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**Tonight:**



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**TONIGHT** 30°-32° **FRIDAY** 59°-62°

**County court jury canceled**

Citizens who were required to appear for jury duty in Howard County court on Monday will not need to appear as scheduled.

**Spelling bee books are ready to be picked up**

Practice books for the Howard County Spelling Bee have now arrived and can be picked up at the *Big Spring Herald*.

The Howard County Spelling Bee has been scheduled for 4:30 p.m. Tuesday, Feb. 27, in the Big Spring Junior High School cafeteria.

The Howard County winner will advance to the regional spelling bee in Lubbock in hopes of advancing through eliminations to the Scrips Howard National Spelling Bee set for May 30-31 in Washington, D.C.

**WHAT'S UP...**

**TODAY**  
 □ Masonic Lodge No. 598 meets at 7:30 p.m. at 219 Main.

**FRIDAY**  
 □ The Greater Big Spring Rotary Club meets at noon in the Howard College Cactus Room.

□ AMBUCS meets at noon at La Posada.

□ Spring City Senior Citizens country/western dance, 7:30 to 10:30 p.m. All seniors invited.

□ Signal Mountain Quilting Guild, 9 a.m. to 5 p.m., St. Mary's Episcopal Church. Bring a lunch.

**SATURDAY**  
 □ Howard County Scottish Rite Club, 8 a.m., Masonic Lodge, 21st & Lancaster. Breakfast served.  
 □ The Heritage Museum, 510 Scurry, 10 a.m. to 5 p.m.  
 □ The Potton House, 200 Gregg, is open from 1 to 5 p.m.  
 □ Dance, 8:30 p.m., Eagles Lodge, 704 West Third.

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**Priest says ridiculous bill can serve as warning to others**

By **DEBBIE L. JENSEN**  
 Features Editor

The Rev. Rich Maloney had heard the stories and read the news coverage about shockingly high Energas bills in the local area.



**MALONEY**

But nothing could prepare him for opening the envelope from the

natural gas company a few days ago. His bill? \$1,296.54.

"I saw it, saw the amount, and at first I had to check again and make sure that was my name on it," said Maloney, who lives alone, rarely cooks at home and turns off his gas heater at night. "The last month's bill had been \$78.64."

While he believes the bill is clearly a mistake, Maloney didn't call Energas right away.

"I'll ease into giving them a call, because I know it's going to be a frustrating

journey," he said. But he added he does believe his extraordinarily high bill proves something.

"If they can make a mistake like this, who is to say they haven't made other mistakes," Maloney said. "My concern was to let people know, because otherwise, when they get a bill of several hundred dollars, they might just assume it is correct. My concern is to let people know that they can question it."

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PRIOR AMOUNT DUE	TOTAL AMOUNT DUE	DUE DATE
\$0.00	\$1,296.54	02/01/01

Please Indicate Amount of Your Payment: \$

Thank you for choosing.

ENERGAS COMPANY  
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 DALLAS, TX 75266-0066



This copy shows the amount of the Rev. Rich Maloney's Energas bill received recently. The Catholic priest said while his bill is clearly a mistake, it may serve as a warning to others about the need to question their own gas bills.



**Terri Davis, Big Spring Area Chamber executive director, adds the finishing touch to decorations for the chamber banquet at the Dorothy Garrett Coliseum this morning. The banquet gets under way at 7 tonight. The announcement of the man and woman of the year will highlight the event.**

Some tickets, at \$20 each, may still be available at the door.

HERALD photo/Lyndel Moody

**HC**

*Wind erosion project, more certification programs are in the works*

By **LYNDEL MOODY**  
 Staff Writer

The Howard County Junior College District continues to expand vocational training to its service area with a new research project and the possibility of adding more certification programs.



Howard College will be the physical agent for a \$25,000 grant written Bill Fryrear which will be used for wind erosion research.

"Bill Fryrear has studied wind erosion for a number of years," said Linda Conway, vice-president of instruction. "We anticipate students coming from around the world to study in the project."

According to Conway, Fryrear will direct the grant and have an office on the campus.

The college also plans to submit two new programs to the Texas Higher Education Coordinating Board for approval.

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**Blackburn Scholarship established at Howard**

By **JOHN H. WALKER**  
 Publisher

A nationally respected and recognized member of the Howard College staff is being honored by the school through the establishment of a scholarship in his name to benefit the students with whom he works.



**BLACKBURN**

The Everett Blackburn Scholarship has been established by the

school to recognize the efforts of the school's head athletic trainer. Proceeds from the scholarship fund will benefit an athletic training student.

"From the time he moved to Big Spring, Everett has done a lot for Howard College," explained college president Dr. Cheri Sparks. "Even before he joined us, he was helping make a difference on campus."

A Kansas native, Blackburn came to Big Spring from Emporia State University and spent 11 years with the Big Spring Independent School District before joining Howard College. He is now in his

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11th year at the college.

Howard's student trainers have consistently gone on to four-year colleges after training under Blackburn and his work has not gone unnoticed.

In 1992, he was presented with the Eddie Wojicki Award, which was selected by his peers and goes to the best athletic trainer in Texas and Oklahoma.

In 1993, Blackburn was inducted into the National Athletic Trainers

Association's Hall of Fame and in 1999, he was inducted into the Southwest Athletic Trainers Association's Hall of Fame — it's youngest member ever. This past summer, he was again recognized by the National Athletic Trainers Association.

"We wanted to recognize Everett and everything he does for the college and the students," Sparks said, citing Blackburn's well-known "What do you need me to do?" attitude.

"He comes to registration with his trainers and asks that question," she said.

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**Officer shortage may have contributed to fewer arrests by PD**

By **CARL GRAHAM**  
 Staff Writer

Criminal activity decreased for the city of Big Spring last year, but just how much of that might be attributed an actual drop in crime or to vacancies in the police department isn't clear.

According to an annual report issued by the Big Spring Police Department, total arrests were down by 30 percent from the previous year — 2,334 in 1999 compared to 1,628 in 2000.

"We had six vacancies for several months, and that limits the number of officers we had who were able to respond," said Police Chief Lonnie Smith. "Because of that, self-initiated activity may go down. But the officers we have, have been working diligently to keep our level of service to what it has been."

Though drug possession arrests were up from 94 to 125 from the previous year, a rise of 33 percent, drug sales were down by 13 percent, from 15 to 13, and marijuana and cocaine seizure were both down by almost 100 percent. Marijuana seized in 1999 amounted to 140 pounds as compared to less than 10 pounds in 2000. There were 95 ounces of cocaine seized in 1999 while there was less than three



Herald file photo

Major traffic accidents like the one above decreased slightly over the past year while minor accidents increased 27 percent, according to information released by the Big Spring Police Department.

ounces seized last year, according to the report. Big Spring had five murders last year, compared to two in 1999.

Robberies saw an 11 percent increase. In 1999, nine were reported while 10 were reported in 2000.

Burglaries also saw a slight increase, up 2 percent

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*More officers, technology, public's help seen as key*

By **BILL McCLELLAN**  
 News Editor

Filling some vacancies, acquisition of more computers for field work and continued help from the public are all keys to reducing crime locally. Big Spring Police Chief Lonnie Smith said today.



**SMITH**

The department had as many as a half-dozen vacancies last year, but a special open house held last November designed to attract potential officers is apparently paying off.

"It generated quite a bit of interest and right now we have all positions hired," Chief Smith said.

Four of the officers are undergoing in-house training and two others will be

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**CRIME REPORT**

	2000	1999
Total arrests	1,628	2,334
Juvenile arrests	276	372
Sexual assaults	26	24
Burglaries	356	349
Public intoxication	381	573
Drug possession	125	94

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# Leader of escaped convicts says he expects to get death penalty

FORT WORTH (AP) — The convict that masterminded seven inmates' escape from a South Texas prison said most of the group wanted to begin new lives — away from the criminal ones that put them behind bars.

Only two — Donald Newbury and Patrick Murphy Jr. — wanted to pursue "different approaches," George Rivas told the Fort Worth Star-Telegram in a copyright story for today's editions.

"That was never a topic of discussion, to return to that (criminal) lifestyle," Rivas

said. "That (the Irving robbery) was the last one for me, for the others, really, too," said Rivas, who was serving 18 life sentences for aggravated kidnapping and burglary in El Paso.

"But things changed in Dallas," he said in the jailhouse interview. "I'm guilty. I'm prepared for it. It's what I deserve," said the 30-year-old Rivas.

The robbery of an Oshman's sporting goods store in Irving, a suburb of Dallas, led to the death of officer Aubrey Hawkins, who was gunned down while trying to break up the

heist. The seven fugitives are accused in his slaying. Autopsy results show that Hawkins was shot 11 times.

Rivas was captured Monday in Woodland Park, Colo., along with three other escapees from the Connally Unit near Kennedy in South Texas. A fifth escaped convict killed himself after he was surrounded by police Monday. The last two surrendered early Wednesday.

Rivas told the newspaper he killed Hawkins and expects to get the death penalty for it.

"I can't get Hawkins out of my mind," Rivas said,

beginning to cry as he closed his eyes. "I've never done something like that before."

Hawkins' family members labeled Rivas' comments as meaningless.

Irving police said only that it's typical for captured criminals to lie.

Rivas recalled telling the Oshman employees that if they cooperated, they wouldn't get hurt. As the fugitives left the store, the 29-year-old Hawkins was pulling up in his squad car. He surprised the group, Rivas said.

Rivas yelled to the officer

to put his hands up and to tell him to cooperate. Then he fired two shots to warn Hawkins. When Hawkins looked like he was going for his gun, Rivas said he fired again and hit Hawkins in the left shoulder.

Hawkins put his hands up, with his palms facing Rivas. Rivas doesn't know who fired, but a bullet hit him in the abdomen, he said. It wasn't from the officer, Rivas said.

Rivas said he then fired three times and believes those were the shots that killed Hawkins.

Lori Hawkins, the slain

officer's widow, said Rivas was attempting to sway the public and to gain sympathy with his remorseful tone.

Aubrey Hawkins' death, Rivas said, was "something that never should have happened. I just wanted to live as a normal citizen."

Now, though, he is prepared for the punishment, Rivas said.

"I'm guilty. I'm prepared for it. It's what I deserve," said Rivas, who is hopeful that his death sentence will bring some comfort to Jayne Hawkins.

"All I have is my life to offer," he said.

# Greenspan's views could be key in tax cut debate

WASHINGTON (AP) — In the view of the Bush administration, the rapidly weakening economy needs major tax relief as well as interest rate reductions from the Federal Reserve to trigger a sustained rebound.

President Bush says he is ready to explain to "any member" of Congress why he believes his \$1.6 trillion 10-year tax-cut package is needed to revive an economy that has lost a lot of zip in recent months.

"I think the evidence is going to become more and more clear that the economy is not as hopeful as we'd like, which I hope will strengthen my case" for major tax relief, Bush told a

delegation of congressional leaders Wednesday.

While no congressional votes are yet scheduled on the matter, Bush's package could receive a helpful push on Thursday when Federal Reserve Chairman Alan Greenspan testifies before the Senate Budget Committee.

In advance of his testimony, many analysts were forecasting that Greenspan would provide an endorsement, although perhaps not of the full \$1.6 trillion package.

"I think the Fed may feel that the economy needs both interest rate cuts and a moderately sized, front-loaded tax cut," said David

Jones, chief economist at Aubrey G. Lanston & Co. in New York.

Such a plug wouldn't be the first time kind words from Greenspan have given a push to a new president's budget program.

At the beginning of the last administration, the Republican Greenspan gave early support to former President Clinton's deficit-reduction program, calling it a serious and credible effort to tame skyrocketing budget deficits, even though Republicans in Congress bitterly opposed the tax increases it contained.

Greenspan has often said in the past that he believed the best use of the burgeon-

ing federal surpluses was reducing the national debt, but analysts note that he has always hedged those comments.

"I think Greenspan is going to embrace a tax cut, because that is what the politics and the economics are telling him to do," said David Wyss, chief economist at Standard & Poor's in New York. "We are getting more of a slowdown than expected, and a tax cut would cushion the hard landing."

In the past, Greenspan said he preferred to use the surpluses to reduce the national debt as a way to lower borrowing costs for businesses and consumers.

# Senate moderates intend to be policy-making force

WASHINGTON (AP) — Seizing a rare moment in Senate history, senators from both parties who consider themselves centrists are uniting to help Congress and the White House find common ground on education, taxes and other fundamental issues.

About one-third of the Senate, which is evenly divided between Republicans and Democrats, showed up Wednesday for a brief organizational meeting of the Senate Centrist

Coalition. Senate Majority Leader Trent Lott, R-Miss., and Democratic leader Tom Daschle of South Dakota, acknowledging their potential influence, gave their blessing to the endeavor.

Solutions to many issues of the day "are going to defy partisan politics," Lott said. "Different times and different situations call for different approaches."

The Senate has 50 Republicans and 50 Democrats, which prompted Lott and Daschle to forge a unique

power-sharing relationship. President Bush also emphasized in his first days in office that he needs Democratic support to carry out his agenda.

Bush met Democratic congressional leaders Wednesday at the White House to discuss budget matters, education, election reform and other issues. There were no negotiations of their differences, but Bush said that meeting with members of Congress was a habit he intended to keep.

Sens. John Breaux, D-La., and Olympia Snowe, R-Maine, leaders of the centrist coalition, said they plan to meet once a week to draw up policy recommendations and offer their ideas to committee chairmen and other Senate leaders.

Snowe said they might, for example, come up with a compromise solution on school vouchers.

## NEWS BRIEFS

### Man saws off hand, shoots nails in head

BETHLEHEM, Pa. (AP) — A construction worker accidentally cut off his hand with a power saw and then shot himself in the head with a nail gun several times, apparently hoping to end his pain, police said.

William Bartron, 25, had at least a dozen 1-inch nails protruding from his scalp, police said. He underwent surgery to reattach the hand and was hospitalized in stable condition Wednesday, said his employer Greg Soltis. Bartron severed his hand Tuesday while using a miter saw in the basement of another man's home, police said.

After finding Bartron, the man called 911. Soltis arrived a short time later.

Soltis said Bartron had shot several nails into his head with a pneumatic gun "because he could not stand the pain from the amputation," according to police.

### Woman in body bag discovered alive

ASHLAND, Mass. (AP) — Emergency medical technicians thought the 39-year-old woman found slumped in a bathtub was dead. So did funeral director John Matarese — until he heard a gurgling noise coming from the body bag.

"It scared me half to death," Matarese said. "The girl was alive."

Matarese quickly unzipped the body bag and held the woman's mouth open to keep her air passages clear. By the time emergency technicians arrived, she was breathing. She's now hospitalized in good condition.

About 3-1/2 hours before Matarese's discovery Saturday, the woman had been found unconscious in cold water in her bathtub. She apparently overdosed on pills, police said.

Police officers and emergency medical technicians were unable to detect any signs of life. Police concluded she was an apparent suicide victim and her body was taken to Matarese's funeral home.

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# EDITORIAL

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

-FIRST AMENDMENT

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## OUR VIEWS

### Show your support for Hangar 25

As Hangar 25 officials prepare for the annual membership meeting on Tuesday, it seems fitting that they will also unveil a new exhibit.

A Norden Bomb Sight is the latest addition to the museum, built by a dedicated group of volunteers with an effort that has spanned several years and many, many hours of work. Securing grants, planning and executing renovations and arranging exhibits have been on the minds of this dedicated group since at least 1996.

So, when the museum was dedicated, on Memorial Day 1999, some might have thought the crew would slow down, consider their work done. Instead, they stepped up their efforts and continued securing equipment, aircraft and memorabilia to create a museum that has taken its place among the very best.

Members can see the new exhibit when the museum kicks off its second annual membership drive with a chili supper beginning at 5:30 p.m. Yes, it's a members-only occasion, but there is a catch: Hangar 25 will accept new members that evening.

Membership fees start at \$30 for individuals or \$60 for a family, and they go up from there. A sustaining membership is \$100, a supporting membership \$250, patrons give \$500, and founding members provide \$1,000.

Membership does, as the saying goes, have its privileges, including discounts on all museum store items and invitations to private parties. But more importantly, members help the museum continue to operate and grow.

True to form, the Hangar 25 committee has many plans for the coming year, including adding display cases and restoration of a stained glass window from the old Webb Air Force Base chapel. It seems they will continue to operate, as they have since the beginning, with improvement in mind.

If you can support Hangar 25 at any level, consider attending Tuesday's celebration as your first official act of membership. You'll be part of another winning Crossroads area team.

## OTHER VIEWS

This year, state and federal lawmakers will begin talking about reauthorizing the historic welfare reform legislation passed in 1996. Their decisions will be many. Among them: the fate of food stamps and child care programs, whether to alter benefit time limits and what to do about cash grants.

With generous child-care subsidies for working families and its Work Pays program allowing welfare recipients to keep \$2 in aid for every \$3 they earn up to the poverty level, Illinois has emerged as one of the nation's unheralded leaders in welfare reform.

Lawmakers need to go one step further. The problem is, the state tax credit doesn't go nearly far enough. It is set at only 5 percent of the federal credit for working poor families. The state credit's benefit to the average family — \$60 off their tax bill — is almost negligible.

The state credit needs to be raised to 20 percent of the federal credit. And it needs to be permanent, not just a three-year deal.

For anyone who views this credit as yet another welfare handout, think again. It goes to working poor families, people who

pay a significant portion of their incomes in sales and other taxes.

Nearly every politician in last November's election listed education and tax relief as top priorities. Fine. Here's a chance to get two for the price of one.

THE CHICAGO TRIBUNE

This will go down in TV history as the month when the Fox network rolled out "Temptation Island," a new "reality" show in which couples who are dating seriously go to a resort, where other attractive and apparently amoral singles strive to lure them away from their partners.

This is our republic enriched.

The top brass at Fox took a vow to reform after "Who Wants to Marry a Multi-Millionaire?" blew up into a public-relations fiasco. Then "Survivor" pulled in great ratings. So much for vows.

Also this month, Public Broadcasting presents a real "reality" show — the excellent "Jazz" documentary. This shows how television, done right, can make the viewer feel enlightened rather than silly.

THE STATE, COLUMBIA, SOUTH CAROLINA

# Sitting on a warm tailgate in the sunshine

**M**y pickup is red, the color of a mandarin berry. A thing of beauty, a joy forever — or 200,000 miles, whichever comes first.

The truck sat idle for weeks during the holidays. One day, when the ice melted and the sun warmed the cherry interior, a ride seemed a good idea. I jumped into the driver's seat and turned the key.

It started up fine, despite the period of gross neglect that included a brief flirtation with a PT Cruiser.

A Ford may flip and kill you, but it will crank, first time, every time.

When I was a child, I felt rich because the cinderblock house we lived in was a block from Pensacola Bay and painted pink.

When I was a preteen, I felt rich because I owned a horse.

When I was a young adult, I felt rich because friends chose my rental

house as a gathering spot, a place to lie on a raggedy bedspread in the back yard and contemplate the stars and the sins of Richard Nixon.

In my middle age, I feel rich because I still claim aunts who can make superb mayhaw jelly, and because I own a red Ford pickup bought practically new with only 45,000 miles.

With a truck, after all, comes a certain amount of mobility insurance. If you need to make tracks in the middle of the night, you can slide a mattress into the truck bed, throw a few boxes on top and be on your way to Panama, Fla., or Truth or Consequences, N.M., whichever direction it is you need to flee.

With a pickup, you always have a place to sleep and to sit, so long as nobody steals the tailgate.

I wish I had a dime for every minute I've spent sitting on one tailgate or another, swinging my legs, the better to solve the world's problems.

Something about a tailgate fits the human form better than the softest silk sofa.

Finally, and best of all, with a pickup you don't have to worry about every

little dent and scratch the way you might with a Jaguar or a PT Cruiser.

A pickup looks even better once it's what furniture designers call "distressed." Something about an old, worn-out pickup is romantic. Even Hollywood knows this. Take, for instance, the old Ford Paul Newman drove around in "Nobody's Fool." Something about a past-his-prime Paul making do with that rattletrap touches your soul down deep, or at least it touched mine.

And it's not a romance relegated to men. Meryl Streep never looked better than when tooling along in her old truck in "The Bridges of Madison County."

Her BTU — basic transportation unit — somehow made the exotic Ms. Streep more human, more vulnerable.

Don't get me wrong. I don't beat up my truck on purpose. You can't manufacture character.

And I wouldn't drive it inside Atlanta's I-285 for love or money; you're likely to be broadsided by an 18-year-old driving 90 — and who thinks he's invincible because he got a Camaro and a cell phone for

Christmas. But neither do I worry when the dog's nails or tall, prickly brushes scratch it, or when the deck post refuses to yield for the side mirrors.

A pickup is like the fish-oil vessel from Pompeii, fished from the ocean and recently appraised on "Antiques Roadshow": the more barnacles, the better.

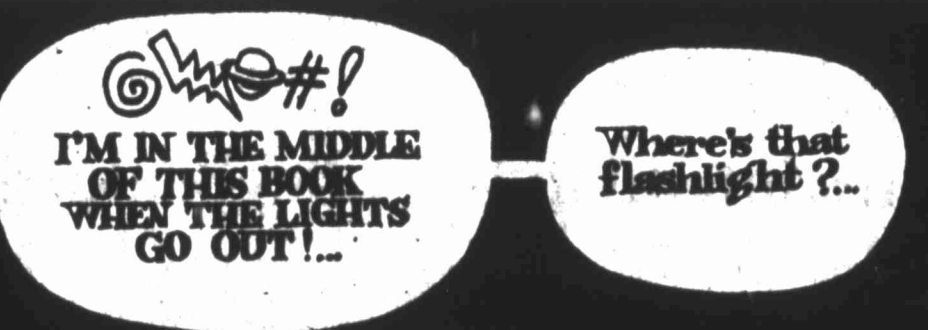
A truck should have a straight shift, of course. That's a given, yet more and more difficult to find. I read somewhere that only 10 percent of new cars come equipped with a standard shift.

A truck is to be driven, not turned on and then ignored, like a radio.

I stretch the truck on the byways, let it poke down dirt roads to look for hawks or the season's first daffodil.

And when I find a good, sunny spot I'm a threat to pull over, put down the tailgate and sit there for a while, watching the hawk circling, the calf nursing, the litter multiplying.

There's no better way to spend a winter's day than sitting on a warm tailgate in the sunshine, knowing you're rich and will be all of your life.



## Prosperity not defined in dollars

**C**alifornians have no one but themselves to blame for power shortages. Their environmental fanaticism simply made it virtually impossible to build new power-generating plants.

Well, if you don't want power-generating plants, then you have to put up with power shortages. If you don't want oil drilling, then you have to put up with high prices and shortages of heating oil.

It's time for the American people to tell the environmentalists that the price of their aesthetic visions is too high. I haven't found the details of California's wacky attempt at so-called deregulation, but it's obvious that the people who designed it don't know anything about the power business or the free market.

The problem really goes beyond California. It is simply another area where people are not being educated about the real world. Prosperity in America is due to energy consumption.

The quickest way back to the 19th century would be to shut down the power plants and the oil refineries.

Without fossil-fuel energy and the electrical energy generated by it, Americans would be as poor as church mice. They'd live and work in non-air-conditioned environments. They'd travel by foot or by horse. Whatever they wanted to build, whether it was a home or a hospital, they'd have to do it by human hand and human muscle. They'd no longer find opiumlike oblivion from radio and television. They would sit dark and silent. The computers would be dark and inert.

It is a truth that societies regress as well as progress. The Western world went from Romans living in villas with municipal sewers and central heat to Europeans living in hovels and drafty castles with open sewers everywhere.

The fact is that for the majority of the time that humans have existed, there was poverty, not wealth. And since we in America are exceptionally blessed with wealth, it seems it would behoove us to teach our children how wealth is created.

It is not created by legislative act nor bureaucratic blueprint. It is certainly not created by looney editorials or pie-in-the-sky promises by politicians. Nor is true wealth created

by speculating in paper on a stock market.

There is only one way to create real wealth. That way is to apply energy to natural resources. If you were cast away on a deserted island with only a briefcase full of money, you would soon discover what real wealth is. It is not pieces of paper. It is not even pieces of gold. It is skills and tools and natural resources and energy. Your only hope of surviving would be to apply your energy to your environment in order to find food and to fashion a shelter.

And that's still the only way true wealth can be created. Most of us are not directly involved in creating true wealth. We work in peripheral — parasitic might be a better word — jobs. These are jobs that would not exist if someone else had not created enough wealth for people to purchase our services.

Instead of listening to environmentalists' bad-mouth energy producers, Americans would do well to learn something about the business of producing energy. A pristine wilderness in the Arctic will not put food on your table or heat in your home. Unfortunately, it is the parasites — lawyers, journalists and politicians — who do most of the talking in this country. As a class, all three are among the most ignorant. We need to hear from the producers for a change.

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— Home: 263-4155; Office: 264-2202.
  - EMMA BROWN** — Home: 267-2649.
  - JERRY KILBORN** — 263-0724; Work (Jerry's Barbers): 267-5471.
  - BILL CROOKER** — Home: 263-2566.
  - GARY SIMER** — Home: 263-0269; Work (Ponderosa Nursery): 263-4441.
- BIG SPRING CITY COUNCIL**
- RUSSELL McEWEN**, Mayor — Home: 263-0907; Work (Russ McFwen Insurance): 267-1413.
  - AS BIDDISON** — Home: 267-6009; Work (Ponderosa Restaurant): 267-7121.
  - OSCAR GARCIA**, Mayor Pro Tem — Home: 264-0026; Work (Cornell Corrections): 268-1227.
  - STEPHANE HORTON** — Home: 264-0306; Work (VA Medical Center): 263-7361..
  - CHUCK CANNON** — Home: 263-7490; Work (Chuck's Surplus): 263-1142.
  - TOMMY TUNE** — Home: 267-4652; Work (Howard College): 264-5000.
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### Want some good news? Think fish fat

What's so great about fish? Well, according to some researchers, fish fat is highly beneficial. In fact, cardiologists have long known that eating fish helps protect against heart disease.

According to findings that appeared in the "Journal of the American Medical Association," eating fish, two servings a week as recommended by the American Heart Association, can reduce a woman's risk of clot-related stroke. What they don't know is why fish is beneficial.

A growing body of evidence collected over the past 30 years, according to Christine Gorman of "Time" magazine, suggest there is something special about fish. Sources of marine oil, as listed in the International Olive Oil Council Healthlink, like algae, sardines, mackerel and herring contain a fatty acid called Omega 3 which appears to promote cardiovascular health.

So what is Omega 3? Well,

it is a fatty acid that belongs to a group of compounds known loosely as polyunsaturated fats. Omega 3, in particular, contains another polyunsaturated fat called DHA. DHA serves as the raw material for some of the essential structures in the body, such as brain cells, blood pressure and blood clotting, a common trigger for heart attacks, and they lower triglycerides, another fatty compound linked to heart disease. It also reduces the number of irregular heartbeats.

David Kyle, Ph.D., of the Healthlink study, states that the brain is 60 percent DHA fatty tissue. Other tissues affected by this polyunsaturated fat include the rod



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cells in the eyes. According to Kyle, a study on Alzheimer's disease showed that people with a lower level of DHA had about a 67 percent increase in the likelihood of being diagnosed with Alzheimer's in the next 10 years.

But, while Omega 3s do lower triglyceride levels, they have a tendency to raise the levels of bad cholesterol (LDL). So a healthy balance in our diet is essential because the fatty acid Omega 6, found in corn and other vegetable oil, may limit the benefits of Omega 3 fatty acids. Also, saturated fatty acid rich meats and Omega 6 fatty acid-rich vegetable oils have been associated with increased cancer rates.

In contrast, Omega 3 fatty acid-rich fish or monounsaturated fatty acid-rich vegetable oils either reduce or do not affect the risk of cancer formation. But, remember this is all speculation.

What does all this information come down to? If

you like fish, great. It is good for you because it makes your heart, brain and eyes healthy and can prevent blood clots which can lead to strokes and heart attacks. If you don't like fish or you're a vegetarian, you can get Omega 3 from walnuts and soybeans. If you're adventurous, or just have a taste for the unusual, you can get it from eating algae or flax. Yum, yummy!

There are supplements on the market, but these are in questionable amounts and can be harmful depending on how much is taken. Supplements are not monitored by the Food and Drug Administration so taking them can be risky.

The best way to ensure proper nutrition seems to be this: Eat balanced meals and avoid basically anything that tastes good. In fact, I once had a doctor tell me "If it tastes good, spit it out."

Andrea Medlin writes a regular column for the Herald on health issues.

### Try these sites for your family research

Here is a list of some sites on the Net that may help you in your search for family.

- Adventures in ancestry [www.aia-and.com](http://www.aia-and.com)
- Ancestor spy [www.ancestorspy.com](http://www.ancestorspy.com)
- Ances tree [www.ancestry.com](http://www.ancestry.com)
- Ancestry search [www.ancestry.com](http://www.ancestry.com)
- Census microfilm [www.censusmicrofilm.com](http://www.censusmicrofilm.com)
- Census name search [www.census.gov](http://www.census.gov)
- Cindi's list [www.condislist.com](http://www.condislist.com)
- City gallery [www.city-gallery.com](http://www.city-gallery.com)
- Everton helper [www.everton.com](http://www.everton.com)
- Family chronicle [www.familychronicle.com](http://www.familychronicle.com)
- Family forest [www.familyforest.com](http://www.familyforest.com)
- Family history [www.forfamilies.com](http://www.forfamilies.com)
- Family history [www.familyhistory.com](http://www.familyhistory.com)
- Family relations [www.familyrelations.com](http://www.familyrelations.com)
- Family technologies [www.famtech.com](http://www.famtech.com)
- Family tree [www.familytreemaker.com](http://www.familytreemaker.com)
- Gendex [www.gendex.com](http://www.gendex.com)
- Genealogical services [www.genservices.com](http://www.genservices.com)
- Genealogy [www.genhomepage.com](http://www.genhomepage.com)
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- Genforum [www.genforum.com](http://www.genforum.com)



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These images of last week's Midland visit by President George W. Bush before his inauguration were taken by Big Spring High School journalism student Matt Lovelady. Despite wading through red tape, waiting three hours in freezing temperatures and finding the media area less than adequate for his work, Lovelady said his coverage of the event was a memorable experience. "If someone asked me to do it again," he wrote in a note accompanying the photographs, "my response would be a definite 'Yes!'"

### New AARP magazine puts spin on aging

WASHINGTON (AP) — Turning 50 doesn't have to mean just the arrival of the AARP card in the mail and over-the-hill jokes.

The organization for post-50 Americans launched a magazine Monday that targets America's baby boomers and tries to put a new spin on aging.

More than 3 million people will get copies of the first issue of "My Generation," filled with headlines like "What your money habits say about you."

The American Association of Retired Persons also will market the magazine on newsstands for \$2.95, but the AARP logo on covers of those sent to members will be removed.

That's a wise decision, said magazine industry analyst Samir Husni.

"The minute you hear AARP, you think retirement. They are trying to shed that image with this magazine. It's going to be a very uphill battle," Husni predicted.

He said the test of the magazine's popularity will come in its rack sales. The 3.1 million AARP members ages 50-55 will get the magazine with their membership, and the nonprofit group plans to distribute another 75,000 copies to doctors' offices.

Initially, 50,000 copies will go on sale Feb. 8 on newsstands in large cities.

AARP already has a magazine for people over age 55, "Modern Maturity," which is distributed to almost 18 million homes.

Like that magazine, which is being revised this spring, "My Generation" will be published six times a year.

### Company helps disabled dancers' dreams take flight

SAN ANTONIO (AP) — Imagine being unable to go from here to there without the aid of a wheelchair. Imagine not being able to speak clearly because of cerebral palsy or the lingering damage from spinal meningitis. Now, imagine having these problems, but still being able to dance.

For three dancers in the InFlight Dance Company, your imagination is their reality.

InFlight was started five years ago by Paula Gorman as a way to prove that physical disability is not a barrier to the dance world, and to provide dance instruction for the physically challenged.

The company now has seven members including Gorman: three sit-down dancers (in wheelchairs) and four able-bodied dancers who are integrated into performances.

"The integration of ABs (able-bodied) and sit-downs is what this is about," says Gorman. "We also take the sit-downs and get them out of their chairs and do floor work, or even carry them for lifts. Some of them have never had that sensation. They feel like they're flying."

"And I'll put ABs in chairs, too, because once they're in there, it's a whole different world."

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But in the InFlight world, Nataly Cameron, a 9-year-old student at Locke Hill Elementary, is not only a girl who walks with braces because of spina bifida. She's a ham and an actress and a charismatic stage presence with a beaming smile and a mischievous streak wider than the reach of her arms. She's a principal dancer who knows the warm-up routine so well she often gets ahead of Gorman.

In the InFlight world, Brittnee Simmons, a 10-year-old student at Coker Elementary who also has spina bifida, is not a withdrawn girl unaware of her potential. She, too, is a principal dancer who after a year with the company now struts around, says her mother, more confident and more joyful.

In the InFlight world, Jenny Blair, an 18-year-old sophomore at the San Antonio School for

Inquiring and Creativity, is not just a victim of spinal meningitis who relies on a power chair (with hand controls) to provide mobility. She's a four-year member of the company who's more active and can now sit straighter and lift her arms higher than ever before.

In the InFlight world, these girls are every bit the dancer their able-bodied counterparts are. In the InFlight world, people pay to see these girls perform at venues around town, just like any other dance troupe.

"It helps your personal self-esteem," says Blair's father, Jim. "You're able to participate just like anybody else, and with able-bodied people, also."

The ABs in the company feel like equal participants, too. But with their membership, they also feel a special responsibility to the sit-down dancers.

"There are nights when I'm in school, and it's late, and I have a huge test the next day. But I think,

It's for Nat and Brittnee and Jen. It's for them," says AB Cassie King, a 16-year-old junior at Saint Mary's Hall.

It's a responsibility even some of the sit-down dancers feel. Two who have left the company recently are careful to point out how they feel guilty about leaving, but absolutely had to.

Jason Pipoly, 29, left the company this fall because of a scheduling conflict with his training to swim the English Channel.

"I feel like I let Paula (Gorman) down, but I hope to be a member again soon. It helped being around people with such wonderful attitudes," Pipoly says.

For LeeAnn Owens, 36, leaving the company because of her failing health from cerebral palsy was especially hard, as she was one of the original members.

"I was the one they looked up to. I was the oldest one," she says slowly. "I wasn't the best dancer, but I had people tell me after performances, 'I could tell that you love to dance.'"

For the last few months, dancing was getting harder for Owens, who uses a power chair.

"I always wanted to be a dancer," she says, explaining why she joined the company five years ago. "I wish I could still be one."

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### SLICE of Life

#### SCHOOL NEWS



Katie Kistler, a student at Elbow Elementary School, was the recipient of a \$100 savings bond from Wells Fargo Bank in honor of her perfect attendance during the third six weeks of school. Presenting the award to Katie at left is Lisa Hobbs of Wells Fargo.

Courtesy photo

#### COMMUNITY NEWS

COMPUTER CLASSES FOR SENIOR citizens will be offered Tuesdays and Wednesdays at the Spring City Senior Citizens Center. Cost is \$5 per participant for the classes, which take place from 3-4 p.m. and cover a variety of subjects including the basics of computing and surfing the Internet.

All senior citizens are welcome. Call the center at 267-1628 for more information.

ODDS-N-ENDS

OMAHA, Neb. (AP) — More than a dozen head of cattle being sent to slaughter apparently had a serious beef with their destiny.

Police and Nebraska Humane Society employees rounded up the cattle Wednesday after the animals bolted from a truck en route to a meatpacking plant.

The rustlers used more sophisticated methods than their counterparts of the Old West could have imagined, tracking the cattle from a police helicopter.

The short romp by the cattle only delayed the inevitable. They were shot as a safety precaution.

WEXFORD, Pa. (AP) — One-bedroom ranch home on rustic 10-acre lot. No garage, no kitchen, no heat. No windows. Constructed by an 8-year-old. A steal at \$234,300.

The market value placed on Matt Rodriguez's 15-square-foot fort is the latest in a series of errors by Allegheny County property assessors.

The fort is described on the assessment notice as a two-story, 10-room house, with two fireplaces, 3 baths, a full basement and central air conditioning and heating.

Matt's mother, Beverly Schmidt-Rodriguez, said she laughed when she received the reassessment notice for her tract in Pine Township, just north of Pittsburgh. The fort is the only structure on the lot.

Mike Mickey, a property assessment official, says Schmidt-Rodriguez won't actually have to pay taxes on a \$230,000 fort.

"We're going to fix this," he said.

TOKYO (AP) — A drunken guest at a Tokyo wedding had a little trouble holding his peace.

The rowdy guest, who forcibly kissed the bride and punched the groom in the face, was ordered Wednesday to pay \$30,500 by a Tokyo court. The guest was an acquaintance of the groom's father.

The groom was rushed to a hospital for treatment after he was punched at the wedding last summer.

"His act left a permanent scar on the couple who should otherwise have been blessed by the surrounding people at the start of a new life," Judge Masayoshi Adachi said in a story in the Yomiuri newspaper.

The couple's lawyers said the guest's motives remained unclear, according to the newspaper.

DAYTONA BEACH, Fla. (AP) — A man was arrested after trying to scale a prison wall — from the outside.

Wayne Starkey, 35, was charged with burglary after trying to climb the west guard tower of the Volusia County Correctional Facility, police said Wednesday. Starkey was released on \$2,500 bond.

Starkey told prison officials he climbed the tower last week in search of mail from his girlfriend, who is detained in the prison. Starkey said letters from her hadn't been delivered to him.

AIKEN, S.C. (AP) — An alleged thief may have been able to flee the scene of the crime, if only his truck ran on alcohol.

A man accused of stealing beer from a convenience store was caught after he ran out of gas just as he started his getaway, police said.

Tom Aaron Bennett allegedly entered the store, grabbed two cases of Budweiser and headed out the door Saturday.

Bennett then jumped into his truck and drove off, but ran out of gas so quickly that a store employee chasing him on foot was able to catch up.

Winter Clearance Sale! Terry's Kids Choice Our big concern is little feet.

Study finds girls face more pressure to drink RAWLS

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WASHINGTON (AP) — The tremendous pressures of peers who drink and teenage parties appear to have more influence on teen girls than boys as they wrestle with the decision of whether to drink, a federal study found.

The study, released Tuesday, was conducted by a research branch of the National Institutes of Health.

Bruce Simons-Morton, who led the study, wrote in a report that "peer pressure was positively associated with drinking for girls and not boys."

The data were developed from confidential surveys on drinking and smoking given to 4,200 teens in Maryland's junior high schools.

The notion that girls may be swayed by their friends

more easily than boys is supported by many experts who have studied the subject.

"I'm not surprised at all. Girls go through this tremendous emotional and hormonal change as you they go to seventh grade," said Shannon McLinden, an author on the subject and a speaker on teen-age confidence.

"The change comes at a time when being your own person and trying to stand on your own feet is really important."

The new study also showed that for boys and girls, the top indicator of whether youngsters begin drinking or smoking is whether they have friends who do, Simons-Morton said. The conclusion remains true regardless of whether the friends are

overtly pressuring the teenager, the study reports.

"We found that the single most important factor is the behavior of their five closest friends," said Simons-Morton. "These teens are nine times more likely to smoke than early adolescents who had no friends that smoke or drink."

The finding suggests that traditional images of peer pressure — a dare given at a party, or a joke made at the expense of a nondrinker — may not always be the prime catalyst for a young person's decision.

Instead, Simons-Morton said, many teens seem to mimic the behavior of friends.

Also impacting the situation: most teens who drink and smoke think their parents don't care.

"Teens who said their par-

ents would be upset if they were caught drinking or smoking were much less likely to drink or smoke, and the opposite is also true," Simons-Morton said.

In step with other recent studies, Simons-Morton also found that parents involved in their children's lives — engaging in regular conversations, attending after-school events, listening to their problems — were less likely to have children who drank or smoke.

The study also reflected recent research that has many social scientists stumped: White teen-agers drink and smoke at a higher rate than black teen-agers.

"We don't know why this is true, but it fits with other major research," Simons-Morton said. "It is something many people are looking into."

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Chair's magnetic pulse can improve incontinence

TRENTON, N.J. (AP) — Like millions of Americans, Mari Lynn quietly suffered for years from stress incontinence.

Whenever she laughed, coughed, climbed stairs or exercised, her bladder was likely to leak. So the 53-year-old Titusville, Fla., administrative aide was "very skeptical" that sitting in a chair with a magnetic field could help.

After 16 painless, 22-minute treatments on the chair, called the NeoControl Pelvic Floor Therapy System, she said her problem has decreased greatly. She no longer wears panty

liners constantly, and she's exercising daily.

"No longer is my life ruled by ... where's the closest bathroom," said Mari Lynn, who spoke on condition that her surname is withheld.

The chair, approved for stress incontinence treatment in 1999, has been used by nearly 5,000 U.S. patients and almost as many elsewhere. More U.S. urology centers are starting to offer the treatment.

"I think this is a really good option," said Dr. Patricia E. Gilhooly, an assistant urology professor at University of Medicine and Dentistry of New Jersey

in Newark. "It's a very non-invasive treatment. That's what makes it appealing."

Of 20 patients who completed the treatment at her clinic, Gilhooly says only a man who had prostate surgery did not improve significantly. One woman was completely cured.

An estimated 20 million Americans, 85 percent of them women, have urinary incontinence: stress incontinence, which is common after childbirth; urge incontinence, in which patients "need" to urinate as often as every 30 minutes, or mixed incontinence, both problems combined.

Many don't seek help for years due to embarrassment or the false belief it's an incurable, normal part of aging, urologists say. Incontinence sends many senior citizens into nursing homes.

Medications, caffeine-free diets, surgery and special "Kegel" contraction-and-release exercises to strengthen pelvic muscles help many patients. Some don't want surgery, and others don't do Kegel exercises consistently or can't do them because their muscles are too weak, so urologists say more options are needed.

The ordinary-looking NeoControl chair, designed by engineers and doctors, is made by Neotonus Inc. of Atlanta. It uses a new technology called Extracorporeal Magnetic Inervation.

Patients sit on the chair, fully clothed, and read or listen to music. Meanwhile, magnets underneath create powerful pulsing magnetic fields that stimulate pelvic nerves, in turn exercising muscles that control bladder function and increasing circulation.

"What is not known about this therapy is its durability," Gilhooly said.

Community is ... the birth experience you always wanted. SACMC nurses with four new additions to our community. Includes photos of staff members: William D. Cray, M.D., Joel R. Dickens, M.D., Deborah R. Hajovsky, M.D., Clyde A. Henke, M.D., Leslie J. Mueller, M.D., Edward W. Christensen, M.D., and Randolph W. Rountree, M.D.

IN BRIEF: Baseball boosts to meet Tuesday, Lady Hawk soft set to meet, Lady Steers parents set, Sign-up for adult volleyball league, Laker Girls scheduled to appear at Odessa College, AREA GAMES: JUCO BASKETBALL Women 7 p.m., Men 9 p.m., Television BASKETBALL College: Michigan, ESPN, Florida, ESPN, Washington, FXS, NBA 7 p.m., Dallas, FXS, Indiana, TNT, Sacramento, TH GOLF 3 p.m., PG Open, first round, TENNIS Noon — Australian men's semifinals, 30.

### IN BRIEF

#### Baseball boosters to meet Tuesday

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

Members will begin making plans for a hot dog cookout scheduled for Saturday, Feb. 17.

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

#### Lady Hawk softballers set to meet boosters

The Howard College Lady Hawks softball team has scheduled its meeting to gather with boosters for 1 p.m. Saturday in the Student Union Building's Cactus Room.

Meals will be \$5.25 each and those planning to attend should call Betty Reed at 264-5040.

#### Lady Steers softball parents set work day

Parents of Big Spring Lady Steers softball players will have a work day starting at 10 a.m. Saturday at the Big Spring ISD Softball Complex.

The parents of all Big Spring softball players are urged to attend.

#### Sign-up for adult volleyball league

An organizational meeting will be held on Monday at the YMCA for adults interested in registering a team to play volleyball.

Registration forms are available at the YMCA.

The fee is \$100 per team. For more information call the YMCA at 267-8234.

#### Laker Girls scheduled to appear at OC game

Odesa College officials have provided Howard College Hawks fans with added incentive to follow the Hawks and Lady Hawks on the road when they take on the Wranglers and Lady Wranglers on Thursday, Feb. 22.

Not only will fans be able to watch two games, but the Laker Girls — the Los Angeles Lakers' cheerleaders — will perform during the games.

### AREA GAMES

#### TODAY JUCO BASKETBALL

7 p.m.  
• Howard College Lady Hawks at New Mexico Junior College Lady Thunderbirds

9 p.m.  
• Howard College Hawks at New Mexico Junior College Thunderbirds

#### ON THE AIR

#### Radio JUCO BASKETBALL

Women  
7 p.m. — Howard College Lady Hawks at New Mexico Junior College Lady Thunderbirds, KBST-AM 1490.

Men  
9 p.m. — Howard College Hawks at New Mexico Junior College Thunderbirds, KBST-AM 1490.

#### Television COLLEGE BASKETBALL

Men  
6 p.m. — Illinois at Michigan, ESPN, Ch. 30.  
8 p.m. — DePaul at South Florida, ESPN, Ch. 30.  
9:30 p.m. — Stanford at Washington, FXS, Ch. 29.

NBA  
7 p.m. — Vancouver at Dallas, FXS, Ch. 29.

8 p.m. — Portland at Indiana, TNT, Ch. 28.  
9:30 p.m. — San Antonio at Sacramento, TNT, Ch. 28.

GOLF  
3 p.m. — PGA, Phoenix Open, first round, USA.

TENNIS  
Noon — Australian Open, men's semifinals, ESPN, Ch. 30.

## Fassel, Billick are mastering Super Bowl mind games

TAMPA, Fla. (AP) — Making a guarantee he can't keep is one sure way for an NFL coach to quickly become an ex-coach. Another is to pepper every moment with bold, brash statements, then fail to produce a winner.

As everyone knows, big talkers Jim Fassel and Brian Billick are both securely employed.

The coaches of the New York Giants and Baltimore Ravens have taken a unique, refreshing approach to football this season. They've substituted platitudes and coachspeak with reality and emotion, and that could have as much to do with their teams' sudden ascension to the Super Bowl as anything else.

"Both coaches sort of put sticks of dynamite out there and told everybody, 'This is what we've got going,'" sports psychologist Greg Buell of Wichita State University said. "Once they said it publicly, it became easy to continue it in their locker rooms. It was easy to say, 'If we continue to do what we do, we're going to be fine.'"

For Fassel, it was the famous November playoff guarantee. The Giants were reeling from two straight losses and, in the coach's mind, being savaged by the New York media.

Coming off two straight non-playoff seasons, it was almost universally agreed Fassel was out of a job if he didn't produce a postseason trip.

He knew as much, so he compared his situation to a poker game.

"I am shoving my chips right in the middle of the table," he said. "I am raising the ante. Anybody who wants out can get out. This team is going to the playoffs."

It was his way of telling his players he believed in them. Some were shocked to see their placid coach get so out of character.

"I think it was temporary insanity," defensive lineman Michael Strahan said. Buell believes it was much more calculated than that.

"It was a situation where he read the tea leaves just right," Buell said. "Was he stupid? No. He shot high. He raised the bar. His players responded and he turned out to be right."

The Giants have won seven straight games since the guarantee.

For Billick, there has been no single, defining event, just a general air of confidence.

After a 15-10 victory in Jacksonville — one of two ugly victories in which the Ravens didn't manage a touchdown — NFL Films caught Billick addressing his team in an impassioned victory speech. He sprinkled words of encouragement, profanity and the us-vs.-them attitude that seem to work in most team sports.

When the Ravens won at Tennessee in the playoffs, Billick

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## Lady Steers facing big game

By KAMILAH WARD  
Sports Writer

With the second half of District 4-4A basketball play well under way, Big Spring's Lady Steers and Steers will host Andrews' Lady Mustangs and Mustangs at 6 p.m. Friday in Steer Gym.

It will be a game of paramount importance to Big Spring's girls.

"We need to win all of them now," Lady Steers head coach Jimmy Avery said after Tuesday night's 43-39 victory over Snyder which puts Big Spring third in the district standings going into Friday's contest.

Every game from here on out is very crucial for the Lady Steers as they try to hold on to their playoff chances.

The last meeting between the Big Spring and Andrews teams ended in a split with the Lady Steers rallying in the third and fourth quarters to post a big 65-47 road win over the Lady Mustangs.

A pivotal run of 11 unanswered points was sparked by LaTrisha Rollins' 3-pointer midway through the third quarter of that first meeting.

Senior point guard Melissa Forth led the Lady Steers in scoring that night with 25 points and Rollins chipped in 15.

But that Jan. 6 win was a total team effort as the Lady Steers shot 51 percent from the field, including six 3-pointers.

A key 3-pointer came from Chelsea Churchwell in the second quarter that brought the half to a close with the Lady Steers holding a 32-25 lead.

"We got contributions from everyone," Avery said recalling the win. "That makes us harder to beat."

If the Lady Steers play with the same intensity and effort they have showcased over the season during Friday night's match-up, Avery is convinced they'll sweep their season series with the Lady Mustangs.

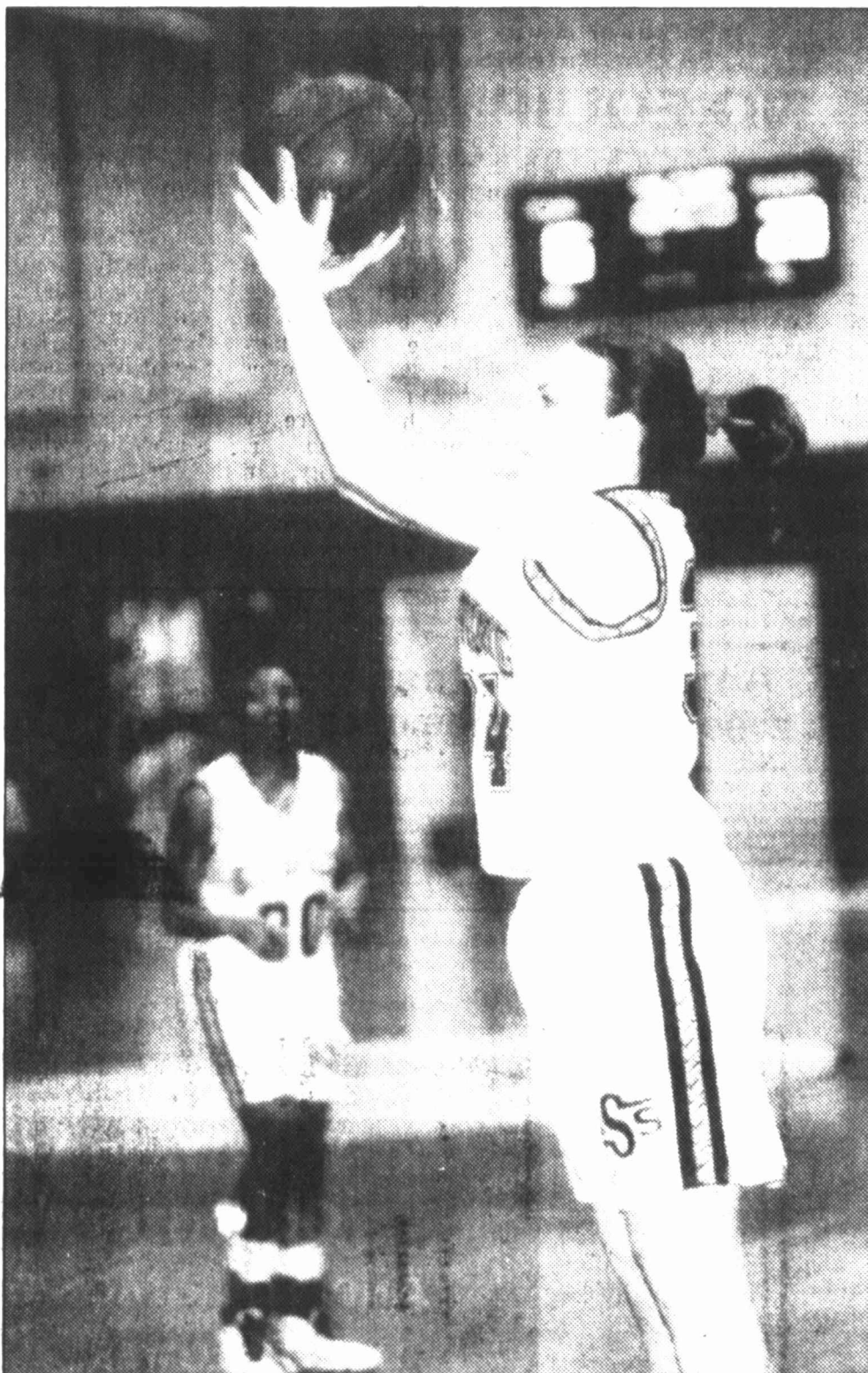
The Lady Mustangs will enter the showdown with a record of 15-10 overall and 4-5 in district after defeating the San Angelo Lake View's Maidens by a 21-point margin. So they, too, are fighting for one of the district's three playoff berths.

Friday's nightcap will be a different matter.

The Steers, winless in 4-4A play, would like nothing better than turn things around with a win over Andrews.

Steers head coach Bryan Ellington has seen his team turn in tremendous efforts, battling well against teams like Andrews. Unfortunately, those efforts aren't reflected in Big Spring's win-loss record.

In their first meeting with the Mustangs, Big Spring suffered an 85-48 loss, as turnovers and poor free throw shooting hurt the Steers' effort. Andrews forced 17 turnovers in that



HERALD photo/Jim Fiero

LaTrisha Rollins spots up for a 3-pointer during a District 4-4A game against Lubbock Estacado on Jan. 16. The Lady Steers will need the same outpouring of Rollins had during the first meeting against Andrews as they will host the Lady Mustangs at 6 p.m. Friday in Steer Gym.

game, while the Steers shot 39 percent from the charity stripe.

Turnovers have plagued the Steers for much of the season, so Ellington is looking to make significant improvement in that statistical category when the Mustangs arrive at Steer Gym.

Andrews' inside and outside play made it a long night for the Steers when the two teams last met, as the Mustangs managed 11 3-pointers.

"They were hurting us inside and outside," Ellington said of the Steers trip to Andrews. "We tried to mix up the zone and man, but they were just

shooting really well. They also have two big guys inside — Tharp and Jackson — and they just banged us up."

Since that time, however, the Steers have been working on improving their play by making better decisions offensively while continuing to play solid defense.

During Tuesday night's loss in Snyder the Steers closed the contest with a 20-point fourth-quarter effort, and that's the kind of production they'll need to keep pace with the Mustangs on Friday.

## Sixers keep winning, with Miami trying to keep pace

The ASSOCIATED PRESS

The Philadelphia 76ers keep winning; the New York Knicks have started losing; the Miami Heat are creeping up.

The Sixers woke up today with a 6-game lead in the Atlantic Division after they defeated the Houston Rockets 85-84 in overtime. The Knicks, meanwhile, lost their third in a row by dropping an 81-67 decision at Charlotte, while the Heat won their third straight by beating Toronto 103-83.

"Yeah, it was an ugly win, but it was a win," Iverson said. "I'll take a win any way we can get it."

The Sixers won on the road for the 12th consecutive time, setting a franchise record.

In other games, Seattle beat the Los Angeles Clippers 114-110 in overtime, Cleveland downed Chicago 94-86, Phoenix drubbed Detroit 106-73 and Golden State crushed New Jersey 109-87.

The Sixers have had the NBA's best record for all but a couple days this season, and their lead in the division is now a commanding one. They return home to play the Pistons on Friday before playing their next three — against Indiana, Toronto and New York — on the road.

"We defended like crazy, especially in the fourth quarter," 76ers coach Larry Brown said. "We missed some key free throws, but we found ways to make stops at their end. I thought we defended about as well as we could, especially down the stretch."

"A lot of guys stepped up."

Iverson scored 32 points despite shooting only 3-for-13 from the field in the first half. He had nine points in the third quarter to keep the Rockets from getting too far ahead. He also hit 12 of his 15 free throws.

George Lynch's basket gave the 76ers a 72-70 lead to start the overtime and they never trailed, improv-

ing their league-best road record to 19-4.

Steve Francis led the Rockets with 24 points and Cuttino Mobley had 22.

#### Hornets 81, Knicks 67

Jamal Mashburn had 31 points and 13 rebounds as the Hornets snapped their five-game losing streak.

The Knicks have lost three straight.

New York, which had its NBA-record 33-game streak of holding opponents under 100 points snapped in Tuesday night's 105-91 loss at Milwaukee, was better on defense against Charlotte.

But its offense was awful, especially in the second half. The Knicks scored only 31 points after halftime on 9-of-36 shooting. The Knicks shot 33 percent, were 3-for-17 from 3-point range and committed 16 turnovers.

#### Heat 103, Raptors 83

At Miami, Anthony Mason scored 21 points to lead a balanced attack as the Heat won their ninth straight home game.

The Heat, playing for the first time following Sunday's road win against the Lakers, put the game away with a 17-3 run to open the fourth quarter.

The Heat, 13-4 in their last 17, led 71-67 entering the fourth quarter and put the game away behind the scoring of Eddie Jones and Anthony Carter.

Jones finished with 18 points, while Brian Grant followed with 17 and Tim Hardaway added 15.

#### SuperSonics 114, Clippers 110, OT

At Los Angeles, Gary Payton scored 26 points and Ruben Patterson scored four of his 18

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points in the final 2:23 of overtime as Seattle dealt the Clippers their season-high sixth straight loss.

With Clippers leading scorer Lamar Odom sitting out the first half because of disciplinary reasons, Eric Piatkowski made his first start of the season and scored a season-high 30 points.

Rookie guard Quentin Richardson scored all of his 18 points in the first half for the Clippers, who are 0-6 in overtime this season.

SUPER BOWL

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expressed his team's mindset perfectly, saying there was no use tippy-toeing into a lion's den.

"You carry a spear, you go screaming like a banshee, kick whatever doors are. If you go in any other way, you're going to lose," Billick said.

His latest act of brazenness came Monday, when he gave the media a verbal spanking for its coverage of the Ray Lewis saga, and warned reporters against overdoing it come media day.

"If he can become a lightning rod in the Lewis thing, if the heat gets turned toward the coach, I believe the coach has done a good thing," Buell said. "He knows in this fishbowl, you're not going to escape it. But there's nothing wrong with making a statement like that."

Both coaches also seem to have a great sense of when not to overplay their hands. Knowing he had rubbed people wrong early in the week, Billick went to the stadium Wednesday and jokingly jabbed his finger at reporters.

"For those of you who weren't here Monday, I want to make one thing perfectly clear..." he said, with a joking sternness. Then he moved onto new subjects,

Cavaliers 94, Bulls 86

At Cleveland, Lamond Murray scored 26 points and Jim Jackson made a crucial 3-pointer in the fourth quarter as Cleveland handed Chicago its 10th straight loss.

Chris Gatling added 16 points — 10 in the fourth — and Andre Miller had 13 points, nine assists and seven rebounds for the Cavs, who blew an 18-point lead in the second half but hung on.

Khalid El-Amin scored all

17 of his points in the final 16:02 as the Bulls finally got hot from the floor in the fourth. Chicago took an 82-81 lead with 4:53 left, but couldn't make the plays down the stretch.

Suns 106, Pistons 73

At Auburn Hills, Mich., Cliff Robinson had 27 points and Shawn Marion added 18 points and 16 rebounds to help the Suns snap a three-game losing streak.

Phoenix led by as many as 34 points to win for the first time since Jason Kidd left

the team after being arrested last week. The 33-point margin was the biggest ever for the Suns against Detroit.

The loss was Detroit's seventh in a row at home, three short of the team record set in 1979-80 and 1993-94.

Warriors 109, Nets 87

At Oakland, Antawn Jamison scored 28 points and Marc Jackson had 17 points and 13 rebounds.

Mookie Blaylock shook off the flu to score 20 points for the injury-depleted Warriors.

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10 points, eight below his average.

Chris Owens, tied for the league lead with six double-doubles, also didn't score until the second half. He wound up with seven points and three rebounds, and fouled out in the final two minutes.

Texas A&M (6-12, 0-6) was

down just 62-60 with 2:47 to play when the Cowboys began a 14-4 run to end the game. Oklahoma State hit free throws and the Aggies missed shots — including several 3-pointers.

"In order to come in here and beat them, we knew that we had to hit shots. They just weren't falling at the end," said Bernard King, who led the Aggies.

less bombastic material. Likewise, all week, questioners have been trying to goad Fassel into making a victory guarantee at this event, the venue where Joe Namath coined the practice 32 years ago.

Fassel never bit. "Sometimes you can overdo something," he said. "You can try to be cute and

funny. I said that because I believed it 100 percent. I was angry and upset, and I had to get the focus going in a direction. I achieved that. Now, I don't have to be cute and funny and quotable."

Sometimes, however, it seems these coaches can't help it.

Buell says Fassel and Billick are doing what all

effective coaches do — mastering the psychological side of the sport.

"They're selling a system that works," he said. "There's a high level of belief in what they're doing and saying. You have to believe a big part of the success is because of how the coaches have sold themselves."

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FISHING REPORT

Here is the weekly report as compiled by Parks and Wildlife for Jan. 24. (Reportable on www.bxfishing.com.)

**CENTRAL BROWNWOOD:** Water 38 to 43 degrees; wind; black bass to fair on black and blue Strike King Crappie trailers in the river. Hybrid striped bass are slow. White bass Crappie are good on the morning around 10 to 15 feet. All are open.

**BUCHANAN:** Water 38 to 43 degrees; 1013.62; to 4 pounds are slow presentation using pumpkin Terminator matching pork trailer. Melon Devils Tongue fish Creme Super ledges and second points in 10 to 16 bass to 24 inches fair drifting live or trolling bucktail jigs. Nels from Morgan lake. White bass are small crankbaits on 20 to 30 feet between Beaver Creeks. Slow on minnows and Tiny Tubes.

**PROCTOR:** Water 38 to 43 degrees; 12 low; bluegill slow. Striped bass Crappie are fair on jigs. Channel, blue catfish are slow. Veering activity.

**SOUTH AMISTAD:** Water 38 to 43 degrees; 38 low; bluegill good on deep-diving and 10 inch power Carolina rigs. Stripper fair on slabs in Channel and the mouth of the White bass are fair on spoons under birds. Slow. Channel and are fair in deep water. Catfish are slow.

**WEST ALAN HENRY:** Water 38 to 43 degrees; 43 degrees are fair on black crankbaits and white baits fished in the on black/blue jigs. Slow.

**ARROWHEAD:** 43 reports of black bass are fair on minnow catfish are fair on jigs and cut baits. Only boat ramp is West.

**BRADY:** No report. **BROWNWOOD:** Water 38 to 43 degrees; 3 low are fair on jigs and crankbaits. White bass watch for schools.

**COLORADO CITY:** 58-60 degrees on lake; black bass are fair on jigs. Blue catfish are fair good on live shad.

**FT. PHANTOM:** clear, 49 degrees; bass and crappie are fair on jigs and shad. Hybrid good on cut shad.

**HUBBARD CR:** ramps out of the low water level report available. **KEMP:** No report. **NASWORTHY:** Water 38 to 43 degrees; No fishing available.

**NOCONA:** No report. **OAK CREEK:** No open - no fishing available.

**OH. IVE:** Water 38 to 43 degrees; 45 degrees low; black bass Carolina-rigged worms and slabs near main lake hump. Crappie are tipped with minnow feet. White bass chrome and white for surface schools. Electronics for sus. Channel catfish are baits in 50-65 feet. Concho Park is in use but the roads have a new black.

**POSSUM KING:** clear; 42 degrees. Fishing extremely condition affecting fish.

**SPENGE:** Water 38 to 43 degrees; black bass White bass are slow fish are good on worms on the north.

**STAMFORD:** Water 38 to 43 degrees; boat ramp water - no fishing available.

**SWEETWATER:** stained; 45 degrees are fair on jigs. Good on shallow crankbaits near. Catfish are fair on worms.

**TWIN BUTTES:** partially discounted less than 10%. **WHITE RIVER:** low; black bass Crappie are fair fish.

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FISHING REPORT

Here is the weekly fishing report as compiled for the Texas Parks and Wildlife Department for Jan. 24. (Report also available on Web as www.txfishing.com.)

CENTRAL

**BROWNWOOD:** Water stained; 38 to 43 degrees; 3 below spillway; black bass to 6 pounds are fair on black and blue jigs with blue Strike King Carolina lizard pork trailers in the Jim Ned river. Hybrid striped bass are slow. White bass are slow. Crappie are good on minnows in the morning around the docks in 10 to 15 feet. All boat ramps are open.

**BUCHANAN:** Water clear; 47 degrees; 1013.62; black bass to 4 pounds are slow on a slow presentation using 1/4 oz. pumpkin Terminator jigs and matching pork trailers, watermelon Devils Tongues and crawfish Creme Super Tubes on ledges and secondary creek points in 10 to 16 feet. Striped bass to 24 inches are slow to fair drifting live or cut shad or trolling bucktail jigs along channels from Morgan Creek up lake. White bass are fair trolling small crankbaits on leadline in 20 to 30 feet between Morgan and Beaver Creeks. Crappie are slow on minnows and crawfish Tiny Tubes.

**PROCTOR:** Water murky; 48 degrees; 12 low; black bass are slow. Striped bass are slow. Crappie are fair on minnows and jigs. Channel, blue and yellow catfish are slow. Very little fishing activity.

SOUTH

**AMISTAD:** Water clear; 52 degrees; 38 low; black bass are good on deep-diving crankbaits and 10 inch power worms on Carolina rigs. Striped bass are fair on slabs in Castle Canyon and the mouth of Evans Creek. White bass are fair on slabs and spoons under birds. Crappie are slow. Channel and blue catfish are fair in deep water. Yellow catfish are slow.

**WEST**  
**ALAN HENRY:** Water lightly stained; 43 degrees; black bass are fair on bass colored crankbaits and white spinnerbaits fished in the brush - also on black/blue jigs. Crappie are slow.

**ARROWHEAD:** 43 degrees; No reports of black bass. Crappie are fair on minnows. Channel catfish are fair on nightcrawlers and cut baits. Only accessible boat ramp is West Arrowhead.

**BRADY:** No report available.  
**BROWNWOOD:** Water stained; 46 degrees; 3 low; black bass are fair on jigs and deep diving crankbaits. White bass are fair watch for schools.

**COLORADO CITY:** Water clear; 58-60 degrees on the main lake; black bass and crappie are fair on jigs. Channel and blue catfish are fair. Redfish are good on live shad.

**FT. PHANTOM HILL:** Water clear; 49 degrees; 6 low; black bass and crappie are slow. Blue catfish are good on big minnows and shad. Hybrid striper are good on cut shad.

**HUBBARD CREEK:** Boat ramps out of the water due to low water level - no fishing report available.

**KEMP:** No report available.  
**NASWORTHY:** Water clear; 45 degrees; No fishing report available.

**NOCONA:** No report available.  
**OAK CREEK:** No boat ramps open - no fishing report available.

**OH. IVIE:** Water clear on the main lake; 45 degrees; 14.6 low; black bass are good on Carolina-rigged 10" power worms and slabs in 25-40 feet near main lake humps or channels. Crappie are fair on jigs tipped with minnows in 20-35 feet. White bass are good on chrome and white slabs watch for surface schooling or electronics for suspended fish. Channel catfish are fair on cut baits in 50-65 feet. The road to Concho Park is under construction but the roads to Elm Creek have a new black top.

**POSSUM KINGDOM:** Water clear; 42 degrees; 4.42 low; Fishing extremely slow unknown condition affecting all species of fish.

**SPENDE:** Water stained; 43 degrees; black bass are slow. White bass are slow. Blue catfish are good on cut baits and worms on the north side of lake.

**STAMFORD:** Water clear; 44 degrees; boat ramp out of the water - no fishing report available.

**SWEETWATER:** Water slightly stained; 45 degrees; Crappie are fair on jigs. White bass are good on shallow running crankbaits near the dam. Catfish are fair on minnows and worms.

**TWIN BUTTES:** Report temporarily discontinued lake is less than 10% of capacity.

**WHITE RIVER:** 45 degrees; 18 low; black bass are slow. Crappie are fair on 2" finesse fish.



By BETTY DEBNAM

Reminders of Our Leaders

Presidential Mementos

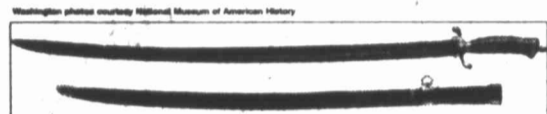


George Washington President, 1789-1797

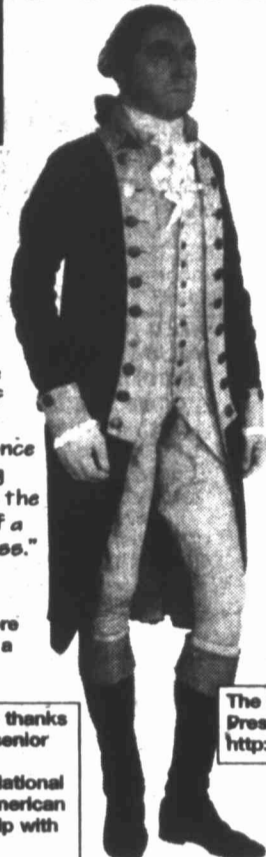
Fact-a-ronnie: Washington believed in the importance of being well-dressed. He once said: "Nothing adds more to the appearance of a man than dress."

George Washington wore this uniform as a general.

The Mini Page thanks Julia Forbes, senior educator, Smithsonian National Museum of American History, for help with this issue.



Washington carried this sword (shown with its cover) when he inspected his troops.



A memento (muh-MEN-toe) is a keepsake or a souvenir of someone or some event.

If you were to collect mementos that would remind you and others of your family, what objects would you choose? Can you make a list?

A big museum in Washington, D.C., has an exhibit of mementos that tell us a lot about the presidents of the United States and our country's history.

While we might read about these great men, seeing some of the objects that were part of their lives gives us an understanding of them and the time in which they lived.

In this issue, we have included just a few of the items from the exhibit "The American Presidency" at the Smithsonian National Museum of American History.

The exhibit site to see: The American Presidency, <http://Americanhistory.si.edu/presidency>

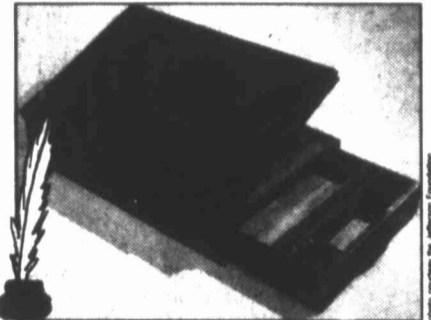
"To my friend and to the friend of mankind, General Washington," Benjamin Franklin wrote these words when he gifted this walking cane to Washington.



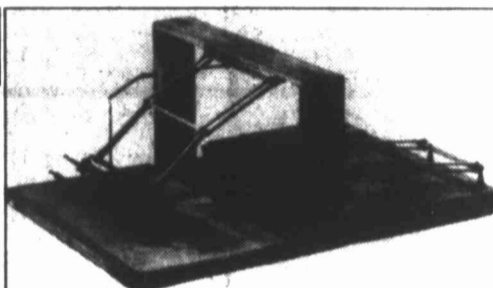
Fact-a-ronnie: Thomas Jefferson was the first president to be sworn into office in Washington, D.C.



Thomas Jefferson President, 1801-1809



Thomas Jefferson wrote the Declaration of Independence on this portable writing desk he designed. It has a writing board that lifts up, a drawer for papers and pens, and an inkwell.



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Goldie Goodsport's Report

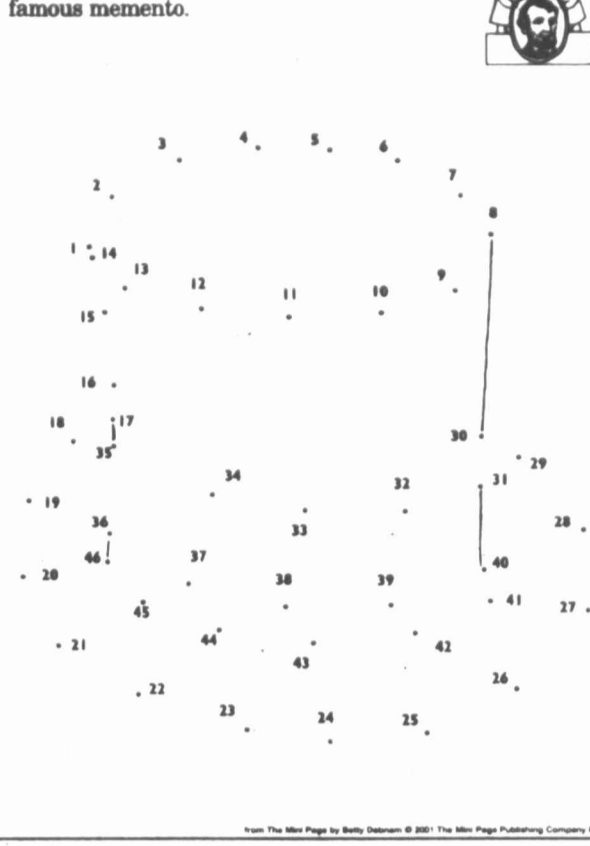
Supersport: Jennifer Gillom

Height: 6-3 Weight: 180 Birthdate: 6-13-64 College: Mississippi

One of the stars of the Phoenix Mercury basketball team of the WNBA is Jennifer Gillom. She has played center for the team since 1997. Last year she led the team in scoring with an average of 12.5 points per game. It was her third year in a row to get the honor.

From 1987 to 1996 she played pro basketball in Italy. She speaks fluent Italian. Jennifer, who studied education in college, grew up with six brothers and three sisters. When she retires from playing, she would like to be a college basketball coach. Her hobbies are playing tennis, listening to music and doing crossword puzzles.

Go dot to dot and color this famous memento.



Rookie Cookies Recipe

Seashore Casserole

- You'll need:
- 3 (6-ounce) cans tuna fish, drained
  - 1 celery stalk, chopped
  - 1/2 cup almonds, chopped
  - 1 cup mayonnaise
  - 2 tablespoons lemon juice
  - 1/2 cup cheddar cheese, grated
  - 1 cup potato chips, crushed

- What to do:
1. Combine all ingredients except cheese and chips. Mix well.
  2. Place in a casserole.
  3. Sprinkle cheese and chips evenly on top.
  4. Bake in a preheated 350-degree oven for 30 minutes. Serves 4.

Meet Alicia Morton

When she was just 6 years old, Alicia Morton told her grandfather that her goal was to be on Broadway by the time she was 17. Two years later, in 1996, she reached her goal. She got a part in the hit play "Les Miserables" and was in it for 3 1/2 years.

She also played the title role in the TV version of the musical "Annie." More than 3,000 girls auditioned for the part.

Alicia is from Gonzalez, La., and has been singing and dancing since she was 2. She started singing lessons at 6. Alicia lives in California and likes in-line skating and making jewelry. She has an older brother, Shane.

Mementos of Our Presidents

**Abraham Lincoln 1809-1865**  
Fact-a-ronnie: Abraham Lincoln was the first president to be assassinated. He was killed in 1865, just over a month after he began his second term of office.  
Drummers beat this drum when they marched in Lincoln's funeral.  
President Lincoln wore this top hat the night he was assassinated at Ford's Theater in Lincoln's time, men tried to dress to give a fine impression. Like many men, he wore a black suit, white linen shirt, black tie and tall hat.  
An artist made a cast of Lincoln's hands only two days after he had won his party's nomination as president. Notice that his right hand is swollen and bigger than his left because he shook so many hands.

**Theodore Roosevelt 1901-1909**  
Fact-a-ronnie: Teddy Roosevelt (at the age of 42) was the youngest man ever to become president of the United States.  
Teddy Roosevelt wore these cowboy chaps when he visited his ranch out west. He was an energetic president who loved roughing it outdoors.  
When Teddy Roosevelt refused to shoot a bear cub, he inspired a stuffed toy. The "teddy bear" was named after him.

**Franklin Roosevelt 1882-1945**  
Fact-a-ronnie: Franklin Roosevelt served as president longer than any other president (12 years). He died two months after being sworn in to his fourth term.  
Franklin Roosevelt spoke over this microphone when he made his famous "fireside chats" on the radio. Roosevelt was known for his warm and friendly way of talking to his audience.  
Franklin Roosevelt served during trying times, the Great Depression and World War II.

**John Quincy Adams 1825-1829**  
Fact-a-ronnie: John Quincy Adams had a grandchild, Mary Louise Adams, who played with this doll she called "Betsy."  
John Quincy Adams was the first son of a president to become president. George W. Bush is the second.  
Look through your newspaper for pictures of mementos of our time.  
Next week, read all about the state of Virginia.

**Calvin Coolidge 1923-1929**  
Fact-a-ronnie: Calvin Coolidge was a popular president. He was known as "Silent Cal" because he did not waste words.  
Photos can be mementos, too.  
The Coolidges had more pets than any other family in the White House. Their pets included dogs, cats, raccoons, donkeys and birds. This photo shows first lady Grace Coolidge with her pet raccoon, Rebecca. President Coolidge liked Rebecca, too. He used to walk her on a leash.

**PRESIDENTS TRY 'N FIND**

Names of some presidents are hidden in the block below. Some words are hidden backward or diagonally. See if you can find: WASHINGTON, JEFFERSON, CLINTON, KENNEDY, JACKSON, LINCOLN, MONROE, BUSH, NIXON, BUCHANAN, COOLIDGE, FORD, REAGAN, FILLMORE, ARTHUR, GRANT.

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**Mini Spy ...**

Mini Spy and her friends are admiring the exhibit on our presidents at the Smithsonian. See if you can find:

- bucket
- heart
- letter E
- ruler
- number 3
- bell
- teapot
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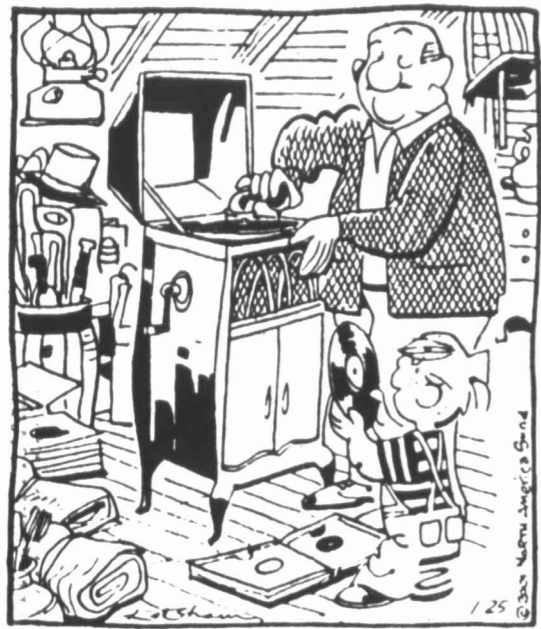




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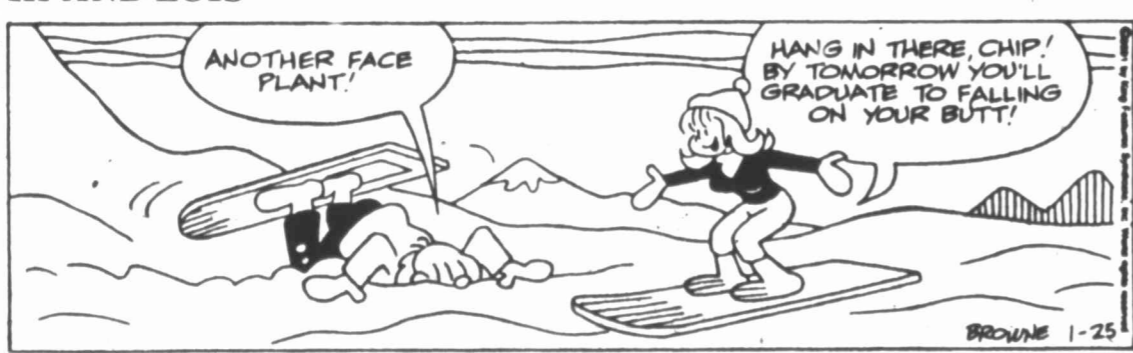
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**Today's Highlight in History:**  
On Jan. 25, 1961, President John F. Kennedy held the first presidential news conference carried live on radio and television.

On this date:  
In 1787, Shays's Rebellion suffered a setback when debt-ridden farmers led by Capt. Daniel Shays failed to capture an arsenal at Springfield, Mass.

In 1890, reporter Nellie Bly (Elizabeth Cochrane) of the New York World completed a round-the-world journey in 72 days, six hours and 11 minutes.

In 1890, the United Mine Workers of America was founded.

In 1915, the inventor of the telephone, Alexander Graham Bell, inaugurated U.S. transcontinental telephone service.

In 1946, the United Mine Workers rejoined the American Federation of Labor.

In 1947, American gangster Al Capone died in Miami Beach, Fla., at age 48.

In 1959, American Airlines opened the jet age in the United States with the first scheduled transcontinental flight of a Boeing 707.

In 1971, Charles Manson and three women followers were convicted in Los Angeles of murder and conspiracy in the 1969 slayings of seven people, including actress Sharon Tate.

In 1981, the 52 Americans held hostage by Iran for 444 days arrived in the United States.

In 1990, actress Ava Gardner died in London at age 67.

**Today's Birthdays:**  
Journalist-author Edwin Newman is 82. Georgian President Eduard Shevardnadze is 73. Actor Dean Jones is 70. The former president of the Philippines, Corazon Aquino, is 68. Blues singer Etta James is 63. Movie director Tobe Hooper is 58. Actress Leigh Taylor-Young is 57. Actress Jenifer Lewis is 44. Actress Dinah Manoff is 43. Country musician Mike Burch (River Road) is 35. Rhythm-and-blues singer Kina is 32.

THE Daily Crossword Edited by Wayne Robert Williams

ACROSS

- Sousa piece
- Blow used to rebuff a pass
- Jug handles
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- Make a point
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- Lends a hand
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- Fire residue
- Two guys who are Mario's dad?
- Kukla's friend
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- Zhivago's love
- Cavalryman's weapon
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- Levels
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- Narrative song
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- Inane
- Two guys with Goldie Hawn?
- Roast beef au
- Cut and splice
- In the near future
- Jaw, Sask.
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- Tickle Me
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DOWN

- Cradle rocker
- Baba and MacGraw
- Two guys from Mayberry?
- Revolutionary Guevara
- Almost not
- Alan Ladd classic
- Tender cut
- Gibb or Williams
- Club-shaped tool
- Disney World draw
- Texas landmark
- Kind of race
- Spanish beat
- Church passage
- Painter Holbein
- Carrying a burden
- Not interesting
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- 38 Two guys who are the Piano Man?
- 37 Austen novel
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- 44 Guam or Yukon: abbr.
- 48 Brand new
- 50 Brothers Band
- 51 Turns obliquely
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- 65 Spanish gold

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*Area Chamber of Commerce*

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## 2001 should be an inspiring year

**C**ongratulations, Big Spring, for a great 2000! Through cooperative efforts from the city, county, industrial foundation, Moore Development, Howard College, and many, many individuals, it was a rewarding year. Rewarding because we saw excitement and dedication of volunteers as changes were made to make our community more attractive, more serviceable and more diversified to compensate for changes in our economy.

We are making progress. And if you don't believe it, just take a look at downtown and remember back to just two years ago. What an

improvement, with even more to come in 2001.

A very special thank-you to outgoing president Jim Purcell. His time as president was all volunteer, yet he was always available to the board, staff and membership. The strength of chamber depends on the representation of its volunteers. We have strong support and wonderful people who all want what is in the best interest of Big Spring.

There is no doubt that 2001

will be an inspiring year. Every day, we are working on ideas and ways to make our community a better place to live.

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## Chamber directors serve three-year terms

The Big Spring Area Chamber of Commerce works on a democratic system, with board of directors members selected for three-year terms.

President-elect is selected by the current and past president. That recommendation is presented to the board of directors, who then vote on approval of the incoming president.

Officers for each division of the chamber are selected by the president and incoming president, who make their recommendations to the executive committee. An affirmative vote brings the recom-

mendations to the board of directors, who then also vote their approval of the officers.

Each year, new members are selected through a nominating process that allows the general membership population to submit nominations.

These nominations are then voted on by all chamber members, and new members are selected.

Annually, five new board members are chosen for the chamber, and five members retire each year as well.

Once a vice president has been selected, it is that offi-

cer's responsibility to form a committee comprised of chamber of commerce members.

The chamber of commerce leadership structure is divided into officers, vice presidents, retiring directors, ex-officio directors and directors who are grouped into three-year increments.

Vice presidents are responsible for such programs as business development, governmental affairs, membership development, public affairs, tourism and overseeing Dora Roberts Civic Center.

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## Chamber members offered a variety of programs to take part in

Business After Hours, Business Showcase and ribbon cuttings are just some of the events the Big Spring Area Chamber of Commerce has conducted for its members.

Business After Hours, now in its fourth year, is an opportunity for one business member to host a reception.

"Business After Hours has been

very successful for our chamber members. The purpose is to give exposure to businesses. We have businesses requesting to host the event," said Terri Davis, executive vice president of the chamber.

"For Business After Hours, the company sends out its own invitations to its clientele, and we send out invita-

tions to chamber members.

"Most of the participation is with the clientele, so each one is different," said Davis.

A lighting contest among the residents and businesses is sponsored by the chamber each holiday season, and business seminars are conducted each year through the business devel-

opment division of the chamber.

Every new member of the chamber has a ribbon cutting ceremony, which is attended by members of the Big Spring Ambassadors and photographs are taken.

The division also organizes community luncheons for business leaders each quarter.

## Ag Expo, luncheon held each year to honor area farmers, producers

Every year, the Big Spring Area Chamber of Commerce takes time to recognize the role of agriculture in our local economy.

In a few months, it will be time for the ninth annual West Texas Ag Expo and the 30th Ag Appreciation Luncheon, honoring farmers and ranchers in the community. Usually taking place at the Dorothy Garrett Coliseum, the Expo often features exhibits, seminars, food and the highlight — naming of the producer of the

year.

Each year, tickets to the appreciation lunch are free to local farmers and ranchers.

The lunch is also open to the public for a nominal fee.

Some of the seminar topics from past Expos included row spacing, boll weevil management, drip irrigation and worker protection standards, farm chemicals, laws relating to agriculture and even improving the home landscape.




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## Mac Bledsoe to be banquet's keynote speaker

Mac Bledsoe, the keynote speaker for the Big Spring Area Chamber of Commerce annual banquet, is a former teacher who resigned from his job at Eisenhower High School in Yakima, Wash., to establish the Drew Bledsoe Foundation in 1996.

For the last 25 years, Bledsoe and his wife, Barbara, have been presenting a seminar they developed titled, "Parenting with Dignity."

The Drew Bledsoe Foundation was begun by and named for their son who plays for the New England Patriots, and is described as a parent education organization.

The curriculum developed by the Bledsoes is now available through the foundation.



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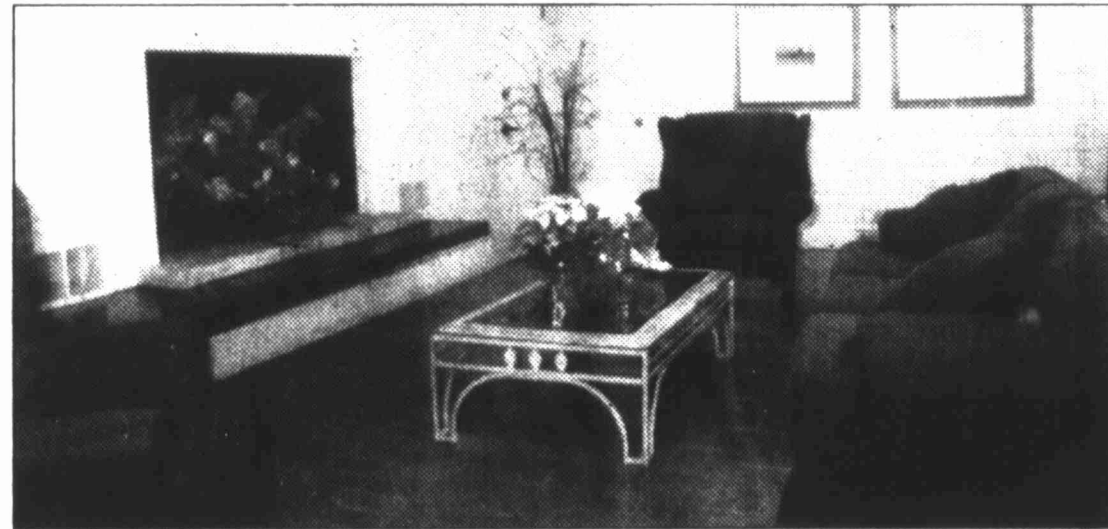
## DRCC hosts meetings, weddings and more

From weddings to board meetings, luncheons to art shows, the Dora Roberts Civic Center is the place to go.

Managed by the Big Spring Area Chamber of Commerce, the center is owned by the city. A manager runs the day-to-day operations, including bookings and arrangements for a variety of events.

In 1992, a sock-hop dance kicked off a season of fundraisers designed to get the dilapidated and little-used former Cosden Country Club back on its feet. Dozens of volunteers mobilized a large effort to save the building and bring it into the future.

Two years and \$420,000 later, the community celebrated the success at a grand opening. Clubs, organizations and friends of the center, who had



The Dora Roberts Civic Center has a ballroom, furnished meeting rooms, kitchen facilities and more. An outside pavilion is also popular

given time and money, visited the new showplace.

Since then, furnished rooms, kitchen facilities and the availability of a large ballroom have made the center a popular meet-

ing place. Each month, hundreds attend events, club meetings, wedding showers or other parties there.

Several groups have regular meetings scheduled at

the center.

A pavilion constructed less than two years ago behind the building, on the shore of Comanche Lake, has become a popular place for seasonal weddings.



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## Health Fair an annual event of the chamber

Each year, the Big Spring Area Chamber of Commerce promotes health services and products at the Big Spring Health Fair, taking place in the Dorothy Garrett Coliseum.

The year 2001 will bring the 16th annual fair, sure to include not only many familiar exhibits and screenings, but new ones as well.

Exhibitors often come from local medical clinics, equipment sales and rental businesses, doctor's offices and other health-related services. They offer a variety of free screenings, including blood pressure and glucose, cholesterol and grip strength. Information is available on such topics as Alzheimer's disease, rehabilitation programs, the rabies outbreak and safe use of prescription drugs.

Fitness programs have conducted demonstrations in the past, while free ultrasound tests and glaucoma screenings were popular offerings. In recent years, senior citizens have been encouraged to take advantage of the File of Life, which keeps health information available in case of an



The chamber-sponsored health fair includes a number of screenings and exhibits. This year, the event is scheduled for April 21.

emergency.

A host of corporate sponsors make the event possible each year, and a committee of volunteers plans and organizes the fair.

Related activities have occurred in conjunction with, or on the same day, as the fair.

They include the "Master the Mountain" Fun Run/Walk at Big Spring State Park, and a bicycle rodeo, promoting safety for youngsters.

This year, the health fair, fun run and a Relay for Life golf tournament are all scheduled for April 21.

## CVB brings visitors to city

The Conventions and Visitors Bureau, a division of the Big Spring Area Chamber of Commerce, actively participates and recruits businesses and tourists to Big Spring.

Many special events and unique attractions are available in Big Spring through the efforts of the CVB. A radio station, 1180 AM Radio, is a continuous signal that broadcasts upcoming events in Big Spring on a 24-hour cycle that repeats every six minutes.

The CVB also brings thousands of tourists and several million dollars into the community each year through promotion and marketing.

Annual, biannual and quarterly conventions are brought to Big Spring each year. Facilitators and instructors are scheduling workshops and training seminars in Big Spring.

From highway signs to downtown flags, broadcast events to brochures, the CVB committee of the chamber works to promote the city and what it has to offer.

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## Leadership Big Spring gives introduction to community

Leadership Big Spring, now into its 19th year, is a Big Spring Area Chamber of Commerce program that allows members of the community to have a first-hand look at all the businesses and services available locally.

"This is an excellent program, and gives community members an opportunity to learn more about Big Spring and the various businesses here," said Terri Davis, executive vice president of the chamber.

The leadership class meets one a month for 10 months. This year, the group began meeting in January and will break for the summer months, then resume in the fall.

While involved in the class, the group tours various businesses and industries within the community, attends board meeting of various entities and generally gets a broad overview of everything Big Spring has to offer.

"Often businesses will send their key people to the leadership class, to

allow them to learn more about Big Spring," Davis said. "And this is a good networking opportunity for business owners to get together with other business leaders to discuss ideas and concerns."

Leadership Big Spring classes also offer workshops on leadership, an additional bonus for those enrolled.

Other areas of interest that the class tours are agriculture, utilities, communication and law enforcement.

Participants are required to attend three board meetings of a local government entity, ride in a patrol car with a Big Spring police officer and must also take part in a community project.

In addition to the Leadership Big Spring program, the chamber also offers a junior program.

Big Spring Junior Leadership is available to high school juniors and is actually conducted by the Howard County Extension Agency.

## Chamber membership 400 strong

Big Spring Area Chamber of Commerce has 400 members enrolled, and recruits more members every year.

Membership drives are personal events, where current members travel to two or three prospective members' locations, to visit and issue an

invitation to join.

Personal attention is given to every chamber member, and new members are visited and contacted by the chamber personnel. Businesses and individuals are encouraged to join. To learn more about becoming a chamber member, call 263-7641.

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