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WEATHER



TODAY 45°-50° TONIGHT 22°-24°

Book club to convene on Monday

Howard County Library book club meets Monday at 7 p.m. in the library.

The book that will be discussed this month is "A God in Ruins" by Leon Uris. Any interested readers are welcome to attend the meeting.

For more information about this meeting or a list of books to be discussed in later meetings, call the library at 264-2260.

WHAT'S UP...

MONDAY

□ Big Spring Evening Lions Club, 6:30 p.m., 1607 East Third. Call 267-3068.

□ Senior Circle 4 p.m., Scenic Mountain Medical Center. Sit and Be Fit Chair Aerobics. People 50 and better are invited to participate. For more information call 268-4721.

□ Big Spring Commandery No. 31, 7:30 p.m. Masonic Temple, 2211 1/2 Main. Dinner at 6 p.m.

□ Big Spring Assembly No. 211, Social Order of the Beauceant, 7:30 p.m., Masonic Temple, 2211 1/2 Main. Dinner at 6:30 p.m.

TUESDAY

□ Intermediate Line Dance Class, 9 a.m., Senior Citizens Center. Call 267-1628.

□ Big Spring Rotary Club meets at noon in the Howard College Cactus Room.

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

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

□ Big Spring Downtown Lions Club meets at noon in the Howard College Cactus Room. For more information call Terry Hansen 264-5175.

□ Fraternal order of Eagles Aerie meets at 7 p.m. at the Eagles Lodge, 704 W. Third.

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Most area gins report production way down this year

By CARL GRAHAM
Staff Writer

Totals are in for the 2000 cotton ginning season and, as expected, the figures are down considerably compared to last year.

Brad Mikeska of the Big Spring Gin reported ginning just



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867 bales of cotton this year. That amount paled in comparison to the 5,933 bales ginned a year ago.

"Though things got off to a pretty good start with the good rains of March, things really begin to taper off after that," said Mikeska. "The lack of rain during July and August, coupled with the 100-degree-plus heat just did us in. Though it looked like it would hold up for a while it just finally gave in to the elements."

Most of the other gins in the area reported the same

meager results.

The co-op gin in Ackerly reported ginning 6,235 bales this year as compared to 29,307 bales last season, according to secretary Irma Leal.

Georgia Shirley, secretary at the Tarzan Gin, reported 4,520 bales this season. That comes closer to the 5,666 bales of a year ago than any other gin that reported figures. Most of that area was irrigated cotton, according to Shirley.

Donnie Reid reported that the Big Spring Co-op Gin

didn't open at all this season, opting to send their customers to the Stanton gin instead.

"We just decided it wouldn't pay to open at all this year," said Reid, who comes from a long line of cotton producers. "Being a co-op gin, we had to consider the cost and had we ginned we would have lost between \$100,000 and \$150,000. That was just too much to lose and hope to stay open for next year."

Reid said that 8,600 bales were ginned last year and

even then the gin lost money.

"We feel like we may get a good crop this year and we will be concentrating our efforts on that," said Reid. "It's off to a fairly good start anyway."

Area producer and businessman Van Gaskins said that neither the Knott Gin nor the Big Spring Co-op Gin did any ginning this year.

B.J. Havlak, manager at the Glasscock County Co-op

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Glasscock show ends in a scramble

By CARL GRAHAM
Staff Writer

GARDEN CITY — Another Glasscock County Junior Livestock Show is in the books and competitors can look forward to further competition.

The 64th annual show came to a close Saturday with the goat show, followed by the always-popular pig scramble where young pigs are turned loose in an arena with youngsters attempting to capture one of them and somehow bring the animal back to be penned back up.

Howard College instructor Vance Christie, judge in the meat goat and goat showmanship category, said Glasscock County annually produces livestock that go on to do well in shows across the state.

"I think the class here in Glasscock County is very deep and competitive," said Christie. "The county has a history of top-notch goat breeders and have put a lot of effort into the improvement of the stock. I knew coming down here that there would be a lot of quality in all the classes and



CHRISTIE



Five-year-olds try to grab a pig in the pig scramble held at the Glasscock County Junior Livestock Show Saturday. The pig scramble always draws a large crowd.

overall I believe this to have been a very nice show."

Christie said he believes all the hard work put in by the exhibitors and the community support given them pays dividends down the road when they are showing at the larger shows in

Show results, 3A

Texas. "These people put in a lot of work day in and day out getting these animals prepared to show and it's no surprise to me when I see Glasscock County animals

finish in the top of the larger shows each year," said Christie.

B.J. Havlak, manager of the Glasscock County Gin and a resident of the county since 1972, has also seen a lot of great livestock shows there.

"The entire community comes out when these shows come around each year," said Havlak. "This is the reason they do so well because they know the community supports them. Of course they are cycles that you go through when the quality of animals is not as good as others but overall, this is one of the better local shows I believe."

A large group attended the barbecue lunch at noon and the event culminated with the awards presentation at 1:30 p.m. followed by the premium sale at 2 p.m.

Mathew Frysak received the Cap Rock Top Hand scholarship while Ashley Hirt took home the Top Hand trophy.

Lara Halfmann presented the grand champion rabbit, a California lightweight; Logan Willis



Youngsters line up their goats during the Glasscock County Junior Livestock Show, which concluded Saturday in Garden City.

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Rate of unemployment remains at 4.4 percent

By LYNDEL MOODY
Staff Writer

A drop in both the number of those employed and people looking for work kept Howard County's unemployment rate at 4.4 percent in November, the same as October.

"The decrease in the labor workforce is typical in November," said Virginia Belew, area manager for the Texas Workforce Center in Big Spring. "After school starts there is a period of adjust-



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ment while parents settle kids into school. We usually see a rise in the workforce during the holiday season."

According to the Texas Workforce Commission, Howard County had 12,676 people employed in November with 577 unemployed but seeking work. That's a drop from October where 12,737 people were employed and 585 were unemployed but seeking work.

According to Belew, Howard County has seen a slight decrease of less than 400 people in the workforce compared to November 1999. But overall, employment is steady, she said.

"Our unemployment is

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Jailed

Bank robbery suspect tips his hand to local deputies

By CARL GRAHAM
Staff Writer

A 20-year-old Connecticut man wanted for questioning in a bank robbery found himself in the Howard County Jail after his anger apparently got the best of him Friday morning.

Horace Loman, 20, of Bridgeport, Conn., was arrested by Howard County Sheriff's Office investigator Ron Allen on charges of reckless driving and possession of marijuana. He is also wanted for questioning in a bank robbery there.

Loman drew the attention of local law enforcement when he got into a dispute with another man at a convenience store, said Howard County Sheriff Dale Walker. Leaving the store in separate vehicles, Loman apparently chased the other man in the westbound lane of Interstate 20. The man, who has not been identified, called 911 on a cellular phone when Loman allegedly pointed a gun at him.

According to the report, Loman lost control of the car he was driving, which crossed over the eastbound lane of traffic and the service road before striking a mound of dirt near a barbed wire fence.

With caution, Investigator Allen approached the vehicle and ordered Loman to get out.

Walker said the gun the man had been waving at the other motorist wasn't real.

"The gun, as it turned out, was a toy but when you have someone pointing one



WALKER

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Howard College registration set for Wednesday

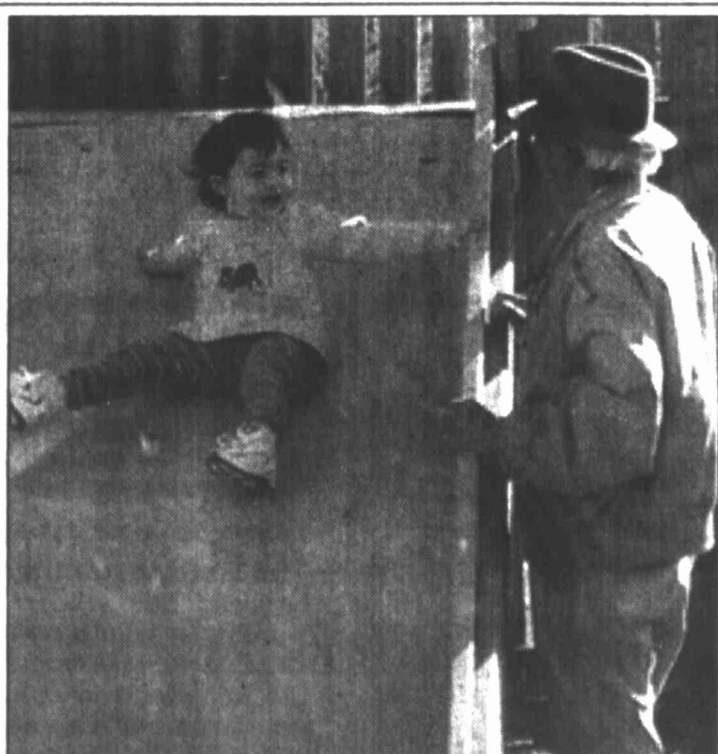
HERALD Staff Report

Howard College faculty and staff prepare for spring registration Wednesday on the two Big Spring campuses by offering several final opportunities for testing and financial aid advice.

"We're expecting our spring enrollment to increase as our fall enrollment district-wide increased 17 percent," said Ann Duncan, director of



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Two-year-old Lauren Leija takes a trip down a slide at the Kids Zone in Comanche Trail Park while her grandfather, Carlos Rodriguez watches over her.

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OBITUARIES

Leonard E. Burks

Leonard E. "Brushy" Burks, 86, of Big Spring, died on Thursday, Jan. 4, 2001, at his residence. Funeral services will be at 2 p.m. Monday, Jan. 8, 2001, at the Nalley-Pickle & Welch Rosewood Chapel with Phillip Burcham, retired Church of Christ minister and Michael Bryan, minister of Sand Springs Church of Christ, officiating. Interment will follow at Mt. Olive Memorial Park.



He was born on Sept. 2, 1914, in Howard County and married Anna Belle Coats on April 2, 1938, in Colorado City.

Mr. Burks worked at Cosden Refinery for 35 years, retiring in 1977. He loved fishing, gardening and woodworking. He was very much a family man, good husband, father, grandfather and uncle.

He was a member of Sand Springs Church of Christ. Survivors include his wife, Anna Belle Burks of Sand Springs; one daughter, Carole A. Michelson of Sand Springs; one son, Ronnie E. Burks of Pasadena; one grandson, Ronnie Callaway of LaPorte; three granddaughters, Carey Callaway-Coker and husband, Michael A. Coker, of Pasadena, Kris Burks-Carroll and husband, Cliff Carroll, of Deer Park and Julie R. Burks of Houston; one great-grandson, Conner Wade Carroll of Deer Park; a brother-in-law, Woodrow W. "Woody" Coats of Pasadena; and many nieces, nephews, friends and coworkers.

Pallbearers will be Victor Coats, Brant Nichols, Randy Burks, Charley Burks, Shannon Coats, Joe Coats Jr. and Brian Coats.

The family suggests memorials be made to New Mexico Christian Children's Home, 1356 New Mexico 236, Portales, N.M. 88130 or

Medina Children's Home, 21300 State Hwy. 16 N., Medina 78055.

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

Arrangements are under the direction of Nalley-Pickle & Welch Funeral Home.

Paid obituary

Rita Jo Owens Dykes

Rita Jo Owens Dykes, 50, of Big Spring, died on Friday, Jan. 5, 2001, at her residence. Funeral services will be at 11 a.m. Monday, Jan. 8, 2001, at the Nalley-Pickle & Welch Rosewood Chapel with Rev. Dudley Mullins, pastor of East Fourth Street Baptist Church, officiating. Interment will follow at Trinity Memorial Park.



She was born on Aug. 31, 1950, in San Angelo and married Charles A. Dykes on Dec. 20, 1985, in Big Spring.

Rita was a lifetime resident of Big Spring. She was a graduate of Big Spring High School Class of 1968. She retired from West Texas Opportunities as the center director, after 17 years of service, in December 2000. She was a very loving wife, mother, grandmother, sister, daughter and most of all, a loving and caring friend to everyone.

She was a member of East Fourth Street Baptist Church.

Survivors include her husband, Charles A. Dykes of Big Spring; her father, Sollie Odell Owens of Abilene; her mother, Joan Miller of Houston; one sister, Gina Miller of Houston; one brother, Willard Ray "Skip" Miller Jr. of Singapore; one son, Stuart S. Dietz of Wolforth; two step-daughters, Angela Lindstrom of Fort Worth and Tracey Savoy of Baton Rouge, La.; a step-son, Stacey "Bubba" Dykes of Lewisville; three granddaughters; five grandsons and numerous aunts, uncles, nieces, nephews, in-laws and a world full of friends and loved ones.

The family would like to mention Claudia Darden as being a very special friend and loved one. Also Virginia "Lay" Taylor, Judy Titus and Julie Penn as being dear friends.

The family suggests memorials to The American Cancer Society Memorial Program, in care of Lucy Bonner, P.O. Box 2121, Big Spring 79721-2121 or Home Hospice, 600 S. Gregg St., Big Spring 79720.

Arrangements are under the direction of Nalley-Pickle & Welch Funeral Home.

Paid obituary

Billy Greenfield

Billy Greenfield, 67, of Big Spring died at 6:25 a.m. Saturday, Jan. 6, 2000, at Midland Memorial Hospital. Services are pending at Myers & Smith Funeral Home.

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at you, you have to react as if it's real," said Walker. Walker also said that when Loman got out of the car, he was clutching a roll

of cash in one hand and marijuana in the other. Deputies found he had \$46,000 in cash.

"Later on, after doing some checking, we found out the individual is wanted in questioning of a bank robbery in Arlington," said Walker.

Loman remains in custody awaiting the setting of bond.

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enrollment management for Howard College.

Along with regular registration on Wednesday, incoming students to Howard College have an additional day to take the quick TASP on Tuesday.

"We are providing our students who need the quick TASP, which is an enrollment requirement, one additional opportunity to take the test before spring enrollment Wednesday," said Elizabeth Palomino, Howard College testing coordinator.

The quick TASP will be administered at 8 a.m. Tuesday. Students should contact counseling to learn the testing location and fees, Palomino said.

Duncan said Howard College officials are also meeting at area school districts in special financial aid workshops for parents and students of high school juniors and seniors.

"All of our financial aid workshops are free and open to the public. At this time of year, parents and students should be thinking about the fall semester enrollment as well," Duncan said.

These workshops will offer thorough explanations of financial aid and scholarship applications, as well as answer any question students and parents might have, she said.

In Coahoma, the workshop is set for Thursday at 7 p.m. in the cafeteria. Stanton ISD has a workshop set for Jan. 15 in the high school library. Big Spring High School's workshop is set for Jan. 18 at 7 p.m. in the cafeteria. Grady ISD is set for Jan. 24. One will also be at Sands ISD later this month, Duncan said.

"This is such a busy time of year for educators, so if parents have any questions about the time of their workshop, just call their school," Duncan said.

JOBS

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right in line with the rest of the state. The unemployment rate for Texas is 4.0 percent," Belew said. "The Permian Basin unemployment rate is 4.5 percent."

The workforce is a job-seekers' market, Belew said.

"We still have several employers looking for workers," she said. "We have positions ranging from clerical to professional jobs. It's a good time to be looking for employment."

Belew said registering and searching for a job is just a click away at the Workforce Center website at www.texasworkforcecenter.com.

"They can register on line and perform job searches," she said.

The Texas Workforce Center offer assistance to help find employment in several ways, including assisting with resumes, providing job listings, area newspapers and job seminars, Belew said.

During the month of November, the unemploy-

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ment rate for Martin County was 4.1 percent, Glasscock County was 3.4 percent and Mitchell County was 4.2 percent.

In November, there were 1,661 people employed and 71 searching for work in Martin County. Glasscock County had 722 people employed and 18 searching for work while Mitchell County had 3,157 people employed and 137 searching for work.

November jobless rates for area counties include Andrews, 4.9; Dawson, 4.3; Ector, 5.2; Lubbock, 2.2; Midland, 3.8; Nolan, 5.7; Pecos, 4.4; Scurry, 3.6; Taylor, 3.2; and Tom Green, 3 percent.

GINS

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Gen, reported 36,728 bales of cotton ginned there. Last year the gin produced 46,052 bales.

In Colorado City, Sylvia Martinez, secretary at Producers Co-op Gin, reported just 1,489 bales compared to the 10,141 bales the previous year. She said the gin had not completely shut down as there were a few producers who waited until the last minute to bring their cotton in and then couldn't get it in because of the adverse weather.

Killer sentenced to 55 years for aggravated robbery in Texas

LUBBOCK (AP) — A killer who already had received two concurrent life sentences for murdering two women in Maine was sentenced to 55 years Friday by a Texas judge for the aggravated robbery of a Lubbock woman.

James Rodney Hicks, 49, will serve the 55 years after he completes his sentence in Maine, a state that has no option for parole.

Hicks smiled as he looked over court documents with his attorney, just moments after a woman he attacked called him an evil man.

"This is just like a business deal for him," said Maine Detective Joseph W. Zamboni, who accompanied Hicks to Lubbock for his sentencing. "He's not like you or me. He doesn't have any compassion for human life. The remorse isn't in him."

June Moss, the Lubbock woman who Hicks held a gun on and forced to drink a bottle of cough medicine in April, left the courtroom's witness stand in tears after reading a victim impact statement.

"He wouldn't even look at me," she said. "He may have heard a word or two. I hope he'll think about what I said."

Zamboni looked toward Moss. "He'll have a long time to think about it," he said.

Hicks, 49, was convicted of killing his wife Jennifer in 1984. The 23-year-old woman was last seen on July 19, 1977.

Hicks served a little more than six years in prison for his wife's murder and was released in 1990.

TEXAS LOTTERY

Lotto: 14,17,35,38,40,54

Lottery numbers are unofficial until confirmed by the state lottery commission.

Authorities in Maine suspected Hicks in the disappearance of two other Newport women. But until his April arrest in Texas, authorities weren't able to connect him to the deaths of Lynn Willette, 40, last seen May 26, 1996, or Jerilyn Towers, last seen Oct. 16, 1982.

Zamboni says the pressure of all the scrutiny by authorities finally got to Hicks, who acted out of character during his robbery of Moss. The 67-year-old was able to escape when Hicks went to tend to a tub he was filling with water.

After his arrest, Zamboni said Hicks decided to cooperate with Maine authorities in exchange for serving his time in Maine, not Texas.

"He was finally faced with being incarcerated for the rest of his life," Zamboni said. "He's obviously a very dangerous person. I did at one point say to him when I was down here that he needed to be imprisoned. He knows he needs to be incarcerated. He knows more women would have ended up dead."

Moss is just thankful she was spared.

"I thank God daily for ... using this terrible experience to help solve the murders in Maine," she said. "For over 20 years, you murdered, molested and terrorized innocent people and their families. You committed your crime without shame and now face the consequences without remorse. You are an evil man."

Lubbock County District Attorney Susan Scolaro said Hicks will probably never serve any time in Texas, but the sentence provides insurance he will never be freed.

Hicks showed up to court Friday wearing jeans and a dark blue prison shirt. The short man, who wore a small pair of glasses, shuffled slowly to his courtroom seat hindered by the cuffs binding his hands and feet.

"There's a good feeling about the fact that he's locked safely away," Zamboni said. "The families now have closure. It's over. It's done."

POLICE

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

- THOMAS HODGES, 48, of 1804 Alabama, was arrested on a charge of public intoxication.
- JAMES MCKENSIE, 49, a transient, was arrested

on a charge of public intoxication.

• DARCE NICHOLSON, 33, of Tulia, was arrested on a charge of public intoxication.

• JACKIE RITCHIE, 38, of 801 W. 14th, was arrested on local warrants.

• CLAS C THEFT was reported in the 1800 block of E. FM 700.

• CRIMINAL MISCHIEF TO A VEHICLE was reported in the 1700 block of E. FM 700.

• CRIMINAL MISCHIEF was reported in the 1200 block of Wright.

• THEFT was reported in the 3300 block of E. FM 700.

SHERIFF

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

- HORACE LOMAN, 20, of Bridgeport, Conn., was arrested on charges of reckless driving and possession of marijuana. (HCSO)
- RAUL LOPEZ, 39, of Weslaco, was arrested on a charge of contempt of court/non child support. (HCSO)

MEETINGS

MOORE DEVELOPMENT FOR BIG SPRING

3:30 p.m. Monday
Big Spring Area Chamber of Commerce boardroom

- Items on the agenda include:
- Previous minutes,
 - Approval of 1999-2000 audit and annual report,
 - Consideration of outsourcing Internet technology services,
 - Executive session regarding real estate (Apache Bend Apartments) and personnel (consideration of hiring part-time network administrator).

Stick to Insurance-



Happy 41st
Debbie S. Franklin
Love, Your Family

The family of Eunice "Monie" Mellies would like to express our thanks and appreciation to all of our dear friends who visited and sat with Monie at the nursing home and hospital. We especially want to thank the staff at Comanche Trail Nursing Home and the Aides for their loving care. We appreciate Dr. Bruha and Dr. Toscano and the nurses at Scenic Mountain Medical Center for their care and concern. Thanks to everyone for their love, prayers, flowers, and food. A special thanks to Elder C. L. Lunsford for his comforting memorial service.

Sincerely,
Alicc, Jeanie, and Jimmie Keith Barrier

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Billy Greenfield, 67, died January 6, 2001. Funeral services will be 2:00 PM Tuesday at Myers and Smith Chapel, with burial at Trinity Memorial Park.

Shirley Kiser Wilcox, 65, died December 25, 2000. Memorial services will be at 3:00 PM Sunday at the Coahoma Church of Christ.

NALLEY-PICKLE & WELCH Funeral Home
Trinity Memorial Park and Crematory
906 Gregg St. (915) 267-6331

Rita Jo Owens Dykes, 50, died Friday. Services will be 11:00 AM Monday, January 8, 2001 at Nalley-Pickle & Welch Rosewood Chapel. Interment will follow at Trinity Memorial Park.

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Sincerely,
Alicc, Jeanie, and Jimmie Keith Barrier

Scenic Mountain Medical Center
1601 W. 11th Place
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entered the reserve champion, a junior class Rex.

A medium weight Cross entered by Colby Hirt took grand champion in the swine show; reserve champion went to a heavy weight York entered by Ashley Hirt.

Hirt also came home with reserve champion in the sheep show with her medium wool; grand champion went to a finewool cross entered by Erin Hirt.

Drew Plagens' exotic won grand champion in the steer show; Tanner Donica's British entry won reserve.

Cade Halmann exhibited the grand champion goat; Amber Halmann entered the reserve champion.

Results of the Glasscock County Junior Livestock Show, first four finishers listed only:

RABBITS

Florida White: Junior - 1. Britton Avery, 2. Britton Avery, 3. Logan Willis, 4. Shaun Maxie, Senior - 1. Jake Schwartz, 2. Britton Avery, 3. Britton Avery, 4. Logan Willis.

Holland Lop: Junior - 1. K'Lann Niehues, 1. Mikela Barton, 3. Ryan Machicek, 4. Tyler Bednar, Senior - 1. Britton Avery, 2. Britton Avery, 3. Mikela Barton, 4. Mikela Barton.

OPB: Junior - 1. Michelle Fuchs, 2. Morgan Schwartz, 3. Michelle Fuchs, 4. Samantha Pitts, Senior - 1. Ryan Machicek, 2. Morgan Schwartz, 3. Michelle Fuchs, 4. Jake Schwartz.

Rex: Junior - 1. Logan Willis, 2. Ryan Machicek, 3. Ryan Machicek, 4. Marianne Halmann, Senior - 1. Logan Willis, 2. Taylor Willis, Champion Fancy Rabbit, Logan Willis, Rex Junior Class, Reserve Champion Fancy Rabbit, Jake Schwartz, Florida White Senior.

California: Lt. Weight - 1. Laura Halmann, 2. Levi Schaefer, 3. Michelle Fuchs, 4. Michelle Fuchs, Hvy. Weight - 1. Britton Avery, 2. Angela Schraeder, 3. Wade Machicek, 4. Angela Schraeder.

New Zealand: Lt. Weight - 1. Michelle Fuchs, 2. Michelle Fuchs, 3. Halle Schaefer, Hvy. Weight - 1. Michelle Fuchs, 2. Angela Schraeder, 3. Michelle Fuchs, 4. Angela Schraeder.

OPB: 1. Tyler Bednar, 2. Anthony Wheat, 3. Anthony Wheat, 4. Britton Avery.

Pen of Three: 1. Michelle Fuchs, Champion Commercial, Laura Halmann, Lt. Weight California, Reserve Champion Commercial, Tyler Bednar, OPB.

Grand Champion: Laura Halmann, Reserve Grand Champion: Logan Willis.

SWINE

Chester: 1. Erin Hirt (champion), 2. Levi Schaefer (reserve champion), 3. Ashley Hirt, 4. Marissa Schwartz.

Lightweight Duroc: 1. Lauren Schwartz, 2. Lauren Schwartz, 3. Marissa Schwartz, 4. Anthony Wheat.

Mediumweight Duroc: 1. Halle Schaefer (champion), 2. Macy Schwartz, 3. Colton Schwartz, 4. Todd Weishuhn.

Heavyweight Duroc: 1. Macy Schwartz (reserve champion), 2. Anthony Wheat, 3. Marissa Schwartz, 4. Lauren Schwartz.

Lightweight Hamp: 1. Macy Schwartz, 2. Cade Doss, 3. Ashley Hirt, 4. Lori Hoelscher.

Mediumweight Hamp: 1. Morgan Schwartz (reserve champion), 2. Sam Long, 3. Erin Hirt, 4. Anthony Wheat.

Heavyweight Hamp: 1. Levi Schaefer (champion), 2. Macy Schwartz, 3. Paige Sturtz, 4. Marissa Schwartz.

OPB: 1. Lon Hoelscher (champion), 2. Macy Schwartz (reserve champion), 3. Cade Doss, 4. Jake Schwartz.

Lightweight Crossbred: 1. Paige Sturtz (reserve champion), 2. Trey Hilliger, 3. Macy Schwartz, 4. Ashley Hirt.

Mediumweight Crossbred: 1. Colby Hirt (champion), 2. Lori Hoelscher, 3. Macy Schwartz, 4. Cade Doss.

Lightweight York: 1. Jake Schwartz, 2. Halle Schaefer, 3. Todd Weishuhn, 4. Macy Schwartz.

Mediumweight York: 1. Todd Weishuhn, 2. Marissa Schwartz, 3. Anthony Wheat, 4. Anthony Wheat.

Heavyweight York: 1. Ashley Hirt (champion), 2. Landon Hoelscher (reserve champion), 3. Anthony Wheat, 4. Angela Schraeder.

Grand Champion of Show, Colby Hirt, Mediumweight Cross; Reserve Champion of Show, Ashley Hirt, Heavyweight York.

MARKET STEERS
Americans: 1. Whitney Kellemeier.
Light English: 1. Katie Schmitz.

Medium English: 1. Tanner Donica, 2. Garrett Kellemeier, 3. Lauren Plagens.

Heavy English: 1. Spencer Plagens.

Light European: 1. Drew Plagens, 2. Spencer Plagens, 3. Tanner Donica.

Medium European: 1. Drew Plagens, 2. Garrett Kellemeier.

Heavy European: 1. Garrett Kellemeier, 2. Whitney Kellemeier, 3. Champion American, Whitley Kellemeier.

British Champion, Tanner Donica, British Reserve Champion, Garrett Kellemeier.

Exotic European Champion, Drew Plagens, Exotic European Reserve Champion, Drew Plagens.

Grand Champion, Drew Plagens, Exotic, Reserve Grand Champion, Tanner Donica, British.

SHEEP

Lightweight Finewool: 1. Colby Hirt (reserve champion), 2. Erin Hirt, 3. Morgan Schwartz, 4. Jared Bradford.

Heavyweight Finewool: 1. Ashley Hirt (champion), 2. Erin Hirt, 3. Lauren Schwartz, 4. Colby Hirt.

Light Finewool Cross: 1. Erin Hirt, 2. Ashley Hirt, 3. Jared Bradford, 4. Jason Flores.

Medium Finewool Cross: 1. Erin Hirt (champion), 2. Colby Hirt, 3. Anna Flores, 4. Anna Flores.

Heavy Finewool Cross: 1. Ashley Hirt (reserve champion), 2. Anna Flores, 3. Colby Hirt, 4. Colton Schwartz.

Light Mediumwool: 1. Paige Sturtz (reserve champion), 2. Ashley Hirt, 3. Paige Sturtz, 4. Cade Doss.

Heavy Mediumwool: 1. Ashley Hirt (champion), 2. Colby Hirt, 3. Cade Doss, 4. Erin Hirt.

Grand Champion of Show, Erin Hirt, Finewool Cross, Reserve Champion of Show, Ashley Hirt, Mediumwool.

GOATS

Light Nanny: 1. Cade Halmann (reserve champion), 2. Marcus Cook, 3. Alex Halmann, 4. Angela Schraeder.

Heavy Nanny: 1. Colby Hirt (champion), 2. Angela Schraeder, 3. Angela Schraeder, 4. Colby Hirt.

Light Wethers (65-78): 1. Cade Halmann, 2. Cade Halmann, 3. Colton Schwartz, 4. Anthony Wheat.

Light Wethers (79-85): 1. Amber Halmann (champion), 2. Alex Halmann, 3. Sydney Halmann, 4. Lane Halmann.

Light Wethers (86-90): 1. Alex Halmann (reserve champion), 2. Cade Halmann, 3. Erin Hirt, 4. Colton Schwartz.

Medium Wethers (93-99): 1. Amber Halmann (reserve champion), 2. Alex Halmann, 3. Marcus Cook, 4. Amber Halmann.

Medium Wethers (104-106): 1. Cade Halmann (champion), 2. Angela Schraeder, 3. Angela Schraeder, 4. Wade Jansa.

Medium Wethers (107-112): 1. Marcus Cook, 2. Alex Halmann, 3. Marcus Cook, 4. Cade Halmann.

Heavy Wethers (115-120): 1. Dylan Jansa, 2. Lori Hoelscher, 3. Sydney Halmann, 4. Landon Hoelscher.

Heavy Wethers (121-124): 1. Dylan Jansa, 2. Lane Halmann, 3. Sydney Halmann, 4. Angela Schraeder.

Heavy Wethers (126-139): 1. Dylan Jansa (champion), 2. Sydney Halmann (reserve champion), 3. Lane Halmann, 4. Wade Jansa.

Grand Champion Goat, Cade Halmann, Reserve Champion Goat, Amber Halmann.

OTHER AWARDS

Cap Rock Top Hand Scholarship: Mathew Frysak.

Top Hand Trophy: Ashley Hirt.

Showmanship: Rabbits Senior - Michelle Fuchs, Junior - Tyler Bednar.

Lambs Senior - Ashley Hirt, Junior - Erin Hirt.

Hogs Senior - Anthony Wheat, Junior - Colby Hirt.

Steers Senior - Tanner Donica, Junior - Garrett Kellemeier.

Goats Senior - Angela Schraeder, Junior - Erin Hirt.

Officials to begin drafting statewide water plan

AUSTIN (AP) — With Texas repeatedly battling drought conditions in recent years, state officials are set to begin drafting a statewide water use and conservation plan.

The Legislature set the statewide plan in motion in 1997 when it created 16 regional water planning districts whose job it is to study future population growth and water use and how to best use the water that's available.

The regional districts have drafted and put in place their plans and were due to report them to state

officials by Friday. The Texas Water Development Board will use the regional projects to draft a statewide water use plan by next year.

The board will present a summary of the regional plans to the Legislature next month.

For decades, the Legislature had been unable to develop a coordinated water plan, for the most part, because the state is so diverse and the areas that had water weren't interested in agreeing to any regulation that would force them to surrender it.

The state board will try to balance the needs of each regional plan when crafting one for the entire state, said board spokesman Leonard Olson.

For example, the regional plan covering the San Antonio area includes recommendations to divert water from the Guadalupe and Colorado Rivers, increased conservation and desalination of sea water.

"We're not just going to copy them and bind them up and say this is the state water plan," Olson said. "If there's any conflict, we'll have to resolve those."

Texas suffered its third drought in four years in 2000 and the dry spell is believed to have wrought \$1.1 billion damage on the state's economy. West Texas was hit especially hard. Only 54 percent of the Texas summer cotton crop and 48 percent of the summer peanut crop survived, according to state agriculture officials.

State officials have also said Texas' urban areas face water shortages in the coming years. Austin and San Antonio were placed under mandatory water restrictions last summer.

Immigrants' spouses have until April 30 to get cards

SAN ANTONIO (AP) — Under a law signed two weeks ago by President Clinton, spouses of illegal immigrants have until April 30 to apply for a green card that will allow them to legally live and work in the United States.

But, as the clock ticks, the U.S. Immigration and Naturalization Service is unprepared to handle the applicants, the San Antonio Express-News reported Saturday.

Under the old law, undocumented immigrants wanting green cards had to leave the United States for up to 10 years while their applications were being processed. The new law, however, doesn't require them to leave the country.

From Washington to San Antonio, officials concede there are questions about everything from which forms applicants must sign to which accounting codes

should be used to keep track of fees.

"We all want information," Vicky Lorenzo, who along with her husband from Michoacan, Mexico, complained to the Express-News. She visited the INS regional office in San Antonio late this week.

"They told us they don't have the forms," said Lorenzo, a U.S. citizen who lives outside San Antonio and drove about an hour to get to the INS office.

Other immigrants who did not want to be identified also said there is confusion over the law. They were instructed to call a toll-free number to learn when forms will arrive.

The challenge is that more time is needed to get regulations in place, said Denton Lankford, of the INS regional office in San Antonio. "Once you implement it, you want it to go as flawlessly as possible," he said.

"The thing right now is digesting information in the law and translating it into regulations."

In San Antonio, INS officials said Friday they will start using alternate forms to accept people into the pipeline for processing and expect further instruction from Washington next week.

Under the new Legal Immigration and Family Equity Act, the spouses of people who entered the United States illegally have until April 30 to file a petition, known as an I-130.

That petition is the first step toward ultimately obtaining permission to live and work in this country.

The person receiving the permit, known on the streets as a green card, must be married to a U.S. citizen or a legal permanent resident by the time the application is submitted to the INS.

In addition, a \$1,000 penalty will still be charged for being in the United States illegally.

Simon Azar-Farr, a San Antonio attorney who specializes in immigration, said the act "is bound to have some very positive effects on a lot of lives."

"There are several provisions that could turn out to be quite beneficial to a number of (immigrants) and prevent unnecessary hardship on a number of families," he said.

In addition to affecting marriages, the new law provides opportunities for some high-tech employees and the children of immigrants already legally residing in the United States.

In Washington, INS spokesman Bill Strassberger cautioned that the new law won't help everyone and said it is not a blanket amnesty for undocumented immigrants.

Teen who killed classmate sentenced to five years

HOUSTON (AP) — A 16-year-old boy convicted of fatally stabbing a classmate with a screwdriver in the hallway of their southeast Houston middle school was sentenced Friday to five years in prison.

Estanilao Balderas originally was charged with murder but pleaded guilty to criminally negligent homicide for the Oct. 22, 1999, slaying of schoolmate Samuel Avila.

State District Judge Michael McSpadden sentenced Balderas, who was certified as an adult, to serve time in a youthful offender unit because he was 14 at the time of the crime.

Avila, 13, was stabbed once in the head with a four-inch screwdriver during a fight at Deady Middle School. Police said the fight was gang-related.

Balderas' attorney, Anthony Osso, argued his client was protecting himself and intended to stab Avila in the arm. Harris County prosecutor Catalina Serna said the crime was

premeditated.

"The juvenile had planned the murder in the sense that he had discussed it with a friend of his and had talked about bringing a murder weapon to the school," she said.

"It wasn't an act of self-

defense or an act of sudden

passion."

"I don't like the sentencing at all," cousin Araceli Martinez said. "That was not enough. I mean, he took a little boy's life, our cousin's life, and we're never going to get to see

him."

Several witnesses, including a teacher, testified Balderas has changed his life since being put under house arrest with relatives after, and has been making good grades at an alternative school.

I like to say that I have a very healthy respect for families. These days, lives are so busy that people tend to forget the importance of solid health basics. Diet, exercise, stress relief. In your family's reminder and guide to get there.

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Howard County Awarded Federal Funds Through FEMA

Howard County has been awarded federal funds under the Emergency Food and Shelter National Board Program. Howard County has been chosen to receive \$18,400 to supplement emergency food and shelter programs in the county.

A local Board, made up of the County, City, United Way and other local charitable organizations will determine how the funds awarded to Howard County are to be distributed among the emergency food and shelter programs run by local service organizations in the area. The local Board is responsible for recommending agencies to receive these funds and any additional funds under this phase of the program.

Under the terms of the grant from the National Board, local organizations chosen to receive funds must: 1) be private voluntary nonprofits or units of government 2) have an accounting system, 3) practice nondiscrimination, 4) have demonstrated the capability to deliver emergency foods and/or shelter programs, and 5) if they are a private voluntary organization, they must have a voluntary board. Qualifying organizations are urged to apply.

Public or private voluntary organizations interested in applying for Emergency Food and Shelter Program funds must contact United Way of Big Spring at (915) 267-5201 for an application. The deadline for the submission of applications is January 10, 2001.

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OUR VIEWS

Chili heads, time to see who's boss

It seems lately there is just no guessing about our local weather. But one thing is sure: Saturday will be a hot one in Big Spring.

That's because it's time for the Harley Owners Group's annual Boss HOG Chili Cookoff.

Got a secret recipe? Your team of four members or less can compete for a \$15 entry fee. All you have to do is show up for a cook's meeting at 9 a.m. at the Harley-Davidson Shop, 908 W. Third, and start your grill.

Cookers and "chili heads" from all over will be there: Last year's Boss HOG brought in a crowd of about 300.

A main factor for attendance is the weather, which none of us can control. But in past years, the event has been popular despite freezing temperatures, biting winds and even precipitation. Where else can you enjoy all the chili you can eat for \$5, or \$2.50 for the kids?

Think you know something about chili? At least 30 judges are needed, sign up to use your expertise by calling the Harley Shop.

HOG members say the money raised by the event goes into their bank account to start off the year. But we know where it will end up: The group does a variety of service projects for the local needy, especially children, throughout the year.

We appreciate all this group of motorcycle riders has done and continues to do for Big Spring. Let's show them our support and join them for a "bowl of red" on Saturday.

OTHER VIEWS

You don't have to be a "granola" to be pleased with the USDA's recent announcement of new standards for organic foods.

In an era in which genetically modified foods and cloning seems to be well on their way to becoming the norm, the USDA's standards offer people the choice to know exactly what they're eating. And if it catches on, it just might get more people to pay attention to what they put in their mouths.

The organic foods farmers and others in the industry deserve praise for their hard work in making sure the standards were high. This must be the only industry that has actually demanded to be governed

by higher, stricter standards.

What is still at issue is the exploration and production of genetically modified foods. The USDA's new organic standards fail to address that important matter. Many are concerned that these modified food crops could "drift" and cross-pollinate nearby organic crops, Johnson said.

The USDA has done an excellent job of listening to consumers and developing strong guidelines for the organic foods industry. Now it's time to take a hard look at genetically modified food.

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Asking myself, 'What would Eleanor Do?'

BILOXI, Miss. — They have Eleanor Roosevelt's 1932 Plymouth Town Car in the lobby of the Imperial Palace Casino here.

I found it a bit odd, the great lady's car planted like a showy philodendron, lobby decoration for a floating gambling house shaped like a pagoda on Back Bay Biloxi, where seafood plants ought to be. God bless America.

But it was interesting, anyhow, to imagine Eleanor emerging from the burgundy beauty, intent on some good and just cause. (A PBS documentary on Mrs. Roosevelt only underscored my admiration for her courageous, crusading persistence in the face of relentless ridicule and rebuke. Why is it Americans so rarely embrace the real heroes? She was the classic, not her

car.) The fancy Town Car built especially for Mrs. Roosevelt cost a staggering \$8,500 in 1932. Guess you can't have a first lady on her way to the coal mines break down on the side of the road.

The Palace had other amazing automobiles on display as well. A 1913 Ford Model T piewagon. A 1908 Holsman that surely inspired the name "horseless carriage." A 1930 Ford taxicab that cost \$640.

I came specifically to see the old cars, but — as usual when I get anywhere near a Mississippi casino — ended up mostly watching the people. For one thing, I can't get over the fact that so many older Americans embrace legalized gambling as if it were a senior-center shuffleboard tournament or a master gardening class. Maybe it's mostly the draw of entertainment and glitz, as if "The Lawrence Welk Show" has come to life before you.

The billboards on the interstate are like a Has-Been Hall of Fame, touting entertainers you haven't thought of in years.

(However, in fairness, that hot TV commodity Regis Philbin was on his way to town.)

The American Legion of Mississippi, for instance, was convened at the Imperial Palace. Big of them, since the casinos surely have put plenty of their bingo games out of business.

I will never forget my first trip to a casino, the Claridge in Atlantic City, in 1986. I checked into room 711. Honest.

I had expected young women in glittering gowns and dashing men in dinner jackets. But those spilling off the junket buses wore work clothes and an almost eerie, purposeful look on their faces.

The ones jostled in from Philadelphia, New York and Newark on the free buses were all ages, including old. And both sexes. Women who should have been home preserving strawberries were wearing celluloid visors and pulling levers in a regular rhythm that looked as exciting as work on a factory production line.

That trip I met then-Mayor James Usry, a for-

mer Harlem Globetrotter and a Georgia (Athens) native. He said that the 1986 police budget for the town of 40,000 was \$97 million — and that crime was still a problem.

In fairness, the Mississippi casinos seem to draw more of a vacation crowd, thank goodness, families who stay in the high-rise hotels, see the Elvis impersonator and classic cars, then go home for a decade or so. You spot less of that desperate look so common in Atlantic City.

Still, you have to wonder what Eleanor Roosevelt would think of this country's social and economic evolution.

A state government's first (and only) solution to economic woes lately seems to be legalized gambling. Guess FDR should have thought about neighborhood blackjack during the Great Depression.

Of course I'm still sore that the peaceful Mississippi Coast with its live oaks and virtual architectural museum has become a poor man's Vegas.

So I'll fold.



RHETA GRIMSLEY JOHNSON



Peace may not be on '01 agenda

Iwouldn't look for much peace in the coming year. The best Americans can hope for is that the United States, with a new administration, will have sense enough not to get involved in the various conflicts that are likely to rage on.

The Palestinians and the Israelis won't make peace. Israel is unwilling to do the right things necessary for peace. Those things are to acknowledge the right of return or compensation of the refugees whom it drove out of their homes in 1948 and 1967, and to withdraw completely from the West Bank, East Jerusalem and Gaza, which it has occupied since 1967.

The facts and international law are on the side of the Palestinians, and they will never give up. They can continue a low-intensity conflict indefinitely, even if they are dying at a ratio of 10 Palestinians for every 1 Israeli.

Israel, which has military might and, so far, the U.S. government on its side, is not as strong as it might appear. It cannot, as the late Col. Yehoshafat Harkabi said, survive indefinitely as a pariah

state under siege, at war or on the verge of war with its neighbors. Furthermore, thanks to global communications, Israeli brutality and arrogance has aroused the hostility of Muslims as far away as Indonesia. Palestinians are no longer alone. The justice of their cry for freedom is even beginning to penetrate the paper curtain the Israeli lobby has maintained in the United States for so many years to hide the truth from Americans.

Palestinians will achieve their independence. The only questions are when and at what cost in blood and treasure.

One place Americans would be wise to steer clear of is Afghanistan. The Clinton administration's hostility to the Taliban is most unwise. The Taliban won the civil war in Afghanistan, and who are we to say it should not govern its own country as it sees fit? We have no moral grounds for complaining that it harbors terrorists, for we practice our own form of high-tech terrorism with our bombs, not to mention all the men we have trained, including Afghans, to overthrow governments we didn't like.

It's important for Americans to understand that what is will not always be. We need to be looking to the future and taking note that China just signed new military agreements with Cuba, and that Russia

just signed new military agreements with Iran. In both cases, of course, despite our protests. In both cases, the contents of these agreements are unknown to us.

Arrogance is always dangerous, especially when it exceeds one's capacity to back it up. The phrase "The world's last remaining superpower" is entirely misleading because it is based on our nuclear weapons. Their value is mainly as a deterrent. Having nukes and having the capacity to be the world's policeman are two entirely different things.

If we would simply follow the advice of George Washington and respect the sovereignty of every nation, treat every nation with equal fairness and refrain from interfering in their internal affairs or involving ourselves in their regional feuds, then most of our foreign-policy problems, including terrorism, would evaporate.

All of the nations of the world face common problems: population pressures, environmental degradation, uneven distribution of resources, poverty and disease. We should offer cooperation and resources in combating these and offer arms to no one.

That won't happen until the American people begin to think for themselves and to make themselves heard in matters of foreign policy.



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WASHINGTON (A formally certified George W. Bush v. extraordinary presidential election a defeated Vice President Gore presided over the session, announcing the results after House Democrats objected futilely counting Florida votes.

There was no suspense over the outcome not a single Senate House members' objections, as required by law. As a result, R kept Florida's 25

CHIP criter

WASHINGTON President Clinton Saturday he is easier for parents children in a head start program des families with low income to qualify for Medicaid but to afford private coverage.

"We know the uninsured child health coverage, the doctor's office often and to the room less often they're less likely hospitalized for that could have been earlier, and less likely, outside a Clinton said.

The federal program, known as Children's Insurance Program created in 1997 to help children get health coverage their parents could not otherwise provide money to use for health care.

"With 3.3 million children now enrolled we're getting closer to the goal

Big ban

LOS ANGELES Les Brown, whose album "Sentimental Journey" during America's era of the 1930s and 1940s died of lung cancer.

Brown died Saturday night at his home in Los Angeles to his daughter, Marsha.

A conductor whose smooth arrangements of swing music transcended ethnic musical tastes, he was cited in 1996 Guinness Book of World Records for heading "the organized group of popular music."

He started his career in 1933. Band of Renown performing about a year as recent months ago, often by son Les Brown.

In the 1940s, Brown achieved the great Tommy Dorsey, Miller or Benny. But the band scored records — "Sentimental Journey," with as vocalist, and mental "I've Got Keep Me Warm."

"Sentimental co-written with I and Bud Green, theme for soldier home from World War I. Brown once released song's debut



IN BRIEF

Himes among leaders at Sandhills Rodeo

Kody Himes of Stanton posted a time of 14.89 seconds Friday night to take second place in the barrel racing standings at the Sandhills Stock Show Rodeo in Odessa.

Himes' run left her less than two-tenths of a second behind leader Martha Wright of Dublin after six performances of the rodeo which continues through tonight at the Ector County Coliseum.

Baseball boosters set meeting for Tuesday

The Big Spring High School Baseball Booster Club will meet at 7 p.m. Tuesday at the BSHS Athletic Training Center.

Parents of all high school baseball players are urged to attend, and those who have completed program and sign ads are asked to turn them in.

For more information, call Jim Clements at 267-1069 after 6 p.m.

Area coaches asked to transmit schedules

The Herald is asking all Crossroads area basketball coaches who have not provided copies of their varsity schedules and rosters for the 2000-2001 season to do so as quickly as possible.

Rosters and schedules can be faxed to the attention of John A. Moseley at 264-7205.

ACS still offering Texas Golf Pass

The American Cancer Society is again offering the Texas Golf Pass that entitles holders to more than 680 rounds of golf at 289 courses throughout the state.

The passes are \$35 each. Both the Big Spring Country Club and Comanche Trail Golf Course are participating in the program and order forms are available at the two courses.

For more information, call 1-800-ACS-2345 or check the society's web site at www.acs-tx.org

Fastpitch softball umpires needed

Umpires are needed to work high school softball games throughout West Texas, according to Permian Basin Softball Umpires Association officials.

Those interested will be working games in Alpine, Andrews, Big Spring, Coahoma, Colorado City, Fort Stockton, Greenwood, Hermleigh, Kermit, Lamesa, Midland, Monahans, Odessa, Pecos and Snyder.

For more information, call Mack Gipson at (915) 520-5961.

AREA GAMES

TODAY

JUCO BASKETBALL

4 p.m. — Howard College Lady Hawks at Air Force Academy Lady Falcons.

ON THE AIR

Television

COLLEGE BASKETBALL

Men
Noon — Michigan State at Indiana, CBS, Ch. 7.

Women
2 p.m. — LSU at Mississippi St, FXS, Ch. 29.

NFL PLAYOFFS

11:30 a.m. — NFC Divisional Playoff, Philadelphia Eagles at New York Giants, FOX, Ch. 3.

3 p.m. — AFC Divisional Playoff, Baltimore Ravens at Tennessee Titans, CBS, Ch. 7.

GOLF

1 p.m. — PGA, Accenture Match Play Championship finals, ABC, Ch. 2.

NHL

7 p.m. — Colorado Avalanche at Detroit Red Wings, ESPN, Ch. 30.

Lady Steers roll to big win; Steers fall to Andrews

By VALERIE AVERY
Herald Correspondent

ANDREWS — LaTrisha Rollins' 3-pointer midway through the third quarter Friday sparked an 11-point Big Spring Lady Steers run that broke open a tight contest with the feisty Andrews Lady Mustangs in the tough confines of the Andrews gym.

Big Spring walked away with a hard-fought 65-47 win after outscoring Andrews 17-12 and 16-10 in the third and fourth periods.

The Lady Steers (15-4) remain deadlocked with Snyder for second place in the close District 4-4A race with identical 4-1 records.

In the nightcap, the Steers (5-11, 0-3) struggled against the Mustangs

(14-6, 1-2) suffering an 85-48 loss.

The Lady Steers led by as many as eight in the first half and held a 32-25 halftime advantage. Andrews closed within a couple in the first quarter but junior Chelsea Churchwell's bomb from behind the arch gave Big Spring a little breathing room.

Andrews' suffocating press forced Big Spring to turn the ball over in the third quarter and the two squads were knotted at 38. That's when Rollins hit her 3-pointer. Senior guard Melissa Forth added to the scoring fray making a tray of her own, plus two baskets and a free throw as Big Spring pushed their lead to 49-37.

"It was really very tight there for awhile, but the girls responded mid-

way through the third quarter," said Lady Steers head coach Jimmy Avery. "Our people off bench came in and did a good job. Even though they didn't play a lot, they played good defense when we really needed it. Melissa Fleniken and Krystle Long got some big rebounds. And I knew we would find our rhythm. It just took awhile."

Big Spring shot an impressive 51 percent from the field hitting six 3-pointers — three by Rollins, including the spark that ignited the scoring fest.

"That was a big shot," Avery said. "Then Melissa (Forth) came in and started hitting shots. She had 25 points. Sometimes, you just need one thing to go your way and you

just get the momentum. That 1:00 period was it for us with Trisha and Melissa."

The freshman Braxton picked it up in the fourth quarter hitting a tray and two field goals, while Forth contributed two baskets and three free throws.

"We got contributions from everyone. That makes us harder to beat. This is a 10-girl team effort. Everyone understands their role and they all are doing their part. It seems like every quarter we have a different girl rise up and shine. When your opponent has to stop all five on the floor it makes your team harder to defend."

Big Spring's turnovers and free

See BSHS, page 7A

Bulldogettes squeeze Queens

Coahoma pressure too much in 3-2A opener for Forsan

By KAMILAH WARD
Sports Writer

FORSAN — Coahoma's Bulldogettes turned in a dominating performance Friday night at Smith Gymnasium as they posted their first win in District 3-2A play with a 63-18 victory over Forsan's Queens.

The Bulldogettes, who were led by junior center Karen Sterling with 12 points and senior guard Kortney Kemper with 11 points, used a token full court, man-to-man press to force 21 Queens turnovers — 11 of them coming in the first half.

"We use the press to get our heads in the game. It acts as our kick-start, to get us to hustle," said Bulldogettes head coach Terri Hopkins.

The Bulldogettes executed the transition game, as well as perimeter shooting in their offensive juggernaut.

"We are a pretty quick team that likes to run a lot," Hopkins admitted. "If we had our choice, we would run all the time."

The Bulldogettes' defense allowed only eight second-half Forsan points — only two of them coming in the third period when Coahoma all but ran away and hid from the opposition, turning a 29-10 halftime advantage into a 54-12 margin with eight minutes to play.

During that 25-2 third-quarter run, the Bulldogettes used a zone defense to take away the Queens' inside play and the home team simply didn't have the outside shooting necessary to open up the Coahoma zone.

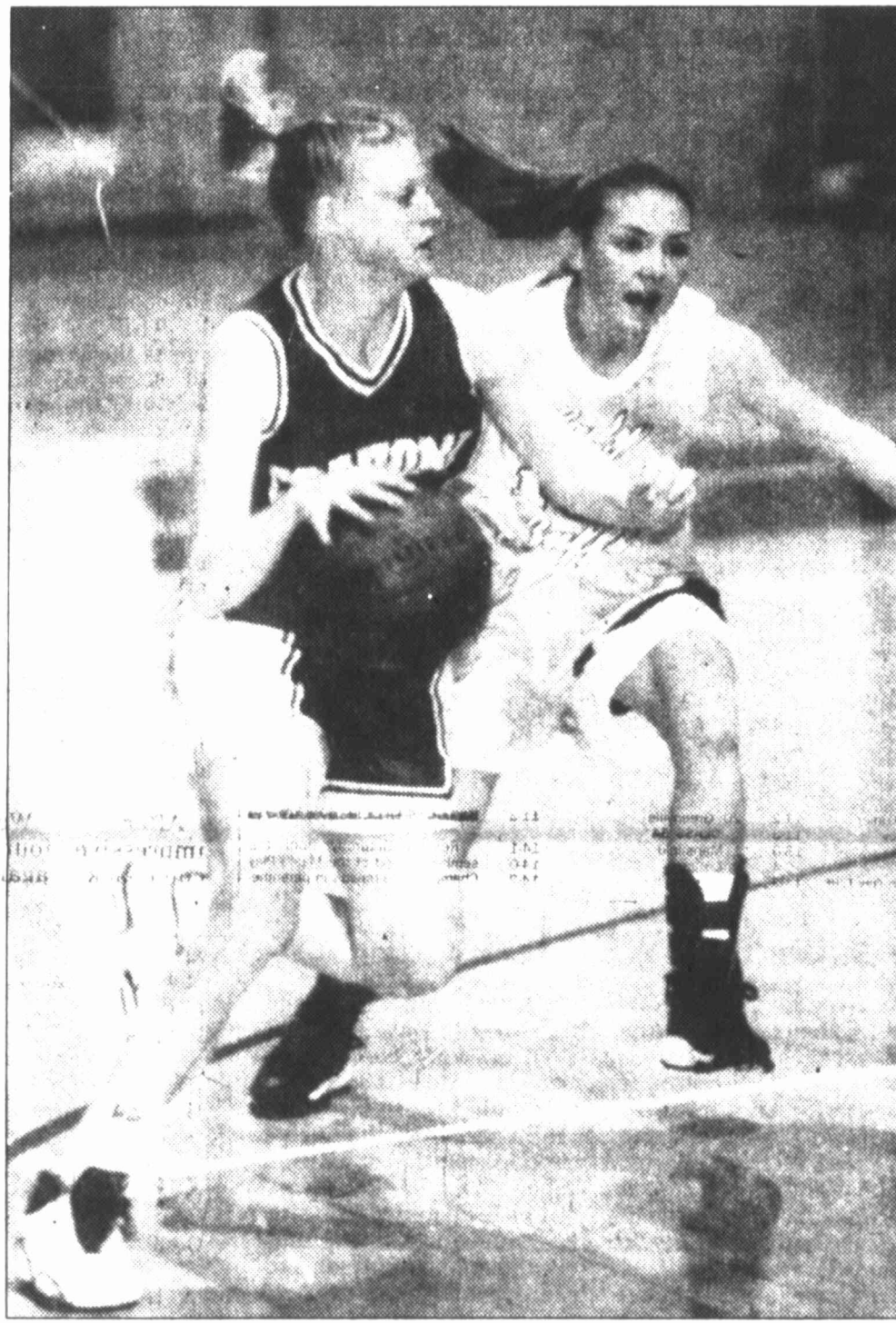
Defense was not the Bulldogettes' only weapon as Kemper, the spark-plug of the Coahoma press, not only played scrappy defense but was 3-of-5 from outside the 3-point arch.

That spelled doom for Forsan's match-up zone defensive scheme. Coahoma's offensive play was ever present as their halftime score doubled by the end of the final eight minutes, leaving the Bulldogettes with their 45-point margin of victory.

Chelsea Burgess' 6-point showing was the best the Queens could muster. Natalie Nichols added 4 more.

The Bulldogettes who improved to 15-6 overall will resume play Tuesday when they play host to Plains' Cowgirls with a 7:30 p.m. tip.

The Queens, now 3-14 and 0-1, will



Coahoma's Crystal Atkinson prepares to drive, as she breaks past Forsan defender Candice Gamble during the first half of Friday's District 3-2A girls' basketball opener for both teams. Atkinson and her Bulldogettes teammates rolled to a 63-18 win.

travel to Seagraves for a 6:30 tip with the Lady Eagles.

In other District 3-2A girls' action Friday night, Colorado City's Lady Wolves held on for a 48-44 win over Seagraves, while Stanton had little trouble rolling to a 59-22 romp past Plains.

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COAHOMA 63, FORSAN 18
COAHOMA — Rachel Williams 25 0-0 4; Crystal Atkinson 25 2-2 7; Kenni Kay Buchanan 0-0 0-0 0; Ashley Long 1-0 0-3; Brandy Hart 2-4 2-3 6; Kortney Kemper 4-

8 0-0 11; Lauren Nichols 3-5 0-2 6; Karen Sterling 4-7 4-6 12; Stephanie Sparks 0-3 2-7 2; Kynzi Roberts 2-4 4-6 8; Kayla Smith 2-4 0-0 4. Totals: 21-48 14-24 63.

FORSAN — Candace Gamble 0-4 1-2 1; Audra Bailey 0-2 0-0; Megan Fishback 1-3 1-2 3; Amy Smith 1-4 0-1 2; Kristen Newton 2-4 0-1 4; Debbie Cantu 0-2 0-0 0; Holly Walker 0-2 0-1 0; Codi Graves 0-2 0-0 0; Natalie Nichols 1-4 0-0 2; Chelsea Burgess 3-7 0-1 6. Totals: 8-34 2-10 18.

Score by Quarters:
COAHOMA 11 18 25 9-63
FORSAN 4 6 2 6-18

Three-point goals: Coahoma 5-8 (Atkinson 1-2, Long 1-2, Kemper 3-5); Forsan 0-3 (Gamble 0-1, Cantu 0-2). Total fouls: Coahoma 12, Forsan 20. Fouled out: None. Technical fouls: None. Records: Coahoma 15-6, 1-0; Forsan 3-14, 0-1.

Vikings' big guns rip Saints

MINNEAPOLIS (AP) — The Minnesota Vikings brought out the big guns Saturday and they blew away the New Orleans Saints.

Displaying the firepower that made them the second-highest scoring team in the NFC, Minnesota advanced to the conference championship game with a 34-16 rout. Randy Moss caught two touchdown passes and Cris Carter added one from Daunte Culpepper, who showed no signs of a sprained ankle that limited him in the Vikings' three-game slide to end the regular season.

Culpepper threw for 302 yards in his first playoff appearance.

Robert Smith, the other star of Minnesota's dynamic offense, had a 2-yard TD run as the Vikings' (12-5) moved on. They will play the winner of Sunday's Philadelphia-New York Giants game for a spot in the Super Bowl. The vocal Metrodome crowd of 63,881 chanted "Let's go Eagles" as the final seconds ticked away, hoping for the NFC title game to be back in Minnesota.

The Saints (11-7) couldn't handle Carter (eight receptions, 120 yards) or Moss (just two catches but both for scores, totaling 121 yards).

Knowing they needed a strong pass rush to stop that duo, the Saints — the NFL leaders with 66 sacks — rarely pressured Culpepper. And the second-year quarterback picked apart a defense that helped Jim Haslett win Coach of the Year honors in his first year in charge of the Saints.

Haslett and Carter got into a shouting match late in the third quarter, but they shook hands at the end of the game.

Culpepper finished 17-for-31 and was not sacked.

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Bulldog rally falls short; Stanton, Colorado City girls win

HERALD Staff Reports

COAHOMA — Midland Christian's Mustangs held off a late comeback attempt on the part of Coahoma's Bulldogs to take a 76-68 win in non-district boys' basketball action Friday.

The Mustangs owned an 18-point lead at one point in the fourth quarter, only to see the Bulldogs turn on a torrid shooting performance down the stretch, cutting the lead to just three points before Midland Christian was able to ice the game away.

"We did a great job of coming back on them," Bulldogs head coach Kim Nichols said following the loss. "We just couldn't get over the hump ... just had too far to come."

Chase Ward paced the 'Dogs with 26 points, tying Midland Christian's Zac Schwartz for game-high honors. Randall Rich added 22 more for Coahoma.

But the Mustangs, who improved to 11-7 with the win, not only got Schwartz's 26 points, but 20 from Stephen Koss and 15 more from Allan Vaught.

Coahoma claimed the junior varsity game, rolling to a 61-49 win

behind the scoring lead of Kelby Kemper and Toby Jackson.

The Bulldog JV improved to 8-2 as Kemper led all scorers with 19 points and Jackson added 16. Eddie Gonzales rounded out Coahoma's double-digit scoring in the opener with 13 points.

The Bulldogs, now 7-12 on the season, open District 3-2A play Friday when that travel to Stanton.

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BOYS' GAME
MIDLAND CHRISTIAN 76, COAHOMA 68
MIDLAND CHRISTIAN — Vaught 45-6 15, Nevans 1-0 0 2, Williams 0 1-2 1, Corner 1 0-0 2, Schwartz 11 3-5 26, Hellums 1 0-0 3, Wright 2 1-2 5, Koss 7 6-8 20. Totals 28 16-25 76.

COAHOMA — Davis 1 0-0 3, Rich 8 0-0 22, Chadwell 3 0-0 6, Hale 1 0-0 2, Ward 10 4-6 26, Long 3 2-2 9. Totals 26 6-8 68.

Score by Quarters:
MIDLAND CHRISTIAN 20 21 18 17-76
COAHOMA 14 16 12 26-68

Three-point goals: MC 4 (Vaught 2, Schwartz, Hellums); Coahoma 10 (Davis, Rich 6, Ward 2, Long). Total fouls: MC 11, Coahoma 21. Fouled out: None. Technical fouls: None. Records: MC 11-7, Coahoma 7-12. JV Sevier: Coahoma 61, MC 49.

Lady Buffs chalk up win in District 3-2A opener

STANTON — Strong defense told the tale Friday as Stanton's Lady Buffs opened District 3-2A girls' basketball action with a one-sided 59-22 win over Plains' Cowgirls.

While Plains managed to take a 9-7 lead after the first eight minutes of play, the Lady Buffs, who improved to 11-4 overall, shut out the Cowgirls in the second quarter and then matched that feat in the final period.

Jessica Thompson led the way for the Lady Buffs with a game-high 12 points. Teammates Emily Benavidez and Kristi Bridges added 10 points apiece in the win.

The Lady Buffs will travel to Colorado City at a 6:30 p.m. showdown against the Lady Wolves.

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GIRLS' GAME
STANTON 59, PLAINS 22
PLAINS — Blount 1 0-2 3, Winn 1 0-0 2, Waggon 1 1-4 4, Rodriguez 1 0-0 2, O'Quinn 3 1-2 7, Kay, Willis 1 0-2 2, Kim Willis 1 0-2 2. Totals 9 2-13 22.

STANTON — Benavidez 4 2-2 10, Bridges 4 2-2 10, Adams 1 0-0 2, Christian 0 2-2 2, Newell 0 1-4 1, Williams 1 0-0 2, Thompson 5 2-3 12, Moore 2 1-4 5, Selgado 3 0-0 6, Langford 4 0-1 9. Totals 24 10-18 59.

Score by Quarters:
STANTON 9 0 15 0-22
PLAINS 7 5 8 19 37-59

Three-point goals: Plains 2 (Waggon, Blount), Stanton 1 (Langford). Total fouls: Plains 21, Stanton 15. Fouled out: Waggon. Technical fouls: None. Records: Stanton 11-4, 1-0; Plains 0-1 in district.

Eldorado posts 46-40 win over Buffaloes

ELDORADO — Stanton Buffaloes were outscored 19-5 in the second

quarter and were never able to fully recover Friday, as they suffered a 46-40 loss to Eldorado's Eagles in non-district basketball action.

The Buffs opened the game by outscoring the homestanding Eagles 8-6 in the first quarter, but went ice cold in the second period and found themselves on the short end of a 25-13 halftime score.

Clay White led the way for the Buffs with 13 points, as they continued to chip away at the Eldorado lead until the very end.

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BOYS' GAME
ELDORADO 46, STANTON 40
STANTON — Kelly 5, Cook 8, Cotton 2, J. Ramos 4, White 13, C. Ramos 1, Hull 6. Totals 16 6-11 40.

ELDORADO — Bullard 9, Brock 5, Robledo 3, Herrera 5, Fay 7, Rodriguez 2, Barajas 11, Gonzalez 3, Stafford 1. Totals 16 12-19 46.

Score by Quarters:
STANTON 8 5 13 16-40
ELDORADO 6 19 10 11-46

Three-point goals: Stanton 2 (Kelly, White), Eldorado 2 (Fay, Gonzalez).

Lady Wolves open 3-2A play with 48-44 victory

COLORADO CITY — Vanessa Quintero scored 18 points and Allison Lopez added 11 more in leading Colorado City's Lady

See ROUNDUP, page 7A

NFL PLAYOFFS

Saturday, Dec. 30
Wild-card Playoffs
Miami 23, Indianapolis 17
New Orleans 31, St. Louis 17

Sunday, Dec. 31
Baltimore 21, Denver 17
Philadelphia 21, Tampa Bay 17

Divisional Playoffs

Saturday, Jan. 6
Minnesota 24, New Orleans 17
Oakland 27, Miami 0

Sunday, Jan. 7
Baltimore at Tennessee a.m. (CBS)
Philadelphia at Giants, 3:15 p.m. (FOX)

Conference Championships

Sunday, Jan. 14
AFC Championship
Oakland vs. Tennessee winner (CBS)
NFC Championship
Minnesota vs. Philadelphia winner (FOX)
New York Giants winner (FOX)

Super Bowl

Sunday, Jan. 28
At Tampa, Fla.
AFC champion vs. NFC champion, 5 p.m. (CBS)

FINAL AP POLL

The Top Twenty Five
The Associated Press' final football poll, with first place votes in parentheses and final place votes in parentheses and final

- Oklahoma (71)
- Miami
- Washington
- Oregon St.
- Florida St.
- Virginia Tech
- Dregon
- Nebraska
- Kansas St.
- Florida
- Michigan
- Texas
- Purdue
- Colorado St.
- Notre Dame
- Clemson
- Georgia Tech
- Auburn
- South Carolina
- Georgia
- TCU
- LSU
- Wisconsin
- Mississippi St.
- Mississippi
- Iowa St.

Top 25 - MEN

The top 25 teams
Associated Press' men's basketball poll, with first place votes in parentheses and final place votes in parentheses and final

- Michigan St. (47)
- Stanford (18)
- Duke
- Wake Forest
- Florida
- Tennessee
- Kansas
- Virginia
- Illinois
- Connecticut
- Seton Hall
- Wisconsin
- North Carolina
- Syracuse
- Oklahoma
- Arizona
- Maryland
- Alabama
- Georgetown
- Southern Cal
- Notre Dame
- Mississippi
- Iowa St.
- Texas
- Connecticut

Top 25 - WOMEN

The top 25 teams
Associated Press' women's basketball poll, with first place votes in parentheses and final place votes in parentheses and final

- Connecticut (40)
- Tennessee
- Notre Dame
- Georgia
- Duke
- Purdue
- Iowa St.
- Louisiana Tech
- Rutgers
- Penn St.
- LSU
- Texas
- Texas Tech
- Florida
- SW Missouri St.
- N.C. State
- Mississippi St.
- Clemson
- Oklahoma
- Auburn
- Stanford
- Xavier
- Vanderbilt
- Oregon
- Utah

TABC POLL

The latest high school
ball polls compiled by
Association of
Coaches:

- BOYS
- Class 1A
1. Goodrich
 - Lipan
 - Lovato
 - Brock
 - Laneville
 - Tanah
 - Round Top-Carmine
 - Fort Elliott
 - Wesler
 - Farwell
 - Kennard
 - Nazareth
 - Jayton
 - Leggett
 - Evadale
 - Lafayette
 - Calvert
 - Crosbyton
 - D'Hanis
 - Huckabay
 - Class 2A
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 - Hale Center
 - Grapeland
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NBA STANDINGS

Table with columns: Conference, Division, Team, W, L, Pct, GB. Includes Eastern Conference (Atlantic, Central, Pacific) and Western Conference (Northwest, Pacific, Southwest) standings.

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FINAL AP POLL

The Top Twenty Five teams in the Associated Press final college football poll, with first-place votes in parentheses and final records:

Record
1. Oklahoma (71) 13-0
2. Miami (6) 11-1
3. Washington 11-1
4. Oregon St. 11-1
5. Florida St. 11-2
6. Virginia Tech 11-1
7. Oregon 10-2
8. Nebraska 10-2
9. Kansas St. 11-3
10. Florida 10-3
11. Michigan 9-3
12. Texas 8-4
13. Purdue 10-2
14. Colorado St. 11-1
15. Notre Dame 9-3
16. Clemson 9-3
17. Georgia Tech 9-3
18. Auburn 9-4
19. South Carolina 8-4
20. Georgia 10-2
21. TCU 10-2
22. LSU 8-4
23. Wisconsin 9-4
24. Mississippi St. 8-4
25. Iowa St. 9-3

TOP 25 - MEN

The top 25 teams in the Associated Press men's college basketball poll, with first-place votes in parentheses and records through Dec. 31:

Record
1. Michigan (1) 47-11
2. Stanford (18) 11-0
3. Duke 11-1
4. Wake Forest 11-0
5. Florida 10-1
6. Tennessee 13-1
7. Kansas 11-1
8. Virginia 10-0
9. Illinois 10-3
10. Connecticut 11-1
11. Seton Hall 9-2
12. Wisconsin 9-1
13. North Carolina 9-2
14. Syracuse 11-1
15. Oklahoma 11-1
16. Arizona 7-4
17. Maryland 9-3
18. Alabama 10-1
19. Georgetown 11-0
20. Southern Cal 10-2
21. Notre Dame 8-2
22. Mississippi 12-1
23. Iowa St. 11-1
24. Texas 10-2
25. Cincinnati 9-3

TOP 25 - WOMEN

The top 25 teams in the Associated Press women's college basketball poll, with first-place votes in parentheses and records through Dec. 31:

Record
1. Connecticut (40) 9-0
2. Tennessee 11-1
3. Notre Dame 12-0
4. Georgia 11-2
5. Duke 12-1
6. Purdue 12-3
7. Iowa St. 10-3
8. Louisiana Tech 10-3
9. Rutgers 8-2
10. Penn St. 10-3
11. LSU 9-3
12. Texas 12-2
13. Texas Tech 9-2
14. Florida 11-1
15. SW Missouri St. 7-2
16. C. St. Stanislaus 9-2
17. Mississippi St. 9-2
18. Clemson 10-2
19. Oklahoma 8-3
20. Auburn 12-2
21. Stanford 6-4
22. Xavier 9-1
23. Vanderbilt 9-2
24. Oregon 6-3
25. Utah 11-1

TABC POLL

The latest high school basketball polls compiled by the Texas Association of Basketball Coaches:

BOYS
Class 1A
1. Goodrich 13-1
2. Loper 15-0
3. Lorez 11-2
4. Brock 13-2
5. Lanville 13-1
6. Tanaha 13-3
7. Round Top-Carmine 14-1
8. Fort Elliott 14-1
9. Wecker 15-2
10. Farwell 8-4
11. Kennard 11-3
12. Nazareth 8-3
13. Jayton 9-3
14. Leggett 12-2
15. Evalee 10-4
16. LaFoyner 11-3
17. Calvert 12-2
18. Crosbyton 11-2
19. D'Annunzio 13-1
20. Hockabay 12-4
Class 2A
1. Paester 16-1
2. Hele Center 10-4
3. Grapevine 9-3
4. Krum 15-3

Friday's Games
Dallas 115, Toronto 105
Philadelphia 121, Seattle 89
Golden State 100, Boston 88
Denver 100, Utah 87
Phoenix 108, Vancouver 76
Portland 119, Milwaukee 115
Charlotte 86, L.A. Clippers 73
Indiana 93, Sacramento 91, OT

Saturday's Games
Dallas at Washington, (n)
Orlando at Atlanta, (n)
5. West Rusk 13-1
6. San Augustine 9-2
7. San Antonio Cole 14-2
8. Simpson 12-2
9. Bogata Rivercrest 12-3
10. Farmersville 12-5
11. Danbury 14-5
12. Eula 10-4
13. Frankston 14-3
14. Ponder 9-5
15. Comfort 12-2
16. Boling 10-4
17. Olney 8-4
18. Woodstoro 15-2
19. Cisco 13-1
20. Little River Academy 13-5

Class AA
1. Mansfield 14-1
2. DeSoto 14-0
3. Duncubine 14-1
4. Plano East 14-1
5. Weatherford 13-1
6. Spring Westfield 15-1
7. ADM 12-2
8. Victoria Memorial 16-1
9. Fort Bend Dules 14-1
10. Plano 13-1
11. Amarillo 15-1
12. El Paso 16-2
13. Corpus Christi Carroll 16-2
14. San Antonio Taft 14-3
15. Georgetown 13-3
16. Lubbock Coronado 12-2
17. Houston CyFair 14-2
18. Harlingen 14-1
19. McAllen 14-1

Class BA
1. Mansfield 13-0
2. DeSoto 14-0
3. Duncubine 13-3
4. Plano East 14-1
5. Weatherford 13-1
6. Spring Westfield 15-1
7. ADM 12-2
8. Victoria Memorial 16-1
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15. Georgetown 13-3
16. Lubbock Coronado 12-2
17. Houston CyFair 14-2
18. Harlingen 14-1
19. McAllen 14-1

Class SA
1. Nazareth 13-2
2. Brock 13-2
3. Mouton 16-1
4. Woodthorpe 12-1
5. Merit Bland 14-2
6. Kennard 15-2
7. Sudan 9-2
8. Throckmorton 13-1
9. Quinlan Botes 14-1
10. Lanyon 14-2
11. Wortham 14-2
12. Brooksmith 16-3
13. Vanhook Sam Rayburn 13-1
14. Rockwell 14-2
15. Roby 15-0
16. Sattilo 15-0
17. Cavada 12-3
18. Hockabay 14-3
19. Rochelle 14-2
20. Gruber 12-3
Class 2A
1. Gunter 14-0
2. Wall 14-0
3. Boyd 13-0
4. Buffalo 13-3
5. Elbert 14-2
6. Port Aransas 18-2
7. Central Heights 14-3
8. Cisco 14-1
9. Godfrey 12-3
10. Eula 11-3
11. Celina 12-2
12. Kerens 12-3
13. Van Aistyne 12-2
14. Frankston 14-3
15. Post 11-3

Today's Games
Seattle at Toronto, Noon
Milwaukee at Vancouver, 2 p.m.
Washington at N. York, 6:30 p.m.
Minnesota at Phoenix, 7 p.m.
Charlotte at Denver, 8 p.m.
Clippers at Lakers, 8:30 p.m.

Today's Games
Toronto 3, Buffalo 3, tie
Boston 1, Washington 1, tie
Montreal 1, Pittsburgh 3
Philadelphia 6, Atlanta 4
Minnesota 3, Detroit 2, OT
Edmonton 2, Chicago 1
Calgary 4, Anaheim 4, tie
New Jersey 5, N.Y. Rangers 5
Montreal at Ottawa, (n)
Phoenix at N.Y. Islanders, (n)
Washington at Toronto, (n)
Atlanta at Philadelphia, (n)
Colorado at Carolina, (n)
Dallas at Boston, (n)
Minnesota at St. Louis, (n)
Buffalo at Nashville, (n)
Calgary at Los Angeles, (n)
Columbus at Vancouver, (n)
Florida at San Jose, (n)

Today's Games
N.Y. Islanders at Carolina, 4 p.m.
Phoenix at New Jersey, 6:30 p.m.
Colorado at Detroit, 7 p.m.
4. Fort Worth Durbur 13-1
5. SA Sam Houston 15-1
6. Navasota 11-3
7. Smithson Valley 13-4
8. Lumberton 12-2
9. Canyon Randall 11-4
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19. McAllen 14-1

Results Saturday from the semifinal round of the Texas High School Championship (seeds in parentheses):
Steve Stricker (55), United States, def. Toru Taniguchi (30), Japan 17-17.
Pierre Fuke (21), Sweden, def. Ernie Els (1), South Africa, 2 and 1.
College Scores
EAST
Brown 81, Maine 63
Canisius 81, Bucknell 58
Connecticut St. John's 80, OT
Delaware 88, Vermont 85
Fordham 70, William & Mary 58
Georgetown 78, Seton Hall 66
Harvard 60, Dartmouth 56
Holy Cross 55, Yale 50
Iowa 86, Penn St. 85
Lehigh 77, New Hampshire 54
Marist 81, Loyola, Md. 64
Marquette 80, DePaul 80
Quinnipiac 73, Army 57
Stony Brook 77, Navy 63
Temple 63, St. Bonaventure 43

Baseball
American League
BOSTON RED SOX—Signed LHP Kent Mercker and LHP Bryan Ward to minor league contracts.
MINNESOTA TWINS—Named Kevin Caltow chief operating officer.
OAKLAND ATHLETICS—Agreed to terms with LHP Mark Guthrie on a two-year contract.
TORONTO BLUE JAYS—Assigned RHP Matt DeWitt outright to Syracuse of the International League.
National League
ARIZONA DIAMONDBACKS—Agreed to terms with OF Reggie Sanders on a one-year contract.
COLORADO ROCKIES—Agreed to terms with INF Greg Norton on a one-year contract.
NEW YORK METS—Agreed to terms with RHP Steve Ontiveros, INF Jorge Velazquez, C Joe DePastino, C Jason Phillips, 2B Ty Wigginton and RHP Vaughn Eshelman on minor league contracts. Named Harry Dantop professional scout.
ST. LOUIS CARDINALS—Agreed to terms with OF Bobby Bonilla on a one-year contract and 3B Steve Andrews, OF Bernard Gilkey and OF John Mabry on minor league contracts.
SAN DIEGO PADRES—Agreed to terms with 3B Dave Magadan and RHP Kevin Jarvis on one-year contracts. Designated OF Chad Green for assignment and sent him outright to Portland of the PCL. Designated RHP Heathcliff Sabram for assignment.
BASETBALL
Netherlands Association
BOSTON CELTICS—Waived F

MIT PALACIO HORNETS—Activated F Eddie Robinson from the injured list. Placed F Tim James on the injured list.
CLEVELAND CAVALIERS—Waived G Larry Robinson.
GOLDEN STATE WARRIORS—Re-signed F Bill Curley to a 10-day contract.
NEW JERSEY NETS—Activated F Keith Van Horn from the injured list. Placed C Soumaila Samake on the injured list.
NEW YORK KNICKS—Waived F Pete Mickel.
PHILADELPHIA 76ERS—Activated G Pepe Sanchez. Placed C Matt Geiger on the injured list.
PHOENIX SUNS—Waived G Elliot Perry.
FOOTBALL
National Football League
CINCINNATI BENGALS—Named Kevin Coyle comebacker coach and John Garrett offensive assistant.
KANSAS CITY CHIEFS—Fired Gunther Cunningham, coach.
PITTSBURGH STEELERS—Promoted tight ends coach Mike Mulken to offensive coordinator.
ST. LOUIS RAMS—Named Bobby April special teams coach. Named Lovie Smith defensive coordinator.
SAN DIEGO CHARGERS—Named John Butler executive vice president and general manager.
TAMPA BAY BUCCANERS—Signed P Andrew Byles, G Wilbert Brown and CB Anthony Midget.
HOCKEY
National Hockey League
BUFFALO SABRES—Recalled F Chris-Taylor from Rochester of the AHL. Placed F Curtis Brown on injured reserve.
CAROLINA HURRICANES—Activated RW Shane Willis from the injured reserve list. Reassigned C Greg Koehler to Cincinnati of the IHL.
COLORADO AVALANCHE—Placed D Adam Foote on injured reserve.
DALLAS STARS—Signed LW Benoit Hogue. Assigned LW Jon Sim to Utah of the IHL.
COLLEGE
CLEVELAND STATE—Signed Jay Murphy, baseball coach, to a contract extension through 2003.
DUBUQUE—Named Vincent Brautigam football coach and Carl Wagner assistant football coach.
UCLA—Announced WR Freddie Mitchell will forego his senior season and enter the NFL draft.

NHL
Friday's Games
Toronto 3, Buffalo 3, tie
Boston 1, Washington 1, tie
Montreal 1, Pittsburgh 3
Philadelphia 6, Atlanta 4
Minnesota 3, Detroit 2, OT
Edmonton 2, Chicago 1
Calgary 4, Anaheim 4, tie
New Jersey 5, N.Y. Rangers 5
Montreal at Ottawa, (n)
Phoenix at N.Y. Islanders, (n)
Washington at Toronto, (n)
Atlanta at Philadelphia, (n)
Colorado at Carolina, (n)
Dallas at Boston, (n)
Minnesota at St. Louis, (n)
Buffalo at Nashville, (n)
Calgary at Los Angeles, (n)
Columbus at Vancouver, (n)
Florida at San Jose, (n)

GOAL
Results Saturday from the semifinal round of the Texas High School Championship (seeds in parentheses):
Steve Stricker (55), United States, def. Toru Taniguchi (30), Japan 17-17.
Pierre Fuke (21), Sweden, def. Ernie Els (1), South Africa, 2 and 1.
College Scores
EAST
Brown 81, Maine 63
Canisius 81, Bucknell 58
Connecticut St. John's 80, OT
Delaware 88, Vermont 85
Fordham 70, William & Mary 58
Georgetown 78, Seton Hall 66
Harvard 60, Dartmouth 56
Holy Cross 55, Yale 50
Iowa 86, Penn St. 85
Lehigh 77, New Hampshire 54
Marist 81, Loyola, Md. 64
Marquette 80, DePaul 80
Quinnipiac 73, Army 57
Stony Brook 77, Navy 63
Temple 63, St. Bonaventure 43

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Fordham 70, William & Mary 58
Georgetown 78, Seton Hall 66
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Holy Cross 55, Yale 50
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Stanford rolls to 85-76 victory, ending Arizona's home streak

The ASSOCIATED PRESS

Stanford took care of a longtime Pac-10 nemesis Saturday, and a painful season got worse for the Arizona Wildcats. The No. 2 Cardinal's balance was on full display in beating the 16th-ranked Wildcats 85-76 for only their third victory at McKale Center in 27 tries and their first since 1996. Arizona coach Lute Olson missed his third consecutive game following the death of his wife of 47 years on Monday. A memorial service for Bobbi Olson was scheduled for Sunday at McKale Center. Jason Collins scored 22, Ryan Mendez had a season-high 20, Jarron Collins 19 and Casey Jacobsen 16 as Stanford (13-0, 2-0 Pac-10) ended Arizona's string of 31 consecutive home-court Pac-10 victories. Loren Woods scored 16 for the Wildcats, who never led after the first nine minutes. Michael Wright scored 14

and sat out the last 8:17 of the first half in foul trouble. Gilbert Arenas and Jason Gardner scored 13 apiece.

No. 10 Connecticut 82, St. John's 80

Souleymane Wane hit two of four free throws with 1:38 remaining in overtime, lifting No. 10 Connecticut to an 82-80 win over St. John's on Saturday. With the score tied at 82, Wane was fouled by Omar Cook and made the first of two shots. He grabbed his own rebound and was fouled again, this time by freshman Willie Shaw. Again, he made one of two shots for a two-point UConn lead. The Red Storm had three chances to score in the final minute. Cook's jumper missed and was knocked out of bounds by the Huskies. On the next possession, Alpha Bangura and Anthony Glover each tried to muscle it in, but ran into a wall of UConn defenders. St. John's had the last

touch on Glover's ball as it was batted off the court with 1.9 seconds remaining. UConn inbounded and ran out the clock for the win.

UConn freshman Caron Butler hit his only 3-pointer as time ran out in regulation to send the game into the extra period at 75-all.

No. 6 Tennessee 96, Auburn 88

Isiah Victor scored 12 of his career-high 34 points in the two overtimes to lift No. 6 Tennessee to a 96-88 victory over Auburn on Saturday, in the SEC opener for both.

The Volunteers (14-1) outscored Auburn 16-8 in the second extra period, hitting nine free throws to emerge from a seven-game road trip with only one loss.

The Tigers (10-4) hit only two field goals in the second overtime after rallying from a six-point deficit late in regulation.

Tony Harris's only field goal, a 3-pointer, and

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throw shooting hurt their effort as Andrews forced them to turn over the ball 17 times and shot 39 percent from the charity stripe.

"We'll have to improve on those areas this week. Our schedule is about to hit its roughest test."

Big Spring faces No. 1-ranked Plainview (20-1, 5-0) on the road Tuesday and ends the week with No. 8-ranked Levelland (16-4, 2-3) at home.

"Plainview has been beating everyone by 30 or more points," Avery noted. "They really like to frustrate you by getting in your passing lanes. I think if we just don't lose our cool, we'll be all right."

After Wednesday's impressive fourth-quarter comeback against San Angelo Lake View, the Steers struggled offensively as Andrews ran away to an 18-8 first-quarter advantage and 35-16 at halftime in the boys' game.

"Turnovers really hurt us," Steers head coach Brian Ellington said. "We had cut our turnovers down

to 25 at Lake View, but we had maybe 30-40 turnovers tonight. We made some bad decisions, bad passes.

"They were hurting us inside and outside. They hit 11 3-point shots. We tried to mix up zone and man, but they were just shooting really well. And they got those two big guys inside —

Tharp and Jackson — and they just banged us up."

Six of those Andrews treys came in the second half as the Mustangs outscored the Steers 50-32.

Arthur Belvin and Brandon Greathouse were sidelined for much of the second half after suffering an injury. Starter Clarence Wilkins also was in foul trouble during the second half.

Wilkins led the way offensively for the Steers with 14 points, while Belvin chipped in 9 points. Austin Nutting had 8 points in the losing effort.

"I think (Andrews) was on, and I didn't see the effort that I saw at Lake View," Ellington said of his team's performance. "If we're going to be in it, we need to have the effort."

ROUNDUP

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Wolves to a 48-44 win over Seagraves Eagles in the District 3-2A basketball opener for both teams.

Seagraves did not make it easy, however, rallying from a 31-18 deficit at halftime and outscoring the Lady Wolves in each of the two final periods. The difference proved to be the Lady Wolves free throw shooting, as they hit on all 10 of their trips to the charity stripe, while the Lady Eagles were a paltry 3-of-11.

The Lady Wolves improved to 10-8 on the season and own a share of the 3-2A lead with Stanton and Coahoma going into Tuesday's district action when they'll play host to Stanton's Lady Buffs.

COLORADO CITY — Quarter 18, Lopez 11, Russell 7, Pharris 6, Redwine 6, Rivera 2. Totals 18 10 10 48.
Score by Quarters: SEAGRAVES 10 8 12 14 44

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Three-point goals: Seagraves 1 (Quintanilla), Colorado City 2 (Lopez, Russell). Records: Colorado City 10-8, 11-2; Seagraves is 0-1 in district. Junior varsity score: Seagraves 29.

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Belfour leaves Stars after clash

BOSTON (AP) — Ed Belfour left the Dallas Stars after the goalie and coach Ken Hitchcock had a "disagreement over Belfour's participation in Saturday's pregame optional practice." The Stars issued a statement before Saturday night's game against the Bruins stating that general

manager Bob Gainey would not comment until the team is finished collecting information.

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Haslett tops strong field in garnering Coach of Year nod

NEW YORK (AP) — In the Year of the Coach, the job Jim Haslett did in New Orleans was the most outstanding.

Haslett, in his first season coaching the Saints, beat a strong field to win The Associated Press NFL Coach of the Year award, announced Saturday.

Haslett, who took over a perennially underachieving team that had reached rock bottom and turned it into the NFC West champion, easily beat Philadelphia's Andy Reid in balloting by a nationwide panel of 50 sports writers and broadcaster who cover pro football.

"Guys that had been here a long time, that had never won, never had a winning season, that takes a toll on you," said Haslett, who stepped into the mess Mike Ditka created. "The franchise wasn't in great shape, after four bad years. I think the No. 1 thing we had to do was get them on board with what we were trying to do, and that was to build a team and an organization that people could be proud of... to try to change people's thinking inside by learning how to win, learning how to deal with adversity, learning how to deal with success. It wasn't easy."

"I don't think we're where we want to be yet, but I think we have a good start, a good foundation," added Haslett, whose Saints went 10-6 to supplant the defending NFL champion St. Louis Rams in the NFC West.

New Orleans then beat St. Louis last week for its first postseason victory, before losing to Minnesota 34-16 in Saturday's playoffs.

"We've set a standard already, and now everyone has to live up to it," Haslett said.

There wasn't much to

live up to in New Orleans. For three decades, the Saints generally have been tailenders. Ditka traded his entire 1999 draft and some of the team's 2000 selections to get running back Ricky Williams.

Haslett, a former NFL linebacker, was the defensive coordinator in Pittsburgh before being hired by new Saints general manager Randy Mueller to replace Ditka. Together, they spent wisely in free agency and brought in 32 players.

Among those additions were quarterbacks Jeff Blake and Aaron Brooks, defensive tackle Norman Hand, wide receiver Joe Horn and safety Darren Perry. All were instrumental in the Saints' turnaround.

As was Haslett, who received 30 votes. Reid got 9 for leading the Eagles from 5-11 to 11-5 and into the playoffs. They were followed by Tennessee's Jeff Fisher, Oakland's Jon Gruden and the New York Giants' Jim Fassel with two apiece. Getting one vote each were Miami's Dave Wannstedt, Baltimore's Brian Billick, Denver's Mike Shanahan, and San Francisco's Steve Mariucci.

"You never know how long it's going to take so many new people to come together and coalesce as a team," Mueller said. "Jim was the catalyst for that."

"What he's done has been close to what I expected. I knew we had to have someone who was tireless, who would spend every day and long nights getting this turned around. It's a shame, but to do this you have to put your personal life on hold and Jim's done that."

Haslett is the second Saints coach to win the award. Jim Mora got it in 1987.

Raiders turn playoff into rout of Miami

OAKLAND, Calif. (AP) — Oakland cornerback Tory James shut down the Miami Dolphins right from the start by high-stepping his way into the end zone.

James' 90-yard interception return started the Raiders on a 27-0 rout of the Dolphins on Saturday and advanced Oakland to the AFC championship game for the first time in 10 years.

The Raiders (13-4), who have not been in the playoffs since 1993, will play the winner of Sunday's game between the Baltimore Ravens and the Tennessee Titans.

Rich Gannon completed 12 of 18 passes for 143 yards and a touchdown. Tyrone Wheatley ran for another score and rookie Sebastian Janikowski kicked two field goals.

The Dolphins (12-6), who had won three straight regular-season games in Oakland, couldn't overcome a 20-0 first-half deficit. The Raiders have allowed just two touchdowns in their

last 15 quarters at home. It was the latest playoff humiliation for the Dolphins, who have been beaten by the combined score of 127-10 at this stage of playoffs the last three years.

Last season, the Dolphins were blown out 62-7 by the Jacksonville Jaguars in the divisional playoff game. Two years ago, they were defeated 38-3 in the playoffs by the Denver Broncos.

Miami's Jay Fiedler was 17-of-38 for 176 yards and three interceptions.

The Raiders couldn't get much done offensively on their first series, so their defense helped out on Miami's first possession.

With the Dolphins on the Raiders' 17, James intercepted Fiedler's pass for Leslie Shepherd and ran it back for the touchdown — high-stepping with fellow cornerback Charles Woodson for the final 25 yards.

It was the first career touchdown for James, a

five-year NFL veteran in his first season with the Raiders. He added another interception in the fourth quarter.

"Before I go to sleep, I always visualize making plays," James said. "It seems like today my dreams came true."

The Raiders had the league's 17th-ranked defense, the weakest of any team in the playoffs.

Oakland went up 10-0 on Janikowski's 36-yard field goal with 4:52 left in the first quarter. He added a 33-yard field goal midway through the second quarter.

Janikowski, the 17th pick overall and the only kicker taken in the first round since 1979, has hit 18 of his last 22 field goal attempts. His 58-yard field goal attempt at the end of the first half fell short.

Turnovers hurt the Dolphins. Woodson recovered Lamar Smith's fumble on Miami's 43, and Gannon hit James Jett with a 6-yard touchdown pass with 1:53 to

go before halftime.

The Dolphins' sixth-ranked defense couldn't stop the pumped-up Raiders, who had not hosted a playoff game in Oakland since 1980.

In the first half alone, Gannon completed 10-of-13 passes for 117 yards. In the second half, the Raiders' top-rated rushing offense took over.

Wheatley, the Raiders' top back with 242 carries for a career-high 1,046 yards and nine touchdowns in the regular season, scored from two yards out with 5:56 left in the third quarter.

Gannon, named to the Pro Bowl and the All-Pro Team, ran for four first downs.

James, who had been obscured by the skills of Woodson and Eric Allen, almost added another TD.

Late in the third quarter, the ball was knocked from Fiedler's hands in what appeared to be a fumble. James scooped up the ball and ran it back 47 yards into the end zone — again accompanied by Woodson.

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Vincent Yarbrough's put-back gave the Vols an 89-82 lead with 1:35 to play.

Yarbrough finished with 23 points, eight rebounds and seven assists. Reserve Ron Slay added 10 points, while Harris had just seven points, half his season average.

The Tigers were led by Jamison Brewer's career-high 21 points.

Kansas St. 53, Texas A&M 48

Kansas State took advantage of 29 percent shooting by Texas A&M to notch just its second road win of the season, 53-48, on Saturday.

The two teams entered the Big 12 Conference opener on a hot streak. Kansas State (7-5, 1-0 Big 12) had won four of its last five games, while the Aggies were riding their first three-game win streak since 1998.

Quentin Buchanan scored 19 points for the Wildcats, while Travis Davis added 12

off the bench and center Kelvin Howell grabbed 15 rebounds. Despite out-shooting the Aggies by nearly 20 percent and getting 10 more rebounds, Kansas State's win was in jeopardy until the buzzer.

A&M (6-7, 0-1) trailed by just four at the half, thanks to a last-second shot by A&M freshman Nolan Butterfras.

The Aggies captured some momentum late in the second half when Bernard King, the Big 12's Freshman of the Year in 2000, hit two straight shots after previously shooting just one-for-nine from the field.

With 17 points, King was A&M's only scorer in double figures.

Baylor 61, Colorado 56

DeMarcus Minor hit four free throws in the final 37 seconds, extending his Big 12 Conference record to 46 in a row, as Baylor remained undefeated with a 61-56 victory over Colorado

on Saturday.

After Minor hit two free throws to put Baylor (12-0, 1-0 Big 12) ahead 59-56, his last two free throws came after Colorado (10-4, 0-1) missed a game-tying shot.

Baylor scored the game's first 12 points. Colorado didn't tie the game until Richard Fox's put-back with 17:53 left made it 34-34.

Colorado, which had won six straight games, was averaging 91 points a game and ranked third nationally with a shooting percentage of 53 percent.

Middle Tennessee 105, North Texas 71

Fernando Ortiz scored 22 points and snagged six steals as Middle Tennessee defeated North Texas 105-71 Saturday afternoon.

After several minutes of exchanging baskets with North Texas (4-10, 1-2 Sunbelt Conference), Middle Tennessee (5-7, 1-1) went on a 36-21 first-half run. Kevin White capped scoring with a free throw with 34 seconds

left that made the score 45-29 going into halftime.

After the break, the Blue Raiders took up right where they left off, opening with a 25-11 run. Demarius Wilkes closed out the run at 12:14 with a made free throw.

WOMEN'S GAMES

Missouri 68, No. 12 Texas 52

Amanda Lassiter and Evan Unrau each recorded a double-double and led Missouri to a 68-52 win over No. 12 Texas on Saturday.

Lassiter had 22 points and 10 rebounds as Missouri rallied from a 32-24 halftime deficit by limiting Texas to 27 percent shooting after the break.

The Longhorns (13-3, 1-1), who shot just 33 percent for the game, did not score in the final three minutes. They were 0-for-4 from 3-point range and 4-for-9 from the line.

Unrau, who finished with 18 points and 13 rebounds, broke a 46-46 tie with a layup with 8:41 left.

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Saints running back Chad Morton tied a playoff record with 13 receptions for 106 yards. Willie Jackson, who caught three TD passes in the wild-card victory over the Rams last week, had a 48-yard score with 2:19 to go. New Orleans' other touchdown came on Dave Stachelski's first career catch, a 2-yarder in the second period.

Moss found a seam between double coverage on his first touchdown. He split Fred Thomas and Darren Perry, who took a bad angle on the short reception, and sped 53 yards to the end zone just 3:03 into the game.

His second TD was all Moss. He took a swing pass at the scrimmage line and, in one step, was in high gear. Moss ran right past Kevin Mathis down the left sideline for a 68-yard score.

Gary Anderson added a 44-yard field goal following a 25-yard run by NFC rushing leader Smith, to make it

27-10. Smith scored from the 2 after Robert Tate's interception at the Saints 29 and Kailee Wong's interception finished off the Saints' turnaround season.

Early on, Brooks showed great poise for someone in his seventh start. He eluded strong pressure to convert two third downs on New Orleans' 65-yard drive to Doug Brien's 33-yard first-quarter field goal. A 40-yard pass interference penalty on Wasswa Serwanga greatly helped the Saints.

That march also included Ricky Williams' first appearance at running back since Nov. 12, when he broke his left ankle. He ran for 3 yards on his first attempt and finished with 14 yards on six rushes.

Minnesota took a bit longer than three plays to score on its second series, driving 67 yards in 12 plays to Anderson's 24-yard field goal. Culpepper found Smith for 20 yards and Carter made a leaping 34-yard catch at the 1, but the Vikings stalled.

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Traveling Together

Inez Bearden of Big Spring and Nelda Truesdale have been traveling as a team for about 17 years, since they and two others took an impromptu trip to Hawaii that was a great success.

Since then, the two — who consider themselves mother and daughter — have driven, flown and cruised throughout the United States and to several foreign destinations.

"I don't believe we've ever had a cross word," said Bearden, who relies on Truesdale, who lives in Fort Worth, to make most of the arrangements once they have chosen a destination. Together the two have toured Alcatraz, gazed at the autumn leaves of New England and photographed the tulips in Holland, Mich. They've gone on trips that were nearly sidelined by a search for Beanie Babies, and been lost briefly in a big city at night.

"We have really had some times," Bearden said. "But we always manage to get where we are going."

"We have gone so many places and seen so many things," added Truesdale.

One of their favorite ways to go places is with the RSVP Travelers, a group organized by the Retired Senior Volunteer Program in Big Spring. That group is staging its annual tour showcase today at 2 p.m. at Dora Roberts Community Center.

Anyone is welcome to stop by the event, enjoy refreshments and get details on more than 20 trips the group offers in the coming year.

"This raises money for our programs during the year," said Nancy Jones, RSVP director. "It does several other things, too. It offers our volunteers a chance to get together and do something they enjoy, and it also helps us recruit new volunteers."

While they are not limited to senior citizens, many do take the tours, and they often enjoy spending time with each other, Jones said. Many of the tours include time on a luxury tour bus.

"Of course, the number one reason they enjoy this is the thrill of travel," Jones said. "But a lot of friendships are forged on these trips, and they are lasting friendships."

Everything is arranged well ahead of time by Bilbrey Tours of Abilene, which provides each traveler with an itinerary and list of all those taking the trip with them. Once the tour is under way, there is a daily schedule with highlights of what is to be seen. Bearden and Truesdale said touring with RSVP means everything is taken care of, down to the last detail.

"They take good care of you," Truesdale said. "They feed you well, too well! And you never have to handle your own bags."

Bearden and Truesdale have toured Cape Cod, Martha's Vineyard and Nantucket with the RSVP group. They have visited Marshall for its annual Christmas light display and Vermont for its colorful leaves. A highlight was an excursion to San Francisco for the Rose Bowl in 1999 along with a Christmas program at the Crystal Cathedral.

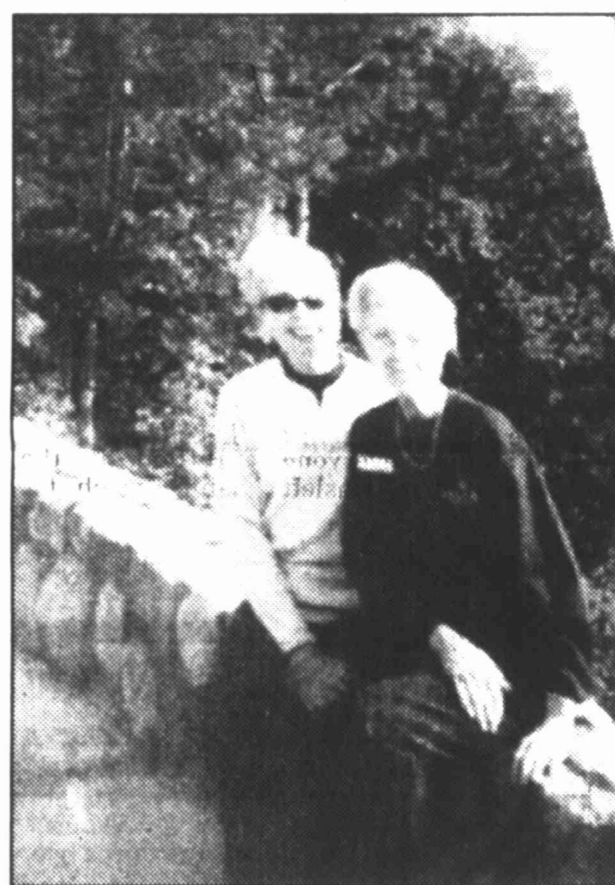
This year, the women and their fellow travelers can choose from a Mediterranean cruise, a Hawaiian adventure or a trek to Canada. RSVPers will also visit Michigan and the Great Lakes, the Amish country in Ohio and Pennsylvania, and the entertainment capital of Branson, Mo.

In Texas, the group will take the Tyler Azalea Trail, tour Big Bend National Park and shop in Fredericksburg. They will go to a Rangers base-

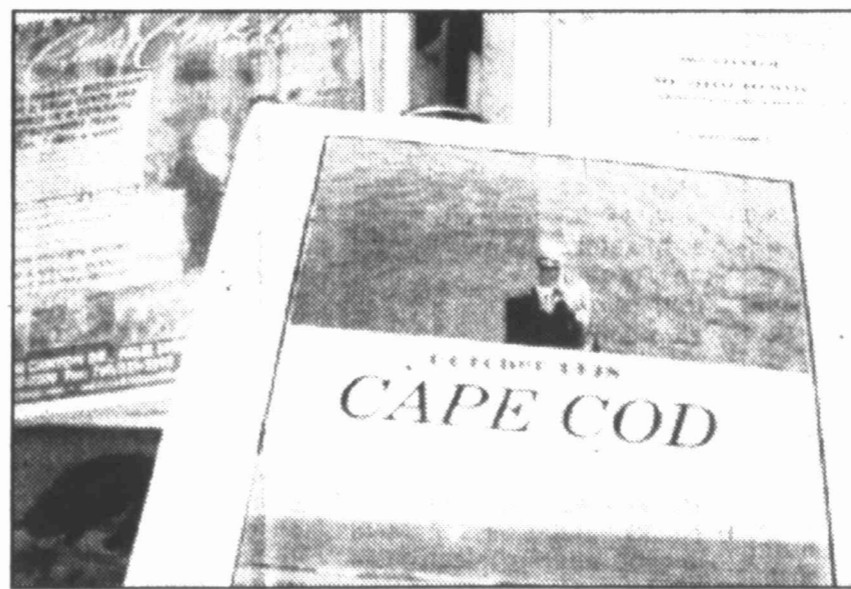


At left, Inez Bearden and Nelda Truesdale, who are like mother and daughter, travel together as part of the RSVP travelers, keeping detailed scrapbooks of each excursion. Above, a group of travelers poses as they board a cruise ship, pictured at top.

At right, Bearden and Truesdale pose as "Ben and Jerry" during a tour of the famous ice cream factory while touring Vermont with the RSVP Travelers. Below, a scrapbook recounts a trip that included hot air balloon sightings.



RSVP
Travel Showcase
2 p.m. today
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Above, Nelda Truesdale and Inez Bearden pose during a tour to see autumn leaves in Vermont with the RSVP Travelers. At left, a scrapbook records their trip to Cape Cod with the group.

ball game, see "Riverdance" in Fort Worth and cruise through the hill country.

Next holiday season, travelers will head to Nashville for an Opryland Christmas in November, then plan a day of shopping in the Dallas-Fort Worth Metroplex.

Tours vary in cost from less than \$100 to more than \$3,000. Some require early reservations or deposits paid in advance, and many tours will fill up fast.

Truesdale and Bearden said they aren't sure where they will go this year, but they are excited about the choices. One thing is sure, though: Once they get home, they will update colorful, detailed scrapbooks of their journeys complete with pic-

tures, mementos and brochures from stops along the way.

Anyone is welcome to attend today's showcase, or for more information, call RSVP at 264-2397.

— Debbie L. Jensen

How are we supposed to navigate the new year without a map?

What do you think of when you hear the word "map?" At one time the country with maps of previously uncharted places ruled the world, so to speak. Now that sounds almost funny — there are maps all around us. Most of the time we don't even notice how many there really are.

When I was growing up, travel wasn't as common as it is now. When you did take a trip, unless you were visiting relatives and knew where you were going, you got a roadmap.

Every service (gas) station had plenty of maps for free. They usually had maps of surrounding states, so you could dream of going to new places without spending a cent!

There are lots of kinds of maps. Sometimes blind people will touch your face, commenting they are making a "map" of your face.

When computers were becoming important in our daily lives, "maps" were needed to make the systems run. Now things are different, but on closer examination, virtually everything in our daily lives needs some sort of map.

Medicine uses different forms of x-rays to form maps for surgeons, or those trying to diagnose illnesses.

Probably the most fascinating maps now and in the future will be those of our DNA. Researchers have announced the DNA chain, the so called "string of life" we all have, has been com-

pletely mapped.

Each week they announce another gene breakthrough. Some have been used in babies to change a gene that would bring certain death to a child before the age of 11. Previously couples have been tested for this gene defect, and advised not to have children.

I'm not sure how I feel about this, so I'll just say, I'm reporting it, not editing.



MARY RANDLE

I have a tendency to get lost. One time in Richardson, in a rental car that had two speeds, fast and stop; the rental car suddenly started to speed, and I saw the red lights of a police car in the rear vision mirror.

I got out of the car, saying "I'm so glad to see a policeman, perhaps you can help me find this address." Did I know I was speeding? Evidently they were convinced I was a hardened criminal as they made me put my hands on top of the car. They saw the rental car papers on the seat and calmed down.

To make a very long story short, they couldn't find the house either. So we all went to the nearest 7-Eleven

store, and fortunately a boy about 10 knew exactly where it was. I followed his bicycle to the right place. I didn't get a ticket. I think the police were embarrassed they couldn't find the address either!

Which is probably one reason I am interested in maps of all kinds.

If you watch TV automobile ads, you may have seen the computer maps in cars. Through a satellite, you can have a map of your current position, down to streets and alleys. One setup even guides you with a computer voice guaranteeing you will arrive at your correct destination. Of course we all saw it first in a James Bond "007" movie.

Which brings up a situa-

tion almost every wife has experienced. You and your husband are on a trip in unfamiliar territory, and you both realize you're lost. Does your husband ask for directions? If he does, he is in a minority.

Lost, we once drove around Corpus Christi until we had to stop at a station for gas. Then Adrian casually asked for directions.

This is the beginning of a new year, uncharted territory: Wouldn't it be great if we had a map to guide us, helping us to avoid some of the mistakes we will surely make?

If you find one, will you make me a copy?

Mary Randle writes a monthly column for the Herald.

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WEDDINGS

Petko-Calley

Amanda Rene Petko of Arnold, Mo. and Michael Kevin Calley of Big Spring were wed on Dec. 26, 2000, at the Dora Roberts Community Center Lake Room with Justice of the Peace Bennie Green officiating.

The bride is the daughter of Robert and Tammy Petko Jr. of Imperial, Mo.; and the granddaughter of Robert and Delores Petko, also of Missouri.

The groom is the son of Kevin and Carolyn Calley of Big Spring and Jim and Debby Cook, Midland; he is the grandson of Bob and Arita Calley and Willie and Sylvia Speaker, all of Big Spring.

Following the wedding ceremony, a reception was held at the Lake Room. The wedding cake was two tiers and laced with wine-colored roses.

The bride is a 1997 gradu-



MR. AND MRS. MICHAEL KEVIN CALLEY

ate of Fox High School, Arnold, Mo., who was enlisted in the U.S. Army from 1997 to 2000.

The groom is a 1997 graduate of Big Spring High School and is employed by Broadcast Development Group, Inc., of Austin.

STORK CLUB

Reagan Tamarra Brockman, Dec. 20, 2000, 8:29 a.m., five pounds four ounces and 20 inches long. Parents are Kourtnee Rushin and Lance Brockman, Big Spring; grandparents are Charlene Rushin and Lynn Brockman of Big Spring.

Khayman Mathias Rawls, Dec. 28, 2000, 3:05 p.m., seven pounds 13 ounces and 21 inches long. Parents are Tommy and Patricia Rawls of Big Spring; grandparents are Kay and Dean Rawls and Ann and M.K. Carson, all of Big Spring.

Aryssa Nycole Garcia, Dec. 28, 2000, 9:52 a.m., seven pounds 14 ounces and 19 1/2 inches long. Parents are Tim Garcia and Marissa

Castaneda of Big Spring; grandparents are Connie Castaneda and Reyes Castaneda of Big Spring.

Eve Taylor Martinez, Dec. 27, 2000, 4 p.m., 8 pounds 11.8 ounces and 21 inches long. Parents are Lori Franco and Fidel Martinez Jr. of Big Spring; grandparents are Margie Martinez and Angie Garcia of Big Spring.

Kelsi Dawn Carroll, Dec.

26, 2000, 1:29 p.m., seven pounds nine ounces and 20 inches long. Parents are Steven and Christina Carroll of Coahoma.

Ashlee Myshel Hull, Dec. 28, 2000, 1:33 p.m., six pounds 12 ounces and 19 1/2 inches long. Parents are Jason and Monica Hull of Big Spring; grandparents are Gilbert and Martha Rubio and Rusty Hull and Jan Hannum of Big Spring.

'Survivor' changes location, not formula

'There won't be another Rudy, but there'll be somebody to replace Rudy.'

'Survivor' host Jeff Probst

HERBERT RIVER FALLS, Australia (AP) — Two young women struggle to carry buckets of water across a river on springy plank bridges. Two teams of shirtless men and swimsuit-clad women cheer them on, some wearing orange bandannas emblazoned with kangaroos.

As a helicopter carrying a TV cameraman lifts off to film the scene, a flock of parrots rises, screeching, from a eucalyptus tree.

Welcome to the second "Survivor" — this time set in the deep river canyons and parched earth of north-eastern Australia.

Aside from location, the format of CBS' "Survivor: The Australian Outback" remains nearly identical to that of last summer's megahit, which was filmed on an island near Borneo and was described as "Gilligan's Island" meets "Lord of the Flies."

CBS has no plans to mess with success.

"We have 16 new people and we hope the format works again," host Jeff Probst told The Associated Press on a visit to the set during filming late last year. The visit, in the game's earliest days, was

allowed only after agreeing not to talk to contestants or reveal who was eliminated.

The show debuts Jan. 28, after the Super Bowl.

Probst promised: "There won't be another Rudy, but there'll be somebody to replace Rudy."

Rudy Boesch, the irascible former Navy SEAL, was one of the summer series' stars. He and the others were outplayed in the end by corporate trainer Richard Hatch, who won \$1 million in the season finale. A staggering 51.7 million viewers watched that episode.

In the sequel, the contestants are divided into teams called Ogakor and Kucha, Aboriginal words for freshwater crocodiles and kangaroos. The tribal councils that determine who stays in the hunt for the million-dollar jackpot take place on slippery pink granite at the top of a canyon waterfall.

Details of the "challenge" competitions are closely guarded secrets, but it's a good bet there will be more bug-eating, and perhaps

throwing the boomerang.

The dynamic promises to be different if only because the contestants have seen the first series and know what strategies were tried.

"It means nobody has an advantage," Probst said. "In the first show, alliances were the big thing. Now they are a part of the show. The problem is, you can't trust them now."

The teams camp on the sandy banks of the sluggish, brown Herbert River, about 90 miles southwest of the coastal city of Cairns.

"Their main source of food is the river," said Rob Porter, the crew's "Bush Tucker Man." (Bush Tucker is an Australian term for food found in the wild.)

"They have to brush up their fishing skills," Porter said. "If they do that, they'll live like kings."

But while nature can be bountiful in Australia, not all of it is friendly.

Many trees and leaves, "if not downright poisonous, are certainly not palatable," said Adrian Cohen, the

show's doctor.

"A lot of people think these contestants are getting food on the side but they're not. These people will lose a lot of weight," he said in his small portable clinic, which contains enough high-tech medical equipment to make an episode of "ER."

"We do provide vitamin supplements — we don't think malnutrition makes good TV. Certainly we don't want somebody forced out of the game by some nutritional thing."

Native snakes include one of the world's most lethal: the taipan. And although man-eating, saltwater crocodiles are safely on the other side of the 400-foot Herbert River Falls, there are plenty of smaller, freshwater crocs, which bite if provoked.

Despite the efforts to keep out intruders, a number of photographers and others flew over the area in helicopters during filming — one man even claimed to have thrown candy and chocolates.

Various Web sites devoted to "Survivor" printed the contestants' names before CBS unveiled them Thursday, although most said they wouldn't publish the winner's name.

HUMANE SOCIETY



Pictured is Lillybell - Grey, tabby, DSH, 2 year old female, spayed.

Special Note: All dogs and cats presently available for adoption at the shelter have received their vaccinations, including rabies.

Other cats available at the shelter for adoption include: Sweetheart - Black and white, 1 year old, female, spayed.

Luther - Black, DSH, 1 year old, male, neutered.

Blackberry - Black, DSH, 1 year old, male, neutered.

Maria - Black, DSH, 1 year old, female, spayed.

Felix - Black and white, DSH, 1 year old, male, neutered.

Tom - Black, 9 months, male, neutered.

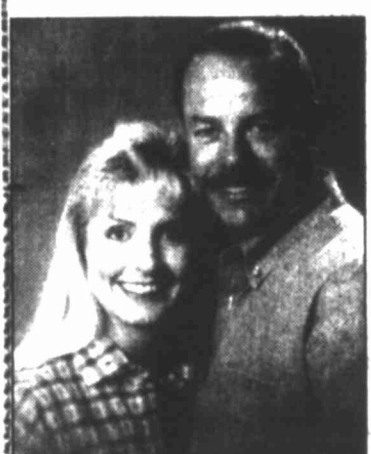
Lightening - Black and white, 9 months, male, neutered.

Jumper - Brown, tabby, 9 months, male, neutered.

Gracie - Soft gray and white, 2 years old, female, spayed.

These, plus many more dogs and cats are awaiting adoption. Adoption fees for dogs are just \$60, for pure-bred dogs \$100 and cats are \$60. 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.

GETTING ENGAGED



Laura Thompson of Coahoma and Russell Davidson of Big Spring, formerly of Weidman, Mich., will exchange wedding vows on May 12, 2001, at Coahoma Methodist Church with Wanda Hill officiating.

She is the daughter of David and Charlotte Lee of Lincoln, N.M. He is the son of Edward and Lucy Davidson of Tucson, Ariz.

IN THE MILITARY

Heath Evans went to Marine Corps boot camp on Parris Island, S.C., on Aug. 6, 2000. He was an honor graduate of Platoon 3089 on Nov. 3 with a meritorious promotion to private first class.



EVANS

He then went to Marine combat training in Jacksonville, N.C., for 17 days. He is now in Pensacola, Fla., on the Naval airstation for MOS school aviation electronics 6300.

Contestants talk tough in pre-filming interviews

NEW YORK (AP) — Place your bets: Will it be the Harvard Law School student, the Army intelligence officer or maybe a couple of bartenders?

They are among the 16 contestants in the Australian edition of CBS' "Survivor" game. The network, banging the drumbeat of publicity for the show's Jan. 28 debut, unveiled the new cast on Thursday.

Time will tell if any make as indelible an impression as Richard Hatch, the fat naked guy who took home \$1 million by winning the first game this summer, or his cranky co-conspirator, Rudy Boesch.

"I won't be bringing my handcuffs," one new contestant, Maralyn Hershey, a 51-year-old retired police officer from Wakefield, Va., said in an interview that aired Thursday on the CBS "Early Show." "I think primarily it's going to be mental skills."

Hershey, who spoke months ago before going off to play the game, now already knows her fate. The series was filmed at a desolate location near the Herbert River in northeastern Australia. CBS, as it

successfully did for "Survivor" last summer, is going to extraordinary lengths to keep the results a secret.

Other contestants also talked tough, like 40-year-old Keith Famie, a chef from West Bloomfield, Mich.

"All of us who are playing have some degree of confidence," he said. "This game is not for the meek and mild."

The first "Survivor" finale was the television event of 2000, drawing 51.7 million viewers in normally sleepy August.

After its debut immediately following the Super Bowl, the second "Survivor" will air mostly on Thursdays at 7 p.m. CT through April.

Besides Hershey and Famie, the contestants are: —Rodger Bingham, 53, a teacher and farmer from Crittenden, Ky.

—Amber Brkich, 22, an administrative assistant from Beaver, Pa.

—Nick Brown, 23, a

Harvard Law School student originally from San Francisco.

—Alicia Calaway, 32, a personal trainer from New York City.

—Colby Donaldson, 26, an auto customizer from Christoval, Texas, now living in Dallas.

—Debb Eaton, 45, a corrections officer from Berlin, N.H.

—Elisabeth Filarski, 23, a footwear designer from Providence, R.I., currently living in Newton, Mass.

—Kel Gleason, 32, an Army intelligence officer from Murphysboro, Ill., now living in Ft. Hood, Texas.

—Kimmi Kappenberg, 28, a bartender and freelance production assistant from Long Island, N.Y.

—Jerri Manthey, 30, an aspiring actress and bartender living in Los Angeles.

—Mitchell Olson, 23, a singer-songwriter from Vermillion, S.D., now living in Union City, N.J.

—Michael Skupin, 38, a software publisher and distributor from Farmington Hills, Mich., now living in White Lake, Mich.

—Jeff Varner, 34, an Internet project manager from Greensboro, N.C., now living in New York City.

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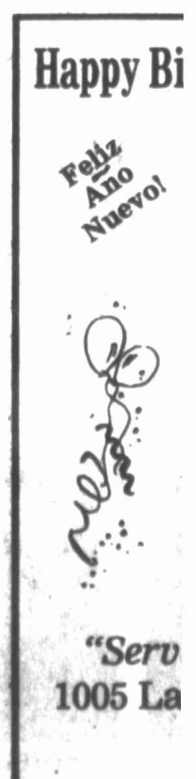
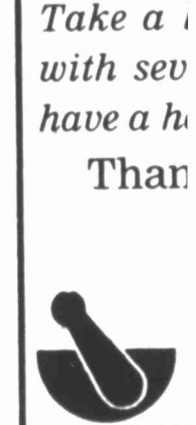
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Even big, tough Chicago fed up with snowy winter

CHICAGO (AP) — It's cold and snowy in Chicago. What else is new, right?

But even some of the tough residents of the City of the Big Shoulders are grumbling after a December that was the snowiest on record — with more than 40 inches — and one of the coldest, too. And it's only January.

"If this keeps up, I'm really going to be ticked off," Derek Smith said as he scraped mounds of snow off his car.

After three relatively mild winters for Chicago, snowbanks are piled high. Sidewalks and alleys have been turned into icy, rutted obstacle courses. Cars are zigzagging down city streets to dodge weather-induced potholes.

Anti downtown workers are dodging ice falling from skyscrapers.

And don't even get Todd Schorer started on the time-honored but illegal practice of using everything from lawn chairs and lumber to

oversized stuffed animals to reserve shoveled-out parking spots.

"I don't like it. But I can't talk about it. I'm sure it'll make somebody mad," Schorer said.

The snow is also causing more serious problems.

On Tuesday, a 71-year-old Wilmette man died of head injuries after he fell from a ladder while trying to clear snow from his roof. He was probably trying to prevent "ice damming," which happens when snow melts and refreezes, jamming up gutters and causing water to seep into homes.

The problem has gotten so bad that insurance companies have set up special offices to handle increased claims.

While only a few inches of snow had fallen by this time last year, the city Department of Streets and Sanitation — which has an annual snow-removal budget of \$18 million — has already spent \$22 million this season.

ON THE MENU

SENIOR CITIZENS CENTER

MONDAY-Enchiladas, rice, beans, salad, milk/cornbread, fruit.

TUESDAY-Meatloaf, potatoes, mixed vegetables, salad, milk/rolls, cake.

WEDNESDAY-Charbroiled steak, rice, broccoli & cheese, spinach salad, milk/rolls, pudding.

THURSDAY-Pork chops, sweet potatoes, green beans, salad, milk/rolls, fruit.

FRIDAY-Roast, potatoes, peas & carrots, salad, milk/rolls, fruit.

BIG SPRING ISD

MONDAY-Corn dog, green beans, potato rounds, rosy applesauce, milk.

TUESDAY-Oven fried chicken, mashed potatoes, english peas, peach cup, hot roll, milk.

WEDNESDAY-Chicken fajitas, spanish rice, pinto beans, grapes, tortilla, milk.

THURSDAY-Corn chip pie, glazed carrots, spiced

apples, cherry freeze bar, milk.

FRIDAY-Hamburger, salad, french fries, border beans, lemon pie, milk.

GARDEN CITY SCHOOLS MONDAY-Pizza, corn, salad, cake.

TUESDAY-Chicken spaghetti, mixed veggies, hot rolls, cookie.

WEDNESDAY-Nachos, salad, fruit, salsa

THURSDAY-Bar B Q on bun, chips sliced pickles, fruit, cookie.

FRIDAY-Ham croissant, tater tots, apples, brownie.

SANDS SCHOOLS

MONDAY-Sandwiches, beef & vegetable soup, potato chips, ice cream, milk.

TUESDAY-Roast beef w/gravy, slice potatoes, blackeye peas, hot rolls, fruit, milk.

WEDNESDAY-Beef & cheese taco, pinto beans, salad, cornbread, pudding, milk.

THURSDAY-Fried chicken, green beans, mashed potatoes/gravy, jello, hot rolls, milk.

FRIDAY-NO SCHOOL

COAHOMA SCHOOLS MONDAY-BBQ beef on bun (corn dogs), tater tots, pickle spears, pears, milk.

TUESDAY-Chicken spaghetti (toasted cheese sandwich), peas, bread, peaches, milk.

WEDNESDAY-Steak fingers (chili dogs), green beans, creamed potatoes, jello w/fruit, rolls, milk.

THURSDAY-HOLIDAY FRIDAY-HOLIDAY

ELBOW ELEMENTARY MONDAY-Pizza, corn, salad, fruit, milk.

TUESDAY-Chili & beans, salad/cheese, fruit, crackers, milk.

WEDNESDAY-Sweet/sour chicken, brown rice, egg roll/milk, stir fry veggies, fortune cookie.

THURSDAY-Hamburger, fries, salad, pickle, milk.

FRIDAY-Turkey & noodles, pea salad, fruit, crackers, milk.

FORSAN ISD MONDAY-Chicken pot pie, salad/cheese wedge, corn,

fruit, milk.

TUESDAY-Chili cheese Fritos, ranch style beans, slud, cookies, fruit, milk.

WEDNESDAY-Bar B Que sandwich, salad, chips, peaches/creme, milk.

THURSDAY-Fish sandwiches, french fries, slaw, cinnamon rolls, milk.

FRIDAY-Chicken nuggets, whipped potatoes, green beans, hot rolls, jello/fruit, milk.

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MONDAY - Bean burrito, hot dog on bun, corn, vegetable sticks, ranch dressing, pears.

TUESDAY - Country fried steak, meatloaf, whole potatoes, spinach, fruit cocktail, rolls.

WEDNESDAY - Nachos with ground beef, chef salad, refried beans, lettuce and tomato, pineapple chunks, cornbread, jalapenos.

THURSDAY - Steak fingers, grilled cheese, french fries, vegetable sticks, orange, cinnamon cookie.

FRIDAY - NO SCHOOL, STAFF DEVELOPMENT.

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Texas attorney general sues Exxon Mobil for "tens of millions"

AUSTIN (AP) — Exxon Mobil Corp., the world's largest publicly traded oil company, owes Texas "tens of millions of dollars" for stealing oil and gas owned by the state, Texas Attorney General John Cornyn charged in a lawsuit.

The Irving-based company and its predecessors have been pumping oil and natural gas from under about 50 acres of state highway land in the East Texas town of Hawkins for more than 25 years without paying royalties, Cornyn said.

"We are accusing them of stealing oil and gas owned by the state

of Texas," Cornyn said at a press conference. "They acted like the state of Texas did not exist."

In a statement, Exxon Mobil called Cornyn's claims "groundless," and said it would vigorously defend itself.

The company said it had briefly discussed the royalty issue with state officials in 1996 but never heard back from them.

"It appears that we must now add officials of the State of Texas to the growing list of litigious public officials more interested in headlines than meaningful resolution to business matters," the

company said.

Exxon Mobil added that it doesn't know of any producing wells pumping under the state highway tract.

The lawsuit was filed in U.S. District Court in Houston. Cornyn said the state's exact loss can't be determined until company records are examined.

Cornyn said he is unsure of the value of the state's oil and gas in the Wood County field, about 100 miles east of Dallas. He said he based the estimated loss of "tens of millions of dollars" on records from the Texas Railroad

Commission.

The alleged shortchanging was discovered by Tom Jamison, a former Coleman County landman — someone who checks deeds and makes deals for mineral rights on land where oil companies want to drill — while he was surveying the land, Cornyn said.

Jamison told state Rep. Bob Turner, D-Coleman, who took the case to Cornyn in 1999.

Under state law, Jamison could get up to 5 percent of any money the state recovers from Exxon Mobil, Cornyn said.

In the 1930s, the state acquired

mineral rights under many tracts destined to become highways. In 1974, Exxon Mobil's predecessors obtained permission from the Texas Railroad Commission to drill along a highway in Wood County in an area known as the Hawkins Field and promised to compensate mineral-rights holders, Cornyn said.

But, Cornyn charged, the companies drilled wells too close to state land and extracted state-owned oil and gas without permission. The drilling was done by Exxon Mobil predecessors Standard Oil, Humble Oil and Exxon.

Livestock show set this week

The annual Howard County Junior Livestock Show will be held this week. Approximately 400 animals will be exhibited by Howard County 4-H and FFA junior exhibitors.

The primary purpose of involving these Howard County youth, from 9 years old to 18 years old, is to teach them lifelong skills that will enhance themselves as individuals once they reach adulthood.

These animal projects are utilized by their respective advisors to teach responsibility, financial management, record keeping, work ethics, and sportsmanship, as well as other skills, such as animal health issues, feeding and nutrition and many others.

Many of these youth have had these animal projects on feed for six to 12 months. The Howard County Junior Livestock Show will be the payoff for many of their projects.

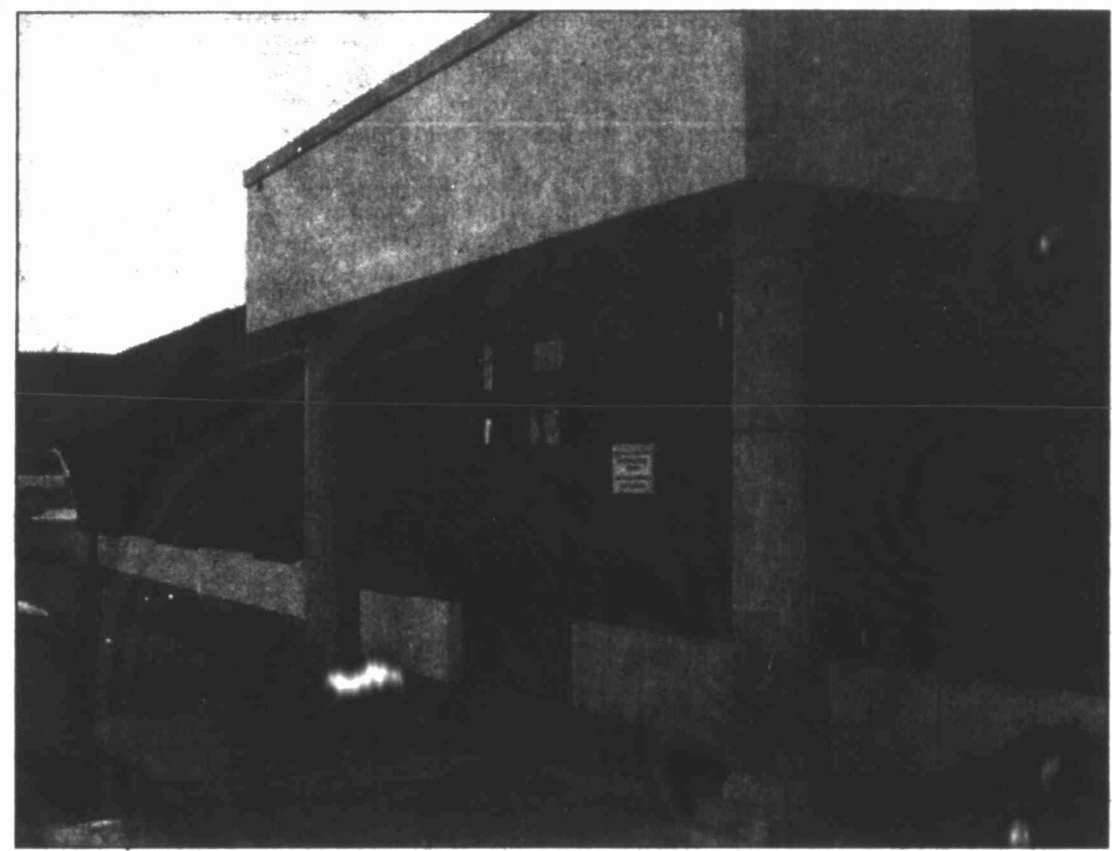
- Wednesday, Jan. 10, 2001 — 3 p.m. — Lamb Show followed by Goat Show.
- Thursday, Jan. 11, 2001 — 6 p.m. — Fryer Rabbit Show.
- Friday, Jan. 12, 2001 — 8:30 a.m. — Barrow Show followed by Pee Wee Pig Show. 3 p.m. — Heifer Show followed by Steer Show.
- Saturday, Jan. 13 — 11:30 a.m. — Buyer Appreciation Luncheon. 1 p.m. — Awards Program. 1:30 p.m. — Premium Auction Sale.

The Howard County Junior Livestock Show will conclude with the Junior Livestock Sale for the youth of Howard County. Anyone would like to attend is welcome. The meal will be at 11:30 a.m. on Saturday and sale will begin at 1 p.m. at the Howard County Fairgrounds in Big Spring.

(David Kight is Howard County Extension Agent — Agriculture.)



DAVID KIGHT



The Big Spring Banking Center, located at 1500 Gregg Street, is nearing the end of a major expansion project, almost doubling the existing square footage. Work is around 90 percent complete and should be finished by Feb. 1.

Stephens to join Malone & Hogan

By CARL GRAHAM
Staff Writer

After three years of successful practice in Big Spring, Dr. Michael D. Stephens has announced that he has joined the staff of Covenant Malone & Hogan Clinic.



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He will remain at the current location, 1605 W. 11th Place, until the end of this month. At that time he will relocate his practice to 1501 W. 11th Place.

The Vancouver, Canada, native said that he is glad to

be a part of the community and plans on being here for a while.

"I really enjoy being here in Texas," said Stephens. "Me and my wife, Pam, who is the advisor for the Senior Circle group, have bought a home here and intend on staying here in Big Spring for at least five more years."

Stephens signed a contract that will take him through the year 2006.

"We are both active in community events and Pam keeps busy in the Senior Circle organization," said Stephens. "We are glad to be a part of Covenant Malone & Hogan Clinic and are looking forward to many years of partnership with them."

Stephens said he is excit-

ed about the transition.

"This is a very exciting change for me with new opportunities available through Covenant Malone & Hogan Clinic," said Stephens. "I believe this will be a positive experience for my patients as well as giving the same individual care that we have delivered in the past. I look forward to continuing to serve and provide my patients with the highest quality of care possible."

Stephens, who specializes in family practice, began his medical education at the University of Guelph in Canada, where he received two national scholarships and earned his bachelor of

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Southern Mesa Conference coming

HERALD Staff Report

LAMESA — Policies affecting agriculture and management practices for key crops will be the primary features of the Southern Mesa Agricultural Conference, planned here Jan. 15.

A wide range of speakers is scheduled for producers, who can earn five continuing education units (CEUs) by attending.

"A director result of producer-requested educational programming, the Southern Mesa Agricultural Conference will focus on

regulations and policies affecting Texas agriculture as well as the best management practices for cotton, grain sorghum and peanut production," said John Farris, extension agent for Dawson County.

The program will also feature information on the latest production technology for crop production, insect control and weed control. Risk management and production outlooks will be discussed and producers will have the opportunity to discuss their experiences with experts, specialists and other growers.

Producers will also be

able to visit commercial booths throughout the day.

Speakers will include Shawn Davis with the Texas Department of Agriculture; Dr. Wayne Keeling, Texas Agricultural Experiment Station; Drs. Randy Boman, Calvin Trostle and Peter Dotray with the Texas Agricultural Extension Service; Chad Hobbs, specialist with the Texas Agricultural Extension Service; Dr. Charles Allen, program director of the Texas Boll Weevil Eradication Foundation; and extension agents Farris

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Big Spring State Hospital employees recognized in annual awards

HERALD Staff Report

Ten employees received annual awards at Big Spring State Hospital in December. The awards are comparable to employee of the year awards given by other businesses.

They were:

Melissa Adams, a rehabilitation teacher in the Activities Therapy Department for the past 12 years;

Sheridan Anderson, program administrator for operations and marketing;

Maria Brito, assistant director of community rela-

tions;

Katherine Joan Gent, rehabilitation Mental Health Retardation service supervisor;

Betsy Land, administrative secretary;

Janet Scott, medical services secretary;

Elisa Silva, licensed voca-

tional nurse in rehabilitation;

Donna Smith, youth shift team leader;

Andrea Winn, RN, RNC, with rehabilitative psychiatric services;

Jaime Sotelo, vocational rehabilitation counselor.

The Friend of the Hospital

award, given to individuals who have made a significant contribution to benefit patients, was presented to volunteers Gale Pittman, owner and operator of Gale's Sweet Shoppe, and Betty Lee, who has logged more than 1,100 hours for patients.



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Promotions

Herald announces changes in circulation, mail room department

HERALD Staff Report

Two promotions in the circulation department and one in the mail room department have been announced by Herald publisher John H. Walker.

Angie Worley, Herald circulation office manager since October 1999, has been named circulation manager while customer service representative Juanita Valdez has been named office manager.

In addition, Conrad Mezick has been named mail room supervisor at the newspaper.

"Angie, Juanita and Conrad are all valuable employees of the Herald and we're pleased that we had the quality of employees that allowed us to fill three key positions from within," Walker said.

Worley first joined the newspaper in October 1999 from the El Paso Times, where she spent five years in billing and accounts payable in the finance office.

She and her husband, James, have two children — Timothy, a freshman at Big Spring High School and Crystal, a sixth-grade student at Goliad Elementary School. They attend First Baptist Church.

Worley will be responsible for the day-to-day operations in the circulation department and replaces Jeremy Westerfield, who resigned to return to his native Indiana.

Valdez joined the newspaper on Oct. 5, 2000, as customer service representative and is a 1999 graduate of Big Spring High School. She was a member of the first-ever UIL softball team at BSHS and was a three-year member of the volleyball team.

She and her husband, Brodie Dunn, are parents of a 1-year-old son, Jordan, and attend Immaculate Heart of Mary Church.

Valdez will coordinate the day-to-day office operations of the circulation department, including customer service and working with carriers and customers.

Mezick first joined the



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Herald as a mail room inserter in June 1990 and was promoted to a circulation department district manager's position before returning to the mail room as supervisor in April 1995.

In June 1999, he resigned to accept a position with the Hobbs, N.M., News-Sun before returning to the Herald in October 1999.

Mezick will coordinate the mail room operations of the newspaper, which includes the inserting of advertising supplements, American Profile magazine and the Sunday comics.

In a reorganization of duties, Walker also announced that production/press manager Tony Hernandez will have responsibility over the mail room.

"All of the the departments at a newspaper have to come together for everything to work," Walker explained.

"The mail room is the last stop in the building before the newspaper heads out the back door with the carriers on the way to the subscribers.

"It's the point where the efforts of the advertising, editorial, production and press departments come together and circulation takes over to ensure prompt home delivery of the only newspaper in the world that cares about Big Spring, Howard County and the Crossroads of West Texas."

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- Barraza, Alicia, 1501 Wood, Big Spring
- Batchelor, Dana, 2300 S. Eight No. 24, Lamesa
- Beck, Linda, 1713 Worley Rd. Banner Elk, N.C.
- Benton, Forest E., 3304 W. Highway No. 15, Big Spring
- Brown, Jason, 1510 Johnson, Big Spring
- Bowen, Pennie G., 1811 SE 18th, Mineral Wells
- Bullard, James 202 Fourth, Palestine
- Calcutt, Gloria, 1104 N. Bell or 1011 N. Scurry, Big Spring
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- Cardona, Talana, 2300 S. Eight No. 60, Lamesa
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- Chavera, Arnulfo Jr., 1810 Middle, Big Spring
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- Cobb, Melissa, P.O. Box 812, Coahoma
- Cole, Glen Dale, P.O. Box 877, Coahoma
- Connolly, John C., P.O. Box 305, Texhoma, Okla.
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- Elliott, Amy, 408 Sleepy Top, Glenn Heights
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- Thompson, Robert Gene, 108 E. Robinson Rd., Big Spring
- Timmerman, Angela M., 5280 Professional Dr., Apt. 347, Wichita Falls
- Tyron, Evangeline, 406 E. Cedary, Midland
- Valle, Jose Olger, 1605, Glenwood Dr., Midland
- Vasquez, Judy, 1907 N. Seventh, Lamesa
- Villafraanco, Felisa, 301 E. Peck, Midland
- Wirges, Joseph A. IV, 53893 Way N., Bloomfield, Nev.
- Yanez, Eva Carrasco, 1408 Oriole or 1616 Mesquite, Big Spring

Howard County Clerk's Office:

Marriage Licenses:

- Ronnie Dustin Osborn, 20, Nashville, Tenn. and Amy Nicole Currie, 20, Big Spring.
- John Edwin Sanders, 22, and Betty Pacheco, 29, both of Big Spring
- Matthew Lee Mills, 26, Big Spring and Cody Alissa Dodson, 22, Sweetwater
- Thomas Windson Fletcher, 47, Big Spring and Marguerite Bishop Hagood, 50, Odessa.

County Court Filings:

- Divorce
- Lara Jo Turman vs. Zack Monroe Turman
- Deborah Ann Forrest vs. Mark Keith Forrest
- Jessica Lezlee Pirkle vs. Kevin Lee Pirkle
- Maria Chavarria vs. Esequiel Chavarria
- Tonya Graves vs. Michael Graves
- Amelia Collins vs. Carlos Estandisado Ovalle, family
- WFS Financial Services, Inc., FKA Westcorp Financial Services, Inc. vs. Charles Harvath and Emma Harvath, anc.
- Patterson Tubular Services, Inc. vs. Freecom, Inc., et al, ido
- T&P Federal Credit Union vs. Manuel B. Hernandez Jr., anc
- Sarah J. Salisbury vs. Jerry Andrew Bethel, idm
- Garland and Jane Armstrong vs. Ken Lee Hunt, idm

Warranty Deed

- Grantor: Chaminade Capital Corp.
- Grantee: Heather Apts., L.P.
- Property: 2.81 acre of Sec. 31, blk 33, Township 1-North, T&P Ry. Co.
- Date filed: Dec. 18, 2000
- Grantor: Alice N. Ballentine
- Grantee: Betty A. Arviao
- Property: 1505 Chickasaw
- Date filed: Dec. 18, 2000
- Grantor: Hailing Horsman
- Grantee: Jerry C. Heatley
- Property: Lot 11, blk 34, College Park Estates
- Date filed: Dec. 11, 2000
- Grantor: Craig and Jackie Olson
- Grantee: Chuck Rosenbaum
- Property: Lot 18, blk 5, Stanford Park Addition
- Date filed: Dec. 11, 2000
- Grantor: the Secretary of Veterans Affairs
- Grantee: Jose Julian Rubio
- Property: Lot 12, blk 5, Stanford Park Addition
- Date filed: Dec. 12, 2000
- Grantor: Tony and Brenda Spears
- Grantee: Lee Harris
- Property: Lot 1, blk 5, Washington Addition
- Date filed: Dec. 12, 2000
- Grantor: Vonnie N. and Dorothy E. Downey
- Grantee: Ron Howell
- Property: Lot 17, blk 15, Monticello Addition
- Date filed: Dec. 15, 2000
- Grantor: Douglas D. Lloyd
- Grantee: Douglas D. and Sandra Lloyd
- Property: Lot 1, blk 7, College Park Estates Addition
- Date filed: Dec. 18, 2000
- Grantor: Maria Hogg
- Grantee: Jake Glickman
- Property: Lots 11 and 12, blk 13, Original Town of Big Spring
- Date filed: Dec. 19, 2000
- Grantor: Doyt W. and Irene M. Price
- Grantee: Rebecca Suzanne Smith
- Property: Lot 15 and S/8 of lot 16, blk 3 of Kentwood Addition
- Date filed: Dec. 19, 2000
- Grantor: Mike Nairn
- Grantee: Guadalupe and Mary Lucy Ybarra
- Property: Lot 12, blk 6, Hall Addition
- Date filed: Dec. 20, 2000
- Grantor: Wendell McInroe
- Grantee: Barbara Hipp
- Property: Lot 8, blk 18, Kentwood Unit No. 2
- Date filed: Dec. 20, 2000
- Grantor: Marcellous Weaver
- Grantee: Robert H. Moore III
- Property: Blk 114, 115, Original Town of Big Spring
- Date filed: Dec. 22, 2000
- Grantor: Ellis W. and Janelle Britton
- Grantee: Robert H. Moore III
- Property: East 90 of lot 5 and the North 12 of East 90 of lot 6, blk 64, Original Town of Big Spring and the W/50 of Lots 5 and 6, blk 64 of Original Town of Big Spring
- Date filed: Dec. 22, 2000
- Grantor: Vikki Estes
- Grantee: Barbara Moore
- Property: Lot 1, blk 8, North Bellvue Addition
- Date filed: Dec. 27, 2000
- Grantor: Thomas C. and Gwyn Dunnam
- Grantee: Troy Koenig
- Property: SE/4 of sec. 33, in blk 32, T1N, T&P Ry. Co.
- Date filed: Dec. 28, 2000
- Grantor: Marva A. and Jimmy R. Sherrod
- Grantee: Eva Lewis
- Property: Lot 2, blk 7, Stanford Park Addition
- Date filed: Dec. 28, 2000
- Grantor: Robert and Ronda Doe
- Grantee: Latoya Banks
- Property: Lot 5, blk 5, Avion Village Addition

Warranty deed with vendors lien

- Grantor: Billy M. Bowers
- Grantee: Pamela McMillan
- Property: SE/4 of sec 41, blk 32, T1N, T&P Ry. Co.
- Date filed: Dec. 28, 2000
- Grantor: Robert and Ronda Doe
- Grantee: Latoya Banks
- Property: Lot 5, blk 5, Avion Village Addition

- Date filed: Dec. 28, 2000
- Grantor: George W. and Delores Berringer
- Grantee: Joyce W. Smith
- Property: Lot 10, blk 5, College Park Estates
- Date filed: Dec. 27, 2000
- Grantor: Chuck Rosenbaum
- Grantee: Gaylon Knowlton
- Property: Lot 18, blk 5, Stanford Park Addition
- Date filed: Dec. 21, 2000
- Grantor: Jerry A. and Bonnie S. Brockman
- Grantee: Gary B. and Rebecca S. Pritchett
- Property: Lots 28, 29, 30, 31, 32, blk 22, Original Town of Coahoma
- Date filed: Dec. 21, 2000
- Grantor: Joe A. and Brenda Kay Clark
- Grantee: William T. Crow
- Property: Lot 2, blk 21, College Park Estates
- Date filed: Dec. 15, 2000
- Grantor: Costatex, Inc.
- Grantee: Nancy Vasquez
- Property: SW/4, blk 37, College Heights Addition
- Date filed: Dec. 18, 2000
- Grantor: Maria Elena Claveran and Willie Jimenez
- Grantee: Antonio and Maria Louisa Zavala
- Property: The South 100 feet of Lot 5, blk 1, George Bauer Addition
- Date filed: Dec. 14, 2000
- Grantor: Michael M. and Mary I. Homma
- Grantee: Bobby and Ann Lisko
- Property: Lot 4 and part of lot 5, blk 7, Washington Place
- Date filed: Dec. 11, 2000
- Grantor: Cameo Investments, Inc., Harry R. Deter, President
- Grantee: Jeffrey and Henrietta Haechten
- Property: Lots 22 and 23, blk 19, Monticello Addition
- Date filed: Dec. 13, 2000

Padre Island heirs sued by lawyer for oil rights

BROWNSVILLE (AP) — Just months after he was branded a swindler, Gilbert Kerlin has sued a Mexican-American border dynasty. The aging New York lawyer filed a lawsuit against the Balli family, in a state court in Kleburg County. His lawyers say Kerlin, 90, is moving to protect his millions from any more claims that might arise from Padre Island's blurred history. In August, an all-Latino jury in Cameron County decided Kerlin cheated 300 Ballis out of their rightful slice of Padre Island oil profits. Kerlin's lawyers say the historical verdict left the millionaire vulnerable to lawsuits from other heirs of Juan Jose Balli, the island's 19th century owner. "There's lots and lots of people related to these folks," Kerlin lawyer Horacio Barrera said. "Rather than wait around and get sued, we just picked another county to protect ourselves." The lawsuit asks the court to declare the Balli stake in Padre Island invalid. Balli lawyer Tom McCall says Kerlin's lawsuit is calculated to "cut the legs off our judgment." In a Friday hearing, the Ballis asked Judge Pat McDowell to freeze the Kleburg County lawsuit. McDowell did not issue an

injunction, but asked the lawyers to return for a second hearing February 19. In the meantime, McCall said, the Ballis will ask the 13th Court of Appeals to halt Kerlin's lawsuit. "He's trying to go back in time," McCall said. "If you don't get the result you wanted from one court, you go running off to another court hoping to do better." Kerlin arrived in Brownsville in 1938, a young lawyer fresh out of Harvard. He was on a mission for his uncle, who had a hunch he might strike oil beneath the sands of Padre Island. Kerlin was instructed to find the Balli heirs and buy their stake in the desolate beaches. The young Kerlin bought the titles, and promised to share with the family any money from oil pumped from the island. But the Ballis never heard from Kerlin again. As the years went by, the prominent family slid into poverty. The Ballis' victory resonated with thousands of Mexican-Americans who believe their ancestors were cheated out of land by Anglo settlers. Kerlin says the Ballis had no real claim to Padre Island in the 1930s, and that he was duped into buying worthless deeds. His lawsuit, filed in December, echoes that argument.

Texas exports jump 27 percent during first nine months of 2000

AUSTIN (AP) — Texas exports jumped 27 percent to \$82.7 billion in the first nine months of 2000, the biggest gain in six years, according to the Texas Department of Economic Development. Electronics, industrial machinery and chemicals were the leading exports, according to a report issued by the department Thursday. Texas' gain was nearly double the 14 percent increase in overall U.S. exports during the same period last year, the department said. "This report is evidence of the phenomenal economic growth that Texas has experienced throughout the

largest export market, Canada. Exports of electronic equipment and components increased 42 percent to \$22.1 billion, or more than one-fourth of Texas' total in the first nine months of 2000. Industrial machinery and computers accounted for \$14.5 billion in sales, and chemicals totaled \$12.2 billion, the department said. The department said it calculated the figures from data compiled by the U.S. Census Bureau and the Massachusetts Institute for Social and Economic Research. Exporters complete Census Bureau forms on the origin and movement of goods.

year," said Jeff Moseley, executive director of the economic development department. Mexico remained easily the largest foreign market for Texas goods and services, accounting for \$38.3 billion in exports, or 46 percent of the total, during the 9-month period, the department said. In percentage terms, the biggest jump was in exports to Asia, which rose 57 percent, the department said. Exports to Japan jumped 73 percent to \$3.4 billion, and exports to Taiwan rose 57 percent, also to \$3.4 billion, the department said. Imports to Mexico rose 31 percent and rose only 12 percent for Texas' second-

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and Tommy Doederlein. The conference will begin at 8 a.m. in the Dawson County Annex Building, 609 North First Street. The registration fee is \$15 if paid by Jan. 11 and includes technical sessions, a door prize ticket, lunch, refreshments, educational materials and access to exhibits. After Jan. 11 the fee will be \$20. The program is sponsored by the extension services in Dawson, Borden, Scurry, Mitchell, Lynn and Garza counties and registration forms are available at each

of those offices. Registration forms and fees, made payable to "Dawson County Ag Fund," should be sent to the Dawson County Extension office at P.O. Box 1268, Lamesa 79331. Five CEUs will be provided for private, commercial and non-commercial applicators for attendance to the conference. STEPHENS Continued from Page 4B science. His medicine degree is from the

University of Western Ontario, after which he complete post-graduate work at the University of British Columbia. His clinical experience includes emergency medicine, pediatrics, geriatrics and family medicine. He completed his certification in the Canadian College of Family Practitioners. "Please do not hesitate to contact my office with any questions you may have about our move," said Stephens. Stephens can be reached at 264-1100 through the end of January and 267-6361 after.



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20 Sturdy drinking cup
21 Welty and others
23 Level
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27 Florida islands
28 Actor Davis
30 Leave the Union
32 Volume identifier
34 Delineators
38 Victorian or Edwardian, e.g.
39 Scarlet or crimson
41 Multipurpose car: abbr.
42 Guys
43 Watchman
46 Lapis
48 Evidences a response
50 Dinner course
51 Sewer segment
54 Golden-touch king
56 Head
57 Cooked with dry heat
59 Ear-like projection
61 Can metal
62 Make one
63 Serving to instruct
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67 Goes, gets and brings back
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5 Single thing
6 Put out of working order
7 Proverbs
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9 Concentrated substances
10 Roe source
11 Sinatra's birthplace
12 Accustom
13 Repeat oneself
14 Shock or lock
22 Beneficial
24 Chest bone
26 Writer Buntline
29 Spooky
31 Prima donnas
33 Select a pseudonym
35 Equal by imitation
36 Family membe.
37 Malicious sarcasm
40 Judges
44 Sewhorse
45 Inc. in Blackpool
47 Video-game shot
49 Pay tribute to
51 Bluenose
52 Ancient Greek colony
53 Buckets
55 One of Bolivia's capitals
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60 Way of moving
64 Dawn lawn layer
65 Half a score

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3 BR 1 bath, 2202 Runnels. Call 267-3841 or 270-7309.

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Star Hospice Director of Nursing for Hospice Program; Star Hospice is looking for an experienced individual in hospice services to lead our program as Director of Nursing. Minimum of 4 years of hospice services required. Management experience a plus. Based out of Odessa, we are an organization providing home health, medical equipment, out patient rehab services.

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HOROSCOPE

HAPPY BIRTHDAY for Saturday, Jan. 6, 2001:

You have unusual energy and get-up-and-go. Once you focus on a goal, it is as good as done. Others find your sense of direction remarkable. You also have an unusually creative way of making money. Your sixth sense plays into your decisions. If you are single, you could meet someone through your work this spring. It will be fall before you are in a full-blown relationship. If you are attached, you work well with your sweetie, making quite the team. Plan on doing something you both want to do 'til fall.

ARIES (March 21-April 19)
**** Make calls. You go way overboard with others, but that makes you happy. Don't minimize another's importance in the whole scheme of things. Reach out for another. Indulge someone who might be very special to you. Discussion establishes common ground. Tonight: Movie and dinner.

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LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22)
**** Work on understanding another. Not everything is as you think it is. Loosen up a little and become more experimental. Your perspective changes because of a willingness to talk through a problem. Your libido feeds your imagination. Tonight: Anything is possible.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21)
**** One-on-one relating takes you in a new direction. Be more willing to discuss what is on your mind. Dote on an older relative or family member. Doors open up as you make the impossible possible. Congratulate yourself for breaking past a barrier. Tonight: Let the good times roll.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21)
**** Others run with the ball. You might feel a bit indulgent or lazy. Let it all happen. You are in a position to pick and choose what it is that you want. Popularity soars. You have a dream in mind, or a special mission. Tonight: Just don't be alone.

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Drivers in America are spinning out of control

DEAR ABBY: Are America's drivers totally out of control, or am I getting crochety at age 56? Their behavior behind the wheel is deadly at the worst, and scary to say the least.

Seat belts and air bags do not guarantee survival in a crash. Didn't these drivers once know all the road rules so they could pass the driver's test? Almost daily, I see drivers ignoring emergency vehicles, running red lights, jumping green lights, following too close, changing lanes into a space not long enough to parallel park, exceeding speed limits by at least 15 mph, blocking intersections, changing lanes and

entering highways without looking or signaling, and crossing solid yellow and white lines.

The driver who zips through one to five lanes to a freeway exit usually lives in that same county, and should know to get in the proper lane long before the exit. The driver behind me is dangerously close if I cannot see the car's headlights (regular-sized car) or the bumper (SUV/truck) in my rearview mirror.

Driving is a privilege — not a right. — DIANE LAZARUS, CINCINNATI

DEAR DIANE: Right you are. The dangers you have listed result from irresponsibility, a sense of entitlement and just plain rudeness. Add to that people driving drunk, and you have a surefire recipe for disaster. That's why it's important to urge loved ones to drive courteously — and defensively.

ABIGAIL VAN BUREN
A photograph of Abigail Van Buren.

PUBLIC NOTICE
Sole to satisfy landlords lien of furniture, clothes, household and other miscellaneous items of the following tenants now stored at AAA Mini Storage, 3301 East FM 700, Big Spring, Texas:
Della Gonzales
Allen Sherill
Mary Ann Jimenez
Randy Crawford
Debra Heckler

PUBLIC NOTICE
Auction will be to the highest bidder at 7:00 p.m. January 11th, 2001 at Spring City Auction, 2611 West Highway 80, Big Spring, Texas. 3033 December 31, 2000 & January 7, 2001

NOTICE OF INTENT TO REQUEST RELEASE OF FUNDS
City of Big Spring
310 Nolan
Big Spring, Tx 79720
TO: All Interested Agencies, Groups and Persons:
Nine (9) days after this publication, the City of Big Spring, Texas intends to request the Texas Department of Housing and Community Affairs (TDHCA) to release Federal funds under Title I of the Housing and Community Development Act of 1974 (P.L. 93-383) for Project No. 720061.
Excluded Activities
Planning and Engineering Street Construction
Sanitary Sewer Improvements:
The project will involve the replacement or rehabilitation of approximately six thousand six hundred linear feet (6,600 ft) of six-inch (6") and eight-inch (8") sewer lines, reconnect one hundred five (105) sewer connections and rehabilitating twenty-four (24) sewer manholes in the Copeland Addition of the City.
An Environmental Review Record for the proposed project

PUBLIC NOTICE
ject has been made by the City of Big Spring which documents the environmental review of the project. The Environmental Review Record is on file at the Office of Community Development, City of Big Spring, 310 Nolan, Big Spring, Texas 79720, and is available for public examination and copying upon request between the hours of 8:00 a.m. and 4:30 p.m., Monday through Friday.
Public Comments on Findings
All interested agencies, groups and persons, disagreeing with this decision are invited to submit written comments for consideration by the City of Big Spring to the address as set forth above. Such written comments must be received at the address specified within eight (8) days after this publication. All such comments received will be considered and the City of Big Spring will not request the release of funds or take administrative action on the project prior to the date specified in the preceding sentence.
Release of Funds
The City of Big Spring will undertake the activities described above with Community Development Block Grant funds under Title I from its Program Year 2000 under grant numbered #220061 from the Housing and Community Development Act of 1974. The City of Big Spring is certifying to TDHCA that Mr. Russ McEwen in his official capacity as Mayor, consents to accept the jurisdiction of the Federal Courts if an action is brought to enforce responsibilities in relation to environmental reviews, decision-making and action; and that these responsibilities have been satisfied. The legal effect of the certification is that upon its approval, the City of Big Spring may use the Block Grant funds and it will have satisfied its responsibilities under the National Environmental Policy Act of 1969. TDHCA will accept an objection to its approval only on one or more of the basis of the objections to the release of funds on bases other than those stated above will not be considered by the TDHCA. No objections received later than twenty-five (25) days after the publication will be considered by TDHCA.
Russ McEwen, Mayor
310 Nolan
Big Spring, Texas 79720
#3039 January 7, 2001