, Shasta Fuqua, Theresa

Porras, Laura Schnake and

The order in which the cast

presents their play will be

drawn next week, said Haynes.

Toryn Haynes will be repre-

senting Big Spring High in both

the one-act and academic

regional competition. She was

one of five Big Spring students

to advance from the District 5-

4A Academic Meet held two

weeks ago. The others are April

Ward, Nathan Smith, Sara

Smith and Devin Collier. They

will compete Friday and

"The music on their CD was

so dynamic, I decided that if

they were anywhere in the area,

I wanted them here. They are

He described Carter and

Grammer as "multi-instrumen-

tal," adding that they use man-

dolin, banjo, guitar and violin.

They perform their original

songs, which often deal with

Grammer and Carter, in press

information, refer to their

music as "all-original, postmod-

For more information about

the concert, call the church at

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that good," Lee said.

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Sanchez,

Lacey

Knight,

Sabrina

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cast as well.

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Knight,

Holli Cobb.

Germany.'

us. We were overjoyed.

"In the middle of April, we

around the compound.

Because time moved slowly

"The kids are fired up about this, and I definitely wasn't expecting this kind of success," said Hopkins.

Kayla Gutierrez, fourth grader, raised the most money spreading a thin layer of jam on "My dad has really nice

friends who wanted to help out," she said. "But my main reason for doing this is because my mom had a sister who died from cancer when she was little and this was my way of helping.'

Hopkins said many businesses helped to make it a success.

"Several businesses contributed snack items and drinks as well as prizes for the kids,' she said.

They HEB, Bob Brock Ford, Lakeway of Coahoma, Li'l Sooper of Coahoma, Fina, the PTA of Coahoma Elementary, the school, Christine's of Coahoma, the Coahoma Post Office, First Bank of West Texas and Neal's Sporting

"I have to give Denise Woods, my assistant, the credit," said Hopkins. "She's the one who got 100 percent of the kids to participate as well as get permission forms out and returned and the kids motivated.

'We plan to continue this as long as there's a need," Hopkins

OSHA has more questions about bonfire collapse

AUSTIN (AP) -Occupational Safety and Health Administration may reopen its investigation of the Texas A&M bonfire collapse.

The agency closed its investigation of the Nov. 18 accident on Jan. 6, but OSHA officials told the Austin American-Statesman they were unaware at the time that a crane may have hit the stack days before the collapse.

John Miles, regional administrator of OSHA, was quoted in the newspaper Saturday as saying it is a "real good possibility" the agency will return to College Station to conduct more McLaughlin made the list, win- interviews after studying stuning honorable mention all-star dents' statements to campus police about a crane hitting the cross-ties four days before the collapse

Statements made by students working on the stack were released by campus police in February. A commission appointed by Texas A&M is still investigating the cause of the accident, in which 12 people were killed and 27 injured.

The commission is expected to release its findings in May.

Miles said OSHA can go back and reexamine the incident. Though it has no jurisdiction over the university, it was able to investigate the site because a crane operator employed by H.B. Zachry of San Antonio was working there. For years, Zachry has donated its services to the bonfire.

Starr says investigation of Lewinsky was Reno's idea

AUSTIN (AP) - Former independent counsel Kenneth Starr said Saturday it was Attorney General Janet Reno's decision that he broaden his investigation of the administration to include President Clinton's affair with Monica Lewinsky.

"On reflection, there was an impression that the independent counsel was simply out to engage in his own investigation as he saw fit," Starr said. "That's incorrect and that's unfortunate that was the impression that was left.'

Starr spoke with reporters before receiving a jurist-of-theyear award Saturday night from the conservative Texas Review of Law & Politics.

He was appointed in 1994 by a

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special three-judge federal panel to investigate the Clintons' failed Whitewater real estate development.

When that investigation turned up the president's affair with the former White House intern, Starr said he took the information to the Justice Department.

Reno decided Starr should include the Lewinsky matter in charges of failing to identify the Whitewater probe, he said.

"It was the attorney general's assessment — and I accept responsibility for accepting the assignment — that not only did it have to be investigated, but my office should do the investigating," Starr said.

"We then entered the spin cycle and issues were raised. 'Well, why is this being investigated at all?' Reason: the attorney general of the United States made that judgment," he said.

SUPPORT GROUPS

SUNDAY

•Alcoholics Anonymous, 615 Settles, 11 a.m. closed meeting and 7 p.m. open meeting.

•NA 8 p.m., St. Mary's Episcopal Church, 1001 Goliad. Call 268-4189 (pager no.). **MONDAY**

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

•Project Freedom, Christian support group for survivors of physical/emotional/sexual and/or spiritual abuse. Call 263-5140 or 263-2241 for dates/times of upcoming groups.

 Alcoholics Anonymous, 615 Settles, noon open meeting.

•Alzheimer's support group, 7 p.m., Canterbury South, 1700 N. Lancaster, first Mondays of each month. Call Galynn Gamble at 263-1271.

• Encourager's Support Group (for widows and widowers) will meet Monday, April 17, 6 p.m. at the First Presbyterian Church, 7th and Runnels (enter through north door). Bring a covered dish and enjoy the fellowship and good food. Call 398

•Narcotics Anonymous, 6 p.m., St. Mary's Episcopal Church, 1001 Goliad. Call 268-4189 (pager no.)

 Alzheimer's support group. 6:30 p.m., Marcy House, 2301 Wasson. Call 268-9041 •Greater West Texas Chapter

of the Alzheimer's Association, 7 p.m., Canterbury South, 1700 Lancaster, Topic: Prescription for Caregivers. For more information call Galvnn Gamble at 263-1271.

 Association of Retarded Citizens of Howard County meet 6:30 p.m. the first Monday of each month at 806 East Third Street, the HARC bingo building. Call 264-0674 for more information.

·Family Education and Support, sponsored by Howard County Menial Health Center, meets the fourth Monday of each month at 6 p.m. at 409 Runnels, Clyde Alsup Building. AMI meeting to follow. For more information call 263-0027 or 267-7220.

IF YOU HAVE A SUPPORT GROUP LISTING, PLEASE SUBMIT IT IN WRITING.

SHERIFF

The Howard County Sheriff's Office reported the following

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O Lady Medal. experienced the hardships and difficulties of acquiring the temporal necessities of life look with compassion upon me now faced with the same difficulties and assist me to find suitable employment. am anxious, dear Mother, to be gainfully engaged in work that will relieve my temporal needs without in any way endangering the spiritual wellbeing of my soul. Direct me to employment that will enable fittingly to provide for myself and my dependents. m confident that thou wilt Immaculate Mother, and grant my request. In return I shall

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activities between 8 a.m. Thursday through 5 p.m.

• ISMAEL RIVERA, 18, of 102 N. Main, was arrested on a charge of graffitti.

· MIGUEL LOSOYA, 19, of 102 N. Main, was arrsted on a charge of graffitti.

 KATHERINE DELORES SCAGGS, 29, was arrested on and on a parole violation. · JEREMIAH COKER, 24, of

3001 Collins, was arrested on a charge of possession of marijuana. MANUEL REY CHAVAR-

RIA, 17, of 1202 Main, was arrested on a charge of driving while license was suspended. CAROL ANN MIEARS, 38,

of 200 E. 11th, was arrested on a charge of possession of mari-ROBERT MARVIN CAR-

SON, 32, of 1410 Scurry, was arrested on a charge of possession of marijuana. KORI SHANE LOCK-HART, 33, of 500 State, was arrested on charges of driving

while intoxicated, no liability insurance, driving while license suspended and carrying a weapon. DANNY RAY CROSBY, 40,

of 508 N. San Antonio, was arrested on a charge of parole violation TERESA GONZALES, 37,

of 1323 Kindle, was arrested on a charge of forgery DENISE KAYLA HOR-

TON, 37, of 903 E. 14th, was arrested on a charge of driving while intoxicated. REYNALDO HERNAN-

DEZ, 43, of 1502 Bluebird, was arrested on a charge of violation of a protective order. ALISHA FAY McGEE, 21, of 2911 W. Hwy 80, was arrest-

ed on a charge of possession of marijuana and resisting arrest. HECTOR SANCHEZ CAS-TRO, 31, of 1314 Park, was arrested on a charge of driving

while intoxicated and driving while license was invalid. BRIAN EUGENE VAN-DERBILT, 20, of 1418 Stadium, waas arrested on a charge of

causing bodily injury WATKINS, 51, of 2200

Morrison, was arrested on a charge of stalking • CODY GREEN, 20, of

Stanton, was arrested on a charge of burglary of a build-

MEETINGS

BIG SPRING CITY COUNCIL 5:30 p.m. Monday City Council Chambers, City Hall

Workshop. Items to be discussed include"

• Budget for 2000-2001 • Emergency Medical

(915) 267-5004

• Downtown park at Permian

Building site

 Report on Amtrak · Recreational services for city employees

HOWARD COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

COURT 10 a.m. Monday **Howard County Courthouse**

Agenda items include: Purchase requests Tax office computer bids

 Telephone system for sheriff's office

Sale of vehicles

 Personnel considerations Payroll report

Resolution for drug task

 Deferred compensation provider

· Seal coat for Howard

College · Old Gail Highway ditch

· Courthouse/library renova-

STANTON CITY COUNCIL 7 p.m. Monday **Council Chambers**

Items on the agenda include: March minutes

· Consider raising mayor and councilmen salaries

 Consider Region 4 TML meeting at Kermit

 Consider action on passing ordinance to cancel the May 6, 2000 regular election and declaring each unopposed candidate elected to office.

 Consider paying election judge \$100 for serving.

 Police matters: report on lawsuit, streets around school, request for vacation buy-back Bills

MARTIN COUNTY COM-MISSIONERS COURT 9 a.m. Monday **Martin County** Courthouse

Items on the agenda include: · Bills, officials' reports, pre-

vious minutes 1 Road report · Pipeline and utility cross-

· Improvements and repairs

 Landfill Carole Whitten remarks

· Delbert Dickenson, replacement of appraisal district

building roof Jail sewer problems

HOWARD COUNTY APPRAISAL DISTRICT 5:15 p.m. Wednesday **Howard County Courthouse Annex**

Items on the agenda include: · Approval of bills, previous minutes, financial report, travel expense Selection of auditor for 2000

· Preliminary discussion of 2001 budget · Executive session on per-

sonnel matters Discuss personnel manual regarding workman's compensation

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State grant program offers help with college expenses

its first year, but supporters of Texas' statewide scholarship program say the idea behind it is still intact.

"We want to be able to tell students, 'If you work hard, you can get some scholarship money," said Rep. Henry Cuellar, D-Laredo.

The program covers tuition and fees at public institutions for students who graduate with a required level of advanced academic coursework in high school.

The purpose of the program is and always will be "to give every kid in this state a chance to go to college," said Jeremy Warren, a spokesman for Sen. Rodney Ellis, D-Houston.

Ellis and Cuellar co-sponsored the legislation last session that created the Toward Excellence Access and Success, or TEXAS. grant program, which they say

AUSTIN (AP) - It's gone is inspired by similar state prothrough some growing pains in grams like Georgia's HOPE scholarships.

Texas' economy has changed from being an oil and agricultural powerhouse to a high tech and e-commerce center. The state must prepare all of its children for the new economy where college graduates earn an average lifetime \$1 million more than high school graduates, Cuellar said Friday.

Texas is a diverse state, Cuellar said, and has not kept up with that diversity in educa-

Ellis said during a hearing earlier this week that the program is long overdue.

"From my standpoint, with only 20 percent of us in Texas having college degrees, we need all of the help we can get," he

Texas high school seniors can graduate with one of four different diplomas depending on the

rigor of their coursework. Students earning the state's two highest diplomas are eligible for the TEXAS Grant scholarships. Those diplomas are given to students who complete stateapproved Recommended or Advanced High School curriculum, which include more highlevel courses such as physics,

Students with basic diplomas are not eligible for the grant program.

foreign languages and fine arts

than required for the state basic

There have been some bumps during the program's first year.

To date, 8,569 students received \$14.9 million from the program. But colleges have returned \$3.1 million of the \$18 million originally set aside for this year.

The Texas Higher Education Coordinating Board, which administers the grant program, will reallocate the unused

money to colleges and universities that requested additional funds, said Sharon Cobb, assistant commissioner for student services at the board.

No one knows exactly why money went unused.

Many colleges have said they had trouble identifying eligible students. Other schools had problems interpreting the rules.

The lawmakers, who now cochair a committee overseeing the program, have ordered the Texas Education Agency and the coordinating board to study why some institutions did not use available money and what middle and high schools are doing to promote the required advanced curriculum.

Information about the TEXAS Grant can be obtained by calling the Center for Financial Aid at 1-877-782-7322 or the Texas Higher Education Cooridinating Board 512-483-6101

Federal disaster declaration granted for Tarrant County

WASHINGTON (AP) - President Clinton on Friday granted a federal disaster declaration for Tarrant County, which was rocked by two tornadoes last week, paving the way for federal assistance to residents, businesses and local governments.

The announcement came in a phone call from Vice President Al Gore to Rep. Martin Frost, D-Dallas, who had repeatedly urged Clinton in recent days to grant the assistance.

"Receiving federal assistance is vitally important to the victims of this terrible tragedy," said Frost whose district adjoins much of the damaged area.

Texas Gov. George W. Bush officially requested the federal aid on Thursday, saying damage will reach an estimated \$450 mil-

More than 1,500 homes in Fort Worth, Arlington and Grand Prairie were damaged by the March 28 twisters. Four people died and one was presumed dead from the tornado that struck downtown Fort Worth just after evening rush hour, wreaking havoc in the business district. A second tornado hit nearby Arlington and Grand Prairie.

"I'm just really glad for the citizens and the businesses that had been so hurt," Rep. Kay Granger, R-Fort Worth, said. "It means not only that we can recover, but we can recover quick-

The declaration covers damage from severe storms, tornadoes and flooding that occurred March 28-29, Federal Emergency Management Agency Director James Lee Witt said.

Supreme Court upholds employer fire at-will doctrine

AUSTIN (AP) - Employers been demoted, transferred or can still fire workers - and employees can quit their jobs — for any reason or no reason at all, the Texas Supreme

Court said in a recent ruling. The high court confirmed that employers do not have a legal duty to act with "good faith and fair dealing" in their relations with workers.

The case considered by the court involved five current and former Midland police officers.

The officers, who had been transferred or lost their status as peace officers, had sued, alleging retaliation and discrimination.

The court's ruling compared an insurer's legal obligation to act in good faith and provide fair dealing to policyholders with an employer's relationship with employees.

"If an insured suffers a loss, he cannot simply contract with another insurance company to cover that loss," said the unanimous ruling written by Justice Priscilla Owen. "By contrast, an employee who has

discharged may seek alternative employment."

The court also said it saw no difference between government and private employers on

Rick Levy, legal director for the Texas AFL-CIO, said Friday he was disappointed but not surprised by the court's unanimous ruling on the so-called at-will doctrine.

"The at-will doctrine is outdated and doesn't match people's ideas of what is fair and iust today.'

Levy added that it was "particularly telling" that there was not one dissent on the

Bill Hammond, a spokesman for the Texas Association of Business and Chambers of Commerce, a group that often speaks to employer concerns, said he was pleased with the

He rejected claims that the at-will doctrine benefits employers more than employ-

Hispanic leaders upset by comments rock star made HOUSTON (AP) - Rock star return to their native countries. your fellow citizens? C'mon, if ing, Flores said his group would

Ted Nugent hasn't won many new fans in the Hispanic community during his latest tour.

The League of United Latin American Citizens is organizing a national boycott of Nugent because of what the group considers disparaging comments he made about Latinos during concerts last week in Houston and San Antonio.

While performing as the opening act for the rock group KISS at a concert April 1 in Houston, Nugent was critical of those who can't speak English, telling them in a profanity-laced tirade

He made similar comments at a concert in San Antonio a day earlier.

"We're not objecting to his right to free speech," said Charles Flores, director of LULAC's District 18 in Houston. "The way it was said, we feel it was directed in hatred at Hispanics.

Nugent remained unapologetic about his comments.

"If you're going to be an asset to America, it would only be logical to speak the language. How can you be a benefit to your family, neighborhood or to leave the United States and country if you can't speak to

you can't speak English, get out of America," Nugent said in an interview with the Houston Chronicle.

Nugent, a Michiganer known as the "Motor City Madman" for his outrageous stage persona, did not return several telephone calls from The Associated Press on Friday.

LULAC plans to ask the public not to buy any Nugent records and not to attend any of his concerts. The organization also is discussing the possibility of staging protests at upcoming Nugent concerts, Flores said.

While Nugent isn't apologiz-

not accept one even if the offered. "We're tired of apologies,"

Flores said. "We're not out to give him all this attention. We want to let other groups know this type of talk will not be tolerated. Many immigrants come into

the United States before learning the language, said Denise Nuno, the chief of staff for Texas LULAC.

'We are assimilating without losing our cultural pride," Nuno said. "It's a shame that people do not believe we are a part of this country.

Lubbock man charged with killing co-worker, dumping body

LUBBOCK (AP) — A Lubbock man has been charged with murdering a co-worker whose body was found during February in a rural New Mexico gravel pit.

Michael W. Miles, 36, is accused of killing Mark Alexander on Jan. 17. Alexander's body, wrapped in a tarp and chains, was found more than a month later floating in a water-filled pit north of

Miles remained Friday night in the Lubbock County Jail in lieu of \$100,000 bond.

Alexander, 38, was last seen in the city on Jan. 17. His truck was later found parked at a Lubbock nightclub. Mexico authorities discovered his body Feb. 25.

Deputy Criminal District Attorney Matt! Powell staids neven more difficult. Programme 1938 Friday that he could not discuss Police reports filed with ment repair company.

Alexander's wife, Kav declined to comment on Miles' arrest. But earlier this week, she said the family wants the

case solved quickly. "We want to see justice; it's only fair," she said. "It's very difficult to lose someone, but to lose someone under the circumstances that we lost someone is

Miles' murder warrant indicate Alexander's slaving may have involved a drug deal.

Several of Alexander's acquaintance's told police Alexander was involved in a cocaine operation with a coworker, according to court

Both men worked as repair technicians for Preferred Services, a restaurant equip-



entity for the outpouring of support to our family. From the first realization of the tragedy of losing Peyton and Dalton, our hearts have been lifted by thousands of prayers, hundreds of volunteers, and a tremendous amount of food and other donations.

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Thank You and God Bless You



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OUR VIEWS

Volunteers play a vital role in our community

with today marking the start of National Volunteer Week, it seems only fitting that each of us take a few moments to contemplate the role volunteers play in our

As a matter of fact, it's almost impossible to find a single aspect of our lives today that isn't positively impacted by volunteerism.

Volunteers provide services at Scenic Mountain Medical Center, the Veterans Administration Hospital and Big Spring State Hospital.

They work with the youth in our community — Boy Scouts, Girl Scouts and youngsters involved in 4-H programs - as well as with some of our oldest residents in making sure the Mobile Meals program and activities at the Spring City Senior Citizens Center are

Others contribute in various ways — as literacy tutors or responding when the local Rape Crisis/Victim Services number is called.

Still others volunteer their services as members of boards and steering committees of those organizations and others such as the Salvation Army and the United

Each of those volunteers deserves praise for the contributions they make. And while many organizations conduct banquets or luncheons to recognize their volunteers, altruism rarely generates the attention it should receive.

As a result, today we at the *Herald* want to take this opportunity to offer our collective thanks to those in the Crossroads area that take time to volunteer in any

You not only enrich the lives of those you come into direct contact with, but you make all our lives better.

OTHER VIEWS

nearly always a politician's best friend, and this year is certainly no exception. After years of staggering deficits, our elected representatives can actually talk about tax cuts and spending increases without Americans shaking their heads in disbelief. But voters should always ask their elected representatives how they expect to pay for

A booming economy is

lar proposals. For instance, President Clinton last year proposed an expensive new prescription benefit as part of the Medicare program. ... But it must be noted that Clinton advanced his proposal just in time for Vice President Al Gore's presidential bid. The proposal represents the

expensive, politically popu-

Democrats' carrot for the elderly, a group that has historically voted in large numbers. ...

A couple of years ago, Clinton ignored the recommendations of a bipartisan panel to save both Medicare and Social Security. ... He should look at a GOP proposal that is routinely rejected by Democrats. Since the budget debates of the early 1990s, Republicans have suggested reducing Medicare benefits for wealthier recipients. That could go a long way to promoting the long-term solvency of Medicare.

It may take some bitter medicine to restructure Medicare, but that's what leadership is all about.

DEMING (N.M.) HEADLIGHT

Things I have learned through the years

y sister passed this along to me. I would love to take credit for it, but cannot ... however, that doesn't mean it's not worth sharing.

I've learnedthat either you control your attitude or it controls you.

I've learned-

that regardless of how hot and steamy a relationship is at first, the

passion fades and there had better be some-

JOHN

WALKER

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thing else to take its place. I've learned-

that heroes are the people who do what has to be done when it needs to be done, regardless of the consequences.

I've learnedthat money is a lousy way of keeping score.

I've learnedthat my best friend and I can do anything or nothing and have the best time.

I've learned that sometimes the people you expect to kick you when you're down will be the ones to help you get back up.

I've learnedthat sometimes when I'm angry I have the right to be angry, but that doesn't give me the right to be cruel.

I've learnedthat true friendship continues to grow, even over the longest distance.

Same goes for true love.

I've learnedthat just because someone doesn't love you the way you want them to doesn't mean they don't love you with all they have.

I've learned that maturity has more to do with what types of experiences you've had and what you've learned from them and less to do with how many birthdays you've celebrated.

I've learnedthat some members of your family may not always be there for you.

It may seem funny, but people you aren't related to can take

care of you and love you and teach you to trust people Families aren't biological.

I've learnedthat no matter how good a friend is, they're going to hurt you every once in a while and you must forgive them for that

I've learnedthat it isn't always enough to be forgiven by others. Sometimes you are to learn to forgive yourself.

I've learnedthat no matter how bad your heart is broken the world doesn't stop for your grief.

I've learnedthat our background and circumstances may have influenced who we are, but we are responsible for who we become.

I've learnedthat just because two people argue, it doesn't mean they don't love each other And just because they don't argue, it doesn't mean they do.

I've learnedthat we don't have to change friends if we understand that friends change

last forever, either. Once

again, Flowerland wilted

In 19**7**7, **Atlanta Unity**

Church bought the property.

services in the old house for

munity also used (and uses)

pers, Alcoholics Anonymous

attempting to raise \$1 million

"We've already replaced the

to restore a solid but frayed

roof," Gretchen McCormack

says. "That alone cost \$45,000."

McCormack is in charge of

antique auctions that Unity is

counting on for fund-raising.

At the most recent auction, a

physician and his wife donated

a percentage of their enormous

restoration; they were not even

The house, of course, is only

McCormack and others tell the

brick and mortar. Yet when

Flowerland tale, you can see

they have a vision. They are

acquisitions for periodic

estate to the Flowerland

Unity members.

Now Unity Church is

meetings.

Flowerland.

Unity held interdenominational

several years until a new sanc-

tuary could be built. The com-

the mansion for weddings, sup-

I've learned-

that you shouldn't be so eager to find out a secret. It could change your life forever.

I've learned-

that two people can look at the exact same thing and see something totally different.

I've learnedthat no matter how you try to protect your children, they will eventually get hurt and you will hurt in the process.

I've learnedthat your life can be changed in a matter of hours by people

who don't even know you. I've learnedthat even when you think you have no more to give, when a

friend cries out to you, you

will find the strength to help. I've learnedthat credentials on the wall do not make you a decent

human being. I've learned that the people you care about

most in life are taken from you too soon.

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The next chapter in Flowerland affair is the mansion called Grey Nuns ran it. That didn't

spend the meaty middle of our lives accumulating things. We spend the end get ting rid of them.

An auctioneer points to an oil painting in a gilded frame that's roughly the

size of an RV parking space. 'Who will start the bidat \$500? Who will start at

ding at \$1,000, \$500? Yes, madam, thank you, finally we can

RHETA GRIMSLEY **JOHNSON**

begin . Outside the auction tent an Atlanta spring blooms. The fine antiques, the olive-colored leather chairs, the auctioneer's banter — they spill out of the tent into springtime. Two lions rest on bronze haunches, ready

to guard some library French furniture, Russian crystal, vegetable-dyed Persian rugs, Turkish rugs woven in pure silk and gold. Chippendale copies, original art, Dutch marquetry bookcas-

sheikh. A geography lesson in valuable goods. And looming over the whole

es. It's a tent to tempt a

spot the beautiful, blood-colored house through trees and rampant ivy just off of Chamblee-Dunwoody Road. A creek named Nancy runs by it. The nouse was built in the mid-1920s by Dr. Luther Fischer and his wife, Lucy

Fischer Flowerland. You can

Fischer was co-founder of Crawford Long Hospital; Lucy was an invalid.

The house interior was made of concrete reinforced with steel to satisfy Mrs. Fischer's fear of falling walls. There are two stories, white columns, stairways curling from both ends of the graceful porch. There are six art-deco bathrooms, sparkling chandeliers, a marble-topped pastry island in the kitchen.

The devoted Luther planted six of their 48 acres in extrava gant gardens to please Lucy. The centerpiece featured her favorite, roses. On weekends the Fischers opened their estate to the public; Atlanta could stroll through Flowerland

After the death of his wife. Dr. Fischer sold Flowerland. For a while, the beautiful house grew quiet, dark. The gardens washed away.

There would be other owners, including D'Youville Academy, a Catholic school for girls, in 1957. The Order of

taking a turn at helm, hoeing a It's straight out of Ecclesiastes, a story told in seasons. Beauty can be reborn for a whole new generation to know







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Reno readies plan to transfer custody of Elian

WASHINGTON (AP) - The cuss ways of achieving a Justice Department, concerned about Elian Gonzalez's safety, has formally appealed to the boy's relatives to cooperate in the search for a peaceful transfer of custody to his father, an administration official said Saturday.

The possibility of unrest leading to violence at the time of the exchange has haunted officials for months, and a department official acknowledged Saturday "there are people who have given thought to an enforcement option and how to go about doing it.

"But there is no developed plan to use force," the official said, adding, "Nothing's been presented to senior officials, let alone been approved by any senior official.

With time running short, Justice Department has faxed a request to Elian's Miami relatives that they meet Monday with psychiatric experts to dissmooth transition.

On Friday, Cuban-American leaders opposed to the transfer called off demonstrations aimed at clogging traffic near the Miami airport but indicated the respite may only be temporary.

Miami Mayor Joe Carollo, asked Saturday on NBC's "Today" show how the Miami police will respond when the transfer takes place, said: "Our police department will act in a professional manner."

Attorney General Janet Reno has said the relatives must surrender the boy this week.

In Havana, in an apparent reference to Reno's comment, Foreign Minister Felipe Lopez Roque said the arrival of Juan Miguel Gonzalez in Washington has allowed Americans to see firsthand that the father is simply an average Cuban who wants to be with his son.

In Bethesda, Md., where Juan Miguel Gonzalez is staying in a

diplomat's home to await a reunion with his son, a visitor described him Saturday as sad and quiet as the countdown continued toward the possible final act in the custody drama.

"He seemed not all that optimistic," said Vicki Martin, a member of the Madison, Wis.-Camaguey, Cuba Sister City Association and a supporter of his efforts to recover custody of

In Miami, some backers of Elian's relatives seemed resigned to the possibility that the boy will be turned over to the father and eventually returned to Cuba. The relatives are appealing a federal judge's ruling affirming the U.S. government's decision to send the Elian back to his father.

Bienvenido Comas, 27, was among those maintaining vigil Saturday outside the Miami home of Lazaro Gonzalez, the great-uncle with whom Elian has been staying since his rescue off the Florida coast last November.

"Either we fight for a cause or we don't fight at all," he said. "When that kid is gone, everybody that lives in this community is going to have innecent blood on their hands."

Vanessa Fernandez, 23, a college student, said, "Elian's chances are slim to nothing."

A Newsweek poll released Saturday found that 53 percent of Americans believe Elian should be returned to his father while 30 percent oppose his return.

Justice Department officials said the letter faxed to Elian's great-uncle asked him to meet Monday with two psychiatrists and a psychologist to discuss the least disruptive way of carrying out the transfer.

The three were asked by Reno to determine ways of maintaining calm during the transfer and to ensure the exchange will not traumatize the child

Clinton signs law ending earnings limits for Americans age 65 to 69

WASHINGTON (AP) -Hundreds of thousands of Americans age 65 through 69 will be able to earn as much money as they want without losing Social Security benefits under a bill signed Friday by President Clinton repealing a Depression-era penalty.

The elimination of the socalled earnings test will mean a bonanza averaging an additional \$6,700 in payments this year for some 800,000 recipients who are working and another 100,000 who haven't sought benefits because they have jobs, the Social Security Administration says.

In addition, the repeal was retroactive to Jan. 1, meaning that about 415,000 seniors who lost Social Security benefits this year will receive a refund. It will average \$3,500 and be mailed out in May.

"Conventional wisdom says

that nothing important happens in Washington in an election year," Clinton said at a ceremony Friday. "Today we have proved the conventional wisdom wrong."

The measure repealed a law in which people age 65 to 69 lost \$1 in Social Security benefits for every \$3 in wages above

The cost of the repeal was estimated at \$22 billion over 10

an annual limit of \$17,000.

The earnings penalty was a remnant from an era of high unemployment when policymakers wanted to encourage older Americans to retire and make room for younger work-

But today's booming economy and tight labor market have changed the picture. Clinton said the repeal would benefit workers and companies

Republicans blame Clinton for soaring gasoline prices

Government proposes Medicare rate hike for nursing homes

WASHINGTON (AP) - The reason prices are so high at the gasoline pump is the Clinton administration has let OPEC monopolize U.S. oil supplies while failing to allow further exploration of possible domestic energy sources, a Senate Republican alleged Saturday.

In the GOP's weekly radio address, Sen. Frank Murkowski, R-Alaska, denounced President Clinton and Vice President Al Gore for focusing on renewable energy concepts like solar, wind and geothermal sources. Instead, he said, they

WASHINGTON (AP) - The

Care

Administration proposed rais-

ing Medicare payment rates for

nursing homes by almost 6 per-

cent and directing more money

toward the care of acutely ill

seniors who need expensive

Medicare program adminis-

trator Nancy-Ann DeParle said

payment rates would increase

by 5.8 percent starting Oct. 1

under a proposal that was pub-

HCFA's plan calls for cate-

Financing

for oil and gas exploration and expanded the hydroelectric dams system and used more coal-fired or nuclear power plants.

"So how do Clinton and Gore propose that we generate energy to run our industry and farms, heat our homes and fuel our trucks, cars and airplanes?" asked Murkowski, chairman of the Senate Energy and Natural Resources Committee. "Hot air from Washington won't do the

Murkowski said Americans

lems that require intensive care

"These changes, based on

extensive research of real world

experiences, will ensure that

Medicare pays nursing homes

fairly and appropriately for car-

ing for those beneficiaries with

complex medical needs,"

The rate hike would translate

to an estimated \$15.5 billion for

nursing homes in fiscal year

2001, an increase of more \$900

and treatment.

DeParle said.

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lished for public comment million over the current year's

administration's reliance on imported oil. He noted the percentage of imported oil has increased from 43 percent in 1993 to 56 percent now.

"And the administration's energy department warned that if we do nothing, imports could rise to 65 percent in 15 years. So what did the Clinton-Gore team do to reduce our reliance on imported oil? In a word, nothing," Murkowski said.

President Clinton criticized Congress last week for failing to protect the nation's energy

Government auditors and pri-

vate experts have warned that

unless some cuts in Medicare

financial support cuts are

restored, the sickest senior citi-

zens may be denied the care

Cuts in Medicare spending

have led to a shortfall in money

to cover care of the most expen-

sive patients. Older Americans

with serious illnesses sometimes can't find nursing homes

being improperly dropped from

Medicaid because states didn't

tell people that they were still

eligible for Medicaid, casework-

ers discouraged families apply-

ing for Medicaid, and computer

systems that linked welfare cov-

erage and Medicaid wiped out

people when they got off the

Some states have already

started to identify people who

should have been allowed to

keep Medicaid coverage. Frank

Lopez, spokesman for the

Arizona Medicaid program,

said his department has just

started a program to reinstate

families who were kicked off

because caseworkers didn't tell

them that they could still be

covered even if they were no

better job of informing people,"

"We all should have done a

longer on welfare.

said Lopez

require intensive care.

they need.

Medicare would pay more or home health care agencies

should have opened U.S. lands are "being held hostage" by the security by not renewing his authority to tap government oil reserves. The Senate approved a four-year extension of his authority to draw from the reserve, but the authority expired when the House failed

The Clinton administration also has said that its diplomatic efforts resulted in the recent agreement by the Organization of the Petroleum Exporting Countries to increase production by 1.7 million barrels a day, which is expected to result in lower prices this summer.

CORRECTION NOTICE

In our April 9 insert, we advertised 2 CDs as available Tuesday, April 11. The release dates for both Outta My Way by the Flys and the American Psycho Soundtrack have been delayed. Both titles are expected to be available soon.

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keep them," Department of

Health and Human Services

Secretary Donna Shalala said at

a children's health insurance

States were also ordered to

reinstate disabled children who

were required to get Medicaid

after they lost their supplemen-

tal Social Security benefits, but

didn't. Experts estimate that at

least 100,000 children were eligi-

Shalala said the federal gov-

ernment will help states pay

administrative expenses and

will match any state dollars

used to reimburse families for

medical bills that would have

been covered by Medicaid dur-

ing the time they were termi-

States are not required to

HHS auditors concluded last

reimburse families for those

gories of payments that would than \$700 per day for seniors that will care for them.

States told to re-enlist families kicked off Medicaid WASHINGTON (AP) - States Medicaid benefits really do year that many people were must sign back up poor families that were improperly dropped from Medicaid when they left welfare and were urged to pay any medical bills the families incurred while they were terminated from the program.

Advocates for the poor, who have long complained that people were being dropped from Medicaid even though they were eligible, said Friday's announcement by the federal agency that runs Medicaid was long overdue.

"There have been hundreds of thousands improperly terminated from Medicaid," said Jonathan Stein, a lawyer for Community Legal Services, which provides legal assistance to low income people. The Health Care Financing

Administration told states in a letter to do extensive searches of computer files to identify families that lost Medicaid coverage when they got off welfare and take "action to reinstate coverage ... as quickly as possi-

The letter also says states must correct whatever problems or policies that led to eligible people being cut off. The move is an acknowledg-

ment on the part of the federal government that many people have been improperly kept off Medicaid and the strongest step vet taken to correct the situa-

"We're asking all states to review their computer systems and eligibility processes - in order to ensure that all families that are eligible to keep their

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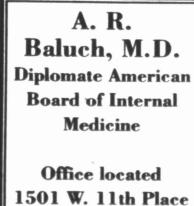
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That's more than five times Act of 1999. HCFA's proposal the rate for residents who don't would refine the payment system and direct more money toward caring for acutely ill

The rate updates are based on increases in the cost of covered care, changes in local wages and provisions of the balanced budget act, HCFA said.



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GOLF

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4 p.m. - Davis Cur nal, Czech Republic v States, ESPN, Ch. 30

IN BRIEF

Hawks manage split in twinbill at Alvin

Howard College's Hawks got a sterling pitching performance from Matt Burriss to take a 1-0 win Friday evening in the second game of a doubleheader split with Alvin Community College.

The Hawks suffered a 6-2 loss in the twinbill's first

Now 23-19-1 on the season, the Hawks will play host to El Paso Community College's Tejanos in the first game of a Western Junior College Athletic Conference series at 2 p.m. Friday.

Lady Hawks suffer sweep at hands of EPCC Tejanas

Howard College's Lady Hawks suffered 4-1 and 7-1 losses Friday in the first half of a four-game Western Junior College Athletic Conference softball series against El Paso Community College's Tejanas. Results from Saturday's doubleheader were not available

as the *Herald* went to press. Both of Friday's games were 1-0 and 2-1 affairs until the rejanas mounted late rallies. The losses left Howard with

a 27-23 record overall and 2-8 in WJCAC play.

Bulldogs survive scare with 2-1 win at Plains

It took two extra innings, Coahoma's Bulldogs remained perfect in District 3-2A baseball play Friday with a 2-1 win over Plains Cowboys. Senior left-hander Delvin White struck out 14 batters in five innings of relief work to record the victory.

Luke Bowlin's solo home run in the top of the ninth that provided the win.

Howard rodeo team puts on strong showing

Howard College rodeo team went ihto Saturday night's short go-round of the Western Texas College Rodeo in Snyder in position to have perhaps their best showing of the season

At least nine members of the Howard team were qualified for Saturday's round, including Todd Loesch who owned the lead in steer wrestling and was third in team roping.

Jeremy Hughes was fourth in the steer wrestling.

Matt Burrow was fourth in the bareback riding, while Cody Griffin and Justin Mills were sixth and eighth in the saddle bronc riding.

Seth McFadden was tied for fourth in the calf roping, while Toby Schexnaydre was tied for fifth in the bull riding and Ben Cook was eighth.

Men's slowpitch softball league now being formed

Plans are currently under way to create a 12-team men's slowpitch softball league in Big Spring this summer.

Anyone interested in enterng a team should call Becky Crane at 264-2376 or Andj Andrews-York at 263-7641.

ON THE AIR

Television **AUTO RACING**

10 a.m. — FIA Formula One San Marino Grand Prix, FXS, Ch.

Noon - NASCAR Winston Cup Goody's 500, ESPN, Ch. 30. MAJOR LEAGUE BASEBALL Noon - San Francisco Giants

at Atlanta Braves, TBS, Ch. 11. 2 p.m. - Toronto Blue Jays at Texas Rangers, FXS, Ch. 29.

7 p.m. — Cleveland Indians at Tampa Bay Devil Rays, ESPN, Ch.

11:30 a,m. — Philadelphia 76ers at Orlando Magic, NBC, Ch. 9.

2 p.m. + Utah Jazz at Houston Rockets, NBC, Ch. 9. 4:30 p.m. - Phoenix Suns at

Sacramento Kings, NBC, Ch. 9. 3 p.m. + PGA The Masters. inal round, CBS, Ch. 7.

NATIONAL HOCKEY LEAGUE 2 p.m. - Phoenix Coyotes at Dallas Stars, ABC, Ch. 2.

4 p.m. - Davis Cup quarterfinal, Czech Republic vs. United States, ESPN, Ch. 30.

Simmons makes it a three-peat by claiming 5-4A girls' golf title Of the season. While Sweetwater was third with a 933

FORT STOCKTON — Ashlie Simmons made it a three-peat.

The Big Spring senior toured the Pecos County Country Club with a round of 79 Saturday to claim her third straight District 5-4A girls' golf championship.

Simmons' 77-79-79, 235 left her with an eight-stroke margin of victory over Andrews' Ashley Robb, who's 243 total over three rounds was four strokes better than the 247s turned in by Snyder's tandem of Randi Reed and Lacey Kidd.

As a result, Simmons will be making her third straight trip to the Region I, Class 4A golf tournament on April 24-25 at the Riverside Golf Course in San

Reed and Kidd did, however, provide the leadership necessary for Snyder's Lady Tigers to claim another team championship - their round of 333 on Saturday giving them a 999 total.

Andrews finished as the runner-up in the team competition with a 1,006 total, while Fort Stockton's Prowlers were third at 1,009.

The Lady Steers' No. 1 team finished sixth in the team standings with a 1,206

In addition to Simmons' solid 79, the Lady Steers got a 97 from Heather Gibbs, a 102 from Heather Harris, a 111 from Sarah Anthony and Brittney Griffith's 119 to post a 389 — their best team score

While Big Spring was unable to field an No. 2 team for the final round of the tournament, Rebecca Fuqua turned in a round of 117 on Saturday, while Lesli Hicks carded a 131 and Lyndsey Gaston finished with a round of 132. Ragan Darden, playing for medalist honors only, finished Saturday's round with a 123 score.

In the 5-4A boys' tournament, Andrews' Mustangs made the most of playing the final round on their home course Saturday, posting a round of 289 for a three-day total of 868 and a 37stroke win over runner-up Snyder.

The second-place Tigers posted a 297 on Saturday, giving them a 905 total,

total following a round of 306.

Andrews' Brad Gibson and Dustin 4 9 Sherrill took the top two medalist spots, / Gibson claiming the championship with . The an impressive 65 Saturday that gave him . O. a 203 total and 16-stroke margin of victory over his teammate.

Sherrill closed the tournament with a round of 76 for a 219 total. Snyder's Landon Day was third with a 73 and 220 total, while teammate Zach Starnes finished tied fourth in the individual standings with Andrews' Luke Varner, both finishing the tournament with 223 totals. Andrews' No. 2 team finished fourth in

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Lady Steers 'explode' for 7-1 win

Managing Editor

It's called getting back on

Big Spring's Lady Steers did just that Friday afternoon in District 5-4A softball action with an an explosion of offense that left San Angelo Lake View's Maidens reeling with a 7-1 loss.

The Lady Steers, seemingly mired in a collective offensive slump for the past two weeks, pounded out 12 hits en route to the win that improved their overall record to 21-5 on the season and 6-2 in district play.

"We finally broke out of it (slump)," Lady Steers junior third baseman Amy Jackson said following the win, as she and senior shortstop Monica Rubio visited with fans.

"It was about time, too," Rubio interjected. "We've been struggling.'

The two Big Spring infielders said they believe an abbreviated workout session on Thursday might have been the key to their offensive success.

"I really think that had a lot to do with it," Rubio noted. "Coach (Dan) Arista gaye us a little bit of a breakeand that helped. We came out yesterday and went through our hitting drills and he told us to go Home and get some rest.

"We needed it. I think that. took some of the pressure off,' she added. "It's already been a long season and I think everyone was getting a little burned

Lady Steers were able to rekindle their fires — especially designated hitter Nicci Vizciano and freshman pitching ace Christina Gwyn.

That duo accounted from half of the Lady Steers' hits and both went 3-for-3 at the plate. Jackson added a 2-for-4 showing, while Lindsey Marino, Rubio, Trista Casey and Bridgett Cain added singles. Nobody could have been hot-

ter than Gwyn, however. In addition to pitching a twohitter and striking out 13 Lake View batters, the Lady Steers' ace hit a pair of doubles and

drove in three Big Spring runs. The Lady Steers jumped on top early, scoring a run in the bottom of the first inning.

Still, it was a somewhat staggering start since Big Spring managed just the one run off



HERALD photo/Jim Flerro

Big Spring catcher Lindsey Marino applies the tag as she and San Angelo Lake View's Jennifer Hill tumble to the ground, ending a run down in the fourth inning of Friday's District 5-4A softball game at the Big Spring ISD Softball Complex. Marino and the Lady Steers broke out of a scoring slump with a 7-1 win over the Maidens.

Whatever the reason, the three hits, as Lake View threw out one runner at the plate and forced another at third base.

Lake View knotted the score in the next inning when third baseman Jennifer Hill singled to right, moved to second on an errant pick-off throw by Marino, took third on a passed ball and scored when Gwyn made a wild throw in trying to pick her off at third.

It would be virtually the only mistake Gwyn would make; as she allowed just four more Lake View runners to reach

What's more, she got an opportunity to atone from the mistake in the fourth inning when Hill again reached third. This time, however, Gwyn caught the Maid hs star too far off hase and mitlated a run down that saw Marino make

What proved to be the gamewinning run came in the bot-

tom of the second. Gwyn got things started with a double to the fence in left-center field, but was picked off at third when Vanessa Rodriguez drew a one-out walk and swiped second.

Instead of making a pay at second, Maidens pitcher Josie Jungman fired a strike to Hill at third.

The Lady Steers took the lead a few seconds later, however, when Jackson laced an RBI single to right.

Big Spring's lead increased to 4-1 in the third when Casey singled to left with two out, reached second on a wild pitch and scored on an RBI single by Cain, who crossed the plate a few moments later when Gwyn ripped her second double of the day down the left field line.

The Lady Steers added three more insurance runs in the fifth.

Marino got things started when she was hit by a pitch and scored when Vizciano sin gled to right and Jungman made a wild cutoff throw to

Rubio followed with a single that put runners at the corners. Jungman almost got out of the inning without suffering any more damage, getting Casey to ground out and retiring Cain on a pop to short.

But Gwyn made her final trip to the plate count with a single to right that plated Vizciano and Rubio.

The Lady Steers, who remain tied atop the District 5-4A standings with Snyder's Lady Tigers, will now travel to Snyder for a crucial showdown at 5 p.m. Tuesday.

Steers thump **Panthers**

By CARL GRAHAM

Staff Writer

Clint Bamert's solo home run in the second inning powered the Big Spring Steers to an early 1-0 lead that ended up being the difference in a 2-1 win over the Fort Stockton Panthers 179 in District 5-4A baseball action

Ricky Solis threw a two-hitter at the Panthers, running his record to 3-3-1 on the year. The young Steers had five errors in the game, which helped Fort Stockton stay close throughout.

Steers' second baseman Willis Morrison hit a double after Bamert's home run. Morrison scored after the Fort Stockton catcher tossed the ball into left field, attempting to throw him

Fort Stockton got its only run on an error in the fourth inning. Left fielder Jeff Hickman struck out for what would have been the second out but catcher / Ricky Yanez dropped the ball, then threw wild to first, allowing Hickman to arrive safely at first.

Panther first baseman Joe Riojaz then reached on an error by shortstop James Clements Million allowing Hickman to move up to second. Mike Morales, the Fort Stockton pitcher, then walked to load the bases. Panther shortstop Rodriquez followed with a sharp single to drive in Hickman.

"I thought Ricky did a great job today keeping them off balance most of the day," said Big Spring head coach Pat Loter. We are still struggling at the plate and making too many errors. We were just fortunate today to put up one more run than they did. We now have just got to take things one game at a time.

Big Spring first baseman Clint Bamert thought the win was a great confidence builder for the team.

"We needed a win today to keep us in the district race, said Bamert. "It was a confidence builder for us and we will take it."

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Bamert said the home run

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Big Spring girls serve notice on rest of 5-4A field

By JOHN A. MOSELEY

Managing Editor

Big Spring's Lady Steers officially served notice Saturday that they plan to retake the District 5-4A girls' track crown next week when they piled up 169 points to take the Big Spring AMBUCS Relays title at Blankenship Field.

The Lady Steers' 54-point margin of victory over Levelland, coupled with San-Angelo Lake View and Andrews managing 93 and 92 points, respectively, left coach Jay Kennedy looking ahead to Thursday's District 5-4A meet in San Angelo with an optimistic viewpoint.

"This makes us feel very good going into next week," Kennedy admitted. "We don't know a lot about what Fort Stockton and Sweetwater are going to have, but I think the three best teams in our district were here today and we won

Big Spring saw a long streak of district championships snapped by Lake View's Maidens last year, but Kennedy believes neither Lake View, nor Andrews has the strength to take a lion's share of the points Levelland garnered on Saturday. "There's no question that Lake View

and Andrews are going to pick up some points that Levelland had today, but so are we ... so will Fort Stockton and Sweetwater," he explained. "The real key is going to be whether or not we compete at the district meet like we did today. I think we will.

"Lake View has some tremendously gifted athletes ... so does Andrews," he added. "We've got a few, too, but most of what we've been able to do is pick up lots of placing points from kids that just go out there and give it everything they've got."

The Lady Steers chalked up plenty of first-place points, however. Leandra Williams took the win in the

shot put with a 34-10 heave, while Ashley Smith added sixth place with a 31-9 April McGee added another first in the

field events by winning the long jump

with a 16-31/4 leap, while Angelica Hinojos was third at 15-91/2 and Rachelle Guinn was sixth with a 15-foot effort. Guinn added a second-place finish in the triple jump, soaring 33 feet, 9 inches, while Sterling Burchett was fourth with a 33-01/2 effort and Latrisha Rollins was

sixth at 32-51/2. Alexis Casillas added another second-

place finish in the high jump, clearing the bar at 5 feet, while Stormie Huff was sixth at 4-8. Another second-place finish came from

Cook was fourth Ashley Larson got the Lady Steers off to a good start in the running events, winning the 3,200 meters with a 12:43.94

Amber Mayes in the discus, while Dena

clocking while April Aguilar was fourth at 13:00.99 Larson could come back later to finish second in the 1.600 meters with a 5:59.20

The Lady Steers finished second in the 400-meter relay, McGee, Hinojos, Amanda Rubio and Huff motoring to a time of 50 seconds flat

Hinojos added a first in the 100 meters with a 12.49 clocking, while Kourtnee Rushin was fifth at 13:37. McGee chipped in a second-place clocking of 26.57 seconds in the 200 meters and Rushin was sixth at 28.73. Guinn, who would team with McGee,

Hinojos and Rubio in winning the 800meter relay with a 1:45.63 clocking, added third-place points in the 100-meter hurdles, while Chelsea Churchwell was

Rollins would add another sixth-place

finish in the 400 meters and Britania Perez contributed a fourth-place finish in the 300-meter hurdles

The Lady Steers added their final points in the 1,600-meter relay when Perez, Rubio, Guinn and Burchett were clocked at 4:13.27. Snyder's Tigers literally ran away with

the meet's team title in the boys' varsity division, piling up 193 points to Frenship's 131 and Andrews' 101. Big Spring finished with 70 points -

the Steers' best finishes coming in the pole vault, 800 meters and the 1,600 Brandon Wegner chalked up Big

Spring's first win in the boys division when he cleared the pole vault bar at 13 feet: His cousin, Kyland Wegner, finished third with an 11-6 effort. Jeremiah Baeza provided fifth-place

points in the shot put and Jaroe Parnell matched that finish in the long jump. Blair Nutting chipped in a fifth-place in the long jump and Michael Martinez opened the running events by finishing fifth in the 3,200 meters.

The Steers added a fourth-place finish in the 400-meter relay, finishing with a

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BALTIMORE ORIOLES—Placed RHP Mike Timilir on the 15-day disabled list, retroactive to April 2. Recalled RHP Gabe Molina from Rochester of the

RHP Jared Camp back from the Florida OAKLAND ATHLETICS Signed OF Bo Porter to a minor league contract and assigned him to Sacramento of the PCL.

nternational League.

CLEVELAND INDIANS—Accepted

TAMPA BAY DEVIL BAYS—Ontioned OF Quinton McCracken to Durham the International League.

National League
CHICAGO CUBS—Assigned INF Cole Liniak and LHP Danny Young to lowa of the PCL Activated OF Glenallen Hill from the disabled list. Called up LHP Daniel Garibay from Iowa.

CINCINNATI REDS—Traded LHP

Gabe White to the Colorado Rockies for RHP Manny Aybar. NEW YORK METS—Placed OF Darryl Hamilton on the 15-day disabled list. Called up RHP Eric Cammack from Called up RHP Eric Caminack from Norfolk of the International League. PHILADELPHIA PHILLIES—Placed RHP Mike Jackson on the 15-day dis-abled list Recalled infleder Thomas Perez from Reading of the Eastern

eague. SAN DIEGO PADRES—Placed C Carlos Hernandez on the 15-day dis-abled list. Recalled C Ben Davis from Las Vegas of the PCL. BASKETBALL

National Basketball Association
INDIANAPOLIS PACERS—Activated Chris Mullin from injured list. Placed I All Harrington on injured list.

NEW JERSEY NETS—Placed C Evan
Eschmeyer on the injured list. Signed F
Mark Hendrickson to a 10-day contract. PHILADELPHIA 76ERS-Activated George Lynch and G Ira Bowman from the injured list. Placed C Nazr Mohammed and F Antonio Lang on the

injured list. National Football League
NEW ORLEANS SAINTS—Signed K
Matt Weiland, S Gerald Vaughn, LB Philli Ward and G Brent Warren to one PITTSBURGH STEELERS—Signed OL Myslinski.

HOCKEY National Hockey League

LOS ANGELES KINGS—Recalled D
Philippe Boucher from Long Beach of

the IHL.

TRACK & FIELD

USA TRACK & FIELD—Named Andy Martin member services director

COLLEGE AIR FORCE ACADEMY—Named Joe Scott men's basketball coach.
CAMPBELLSVILLE—Named Keith

Adkins men's basketball coach.
CONNECTICUT—Announced junior
basketball G Khalid El-Amin will forego
his senior year to enter the NBA draft.
FORT HAYS STATE—Named Annette Wiles women's basketball coach.

HOBART—Named Shawn Griffin

en's soccer coach.

IOWA—Named Lisa Bluder women's pasketball coach.
WAYNE STATE, NEB.—Named Rico Burkett men's basketball coach.
WILBERFORCE—Named Steve
fucker men's basketball coach and ath

XAVIER—Signed Melanie Balcomb, women's basketball coach, to a contract extension through the 2004-05

NHL

Pittsburgh 2, Buffalo 1, OT Toronto 2, N.Y. Islanders 1 Washington 4, Detroit 2 Colorado 3, Caigary 1 San Jose 3, Phoenix 1 Edmonton 5, Vancouver 4, OT Los Angeles 3. Dailas 2 Saturday's Games

New Jersey 2, Florida 1, OT Philadeiphia 3, Boston O Tampa Bay at Toronto (n) Ottawa at Montreal in

Philadelphia at NY Rangers, 11 a.n.

LOCAL BOWLING

WEDNESDAY STRIKERS

Snades 2666. series Jim Nipp 634. Jackie. 624 Aaron Bogard 618, hi so game Ray Gutherrez 244 Jackie Letrov 244, Jim Nipp 234, hi hdup team series Dyer Plumbing 3011 Spades 2999. Dust Devils 2890, hi hdup team game Dyer Plumbing 1028. Dyer Plumbing 1025, Spades 1019, hi hdup series Report Fundam 640, him New 640 Aaron Bogard 648, hi hdcp game Ray Gutterrez 252, Cameron Biachear 250, Jackie Lecroy 244.

pades 148-84. Dust Devils 146-86. caltech 136-96. Allans Furniture 124-08. Looney Tunes 120 112. Monistat 106 126. SWCID 96 136. Eye Ball Records 82 150, Dyer Plumbing 32 40. VA COUPLES

Three split with Bette's Bandits 4-4. Eight over Lighthouse 6.2. Thirteen over Sex Pistots 8.0. BSI over Hardison 8.0. The Dreamers split with Do's and Dont's 4.4. Winners over Choke A. Holics 8-0, NFS over Untouchable Dogs 8-0. Fourteen over Hoot Owls 8-0: hi s Bette's Bandits 2015, Eight 1993, hi sc team game Bette's Bandits 715. The Dreamers 707, Choke A Holics hi sc mens series Roger Glovei Guy Burrow 590. Bobby Cordova 583, hi sc mens game Abe Yanez 244. Roger Glover 244, Joe Krug 232; hi so es Maria Escobar 547, Ja raham 540, Bethany Everett 540; hi womens game Rosalita Lozano 210,

NBA STANDINGS

EASTERN CONFERENCE Atlantic Division				
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x-Miami	49	26	.653	_
x-New York	47	28	.627	2
x-Philadelphia	44	31	.587	5
Orlando	38	37	.507	11
New Jersey	31	45	.408	181/2
Boston	30	46	.395	191/2
Washington	27	48	.360	22
Central Division				
x-Indiana	51	24	.680	
Charlotte	42	33	.560	. 9
Toronto	41	34	.547	10
Detroit	40	35	.533	11
Milwaukee	36	39	.480	15
Cleveland	29	46	.387	22
Atlanta	26	49	.347	25
Chicago	16	59	.213	35
WESTERN CONFERENCE				
Midwest Division				
	w	L	Pct	GB
x-Utah	52	23	.693	-
x-San Antonio	47	28	.627	5
x-Minnesota	47	29	.618	51/2
Dallas	34	41	.453	18
Denver	30	45	.400	22
Houston	30	46	.395	221/2
Vancouver	21	53	284	301/2
Pacific Division				
v-L.A. Lakers	64	12	.842	
x-Portland	54	21	.720	91/2
x-Phoenix	48	27	.640	151/2
x-Sacramento	43	32	.573	201/2
x-Seattle	42	33	.560	211/2
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Indiana at Charlotte, 11:30 a.m. Philly at Orlando, 11:30 a.m.

Phoenix at Sacramento, 4:30 p.m. San Antonio at Vancouver, 8 p.m. Denver at Golden State, 8 p.m.

hdcp game Alta Coy 252. Gwen Smith

STANDINGS Rose Barber Shop 139

101, Hair Designs by Randy 132-108, Gas "N" Grub 130-110, Guy's Resturant 129-111. Perco Care Center

L&M Properties 114-126, Bowl-A-Rama

WEEK 31
RESULTS Rose Barber Shop over L&M Properties 6-2. Hair Designs by Randy tied with Guy's Resturant 0.0, health Food Store over Disie Chicks 6-2. Kuykendall over Gas "N" Grub 6-2.

Bowl-A-Rama split with Perco Care Center 4-4; hi sc team series Rose Barber Shop 1984, Perco Care Center

1819; hi sc team game Rose Barbei

Shop 728, Guy's Resturant 646; hi sc series Delores Clinkscale 558, Bernardine Sealy 542; hi sc game Delores Clinkscale 212, Bonnie

McDorman 199; hi hdcp team series Rose Barber shop 2431. Guy's Resturant 2389; hi hdcp team game Rose Barber Shop 877, Health Food

Store 848: hi hdcp series Delores Clinkscale 669. Jett Moore 662; hi hdcp game Delores Clinkscale 249. Bonnie McDorman 247. STANDINGS Rose Barber Shop 145

103. Gas "N" Grub 132:116. Hair Designs by Randy 132:108. Guy's Resturant 129:111. Perco Care Center 126:122. Health Food Store 120:128.

L&M Properties 116-132. Kuvkenda

115 133, Bowl-A Rama 113 135, Dixie

WERK 29

RESULTS Campbell Cement
Construction 4.4, Rocky's 4.4, Bowl A.
Rama 6.2, Dream Team 2.6, Day & Day
Builders 0.8, Big Spring Music 8.0,
Monkey See Menkey Do 0.8, Roll N.
Hope 8.0, Rainbow Brite 0.8, Barber
Glass & Mirror 8.0, Casa Blanca 8.0,
Neighbors Auto Sales 0.8, Green House
Photography 6.2, A&B Farms 2.6, Pack
Sender, 6.2, Cline, Construction, 2.6

Best Western 4-4, Wicked Witches of

the West 4.4; hi sc team game Big. Spring Music 733, Pack Sender 666. Dream Team 649; hi sc team game Big. Spring Music 2113. Best Western

1888 Dream Team 1880, hi hdcp team game Rocky's 878, Campbell Cement Construction 875, Pack Sender 869, hi hdcp team series Rocky's

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nder () 8. Barber Glass & Mirror 8 () II N Hope () 8. A&B Farms 6 2 Ighbors Auto Sales 2 6. Campbel

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sc team series Big Spring Music 2093. Best Western 2090, Bowl-A-Rama

1960. hi hdop team game Bowl A.Rama 936. Best Western 933, Jasa Blanca 929: hi hdop team series Bowl A.Rama

Glass & Mirror 2620; hi sc game

Bonnie Barber 233, Wilda Langford 222, Kathryn Senter 213, Joycee Davis 213, hi sc series Bonnie Barber 614,

Wilda Langford 557, Joycee Davis 553 hi hdcp game Bonnie Barber 297. Wilda

Langford 270, Krysha L. Bearden 268; hi hdcp series Bonnie Barber 806, Janie Ringener 713, Krysha L. Bearden

WEEK 29
RESULTS-KC Steak House over BSI

6-2. Loan Stars over MGM 6-2. Rapid

Masony over Slow Starters 6-2. Our Gang over Districtional 8-0, Spankys over Arrow Refrigeration 6-2, American

State Bank over Big Spring Music 6-2. No Name (unopposed) 8-0; hi sc team

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sc team series American State Bank 1784. Big Spring Music 1677, Loan Stars 1597; hi hdcp team game No Name 702, American State Bank 701, KC Steak House 695; hi hdcp team

series No Name 2064. American State

WEDNESDAY NITE TRIO

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Friday's Games Philadelphia 102, Boston 97 Toronto 104, Atlanta 84 Miami 103, New Jersey 85 Detroit 97, Charlotte 82 Indiana 95, Cleveland 94 New York 96, Orlando 89 Houston 119, Seattle 116 Utah 105, Golden State 84 Minnesota 95. Sacramento 92

Saturday's Games
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STANDINGS-Eight 133-83, NFS 132-84, BSI 127-89, The Dreamers 116-100, Three 116-100, Choke-A-Holics 115-93, Winners 113-103, Hoot owls 112-104. Untouchable Fourteen Untouchable Dogs 104 112. Lighthouse 104-112, Thirteen 103-113, Bette's Bandits 102 114. Undecided 102-114, Do's and Dont's 100-116. Sex Pistols 95-121. Misfits 94-122, Hardison 62-154.

RESULTS-Three over Eight 8-0. Lighthouse over Misfits 8-0. Bette's Bandits over Undecided 6-2. Do's and Dont's over BSI 8-0. The Dreamers over Thirteen 8-0, Sex Pistols over Hardison 8-0, Fourteen over NFS 6-2, Choke-A Holics over Untouchable Dogs 6-2, Hoot Owls tied with Winners 0-0; hi sc team series Bette's Bandits 2114. Do's and Dont's 2100, Undecided 2067; hi so team game Choke-A-Holics 743, Bette's Bandits 733, Undecided 720 isc mens series Jim Gaither 682. Gene Richard, Abe Yanez 599; hi so mens game Jim Gaither 246, Jerald Burgess 221, Gene Richard 214; hi sc womens series Jan Graham 556. Rosalita Lozano 553, Irene Jackson MoSalita Lozano 553, trene Jackson 525; hi sc womens game Brenda McCright 208, Karen Albano 207, Angie Foster 210; hi hdop team series Three 2785, Bette's Bandits 2741 Undecided 2727; hi hdop team game Undercided 2727, hi hoch team game Three 987 Choke-Aholics 963, Bette's Bandits 942; hi hdcp mens series Jim Gaither 811, Gene Richard 741, Dave Klaus 722; hi hdcp mens game Jim Gaither 289, Jimmy Horton 272, Thomas Moreno 266; hi hdcp womens series Jan Graham 721. Angie Foster 719. Alma Yanez 713; hi hdcp womens

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House 143-89, American State Bank
40-92, Rapid Masonry 139-91,
Timeless Design 129-103, Spankys
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Friday's Games
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Baltimore 14, Detroit 10 Cleveland 14, Tampa Bay 5 Texas 11, Toronto 5 Anaheim 7, Boston 3 Seattle 7, N.Y. Yankees

Chicago White Sox 7. Oakland 6 Saturday's Games Late Games Not Included Baltimore 2, Detroit 1, 10 innings Kansas City 5, Minnesota 2 N.Y. Yankees 3, Seattle 2

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Monday's Games
Minnesota at K. City. 1:05 p.m.
Cleveland at Oakland, 9:05 p.m.
Toronto at Anaheim, 9:05 p.m. Only games scheduled

NATIONAL LEAGUE

Friday's Games Florida 4, Colorado 3

N Y. Mets 2. Los Angeles 1 San Diego 10, Montreal 5 Chicago Cubs 10, Cincinnati 6 San Francisco 6, Atlanta 2 Philagelphia, 4, Houston 1 Miwaukee 9, St. Louis 1 Pittsburgh 7, Anzona 2

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Monday's Games
Florida at Milwaukee, 1:05 p.m. Atlanta at Chicago Cubs. 1:20 p.r Cincinnati at Colorado, 2:05 p.m Arizona at San Diego, 5:05 p.m N.Y. Mets at Philadelphia, 6:05 p.r

St. Louis at Houston, 7:05 p.m.

TEXAS LEAGUE

Friday's Games Wichita 3, Arkansas 1 Round Rock at El Paso Midland 6, San Antonio 0

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RODEO LEADERS

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J.D. Crouse, Canon City, Colo.,
\$19,456. 6. Guy Allen, Lovington, N.M.,
\$18,954. 7. Cody Ohl, Orchard, Texas,
\$18,053. 8. Garrett Nokes, McCook,
Neb. \$17,503. 9. Dan Enckson, La Junta, Colo., \$17,500. 10 J.D. Yates, Pueblo. Colo., \$15,587. 11. Marty Becker, Manybernes, Alberta, \$14,285. Herbert Theriot, Poolarville, Miss \$14,081, 13, Robert Bowers, Brook Alberta, \$13,854. 14. Curtis Cassidy, Donalda, Alberta, \$13,371. 15. Tee Woolman, Llano, Texas, \$12,649. 16

\$12.183. 17. Bubba Paschal, Laporte, Texas, \$11.252. 18. Mike Outhier, Dublin, Texas, \$8.658.

Woods, Love blow into contention during third round of The Masters

AUGUSTA, Ga. (AP) - Tiger Woods and Davis Love III made their moves on the course. Then they ducked out of the powerful wind and watched just about everyone else move back to them on a wicked day at the Masters.

When the third round was suspended as darkness fell over Augusta National, Vijay Singh was standing tall — no small feat in gusts up to 42 mph.

With pine cones and limbs strewn all over the course, Singh managed to forge ahead with two birdies when the conditions were at their worst. He was at 7 under with three holes to play and had a three-stroke lead over David Duval when they trudged off the course shiv-

They will return at 8:15 Sunday morning to finish the third round, then strap in for what could be a thrilling, torturous conclusion to the 64th Masters.

"I've never seen a day like this before." Jack Nicklaus said after his worst score in 155 rounds at Augusta, an 81 that ended his faint dreams of a seventh green jacket. "This is by far the toughest.'

The leaders were forced to play in wind that blew 30 mph, and gusted even stronger, with temperatures that dropped below 50.

"It's the coldest I've been in a long time, not even in the British Open," said Ernie Els, who was at 3 over. "We got a bad break playing when we did."

That wasn't the case for Woods and Love, who have a chance to pull off the greatest comeback in Masters history.

Despite a storm that stopped play for two hours and inter-

rupted his run of four straight ished better than 10th in the birdies. Woods fired back at the naysayers who thought he had no chance. He had a 4-under 68 and was at 215, primed to pounce in the final round.

"A lot of people said I'm out of it," Woods said with a broad smile. "I'm not out of it."

Neither is Love, who swears he will not be shaken by Woods' presence on the leaderboard this time around. He also had a 68 and was at 215.

"I came here to win," he said. "So did a lot of other guys. I want to win this one very badly.

Joining them was Mike Weir of Canada, who almost didn't make it to Augusta until his wife gave birth to their first child on Tuesday. He had the best round of the early finishers, a 2-under 70 under a constant, howling wind.

"My round today feels like a 65," Weir said. "I have as good a shot as anybody.

The largest 36-hole comeback was eight strokes by Jack Burke Jr. in 1956. Woods and Love started the third round nine strokes back, and made up ground quickly — first on the course, then in the clubhouse.

"The whole idea today was to get to even par, and lucky if I got to under par," Woods said.

The wind, so strong it caused a branch the size of a golf club to stick in the 18th fairway, took care of the rest. Only eight players remained under par, and all of them will have a chance in a final round expected to feature similar conditions. Of course, that depends on

"Vijay was the only one who handled it," Els said.

Singh, the 1998 Champion who has never fin-

"I deal with the weather pretty good," said Singh, who is

round.

from Fiji in the South Pacific. "That was one of the coldest rounds I've played in a long time.' Loren Roberts, a short hitter

Masters, was 2 under for his

taking advantage of course changes that put a premium on driving, finished off a 1-under 71 and was the clubhouse leader at 213.

Duval, the 36-hole leader, was hanging on for dear life.

He three-putted for bogey on the third hole and missed a 2footer for birdie on the seventh. Then, disaster struck.

The wind shifted as his ball was in flight on the par-3 12th, and it came down short onto the slope and into the water for a double bogey.

"I hit the same club as probably a lot of people," Duval said. "I just happened to catch a gust of wind that was not favorable for me, so it's my back luck.'

Duval fought back, with a birdie on the par-5 13th and then a brilliant chip to inches for par on the 14th. He was at 4 under, in the fairway on the 15th when he marked his ball.

"I feel like I've played 14 holes, and two shots on 15, and didn't hit a bad shot yet," Duval said. "Under the circumstances,

I felt I played pretty well." Duval wasn't the only one who suffered.

Els, the two-time U.S. Open champion, failed to make birdie on his 15 holes and was at 3

Phil Mickelson made five bogeys on the front nine and had to make a hard par off the pine straw on 15 to stay at 2

Czechs lead United States 2-1 in Davis Cup

INGLEWOOD, Calif. (AP) So much for the advantage of playing on a fast hardcourt U.S. captain. But they won the before a partisan crowd in the

Factors supposedly favorable comeback by a U.S. team in to the United States have been Davis Cup history. rendered moot by a lightly regarded Czech team that has do it again Sunday. Sampras ond break point. O'Brien netted the Americans in trouble. Jari Novak, who stunned Pete their reverse singles matches to Czechs tie the set 3-3.

Sampras in Friday's opening singles match, and David Rikl defeated Alex O'Brien and Jared Palmer 7-5, 6-4, 6-4 Saturday to give the Czechs a surprising 2-1 lead in the bestof-5 Davis Cup quarterfinal.

The Americans were in a similar situation in the first round off two break points on Rikl's

against Zimbabwe, where John serve to close out the set 7-5. McEnroe made his debut as final three matches for a 3-2 viconly the fourth such

send the United States into the next round in July. Novak and Rikl had lost twice

to O'Brien and Palmer on the ATP Tour this year. But the Czechs staved even until they broke Palmer for a 6-5 lead in the first set. Then they staved

O'Brien and Palmer led 3-2 in the second set when they held two break points on Novak's serve. But O'Brien netted a backhand service return to waste the first one and Rikl's Now, the Americans have to crosscourt peach erased the secand Andre Agassi must win a service return to let the

O'Brien's backhand error gave the Czechs the only break of the second set, which they won on Novak's smash

Trailing 3-1 in the third set, former Stanford teammates O'Brien and Palmer briefly roused themselves to win three consecutive games.

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the team standings with a 942 total, while Fort Stockton was fifth at 973. Big Spring finished sixth in the team standings with a 1,003 total

The Steers were paced by Jerrod Simmons three-day total of 246, while Richard Gaitan posted an 80 on Saturday to pull to within three strokes of his

Womble posted a 259 total. Oddly enough, Big Spring's best scores on the final day of the tournament belonged to players on the No. 2 team, as

Isaac Willborn and Will Conley both posted 79 scores.

That allowed Willborn to finish the tournament with a 241 total, while Conley had a 242

teammate. Zac Hall finished the total. tournament at 252, while Jaime

Clayton Weaver posted an 80 Saturday to finish the tournament at 249, while Lance Brock carded a 94 for a 293 total.

Two more Big Spring players were entered for medalist competition only, Richard Key posting a 98 to finish the three-day event with a 297 total, while Jacob Garcia carded a 97 to finish at 299.

STEERS

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pitch he hit was a fastball down the middle of the plate.

"It was a good pitch and I just turned on it," said Bamert. "I just hoped it would get over the fence.

Steers have now evened their district mark at 2-2 and put themselves in a spoilers role. The Panthers dropped to 0-4 in district play with the loss. Next Tuesday, the Steers trav-

With back-to-back wins, the

el to Sweetwater to take on an

improved Mustang team. That game is set for a 7 p.m. start.

"We have to go over there and play much better than we did today to beat Sweetwater," said Loter. "They have a good, solid team and we will playing on their territory.'

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Pokey Reese's hard-hit single off third baseman Jeff Huson drove in the winning run in the bottom of the 11th inning Saturday, giving the Cincinnati Reds a chilling 4-3 victory over the Chicago Cubs.

Mark Guthrie (0-1) gave up a one-out walk in the 11th to Alex Ochoa, who stole second. After Aaron Boone was intentionally walked, Guthrie struck out Benito Santiago with the infield drawn in.

Matt Karchner came in and gave up Reese's single, which Huson deflected but couldn't

Reese's second hit of the game completed a frigid game dominated by Reds pitchers, who retired 20 Cubs in a row over one stretch. Chicago had only one hit after the second inning, getting four in all.

Rob Bell, making his debut for the Reds after a promotion from Double-A, retired the last 16 batters he faced after a nervous start. With his pants hiked high to show off the team's bright red stockings, Bell, 23, struck out nine and allowed three hits in seven innings.

Danny Graves (1-0) pitched the last two innings for the win. Ken Griffey Jr. had an RBI single — only his second hit for his hometown team - and Boone and Dante Bichette hit solo homers as the Reds tied it

at 3 after six innings. But Junior took called third strikes in two pivotal at-bats. Kevin Tapani got him looking with a runner on second in the fifth inning, and Felix Heredia got him again in the seventh with two runners aboard and

the score tied. Griffey also struck out swinging in the 10th, leaving him 1for-4 overall with a walk. He's 2for-22 in six games with eight strikeouts and only three balls hit out of the infield.

Sammy Sosa matched Junior with three strikeouts, one of

them with the bases loaded Grudzielanek. against Bell. A day after he hit his first homer, Sosa was hitless in five at-bats, leaving him 3for-28 this season.

Tapani allowed eight hits and three runs in six innings.

Dodgers 6, Mets 5

Devon White hit a game-tying three-run homer with two out in the ninth and Eric Karros hit his second homer of the game in the 10th as the Los Angeles Dodgers rallied Saturday to beat the New York Mets 6-5.

Long before the home-run heroics, Dodgers ace Kevin Brown left the game with a fractured right pinkie. Brown may have injured himself fouling off a pitch attempting to bunt in the fifth.

Former Mets closer John Franco wasted a 5-1 lead in the ninth, first allowing a leadoff homer to Karros. White connected with two outs off Franco, and Mike Fetters (1-0) escaped a two-on, two-out jam in the bottom half when Melvin Mora struck out.

Karros then homered with two out in the 10th off Armando Benitez (0-1) for the 15th multihomer game of his career. Jeff Shaw pitched a perfect 10th for his first save.

At first, it looked like Franco would get his first save since last June 24. He warmed up in the bullpen with the Mets ahead 3-1 on Jay Payton's first major league home run and Edgardo Alfonzo's two-run shot off Brown.

But Mora had a run-scoring single and Rey Ordonez added an RBI groundout against Gregg Olson in the eighth, making it 5-

Until Franco's failure, it appeared Pat Mahomes would win in his first start since June 8, 1997, when pitched for the Minnesota Twins.

Mahomes, pitching because of Al Leiter's sore groin, took a allowing a home run to Mark

The 29-year-old right-hander, making his 52nd career start, allowed one run and five hits in 5 2-3 innings.

Payton, who got his first major league start Friday night, put New York ahead with a leadoff homer in the second. Alfonzo connected on another high pitch in the third following a leadoff walk to Jon Nunnally. Alfonzo had been 4-for-18 (.222) against Brown with no extrabase hits.

Brown gave up three runs and six hits in five innings. After allowing a career-high 19 homers last season, he has given up three in his first two starts this year.

Expos 10, Padres 9

Pinch-hitter Geoff Blum's tworun double in the eighth inning rallied the Montreal Expos to a 10-9 win over the San Diego Padres on Saturday.

The Expos trailed 8-7 following Bret Boone's solo homer off Anthony Telford (2-0) in the top half of the eighth.

Blum doubled off reliever Donne Wall (0-2) to score Mike Mordecai and Wilton Guerrero with the go-ahead run in the bottom half. Rondell White doubled one out later to make it 10-

The Padres scored one run off Expos closer Ugueth Urbina in the ninth after Al Martin tripled and scored on Damian Jackson's RBI single. Urbina, who led the NL with 41 saves last season, then finished it out for his first save in his second opportunity.

Vladimir Guerrero and Lee Stevens each hit two-run homers off Padres starter Sterling Hitchcock in the fifth. Guerrero drove in three and leads the NL with four homers and 11 RBIs.

Ryan Klesko had four RBIs and homered for the second straight game for San Diego, shutout into the sixth before which had won three straight games. Ruben Rivera also

homered for the Padres.

Hitchcock, the Padres' opening day starter in New York. allowed seven runs on eight hits in five innings. He struck out six and walked four.

lost Hermanson. who Montreal's opener on Monday, allowed seven runs and eight hits in five innings.

Orioles 2, Tigers 1

Delino DeShields singled in the winning run in the bottom of the 10th inning as the Baltimore Orioles stretched their winning streak to four by defeating the Detroit Tigers 2-1 Saturday.

The Orioles trailed 1-0 in the eighth before coming back. Mike Bordick scored both runs for Baltimore, which used solid pitching to win after scoring 31 runs in its previous three games.

Bordick led off the 10th with a single off Doug Brocail (0-1) and took second on a sacrifice. DeShields then dumped a single to left and Bordick slid into the plate an instant before the throw from Bobby Higginson.

A sudden shower in the eighth inning scattered the crowd of 42,547, many of whom had left by the time the game

Al Reyes (1-0) stranded the potential tiebreaking run at second base in the ninth and 10th.

Rob Fick singled in a fourthinning run and Brad Ausmus had three hits for the Tigers, who have lost four straight.

Detroit starter Hideo Nomo yielded four hits and two walks in seven shutout innings. He struck out five and allowed only one runner past second base. but his superb effort was undone when Brocail allowed Baltimore to pull even in the eighth.

Baltimore ace Mike Mussina scattered 10 hits over eight innings, working out of trouble on several occasions.

The teams combined for nine

fine pitching and outstanding defense. Palmer made a nifty backhand stab at third to start a double play in the sixth, and Higginson dived to his left to rob Baltimore's Harold Baines of a double in the seventh.

Royals 5, Twins 2

Carlos Beltran broke out of a slump by driving in two runs and Johnny Damon scored twice and drove in a run as the Kansas City Royals beat the Minnesota Twins 5-2 on Saturday for their fourth straight win.

Jeff Suppan (2-1) allowed two runs and five hits in six innings as the Royals matched their longest winning streak from last season. Jose Santiago pitched three hitless innings for

Brad Radke (0-2) had allowed just two baserunners and led 2-1 when Damon singled with one out in the sixth.

With two outs, Beltran doubled into the gap in right-center knotting the score at 2. Jermaine Dye followed with an RBI single to give the Royals the lead.

In the seventh, Joe Randa and Greg Zaun singled and Rey Sanchez hit a ground-rule double that made it 4-2. Eddie Guardado relieved Radke and surrendered a sacrifice fly to Damon for a 5-2 lead.

The inning ended when left fielder Jacque Jones made an excellent throw to home to nail Sanchez, who was trying to score from second on Carlos Febles' single.

Cardinals 10, Brewers 8

Mark McGwire hit his first home run of the year and Fernando Tatis went 3-for-4 with four RBIs as the St. Louis Cardinals beat the Milwaukee Brewers 10-8 Saturday.

McGwire's homer off Jim Bruske leading off the sixth went an estimated 424 feet into homers and 24 runs one night the right center field bleachers

earlier, but this game featured and gave the Cardinals a 7-4 lead. It was career hit No. 1,499 for McGwire.

Fernando Vina had four hits, including two triples, and two runs scored against his former team. He was traded from Milwaukee to St. Louis this off-

Darryl Kile (2-0) allowed four runs and six hits in 5 1-3 innings to pick up his second straight win.

Jeromy Burnitz hit two solo home runs for the Brewers, giving him five for the season. Burnitz hit one off Kyle to lead off the third, and homered off Jesse Orosco with one out in the eighth. It was his second multi-homer game of the season. Burnitz also had a double.

Dave Veres got the final five outs, striking out four, for his first save with the Cardinals.

Steve Woodard (0-1) gave up six runs - four earned - and 10 hits in five innings for the Brewers. Woodard struck out five and walked four. He also drove in Milwaukee's first run with a bases loaded sacrifice

White Sox 7, Athletics 3

Frank Thomas wanted to put his season of discontent behind him. He's off to a good start.

Thomas had three hits, including a three-run homer and the Chicago White Sox won their fourth straight game by defeating the Oakland Athletics 7-3 Saturday.

Mike Sirotka (1-1), allowed six hits and three runs — one earned — in 5 1-3 innings. He struck out three.

Thomas was coming off a year in which he played a career-low 135 games and fought with manager Charlie Manuel, and he had ankle surgery in the off-season. In spring training, Thomas vowed to make a fresh start. He has hits in all six games.

The White Sox were leading 3-1 in the fourth when Craig Wilson singled off the leg of Ron Mahay (0-1).

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time of 44.89 seconds before Rolando Ladesma won the 800 meters with a 2:03.91 clocking.

Parnell finished fourth in the hurdles, while Jason Woodruff the 100 meters with an 11.7-second clocking.

Nutting added another fifthplace finish when he was timed at 54.36 in the 400 meters and later anchored home the Big Spring 1,600-meter relay team to a fourth-place finish at 3:44.23. Sam Gray added a fifth in the

200 meters with a 24.20 clock-Martinez saved his best for last, finishing second in the 1.600 meters with a time of

4:43.42, while Rolando Ladesma rounded out the Steers' scoring with a 4:57.38 time that gave him fifth place. Frenship's junior varsity team took the second boys' division, picking up 129 points to

edge Coahoma's Bulldogs by 26 points. Forsan's Buffaloes were fourth with 57 points. Furillo Subia led the way for Forsan by winning the long jump and the 200 meters, while Coahoma's Eric Henry won both the 1,600 meters and the

added a first in the 100 meters. The Bulldogs also won both the 400- and 1,600-meter relays, while Ronnie Johnson provided Big Spring's junior varsity with its only first-place finish with a **39-63/4** effort in the triple jump.

3.200. Coahoma's Tommy Cruz

Post's Lady Antelopes enjoyed the biggest margin of victory of the meet when they won the second girls' division with 209 points. Big Spring's Lady Steers junior varsity was a distant second with 61 points.

Coahoma's Bulldogettes, who

discus.

meters.

Levelland, 43.

Big Spring, 11-6 Shot put: 1. Mark Medley, Snyder, 53-5 1/2; 2. Davidson, Frenship, 49-8; 3. Mitchell, Levelland, 48-10.

1/2; 2. White, Andrews, 148-11; 3. Mojka. Frenship, 138-11. High jump: 1. Wade Pinson, Snyder, 6-0; 2.

Triple jump: 1. Lawrence Johnson, Levelland,

41-8; 2. Clay, Snyder, 41-6; 3. Thomas, Frenship, 39-5. 3200 meters: 1. Rudy Martinez, Snyder, 10:08.68; 2. Cole, Frenship, 10:25.39; 3.

400 relay: 1. Snyder, 42.36; 2. Andrews, 44.25; 3. Frenship, 44.6. 800 meters: 1. Rolando Ladesma. Big

Holly, Frenship, 2:10.05. 110 hurdles: 1. Wade Pinson, Snyder, 14.48; 2. Hadley, Andrews, 15.02; 3. Corder, 100 meters: 1. Matthew Grimmett, Snyder, 11.17; 2. Erwin, Frenship, 11.20; 3. James,

Snyder, 11.44.

52.32; 2. Bueno, Andrews, 52.42; 3. Arizmendi, Snyder, 52.83. 300 hurdles: 1. Josh Hadley, Andrews, 40.26; 2. Pinson, Snyder, 41.05; 3. Corder, Levelland, 41.68.

23.19; 2. Mandrell, Frenship, 23.27; 3. Christian, Andrews, 23.83. 1600 meters: 1. Rudy Martinez, Snyder 4:30.92; **2. Martinez, Big Spring, 4:43.42**; 3. Cole, Frenship, 4:44.75. 1600 relay: 1. Frenship, 3:30.45; 2. Andrews, 3:32.98; 3. Snyder, 3:40.25.

Team Totals: 1. Frenship, 129; 2. Coahoma, 103; 3. Post, 82; 4. Forsan, 57; 5. Andrews, 56; 6. Snyder, 43; 7. Big Spring, 41; 8. Levelland, 22.

2. Eilenberger, Post, 43-7 1/2; 3. Montez, Levelland, 41-11 1/2. Discus: 1. Trotter, Frenship, 121-4; 2. Crawford, Post, 119-10 1/2; 3. Stephenson,

Levelland, 118-9.

Huckabee, Coahoma, 36-8 1/2. 3200 meters: 1. Eric

45.69; 3. Frenship, 45.84.

100 meters: 1. Tommy Cruz, Coahon 11.55; 2. Kerr, Frenship, 11.68; 3. Neel, 400 meters: 1. Matt McCallister. Post.

300 hurdles: 1. Cody Patterson, Andrews. 44.45; 2. Murphy, Snyder, 45.18; 3. Boyd. Frenship, 45.67 200 meters: 1. Furrillo Subia, Forsan,

Spring, 24.63. 1600 meters: 1. Eric Henry, Coahoma, 3:37.89; 2. Bowles, Frenship, 5:02.09; 3. Vasquez, Snyder, 5:11.01. 1600 relay: 1. Coahoma, 3:37.89; 2. Post.

Shot put: 1. Leandra Williams, Big Spring, 34-10; 2. Evans. Levelland, 33-6; 3. Braziel,

Discus: 1. Corina Daniels, Lake View, 125-7; 2. Mayes, Big Spring, 109-3 1/2; 3. Roberson, Levelland, 106-10 3/4. High jump: 1. Jessie Mathews, Andrews, 5-2; 2. Casillas, Big Spring, 5-0; 3. Shannon,

Levelland, 5-0. Hinojos, Big Spring, 15-9 1/2.

Andrews, 33-4. 3200 meters: 1. Ashley Larson, Big Spri 12:43.94; 2. Mucci, Frenship, 12:50.35; 3. Hagood, Frenship, 12:55.16. 400 relay: 1. Levelland, 49.19; 2. Big Spring, 50.02; 3. Plainview, 50.80.

800 meters: 1. Chonna Wright, Lake View, 2:25.69; 2. Wilson, Levelland, 2:30.53; 3. Blackshear, Levelland, 2:33.48. 100 meters: 1. Angelica Hinojos, Big ing, 12.49; 2. Rose, Levelland, 12.67; 3. Jackson, Levelland, 12.82.

300 meters: 1. Crystal Gotl, Lake View, 46.85; 2. Kessler, Andrews. 47.78; 3. Mathews, Andrews, 48.52.

200 meters: 1. Lavon Green, Levelland, 26.28: 2. McGe, Big Spring, 26.57; 3. Goines, Plainview, 26.91. 1600 meters: 1. Letty Munoz, Plainview, 5:55.82; **2. Larson, Big Spring, 5:59.20;** 3. San Miguel, Plainview, 5:59.37. 1600 relay: 1. Lake View, 4:12.07; **2. Big** pring, **4:13.27**; 3. Andrews, 4:21.64.

JUNIOR VARSITY GIRLS Team Totals: 1. Post, 209; 2. Big Spring, 61; 3. (tie) Andrews and Forsan, 53; 5. Coahoma, 49; 6. Frenship. 44; 7. Plainview, 36; 8.

Levelland, 7 Shot put: 1. Amanda Bayes, Coahoma, 31-1/2; 2. Ledbetter, Post. 29-9 1/2: 3. Davis, Discus: 1. Lauren Nicholes, Coahoma, 1017; 2. Ledbetter, Post, 100-1/2; 3. Bayes, High jump: 1. Manuela Hernandez, Post, 4-10; 2. Williams, Post, 4-8; 3. Petras. Plainview,

4.8.
Long jump: 1. Vondi Gradine, Post, 14-7
3/4; 2. Klng, Blg Spring, 12-10 1/2; 3.
Yearwood, Levelland, 12-3.
Triple jump: 1. Manuela Hernandez, Post, 33-8 1/2; 2. Moore, Post. 31-6 1/2; 3. Mills.

3200 meters: 1. Dee Dee Jarrett, Post, 13:58.79; 2. Hon, Frenship, 14:15.35; 3. Rich. Frenship. 14:23.20. 400 relay: 1. Post, 53.82; 2. Forsan, 52.44. 800 meters: 1. Alice Hon, Frenship,

2:44.92; 2. Davis, Plainview, 2:46.87; 3. Craig. Plainview, 2:49.20. 100 meters: 1. Candace Gamble, Forsan, **13.76**; **2**. **Jackson**, **Big Spring**, **14.07**; 3 Gradine, Post, 14.47.

100 hurdles: 1. Dianna Williams. Post. 15.79; 2. Moore, Post, 16.37; 3. Looney, Post, 17.89. 800 relay: 1. Post, 1:52.80; 2. Forsan, 1:57.82.

400 meters: 1. Marguita Williams, Plainview.

65.95; 2. Gregory, Post, 65.98; 3. Harper Post. 68.35. 300 meters: 1. Kelly Moore, Post, 47.20; 2. Collazo, Post. 50.56; 3. Rodgers, Coa 200 meters: 1. Manuela Hernandez, Post

27.57; 2. Workman, Post. 29.40; 3. Jackson, Big Spring, 29.61.
1600 meters: 1. Dee Dee Jarrett, Post,

6:16.92; 2. Mendez, Frenship, 6:20.06; 3. Green, Coahoma, 6:23.45. 1600 relay: 1. Post. 4:19.36; 2. Big Spring, 4:50.86; 3. Andrews, 4:54.91.

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finished with 49 points to finish fifth, got first-place finishes from Amanda Bayes in the shot put and Lauren Nichols in the

Forsan's Queens managed 53 110-meter hurdles and would points to finish tied with finish sixth in the 300-meter Andrews' JV for third place, got first-place finish from chipped in sixth-place points in Candace Gamble in the 100

> VARSITY BOYS Team Totals: 1. Snyder, 193; 2. Frenship. 131; 3. Andrews, 101; 4. Big Spring, 70; 5. Pole vault: 1. Brandon Wegner, Blg Spring, 13-0; 2. Thornhill, Snyder, 12-6, 3. K. Wegner,

Discus: 1. Mark Medley, Snyder, 157-10

Humphries, Andrews, 5-10: 3. Grimmett, Long jump: 1. Jorges Rodriguez, Frenship, 20-5: 2. Pinson, Snyder, 19-10 1/4; 3. Johnson, Levelland, 19-4.

Kerry, Snyder, 10:30.57.

Spring, 2:03.91; 2. Clay, Snyder, 2:08.55; 3.

400 meters: 1. Chris Nunez, Andrews, 200 meters: 1. Matthew Grimmett, Snyder,

Pole vault: 1. Zach Tubb, Andrews, 11-6. Shot put: 1. Billy Crawford, Post, 48-9 1/2;

High jump: 1. Luke McNeely, Levelland. 5-10; 2. Cook, Frenship, 5-8; 3. Tompkins, Andrews, 5-8.
Long jump: 1. Furrillo Subla, Forsan, 19-10
1/4; 2. Wyatt, Coahoma, 19-1 1/4; 3.
Johnson, Big Spring, 18-6.
Triple jump: 1. Ronnie Johnson, Big Spring,
39-6 3/4; 2. Rodriquez, Frenship, 39-4; 3.

10:51.69; 2. Vasquez, Snyder, 11:15.43; 3. Scoggins, Andrews, 11:29.40.

400 relay: 1. Coahoma, 45.51; 2. Forsan 800 meters: 1. Michael Hernandez, Frenship, 2:11.69; 2. Trinidad, Frenship. 2:12.28; 3. Diggers, Snyder, 2:12.50. 110 hurdles: 1. Josh Radle, Post, 16.5; 2. Rodriquez, Frenship, 17.38; 3. Silva, Post.

52.55; 2. Wyatt, Coahoma, 53.67; 3. Rister, Coahoma, 54.6.

23.98; 2. Hill, Frenship, 24.22; 3. Glbson, Blg

3:38.08; 3. Frenship, 3:42.74. **VARSITY GIRLS** Team Totals: 1. Big Spring, 169; 2. Levelland, 115; 3. San Angelo Lake View, 93; 4. Andrews, 92; 5. Plainview, 63; 6. Frenship,

Snyder, 32-4 1/2.

Long jump: 1. April McGee, Big Spring, 16-3 1/4; 2. Kessler, Andrews, 15-10 1/2; 3. Triple jump: 1. Lavon Green, Levelland, 33-11 1/4; 2. Guinn, Big Spring, 33-9; 3. Medina. nn, Big Spring, 33-9; 3. Medina,

100 hurdles: 1. Crystal Gotl. Lake View 15.68; 2. Mathews, Andrews, 16.12; 3. Guinn, Big Spring, 18.95. 800 relay: 1. Big Spring, 1:45.63; 2. Plainview, 1:47.97; 3. Andrews: 1:50.82. 400 meters: 1. Chonna Wright, Lake View. 58.09; 2. Wren, Frenship, 60.79; 3. Lopez, Lake View, 65.12.

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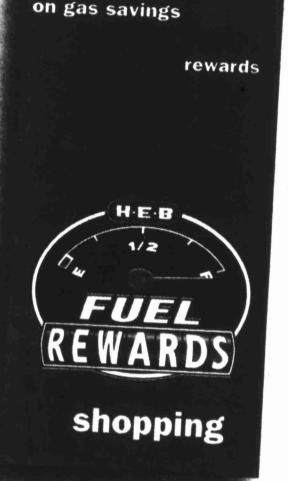
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"We assist anybody that needs help, patients and otherwise." explained Virginia Davidson, president of the volunteers this year. "We're just a real good organization that does a lot to help the hospital."

Administrators at SMMC agreed, calling the volunteer group essential.

"Hospitals really can't operate without the service of volunteers," said CEO Loren Chandler. "They are some of the most taken advantage of and most needed people in this hospital.

Chandler said one of the most important services volunteers can provide is simply a friendly face.

'That's the caring nature of volunteers," Chandler said. "Many people coming into a hospital feel afraid, and when they see a volunteer, they know that's a caring person to help make them more at ease.

SMMC volunteers consider caring one of their most important jobs, whether it is as simple as offering a cup of coffee to family members waiting by the emergency room, or as difficult as comforting the family of a patient in the intensive care unit.

Deliveries, including flowers, a copy of the Big Spring Herald and magazines, brighten the day for patients.

Not sure what room your friend or family member is in? Need to know where to go to pay your bill? Ask at the information desk in the front lobby, which is staffed by volun-

Nearby, a popcorn cart and gift shop raise funds for projects of the group, including the purchase of equipment not covered in the hospital's annual budget.

Recently, the group helped furnish an orientation room for hospital employees, and bought a microfiche duplicating machine for records. Volunteers give four \$500 scholarships every year to

students in the radiology program. Davidson, who started as a volunteer at the hospital 13 years ago, said the job then involved mainly just

staffing the information desk. "Now we have a lot of extras added," Davidson said. "We do so much, it's hard to name it all.'

"I think many people don't realize all the things we do," said Lynda Sliger, an 11-year veteran of the

On Saturday, the group will work at the Big Spring Area Health Fair, staffing the hospitality room and information booth. They conduct regular blood drives and hold birthday parties for patients in the geriatric

"This is the most rewarding thing I could have done," said Steve Marie Haynes, who started with the volunteers four years ago after her husband, Jack, died.

"They were so good to Jack up here," she said. "I wanted to give something back.

The volunteers have a 25-year histo-



ry and a long list of accomplishments. Each

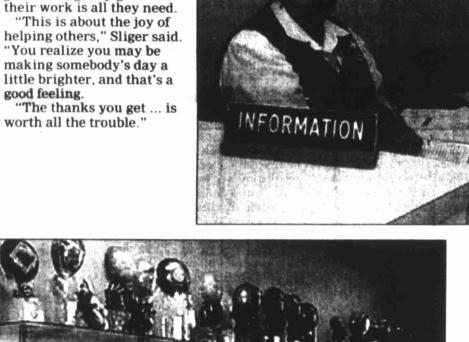
year the hospital throws them a recognition dinner to say thanks.

"We recognize them," Chandler said, "but there is so much more we could do." But volunteers say the good feeling they get from

"This is about the joy of helping others," Sliger said. "You realize you may be making somebody's day a little brighter, and that's a good feeling.

"The thanks you get ... is worth all the trouble."









At left, Peggy Plew, a volunteer at Scenic Mountain Medical Center, pours a cup of coffee for Tom Coxey, who was waiting to hear about a family member in the intensive care unit. Above, Steve Marie Haynes stamps donated magazines that will be loaned to patients who need some reading material.



The volunteers are currently recruiting new members. For information, visit the information desk at Scenic Mountain Medical Center for an application.

Volunteers at SMMC collect magazines to be distributed to patients. Drop off a donation at the information desk at the hospital.

Above, left, Lynda Sliger staffs the information desk at the hospital, where she directs visitors and keeps track of deliveries for patients. Above, volunteer president Virginia Davidson stands at the popcorn cart in the hospital lobby. At left, Joyce Orr rings up a sale at the gift shop. Both the gift shop and popcorn cart raise money for volunteer projects that go to benefit the hospital.

Even if it's electronic, getting the mail is still a highlight "As long as there are post-daughters. Janet is a teacher in lives in Midland. Scott, his and Grover passed away the fol-

men, life will have zest." So said William James. I agree with him. Getting the mail was a high point of life for me when I was growing up and remains so today

But times have changed. Today, instead of waiting for the postman, many people are checking their e-mail.

A friend of mine, Irene Springer, is learning to use e-

She was encouraged in this by her son, Steven, who is a missionary in France. E-mail is the quickest and least expensive way to stay in touch with him as he works to coordinate mission volunteer efforts in France. Belgium and the Netherlands.

Steven and his wife, Barbara, served as foreign missionaries for 12 years in the Ivory Coast, West Africa. They have two Killeen, and Julie is a physical therapist in San Antonio. She and her Air Force husband

have one daughter, Hannah, and are momentarily expectthe ing arrival their second child. course, everyone has email

Irene's oldson, Marlin, who has a Ph.D. from Texas

A&M, is an inventor and is involved in the treatment of hazardous waste in Huntsville,

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WARREN

He and his wife have two daughters and a son, Scott, who

wife, Trini, and a son, Thomas, visit Irene frequently and have given helpful instruction in computer skills.

Irene admits her progress with the computer would be faster if she had more time to devote to it. As well as activities at First Baptist, She is involved in Delta Kappa Gamma, the local Retired Teachers Association and the Permian Basin Historical Commission.

The petite great-grandmother grew up in Tarzan and Lenorah. She taught junior high English and served as librarian for 26 years in the Grady Schools.

Her husband, Grover, also taught school and in addition, had farming interests. Along with his brother, he operated a store in Lenorah. The couple moved to Big Spring in 1998,

lowing year.

The day I visited with Irene, she was preparing a book review for the Stanton Study Club and working on an article for The Old Sorehead Gazette.

Some time she should write about the number of twins in the family. Her father had a twin brother and sister; Grover's mother was a twin. Two of Irene's sisters had twins, and the oldest granddaughter has twin sons

Irene and Grover also had twins! They lost Pat in 1992, but Mike is the executive director of the Houston Regional HIV/AIDS Resources. Like his brother, Steven, he has a master's degree from Southwest Seminary

Mike's family includes a son and a daughter. They, too, keep in touch with e-mail.

Looking up from her comput-



Great-grandmother Irene Springer is learning to use e-mail to communicate with family all over the world.

er, Irene said, "This is some- Obviously, e-mail will keep this thing I need to learn." close-knit family even closer.

Brewer-Dimock

Dondi Brewer and Bradley Dimock were married March 25, 2000, by Pastor Mark Rylander at Crossroads Community Church in Abilene.

The bride is the daughter of Don and Lana Brewer of Big Spring and the granddaughter of Billie Smith and the late Ernest Smith of Big Spring.

The groom is the son of Ivan and Gina Dimock of Abilene. Given in marriage by her Tather, the bride wore a white organza and Venice lace gown delicately beaded with a dramatically scooped back, coordihating floral embroidery on the organza skirt and chapel train

Beth Mereness of San Antonio was maid of honor. and Donya Brewer, sister of the bride of San Angelo, was bridesmaid.

with a duchess satin border

hemline

Nick Stuart of Abilene served

Serving as ushers were Brody Smith of Big Spring and

Mack and Helen Gamble of

Dover, Ark., formerly of Big

Spring, celebrated their 50th

anniversary on April 8, 2000; at

Mack's Pines hosted by their

children, Valorie Gamble of

Treat, Ark., and Gary Gamble

The couple married on April

9, 1950, in Big Spring and lived

in Stockton, Calif., Big Spring

for 32 years and currently live

Now the owners of Mack's

Pines in Dover, Ark., Mack and

Helen were the owners of

Gamble Bros. Painting in Big

of Big Spring.

in Dover, Ark.

Spring for 30 years.



ANNIVERSARIES

Gamble

Cameron Alexander of Abilene,

both cousins of the bride. Immediately following the ceremony, a reception was held hosted by the Life Group of Loyd and Roise Swayne.

After a wedding trip to an undisclosed location, the couple made their home in Abilene.

The United **States** Achievement Academy announced that Tiffany Sayles from Big Spring has been named a United States National Award Winner Cheerleading.

WHO'S

The Academy recognizes fewer than 10 percent of all American high school students. Tiffany, who attends Forsan High School, was nominated for this national award by Cindy Graves, a sponsor at the school.

The criteria for selection are a student's academic performance, interest and aptitude, leadership qualities, responsibility, enthusiasm, motivation to learn and improve, citizenship, attitude and cooperative spirit, dependability, and recommendation from a teacher or director.

Tiffany is the daughter of Ron and Joanne Sayles of Big Spring and the granddaughter of Walter and Jean Gleason and Richard and Elaine Sayles, all from Big Spring.

Michael Hall of Big Spring earned a place on the

President's Honor Roll for the Winter Quarter at Texas State Technical College (TSTC) in

Hall, a student in the Integrated Digital Image **Communications Technology** program, is the son of Linda Hall of Big Spring.

The President's Honor Roll recognizes the scholastic achievement of students with a perfect grade point average of

Jodi L. Rodgers, Big Spring, was named to the Dean's

List at Lee University in Cleveland, Tenn. She was among 770 Lee students named to the Dean's List with Honors for the fall semester. Students

achieving a GPA between 3.7 and 4.0 were placed on this distinguished list. She is a freshman and has a GPA of 3.76.1

RODGERS

Rodgers, a graduate of Coahoma High School, is the daughter of Carl and Debby

United States Achievement Academy announced that Carolyn Sullivan from Garden City been named

United States National

Award Winner in Mathematics. The Academy recognizes fewer than 10 percent of all American high school students.

Carolyn, who attends Garden City High School, was nominated for this national award by Mr. Walface, a teacher at the

The criteria for selection are a student's academic performance, interest and aptitude. leadership qualities, responsibility, enthusiasm, motivation to learn and improve, citizenship, attitude and cooperative spirit, dependability, and recommendation from a teacher or

Carolyn is the daughter of Robert (Bo) and Ila Ann Sullivan of Garden City and the granddaughter of Denis and Anita Calverley of Garden City and Gwen Sullivan of Big

Unmarrying a millionaire: Conger asks for annulment

LAS VEGAS (AP) — A judge annulled the made-for-TV marriage of millionaire Rick Rockwell and Darva Conger, who testified Wednesday she wasn't told about her groom's background before their on-air wedding.

Rockwell, 42, selected Conger from among 50 contestants on the Fox TV show "Who Wants to Marry a Multimillionaire." They married on the spot and left for a Caribbean honeymoon cruise.

Despite smash ratings, Fox canceled a rebroadcast of the show after it was disclosed that a former fiancee obtained a restraining order against Rockwell in 1991, saying he hit and threatened her. He denies the allegations

"He was not honest and did not represent those restraining orders," Conger, 34, told Family Court Judge Steven E. Jones last week

Rockwell did not appear in court last week and no lawyer appeared for him. He could not be immediately reached for comment.

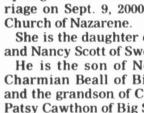
Jones could have granted the annulment based simply on Conger's March 7 written request, but said he called the hearing because Conger entered into a "very legal wedding ceremony.

Conger's attorney, John Hanover of Los Angeles, told the judge the marriage was a fraud and that Conger and Rockwell had signed an agreement before the Feb. 15 live broadcast saving they could annul the marriage at any

Outside court and once more a free woman, Conger said she never plans to talk to Rockwell I have to learn from this

and move on," she said.

When a reporter asked if she planned to marry again. Conger quipped: "Is that a pro-



NEWCOMERS

New residents of Big Spring welcomed recently by Joy Fortenberry and the Newcomer Greeting Service include

Evanell J. Truszkowski. Dallas. She is a retired consulant engineer and from Home Internal & Gifts.

Moira Gillespie, Phoenix, Ariz. She is currently working at Scenic Mountain Medical Center as a Registered Nurse.

Earnest Jones, Lubbock. He s the property manager of

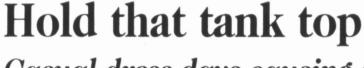
MACK AND HELEN GAMBLE

Calvin and Hazel Hamilton, Abilene. He is a retired truck

Cleon Wall, Ludington, Mich. She works as a scrub nurse for Scenic Mountain Medical

Ray and Dora Arredondo. He is currently an operator at the Pool Oil Company

Luis and Delma Cabello, daughter, Claire, Lovington, N.M. He is an assistant manager at Sonic Drive Inn on F.M.



Casual dress days causing confusion at work NEW YORK (AP) - Dressing ed to Fridays throughout the op casual dress codes, hold

year, and eventually was per-

mitted every day during the

Now, lots of big companies

including most Wall Street

powerhouses such as Morgan

Many want to keep pace with

the casual dot-com companies

Fifty-one percent of compa-

nies with more than 5,000

employees are casual five days

a week, according to the

Society for Human Resource

Management, a trade group in

Some companies are learning

that everyone interprets casual

Alexandria, Va.

differently

Stanley Dean Witter -

dressing down year-round.

that they do business with.

casual at work was supposed to make life easier.

But now, confusion is rampant across corporate America, with some stodgy types thinking casual means taking off your suit jacket, and others showing up at the office in ratty T-shirts or with bare midriffs.

The situation has gotten so bad that some businesses are hiring consultants to help people figure out what is appropriate for work

One law firm has even teamed up with Polo Ralph Lauren and Esquire magazine to hold a "business casual" seminar for its attorneys next

"There is a lot of casual confusion out there, people showthey wash their cars or walk their dogs in," Maysonave, author of "Casual Power: How to Power Up Your Nonverbal Communication and Dress Down for Success." "Companies are realizing that it isn't so easy to go casual. In fact, it can cause some

headaches. Casual dress has long been the norm for those working at high-tech companies. It began creeping into the rest of corpo-

rate America in the early 1990s. At first, companies allowed employees to ditch their suits and ties on Fridays during the

summer. That was soon extend-

employees that went casual vear-round in 1998, some came said Sherry to work braless and in gym clothes The company now has a detailed list of what workers

can or cannot wear. Buttondown shirts and dress sandals are in; bare midriffs and beach attire are out. "It took more time to come

up with this policy than anyone would have thought," said Rob DeRocker, DCI executive vice president. "We never thought it would be so compli-

That's why many companies are hiring consultants to devel-

seminars on proper wear and trouble-shoot.

'One company asked me to try to help them with a little problem: One girl was wearing thong underwear and for some reason everyone knew because her clothes were so tight, said Myra McElhaney. president of the Atlanta based consulting firm McElhaney & Associates

Instead of talking to the young woman individually. McElhaney held a group discussion on appropriate work attire. "I reminded them that they didn't want to be remembered by their co-workers for their underwear," she said.

At Development Counsellors Wickersham & Taft is turning International, a New York- to Polo Ralph Lauren and totally casual on March 6, and next Tuesday will offer its workers a one-night seminar at Polo's flagship store in New

Under the firm's policy, men have to wear shirts with collars and buttons, and socks are a must. No jeans, no sneakers. and for women, halters and

tank tops are out. "Before this, I knew the suits. ties and shirts I had and what worked together." said Jason Cohen, a 29-year-old lawyer at Cadwalader. "Now, I'd like someone to show me the spectrum of what business casual

The law firm Cadwalader who were the transfer of the transfer

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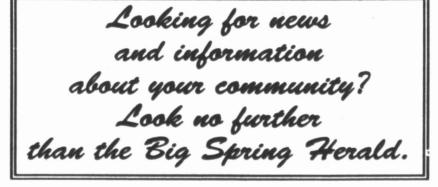
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Jennifer Bradford Harlingen and Randy Bullard of Huntsville will exchange wedding vows on May 6, 2000, at Comfort with the Rev. Charles Bryce, brother-in-law of the groom, officiating.

She is the daughter of Lanna Eisaman of Harlingen and the late Bob Bradford of Big Spring.

He is the son of Joyce Bullard and the late Bob Bullard of Longview.



Jeanell Ashere Scott of Sweetwater and Christopher Charles Bongers of Balch Springs will be united in marriage on Sept. 9, 2000, at First Church of Nazarene.

She is the daughter of Arthur and Nancy Scott of Sweetwater. He is the son of Nolan and Charmian Beall of Big Spring and the grandson of Chuck and Patsy Cawthon of Big Spring.

HUMANE



Melanie Renae Flenniken and Christian Jay Ross will be united in marriage on Aug. 5, 2000, at Monterey Church of Christ in Lubbock with Bill Hardage and Leroy Thomas officiating.

She is the daughter of Danny and Mary Kay Flenniken of Big

He is the son of Jerry Ross of Nogal, N.M., and Alowetta Terrien of Palisade, Colo.

ON THE **MENU**

SENIOR CITIZEN'S CENTER MONDAY-Chicken, potatoes, broccoli & cheese, salad, milk/rolls, pie.

TUESDAY-Hamburgers, french fries, beans, lettuce &

tomatoes, milk/buns, fruit. WEDNESDAY-Enchiladas, spanish rice, beans, salad, milk/cornbread, fruit.

THURSDAY-Charbroiled steak, potatoes, carrots, pea salad, milk/rolls, cookies.

FRIDAY-Brisket, baked potatoes, beans, salad, milk/rolls,

BIG SPRING SCHOOLS MONDAY-Corn chip pie, ranch style beans, peaches, applesauce, milk

TUESDAY-Chicken fajitas, tortilla, spanish rice, corn jello w/fruit milk

WEDNESDAY-Steak fingers, mashed potatoes, green beans, pineapple tidbits, hot roll, milk.

w/gravy, broccoli w/cheese sauce, seasoned new potatoes, spiced apples, hot roll, milk.

FRIDAY-Fish burger, pickle slices french fries, pork & beans, cookie, milk.

SANDS SCHOOLS MONDAY-Hotdogs w/chili, french fries, ranch style beans,

cake, milk. TUESDAY-Fried chicken, mashed potatoes w/gravy, green beans, applesauce, hot

rolls, milk. WEDNESDAY-Beef & cheese enchiladas, pinto beans, salad, cornbread, milk, fruit.

THURSDAY-Steak fingers w/gravy, sliced potatoes, june peas w/carrots, hot rolls, fruit,

FRIDAY-Pizza, corn, salad, cobbler, milk.

FORSAN

MONDAY-Pizza, corn, salad, cookies, fruit, milk.

TUESDAY-Burritos, buttered potatoes, salad, fruit pies, milk. WEDNESDAY-Hamburgers,

THURSDAY-Sliced turkey french fries, salad, pickles and onions, cake, fruit, milk.

THURSDAY-Hot dogs, chips, Pork and beans, salad, ice cream, milk.

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

STANTON SCHOOLS

MONDAY-Bean burrito, hot dog on a bun, chili con carne and beans, corn, mixed fruit, brownies, milk, fruit drink.

TUESDAY-Steak fingers, chicken nuggets, mashed potatoes, cream gravy, spinach, fruit cocktail, rolls, milk, fruit drink.

WEDNESDAY-Spaghetti and meat sauce, country fried steak, green beans, tossed salad, applesauce gelatin, french bread, milk, fruit drink.

THURSDAY-Chicken fajitas, beef tamale pie, pinto beans, tossed salad, pineapple chunks, cornbread, milk, fruit drink.

FRIDAY-Toasted cheese sandwich, tuna salad sandwich, potato chips, canned beans, plain vegetables, vegetable soup, apples, milk, fruit drink.

COAHOMA SCHO MONDAY-Hambu lettuce, tomato, pick

milk. TUESDAY-Chick gravy, mashed pote beans, rolls, milk. WEDNESDAYfries, salad, cinna

milk, burritos. THURSDAY-BBQ potatoes, carrots, I chicken patty on a bu FRIDAY-Home made tater tots, salad, app milk, corn dogs.

ELBOW ELEMEN MONDAY-Beef pol fruit, crackers, milk. TUESDAY-Steak. potatoes, green bean hot roll, milk.

WEDNESDAY-Pan fresh vegetables, fa ers, milk.

THURSDAY-Ham mashed potatoes, sli apple crisp, milk.

FRIDAY-Sloppy jo fries, salad, fruit, mil

Every day is April Fool's day on the Interior



Latrelle Annette Karnes of Stephenville and Brant Allan Allman of Temple will exchange wedding vows on June 10, 2000, at the First Baptist Church of Glen Rose.

She is the daughter of Vickie and Don McCombs of Garden City and Larry Karnes of Stephenville.

He is the son of Robert and Karen Allman of Temple.

Blue - Tri colored male

K.C. — Medium size female Pitt mix, 8 months old. Atticus — Large male Rotti mix neutered, not good with

years old plus.

Chow Heeler mix neutered, 3

Ozzy — Black with white chest male Lab neutered, 8

months old. Harry - Black with white feet and chest male Lab mix

neutered, 8 months old. Lucky — Red gold colored male Retriever mix neutered,1 year old plus.

Coor - Chocolate colored small to medium size female Dacsh mix spayed, 1 year old plus.

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

NEW YORK (AP) - Free said. "The only way you handle trips to Disney World, courtesy of Microsoft Corp.? Free soda from Coca-Cola? Free cars from

Honda?

Forget it! You don't have to wait for April Fools' Day. Every day is a joke on the Internet. As the Net grows, so do the number of hoaxes and other mischief carried through e-mail.

Rumors, pranks and hoaxes are not unique to the Internet, but they spread more quickly because of it, said Barbara Mikkelson, who runs a Web site that tries to dispel such

"Before, when I had a hot piece of gossip, I had to find my best friend and share it over a fence," she said. "Now I don't have to wait.'

Take the Neiman Marcus "cookie recipe." Someone supposedly is billed \$250 for the store's \$2.50 recipe. In revenge, she forwards copies of the recipe to friends — and urges them to do the same.

decade ago, the department store didn't sell cookies at its restaurants. The tale later made its way to the Internet and the company still gets calls and letters.

To play along, Neiman Marcus created a recipe and then gave it away - for free. "It can be a big distraction," spokeswoman Ginger Reeder

Dear Mom:

it is with good humor and

No one quite knows the roots of such myths.

"I suspect they are the result of creative minds trapped in boring jobs," said Brian Maddox of Barrington, Ill., a regular recipient of electronic chain letters.

But such messages can clog company computers, trigger mistrust or encourage risky behavior. Internet users tired of virus hoaxes might ignore real threats. Sunbathers believing that sunscreen causes blindness might avoid the salve and risk sunburn or skin can-

David Spalding, who writes the online column "Hoax du Jour," said friends and relatives often spread such "cyberban legends" with good intent. They are difficult to stop, he said, because "it's hard to tell Grandma or your brother, 'Don't send me e-mail.''

While Internet veterans may lating offline more than a comers often do not. As they abuse of technology and a get wiser, new generations of believers log on.

"People bring with them some old habits they learned from getting most of their information from the traditional media, mostly the ability to trust," said David Emery, who tracks urban legends for About.com. "They are not prepared for the anarchy.'

Can you please check the school menus every Sunday in the Big Spring Herald?

Emery offers these tips: Assume contents are false unless proven otherwise. Be skeptical if an offer — free Coke, free cars — appears overly generous. Verify before forwarding.

Alissa Strauss of Chicago learned that lesson. On the offchance that she could replace an 11-year-old junker, she forwarded the Honda "promotion" to friends. Instead of a car, she got back Honda's denial and a friend's threat: "Never do this again.'

"I really need a car," Strauss said later. "I just hoped, even though I don't ever believe in

Some companies may not be so forgiving. Citing a nonexistent study, one prankster falsely claimed that Kentucky Fried Chicken uses no chicken and thus had to change its name to KFC. The company posted a denial on its Web site and vowed to find the troublemak-

For Microsoft Chairman Bill http://www.symantec. When the rumor began circusee through the hoaxes, new-Gates, chain letters are an inter/hoax.html

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Charles Hymes, w Don't Spread That H laughs — and agrees.

"The line between a joke is sometim thin," he conceded nothing so outrai goofy, that it won't. by thousands and the people.'

Consider last year spring cleaning, a users should disco 11:59 p.m. March 3 a.m. April 2, Greens Time. Of course, if users did just that, th be no Internet left to

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Commercial roach called 'too real' for some

ATLANTA (AP) - That cockroach crawling across the screen isn't ON your television. It's IN it.

Rottweiler, 3 years old plus,

sweet tempered.

suckers after being frightened by the roach in a commercial for Orkin Pest Control. Two viewers even asked the company to repair sets that they damaged when they hurled objects at the bug.

"Apparently, when you're sitting in your darkened den it seems pretty real," said Michael Lollis, executive creative director at the Atlanta office of J. Walter Thompson, which created the ads, titled "Fake Out." They began airing, mostly at night, on March 1 in 90 percent of the country

Orkin and the ad agency have received dozens of calls from people who reported being frightened, amused or both by the commercial.

Matt. from Tallahassee, Fla., wrote to Orkin, saying he had

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just stepped from the shower when he saw the roach on his TV set.

Many viewers have felt like towel off and proceeded to snap the roach with the towel," he wrote. "He did not die or even get knocked off the TV. I thought it was SuperRoach or the roach.

something. Then to realize that it was just a commercial, well, laugh out of it."

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*Total family income from 1999 is less than \$16,700 (for family of 4)

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*Encourages - insists on - parent participation

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1107 NORTH WEST 7TH ST. BIG SPRING, TEXAS (915) 267-7452 TANF/FOOD STAMP RECIPIENTS ARE ALSO ELIGIBLE FOR THE HEAD START PROGRAM (PLEASE BRING BIRTH CERTIFICATE, SHOT RECORDS & PROOF OF INCOME) CLASSES WILL BEGIN THE WEEK OF SEPTEMBER 5, 2000

Pictured. Choco Chocolate colored female Chow mix spayed, 2 years old plus. Special Note: All dogs and cats presently available for adoption at the shelter have received their vaccinations, including rabies Chow girl - Black female Chow Chow spayed, 5 years old Bruno - Full-blood male



SPRING HERALD

Do you have an interesting item for the Business and Agriculture pages? Call John Moseley, 263-7331, Ext. 230, or leave a voice mail.

> Page 4B Sunday, April 9, 2000

Retailers, officials urge Congress to reject Internet tax exemption

WASHINGTON (AP) — Some of the as a potential threat to billions of dol- But its six business members, joined about 48 percent of the states' revenue. nation's biggest retailers, joined by state and local government officials and sympathetic members of Congress, said lawmakers should reject a federal e-commerce commission report gives tax breaks to business that they say could lead to a permanent sales tax

exemption for the Internet. Executives from Target, Wal-Mart, Radio Shack, J.C. Penney and Circuit City appeared on Capitol Hill with government officials to criticize the Advisory Commission on Electronic Commerce majority report as unfair to traditional retailers. They described it

lars in state and local sales tax collections that pay for schools, roads, police and fire protection.

"There should be a level playing field where all retail sales are treated equally," said James Hale, executive vice president at Target. "No tax policy should encourage retailers to avoid contributing to their local communi-

commission, created by Congress to recommend future e-commerce tax policy, failed to reach the necessary two-thirds vote for formal recommendations on most key points.

by anti-tax members, won majority approval of proposals to extend a moratorium on new Internet taxes for an additional five years after it expires

It is this last point that opponents say includes special tax provisions that would benefit business members of the panel such as AT&T, MCI Worldcom and America Online while costing states \$30 billion a year in lost revenue. They also contend it could lead to a permanent barrier against states extending to Internet commerce their

'The argument shouldn't be how to favor one form of commerce over another," said Henry Chiarelli, president of RadioShack.com

Gov. Mike Leavitt, R-Utah, chairman of the National Governors Association and a dissenting member of the e-commerce panel, said if Congress extends the moratorium on new taxes it should also permit states to simplify their sales-tax systems and develop interstate compacts that allow them to collect the money on remote Internet sales. Leavitt proposed that Congress existing sales taxes, which provide pass a law allowing compacts to be created by Dec. 31, 2003.

"Will we adopt a policy that creates a permanent special privilege?" Leavitt

One commission member, however. said retail chains want to use the tax issue to "stamp out competition" and that imposition of a national sales tax collection system would place an onerous burden on electronic sellers.

"It would be a grave mistake for Congress to sanction the attempts of some mass retailers to severely discriminate against electronic commerce," said Stan Sokul, an Internet

Plants add colorful look to landscape

his time of year, many individuals begin to think about planting various types of plants. Many of them want to add

color to their home landscape. Landscape color can be accomplished by adding annuals, perennials, and/or some grasses. The following list represents a partial list-



KIGHT

ing of some of these plants that are suited for West Texas:

· Annuals: Perwinkle, California Poppies, Globe Amaranth, Firebush, Pentas Petunias, Marimums, Dalhberg Daisy and Zinnia.

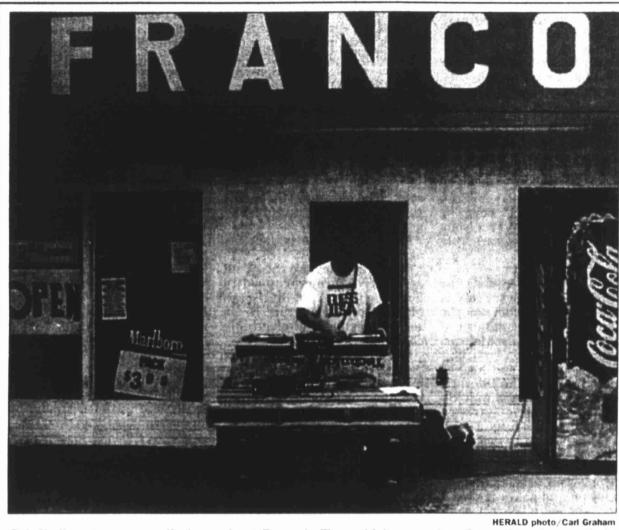
· Perennials: Texas Gold Columbine, 'Powis Castle' Artemisia, Fall Aster, 'New Gold' Lantana, Trailing Lantana, Russian Sage, Autumn Sage, Mexican Bush Sage, 'Autumn Joy' Sedum and Stiff Verbena.

· Grasses: Inland Sea Oats. Sideoats Grama, Maiden Grass, Deer Muhly, Fountain Grass, Purple Fountain Grass, Little Blue Stem and Mexican Feather Grass.

These annuals and perennials can add color to any homeowner's lawn. Most of these can be planted from now until September, in a home lawn situation.

For further information you can contact myself at the **Howard County Extension** office at 264-2236.

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



D.J. Hadle sets up some lively music at Franco's Fina, which opened on Gregg Street recently in

First Bank of West Texas enters pact with AXA Advisors for customer help

HERALD Staff Report

First Bank of West Texas has entered a networking agreement with AXA Advisors LLC to provide financial services and advice to its customers

First Bank of West Texas with locations in Big Spring, Coahoma, Loraine and Abilene will be the first bank in Texas to make available AXA Advisors financial services.

"Our agreement to work together means that First Bank of West Texas customers will have easier access to a wide range of investment and insursolutions, available through AXA Advisors and its affiliates, that can help people achieve their life, retirement. business and estate goals," said Bruce Griffith, president of First Bank of West Texas and Steve Jeter, AXA Advisors vice president for the West Texas

AXA Advisors will provide financial professionals who will meet with First Bank of West Texas customers to examine financial needs and goals. Similar agreements have been reached with banks in various parts of the country.

AXA Advisors is an indirect subsidiary of AXA Financial Inc., whose affiliates and sub-

sidiaries include The Equitable Life Assurance Society of the United States, Donaldson, Lufkin & Jenrette (DLJ) and

Alliance Capital Management. AXA Financial is part of the global AXA Group, which has operations in more than 60 countries and more than \$700 billion in assets under manage ment at the end of 1999.

Securities and life insurance products and services are offered by AXA Advisors financial professionals and are not offered by the First Bank of West Texas.

They are not FDIC insured or guaranteed by the bank, and may lose value.

Howard College starts pilot program aimed at risk management

By GINA GARZA

Staff Writer

Howard College began its Risk Management Academy pilot program for the Texas Worker's Compensation Insurance Fund last week.

"This is to help employers provide a safer working environment, and to help all of the Texas workforce to become more familiar with necessary legislation and safety issues required by the state," said Nancy Stout, workforce training director for Howard College.

She also said the new program will offer classes for employers that cover a broad range of workplace safety issues, from back safety to crop duster safety. Clients of the Worker's Compensation Insurance Fund are also encouraged to attend specific courses. The academy, however, is open to the public

Most of the classes will be taught at Howard College and the length of each will depend on the needs of local businesses. including refresher courses as they are needed.

"The major purpose that I see is to cut down accidents in the workplace and have healthy workers," said State Rep. David Counts (D-Knox City.) "The best way to do that is to train peo-

"What David is doing for his company, he wants it for all," said Dr. Cheri Sparks, president of Howard College.

"He wanted to start with the West Texas area first and I felt honored he wanted Howard

SPARKS COUNTS

College to do a pilot program," said Dr. Sparks

"Employers will gain because their worker's compensation premiums will go down because of less accidents," said Counts. "We want people to make a paycheck instead of making a worker's compensation check."

A special Occupational Safety and Health Administration (OSHA) course will be offered May 3-4. This course covers policies.

procedures and standards of construction safety and health principles Cost for the overview course

is \$10, and the OSHA course is

"We are trying to make these classes accessible and affordable especially for small businesses," said Sparks.

According to Counts, other programs will be planned in other areas of Texas with a total of five or six statewide.

"Our goal is to keep people on the job and be able to send them home in the same shape they came to us," he said.

To register for classes or get more information, contact Stout's office at Howard College, 264-5171

TDA submits revised rule changes for organic cotton in eradicaton zones

By BILL McCLELLAN

News Editor

After hearing from producers on proposed rules to establish guidelines for organic cotton in boll weevil eradication zones earlier this year, the Texas Department of Agriculture is running a revised edition past farmers now. Producers will have 30 days to

comment on the revisions.

"The original rules were just a draft because we wanted the cotton industry's input on these guidelines," said Brockman, TDA special assistant for producer relations. "It is important for us to have a system that works for all producers — a system that respects the integrity of eradication efforts but does not place an undue financial burden on organic growers who will be impacted by the program.' Under the new proposal, a

grower may choose either to plant an alternative crop or continue to plant organic cotton. If cotton is planted, a set formula will determine compensation if it becomes necessary to destroy an infested field. Agreements between the

grower and the eradication

Grower steering committee schedules Monday meeting

The Boll Weevil Eradication Zone Grower Steering Committee will meet at 7 a.m. Monday at Allen's Galley in Lamesa.

Members of the steering committee are composed of growers in the Permian Basin Boll Weevil Eradication Zone who provide grower leadership to the Texas Boll Weevil Eradication Foundation.

zone's grower steering committee can be made at any time before or during the growing season — up to the point when a technical review process determines that a field must be destroyed.

Until current active zones have been declared eradicated. only growers who have planted organic or transitional cotton during or prior to the 1999 crop are eligible for compensation. Organic growers in eradica-

tion zones that become active is based on a five-year average after the rules are in place are eligible for compensation if they have an application for organic or transitional cotton approved by TDA's Organic Certification Program at least one vear before a referendum establishing a zone is held.

Brockman said the formula for calculating compensation is based on actual history for the farm, acreage, price and a 65 percent rate of compensation. The time in the growing season when a crop must be destroyed will also determine the amount of indemnification, he said.

market price for conventional cotton plus a 39-cent premium for organic. The 65 percent rate of compensation reflects the rate at which most Texas cotton farmers insure their crops through the federal crop insurance program, Brockman said.

More than three million acres of cotton are in active eradication in Texas, including Howard County. In areas of the state where eradication programs have been in operation for three years or more, producers have reported reduced pro-

Under the revised rules, price See COTTON, Page 5B

Coahoma resident

New seismic system may benefit energy industry

seismic system for detecting underground oil and gas-containing formations could be a boon for the energy industry.

The system produces images with greater details and fewer mistakes than previous methods, according to the Houston Chronicle.

The oil service company responsible for the new tool. Schlumberger Ltd., has spent at least \$80 million to develop a system that provides a cleaner view of underground rock for-mations than current seismic mages, which can be distorted by a variety of sounds ranging from trucks to power lines.

Schlumberger says its new

seismic system provides images showing underground details that previously were invisible.

"This clearly represents a potential for a quantum leap in productivity," said Bill Herbert, an energy services analyst for Simmons & Company International in Houston.

However, the market may not be quite ready for the new system, Herbert said. While drilling is on the upswing, the seismic business is still depressed with an abundance of

surveys for sale. "The customer reaction, in our view, will be 'Yes, it's great technology, but we really don't need it right now," Herbert

IN THE NEWS

Plainview Herald circulation director STACEY REAM was one of 16 employees of the

newspaper division of The Hearst Corp. to receive the Marketing Excellence Award last month in New

Ream was cited for his direction in the

Herald converting all home subscriptions to a pay-by-mail system and a 5 percent increase in circulation. Ream was an advertising account executive for the Herald from 1996 until September 1998 when he joined

Norwest Mortgage. He has been circulation director at the Herald since June of 1999. Ream is the son of Jann and

Roddy Caffey and the grandson of Joanne and Dean Forrest of Big Spring.

THOMAS W. MOORE III and KNEEL B. STALLINGS, both of Big Spring, were among 115 trooper cadets graduating March 31 from the Texas Department of Public Safety's 117th training academy. The 27-week school is the longest continuous training academy offered by any law enforcement agency in Texas, and one of the longest in the

The cadets entered the academy in September of 1999 and completed 1,187 hours of





MOORE instruction - more than twice the training required by the Texas Commission on Law **Enforcement Officer Standards** and Education.

Trooper Moore will be assigned to the highway patrol in Seminole while Stallings will be assigned to the highway patrol in Big Spring.



STALLINGS

honored with a plaque commemorating her five years service with Richeson Dairy Queen stores recently. Sullivan, manager of the

DEBORAH SULLIVAN was

Coahoma Dairy Queen, was honored at Richeson Dairy Queen Companies' annual manager's meeting at Graham

Country Club.

Sullivan began her Dairy Queen career as a crew member in Coahoma and has managed the restaurant for the past two years.

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BBB urges Crossroads Area businesses to carefully read 'look-alike' solicitations

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Crossroads Area residents are receiving what are known as "look alike" solicitations and the Better Business Bureau of the Permian Basin wants citizens to be sure and read them closely.

"Again, businesses in the Permian Basin are receiving Yellow Page 'look alike' solicitations. They look just like invoices. but in truth, are just solicitations," said Dick Rowland, president of the Better Business Bureau of the Permian Basin. "If you read the document carefully, you'll find the notice on the form.

Every day, businesses receive invoices asking them to renew their advertising in some form of "Yellow Pages" directory, said Rowland. Some are legitimate and others are scams designed to trick companies out of hundreds of dollars.

The latest edition is from a

company called "Yellow Pages Company" of Orange County, Calif.

Though the company uses a telephone as part of its logo, close scrutiny of the solicitation indicates it is for the Internet. In fact, on the back, it reads: 'Yellow Pages, Inc. is an independent publisher not affiliated with any telephone company."

"Most of the soliciting firms of this nature publish a directory of sorts, but the value and circulation of these publications may be questionable," said Rowland. "The targets of the solicitations usually are selected from advertisements placed in local yellow pages directories.

Most of these type solicitations include the disclaimers required by federal postal law to distinguish them from an invoice, said Rowland. But many recipients who may not read the fine print are misleads by the names of the companies,

which resemble those of wellknown businesses director distributors.

COTTON

Continued from Page 4B

duction costs and increased

vields.

The revised rules are still in the proposal stage. TDA will take comments on the rule changes for the next 30 days. Those who wish to comment can write TDA at P.O. Box 12847, Austin, Texas, 78711, or fax to (512) 463-1104. For telephone comments or for more information, contact Brockman or Scott Heselmeyer at (512) 463-

The proposed and adopted rules can be found on TDA's website at www.agr.state.tx.us under "Producer Information -

Janice Cearley

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Delaware Limited Partnership.

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Melinda McCann

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grantee: Kenneth C. Davidson property: a 13.33 acre tract of land.

grantor: William Sidney Davis

grantee: Edward Spivey and Lora

property: Lot 6, blk. 1, Settles Heights

grantor: Susan Tallas, Cynthia Boling,

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Quarter of Section 41. blk. 32, Township

grantor: Gregory Alan Graham and

Services, Limited Partnership, A

property: all of lot 15, blk. 11, fifth fil-

grantor: Coy McCann and wife,

grantee: Harold Neagle and wife. Ann

property: All interest owned of record

grantor: B.F. McGettes Jr., trustee under the Will of Myrtle McGettes.

Deceased for benefit of B.F. McGettes

grantee: Daron E. Moore and wife.

property: a tract of land containing

80.21 acres, more or less, out of the

North 1/2 Northeast Quarter sec. 30. blk.

grantee: Cleta Fay Smith Satterwhite

property: tract of land out of sec. 3.

grantor: Marjorie Kay Fiveash Oyler

grantee: Lida Lou Fiveash Boland Delfina O. Fiveash and Jo Ellen Fiveash

property: all my undivided interest in

all of lots 11 and 12 in blk. 12, Cole &

grantor: Big Spring Country Club Inc. grantee: Fish Family Limited

property. a .726 acre tract of land out

Dr. Cezary Kuprianowicz, M.D.

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by Grantors and all additional right, title

and interest of Grantors, or either of

them, if any, in East 1/2 sec. 7, blk. 32

Prudential Residential

Addition

1-North



Danny Heckler fills a basket in a two-minute shopping spree recently at HEB. The Lion's Club fund-raiser raised more than \$1,500 to go toward the scholarship fund for Lion:Club Queen Kristina Nelson, who will be attending Howard College in

HERALD photo/Carl Graham

Public records

Justice of the Peace Bennie Green

Precinct 1, Place 1 **Bad Checks/Warrants issued:** The addresses listed are the last

known addresses Names on this list remain until all fines have been paid. If any problems with this list, please call Anderson, Michelle, 7105 East County

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Coates, Tara. 2102 S. Monticello. Big Cox, Donna Lynn, 1607 State. Big Crawford, Randall, P.O. Box 1929, Big

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Evans, W. Carol, 809 E. 33rd. Ford, Paul, 501-a West Kiowa, Hobbs.

Freeman, Cindy A., 1441 Tanglewood,

Gibson, Ronny Jr., 605 West 17 St Big Spring Hayes, Linda Elaine, 105 South Moss

Lake Road, Big Spring Hodnett, Haril Joe, 1307 Mt Vernon. Hoffman, Donald Robert, 4108

Parkway, Big Spring Holje, Jon. 835 E. 11th St. Colorado Lathers, Glen. 2074 Lcr 252. Colorado

Mims, Carol L., 4005 Connally, Big Moore, Gary, 817 West 26 St., Odessa Nail, Jessica, P.O. Box 1934. Big

O'Bannon, Eddie, Rt1, Box 50. Ackerly Olivas, Julian Hernandez, PO Box 304. Coahoma

Orozco, Juana, P.O. Box 186 Idalou Ovalle, Ninfa Gonzales, 3801 East Highway 80 No 34, Midland Ramsey, Cynthia, 626 Tulane, Big Spring

Reyes. Shalina, 538 Westove3r No. 234, Big Spring Rodriquez, Jesse, 5318 Opal Lane,

Salgado, Andrea, 508 Grace, Stanton Tyron, Evangeline, 406 East Cedar, Midland Valle, Amado G. Jr., 118 Davis Rd. Big

Spring Vasquez. Judy. 1907 North 7 St., Lamesa Villafranco, Felisa, 301 East Peck,

Midland Yanez, Eva Carrasco, 1408 Oriole Big Spring or 1616 Mesquite, Big Spring

Howard County Clerk's Office:

Marriage Licenses: Lawrence D. Matlinez, 38, and Mary Nubes Ortega, 25. Juan Carlos Cordova, 23, and

Christina Rose, Gonzales, 19. W.R. Austin, 59, and Judith Asirot Salvosa, 30. Kurt Eric Dunn, 33, and Katrina

Michelle Harvele, 26 Adam Rodriquez Canales, 32, and Diane Castillo, 26

Court Records: Probated Judgment, DWLS: Elvira Ann Stilwell, \$250 fine, \$260 court

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days jail. Possession of Marijuana, less than two ounces: John James

Hilger, \$300 fine, \$260.25 court cost,

Probated Judgment, Unlawfully Carrying Weapon: Scott Ray Bland, \$500 fine. \$260 25 court cost. 180 days

Probated Judgment, Display Fictitious Motor Inspection Certificate: John Ross Cansino, \$250, \$248.25 court cost, 180 days jail, Ralph Mendez, \$250 fine,

\$260.25 court cost, 180 days jail. **Probated Judgment, Burglary** of Vehicle: John Cansino, \$250. \$249.25 court cost, 180 days jail.

Probated Judgment, Carrying Prohibited Weapon: Vincent Alvarado, \$300, \$234.25 court cost, 180 Probated Judgment, Sale

Alcoholic Beverages to Minor:

Ruby M. Smetak, \$250 fine, \$310.25 court cost, 180 days jail; Robin P. Nelles. \$200, \$285.25 court cost, \$180 days jail. Irma Martinez, \$100 fine, \$310 25 court cost. 180 days jail. Bobbie R McCain, \$250 fine, \$285.25 court cost, 180 days Judgment and Sentence,

Possession of Marijuana, less than two ounces: Domingo Castillo. 180 days jail, court cost \$260.25; Kevin Lee Dunlap, \$300 fine, \$260.25 court cost, 60 days jail, Manuel Garcia, \$500 fine. \$260.25 court cost, 30 days jail. Judgment and Sentence,

Possession of Dangerous Drug: Domingo Castillo, 180 days jail, \$260 25 Judgment Sentence. Delivery of Marijuana, less than 1/4 ounces: Guadalupe Ledezma,

\$500 fine, 310.25 court cost, 60 days jail Judgment and Sentence, with Government **Document:** Rod Lee Puga, \$250 fine. \$260.25 court cost, 10 days jail

Judgment and Sentence, DWLI: Juan M. Garcia, \$250 fine, \$260.25 court cost 10 days jail Judgment and Sentence, Sale

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Deeds:

Warranty Deed: grantor David Ralph Drake and Deborah Ann Drake grantee Frances R Wheat

property all of Lot L. Village at the filed March 20, 2000 grantor: Albert Fierro

grantee Gloria Rodriguez Martinez property: Lot 4. blk. 7. Bauer Addition. filed: March 21, 2000 grantor. William Roper, Ricky Roper.

Jimmy Roper, Frances Rosenfeldt and Tommy Roper grantee: Billy Joe Kilpatrick property: A tract of land out of the

West Part of Section 43, blk. 31. filed March 22, 2000

grantor: Roy James Cearley and wife,

Dr. Anna Rosinska, M.D.

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filed: March 23, 2000 grantee Michael Thompson

Commercial property: Lot 12, blk. 5, William Green grantor Mortgage Corporation grantee: Swartz & Brough Inc. property: Lot 3, blk. 4, Ridglea Terrace Addition

> grantor: Larue L. Deviney grantee: Bobby A. Klug and spouse, Kimberly L. Smith property: Lot 23, blk. 5, College Park filed: March 24, 2000

Warranty deed with vendor's

grantor: Gary L. Mayes and Spouse Deborah Mayes grantee: Joshua Ontiveros property: all of lot 8, in blk. Douglass Addition filed: March 20, 2000

grantor: Edgar Phillips grantee: George Harrington and wife, Juanita Harrington property: North 50 feet of Lot 2 blk. 80. Original Town filed: March 22, 2000

grantor: Swartz & Brough, Inc. grantee. Calvin Belvin, and wife ratricia Rother bucher property: Lot 3, blk. 4. Ridglea Jerrade property: Lot 7, blk. 9, Stanford Park Patricia Rotherbucher filed: March 22, 2000 grantor: Judith Monroe Gray and

grantor: Swartz & Broug grantee Felipe D. Puga and wife. grantee: Boyce Sneed and wife, Carol

property: all of lot 11. blk 3, Highland Park Addition

Federal filed: March 22, 2000 grantor: Diane M. Kligora grantee: Bryan Kligora property all of lot 19. blk. 6. Suburban filed: March 24, 2000

filed: March 22, 2000 grantor: Max Coffee and wife, Betty Ray Coffee grantee: Eldred L Noble property: All of lot 10, blk. 13, North

Park Hill Addition

filed: March 22, 2000 grantor: Wende Lynn Strickland grantee: Koila Z. Strickland property: a .909 acre tract of land. more or less, out of the Southwest Quarter of Sec. 18, blk. 32

filed March 23, 2000

Prudential Residential Services. Limited Partnership. A Delaware Limited Partnership grantee: Terry Springer and wife. Sharon Springer property all of lot 15, bik 11, fifth filing. Coronado Hills

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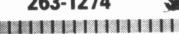
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aloud in the Big Spring City Council Chambers, City Hall, 307 East 4th Street, Big Spring, Texas 79720, with award to be made at a Big Spring City Council. Bid infor mation and specifications may be obtained from the Office of the **Purchasing and Material Control** lanager, 1380 Airpark Drive East, Bldg. #19, Big Spring, Texas 79720. All bids must be marked with the date of the bid and a gen eral description of the bid item The City of Big Spring reserves the right to reject any or all bids and to

2697 April 2 & 9, 2000

PUBLIC NOTICE

GENERAL ELECTION (AVISO DE ELECCION **GENERAL)**

To the Registered Voters of Coahorna, Texas Coahoma, Texas:) Notice is hereby given that the polling places listed below will be open from 7:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m.,

on May 6, 2000, for voting in general election to elect Three trustees to serve for three years. (Notifiquese, por las presente, que las casillas electorales sitados la manana hasta las 7:00 de la noche el 6 de mayo 2000 para votar en la Eleccion General para elegir tres oficiales (guardianes por tres anos. LOCATION(S) OF POLLING

PLACES (DIRECCION(ES) DE LAS CASIL LAS ELECTORALES) Early voting by personal appea

ance will be conducted each weel (La votaccion adelantada en per

sona se llevara a cabo de lunes a viernes en) Administration Building 600 Mai Street, Coahoma, Texas 79511 between the hours of 8 a.m. and (entre las 8 de la manana y las de la tarde empezando el 19 de abril and ending on May 2, 2000, terminando el 2 de mayo en e anon 2000.) Applications for ballo by mail shall be mailed to: (Las solicitudes para boletas que se votaran en ausencia por correc leberan enviarse a:) Gina McEndree or Judy Dobbs

600 Main Stree Coahoma, Texas 79511 Applications for ballots by mail must be received no later than the close of business on (Las solicutudes para boletas que se votaran en ausencia por correc eran recibirse para el fin de las

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later than April 21, 2000. If you require special accommoda-tions, please advise the Quality Oversight Department when scheduling an appointment fo

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PUBLIC NOTICE

NOTICE OF APPLICATION FOR FLUID INJECTION WELL PERMIT CHEVRON U.S.A., INC., P.O. **BOX 1150, MIDLAND, TEXAS** 79702, has applied to the Railroad Commission of Texas for a amend ment to an existing permit to inject fluid into a formation which is productive of oil or gas.

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2300' to 2900' feet. **LEGAL AUTHORITY:** Chapter 27 of the Texas Water Code, a amended, Title 3 of the Natura Resources Code, as amended and the Statewide Rules of the Oil and Gas Division of the Railroad on of Texas. Requests for a public hearing from

persons who can show that they are adversely affected, or requests for further information concerning any aspect of the application should be submitted in writing. within fifteen days of publication, to the Environmental Services Section, Oil and Gas Division Railroad Commission of Texas P.O. Drawer 12967, Capitol Station, Austin, Texas 78711-2967 - Telephone (512) 463-6792. 2711 April 9, 2000

PUBLIC NOTICE NOTICE OF TRUSTEE ELECTION (AVISO DE ELECCION (FIDEI

To the Registered Voters of Forsai (A los votantes registrados de (distrito escolar de Forsan) Texas:) Notice is hereby given that the polling places listed below will be open from 7:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m., on May 6, 2000, for voting in a trustee election, to elect 2 trustees. Notifiquese por las presente que las casillas electorales sitados abajo se abriran desde las 7 00 am hasta las 7 00 pm el 6 de Mayo de 2000 para votar en la Eleccion para (elejir dos fidei

LOCATION(S) OF POLLING (DIRECCION(ES) DE LAS Forsan ISD Administration Office

(Oficina de Administracion del dis trito escolar de Forsan, Tx)
Elbow Elementary School (Cafeteria de la escuela primaria

de Elbow) Early voting by personal appear ance will be conducted each week (La votacion en adelaniada en per

viernes en) Forsan ISD Administration Office between the hours of 8:00 a.m. and 4:00 p.m. beginning on April 19. 2000 entre las 8:00 de la manana y las

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Forsan, Texas 79733 Applications for ballots by mail close of business on (Las solicitudes para boletas que se votaran en ausencia por correo horas de negocio el)

Issued this the 9th day of April. 2000 (Emitada este dia 9 de abril, 2000.) 2708 April 9, 2000

PUBLIC NOTICE

NOTICE OF 2000 ELECTION (AVISO DE ELECCION 2000) Howard County, Texas: (A los votantes registrados del Howard County, Texas:) Notice is hereby given that the polling places listed below will be open from 7.00 a.m. to 7.00 p.m. on May 6, 2000, for voting in a Board of Trustees election, to

Howard County Junior College (Notifuquese, por las presente, que las casillas electordes sitados abajo se abriran desde las 7 00 am hasta las as 700 pm el 6 de Mayo de 2000 para votar en la Eleccion para conseio de admin-

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(Emitada este dia 27 de Marzo.

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HAPPY BIRTHDAY for Sunday, April 9:

You'll find life exciting this year, as surprises happen left and right. You gain indirectly from others. What often seems to be not so good turns out to be a blessing in disguise. Allow greater flexibility in your thinking. Doors open that were previous ly closed. If you are single, relationships come naturally, as you attract many admirers. Making the right choices is important. If attached, learn to communicate when there are problems, and grow together. The unexpected marks your relationship, but this doesn't have to be negative. CANCER pushes your buttons.

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** Someone you count on and respect jolts you with his actions. You might not always be on the money when reading others. Remain observant, nevertheless. Confusion surrounds finances and long-term objectives. Don't try to resolve anything right now. Tonight: Visit with a friend.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20)

**** Intrigue and surprises surround a friendship. Pull back and do some hard thinking. New information spells a new perspective. Others could find you confusing, even though you're not. Be willing to reiterate, anyway. Tonight: Treat yourself to a favorite din-

CANCER (June 21-July 22) ** Mull over what is happening rather than respond. Your ability to understand helps you when others don't. You might need to take greater responsibility. Confusion could easily set in - remain as clear as possible. Tonight: Make yourself

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22)

*** Another might intrigue you this morning. Trying to discuss a change could be difficult. Instead, hook up with friends and simply enjoy yourself. You are happiest in crowds. Help another enjoy himself and relax. Tonight: As you like it.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) *** You might have to work, help or take charge when you

least want to. Others make demands you feel are necessary to meet. Let your sense of Syndicate Inc.

humor come out with a partner, who needs another perspective. Tonight: Join friends.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22) **** You'll enjoy what happens, and you'll see situations much differently than those around you. Don't get uptight when others do. Express your sense of fun and lightness. Avoid discussions while you can. Stay centered. Tonight: Drop in on a parent.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21) **** Realize your limits when dealing with a partner, who won't hear what he doesn't want to hear. Your energy is subject to change. Adjust plans accordingly. Keep communication flowing, even if you hit a snag or misunderstanding. Tonight: Let your mind escape.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec.

**** Others run with the ball today. A partner has interesting feedback. Brainstorm with financial experts. Be willing to learn a new hobby or interest. Another is only too delighted to teach you. Work on empathy, not detachment. Tonight: Say ves.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan.

*** Relax, but make time to respond to a partner or friend. Your sense of direction takes you a new way. Complete a project, which could involve finishing off your taxes! Be careful with figures and details. Make time to socialize in the late afternoon. Tonight: Not

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18) **** You always jolt others, but you could surprise yourself as well. Your sense of humor comes out in business. Understand limits. Make a point of connecting with a friend. Loved ones and children want your attention. Tonight: Get a head start on tomorrow.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20) ** Another is touchy - it isn't your imagination. Knowing what you want could make a big difference. Examine your long-term financial interests. A risk might not be worth it. Allow your imagination greater play. A relationship could heat up. Tonight: Roll out

the good times. **BORN TODAY**

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