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TODAY 72°-77° TONIGHT 50°-55°

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 p.m., 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

By DEBBIE L. JENSEN
Features Editor

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

By GINA GARZA
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 captivity. It is estimated that there are 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 we jumped," he said. "You are free falling at 70 to 80 miles per hour into a world you have never seen before.

"Our instructions were to



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.

HERALD photo/Gina Garza

delay opening the parachute so that we would reach the ground before the Germans would have a chance to shoot us in the air. My decision was made as I entered some low clouds at 3,000 feet."

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

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

where we boarded the train for Vienna, Austria. By this time, there were about 15 of us," said Crooker.

"In Vienna, we had to transfer from one railroad station to the other by trolley car. I was chosen by a German sergeant to carry his baggage. When we 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-

ment and by the second or third 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 missions we had flown. The usual answer to any question was to give them your name, rank and serial number," he said.

"This would anger them and

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One-act

BSHS drama troupe dances on to region

By CARL GRAHAM
Staff Writer

The Big Spring High School drama department has done it again.

Their play, "And They Dance Real Slow in Jackson," has advanced to the University Interscholastic League Regional One-Act Play Contest, set for Friday at Angelo State University.

Big Spring and Canyon High School — which presented "Taming of the Shrew," were the plays selected to advance from the Area contest held last Friday at Worsham Auditorium in Snyder.

Tim Haynes, BSHS drama 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 and in what they are doing and that's what it takes to win at this level."

Lauren Fraser, who took best



HAYNES

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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 overdue library 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-



REDMAN

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 week long.

Even books that were due months or years ago can be returned without penalty, she said.

"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."

Redman promised that library 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

materials, so this week can serve as a fresh start, Redman said.

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

The library planned this amnesty week to recognize National Library Week.

Staff are also planning a puppet show Tuesday at 4 p.m. for children of all ages and their parents.

Among other activities to celebrate National Library Week is

a special meeting of the group 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 Texans die every day from cardiovascular diseases.

Cardiovascular disease remains the number one killer in Texas, claiming the lives of 56,007 people in 1998 (39 percent 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 339 deaths in 1998, 125 were cardiovascular. That's 36.9 percent.

In Big Spring, out of the 282 deaths recorded in 1998, 104 were cardiovascular, or 36.9

percent. 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.

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Oleta Johnson

Oleta Johnson, 80, of Big Spring, died Friday, April 7, 2000, at Scenic Mountain Medical Center following a short illness. Graveside service will be at 10 a.m. Monday, April 10, 2000, at 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 homemaker 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.

less than one Red Cross parcel of food a week. The Germans sporadically supplemented the parcels with rutabagas, a turnip with a rather bland taste, and German bread which we honestly believed contained sawdust. 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 spreading a thin layer of jam on it."

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. Because time moved slowly for these men, they started playing bridge, cribbage, reading paperbacks, writing letters — they were allowed two per month — and took walks around the compound.

"In the middle of April, we began to hear the muffled thunder 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 us. We were overjoyed."

"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 Germany."

He had met his wife, the former 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.

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actress honors in district competition, once again brought home best actress honors. George Williams made the all-star cast and Taryn Haynes, once again took honorable mention all-star cast honors. Anna McLaughlin made the list, winning honorable mention all-star cast as well.

The rest of the cast and crew members include Julie Adams, Priscilla Flores, Laura Davis, Haley Haynes, Sarah Smith, Amanda Sheedy, Chris Trevino, Andy Rodriguez, Eric Gamble, Leandro Sanchez, Lacey Knight, Jeremy Knight, Cynthia Shipman, Sabrina Lopez, Shasta Fuqua, Theresa Porras, Laura Schnake and Hollie Cobb.

The order in which the cast presents their play will be drawn next week, said Haynes.

Toryn Haynes will be representing 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 Saturday at Angelo State.

CONCERT

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him a CD. "The music on their CD was so dynamic, I decided that if they were anywhere in the area, I wanted them here. They are that good," Lee said.

He described Carter and Grammer as "multi-instrumental," adding that they use mandolin, banjo, guitar and violin. They perform their original songs, which often deal with mythical themes.

Grammer and Carter, in press information, refer to their music as "all-original, postmodern, mythic American."

For more information about the concert, call the church at 394-4450.

JUMP

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of class. "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 — \$495.

"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 Goods.

"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 added.

OSHA has more questions about bonfire collapse

AUSTIN (AP) — The 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 interviews after studying students' 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-the-year 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 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 Rannels (enter through north door). Bring a covered dish and enjoy the fellowship and good food. Call 398-5522.

•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 Wason. Call 268-9041.

•Greater West Texas Chapter of the Alzheimer's Association, 7 p.m., Canterbury South, 1700 Lancaster. Topic: A Prescription for Caregivers. For more information call Galynn 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 Men's Health Center, meets the fourth Monday of each month at 6 p.m. at 409 Rannels, 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

FOR EMPLOYMENT

Thou, O Lady of the Miraculous Medal, once 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. I am anxious, dear Mother, to be gainfully engaged in work that will relieve my temporal needs without in any way endangering the spiritual well-being of my soul. Direct me to employment that will enable me fittingly to provide for myself and my dependents. I am confident that thou wilt heed my prayers. O Immaculate Mother, and grant my request. In return I shall publish thy goodness that others may know the favor thou enjoyest with Almighty God unto His greater honor and glory.

Amen.

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

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

• MIGUEL LOSOYA, 19, of 102 N. Main, was arrested on a charge of graffiti.

• KATHERINE DELORES SCAGGS, 29, was arrested on charges of failing to identify and on a parole violation.

• JEREMIAH COKER, 24, of 3001 Collins, was arrested on a charge of possession of marijuana.

• MANUEL REY CHAVARRIA, 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 marijuana.

• ROBERT MARVIN CARSON, 32, of 1410 Scurry, was arrested on a charge of possession of marijuana.

• KORI SHANE LOCKHART, 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 HORTON, 37, of 903 E. 14th, was arrested on a charge of driving while intoxicated.

• REYNALDO HERNANDEZ, 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 arrested on a charge of possession of marijuana and resisting arrest.

• HECTOR SANCHEZ CASTRO, 31, of 1314 Park, was arrested on a charge of driving while intoxicated and driving while license was invalid.

• BRIAN EUGENE VANDERBILT, 20, of 1418 Stadium, was arrested on a charge of causing bodily injury.

• LARRY WAYNE 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 building.

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 Services
- 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 force

- Deferred compensation provider
- Seal coat for Howard College
- Old Gail Highway ditch repair
- Courthouse/library renovations

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 COMMISSIONERS COURT

9 a.m. Monday Martin County Courthouse

Items on the agenda include:

- Bills, officials' reports/previous minutes
- Road report
- Pipeline and utility crossings
- 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 personnel matters
- Discuss personnel manual regarding workman's compensation

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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 of jam, one pound of peanut butter 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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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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presents
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Thursday, April 20, 2000 - 11:45 a.m.
Dora Roberts Community Center
Tickets \$8 Available at the Chamber
215 W. 3rd
915-263-7641

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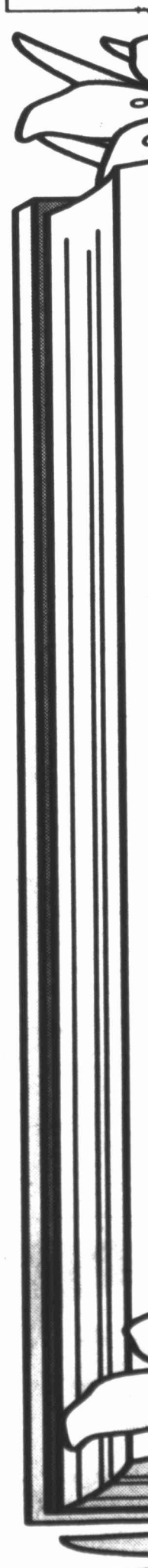
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State grant program offers help with college expenses

AUSTIN (AP) — It's gone through some growing pains in 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

is inspired by similar state programs 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 education.

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 said.

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 state-approved Recommended or Advanced High School curriculum, which include more high-level courses such as physics, foreign languages and fine arts than required for the state basic diploma.

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

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 co-chair 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 Coordinating 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 million.

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 quickly."

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 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

been demoted, transferred or discharged may seek alternative employment."

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

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 just today."

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

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 ruling.

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

Hispanic leaders upset by comments rock star made

HOUSTON (AP) — Rock star 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 to leave the United States and

return to their native countries. 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 country if you can't speak to

your fellow citizens? C'mon, if you can't speak English, get out of America," Nugent said in an interview with the Houston Chronicle.

Nugent, a Michigan native 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-

ing, Flores said his group would not accept one even if he 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

Hobbs, N.M. 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. New Mexico authorities discovered his body Feb. 25.

Deputy Criminal District Attorney Matt Powell said Friday that he could not discuss

the case.

Alexander's wife, Kay, 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 even more difficult."

Police reports filed with

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

Several of Alexander's acquaintances told police Alexander was involved in a cocaine operation with a co-worker, according to court records.

Both men worked as repair technicians for Preferred Services, a restaurant equipment repair company.

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It would be impossible for us to personally thank each individual, business, and governmental 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.

The kindness and thoughtfulness shown to us during this time has truly touched our whole family. We are proud to live in Big Spring and West Texas. To simply say "Thank You" seems so inadequate, but to each one who prayed, to the volunteers who searched, to the businesses who let their men and women off and who contributed food and supplies, to the law enforcement officers who gave their time and efforts, and to the thousands who showered us with your love --

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EDITORIAL

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

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 community.

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 offered.

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 Way.

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 capacity.

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

OTHER VIEWS

A booming economy is 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 expensive, politically popular 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

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

My 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 learned that 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 something 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 learned that money is a lousy way of keeping score.

I've learned that 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 learned that 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 learned that true friendship continues to grow, even over the longest distance. Same goes for true love.

I've learned that 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 learned that 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 again. Families aren't biological.

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

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

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

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

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 learned that no matter how you try to protect your children, they will eventually get hurt and you will hurt in the process.

I've learned that your life can be changed in a matter of hours by people who don't even know you.

I've learned that 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 learned that 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.

(John H. Walker is publisher of the Herald.)



JOHN H. WALKER



The next chapter in Flowerland

We are born. We spend the meaty middle of our lives accumulating things. We spend the end getting 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 bidding at \$1,000, at \$500? Who will start at \$500? Yes, madam, thank you, finally we can 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 bookcases. It's a tent to tempt a sheikh. A geography lesson in valuable goods. And looming over the whole

affair is the mansion called Fischer Flowerland. You can 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 house was built in the mid-1920s by Dr. Luther Fischer and his wife, Lucy. 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 extravagant 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

Grey Nuns ran it. That didn't last forever, either. Once again, Flowerland wilted.

In 1977, Atlanta Unity Church bought the property. Unity held interdenominational services in the old house for several years until a new sanctuary could be built. The community also used (and uses) the mansion for weddings, suppers, Alcoholics Anonymous meetings.

Now Unity Church is attempting to raise \$1 million to restore a solid but frayed Flowerland.

"We've already replaced the roof," Gretchen McCormack says. "That alone cost \$45,000."

McCormack is in charge of acquisitions for periodic 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 estate to the Flowerland restoration; they were not even Unity members.

The house, of course, is only brick and mortar. Yet when McCormack and others tell the Flowerland tale, you can see they have a vision. They are taking a turn at helm, hoeing a row.

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 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 dis-

uss ways of achieving a smooth 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 Elian.

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 res-

cue 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 innocent 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 so-called 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 an annual limit of \$17,000.

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

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 workers.

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

Republicans blame Clinton for soaring gasoline prices

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

should have opened U.S. lands 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 job!"

Murkowski said Americans

are "being held hostage" by the Clinton 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

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 to act.

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.

Government proposes Medicare rate hike for nursing homes

WASHINGTON (AP) — The Health Care Financing Administration proposed raising Medicare payment rates for nursing homes by almost 6 percent and directing more money toward the care of acutely ill seniors who need expensive treatments.

Medicare program administrator Nancy-Ann DeParle said payment rates would increase by 5.8 percent starting Oct. 1 under a proposal that was published for public comment Friday.

HCFA's plan calls for categories of payments that would make more funds available for nursing home residents with multiple serious health prob-

lems that require intensive care and treatment.

"These changes, based on extensive research of real world experiences, will ensure that Medicare pays nursing homes fairly and appropriately for caring for those beneficiaries with complex medical needs," DeParle said.

The rate hike would translate to an estimated \$15.5 billion for nursing homes in fiscal year 2001, an increase of more \$900 million over the current year's allocations.

Medicare would pay more than \$700 per day for seniors who require the most expensive care under the proposed changes.

That's more than five times the rate for residents who don't require intensive care.

Government auditors and private experts have warned that unless some cuts in Medicare financial support cuts are restored, the sickest senior citizens may be denied the care they need.

Cuts in Medicare spending have led to a shortfall in money to cover care of the most expensive patients. Older Americans with serious illnesses sometimes can't find nursing homes or home health care agencies that will care for them.

Congress restored some Medicare funds as part of the Balanced Budget Refinement

Act of 1999. HCFA's proposal would refine the payment system and direct more money toward caring for acutely ill seniors.

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.

States told to re-enlist families kicked off Medicaid

WASHINGTON (AP) — States 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 possible."

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

The move is an acknowledgment on the part of the federal government that many people have been improperly kept off Medicaid and the strongest step yet taken to correct the situation.

"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

Medicaid benefits really do keep them," Department of Health and Human Services Secretary Donna Shalala said at a children's health insurance conference.

States were also ordered to reinstate disabled children who were required to get Medicaid after they lost their supplemental Social Security benefits, but didn't. Experts estimate that at least 100,000 children were eligible for coverage.

Shalala said the federal government 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 during the time they were terminated.

States are not required to reimburse families for those bills, however.

HHS auditors concluded last

year that many people were being improperly dropped from Medicaid because states didn't tell people that they were still eligible for Medicaid, caseworkers discouraged families applying for Medicaid, and computer systems that linked welfare coverage and Medicaid wiped out people when they got off the rolls.

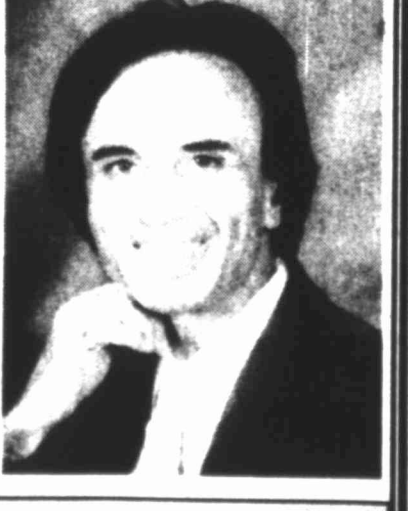
Some states have already started to identify people who should have been allowed to keep Medicaid coverage. Frank Lopez, spokesman for the Arizona Medicaid program, said his department has just started a program to reinstate families who were kicked off because caseworkers didn't tell them that they could still be covered even if they were no longer on welfare.

"We all should have done a better job of informing people," said Lopez.

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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 Flies and the *American Psycho* Soundtrack have been delayed. Both titles are expected to be available soon. We will be offering rainchecks for these titles. We apologize for any confusion or inconvenience this may have caused.

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IN BRIEF

Hawks manage split in twinbill at Alvin

Howard College's Hawks got a sterling pitching performance from Matt Burris 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 game.

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 EPCJ 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 Tejanas mounted late rallies.

The losses left Howard with a 27-23 record overall and 2-8 in WJAC play.

Bulldogs survive scare with 2-1 win at Plains

It took two extra innings, but 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 into 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 Schexnayder 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 entering a team should call Becky Crane at 264-2376 or Andi Andrews-York at 263-7641.

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AUTO RACING
10 a.m. — FIA Formula One San Marino Grand Prix, FXS, Ch. 29.
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NBA
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.
GOLF
3 p.m. — PGA The Masters, final round, CBS, Ch. 7.
NATIONAL HOCKEY LEAGUE
2 p.m. — Phoenix Coyotes at Dallas Stars, ABC, Ch. 2.
TENNIS
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

HERALD Staff Report

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 Angelo.

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 total.

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

of the season.

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 37-stroke win over runner-up Snyder.

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

while Sweetwater was third with a 933 total following a round of 306.

Andrews' Brad Gibson and Dustin Sherrill took the top two medalist spots, Gibson claiming the championship with an impressive 65 Saturday that gave him 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

By JOHN A. MOSELEY
Managing Editor

It's called getting back on track.

Big Spring's Lady Steers did just that Friday afternoon in District 5-4A softball action with 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 21-8 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 gave us a little bit of a break, and 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 out."

Whatever the reason, the Lady Steers were able to rekindle their fires — especially designated hitter Nicci Vizcaino and freshman pitching ace Christina Gwyn.

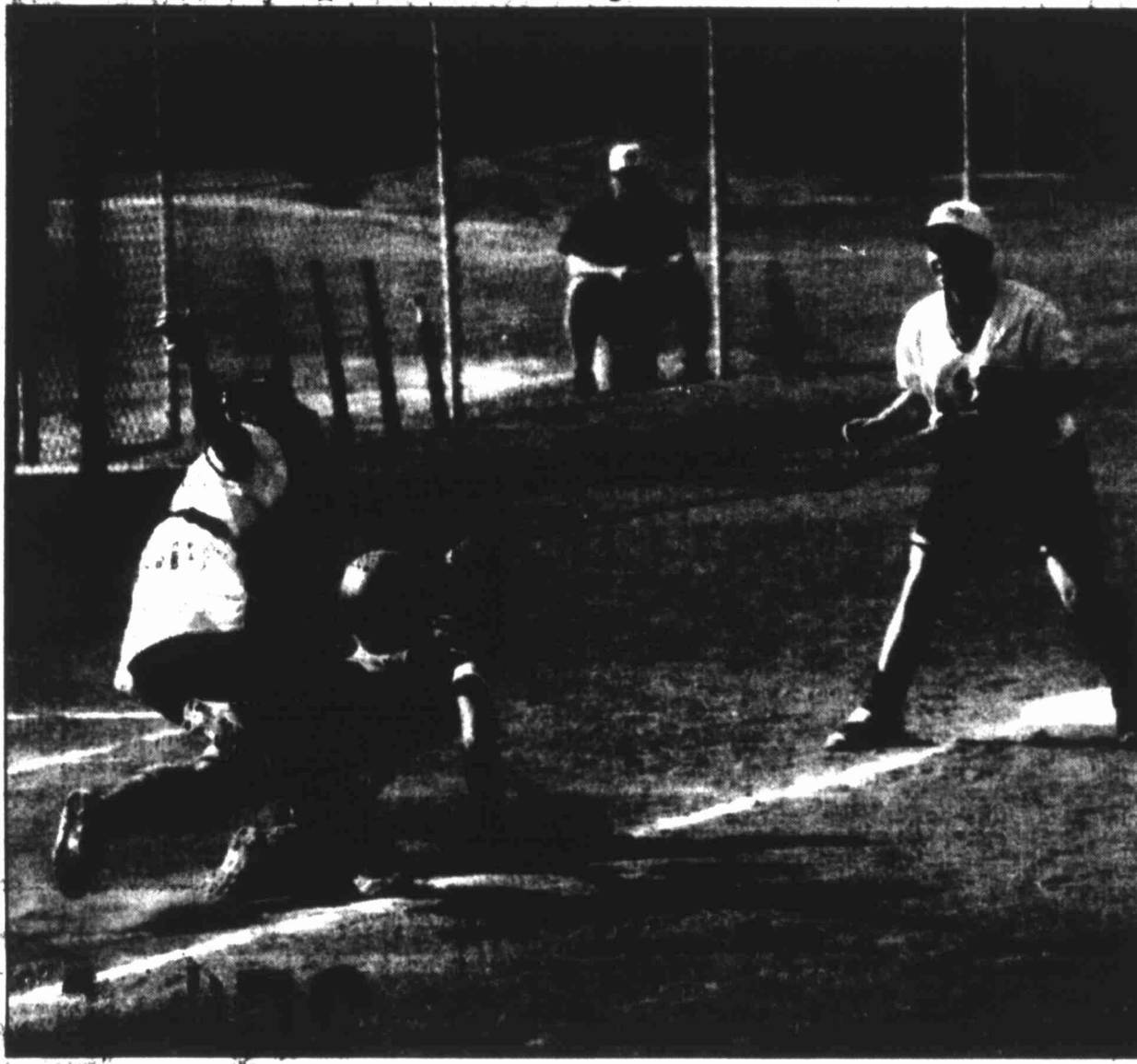
That duo accounted for half of the Lady Steers' hits and both went 3-for-3 at the plate. Jackson added a 2-for-4 showing, while Lindsey Marino, Rubio, Trista Casey and Bridgett Cain added singles.

Nobody could have been hotter than Gwyn, however.

In addition to pitching a two-hitter 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



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.

HERALD photo/Jim Fierro

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 base.

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 Maidens star too far off base and initiated a run down that saw Marino make the tag.

What proved to be the game-winning run came in the bottom 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 play 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 Vizcaino singled to right and Jungman made a wild cutoff throw to third.

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 Vizcaino 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 in District 5-4A baseball action Saturday.

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 out.

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 Riojazz then reached on an error by shortstop James Clements allowing Hickman to move up to second. Mike Morales, the Fort Stockton pitcher, then walked to load the bases. Panther shortstop Tony Rodriguez 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."

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 it."

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 effort.

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 Amber Mayes in the discus, while Dena 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 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 clocking.

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 800-meter relay with a 1:45.63 clocking, added third place points in the 100-meter hurdles, while Chelsea Churchwell was sixth.

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 Frénship'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 meters.

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, Kylan Wegner, finished third with an 11-6 effort.

Jeremiah Baeza provided fifth-place points in the shot put and Jarro 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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Reds take 4-3 win over Cubs in 11 innings; McGwire gets first homer

The ASSOCIATED PRESS

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 stop.

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 1-for-4 overall with a walk. He's 2-for-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 against Bell. A day after he hit his first homer, Sosa was hitless in five at-bats, leaving him 3-for-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 multi-homer 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 Ordenez added an RBI groundout against Gregg Olson in the eighth, making it 5-1.

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 shutout into the sixth before allowing a home run to Mark

Grudzielanek.

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 extra-base 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 two-run 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 10-8.

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, 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.

Hermanson, who lost 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 ended.

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

Rob Fick singled in a fourth-inning 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 homers and 24 runs one night

earlier, but this game featured 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 the save.

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 Jacques 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 the right center field bleachers

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-season.

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

Jeremy 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 Orsco 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 bunt.

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 Sirota (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 110-meter hurdles and would finish sixth in the 300-meter hurdles, while Jason Woodruff chipped in sixth-place points in the 100 meters with an 11.7-second clocking.

Nutting added another fifth-place 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 clocking.

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 3,200. Coahoma's Tommy Cruz 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.

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

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

Forsan's Queens managed 53 points to finish tied with Andrews' JV for third place, got a first-place finish from Candace Gamble in the 100 meters.

VARSITY BOYS

Team Totals: 1. Snyder, 193; 2. Frenship, 131; 3. Andrews, 101; 4. Big Spring, 70; 5. Levelland, 43.

Pole vault: 1. Brandon Wagner, Big Spring, 13-0; 2. Thornhill, Snyder, 12-6; 3. K. Wegner, Big Spring, 11-6.

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

Discus: 1. Mark Medley, Snyder, 157-10 1/2; 2. White, Andrews, 148-11; 3. Mojka, Frenship, 138-11.

High jump: 1. Wade Pinson, Snyder, 60; 2. Humphries, Andrews, 5-10; 3. Grimmert, Snyder, 5-10.

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

Triple jump: 1. Lawrence Johnson, Levelland, 41-8; 2. Clay, Snyder, 41-6; 3. Thomas, Frenship, 39-5.

300 meters: 1. Rudy Martinez, Snyder, 10:08.68; 2. Cole, Frenship, 10:25.39; 3. Kerry, Snyder, 10:30.57.

400 relay: 1. Snyder, 42:36; 2. Andrews, 44:25; 3. Frenship, 44:6.

800 meters: 1. Rolando Ladesma, Big Spring, 2:03.91; 2. Clay, Snyder, 2:08.55; 3. Holly, Frenship, 2:10:05.

110 hurdles: 1. Wade Pinson, Snyder, 14:48; 2. Hadley, Andrews, 15:02; 3. Corder, Levelland, 15:41.

100 meters: 1. Matthew Grimmert, Snyder, 11:17; 2. Erwin, Frenship, 11:20; 3. James, Snyder, 11:44.

400 meters: 1. Chris Nunez, Andrews, 52:32; 2. Bueno, Andrews, 52:42; 3. Arizandi, Snyder, 52:83.

300 hurdles: 1. Josh Hadley, Andrews, 40:26; 2. Pinson, Snyder, 41:05; 3. Corder, Levelland, 41:68.

200 meters: 1. Matthew Grimmert, Snyder, 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.

JUNIOR VARSITY BOYS
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.

Pole vault: 1. Zach Tubb, Andrews, 11-6.
Shot put: 1. Billy Crawford, Post, 48-9 1/2; 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.
High jump: 1. Luke McNeely, Levelland, 5-10; 2. Cook, Frenship, 5-8; 3. Tompkins, Andrews, 5-8.

Long jump: 1. Furillo Subia, 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. Rodriguez, Frenship, 39-4; 3. Huckabee, Coahoma, 36-8 1/2.

300 meters: 1. Eric Henry, Coahoma, 10:51.69; 2. Vasquez, Snyder, 11:15.43; 3. Scoggin, Andrews, 11:29.40.

400 relay: 1. Coahoma, 45:51; 2. Forsan, 45:69; 3. Frenship, 45:84.

800 meters: 1. Michael Hernandez, Frenship, 2:11.69; 2. Trinidad, Frenship, 2:12.29; 3. Diggers, Snyder, 2:12.50.

110 hurdles: 1. Josh Radke, Post, 16-5; 2. Rodriguez, Frenship, 17-38; 3. Silva, Post, 17-55.

100 meters: 1. Tommy Cruz, Coahoma, 11:55; 2. Kerr, Frenship, 11:68; 3. Neel, Forsan, 11:88.

400 meters: 1. Matt McCallister, Post, 52:55; 2. Wyatt, Coahoma, 53:67; 3. Rister, Coahoma, 54:6.

300 hurdles: 1. Cody Patterson, Andrews, 44:45; 2. Murphy, Snyder, 45:18; 3. Boyd, Frenship, 45:67.

200 meters: 1. Furillo Subia, Forsan, 23:98; 2. Hill, Frenship, 24:22; 3. Gibson, Big 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, 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, 44; 7. Snyder, 9.

Shot put: 1. Leandra Williams, Big Spring, 34-10; 2. Evans, Levelland, 33-6; 3. Brazier, Snyder, 32-4 1/2.

Discus: 1. Corina Daniels, Lake View, 125-7; 2. Hayes, 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.

Long jump: 1. April McQueen, Big Spring, 16-3 1/4; 2. Kessler, Andrews, 15-10 1/2; 3. Hinojos, Big Spring, 15-9 1/2.

Triple jump: 1. Lavon Green, Levelland, 33-11 1/4; 2. Guinn, Big Spring, 33-9; 3. Medina, Andrews, 33-4.

3200 meters: 1. Ashley Larson, Big Spring, 12:43.94; 2. Muccl, 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.

300 meters: 1. Crystal Gotti, Lake View, 46:85; 2. Kessler, Andrews, 47:78; 3. Mathews, Andrews, 48:52.

200 meters: 1. Lavon Green, Levelland, 26:28; 2. McQueen, Big Spring, 26:57; 3. Gones, 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 Spring, 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, Big Spring, 29-0.

Discus: 1. Lauren Nicholes, Coahoma, 101-

7; 2. Ledbetter, Post, 100 1/2; 3. Bayes, Coahoma, 92-11.

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. King, Big 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, Post, 30-5 1/2.

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; 3. (tie) Andrews and Forsan, 53; 5. Coahoma, 49; 6. Frenship, 44; 7. Plainview, 36; 8. Levelland, 7.

2,449.2; 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.

200 meters: 1. Manuela Hernandez, Post, 27:57; 2. Workman, Post, 29:40; 3. Jackson, Big Spring, 29:61.

1600 relay: 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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Do you have a story idea for the *life!* section? Call 263-7331, Ext. 236.

Looking for a volunteer job with great rewards?

Think pink!

They aren't just "pink ladies" anymore. In fact, volunteers at Scenic Mountain Medical Center are doing more than ever. They staff the front information desk, sell items in the gift shop, make deliveries to patients, comfort family members and raise money to buy equipment and furnishings for the hospital.

"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 volunteers.

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 group.

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 unit.

"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 their work is all they need.

"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 Coxe, 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 postmen, 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-mail.

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

daughters. Janet is a teacher in Killeen, and Julie is a physical therapist in San Antonio. She and her Air Force husband have one daughter, Hannah, and are momentarily expecting the arrival of their second child. Of course, everyone has e-mail.

Irene's oldest son, Marlin, who has a Ph.D. from Texas A&M, is an inventor and is involved in the treatment of hazardous waste in Huntsville, Ala. He and his wife have two daughters and a son, Scott, who



JEAN WARREN

lives in Midland. Scott, his 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,

and Grover passed away the following 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.

WEDDINGS

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 father, the bride wore a white organza and Venice lace gown delicately beaded with a dramatically scooped back, coordinating floral embroidery on the organza skirt and chapel train with a duchess satin border hemline.

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

Nick Stuart of Abilene served as best man.

Serving as ushers were Brody Smith of Big Spring and



MR. AND MRS. BRADLEY DIMOCK

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.

WHO'S WHO

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

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 Waco.

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 4.0.

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 3.761.

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

The United States Achievement Academy announced that Carolyn Sullivan from Garden City has been named a 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. Wallace, a teacher 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.

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 Spring.



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ANNIVERSARIES

Gamble

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, Valerie Gamble of Treat, Ark., and Gary Gamble of Big Spring.

The couple married on April 9, 1950, in Big Spring and lived in Stockton, Calif., Big Spring for 32 years and currently live in Dover, Ark.

Now the owners of Mack's Pines in Dover, Ark., Mack and Helen were the owners of Gamble Bros. Painting in Big Spring for 30 years.



MACK AND HELEN GAMBLE

NEWCOMERS

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

Evanell J. Truskowski, Dallas. She is a retired consultant engineer and from Home Internal & Gifts.

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

Earnest Jones, Lubbock. He is the property manager of

Covenant Malone and Hogan Clinic.

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

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

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. 700.

Hold that tank top

Casual dress days causing confusion at work

NEW YORK (AP) — Dressing 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 week.

"There is a lot of casual confusion out there, people showing up at work in outfits that they wash their cars or walk their dogs in," said Sherry 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 corporate 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-

ed to Fridays throughout the year, and eventually was permitted every day during the summer.

Now, lots of big companies — including most Wall Street powerhouses such as Morgan Stanley Dean Witter — are dressing down year-round.

Many want to keep pace with the casual dot-com companies that they do business with.

Fifty-one percent of companies with more than 5,000 employees are casual five days a week, according to the Society for Human Resource Management, a trade group in Alexandria, Va.

Some companies are learning that everyone interprets casual differently.

At Development Counsellors International, a New York-based marketing firm with 25 employees that went casual year-round in 1998, some came to work braless and in gym clothes.

The company now has a detailed list of what workers can or cannot wear. Button-down 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 complicated."

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

op casual dress codes, hold 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.

The law firm Cadwalader, Wickersham & Taft is turning to Polo Ralph Lauren and Esquire for help. The firm went totally casual on March 6, and next Tuesday will offer its workers a one-night seminar at Polo's flagship store in New York.

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 means."

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 fiancée 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 saying they could annul the marriage at any time.

Outside court and once more a free woman, Conger said she never plans to talk to Rockwell again.

"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 proposal?"



Jennifer Bradfield and Randy Harlingen of Huntsville will exchange wedding vows on May 1 at Comfort with Charles Bryce, brother of the groom, officiating. She is the daughter of Eisman of Harlingen late Bob Bradford Spring.

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



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

She is the daughter of Nancy Scott of Sw He is the son of Charmian Beall of B and the grandson of Patsy Cawthon of B



HUMAN SOCIETY



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Commercial

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"Apparently, when you're sitting in your darkened living room, the roach seems pretty real," Michael Lollis, executive director at the office of J. Walter Orkin, which created the "Fake Out." They began mostly at night, on Monday, when 90 percent of the country was asleep. Orkin and the ad agency received dozens of calls from people who reported being frightened, amused or annoyed by the commercial.

Matt, from Tallahassee, wrote to Orkin, saying

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GETTING ENGAGED



Jennifer Bradford of 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.



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 Spring.

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



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.



Latrell 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.

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, cake.

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.

THURSDAY-Sliced turkey 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, milk.

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

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

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

WEDNESDAY-Hamburgers,

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 SCHOOLS
MONDAY-Hamburger, lettuce, tomato, pickles, milk.

TUESDAY-Chicken, mashed potatoes, beans, rolls, milk.

WEDNESDAY-Corn, french fries, salad, cinnamon rolls, milk, burritos.

THURSDAY-BBQ, potatoes, carrots, chicken patty on a bun.

FRIDAY-Home made tater tots, salad, apples, milk, corn dogs.

ELBOW ELEMENT
MONDAY-Beef pot roast, crackers, milk.

TUESDAY-Steak, potatoes, green beans, hot roll, milk.

WEDNESDAY-Pasta, fresh vegetables, french fries, milk.

THURSDAY-Ham, mashed potatoes, sliced apples, crisp, milk.

FRIDAY-Sloppy joes, french fries, salad, fruit, milk.

Every day is April Fool's day on the Internet

NEW YORK (AP) — Free 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 Mikkelsen, who runs a Web site that tries to dispel such myths.

"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.

When the rumor began circulating offline more than a 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

said. "The only way you handle it is with good humor and grace."

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 cancer.

David Spalding, who writes the online column "Hoax du Jour," said friends and relatives often spread such "cyber-ban 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 see through the hoaxes, newcomers often do not. As they 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."

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 off-chance 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 these."

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 troublemaker.

For Microsoft Chairman Bill Gates, chain letters are an abuse of technology and a

waste of time. "They're hokey on the Internet," wrote on his company site.

Charles Hymes, who Don't Spread That Hoax laughs — and agrees.

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

Consider last year's spring cleaning, all users should discover 11:59 p.m. March 31 a.m. April 2, Green Time. Of course, if users did just that, there be no Internet left to

On the Net: My Urban Legends Pages, <http://www.snurba.com>

Department of Energy on Internet hoaxes and letters, <http://ciac.llnl.gov>

Virus <http://www.symantec.com/nter/hoax.html>

HUMANE SOCIETY



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 plus.

Bruno — Full-blood male Rottweiler, 3 years old plus, sweet tempered.

Blue — Tri colored male Chow Heeler mix neutered, 3 years old plus.

K.C. — Medium size female Pitt mix, 8 months old.

Atticus — Large male Rotti mix neutered, not good with children.

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 Dachsh 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.

Dear Mom:

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Thanks,
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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.

Many viewers have felt like 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

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

"I immediately snatched my 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 something. Then to realize that it was just a commercial, well, I felt dumb. But got a great laugh out of it."

A woman from Greensboro, Md., said she woke up two neighbors late at night to come to her house to hunt and kill the roach.

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FEES: NONE

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Retailers, officials urge Congress to reject Internet tax exemption

WASHINGTON (AP) — Some of the 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 that gives tax breaks to business that they say could lead to a permanent sales tax exemption for the Internet.

As a potential threat to billions of dollars 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 community."

The 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.

But its six business members, joined 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 next year.

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 existing sales taxes, which provide

about 48 percent of the states' revenue.

"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 pass a law allowing compacts to be created by Dec. 31, 2003.

"Will we adopt a policy that creates a permanent special privilege?" Leavitt said.

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 consultant.

Plants add colorful look to landscape

This 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 listing of some of these plants that are suited for West Texas:



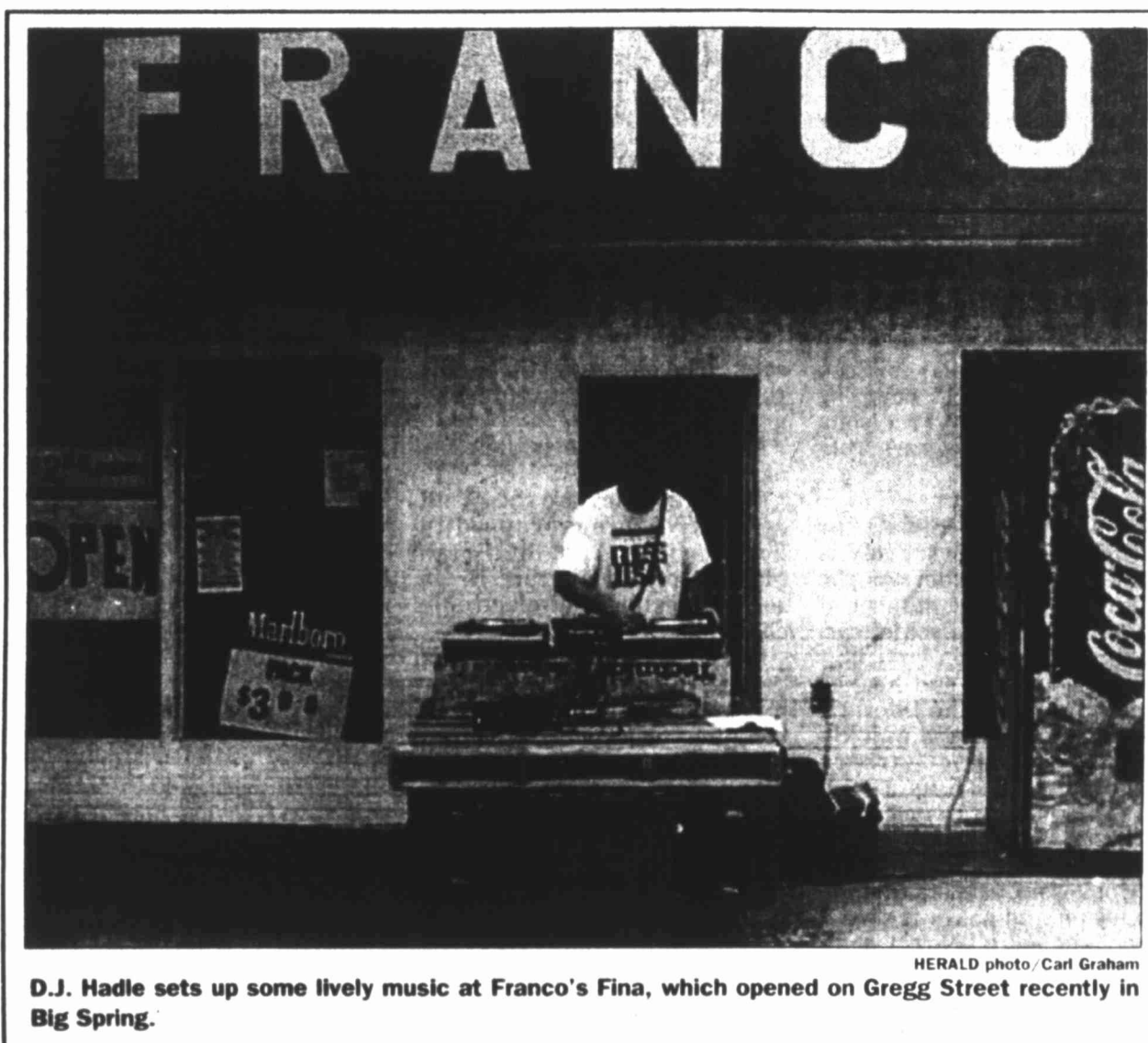
DAVID KIGHT

- Annuals: Periwinkle, California Poppies, Globe Amaranth, Firebush, Pentas Petunias, Marimums, Dahlberg 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 Big Spring.

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, Lorraine 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 insurance solutions," 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 Region.

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 subsidiaries 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 management 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.

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 people."

"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

Safety

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.



COUNTS SPARKS

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.

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 \$15.

"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 eradication 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 Matt Brockman, TDA special assis-

tant 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 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 year 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.

Under the revised rules, price

is based on a five-year average 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-

New seismic system may benefit energy industry

HOUSTON (AP) — A new 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 clearer view of underground rock formations than current seismic images, 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 said.

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 York.

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 nation.

The cadets entered the academy in September of 1999 and completed 1,187 hours of



MOORE STALLINGS

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.

Coahoma resident DEBORAH SULLIVAN was honored with a plaque commemorating her five years service with Richeson Dairy Queen stores recently.

Sullivan, manager of the 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.



SULLIVAN

BIG SPRING HERALD
Sunday, April 9, 2000

BBB urges to care for

HERALD Staff Report

Crossroads Area receiving what a "look alike" solicited the Better Business Bureau to be sure an

Again, business Permian Basin Yellow Page look alike. They look just like us, but in truth, a tations," said Di president of the Bureau of the Permian Basin. "If you read the details, you'll find the form."

Every day, business invoices asking that their advertising in the Yellow Pages said Rowland. Some are designed to trick out of hundreds of dollars.

The latest edition

PUBLIC RECORDS

Justice of the Peace Bonnie Green Precinct 1, Place Bad Checks/Warrant

The addresses listed below are known addresses. Names remain until all fines have been paid. If you have any problems with this list, call 264-2226.

- Anderson, Michelle, 7 Rd., Midland
- Barraza, Alicia, 1501 V. Batchelor, Dana, 2324, Lamesa
- Beck, Linda, 1713 W. Elk, N.C.
- Bullard, James, 202 F. Bustamante, Lucia, Northeast Eighth St., Big Spring
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- Calcutt, Gloria, 1104 Spring
- Coates, Tara, 2102 Spring
- Cox, Donna Lynn, Spring
- Crawford, Randall, P. Spring
- Davis, Bobby Harold, St. Big Spring
- Deleon, Johnny, C. 15110
- Evans, W. Carol, Plainview
- Ford, Paul, 501-a West N.M.
- Freeman, Cindy A., 14 Odessa
- Gibson, Ronny Jr., 6 Big Spring
- Hayes, Linda Elaine, Lake Road, Big Spring
- Hodnett, Harl Joe, 1 Big Spring
- Hoffman, Donald, Parkway, Big Spring
- Holje, Jon, 835 E. 11th City
- Lathers, Glen, 2074 L. City
- Mims, Carol L., 400 Spring
- Moore, Gary, 817 West Nail, Jessica, P. O. Spring
- O'Bannon, Eddie, Rt. 1, Olivas, Julian, Hermosa, 304, Coahoma
- Orozco, Juana, P. O. Ovale, N. 1/2, Highway 80 No. 34, M. Ramsey, Cynthia, 6 Spring
- Reyes, Shalina, 538 234, Big Spring
- Rodriguez, Jesse, 5 Big Spring
- Salgado, Andrea, 500 Tyrone, Evangeline, Midland
- Vallie, Amado G. Jr., Spring
- Vasquez, Judy, 190 Lamesa
- Villafraanco, Felisa, Midland
- Yanez, Eva Carrasco, Spring or 1616 Mesquite

Howard County Court Records

Elvira Ann Stilwell, \$25 cost, 180 days jail, Jon fine, \$260.25 court cost, Ishell Williams, \$250 fine cost, 180 days jail, Hernandez, \$300 fine cost, 180 days jail, Tony \$250 fine, \$260.25 court cost, Sylvia Garcia, \$260.25 court cost, 180 days jail, Carrillo, \$250 fine, \$260.25 court cost, 180 days jail, Adan R. \$260.25 court cost, 180 days jail, Rhonda C. Valenzuela, \$249.25 court cost, 180 days jail.

Prohibited Judge Gonzales Cazares, \$1 court cost, 180 days jail, Currie, \$1,000 fine, \$2180 days jail, Robb, \$1,500, \$275.25 court cost, Jimmy Ray Schoono, \$275.25 court cost, 180 days jail, O'Neil Turney, \$1,500 court cost, 180 days jail, \$1,500 fine, \$275.25 days jail.

Prohibited Possession of More than two ounces

BBB urges Crossroads Area businesses to carefully read 'look-alike' solicitations

HERALD Staff Report

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 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 misled by the names of the companies,

which resemble those of well-known businesses director distributors.

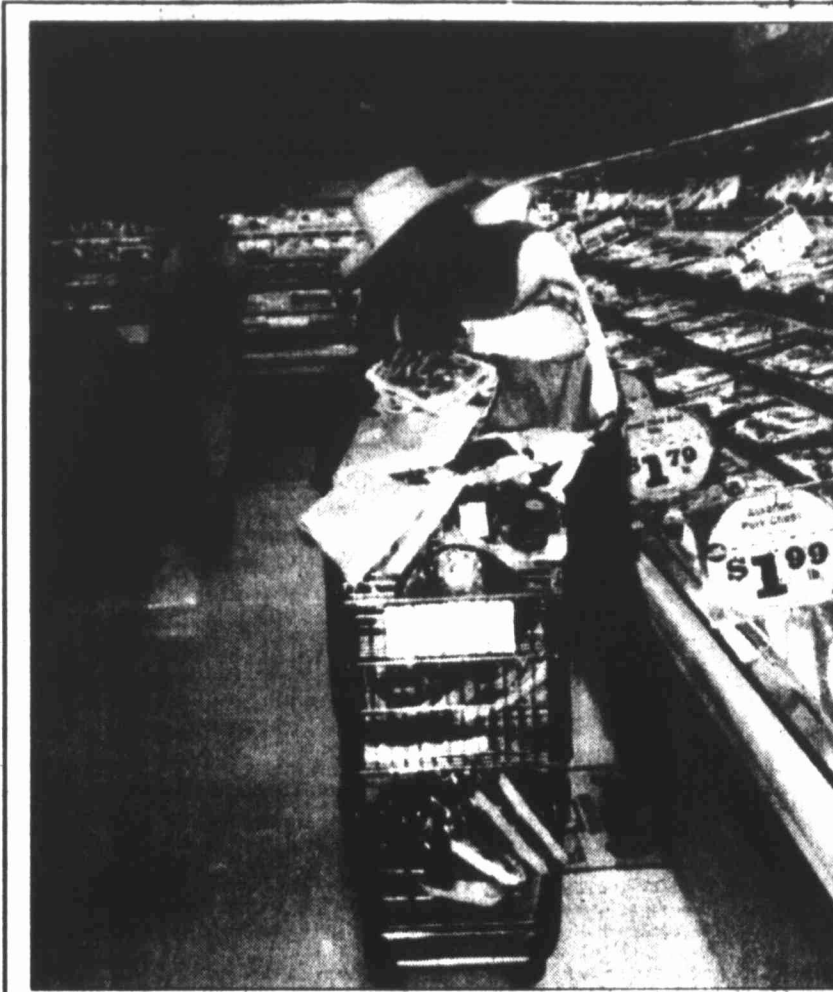
COTTON

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duction costs and increased yields.

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) 463-7593.

The proposed and adopted rules can be found on TDA's website at www.agr.state.tx.us under "Producer Information - Alerts."



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 the fall.

HERALD photo/Carl Graham

PUBLIC RECORDS

Justice of the Peace

Bonnie Green Precinct 1, Place 1

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- Barraza, Alicia, 1501 Wood, Big Spring
- Batchelor, Dana, 2300 South 8 No 24, Lamesa
- Beck, Linda, 1713 Worley Rd., Banner Elk, N.C.
- Bullard, James, 202 Fourth, Palestine
- Bustamante, Lucia, Rocha, 603 Northeast Eighth St., Big Spring
- Bustamante, Vicente A., 603 Northeast Eighth St., Big Spring
- Calcutt, Gloria, 1104 North Bell, Big Spring
- Coates, Tara, 2102 S. Monticello, Big Spring
- Cox, Donna Lynn, 1607 State, Big Spring
- Crawford, Randall, P.O. Box 1929, Big Spring
- Davis, Bobby Harold, 1311 East 17 St., Big Spring
- Deleon, Johnny, C. Co. 102 Mbn Unit 15110
- Evans, W. Carol, 809 E. 33rd, Plainview
- Ford, Paul, 501-A West Kiowa, Hobbs, N.M.
- Freeman, Cindy A., 1441 Tanglewood, Odessa
- Gibson, Ronny Jr., 605 West 17 St., Big Spring
- Hayes, Linda Elaine, 105 South Moss Lake Road, Big Spring
- Hodnett, Harl Joe, 1307 Mt. Vernon, Big Spring
- Hoffman, Donald Robert, 4108 Parkway, Big Spring
- Holje, Jon, 835 E. 11th St., Colorado City
- Lathers, Glen, 2074 Lcr 252, Colorado City
- Mims, Carol L., 4005 Connally, Big Spring
- Moore, Gary, 817 West 26 St., Odessa
- Nail, Jessica, P.O. Box 1934, Big Spring
- O'Bannon, Eddie, Rt. 1, Box 50, Ackerly
- Olivas, Julian Hernandez, P.O. Box 304, Coahoma
- Ovalico Juana P.O. Box 186 Idalou
- Ovalico Nirma Gonzales, 3801 East Highway 80 No. 34, Midland
- Ramsey, Cynthia, 626 Tulane, Big Spring
- Reyes, Shalina, 538 West063R No. 234, Big Spring
- Rodriguez, Jesse, 5318 Opal Lane, Big Spring
- 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
- Villafraico, 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. Matinez, 38, and Mary Nubes Ortega, 25
Juan Carlos Cordova, 23, and Christina Rose, Gonzales, 19
W.R. Austin, 59, and Judith Asriot Salvosa, 30
Kurt Eric Dunn, 33, and Katrina Michelle Harvele, 26
Adam Rodriguez Canales, 32, and Diane Castillo, 26

Court Records:
Probated Judgment, DWLS:
Elvira Ann Stilwell, \$250 fine, \$260 court cost, 180 days jail, Jonetta F. Tate, \$250 fine, \$260 court cost, 180 days jail, Ishell Williams, \$250 fine, \$260 court cost, 180 days jail, Ronnie Joe Hernandez, \$300 fine, \$260 court cost, 180 days jail, Sylvia Garcia Arguello, \$250 fine, \$260 court cost, 180 days jail, Victor Carrillo, \$250 fine, \$260 court cost, 180 days jail, Adan Rangel, \$250 fine, \$260 court cost, 180 days jail
Probated Judgment, DWLI:
Rhonda C. Valenzuela, \$250 fine, \$249 court cost, 180 days jail
Probated Judgment, DWI:
Gonzales Cazares, \$1,500 fine, \$275 court cost, 180 days jail, Leslie Charles Currie, \$1,000 fine, \$275 court cost, 180 days jail, Robert Alton Beaty, \$1,500, \$275 court cost, 180 day jail, Jimmy Ray Schoonover, \$1,500 fine, \$275 court cost, 180 days jail, Kathy O'Neil Turney, \$1,500, \$275 court cost, 180 days jail, Marinda Flores Jr., \$1,500 fine, \$275 court cost, 180 days jail
Probated Judgment, Possession of Marijuana, less than two ounces: John James

Hilger, \$300 fine, \$260 court cost, 180 days jail
Probated Judgment, Unlawfully Carrying Weapon: Scott Ray Bland, \$500 fine, \$260 court cost, 180 days jail
Probated Judgment, Display Fictitious Motor Vehicle Inspection Certificate: John Ross Cansino, \$250, \$248 court cost, 180 days jail, Ralph Mendez, \$250 fine, \$260 court cost, 180 days jail
Probated Judgment, Burglary of Vehicle: John Cansino, \$250, \$249 court cost, 180 days jail
Probated Judgment, Carrying Prohibited Weapon: Vincent Alvarado, \$300, \$234 court cost, 180 days jail
Probated Judgment, Sale Alcoholic Beverages to Minor: Ruby M. Smetak, \$250 fine, \$310 court cost, 180 days jail, Robin P. Nelles, \$200, \$285 court cost, 180 days jail, Irma Martinez, \$100 fine, \$310 court cost, 180 days jail, Bobbie R. McCain, \$250 fine, \$285 court cost, 180 days jail
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 court cost, 60 days jail, Manuel Garcia, \$500 fine, \$260 court cost, 30 days jail
Judgment and Sentence, Possession of Dangerous Drug: Domingo Castillo, 180 days jail, \$260 court cost
Judgment and Sentence, Delivery of Marijuana, less than 1/4 ounces: Guadalupe Ledezma, \$500 fine, \$310 court cost, 60 days jail
Judgment and Sentence, Tamer with Government Document: Rod Lee Puga, \$250 fine, \$260 court cost, 10 days jail
Judgment and Sentence, DWLI: Juan M. Garcia, \$250 fine, \$260 court cost, 10 days jail
Judgment and Sentence, Sale O'clock Beverages to Minor: Cynthia Redding, \$100 fine, \$260 court cost, Delores Anderson Jenkins, \$100 fine, \$260 court cost


Deeds:
Warranty Deed:
grantor: David Ralph Drake and Deborah Ann Drake
grantee: Frances R. Wheat
property: all of Lot L. Village at the Spring, Section 2
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,

Janice Cearley
grantee: Michael Thompson
property: Lot 12, blk. 5, William Green Addition
filed: March 22, 2000
grantor: William Sidney Davis
grantee: Edward Spivey and Lora Spivey
property: Lot 6, blk. 1, Settles Heights
filed: March 22, 2000
grantor: Susan Tallas, Cynthia Boling, June Bulat and Carolyn Erfurth
grantee: Kenneth C. Davidson
property: a 13.33 acre tract of land, more or less, out of the Southeast Quarter of Section 41, blk. 32, Township 1-North
filed: March 22, 2000
grantor: Gregory Alan Graham and Bonny M. Graham
grantee: Prudential Residential Services, Limited Partnership, A Delaware Limited Partnership
property: all of lot 15, blk. 11, fifth filing, Coronado Hills
filed: March 23, 2000
grantor: Coy McCann and wife, Melinda McCann
grantee: Harold Neagle and wife, Ann Neagle
property: Lot 7, blk. 9, Stanford Park Addition
filed: March 23, 2000
grantor: Judith Monroe Gray and James Frederick Monroe
grantee: Boyce Sneed and wife, Carol Sneed
property: All interest owned of record 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
filed: March 23, 2000
grantor: B.F. McGettes Jr., trustee under the Will of Myrtle McGettes, Deceased for benefit of B.F. McGettes Jr. and Julia Jo McGettes
grantee: Daron E. Moore and wife, Karri L. Moore
property: a tract of land containing 80.21 acres, more or less, out of the North 1/2 Northeast Quarter sec. 30, blk. 31
filed: March 23, 2000
grantor: Robert Glenn Smith
grantee: Clela Fay Smith Satterwhite
property: tract of land out of sec. 3, blk. 33
filed: March 23, 2000
grantor: Marjorie Kay Fiveash Oylar
grantee: Lida Lou Fiveash Boland, Delfina O. Fiveash and Jo Ellen Fiveash Morris
property: all my undivided interest in all of lots 11 and 12 in blk. 12, Cole & Strayhorn Addition
filed: March 23, 2000
grantor: Big Spring Country Club Inc.
grantee: Fish Family Limited Partnership
property: a 726 acre tract of land out of the South 1/2 sec. 16, blk. 32

filed: March 23, 2000
grantor: Commercial Federal Mortgage Corporation
grantee: Swartz & Brough Inc.
property: Lot 3, blk. 4, Ridgela Terrace Addition
filed: March 24, 2000
grantor: Larue L. Deviney
grantee: Bobby A. Klug and spouse, Kimberly L. Smith
property: Lot 23, blk. 5, College Park Estates
filed: March 24, 2000
Warranty deed with vendor's lien:
grantor: Gary L. Mayes and Spouse, Deborah Mayes
grantee: Joshua Ontveros
property: all of lot 8, in blk. 7, 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, Patricia Roth Bucher
property: Lot 3, blk. 4, Ridgela Terrace Addition
filed: March 22, 2000
grantor: Swartz & Brough Inc.
grantee: Felipe D. Puga and wife, Maria Puga
property: all of lot 11, blk. 3, Highland Park Addition
filed: March 22, 2000
grantor: Diane M. Klugora
grantee: Bryan Klugora
property: all of lot 19, blk. 6, Suburban Heights
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
grantor: Prudential Residential Services, Limited Partnership, A Delaware Limited Partnership
grantee: Terry Springer and wife, Sharon Springer
property: all of lot 15, blk. 11, fifth filing, Coronado Hills
filed: March 23, 2000
grantor: Norvin M. Smith Jr. and Howard K. Smith
grantee: Sam M. Buchanan and wife, Linda Buchanan
property: all of sec. 5, blk. 31
filed: March 23, 2000
grantor: Andrew M. Cuomo, Secretary of Housing and Urban Development, of

Washington, D.C.
grantee: Reveille Patterson and Harvey D. Patterson
property: Lot 13, blk. 4, Belvue Addition
filed: March 23, 2000
grantor: Marjorie Kay Fiveash Oylar as attorney for Lida Lou Fiveash Boland, Delfina O. Fiveash and Jo Ellen Fiveash Morris
grantee: Rosa C. Pineda
property: all of lots 11 and 12, blk. 12, Cole & Strayhorn Addition
filed: March 23, 2000
118th District Court:
Filings:
Divorces:
Mary Helen Hernandez vs. Bonifacio Hernandez Jr.
Pamela Kathleen Kuerbitz vs. Alan Robert Kuerbitz
Barbara Michelle Green vs. Michael Wayne Green
Corless Warren vs. Thomas Everette Warren
Family:
Betty Lou Rodriguez vs. Jesus Ornelas
Erinda Olivas vs. Guerrero Olivas
Maria Velasquez vs. Raunel Benitez-Ligon
Debbie R. Vandrich vs. Jimmy Beravides
Injuries and Damages
James A. Gunn vs. Joe Price
Chf. Taibot vs. Jeannie Mireless d/b/a J&L One Stop
Other:
Estate of Jerry Granville Moore

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HOUSES FOR SALE

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25 More hoity-toity
26 Uses a heating-cooling process
29 Ultimatum phrase
30 "Wall Street" co-star
33 Hr. with a shrink
34 Anybody
37 Nav. rank
41 Curse
46 Workshops
49 Parodist
50 Birds with pouches
53 Easy touch
54 Single
57 Prohibit
58 More pleasant
59 Far from drowsy
62 Participate in charades
63 Written discourses
64 Bristles
65 Hackneyed quality
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2 Like very narrow roads
3 Endurance
4 Director Burton
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7 Mountain goat
8 Part of USMC
9 Fiery crime
10 Greek advisor at Troy
11 Contents of wills
12 Henry Moore piece
13 Naked to the waist
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24 Deighton
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40 New York neighborhood
42 Attempt to win over
43 Not near the mark
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