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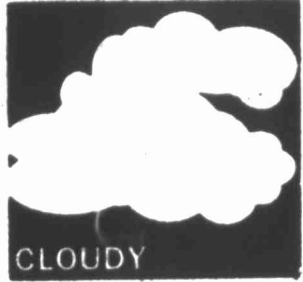
50 CENTS DAILY/\$1.25 SUNDAY

SUNDAY

January 28, 2001

WEATHER

Today:



TODAY 32°-34°
TONIGHT 29°-31°

Some homes to be without water Monday

Residents of Johansen Drive and Driver Road to the Country Club Mobile Home Park may be without water for a while Monday.

The Big Spring distribution and collection department will be replacing a valve at Comanche Trail Park. During the work, residents will experience little or no water pressure.

Work will begin at 9 a.m. and continue until completion.

WHAT'S UP...

MONDAY

□ Senior Circle 4 p.m., Scenic Mountain Medical Center. Sit and Be Fit chair aerobics. People 50 and up are invited to participate.

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

TUESDAY

□ Intermediate Line Dance Class, 9 a.m., Senior Citizens Center.

□ Big Spring Band Boosters meets at 6 p.m. in the high school band hall.

WEDNESDAY

□ Sit and Be Fit Chair Aerobics, 10 a.m., Scenic Mountain Medical Center cafeteria.

□ Big Spring Downtown Lions Club, noon, Howard College Cactus Room.

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

THURSDAY

□ Gideons International, Big Spring Camp No. U42060, Herman's Restaurant, 7 a.m.

□ Coffee Club, noon, Gale's Sweet Shoppe.

□ Kiwanis Club meets at noon in the Howard College Cactus Room.

□ Christmas in April board of directors meets at noon in the bingo building, 1607 E. Third.
□ Friends of the Library, noon, Howard County Library.

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Symphony to open concert season Saturday with Space Odyssey

By DEBBIE JENSEN
Features Editor

The Big Spring Symphony will present its first concert of the new year on Saturday with music from the movie, "2001: A Space Odyssey."

Richard Strauss' Also Sprach Zarathustra, the classical piece that was brought to the big screen in the 1967 movie, will be part of the concert. Conducted by Dr. Gary Lewis of Texas Tech University, the symphony will perform beginning at 8 p.m. in the

Municipal Auditorium.

"We thought this music was very appropriate for our first concert of 2001," said Stan Hanes, president of the symphony association. "Many people with remember this movie. The music is the fanfare, which will be very familiar."

This concert will also feature 10 of the high school's best musicians joining the symphony on various instruments.

"These Big Spring High School band students were chosen by director Rocky

SPACE ODYSSEY

When: 8 p.m. Saturday.

Where: Municipal Auditorium.

Tickets: \$10 adults, \$8 seniors, \$5 children.

Harris to perform with the symphony," Hanes explained. "We are trying to honor some of our best student musicians."

The students will be listed in the program, and they will be recognized during

the concert, he added.

Also on the program at Saturday's concert will be guest soloist Dr. Mark Neumann from Texas Tech University. He will perform with the symphony for a viola concert.

The symphony has a new conductor for this concert because Rob Hunt of Midland, who had been scheduled to conduct, has moved to Houston. Hanes said the association will take the conducting issue "concert by concert" until a replacement is found.

The season of programs will continue on March 24, when Amarillo's Little Theatre will present "Love Always... Patsy Cline."

May 4 and 5, the Harrington String Quartet and the Lone Star Brass will perform.

Tickets for Saturday's concert are \$10 each for adults, \$8 for seniors and \$5 for students. They are available at the Big Spring Area Chamber of Commerce, Heritage Museum, Blum's Jewelers, Dunlap's and First Bank of West Texas.



Freshman Rachel Price of Andrews High School, right, and sophomore Amanda Gray of Big Spring High School play during the All-Region High School Band clinic Saturday. At left, Big Spring student Joel Flores and Andrews student Ross Mohr practice prior to the All-Region High School and Junior High School Band Concert held in the Municipal Auditorium Saturday.

HERALD photos/Lyndel Moody

Caution

State is investigating company soliciting funds in this area, sheriff warns

By CARL GRAHAM
Staff Writer

Howard County citizens are urged to be cautious when dealing with calls from organizations soliciting contributions.

Though many are legitimate and the monies are going for a good cause, Howard County Sheriff Dale Walker advises that if you haven't heard of the organization before, do some checking prior to making a donation.

"One we have most recently been called about is a company soliciting money for the American Deputy Sheriff's Association," said Walker.

Walker said the non-profit organization soliciting the calls is located in Monroe, La., and is among a list of non-profit organizations filed with the Texas Attorney General.



WALKER

"According to investigator Pat Thomas with the Office of the Texas Attorney General, the company is not complying with state procedures," said Walker. "A lawsuit is pending with the state of Texas as well as in Illinois. There are apparently other states with lawsuits or pending lawsuits against this company as well."

Walker said when in doubt, check it out.

"We are certainly advising the public against giving out donations to this particular organization," said Walker. "We advise you to always question the validity of agencies such as this. Be sure of their legitimacy prior to making a contribution or giving out your credit card numbers over the phone."

"Should anyone have a question about a particular organization, feel free to call the Howard County Sheriff's Office to have them checked out."

"Had it not been for a conscientious citizen calling us about this one, we probably would not have heard about it," Walker added.

Officials hope increase in contact hours equals more funding

By LYNDEL MOODY
Staff Writer

Howard County Junior College District officials are anticipating that an increase in contact hours will secure additional funding for the next two



SPARKS

years. "Uncertified contact hours for spring 2001 are currently 482,416," said Dr. Cheri Sparks, Howard College president.

The funding process is determined by the legislature for a two-year period. Compared to spring 1999 figures, Howard College has accumulated almost 70,000 more contact hours.

A contact hour is an hour a student is in a classroom with an instructor.

The state legislature uses contact hours along with the average statewide cost rate for each course to figure funding for each junior college.

According to Sparks, the increase in contact hours can be attributed to a number of grants the district has received, training for businesses, an increase in distance learning classes and college classes given to high school students.

"The growth in the dis-

trict's prison program has also been able to generate contact hours," the president said.

In the last budget year, Howard College received almost \$13 million from the state, Sparks said.

"It is too early to estimate how much money we will receive from Austin," she said.

"Money will be tight. There are several different requests going to affect the pot."

Another impact for funding could be a change in the formula.

When the formula was first established in the 1960s, the state was able to fund 100 percent of the cost of courses.

Over the years, the state percentage dwindled and is currently is at 71 percent for junior colleges.

This year, the junior colleges will be asking the legislature to set the formula at 81 percent.

Big Spring native journeys to Austin to lobby for laws affecting MS victims

By LYNDEL MOODY
Staff Writer

A Big Spring native traveled to Austin over the weekend to voice her opinion for laws that could impact her and others suffering from a disabling disease.

Tricia Tompkins suffers from multiple sclerosis (MS), a disease affecting thousands of people by scarring the nerves in the brain and spinal cord.

She will be one among many who will be lobbying in Austin Monday for potential laws to help those with MS. They will be asking legislators to support increased access to services for people with MS so they can remain in their homes and communities.

They will request that legislators support medical record confidentiality legis-

TO FIGHT MS

Citizens can help combat multiple sclerosis by participating in the Big Spring MS Walk on April 7 at the First Baptist Church. For more information on the walk, contact Troy Tompkins at 263-0120 or the National MS Society at 1-800-FIGHT-MS-1.

lation that protects the privacy, right to insurance and right to care of individuals with chronic illnesses and Medicaid coverage for persons with chronic illness or disabilities as an incentive to work.

It was during her senior year at Texas Tech University that Tompkins first noticed something was

wrong.

"I was in the classroom and could not see the shapes on the board," she recalled. "I kept moving closer and went to the other side of the classroom."

A visit to the eye doctor followed, she said, to check her contacts.

"He asked me to read a line and I did," she said. "He asked me to read the rest of the line. I asked 'what rest of the line?'"

The doctor administered an optical field screening test on Tompkins that revealed she had a blind spot in the upper quadrant of both eyes.

After performing a magnetic resonance imaging (MRI) test, the doctors informed Tompkins there was a possibility she could have MS.

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Tricia Tompkins will be one of many lobbying in Austin Monday for potential laws to help those with multiple sclerosis (MS). Tompkins was diagnosed with MS while she was in college.

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OBITUARIES

Margaret Ruth Smith

Margaret Ruth Smith, 85, of Big Spring, died on Thursday, Jan. 25, 2001, at her residence. Funeral service will be at 2 p.m. Monday, Jan. 29, 2001, at the First Baptist Church with Dr. Kenneth Patrick, chaplain with Baptist Memorials Center in San Angelo, officiating. Interment will follow at Trinity Memorial Park.



She was born on April 9, 1915, in Fort Worth and married Billy Turner Smith on Oct. 15, 1938, in Abilene. Mrs. Smith co-owned and operated Billy Smith Bookkeeping with her husband. She was very active in assisting her husband with the Kiwanis Club. She was a loving wife and homemaker.

Survivors include: her husband, Billy Smith of Big Spring; two sisters, Anne Ginn of Tyler and Irma Dee Kettelwell of Denton; one brother, R.D. Johnston of Jamestown, Kan.; one sister-in-law, Dallis Johnston of Tyler, and numerous nieces, nephews and many good friends.

Pallbearers will be Tom McCann, Carson Balzrette, Joe Cook, Jim Lemons, Dana Jones and Dick Helms. Honorary pallbearers are the Deacons of First Baptist Church and the Big Spring Kiwanis Club.

The family suggests memorials to: First Baptist Church, 705 W. F.M. 700, Big Spring, 79720; Home Hospice, 600 Gregg St., Big Spring, 79720 or to Texas Oklahoma Kiwanis District Foundation, 616 Six Flags Dr. No. 136, Arlington, 76011-6303.

The family will receive friends from 3 to 4 p.m. Sunday at the funeral home. Arrangements are under the direction of Nalley-Pickle & Welch Funeral Home.

Paid obituary

MS

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"...y told me there was nothing to do and come back if anything happened," she said. "A month later, my leg went numb."

Tompkins was diagnosed with a relapsing-remitting, the most common form of MS, where the disease flares up for a time and then the symptoms subside.

According to Tompkins, the protective covering of the nerve, called myelin,

breaks, exposing the nerve. The exposed nerve is susceptible to scarring, causing it not to conduct impulses.

MS symptoms generally begin showing between the ages of 20 to 40. The disease can affect any part of the body.

"The disease affects anything the nerves control," she said. "Nerves control so much of your body."

MS has affected her hands, eyes, feet and at one time a little bit of her speech process, Tompkins mentioned.

Tompkins describes her symptoms as part of her body going and staying numb. She also added the disease physically exhausts patients.

Tompkins continued to have relapses of the disease but went on with her life, graduating from Texas Tech, working as a Spanish teacher — first in Coahoma, then in Lubbock — and eventually earning her master's degree in business administration from Texas Tech.

Tompkins was working at Convent Health Systems in Lubbock before this last bout of MS became so bad she could not dress herself.

Undergoing her worst relapse yet, she has returned home to live with her mother and to work in the Big Spring area.

"Two years ago I could ski," she said. "I was proud of that. Right now, it's hard to walk without assistance. But that's OK."

Tompkins said she will continue to fight the disease and has undergone various treatments, including taking beta seron shots, chemotherapy along with intravenous steroid treatments.

She takes her disease in stride.

"I consider my disease a blessing from God," she said. "I get to see things in people they are never pushed to see in themselves or others. I have also learned to appreciate life."

"People take too much for granted and they don't realize how good God has been for them," she continued. "He has done some amazing things. Yeah, I can't walk all the time and sometimes have to cruise in a wheelchair, but I can still play with my nieces and nephews and my dog Jack."

Parents willing to pay high price to protect children from meningitis

BAYTOWN (AP) — More than 200 people lined up Saturday outside a pharmacy in this small community east of Houston, hoping to pay \$75 for a shot to protect them from meningitis.

Frightened by a recent meningitis outbreak in the Houston area, many are taking any precaution they can.

"Everybody here is absolutely aware the shot is not recommended, but everyone here is absolutely sure they want it," pharmacist Jeff Terry said as he administered shot to waiting children.

While inoculations are occurring in communities near Houston, there have been few actual cases in the nation's fourth-largest city.

Mass vaccinations normally are requested when the number of infections exceeds one in 10,000 over a three-month period — the standard used by the American Academy of Pediatrics and the U.S. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention.

Eight cases have been confirmed in Houston. That number would have to grow to approximately 200 for vaccinations to be recommended in Houston.

A Sugar Land pediatrician, Dr. Michael Bishop, said he is recommending shots for children only if they are believed to have been in contact with someone infected by the disease or if they were exposed at a daycare center.

Fort Bend County, where most of his patients live, has reported two cases in the last three months.

"I haven't even given it (the vaccinations) to my own children," Bishop said.

But many don't care what the experts say. They are more concerned that three area residents have died of the disease.

"I'm not taking any risks with my little girl," said Frank Bellamy, holding his squirming 4-year-old Erica with a firm hand. "It is just too scary."

Missy Cleburne, 34, agreed, saying she hoped to have her four children, ages 3 to 15 vaccinated.

"It is expensive, but we have been calling pediatricians in Houston, and they are charging \$150 a shot," Cleburne said. "We can't afford this, but what is the choice?"

Traffic jams have marked mass inoculations in Conroe, 35 miles north of Houston, as thousands descended on the Montgomery County Fairgrounds for a mass vaccination program designed to stem an outbreak of bacterial meningitis.

The Conroe vaccinations, which started Thursday, are scheduled to continue through Sunday and are recommended and provided by the state health department, because the area has had enough cases the state considers it an outbreak.

Health officials expect to vaccinate as many as 30,000 people in Conroe.

Meningococcal meningitis has infected five people in Conroe since Oct. 1.

The state Health Department has confirmed 34 cases in the six-county Houston area since Oct. 1, but only in Montgomery County and Humble has the illness rate approached the recommended rate for vaccinations.

Twelve people have contracted the disease in Montgomery County.

Three people have died from the disease this month. Two Montgomery County youngsters — a 14-year-old New Caney girl and a 13-year-old boy from Magnolia — died from the disease. A 56-year-old woman from Humble, in Harris County just northeast of Houston, also succumbed to the disease.

Bacterial meningitis sent an eighth-grade New Caney boy student to the hospital Wednesday. The boy was immunized during mass vaccinations last Saturday in New Caney, but the incubation period for the disease can be up to 10 days, Cindee Reynolds, spokeswoman for the school district, said.

A Willis girl was sent Wednesday to Texas

BIG SPRING AROUND THE TOWN

Children's Hospital with possible signs of meningitis, but her case will probably turn out to be viral instead of bacterial, a hospital spokesman said. Viral meningitis is not deadly, and the majority of people who have it recover without any problems. Conroe Regional Medical Center Medical Director Jay Kovar said.

Michael Broadrick, 16, a sophomore at Barbers Hill High School, was upgraded Friday from fair to good at Memorial Hermann Hospital in Houston. Risk of infection to other Barbers Hill students was considered minimal since he hadn't been to school in a week.

Roe v. Wade plaintiff leads pro-life rally

AUSTIN (AP) — The woman who gave birth to the U.S. Supreme Court case that legalized abortion in 1973 led about 1000 demonstrators Saturday in an annual pro-life march to the Capitol.

Norma McCorvey or "Jane Roe" of Roe v. Wade stood with leaders from Greater Austin Right to Life, who vowed to fight tax-funded abortions and to support state legislation to educate women considering abortions.

McCorvey, who never had an abortion, converted to Christianity in 1995 and has actively denounced abortion ever since.

"Once you've had an abortion, you're shackled for the rest of your life," said McCorvey, who plans to ask President Bush and Congress to reconsider abortion as the law of the land.

Calls to the Texas Abortion and Reproductive Rights Action League, NARAL and the National Organization for Women were not immediately returned.

"I still carry a little guilt but not much," McCorvey said of her part in legalizing abortion. "I have been washed by the blood of a lamb and my guilt is fading away."

More than a dozen law enforcement officers in bright yellow rain coats stood guard as demonstrators cheered McCorvey's conversion and pitched signs that read "Stop tax-funded abortions," "Yes America, abortion is murder," and "Peace in the Womb."

TEXAS LOTTERY

Lotto: 4,14,19,33,35,45

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

BRIEFS

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.

The Howard County Library Book Club will meet at 7 p.m., Feb. 5, in the Howard County Library. The book to be discussed will be "A Gracious Plenty."

BEGINNING LINE DANCE CLASS 10:30 to 11:30 a.m., starting Feb. 6, at the Dance Gallery. Free to beginners. Call Margarita Durand-Hollis at 267-3977 for more information.

BIG SPRING SENIOR CIRCLE will be having a Valentine's Day lunch at noon, Feb. 14, in the SMMC Classroom. For more information call Pam Stephens at 268-4721.

THE WIC PROGRAM THROUGH the Texas Department of Health has variable hours to accommodate those who work or go to school during the day. The Women, Infants and Children program offers food, nutrition and child health services.

WIC is open on Mondays and Wednesdays from 8:30 a.m.-5:30 p.m., Tuesdays and Thursdays from 8 a.m.-7 p.m., and Fridays from 8 a.m.-5 p.m. One Saturday each month, the office is open from 8 a.m.-5 p.m. Call the office at 263-9777, or go by 501 Birdwell Lane, Suite 28-B, for more information.

POLICE

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

- RONNIE DALE FREEMAN, 43, of 1302 Tucson, was arrested on a charge of public intoxication.
- DONALD CERVANTES, 28, of 1705 State, was arrested on a charge of possession of

marijuana, less than two ounces and drug paraphernalia

• SAMMEAL RAY GREY, 17, of 1508 Wood, was arrested on a charge of disorderly conduct — language.

• MARCIANO GARCIA, 40, of 1108 E. Fifth, was arrested on a charge of public intoxication.

• BOBBY BRUMLEY, 38, of 2309 Brumley Road, was arrested for a local warrant.

• ANDY FRANCO JUNIOR, 18, of 538 Westover No. 101, was arrested on a charge of possession of marijuana, less than two ounces.

• MIGUEL ANTHONY DIAZ, 17, of 605 N. Scurry, was arrested on a charge of possession of marijuana, less than two ounces.

• CHRISTOPHER MYERS, 20, of 2008B Nolan, was arrested on a charge of possession of marijuana, less than two ounces.

• DAVID BRIAN WILKINSON, 21, of Colorado City, was arrested on a charge of possession of marijuana, less than two ounces and making alcohol available to a minor.

• APRIL CUNNINGHAM, 18, of 2104 Runnels, was arrested on a charge of possession of marijuana, less than two ounces.

• SHAWNA GAIL ELLISON, 19, of Vincent, was arrested on a charge of possession of marijuana, less than two ounces.

• TONY GARCIA, 43, of 1806 Laurie, was arrested on a charge of violation of protection order.

• INTOXICATED SUBJECT/DRIVER was reported in the 1300 block of Tucson St. and in the 600 block of Eight St.

• DOMESTIC DISTURBANCE was reported in the 600 block of Bell St., the 2600 block of Chanute, and the 1100 block of Greg.

SHERIFF

The Howard County Sheriff's Office reported the following activities:

- TONY GARCIA, 43, of 1806 Laurie, was arrested on a charge of violation of protective order. (BSPD)
- LOOSE LIVESTOCK was reported on north Anderson Road where a caller advised the sheriff's office that a 250 pound Pot Belly Pig was out on the road.
- BURGLARY IN PROGRESS was reported in the 4900 block of Rathliff Road.

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Margaret Ruth Smith, 85, died Thursday. Services will be 2:00 PM Monday at First Baptist Church. Interment will follow at Trinity Memorial Park.

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The Family of Eustolia Moncada appreciate the many kindness shown to them during passing of their loved one. Thank you for each visit and prayer, for the delicious food, and lovely floral tributes, the memorials and to each one who attended her service. Special thanks to Annette Roberts and Randy Gee and the kind and efficient staff of Nalley-Pickle & Welch. The Family of Eustolia Moncada

"Our Family Committed to Serve"

A warm welcome to George White, the newest member of Nalley-Pickle & Welch's family. Born and raised in Big Spring, George had a 36 year career as a coach, teacher, and administrator. He retired from Forsan ISD in June of 1999.

George wanted to continue to serve his community and friends. He chose a 2nd career in funeral service, graduating from Dallas Institute of Funeral Service in November of 2000.



George White, Funeral Director

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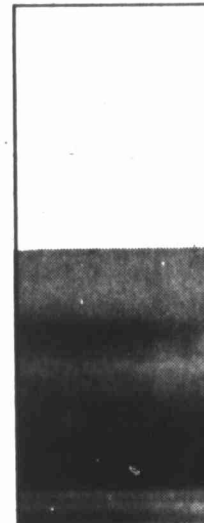
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Federal agents search again for O'Hair family on South Texas ranch

CAMP WOOD (AP) — More than two dozen state and federal agents descended on a remote South Texas ranch on Saturday to search for the remains of missing atheist leader Madalyn Murray O'Hair and her family.

Investigators believe they were killed, dismembered and dumped on the 5,000-acre Cooksy Ranch in 1995, although previous searches of the property, including one two years ago, failed to find any bodies.

Authorities drove more than 20 vehicles along a winding dirt road to a site near a creek, including a

crime lab truck from the Texas Department of Public Safety.

FBI agents canvassed the sprawling area with two sniffer dogs. The Texas Rangers and the Internal Revenue Service also were at the site.

The new search comes on the heels of a deal that David Roland Waters, the chief suspect in the family's disappearance, struck earlier in the week with investigators.

The agreement was ordered sealed by U.S. District Judge Sam Sparks. Media reports have said Waters, who was facing kid-

napping and extortion charges, agreed to lead investigators to the bodies.

The Associated Press has objected to Sparks' decision to close the plea agreement at the request of defense attorneys. A hearing has been set for Monday.

The 53-year-old Waters had previously pleaded innocent and was to have gone on trial next week.

The Cooksy Ranch is a remote site about 120 miles west of San Antonio in the Texas hill country. The region is dotted with desert shrubs and ranchers raise sheep, cattle and goats there.

In 1999, about 100 investigators brought heavy digging equipment, a helicopter and search dogs to the area in an unsuccessful search for the bodies.

O'Hair, 77 and suffering diabetes and heart disease when she disappeared, enjoyed calling herself the most hated woman in America.

She was involved in successful court battles in the 1960s to ban prayer and Bible-reading in the nation's public schools.

O'Hair, her son Jon Garth Murray and her granddaughter Robin Murray O'Hair left their Austin

home in August 1995 under mysterious circumstances. Breakfast dishes were still on the table and O'Hair's medication was left behind. The family's beloved dogs were left at the house.

The trio was later seen in San Antonio but dropped from sight along with about \$500,000 in gold coins from one of O'Hair's atheist organizations.

Prosecutors contend the victims were dismembered at a public storage shed in Austin, placed in 55-gallon drums and dumped on the ranch property under Waters' directions. He worked as O'Hair's office

manager before being convicted of stealing \$54,000. He is now serving 60 years in prison.

Last August, Sparks sentenced Gary Paul Karr, 52, a former jailmate of Waters, to life in prison for extorting money from the O'Hair family.

During Karr's trial, jurors heard a tape of a jailhouse phone call in which Karr told his ex-wife he believed the O'Hairs were dead.

Karr also told his ex-wife he drove Waters to a rural area so that Waters could examine where the bodies were buried. Karr said he never saw any bodies.

Minorities expected to overtake white Texas population by 2005

DALLAS (AP) — Whites will be the minority in Texas by 2005 if current growth patterns in the state continue, a demographic expert says.

Thirty years ago, Texas was about 70 percent white. But in four years, minorities collectively could become the state's majority population, said Steve Murdock, chief demographer at the Texas State Data Center at Texas A&M University.

Led by the Hispanic population, minorities are projected to account for more than 90 percent of the state's growth between now and 2030, Murdock said.

The same may apply to the whole United States: by 2050, demographers project that whites will be the minority nationwide. California, Hawaii and New

York already have such populations.

However, Murdock said Texas' minority population have not achieved the education and income levels of the state's white population. Murdock said discrimination, lack of opportunity and poverty are some of the reasons.

"The future of Texas is tied to its minority population. How well they do is how well Texas will do."

—Steve Murdock, Texas A&M University

If the socioeconomic trends for minority Texans don't reverse, Murdock said, "we are in deep trouble." Texans as a whole will earn less, be less educated and occupy lower-end jobs than they do today, he said.

"The future of Texas is tied to its minority population," he said. "How well they do is how well Texas will do."

The socioeconomic trends could be reversed with major investments such as early-childhood programs, high school retention programs and language training, officials said.

"We have a demographic window of opportunity that we need to take advantage of now to face these challenges," he said. "If we don't, that window will remain closed for several decades."

Gramm says Bush to call for additional military base closures, even across Texas

SAN ANTONIO (AP) — President Bush will seek more closures of military bases, perhaps as early as this year, says Sen. Phil Gramm, R-Texas.

Gramm told the San Antonio Express-News editorial board on Friday that the action is needed, even if it means cutting more bases in Texas.

"We've talked about defense and about it," Gramm said, when asked if he and Bush had talked of seeking base closures. "I know they're going to ask for it at some point. I don't know whether it will be this year or next year."

Four rounds of closures have been approved since the 1980s.

Gramm's comments drew muted response from the White House and a mixture of resignation and

opposition from other Texas lawmakers.

Defense Secretary Donald Rumsfeld said that the issue will be studied.

Told of Gramm's comments and asked when Bush would unveil his closure proposal, White House spokeswoman Mary Ellen Countryman said, "He'll unveil it when he unveils it. I can't preview it for you."

Sen. Kay Bailey Hutchison, a supporter of Bush but a longtime foe of closure, said: "It's premature to discuss another (base closure) round."

She added: "I think it would be wrong to start closing bases, start the expensive process of cleaning up the base sites, then find we were short the space needed for the renewed emphasis on mili-

tary readiness."


"It's inevitable," San Antonio Mayor Howard Peak said.

Brooks AFB in San Antonio and Goodfellow AFB in San Angelo were listed as "likely" closure candidates in a report issued last November by the Texas Senate's Committee on Veteran Affairs and Military Installations.

Fort Sam Houston, and Randolph and Lackland AFBs, all in San Antonio, were listed as "strategically secure," along with Fort Hood in Killeen, Naval Air Station Joint Reserve Base in Fort Worth, Ingleside Naval Station, Dyess AFB at Abilene and Sheppard AFB at Wichita Falls.

Gramm said the time is right for downsizing the Defense Department's base infrastructure.

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President George Bush wasted no time in demonstrating that he ran for president to do something, not just to be something. Stepping gingerly around the trash left behind by the Clintonistas (no joke — both The Washington Post and the Drudge Report have reported vandalism of government property by Clinton's departing White House staff), Bush moved swiftly to introduce an education reform package.

It's a shame that Bush is such a dummy, because his approach to education reform happens to track almost perfectly with that of the most respected experts in the field. Like them, he has identified the key paradigm shift that will be necessary to achieve anything in education reform — moving from an emphasis on inputs to an emphasis on output. In other words, for 35 years we've been attempting to cure our education woes by pouring more and more money into the schools under different titles.

We've spent billions, only to see scores remain shockingly low.

Suburban Americans whose children attend cheerful, carpeted, technologically up-to-date schools with computers and television studios would do well to shake off their complacency. The schools crisis is not just about the inner cities. An international comparison of 12th-grade students (the Third International Math and Science Study in 1998) found that Americans placed 19th out of 21 nations in math and 16th in science. And the Asian nations — the world's math and science whiz kids — did not even participate in the test.

More humbling than those data was the fact that our best students, the advanced placement kids, performed even worse, scoring dead last in physics, for example.

Many Americans have assumed that our thriving economy (or the economy we enjoyed until recently) gave the lie to talk of failing schools. They must be comfortable with one-third of the students at the University of California enrolling in remedial classes; with employers spending an estimated \$50 billion annually for worker training (and not for complex tasks, but simple reading

and math); and with Silicon Valley relying on a steady stream of well-educated foreigners to keep its plants going (45 percent of PhDs in the hard sciences earned here go to non-resident aliens). Alan Greenspan, among many others, has expressed the view that it is only a matter of time before the economy is affected by our lamentable schools.

Even assuming we could somehow maintain our economic might in the absence of reform, there are other reasons to get serious. The gap between minority and majority educational performance keeps some segments of American society more or less permanently poor — an unworthy situation for a great nation. And even among the non-poor, ignorance is in the saddle. Two out of three 17-year-olds do not understand the meaning of the Emancipation Proclamation.

Fewer than half of America's high-school seniors recognize Patrick Henry's rallying cry "Give me liberty or give me death." We are in danger of losing our patrimony. Without an educated citizenry — educated in the fundamentals of American democracy and world history, as well as in the basics — it is doubtful that we will remain worthy of our

rich heritage. As "A Nation Still At Risk," the manifesto of an education-reform coalition including Floyd Flake, E.D. Hirsch, Chester E. Finn Jr., Bill Bennett, and Jeanne Allen among others, put it, "Are we to be land of Jefferson and Lincoln or the land of Beavis and Butthead?"

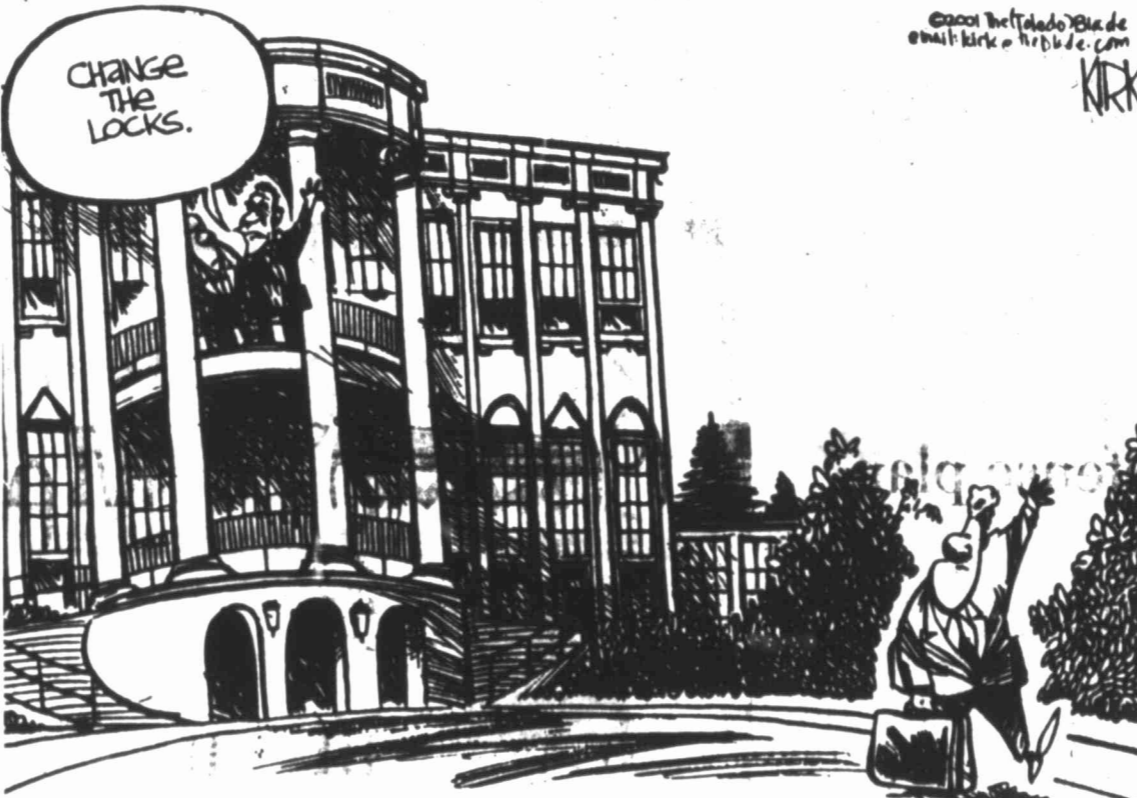
The Bush proposal does not presume that Washington, D.C., can tell jurisdictions around the nation how best to educate their young. But it does propose to keep track of whether they are doing so or not. And Bush does propose to emphasize the basics — reading and math. Under his plan, children in grades 3 to 8 would be tested every year in those subjects. If a school fails to educate the children in its care for three straight years, education dollars will be given to parents, instead.

Bush said, "When children or teen-agers go to school afraid of being threatened or attacked or worse, our society must make it clear it's the ultimate betrayal of adult responsibility."

Until last week, we hadn't had an adult in the White House for eight years. Let's see how much can be accomplished now that grown-ups are back in charge.



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Florida's election process is not in error

Because no one seems willing to defend Florida's election process, I will. There was absolutely nothing wrong or unusual about the 2000 presidential election in Florida except for the closeness of the vote.

If that close vote had gone Al Gore's way, you wouldn't be hearing one single complaint.

Not one complaint made has any substance. No one tried to keep blacks from voting. Whatever problems individual voters had were the ordinary problems that voters of any race can run into, especially since that stupid motor voter registration law was passed.

It is the law that one must reside in the precinct in which one votes. If you move, you must notify the

local supervisor of elections. Florida, because of the large number of low-wage jobs, has an unusually mobile population. That accounted for some of the problems.

It was charged that a police roadblock tried to keep blacks from the polls. Utter lie. A driver's-license check stopped motorists long enough to check their licenses, after which they proceeded on. This occurred en route to one precinct, but not one person was prevented from voting by it. And the location of the checkpoint in reference to the precinct was entirely chance.

It was charged that in precincts where there were a lot of poor people, they had old voting machines. Not true. Voting machines are purchased by each county. Some of the richest counties in Florida (Dade and Palm Beach, for example) use the punch-card system, while some of the poorer, rural counties have newer optical scan machines. At any rate, in every county, every precinct has the same

kinds of machines. As for improperly marked ballots, that is the fault of the voters. The law is clear: To mark the ballot properly is the responsibility of the voter. If the voter is too illiterate or stupid to follow simple directions, that is not a conspiracy. It's a personal failure.

Even the number of ballots that were not counted because they were not filled out properly was well within the usual percentage. This happens all over the country. Some voting machines reject a ballot if it is not properly filled out, thus giving the voter a second chance to do it right. But these machines are not widely used as of yet.

The problem is that the Gore campaign had to make wild charges to justify a third and fourth recount after the first count and the first recount failed to give Gore a winning margin.

The National Association for the Advancement of Colored People chimed in because the organization is part of the Democratic Party, and the NAACP is

desperate for some reason to justify its continued existence.

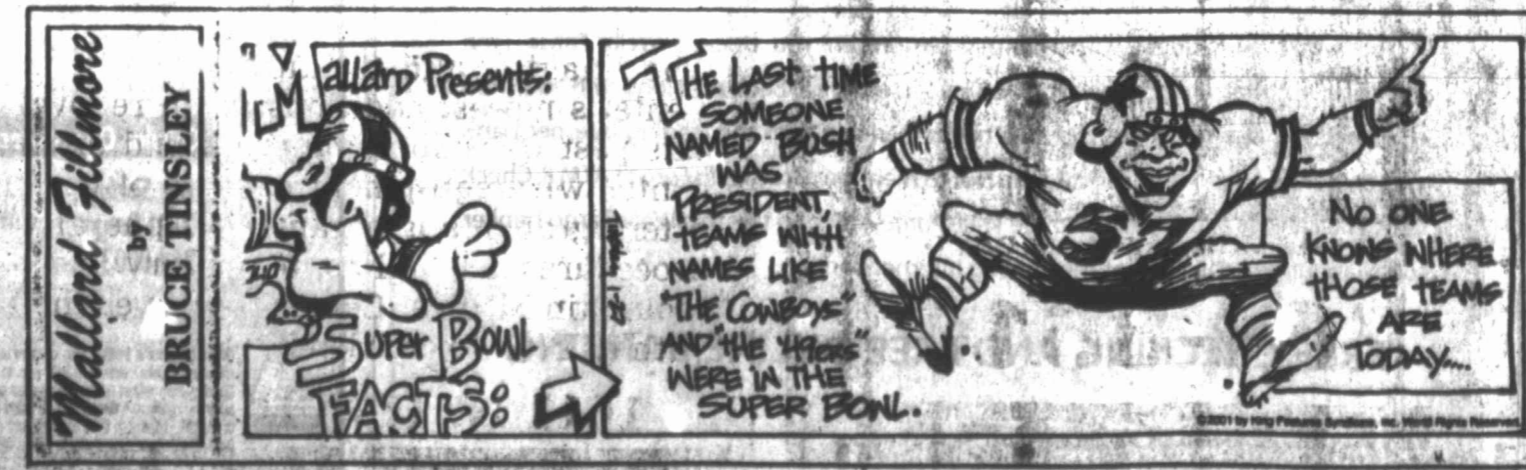
The real problem is that demagogues make unsubstantiated allegations that are broadcast by the press and, once broadcast, come to be believed by the press as if they were proven facts. This is the fault of weak-minded people in journalism. To hear many talking heads tell it, it is now a "fact" that Florida's election was unfair. It is not a fact. The fact is the exact opposite.

My friend Tom Fleming once observed that the combination of corrupt politicians and a stupid press does not bode well for the future of the republic. Amen. The combination of people who get it wrong on purpose and people who get it wrong because of laziness and stupidity makes it hard for people to know the truth.

And if people cannot learn the truth about public affairs, then they darn sure can't vote intelligently, and thus the dream of self-government will go down the tubes.



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Judge issues restraining order against Union Pacific walkout

OMAHA, Neb. (AP) — A federal judge Saturday reaffirmed a temporary restraining order that keeps Union Pacific engineers on the job after a strike was called against the nation's largest rail carrier.

U.S. District Judge Lyle Strom set a Feb. 7 hearing on the railroad's request for a preliminary injunction. "Everybody's on the job as normal," said John Bromley, a railroad spokesman.

Strom issued his original order earlier Saturday, a little more than two hours after the Brotherhood of Locomotive Engineers began the walkout. The union represents more than 8,000 locomotive engineers at Union Pacific.

The union said the dispute involves qualifications for personal leave that were implemented at the start of the year.

"Union Pacific has chosen to unilaterally impose new

working conditions on locomotive engineers, in defiance of federal law," Edward Dubroski, president of the Cleveland-based union said in a statement.

Dubroski said Union Pacific broke the terms of the Railway Labor Act by not negotiating the change in working conditions.

"The proper way to make the sort of change UP has forced upon us is to bargain for such a change," Dubroski said. "In fact, we

have been in negotiations since Nov. 1, 1999 and the subject has never even been raised."

Bromley said it is a minor dispute involving interpretation of an existing agreement, not a major dispute that could lead to a strike.

Workers spent three hours picketing before the judge issued his original order. The demonstrations likely disrupted freight travel, but it wasn't clear how many trains were affected,

Bromley said. "It could have been a major problem for the national economy had it been allowed to continue," he said.

The walkout came as a surprise to Union Pacific officials who had talks scheduled with the union for Tuesday and Wednesday, Bromley said. He was not certain of the status of those talks.

Union Pacific, based in Omaha, has 38,654 miles of track in 23 states. The railroad hauls everything from chemicals, coal and food to grain metals and automobiles.

The railroad announced in December that it planned to cut 2,000 jobs by the end of February because of a slowing economy, high fuel prices and harsh winter weather.

Bush wants churches utilized to help needy

AUSTIN, Texas (AP) — When women in San Antonio switch from welfare to the work force, some turn for advice to a program paid for by the Texas government but run by a church.

A group of Lutherans offers them tips on what to say in a job interview, what to wear and how to balance a household budget. Teenage girls are steered toward college.

The program exemplifies President Bush's faith in the power of churches, synagogues and mosques to do social good. He hopes to unleash that power across the country, as he tried to do in Texas.

Next week, he'll introduce his plan to make it easier for religious organizations to tap millions in federal tax dollars to provide some social services normally reserved for government.

Bush pushed "charitable choice" for years as Texas governor and made it one of the earliest promises of his presidential campaign.

He is convinced that local charities are capable of helping people more efficiently and compassionately than bureaucrats ever could — and says the Texas record backs him up. "A compassionate society

is one which recognizes the great power of faith," Bush said Thursday. "We in government must not fear faith-based programs, we must welcome faith-based programs."

Critics on both sides of the church-state line worry about the potential for abuse — that religious groups will use tax dollars to promote their faith, or government will use its financial stake to interfere with matters of the soul. They, too, cite the Texas experience.

At the Lutheran Social Services of the South organization in San Antonio, program director Heather Neuroth says religion is never forced on the women who come for help preparing for the job market.

But if they choose to talk about God, that's fine.

"It's something I pay attention to every working hour of my job," Neuroth said.

"It's not our intent in any way to convert people to Christianity, recruit people to the Lutheran Church."

Not all religious organizations are so careful, critics contend.

The Texas Civil Rights Project and the American Jewish Congress filed a lawsuit last year seeking the

return of state money given to the Jobs Partnership in Brenham.

The church-based job training program used some of the \$8,000 in state money it received in 1999 to buy Bibles and promote Christianity, the lawsuit said.

The group, which no longer gets state money, says it was just helping needy people the best way it could.

Once Bush became governor in 1995, he supported the enactment of several state laws ushering in the era of government cooperation with religious organizations.

Aiding that effort, the 1996 federal law overhauling welfare allowed states to contract with religious charities as long as a secular alternative existed.

Bush directed state agencies to implement "charitable choice" programs aggressively and by some accounts led the nation in doing so at the state level.

Today, Texas has more than 2,300 arrangements with religious charities, run

through the Department of Human Services and the state work force commission, which assists the unemployed.

The commission uses part of its \$1 billion budget to disburse money through 28 regional boards to local charities.

Job search and training help, English classes, child care, transportation, food and shelter are some of the services offered this way.

"I think it's been win, win for the faith-based agencies, for the government and for the client," said Kurt Senske, president of Lutheran Social Services of the South, which has landed \$894,000 in state contracts over three years.

But while churches have always had a hand in helping the needy of their communities, the history of doing so under government contract is short and localized.

"This has never been done in a significant fashion in the history of our country," said Samantha Smoot, executive director of the Texas Freedom Network.

Bush says he'll proceed with missile defense plan

WASHINGTON (AP) — President Bush reaffirmed his plan to reduce the size of America's nuclear arsenal while also deploying a missile defense system capable of protecting the United States and its allies.

Bush, in comments Friday at the White House, provided no details but recalled his pledges on those subjects during the presidential campaign: "I'm going to fulfill that campaign promise."

He emphasized the importance of reducing U.S. nuclear forces, "commensurate with our ability to keep the peace."

"My point is, I want America to lead the world toward a more safe world when it comes to nuclear weaponry," he said.

"On the offensive side we can do so, and we can do so on the defensive side as well."

At the Pentagon, Defense Secretary Donald Rumsfeld said that although it was too early to discuss details of a national missile defense development, "the president

has not been ambivalent about this. He intends to deploy a missile defense capability for the country."

The Clinton administration pursued development of such a system to protect all 50 states, but President Clinton decided last summer the technology was not mature enough to make a commitment to deploy it. Clinton also said more time was needed to address the objections of Russia and China and the misgivings of many of America's European allies.

During the campaign, Bush pledged to make missile defense a top priority and deploy it even if it meant abandoning the Anti-Ballistic Missile treaty with the former Soviet Union that prohibits nationwide missile defenses.

Secretary of State Colin Powell told senators at his confirmation hearing Jan. 17 that the administration would waste no time developing a deployment plan "while looking at the diplomatic ramifications."


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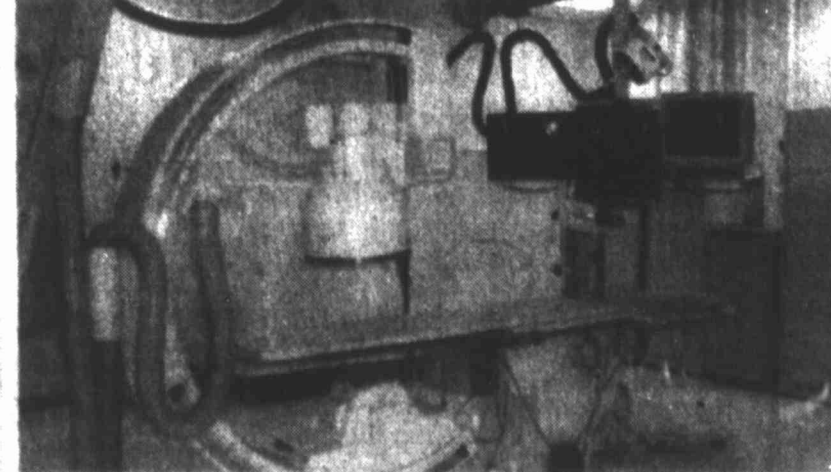
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That dumm y George W. knows his stuff

President George Bush wasted no time in demonstrating that he ran for president to do something, not just to be something. Stepping gingerly around the trash left behind by the Clintonistas (no joke — both The Washington Post and the Drudge Report have reported vandalism of government property by Clinton's departing White House staff), Bush moved swiftly to introduce an education reform package.

It's a shame that Bush is such a dummy, because his approach to education reform happens to track almost perfectly with that of the most respected experts in the field. Like them, he has identified the key paradigm shift that will be necessary to achieve anything in education reform — moving from an emphasis on inputs to an emphasis on output. In other words, for 35 years we've been attempting to cure our education woes by pouring more and more money into the schools under different titles.

We spent billions, only to see scores remain shockingly low.

Suburban Americans whose children attend cheerful, carpeted, technologically up-to-date schools with computers and television studios would do well to shake off their complacency. The schools crisis is not just about the inner cities. An international comparison of 12th-grade students (the Third International Math and Science Study in 1996) found that Americans placed 19th out of 21 nations in math and 16th in science. And the Asian nations — the world's math and science whiz kids — did not even participate in the test.

More humbling than those data was the fact that our best students, the advanced placement kids, performed even worse, scoring dead last in physics, for example.

Many Americans have assumed that our thriving economy (or the economy we enjoyed until recently) gave the lie to talk of failing schools. They must be comfortable with one-third of the students at the University of California enrolling in remedial classes; with employers spending an estimated \$50 billion annually for worker training (and not for complex tasks, but simple reading

and math); and with Silicon Valley relying on a steady stream of well-educated foreigners to keep its plants going (45 percent of PhDs in the hard sciences earned here go to non-resident aliens). Alan Greenspan, among many others, has expressed the view that it is only a matter of time before the economy is affected by our lamentable schools.

Even assuming we could somehow maintain our economic might in the absence of reform, there are other reasons to get serious. The gap between minority and majority educational performance keeps some segments of American society more or less permanently poor — an unworthy situation for a great nation. And even among the non-poor, ignorance is in the saddle. Two out of three 17-year-olds do not understand the meaning of the Emancipation Proclamation.

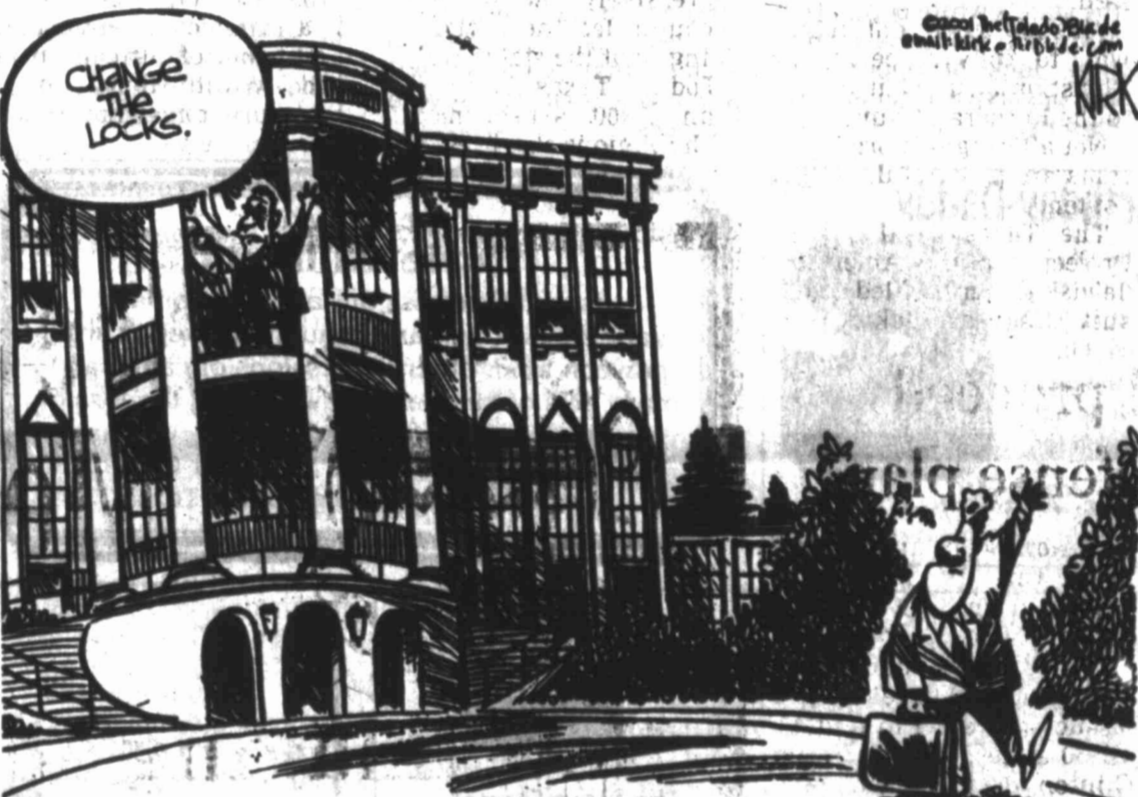
Fewer than half of America's high-school seniors recognize Patrick Henry's rallying cry "Give me liberty or give me death." We are in danger of losing our patrimony. Without an educated citizenry — educated in the fundamentals of American democracy and world history, as well as in the basics — it is doubtful that we will remain worthy of our

rich heritage. As "A Nation Still At Risk," the manifesto of an education-reform coalition including Floyd Flake, E.D. Hirsch, Chester E. Finn Jr., Bill Bennett, and Jeanne Allen among others, put it: "Are we to be land of Jefferson and Lincoln or the land of Heavis and Butthead?"

The Bush proposal does not presume that Washington, D.C., can tell jurisdictions around the nation how best to educate their young. But it does propose to keep track of whether they are doing so or not. And Bush does propose to emphasize the basics — reading and math. Under his plan, children in grades 3 to 8 would be tested every year in those subjects. If a school fails to educate the children in its care for three straight years, education dollars will be given to parents, instead.

Bush said, "When children or teen-agers go to school afraid of being threatened or attacked or worse, our society must make it clear it's the ultimate betrayal of adult responsibility."

Until last week, we hadn't had an adult in the White House for eight years. Let's see how much can be accomplished now that grown-ups are back in charge.



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Florida's election process is not in error

Because no one seems willing to defend Florida's election process, I will. There was absolutely nothing wrong or unusual about the 2000 presidential election in Florida except for the closeness of the vote.

If that close vote had gone Al Gore's way, you wouldn't be hearing one single complaint.

Not one complaint made has any substance. No one tried to keep blacks from voting. Whatever problems individual voters had were the ordinary problems that voters of any race can run into, especially since that stupid motor voter registration law was passed.

It is the law that one must reside in the precinct in which one votes. If you move, you must notify the

local supervisor of elections. Florida, because of the large number of low-wage jobs, has an unusual mobile population. That accounted for some of the problems.

It was charged that a police roadblock tried to keep blacks from the polls. Utter lie. A driver's license check stopped motorists long enough to check their licenses, after which they proceeded on. This occurred en route to one precinct, but not one person was prevented from voting by it. And the location of the checkpoint in reference to the precinct was entirely chance.

It was charged that in precincts where there were a lot of poor people, they had old voting machines. Not true. Voting machines are purchased by each county. Some of the richest counties in Florida (Dade and Palm Beach, for example) use the punch-card system, while some of the poorer, rural counties have newer optical scan machines. At any rate, in every county, every precinct has the same

kind of machines. As for improperly marked ballots, that is the fault of the voters. The law is clear: To mark the ballot properly is the responsibility of the voter. If the voter is too illiterate or stupid to follow simple directions, that is not a conspiracy. It's a personal failure.

Even the number of ballots that were not counted because they were not filled out properly was well within the usual percentage. This happens all over the country. Some voting machines reject a ballot if it is not properly filled out, thus giving the voter a second chance to do it right. But these machines are not widely used as of yet.

The problem is that the Gore campaign had to make wild charges to justify a third and fourth recount after the first count and the first recount failed to give Gore a winning margin.

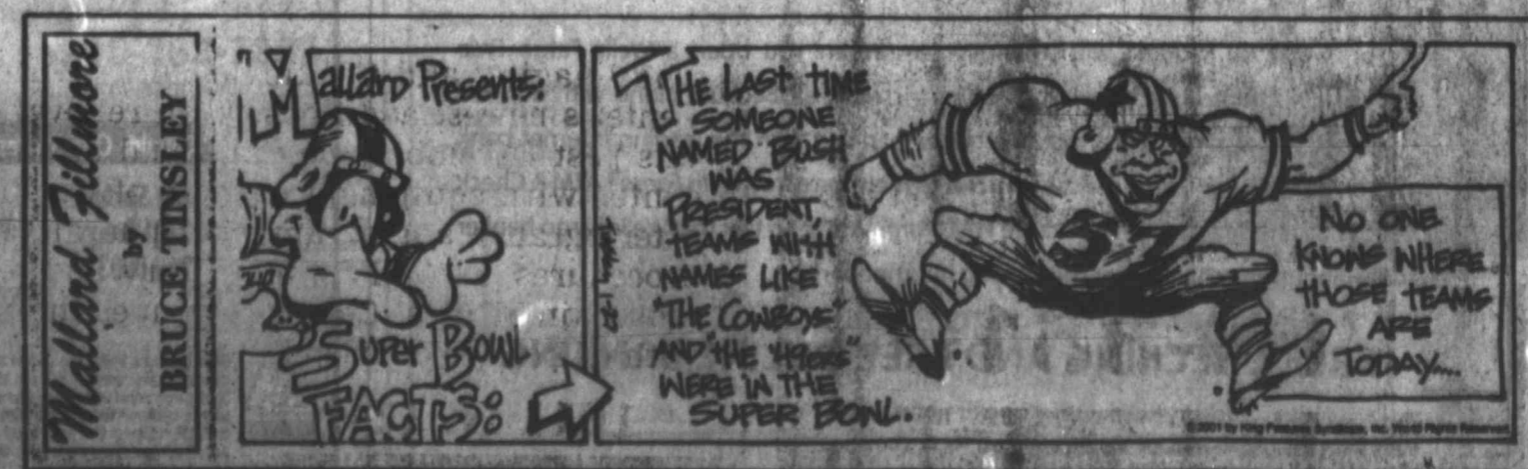
The National Association for the Advancement of Colored People chimed in because the organization is part of the Democratic Party, and the NAACP is

desperate for some reason to justify its continued existence.

The real problem is that demagogues make unsubstantiated allegations that are broadcast by the press and, once broadcast, come to be believed by the press as if they were proven facts. This is the fault of weak-minded people in journalism. To hear many talking heads tell it, it is now a "fact" that Florida's election was unfair. It is not a fact. The fact is the exact opposite.

My friend Tom Fleming once observed that the combination of corrupt politicians and a stupid press does not bode well for the future of the republic. Amen. The combination of people who get it wrong on purpose and people who get it wrong because of laziness and stupidity makes it hard for people to know the truth.

And if people cannot learn the truth about public affairs, then they darn sure can't vote intelligently, and thus the dream of self-government will go down the tubes.



Judge issues restraining order against Union Pacific walkout

OMAHA, Neb. (AP) — A federal judge Saturday reissued a temporary restraining order that keeps Union Pacific engineers on the job after a strike was called against the nation's largest rail carrier.

U.S. District Judge Lyle Smith set a Feb. 7 hearing on the railroad's request for preliminary injunction. "Everybody's on the job as usual," said John Bromley, a railroad spokesman.

Strom issued his original order earlier Saturday, a little more than two hours after the Brotherhood of Locomotive Engineers began the walkout. The union represents more than 8,000 locomotive engineers at Union Pacific.

The union said the dispute involves qualifications for personal leave that were implemented at the start of the year.

"Union Pacific has chosen to unilaterally impose new

working conditions on locomotive engineers, in defiance of federal law," Edward Dubroski, president of the Cleveland-based union said in a statement.

Dubroski said Union Pacific broke the terms of the Railway Labor Act by not negotiating the change in working conditions.

"The proper way to make the sort of change UP has forced upon us is to bargain for such a change," Dubroski said. "In fact, we

have been in negotiations since Nov. 1, 1999 and the subject has never even been raised."

Bromley said it is a minor dispute involving interpretation of an existing agreement, not a major dispute that could lead to a strike.

Workers spent three hours picketing before the judge issued his original order. The demonstrations likely disrupted freight travel, but it wasn't clear how many trains were affected,

Bromley said.

"It could have been a major problem for the national economy had it been allowed to continue," he said.

The walkout came as a surprise to Union Pacific officials who had talks scheduled with the union for Tuesday and Wednesday, Bromley said. He was not certain of the status of those talks.

Union Pacific, based in Omaha, has 38,654 miles of track in 23 states. The railroad hauls everything from chemicals, coal and food to grain metals and automobiles.

The railroad announced in December that it planned to cut 2,000 jobs by the end of February because of a slowing economy, high fuel prices and harsh winter weather.

Bush wants churches utilized to help needy

AUSTIN, Texas (AP) — President Bush said Sunday that men and women in San Antonio switch from welfare to the work force, some in for advice to a program funded by the Texas government but run by a church.

A group of Lutherans offers them tips on what to wear and how to balance a household budget. Teenage girls are steered toward college.

is one which recognizes the great power of faith," Bush said Thursday. "We in government must not fear faith-based programs, we must welcome faith-based programs."

Critics on both sides of the church-state line worry about the potential for abuse — that religious groups will use tax dollars to promote their faith, or government will use its financial stake to interfere with matters of the soul. They, too, cite the Texas experience.

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At the Lutheran Social Services of the South organization in San Antonio, program director Heather Neuroth says religion is never forced on the women who come for help preparing for the job market.

But if they choose to talk about God, that's fine.

"It's something I pay attention to every working hour of my job," Neuroth said.

"It's not our intent in any way to convert people to Christianity, recruit people to the Lutheran Church."

Not all religious organizations are so careful, critics contend.

The Texas Civil Rights Project and the American Jewish Congress filed a lawsuit last year seeking the

return of state money given to the Jobs Partnership in Brenham.

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"I think it's been win, win for the faith-based agencies, for the government and for the client," said Kurt Senske, president of Lutheran Social Services of the South, which has landed \$894,000 in state contracts over three years.

But while churches have always had a hand in helping the needy of their communities, the history of doing so under government contract is short and localized.

"This has never been done in a significant fashion in the history of our country," said Samantha Smoot, executive director of the Texas Freedom Network.

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Bush says he'll proceed with missile defense plan

WASHINGTON (AP) — President Bush reaffirmed his plan to reduce the size of America's nuclear arsenal while also deploying a missile defense system capable of protecting the United States and its allies.

Bush, in comments Friday at the White House, provided no details but recalled his pledges on those subjects during the presidential campaign: "I'm going to fulfill that campaign promise."

He emphasized the importance of reducing U.S. nuclear forces, "commensurate with our ability to keep peace."

"My point is, I want America to lead the world toward a more safe world when it comes to nuclear weaponry," he said.

"On the offensive side we can do so, and we can do so on the defensive side as well."

At the Pentagon, Defense Secretary Donald Rumsfeld said that although it was too early to discuss details of a national missile defense development, "the president


has not been ambivalent about this. He intends to deploy a missile defense capability for the country."

The Clinton administration pursued development of such a system to protect all 50 states, but President Clinton decided last summer the technology was not mature enough to make a commitment to deploy it.

Clinton also said more time was needed to address the objections of Russia and China and the misgivings of many of America's European allies.

During the campaign, Bush pledged to make missile defense a top priority and deploy it even if it meant abandoning the Anti-Ballistic Missile treaty with the former Soviet Union that prohibits nationwide missile defenses.

Secretary of State Colin Powell told senators at his confirmation hearing Jan. 17 that the administration would waste no time developing a deployment plan "while looking at the diplomatic ramifications."




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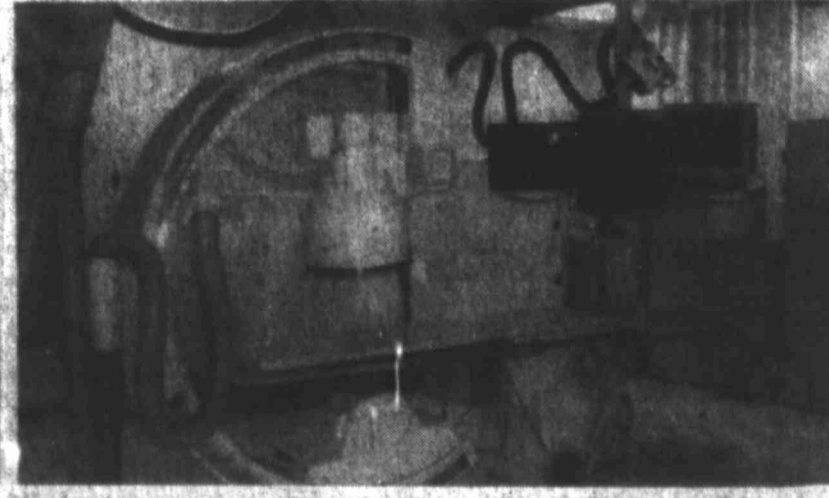
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IN BRIEF

Bryan named WTPGA Golf Pro of the Year

Larry Bryan was named Golf Professional of the Year by the West Texas Chapter of the PGA. Bryan has been the head golf professional at the Big Spring Country Club since 1997. He serves as the WTPGA's acting tournament chairman as well as on the committee for the North Texas section. Bryan has been a PGA member since 1995.

Baseball boosters to meet Tuesday

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

Members will begin making plans for the group's hotdog supper set for Saturday, Feb. 17.

Members will also turn in their ad collections.

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

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.

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 pitting top-flight Western Junior College Athletic Conference contenders, but the Laker Girls — the Los Angeles Lakers' cheerleaders — will perform during the games.

The Herald will be giving away 50 general admission tickets for the Feb. 22 games on a first-come, first-served basis.

Area coaches asked to transmit schedules

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

Rosters and schedules can be faxed to the attention of Kamilah Ward at 264-7205.

ON THE AIR

Radio

FOOTBALL

4 p.m. — Super Bowl XXXV, Baltimore Ravens vs. New York Giants, KBST-AM 1490.

Television

FOOTBALL

5:30 p.m. — Super Bowl XXXV, Baltimore Ravens vs. New York Giants, CBS, Ch. 7.

NBA

11 a.m. — Philadelphia 76ers at Indiana Pacers, NBC, Ch. 9.

1:30 p.m. — Los Angeles Lakers at New York Knicks, NBC, Ch. 9.

COLLEGE BASKETBALL

Men

2 p.m. — Hawaii at Tulsa, FXS, Ch. 29.

Women

Noon — Texas Tech at Oklahoma, FXS, Ch. 29.

GOLF

12:30 p.m. — Senior Skins Game, ABC, Ch. 2.

3:30 p.m. — LPGA Office Depot Classic, final round, ESPN, Ch. 30.

FIGURE SKATING

3 p.m. — Skating Spectacular, ABC, Ch. 2.

BOWLING

1 p.m. — PBA Las Vegas Open, ESPN, Ch. 30.

Ravenweek in Tampa: Are Giants really in Super Bowl?

TAMPA, Fla. (AP) — If the Vince Lombardi trophy went to the more brazen braggarts, the Baltimore Ravens would romp over the New York Giants in today's Super Bowl. Just about every Raven has guaranteed it.

The Giants are so quiet it sometimes seems they're not even here. They're 53 guys trying to complete what they started four months ago, balking at a guarantee like the one coach Jim Fassel made during the season about making the playoffs.

So while Baltimore coach Brian Billick, Shannon Sharpe and Ray Lewis tried to deflect questions about Lewis' arrest on murder charges a year ago, the Ravens guaranteed victory. And 350-pound

defensive tackle Tony Siragusa attracted huge crowds with what sometimes seemed like an audition for "The Sopranos."

The Giants? They quietly went about their business.

They got rid of their baggage early, when quarterback Kerry Collins bared his soul after being labeled a drunk, a racist and a quitter while he was with Carolina and New Orleans. Then they sat back and chuckled at the Ravens' sideshow.

"We've played against some of the best trash talkers around," wide receiver Amani Toomer said. "There are a lot of teams out there that like to flap their gums a lot. I don't think they'll be able to take

any of our players out of the game with their mouths."

Indeed, this week has been dominated by a player who could also dominate the game — Lewis, who was charged in the stabbing deaths of two men at a Super Bowl party last year in Atlanta. He eventually pleaded guilty to obstruction of justice.

Lewis says now that his offseason problems were one reason he had a Super season, capping it by being voted NFL Defensive Player of the Year.

Even commissioner Paul Tagliabue couldn't avoid the subject, repeatedly answering questions about Lewis at his annual state of the league news conference

on Friday.

But there are far more plot lines to this game:

—The owners: Art Modell of the Ravens, who moved the franchise to Baltimore from Cleveland in 1996, and Wellington Mara of the Giants. They are the closest of friends and have a combined 115 years in the NFL, starting in 1925, when Mara, then 9, served as a ball boy for the team his father founded.

Mara has won two Super Bowls, the last time a decade ago, right here in Tampa. Modell, on the other hand, had never reached a Super Bowl, narrowly missing in 1987 and 1988 against the Denver Broncos

See SUPER BOWL, page 8A

Lady Steers pound Andrews

Mustangs escape Steers' challenge in 51-49 struggle

By KAMILAH WARD
Sports Writer

Friday night's District 4-4A action brought out the true meaning of basketball and spirit as the Lady Steers and Steers matched up against Andrews' Mustangs and Lady Mustangs for what turned out to be an all-out battle royale.

The Lady Steers, needing a win over the Lady Mustangs to stay in the 4-4A playoff hunt, came out on fire and rolled over Andrews with a 58-37 victory.

The first half of play saw the two girls' teams stay close, as the first quarter ended with the score knotted at eight and Lady Steers taking a three-point margin into the halftime break.

But the Lady Steers had controlled the first half's tempo with their scrappy defense and patience on offense.

Patience was key throughout the first half as the Lady Steers were forced out of their offense by Big Spring's man-to-man defense.

"We hang our hat on our defense," said Lady Steers head coach Jimmy Avery, pleased with his team's play.

The Lady Steers broke free from Andrews' clutches during the third period by pounding the ball inside and scoring 3-point plays off putbacks to take a 10-point lead going into the final eight minutes.

That proved to be the turning point in the game.

Offensively, the Lady Steers were almost perfect, limiting their turnovers while forcing Andrews to turn the ball over on several consecutive trips down the floor.

"We executed real well on offense but the clock was Andrews' enemy," Avery added.

The clock wasn't the Lady Mustangs' only enemy, as the patience and aggressive play of the Lady Steers overwhelmed Andrews, limiting the visitors to two field goals in the final minutes of play.

Lady Steers senior point guard Melissa Forth led all scorers with 16 points, while freshman Leina Braxton followed close behind with 14.

In the boys' varsity nightcap, the Steers turned up the heat on Andrews before suffering a 51-49 loss in the closing seconds of the game.

The first half was a see-saw affair with the Steers tying the game at 6-6 with 5:40 to play.

Big Spring's Curtis Woodruff who scored the Steers' first 12 points closing the first quarter trailing by only two, 18-16.

In the second quarter, the Steers



Big Spring's Brittany Bryant (12) hustles to save the ball during the Lady Steers' 58-37 win over the Andrews' Lady Mustangs Friday night. Bryant and her Lady Steers teammates will host San Angelo Lake View's Maldens at 6 p.m. Tuesday in Steer Gym.

would trail by six points before regrouping to take the lead on a Mic Fleming 3-pointer with two minutes remaining.

Andrews never saw it coming as the Steers closed the half with a solid run and went to the lockerroom with a 31-25 edge.

In that second quarter rally, the Steers only allowed the Mustangs to score two field goals.

The third quarter would be troublesome for Big Spring as the Steers could only muster four points while Andrews rallied behind a 10-0 run to take a 37-35 lead into the final eight minutes of play.

The fourth quarter turned into an all out brawl with players from both teams fighting for position on rebounds, diving to the floor for loose balls and taking care of the ball on

offense. As a result, there wasn't a single turnover by Big Spring throughout the entire fourth quarter.

With the Steers trailing 45-42 at the 3:56 mark and the crowd already in an uproar, Andrews' Jayme Jackson fouled the Steers' Jason Watson while going for a loose ball. But before anyone could blink Jackson threw a punch and a scuffle ensued.

Jackson was ejected from the game and the Steers would go to the line for a one-and-one plus two shots for the flagrant technical foul.

Unfortunately, Watson would miss the front end of his one-and-one situation and Fleming was unable to hit either of the technical shots, leaving Big Spring down by three.

The Steers would tie the game at 46-

HERALD photo/Jim Fierro

Pecos sweeps 3-4A swims

HERALD Staff Reports

Pecos' Eagles and Lady Eagles were every bit as impressive as they were expected to be and more so Saturday, as they literally ran away from the field to claim team championships at the District 3-4A swimming and diving championships at the Big Spring YMCA pool.

The Eagles, clearly the favorite going into the meet, piled up 142 points in claiming the 3-4A boys' title, while Andrews' Mustangs finished a distant second with 57 points and Big Spring's host Steers were third with 51 points.

In the girls' division, where the Lady Eagles were expected to battle Abilene Wylie's Lady Bulldogettes for the team crown, Pecos was almost as dominant.

The Lady Eagles, paced by 3-2A Female Swimmer of the Year JoAnn Wein, chalked up 123 points to Wylie's 60. Andrews was third with 54 points, while Monahans and Fort Stockton followed in the fourth and fifth spots. Big Spring's Lady Steers finished sixth with 18 points.

While Pecos had the loop's outstanding female swimmer, Abilene Wylie's John Wemet was selected as the Male Swimmer of the Year, while Pecos' Terri Morse was selected as a double winners as girls' and boys' coach of the year. Andrews' Mike Waldmann was selected by his peers as diving coach of the year.

Big Spring's swimmers, hosting the district meet for the first time ever, were led by senior Doug Willberg, who recorded the Steers' only first-place finish of the meet.

Willberg won the 100 freestyle with a 1:55.60 clocking and added a second-place finish in the 200 freestyle with a 1:55.60

See MEET, page 9A

Bulldogettes pound Plains; Wolves, Lady Wolves top Stanton

By HERALD Staff Reports

PLAINS — Coahoma's Bulldogettes improved to 5-2 in District 3-2A basketball action after posting a 71-26 win over Plains on Friday night.

From the tip, the Bulldogettes took command of the game, outscoring the Cowgirls 20-9 in the first quarter and continuing their overwhelming surge by closing the half with a 35-15 lead.

The woes would continue for Plains as the Cowgirls could only muster 11 more points in the second half, while Coahoma would score 13 of their 24 fourth-quarter points from the charity stripe.

The Bulldogettes listed three players in double figures as they were led by Karen Sterling and Kynzi Roberts with 11 points each. Crystal Atkinson followed close behind with 10.

Results from the Bulldogs' varsity nightcap with the Cowboys were not reported to the Herald.

GIRL'S GAME

COAHOMA — Rachel Williams 3-3-4; Crystal Atkinson 23-34-10; Kynzi Roberts 2-2-2; Ashley Long 1-1-2; Kynzi Roberts 5-1-2-11; Kayla Smith 0-0-0. Totals 26-17-25-71.

PLAINS — Blount 9, Vignoni 6, Winn 5, Willis 2, King 4.

Scoring by Quarters: 20 16 12 24-71

COAHOMA — 9 9 9 5-26

Three-point goals: Coahoma 2 (Hart, Roberts); Plains 2 (Blount, Vignoni). Records: Coahoma 19-8, 5-2; Plains 1-6 in district.

Colorado City teams sweep past Stanton

STANTON — Colorado City swiped a pair of District 3-2A wins on the road from Stanton's Buffaloes and Lady Buffs Friday night.

In girls' action, it was a low-scoring affair as the Lady Wolves improved to 5-2 in district with the 39-35 win over Stanton.

It was evident that defense was a factor in the game as both teams had low-scoring second halves. Colorado City was fortunate enough

to come out on top outscoring the Lady Buffs 8-2 in the final quarter.

Colorado City listed two players in double figures. Alison Lopez led the way with 13 points and Kassi Redwine added 11.

Stanton's Christi Salgado led the Lady Buffs with 11 points.

In the nightcap, Colorado City ran away with the contest taking a 47-22 win over the Buffs.

From the tip, the Wolves claimed ownership, as they stormed past the Buffaloes in the first quarter leading 12-0.

The ice-cold Buffs managed just six points during the entire first half and would play catch up for the remainder of the game.

Colorado City was led by Marquise Lenard with 19 points.

GIRL'S GAME

COLORADO CITY — Rivers 6, Quintero 3, Redwine 11; Lopez 13; Pharris 6. Totals 13-18-39.

STANTON — Briggs 5, L. Howell 10; Rose 2; Williams 5; Salgado 11; A. Howell 2. Totals 13-5-11-35.

Scoring by Quarters: 9 15 7 6-38

COLORADO CITY — 13 15 9-2-38

Three-point goals: Colorado City 4 (Redwine 3, Lopez);

Stanton 4 (Salgado 3, Williams). Records: Stanton 15-6 5-2; Colorado City 14-10 5-2.

BOYS' GAME

COLORADO CITY 47, Stanton 22

COLORADO CITY — Spear 9; Rutigli 4; Pharris 5; Wright 2; 6-2-3-6; Lenard 19; Bassham 2; Arthur 6. Totals 20-5-10-47.

STANTON — Hull 10; J. Ramos 4; Kelly 2; Chandler 2; C. Ramos 2. Totals 9-4-4-22.

Scoring by Quarters: 12 10 14 11-47

STANTON — 0 5 8 8-22

Three-point goals: Colorado City 2 (Arthur, Pharris).

Records: Colorado City 18-5, 5-0; Stanton 8-4, 3-2. At seven: Colorado City 46, Stanton 37.

Garden City drops a pair to Iraan

IRAAN — Garden City's Bearkats and Lady Bearkats suffered a pair of losses at the hands of Iraan's Braves and Lady Braves in District 7-1A basketball play Friday night.

The Lady Bearkats stayed with the district leading Lady Braves but were unable to close out the game as they fell 32-26 in the closing minutes of the game.

The Lady 'Kats were on able to score just four points in the second

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TOP 25 - MEN

The top 25 team Associated Press' men's basketball poll, with first-place parentheses and records Jan. 21:

- Stanford (68)
- Duke (2)
- Michigan St.
- Kansas
- North Carolina
- Tennessee
- Illinois
- Marquette
- Wake Forest
- Georgetown
- Syracuse
- Azusa
- Virginia
- Florida
- Wisconsin
- Seton Hall
- Iowa St.
- Alabama
- Mississippi
- Texas
- Iowa
- Fresno St.
- Boston College
- Connecticut
- Southern Cal

TOP 25 - WOMEN

The top 25 team Associated Press' women's basketball poll and records Jan. 21:

- Note Dame (40)
- Connecticut (1)
- Tennessee
- Duke
- Georgia
- Purdue
- Iowa St.
- Louisiana Tech
- Texas Tech
- Florida
- LSU
- Oklahoma
- SW Missouri St.
- Rutgers
- Clemson
- Vanderbilt
- Texas
- Xavier
- Penn St.
- Oregon
- Utah
- N. C. State
- Arizona
- Villanova
- Colorado

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MINOR LEAGUE CONTRACT.

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one-year contracts.

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TOP 25 - WOMEN

Table listing top 25 women's college basketball teams with columns for rank, team name, and record.

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Table showing NBA Eastern and Western Conference standings with columns for team, wins, losses, and percentage.

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Table listing New Mexico sports results including basketball and football.

TABC POLL

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Calcavecchia maintains lead in cold, rain of Phoenix Open

SCOTTSDALE, Ariz. (AP) — Mark Calcavecchia's day ended before it was halfway done. Cold and rain didn't dent his big lead in the Phoenix Open, but lightning and hail finally stopped him short.

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Swann, Yary among six players joining Levy in next Hall of Fame class

TAMPA, Fla. (AP) — The wait turned out to be worthwhile for Lynn Swann and Ron Yary, both elected to the Pro Football Hall of Fame on Saturday in their 14th year of eligibility.

"You just don't know what it means to be up here after 14 years," said Swann, an integral part of the Pittsburgh Steelers team that won four Super Bowls in 26 years. "I've seen people cry and I always said if it happened to me I wouldn't cry. Well, I cried all the way over here."

Also picked were coach Marv Levy, who took the Buffalo Bills to four straight Super Bowls; offensive lineman Jackie Slater and Mike Munchak; defensive end Jack Youngblood; and old-timers nominee Nick Buoniconti.

Swann becomes the 11th member of the Steelers dynasty of the 1970s to be elected to the Hall of Fame. He put his personal stamp on that run of championships when he was the MVP of the 1976 Super Bowl, catching four passes for 161 yards, including a 64-yarder for the game-winning touchdown.

For his career, he had 336 receptions for 5,462 yards and 51 touchdowns. Still, he kept being passed over by the 38-member Hall of Fame Selection Committee, which meets on the eve of the Super Bowl.

"I thought it was not going to happen for me again this year," Swann said. "I told my wife not to be too down. Then I heard my name and tried to take a deep breath. But I just started crying."

Yary played 15 seasons as offensive guard, the first 14 with the Minnesota Vikings, where he blocked for scrambling quarterback Fran Tarkenton.

"He scrambled only because my guy ran around me and chased him out of the pocket," said Yary, who was picked for seven Pro Bowls and played 207 games.

Levy's Bills won four straight AFC championships, but lost each of the Super Bowls, the first to the New York Giants, then to Washington and twice to Dallas. No other team has appeared in four straight Super Bowls.

His election came on the 10th anniversary of the first loss in the last Super Bowl played in Tampa.

"It's great to have something to celebrate on a Super Bowl weekend," Levy said with a laugh.

Youngblood, who played 14 seasons for the Los Angeles Rams, became a symbol of toughness in the 1979 playoffs. He fractured his left leg in the first round, but was fitted with a plastic brace and played every defensive down in both the NFC championship game and the Super Bowl.

"I played poorly," he said of the episode. "I couldn't dominate the way you want to."

But Slater, sitting nearby, interrupted by saying, "He might not feel he played well, but there was no way we could win that (NFC championship) game without Jack Youngblood."

Munchak played 12 seasons at offensive guard for the Houston Oilers, reaching the Pro Bowl nine times. He was the key to a line that kept the Oilers at or near the top of the NFL offensive statistical categories, including total offense in 1990 and passing offense in 1990 and 1991.

"It's an amazing honor, something you can only dream about," he said. "Just being part of the final 15 was an amazing honor."

Buoniconti was elected as the oldtimers candidate, a category reserved for players who completed at least 70 percent of their careers by 1976. He was a linebacker on Miami's No-Name defense and a centerpiece of the Dolphins team that went 17-0 in the 1972-73 season.

Buoniconti was accompanied by Don Shula, who coached that team. "I needed a baby-sitter," he said.

"I'm grateful to have played on a Miami Dolphins team that lost six games in three years and had a defense that was second to none in the history of the game. When I go to Canton, I won't be representing Nick Buoniconti, but a No-Name defense that had a lot of names on it."

He is the first of the No-Names to be elected to the Hall of Fame, but the seventh member of that Miami team to be honored.

Slater, who played 259 games in 20 seasons with the Rams in Los Angeles and St. Louis, was the last name announced, nearly overlooked by Hall of Fame executive director John Bankert, who dropped the envelope.

Nicklaus leads Senior Skins Game

WAILEA, Hawaii (AP) — Jack Nicklaus just wanted to make a good putt.

The 25-footer rolled into the cup at the third hole and it was worth three skins, \$60,000 and enough to give him the lead Saturday after nine holes of the two-day Senior Skins Game.

Arnold Palmer and Hale Irwin each won one skin worth \$20,000, with hard-luck Gary Player getting shutout.

That leaves \$500,000 up for grabs Sunday at Wailea Golf Club's Gold Course.

"I hit it, oh, about 25 feet," Nicklaus said. "Gary hit a nice shot about 5 feet behind the hole. I didn't think he would miss so I wanted to make a good putt."

It was payback time for

Nicklaus, too. "I think we stole some from Gary, but last year Gary stole something from us," Nicklaus said.

Nicklaus was referring to Player winning last year's tournament by taking the last four skins in a playoff. "But it was fun today," Nicklaus added. "We all had a good time."

After Nicklaus got things started, Palmer stepped up. As the gallery roared, Palmer hesitated before knocking a 7-iron shot within 10 feet to set up his first skin at No. 4.

"I hit a pretty good drive," he said. "I was going to hit an 8-iron, it was 126 yards, and I decided to go with a 7-iron."

But he wasn't pleased with the rest of his round.

"I played the early holes pretty good," Palmer said. "The last three I wasn't crazy about, but they were OK. I was a day late and dollar short."

Irwin birdied the next hole to make him the third winner of a skin over three consecutive holes. He knocked in a 6-footer for his \$20,000.

"On the fifth, I had 145 yards uphill," he said. "I hit a 7-iron and, frankly, I thought Jack was going to make his putt."

"It seemed like I had been putting for life. I was surprised when he missed. It was cross slope and cross grain, but I made a good putt and got my skin."

Player just missed a skin on the next hole, the 264-yard sixth.

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when his Ravens were the Cleveland Browns.

The quarterbacks, both redemption projects. No John Elways, Brett Favres, Steve Youngs or Joe Montanas in this game, although Elway has a minor presence — he was brought in to talk to the Giants by coach Jim Fassel, who was once quarterbacks coach in Denver.

The Ravens' Trent Dilfer didn't become a starter until midseason, in the fourth game of a five-game stretch in which they didn't score a touchdown. He's returning to the city where he played for six seasons, getting released a year ago after losing the Buccaneers' starting job to Shaun King.

Collins, who took Carolina to the NFC championship game in his second season, came back from his alcohol problems to throw for 3,610 yards, third best in team history.

The coaches, Billick and Fassel, who guaranteed a playoff berth after his team dropped two straight to fall to 7-4. The Giants have now won seven straight.

They're also close friends who call each other often. "I'm glad Jim's in this game with me," Billick says. "But I miss not speaking to him."

They also share the label of offensive-minded coaches with defensive-minded teams.

The Ravens' defense set an NFL record by allowing just 165 points. The overlooked Giants' unit allowed only 10 points in two playoff games, shutting out Minnesota's high-scoring offense and giving up one meaningless late touchdown against Philadelphia after a blocked punt.

But that gets obscured in the din from the Baltimore camp.

"If we get 10 points, we'll win," said defensive end Michael McCrary.

"It's a great possibility," added cornerback Chris McAlister. "If our front

seven can get to Kerry Collins a bit, I think he will get rattled."

But the fact is the New York defense has been almost as good as Baltimore's, particularly since allowing 34 and 30 points in losses to St. Louis and Detroit. That led to Fassel saying, "This team will make the playoffs. I repeat, this team will make the playoffs."

And if stats hold up, neither team will be able to run — Baltimore allowed the fewest yards rushing in the NFL, the Giants the second fewest.

The Giants' offense, on the other hand, has performed well at times, never better than in the 41-0 win over Minnesota that got them here. In that game, Collins threw for 291 yards and five touchdowns before shutting things down midway through the third quarter.

The Ravens did it the hard way, beating Denver 21-3 at home, upsetting defending AFC champion Tennessee 24-10 in Nashville, then going to Oakland and winning 16-3.

In each of those wins, they had one big connection from Dilfer to Shannon Sharpe — a 58-yard deflected screen pass for a score against Denver; a 56-yard completion in Tennessee to set up their only offensive touchdown; and a 96-yard completion on third-and-18 for the only touchdown

against the Raiders.

"We're on a 10-0 run," Billick says. "Our offense has done what it has do to." These teams didn't meet in the regular season, even though their divisions faced each other.

But Dilfer, playing for Tampa Bay in the 1999 opener, threw three interceptions against the Giants and lost a fumble. One of the interceptions was returned for a touchdown and so was the fumble. That was the beginning of the end for Dilfer in Tampa Bay.

"The worst 10 minutes of football I've ever played," Dilfer says, although he was bad for the entire game.

The Giants don't buy it. "That was a different time, a different team," Fassel says. "It has no relevance to this game."

What may be relevant is the Giants' reaction to the Ravens. "They're a confident bunch of guys. They've played well the last couple of weeks," says New York's Jason Sehorn, who late in the season has returned to his form of 1997, when he was one of the league's best cornerbacks.

"But I wonder who they think they're playing on the other side, if we're going to lie down for them. It definitely takes the pressure off us, because they are supposed to pitch a shutout. All we are supposed to do is win."

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IRAN — Collins 12 2, Stone 13, Harris Jennings 5, Totals 27

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Arizona proves to be too much for Texas

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Defensively, Arizona is living up to those lofty preseason expectations.

Gilbert Arenas and Michael Wright scored 16 points apiece Saturday as the No. 12 Wildcats won their sixth in a row with an 80-52 rout of No. 20 Texas, the Longhorns' worst loss of the season.

The Wildcats (14-5), the preseason No. 1 team, are 4-0 since Lute Olson came back following the death of his wife.

Richard Jefferson added 13 points for the Wildcats (14-5), while Loren Woods scored 10 despite 4-for-16 shooting. Wright and Jefferson had nine rebounds apiece.

Texas (15-5) shot just 31 percent from the field (22-for-70).

The 28-point loss surpassed the 95-69 blowout of the Longhorns by Duke Nov. 22 in the semifinals of the preseason NIT.

Arizona shot out to a 21-6 lead. Texas got with in seven late in the first half, but Jason Gardner banked in a 50-footer at the halftime buzzer, then the Wildcats ran away in the second half to lead by as many as 29.

Chris Owens had 19 points and 17 rebounds for Texas but was 8-for-25 from the field. Maurice Evans added 11 points. Darren Kelly scored 10 but made only four of 15 shots.

Texas lost on the road twice this week — at Oklahoma and Arizona — and is 3-5 away from home this season.

No. 4 Kansas 92, Kansas St. 66

In a visit to his old school, Dean Smith got a standing ovation from the crowd and a pointed reminder of why he tried to lure Roy Williams back to North Carolina.

Kenny Gregory scored 20 points and Kirk Hinrich added 18 as No. 4 Kansas romped past Kansas State 92-66 on Saturday and made Williams 30-4 in the heated state rivalry.

Smith, a 1952 Kansas graduate and Williams' mentor at North Carolina, was introduced from the stands prior to the game and got a long, standing ovation despite the fact he tried to talk Williams into leaving last summer to coach the Tar Heels.

Nick Collison had 15 points and Jeff Boschee had

12 for Kansas (17-1, 6-0 Big 12), which mounted a 17-point halftime lead en route to its 20th straight victory over the Wildcats (8-9, 2-4).

Missouri 66, Texas Tech 64

Kareem Rush scored 23 points and hit the game-winning 3-pointer with 32 seconds to go as Missouri ended a three-game losing streak with a 66-64 victory over Texas Tech on Saturday.

Missouri (13-6, 4-2 Big 12) lost all three on the road after being ranked for the first time in two seasons. The Tigers are 9-0 at home, but had a difficult time holding off Texas Tech (8-9, 2-4), which rallied after shooting just 21 percent in the first half.

No. 1 Stanford 72, Washington State 61

Twins Jason and Jarron Collins each scored 18 points as No. 1 Stanford beat Washington State 72-61 to set a school record with 19 consecutive victories to open the season.

The Cardinal (19-0, 7-0 Pacific 10) remained the only unbeaten Division I team in the nation. Stanford opened the 1997-98 season

with 18 straight victories and advanced to the Final Four.

Washington State (7-10, 1-7) lost its fourth straight game and seventh in the past eight.

Mike Bush scored 23 points and kept Washington State in contention.

Georgia 77, No. 6 Tennessee 75, 20T

Georgia claimed one of the biggest victories in its basketball history Saturday, beating No. 6 Tennessee 77-75 when Chris Daniels scored on a layup with 7.3 seconds left in the second overtime.

The surprising Bulldogs watched the Volunteers tie it when Tony Harris scored on a drive to the basket with 11.6 seconds remaining.

Georgia (13-7, 6-1 SEC) quickly rebounded the ball and Rashad Wright found Daniels alone at the other end of the court. The freshman hauled in the long pass and laid it in, sending the first home sellout crowd in two years into a frenzy.

Harris raced to the other end of the court as the clock wound down, but his off-balance 3-pointer bounced off the rim and the buzzer sounded.

Steers netters compete at Midland Invitational

HERALD Staff Report

MIDLAND — Big Spring netters ran into a strong field at the Midland Invitational Tennis Tournament on Friday, and as a result, the best finish any of the Steers could manage was a seventh-place showing in boys' doubles.

Big Spring's top boys' doubles tandem of Alex Edgemon and Jay Shroff opened the tournament with a 6-1, 6-4 win over Odessa Permian's Brandon Dennis and Wade Morgan before running into Midland's Miguel Bustillos and Anthony Kent. The Bulldog duo took a 6-1, 5-7, 6-4 win in the second round match.

Wichita Falls Rider's Alan Flack and Dale Murdock then took a 6-4, 6-4 win over Edgemon and Shroff before the Big Spring tandem could close out its day with a 6-7, 6-3, 6-4 win over Midland Lee's Kyle Czirr and Armando Rivera.

Teammates Michael Roffers and Brian Wingert were working their way to a ninth-place finish.

Roffers and Wingert opened the tournament with a 6-2, 6-0 loss to Marcus Valdez and Jonathan Webb of Midland

High, but they rebounded to take three straight wins, wrapping up the day with a 6-2, 6-1 win over Permian's Dennis and Morgan.

Big Spring's boys' singles entries, Derek DeHoyos and Zach Smiley finished eighth and 10th, respectively.

DeHoyos opened with a 6-4, 6-4 loss to Permian's Joe Morgan but then took a 6-3, 6-2 win over Odessa High's Jason McPherson and outlasted Rider's Zac Dillard, 7-6, 4-6, 7-6. He closed out the day with a 1-6, 7-6, 6-4 win over Smiley.

Smiley began the day with a loss to Gabe Corrales of Midland Lee but rebounded with a 6-0, 6-7, 6-2 win over Rider's Kyle Beeks and advanced to take on DeHoyos by posting a 6-4, 6-2 win over Andrews' Dustin Ipson.

The top showing by Big Spring's girls came from the doubles tandem of April Ward and Megan Roffers, as they finished 12th overall. The Lady Steers duo dropped its opening match to a Burleson team and then knocked off Odessa High's top tandem. After a loss to a Midland Lee team, they closed out the tournament with a 6-4, 2-6, 7-5 win over Andrews' Holly Craig and Ashley Neighbors.

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clocking.

In addition, he joined with Mark Sheedy, Will Liggett and Michael Carrasco in posting a second-place time of 1:49.11 in the 200 medley relay.

He would then close out the meet joining Josh Pike, Sheedy and Carrasco in posting a second-place finish in the 400 freestyle relay with a time of 3:40.10.

In the 200 freestyle relay, Ryan Beal, Cody Clark, Liggett and Pike combined to finish sixth.

Carrasco and Pike also

added point production in a pair of individual events, as well — Carrasco finishing third in the 50 freestyle and fourth in the 100 freestyle. Pike was fourth in the 200 individual medley and was fifth in the 100 backstroke.

The remainder of Big Spring's points came from Sheedy's third-place finish in the 100 backstroke, Liggett's fourth-place finish in the 100 breaststroke and Beal's sixth-place showing in the 500 freestyle.

All those finishing in the top six places in each event qualified to compete at the Region I, Class 4A meet set

for Feb. 10-11 in Lubbock.

The Lady Steers' top qualifier for regional competition was senior Nadia Torres, who finished fifth in the 100 breaststroke and joined Daniel Bartlett, Heidi Robinson and Amanada Chapman in posting a fifth-place finish in the 200 medley relay.

Stefanie Pointon, Chapman, Bartlett and Robinson would add a fifth in the 400 freestyle relay.

Robinson and Bartlett were the Lady Steers' only other regional qualifiers in individual events — Robinson finishing sixth in

the 100 freestyle and Bartlett finishing sixth in the 200 freestyle.

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all at the 2:21 mark, but the Mustangs would regain the lead and extend it to five, 51-46, with 36-seconds remaining.

The Steers' Arthur Belvin drained his second 3-pointer of the night to make it a two-point game.

And when Andrews' Brady Haygood missed on a free throw opportunity with six seconds remaining, the Steers had one more chance. This time, however, Belvin came up short on his 3-point attempt at the buzzer.

"They responded well after Tuesday night's loss at Snyder," Steers head coach

Brian Ellington said following the loss. "They did everything they needed to do. They were aggressive on defense and took care of the ball on offense."

Both Big Spring teams continue district play at 6 p.m. Tuesday when San Angelo Lake View's Maidens and Chiefs pay a call on Steer Gym. Girls' varsity will play begin at 6 p.m.

LADY STEERS 56, ANDREWS 37

ANDREWS — Mandy Roberts 2 1-4 5, Amber Mercedes 1 1-3 3, Lindsey Reid 0 2-2 2, Judy Del Hierro 1 0-0 2, Britney Courtney 1 2-5 4, Katie Fariss 3 1-2 7, Halli Richards 1 0-0 3, Karli Bane 3 1-2 7, Nitra Woods 1 2-3 6. Total 13 10 19 37.
BIG SPRING — Brittany Bryant 0 2-2 2, Chelsea Churchwell 0 2-2 2, Kyslie Long 0 0-0 0, Kim Wright 1 1-2 3, Melissa Forth 5 5-8 16, Christina Gwyn 4 1-3 9, LaTrisha Rollins 1 0-2 2, Leina Braxton 4 6-7 14, Meghan Pudliner 1

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Scoring by quarters:
ANDREWS — 8 12 8 9 - 37
BIG SPRING — 8 18 18 20 - 56
Three-point goals: Andrews 1 (Richards); Big Spring: 1 (Forth). Total fouls: Andrews 23, Big Spring 24. Fouled out: Roberts, Braxton. Technical fouls: None. Records: Andrews 47; Big Spring 17-8, 7-4.

ANDREWS 51, STEERS 49

ANDREWS — Sidney Hooper 3 1-3 7, Josh Brazel 0 0-0 0, Brady Haygood 2 2-3 6, Jason Glasson 5 0-0 10, Jordan Willis 0 0-2 0, Greg Leach 1 0-0 2, Homer Valles 0 0-0 0, Nic Rowe 0 0-0 0, Scott Griffin 1 3-5 5, Jeremy Warp 2 3-6 6, Jayne Jackson 6 3-8 15. Total 20 11 23 51.

BIG SPRING — Brandon Greathouse 1 2-4 4, Allen Jackson 0 0-0 0, Arthur Belvin 4 0-1 10, Mic Fleming 2 2-4 7, Curtis Woodruff 7 0-2 14, Garrius 0 0-0 0, Jason Watson 1 0-1 2, Mike Smith 4 4-8 8, Austin Nutting 0 0-0 0. Total 17 8-16 49.

Scoring by quarters:
ANDREWS — 18 7 12 14 - 51
BIG SPRING — 18 15 4 14 - 49
Three-point goals: Big Spring 3 (Fleming, Belvin, 2); Andrews: Andrews 10, Big Spring 9. Rebounds: Andrews 26, Big Spring 34. Total fouls: Andrews 18, Big Spring 25. Fouled out: None. Technical fouls: Jackson (ejected). Records: Andrews, Big Spring 5-19, 9-9.

ROUNDUP

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quarter and were never able to overcome the Lady Braves' 18-10 halftime lead.

Iraan's Smart led all scorers with 14 points.

The Bearkats shared the same fate, as they suffered a 74-44 loss to the Braves.

The Bearkats trailed throughout the game but were especially hurt in the fourth quarter when Iraan managed to out score them 22-11.

GIRLS' GAME

Iraan 23, Garden City 28

GARDEN CITY — Cox 2, Eoff 4, Maele 6, Niehus 8, Hoch 4, Hoetschor 2. Total 11 4-12 32.

IRAAN — Smart 14, Bolen 2, Green 2, Jennings 5, R. Jernigan 5, Villarueva 4. Total 12 4-12 32.

Score by Quarters:
GARDEN CITY — 8 4 4 12 - 28
IRAAN — 7 11 3 11 - 32

Three-point goals: Iraan 4 (Smart 4).
Records: Garden City 16-8, 5-2; Iraan 20-2, 7-0.
JV score: Iraan 41, Garden City 20.

BOYS' GAME

Iraan 74, Garden City 44

GARDEN CITY — Bednar 3, Schmitz 1, R. Battie 4, Hillger 9, Chidej 2, Goodwin 5, Helfmann 7, Cmerak 8, M. Battie 5. Total 15 10-20 44.

IRAAN — Collins 12, Galtner 16, Costarade 2, Stone 13, Harris 7, Burton 19, Pope 2, Jennings 3. Total 27 19-27 74.

Score by Quarters:
GARDEN CITY — 8 14 11 11 - 44
IRAAN — 12 22 19 21 - 74

Three-point goals: Garden City 4 (Bednar, R. Battie, Helfmann, Cmerak); Iraan 1 (Stone).
Records: Garden City 9-15, 2-5; Iraan 6-7, 3-4.

Seagraves posts win over Forsan

FORSAN — After scoring double figures in all four quarters, Seagraves' Eagles posted a 67-54 win over Forsan's Buffaloes in District 3-2A boys' basketball action Friday night.

At halftime, the Eagles led

33-26 and went on to outscore the Buffaloes 34-28 in the second half.

Forsan managed to score 19 points in the fourth quarter but their poor free throw shooting hurt them only completing 3-of-10 from the line.

Seagraves' Steve Webb

was one of three players in double figures scoring 18 points.

Results from the varsity opener between Forsan's Queens and Seagraves' Lady Eagles were not reported.

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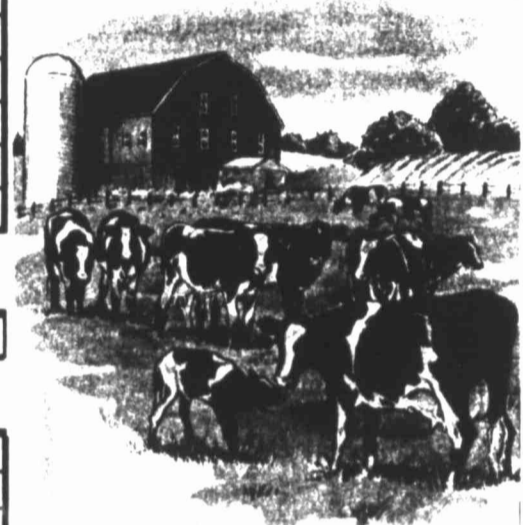


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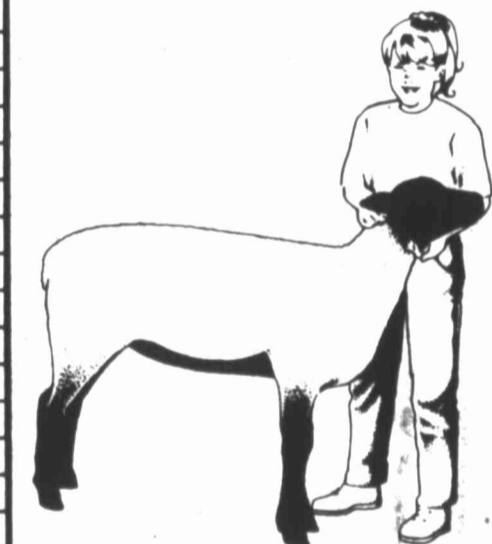
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Something old...

Big Spring had never seen anything like the wedding of Lillian Birdwell and Edward Mills in 1904. The clip files at the Heritage Museum, along with the original wedding book donated to the local collection by Birdwell, tell the story:

"Forth from the curtain of clouds, from his tent of purple and gold, issued the sun, the Great High Priest, his garments resplendent, blessing the world as he came, and flooding Red Rock, the beautiful home of Mr. and Mrs. John D. Birdwell with warmth and gladness, making a perfect morn..." said the *Big Spring Herald* of the event. The wedding took place at 7:30 a.m., starting when two "white clad little girls threw open the doors of the library in which stood the bride and groom, the maid of honor... and the best man... before a drop curtain of feathery smilax and cedar, interwoven with pink, white and royal purple wild tulips."

The bride "was beautifully gowned in a green cloth gown, made 1830s style, trimmed in linen and silk motifs and lace and Oriental bands. She carried a bouquet of pink carnations." The groom, who was earlier described as a "prominent traveling man," wore a "business suit of grey and tan mixture."

After the ceremony, the guests were invited to the dining room to view the wedding gifts, "and the sheen of silver and the glitter of rare cut glass held all eyes spellbound." Despite the hour, the mother of the bride served ice cream and cake.

Just an hour later, the bride and groom boarded a train for their wedding trip, which was described as "five or six weeks in Indian Territory, close to nature's bosom."

A few years later, another high-profile wedding would be celebrated among the pioneers of Big Spring when dapper bachelor Nat Shick, postmaster, was married to Holly Covert.

"The Holly Covert-Nat Shick wedding was a grand occasion. The Baptist church was at 410 Gregg and there was nothing between the Covert home and the church except mesquite trees," the Herald reported. "The Coverts stretched white cheese cloth amid the mesquite for the wedding party's path."

While the Birdwell-Mills wedding took place at 7:30 a.m., it was by no means the earliest wedding in those pioneer days. Another Big Spring Herald article reported, "Mr. and Mrs. Cravens were married at 5 a.m. in order for the couple to leave on the train for Fort Worth for their honeymoon."

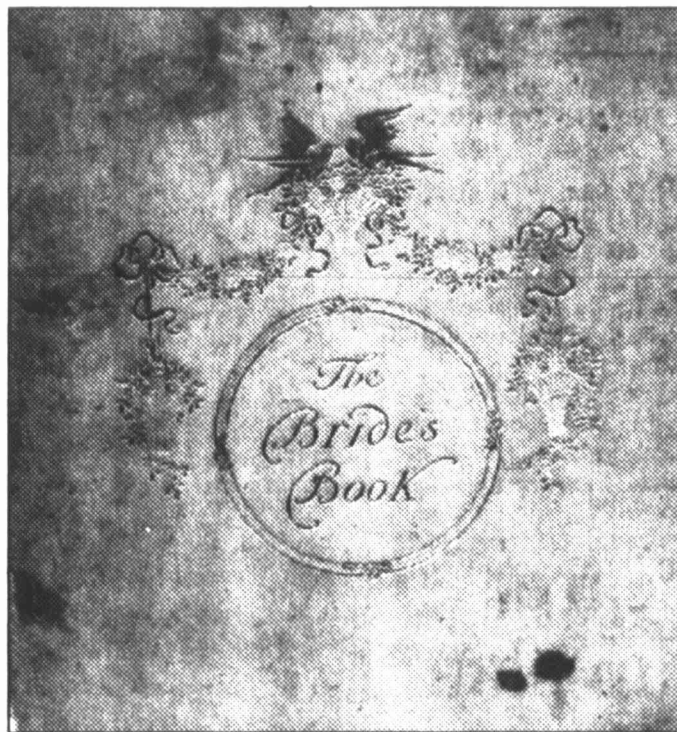
Something new...

Thankfully, the trend of early-morning wedding is not being revived, but there are several other developing trends that bear noticing. From the Web site foreverwed.com, here are a few:

- Brides making toasts and speeches during their receptions. For years, the bride has been mostly silent during the event. Not anymore.



Lillian Birdwell, of the pioneer family of John Birdwell, was married in a beautiful ceremony at her parents' home in 1904. The historic photograph shown above — her bridal photograph — is from the Heritage Museum's collection.



At left, this wedding book contains remembrances from the high-profile wedding of Annabelle Birdwell to Edward Mills. Gifts, guests and other details were carefully chronicled and kept along with newspaper clippings in the book. Below, this was one of the congratulatory telegrams received by the couple on their wedding day.

- Personalized wedding banner hanging at the reception, on which all the guests can write their names and a personal wish of congratulations and good luck. This will be great to bring out during anniversary parties later.

- While few couples leave their wedding in a shower of rice anymore, most opting for the more environmentally friendly birdseed, another trend

has developed here. Imagine dozens of guests blowing soap bubbles as you depart.

- Display photographs in your reception area. Some ideas: childhood pictures of the bride and groom, pictures of you together during your courtship, or photographs of your parents and grandparents on their wedding days.

- While the bride, groom and wedding party are having pictures taken after the ceremony, entertain reception guests with a video or slide show about the couple.

From aboutflowers.com, try these tips on the bouquet:

- Try a "royal garden" bouquet of Casablanca lilies combined with peonies and astilbe enhanced with ribbon.

- Think romantic sophistication: a single Duchess rosebud in a cluster of petals highlighted by ivy and silk streamers.

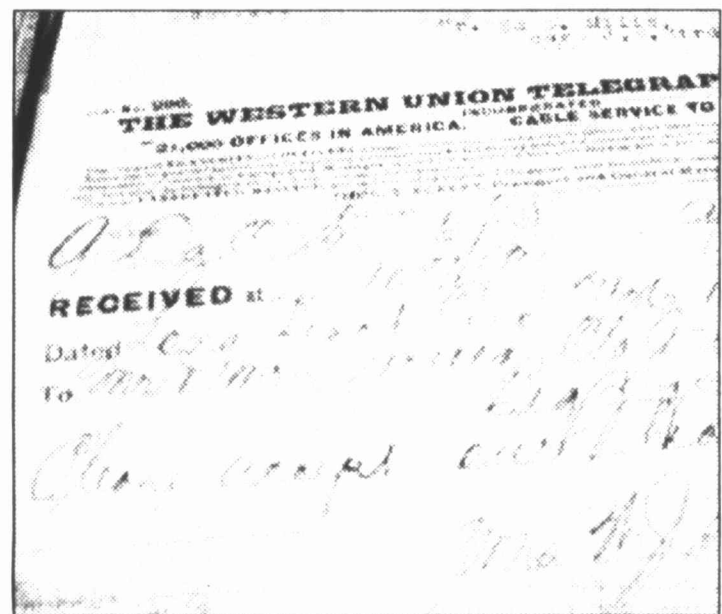
- Contemporary styles might use callas, combined with freesia and lily grass.



Something borrowed...

Trends are fine, but some of the best wedding lore is used again and again, "borrowed" from many sources, religious and cultural traditions. Try these for size:

- You know you will be married soon when...
 - A chicken enters your house with a straw in its mouth, which it leaves.
 - A white dove flies near your house.
 - A spider comes down from the ceiling and dances up and down.
 - A cow moos during the night.
- You know your marriage will be happy when...
 - A cat sneezes in front of either the groom or bride on your wedding day.
 - Your wedding ceremony lasts between half and



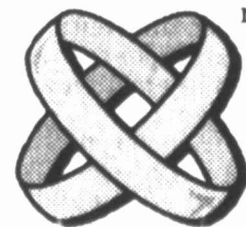
hour and an hour.

- You are married in the afternoon.
- You see a lamb or dove on the way to the church.
- Good luck charms for the wedding...
- The bride should have her hair done or her veil put on by a happily married woman.
- Put a new dime in the bride's left shoe just before she walks down the aisle.
- Decorate with orange blossoms.
- Carry a pinch of salt into the church.
- Both of the couple should step into, and leave, the church with their right feet.

Something blue...

It might not be romantic, but it's true that marriage is a legal matter that conveys certain rights to both parties. For example, according to the online law encyclopedia nolo.com, married people have the right to:

- Sue a third person for offenses that interfere with the success of your marriage (in some states).
- Receive family rates for insurance.
- Avoid the deportation of a non-citizen spouse.
- Enter hospital intensive care units, jails and other places where visitors are restricted to immediate family.
- Make medical decisions about your spouse in the event of a disability.
- Claim the marriage communications privilege, which means a court can't force you to disclose the contents of confidential communication between you and your spouse.



For everything you need to know to plan your wedding, see our special section, "Love and Romance," inserted in today's issue of the Herald.

Others shared fond memories of Sipes' culinary delights

Holy Gamolies...whenever folks stop me on the street or in the supermarket and thank me for my humble effort in writing this column, it really makes my day. I have had letters also.

The latest was from Mrs. Janie Lockhart of Farmersville. Chili cook Alvin Sipes, whose culinary creations I recalled in a recent column, was her uncle.

She wrote that during the noon hour, she and her friends, made a bee-line to the Alvin Sipes hamburger joint on south Benton street for those fantastic Al Sipes hamburgers and hot dogs.

She started school at East Ward, she writes, and went through the seventh grade, then to Runnels Junior High. "There was a race to Sipes for the best burgers ever," she wrote.

"There he was flipping the patties right and left with his wife, Dora, putting the final touch on them. For 25 cents, I got a burger, Coke and had a nickel left over for a candy bar."

Mrs. MacCracken, another Alvin Sipes relative, paid me a visit to my office on Eleventh Place and brought me a color photo, circa 1975, of the old Al Sipes stand, for me to have a copy made.

Thanks so much, Mrs. MacCracken.

Such a pity, my fuzzy brain can't remember a Mrs. Sipes. I will have a copy of the photo made, and I thank you so much for the opportunity.

Such a pity, I must lament again, that there no longer remains any trace of the old Al Sipes stand.



AL SCOTT

The fond memories are still there, however and I can still taste the glorious "afterbite" that only the great State Food Of Texas can provide.

Al Scott writes a regular column for the Herald.

The photograph at left, taken around 1975, shows the Alvin Sipes home on Benton Street, where he cooked his famous hamburgers, hot dogs and other lunches for local school children.



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WEDDINGS

Vasquez-Jones

Christina L. Vasquez and Joshua D. Jones, both of Lubbock, exchanged wedding vows Sept. 8, 2000, at the Country Place Bed and Breakfast with Pastor Henry Russell officiating.

She is the daughter of Helen Vasquez of Carlsbad, N.M. He is the son of Sherre and Robby Davis and the grandson of Wallace and Mary Spraberry, all of Big Spring.

The bride was given in marriage by her uncle, Pete Vasquez, and wore a strapless Shantung silk gown and carried a fresh bouquet of lillies and roses.

Annella Rodriguez of Carlsbad, N.M., served as maid of honor and Jody Leggett of Midland served as best man.

The bride is a 1994 graduate of Carlsbad High School and a 1998 graduate of Howard College Dental Hygiene program. She is



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The groom is a 1994 graduate of Big Spring High School and is presently employed by Bankers Life and Casualty.

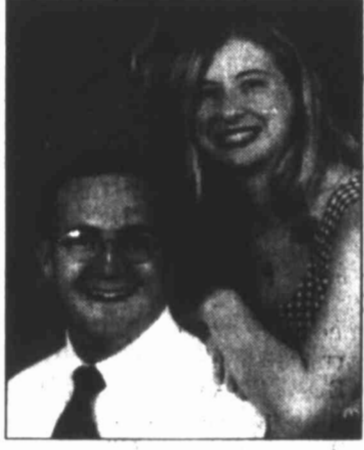
Following a wedding trip to Mayan Sun Coast, the couple made their home in Lubbock.

GETTING ENGAGED



Staci Carol Sims and Leland Wayne Bearden, both of Lubbock, will exchange wedding vows Mar. 10, 2001, at the First United Methodist Church in Slaton.

She is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. W.D. Sims of Slaton. He is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Derrell Bearden of Ackerly and the grandson of Inez Bearden, Big Spring.



Tamara Love of Dallas and Brad Moore of Carrollton will exchange wedding vows April 28, 2001, at the Chapel on the Hill, Abilene Christian University, with Gary Hubbard of First United Methodist Church in Ralls, officiating.

She is the daughter of Bruce and Denise Love of Abilene and the granddaughter of Charles and LaQuita Hicks of Brownwood, formerly of Big Spring.

He is the son of Bob and Vernice Moore of Big Spring.

HUMANE SOCIETY



Pictured is Cici - Black mixed breed, 9 months old, spayed female, very sweet.

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

Shadow - Black Lab mix, 9 months old, spayed female.

Skipper - Black/white, 1 year old, male, neutered.

Rat - Heeler/Terrier mix, white, black and brown, 1 year old, female, spayed.

Hoss - Dachshund, red, 2 years old, male, neutered, very loving.

Isaac - Heeler/Pointer mix, black and white spotted, 5 years old, male, neutered.

Toby - Lab mix, black, 9 months old, neutered, male.

Rusty - Red/brown, small mix, 1 year old, neutered male.

Dudley - Blue Heeler mix, gray with black spot, 7 months old, neutered, male.

Mutt - Doberman mix, black/tan, 8 months old, neutered, male.

These, plus many more dogs and cats are awaiting adoption. Adoption fees for dogs are just \$60, for pure-bred dogs \$100 and cats are \$60. This includes spaying or neutering, vaccinations, wormings and rabies shots. Also covers feline leukemia tests for cats. All pets come with a two-week trial period. Call the shelter at 267-7832.

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STORK CLUB

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Yates Collins Barker, Jan. 11, 2001, 12:52 p.m., seven pounds one ounce and 19 1/2 inches long. Parents are Stephanie and Duane Barker of Kingwood. Grandparents are Tommy and Bev Collins of Big Spring.

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Sick child day-care serves as backup plan for working parents

NASHVILLE, Tenn. (AP) — Meg Crisp knew she and her husband had a problem when their feverish youngest daughter climbed into bed with them.

Crisp could tell 7-year-old Leslie wouldn't be able to go to school in the morning. Yet Crisp, director of administration at Arthur Andersen, the consulting firm, and her husband, a public relations executive, both faced important meetings that would make it difficult for them to stay home with Leslie.

In a pinch, a guilt-ridden Crisp took the first grader to Get Well Centers, a Nashville day-care for mildly ill children. When she returned to pick her up, she found Leslie still groggy but happy to be toting home an armful of newly made crafts.

"She had a blast," said Crisp, who had never left Leslie in day care before. "She was not feeling well. She slept quite a bit. But she made all kinds of stuff. Her sister was jealous when she came home."

Sick-child care is a growing part of the multibillion-dollar child care industry. The benefit is increasingly common as employers try to attract workers in a tight labor market and trim the costs of lost work days.

Almost every parent has faced the dilemma posed when the sitter is ill or snow closes schools. In response, 300 to 350 centers offering backup child care or care for sick children have sprung up around the country, said Jacqueline Stewart, president of the National Association of Sick Child Daycare. That's up from fewer than 100 a decade ago.

Some employers offer onsite sick and backup child care, while others contract with stand-alone help such as Get Well Centers. Life Technologies, a biotech company based in Rockville, Md., offers subsidized in-home care for sick children as part of its benefits package.

Places like Get Well Centers may have found a lucrative niche. According to the NASCD, the average working mother misses five to 29 work days a year, at a cost of \$2 billion to \$12 billion to employers.

"It's absolutely growing," Sharman Stein, senior editor for Working Mother magazine, said of sick-child care. "It's a way for companies to relieve one of the working mothers' and fathers' greatest stress

Services gaining in popularity

The ASSOCIATED PRESS

A breakdown of the types of sick-child care available across the United States:

— Hospital based: 40 percent

— In-home care: 22 percent

— Associated with well-child care centers: 17 percent

— Stand-alone centers: 7 percent

— For chronically ill and disabled children: 2 percent

— Family child care homes: 2 percent

— Other: 10 percent

Average cost a day per child: \$65 to \$120.

points."

Sick-child day care is for children who may not feel up to attending school or their regular day care, but who aren't seriously ill. Children who attend have ailments such as the flu or strep throat.

Even teething can cause a mild fever and exclude a child from attending regular day care.

At Get Well Centers, which opened in 1999, children are sorted by age and illness into six rooms. Contagious children are isolated from others in a separate room, which includes its own air ventilation system and door to the street to avoid interaction with other children.

A registered nurse is always on site. Toys are cleaned after children play with them, and books are quarantined for 48 hours afterward. Parents receive two checkup calls daily and immediate notification if a child's condition worsens.

NEWCOMERS

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

Jack Owens and wife Kamilah, daughter Alanah, Charleston, Ill. He is the assistant men's basketball coach at Howard College. She is the new sports editor for the Big Spring Herald.

Rashell Green, Decatur, a student at Howard College.

Paul Starr and wife Kathleen, daughter Amanda, Martinsburg, W.V. and Floresville. He is employed by Prime Inc.

Marvin Porter and wife Wilma, Midland. Own and operate Porter's Purses Galore and More.

Ted Wills, Midland. He is employed by Porter's Purses Galore and More.

Shannon Thomason and wife Felicia, son Andrew, Lubbock. He is employed by A.K.G. Guthrie Oil Co.

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Covenant Malone & Hogan Clinic would like to welcome Michael D. Stephens, M.D. to our staff, effective January 1. Dr. Stephens will continue seeing patients at his current location through the end of January. He will relocate to 1501 W. 11th Place effective February 1, 2001. Dr. Stephens has been practicing in Big Spring since May 18, 1998 providing family and emergency medicine. He received his medical degree from the University of Ontario and a degree in Family Medicine from the University of British Columbia. He has gained extensive experience in several medical settings throughout his education and career which will contribute to his practice in Family Medicine at Covenant Malone & Hogan Clinic. We are excited to add his medical expertise to our exceptional group of physicians. For an appointment with Dr. Stephens, please call 264-1100 through January 31, 2001, then 267-6361 beginning February 1st.

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Texas officials are promising power to attract business, industry

AUSTIN (AP) — Look out California, Texas wants your business.

With promises of abundant electricity, economic officials in the Lone Star State say they want to lure to Texas companies that may be thinking about expanding in California.

As California's energy crisis continues, Texas officials say they've got all the power a business would need.

"We've want everyone to know we have great weather, we have a beautiful ocean. But unlike California, we've got power," said

Jeff Moseley, executive director of the Texas Department of Economic Development.

State officials on Friday announced a campaign aimed at the corporate world through trade shows and direct mailings.

The effort is directed at companies considering expansion but also would consider businesses that may be frustrated by California's blackouts and high prices, and want to move.

"We would certainly talk to any businesses that want to consider Texas," Moseley said.

The California crisis is blamed

largely on the state's 1996 deregulation law, which ordered utilities to sell their power plants and buy wholesale power, but capped the rates they could charge customers.

Other problems, including a shortage of new power plants, transmission glitches, low hydroelectric output and plant maintenance, have left California precariously low on electricity.

Texas is set to deregulate its utility industry on Jan. 1, but analysts say it should not face a similar crisis.

Texas is a large producer of natural gas used to fuel power plants.

Texas has opened 22 new power plants since 1995; 15 more are slated to come online by Jan. 1.

California created its own problem, in part, by its reluctance to build power plants, opting instead to import electricity from other states, said TXU Electric spokesman Chris Schein.

"Texas seems to identify power plants as economic development opportunities," Schein said. "Communities embrace it. That doesn't seem to happen in California."

Moseley acknowledged the campaign also is designed to alleviate

fears that Texas may be headed for similar problems.

Stories of rolling blackouts and lost business production are enough to raise questions about Texas' future in a deregulated electricity market, Moseley said.

"Now is the time to step up with this. We cannot afford for our businesses to feel like we're also headed for the same thing," he said.

Last week, two Houston lawmakers filed a bill that would allow the Texas Public Utility Commission to delay full deregulation if necessary.

Stock shows are tool for leadership, development

Stock shows, whether it be a county stock show or the several major shows (Fort Worth, El Paso, San Antonio and Houston), are utilized to encourage the youth who participate to learn about how to manage their animals, how to take responsibility and learn how to develop certain skills that allow them to be more successful.

They also learn to set goals and how to pursue these goals. Sometimes they reach their goals and there is usually some type of reward for them reaching that goal.

This system of shows allows county agents, teachers and parents to develop better young people who will make better citizens and will be an asset to the community they live in as well as their families as they reach adulthood.

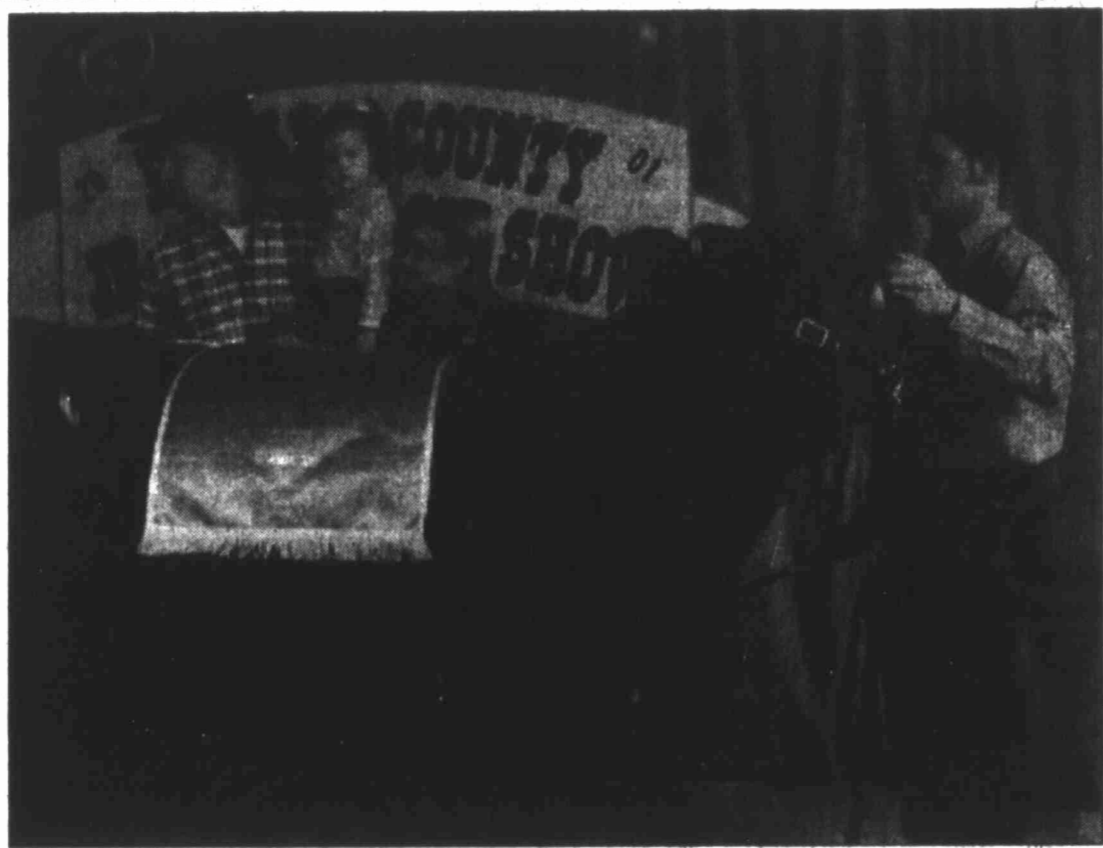
Without these learning opportunities, it would be difficult to have an effective youth development program.

Thanks goes out to all individuals and organizations that allow for this to occur across Howard County as well as the State of Texas.

(David Kight is Howard County Extension Agent — Agriculture. His telephone number is 264-2236 and his office is located in the basement of the Howard County Courthouse.)



DAVID KIGHT



Herald file photo

Kyle Kight's heifer won grand champion at the Howard County Junior Livestock show this year. The animal was purchased with money he won at the San Antonio Livestock Show calf scramble. Next month, Kight will be taking the heifer to show in San Antonio. Ward's Boot, Saddle & Western Wear represented by Shane Ward, left, purchased the heifer at the local show.

Kight returning to San Antonio show with heifer he bought in scramble win

By CARL GRAHAM
Staff Writer

Kyle Kight, son of Howard County extension agent David Kight and his wife Vicki, will be returning to the San Antonio Livestock Show next month and this time, he will go back with prize in hand. Last year, Kyle attended and participated in one of the most exciting events of the livestock show and rodeo — the calf scramble.

In a typical calf scramble, 28 4-H or FFA members attempt to catch and halter one of 14 calves, usually weighing between 400 to 450 pounds.

The scrambler has to catch the calf and put a halter on it and bring it back to a specified location.

Kyle was one of those

scramblers last year who was able to catch and halter his calf. For successfully catching a calf, his work had actually just started because each winning individual is awarded a \$1,000 certificate toward the purchase of a registered beef heifer.

The purchased heifer then becomes a year-long project of feeding, grooming and providing all the care necessary to raise and show a beef animal at a livestock show.

During that year, the individual is supervised by an agricultural science teacher or a county extension agent, such as Kyle's dad. They must keep accurate and detailed records of the animal's progress, submitting records to both the show and the donor to

chronicle the heifer's development.

At this year's Howard County Junior Livestock Show, 17-year-old Kyle showed his heifer to the grand champion heifer class. The animal was purchased at the premium sale by Shane Ward, who represented Ward's Boot, Saddle & Western Wear store of Big Spring.

Other awards Kyle has won with his animals are breed champion at the Permian Basin Fair and grand champion at the Silver Dollar Classic in Monahans.

Kyle said he has learned a lot this past year, especially in how to manage his time between school activities and having time to

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Safety

The Pipeline Group sets annual awareness dinner for Feb. 8 in Big Spring

HERALD Staff Report

Safe excavations, including working with utility companies, will be stressed when The Pipeline Group will hold its annual contractor awareness program at 6:30 p.m. on Thursday, Feb. 8, at the Howard County Fair Barns.

The program is sponsored by a group of pipeline companies with a common goal of preventing accidents and damages to underground pipelines and utilities.

A free dinner will be catered by Big John's Feed Lot for all individuals involved in excavation-related activities in Howard, Borden, Glasscock, Mitchell, Scurry and Sterling counties.

Following the dinner, a brief safety program will be presented which stresses accident prevention by identifying pipeline and utility rights of way, use of one-call systems and the importance of working with pipeline and utility companies to safely excavate in the vicinity of underground facilities.

Texas law requiring notification to a one-call system before excavating will be discussed.

Sponsors will provide promotional materials, including notification information for their companies, safety related brochures and other items.

According to The Pipeline Group, many lives or injured or lost and millions of dollars incurred due to someone digging into a

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What: Contractor awareness program.
When: 6:30 p.m. Thursday, Feb. 8.
Where: Howard County Fair Barns.

For: Anyone involved in excavation-related activities in Howard and surrounding counties. Meal furnished.
Sponsor: The Pipeline Group.

pipeline. These accidents can through the damage of fiber-optic cables, disrupt thousands of communications — some of which could be life-saving emergency calls.

The safety program is an attempt to help those who conduct excavation work to avoid such situations.

Sponsors include Alon USA, BP Amoco, Chevron Pipe Line Co., Diamond-Koch Pipeline LP, DIG TESS, El Paso Field Services, El Paso Natural Gas, EOTT Energy Pipeline, Equilon Pipeline Co., Kinder Morgan and Mitchell Gas Services.

Others include Southwestern Gas Pipeline, A-CIA Natural Gas Corp., Navajo Pipeline, Northern Natural Gas, ONEOK West Transmission, Sprint, Sun Pipe Line, Teppco Crude Oil, TXU Fuel/Lone Star Pipeline, Western Gas Resources, Williams Energy Services, Mid-America Pipeline, Seminole Pipeline, Mapco Gas.

IN THE NEWS

TERRI DAVIS, executive director of the Big Spring Area Chamber of Commerce, graduated this month from the Institute for Organization Management at the University of Arizona at Tucson. The institute's purpose is to build skills essential to address the challenges of increased competition, greater member demands and tighter resources.



DAVIS

DR. SAIED A. AHMED, has received the 2000 PREP Education Award. The award recognizes Academy Fellows who have earned a minimum of 150 American Academy of Pediatrics continuing medical education credits



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over three consecutive years. In 1966, Dr. Ahmed attained board certification from the American Academy of Pediatrics. He has practiced at Covenant Malone & Hogan Clinic in Big Spring since July 1999.

STEVE HOBART, associate warden at the Federal Correctional Institution Big Spring, will be leaving in February to take over as associate warden at the high security USP in Lewisburg, Penn.

FCI Big Spring Warden **RALPH J. PAYNE** also announced that Luan Kessler, employee development manager (EDM), has retired. **VICKI KINGSLEY**, currently employed at FCI Tallahassee, has been chosen to fill the EDM position, effective in February. **PAYNE** also announced that a new personnel officer, **MICHAEL CROSS**, will join the unit on Feb. 25 from the Federal Prison Camp in Montgomery, Ala.

Odessa Board of Realtors presented **JAMES "HANK" DUNN** of McDonald Realty with its Rookie Realtor of

the Year Award this month. The award is presented to new realtors who best exemplify the board's ideal of integrity and service to the community and real estate industry. **DUNN** was also recognized as a Million Dollar Producer at the event.



DUNN

THE SMALL BUSINESS DEVELOPMENT CENTER of the University of Texas at the Permian Basin is offering the "Small Business Financing and Informational Workshop" from 6-8 p.m. Wednesday, Feb. 7, at the Center for Energy and Economic Diversification. The workshop is being held for free at the center, located at 1400 North FM 1788. Topics will include loans, making a business plan and programs and services available. Advanced registration is required.

For reservations, call (915) 552-2455.

Former Days Inn Motel, apartments slated to be sold at auction Tuesday

By CARL GRAHAM
Staff Writer

The former Days Inn Motel, a 102-room facility located at 300 Tulane Street, and an adjacent 16-unit apartment complex, will be auctioned off beginning at 10 a.m. on Tuesday.

The property is being handled by Tranzon Fox of Virginia Beach, Va., according to that company's vice-president, Bill Londrey.

"We are a national real estate auction company and we are holding this auction of two lender-owned properties on behalf of the non-

bank lender," said Londrey. "The lender believes in the piece of property and is willing to lend on the property again. They are well located and with a little work on the buyer's part, the property can be a viable piece of property. It has a lot of potential."

According to Londrey, the properties will be offered individually and in combination. He said that 100 percent permanent financing is available for well-qualified buyers.

"The motel property is a two-story building with a total of 102 rooms," said Londrey. "It has a total of

40,852 square feet. It was originally built in 1963."

The 16-unit apartment building is a two-story structure and all the units are two-bedroom, on-bath, consisting of approximately 667 square feet each.

"Both of these properties need some updating but are generally in livable condition at the moment," said Londrey.

Londrey said that all properties will be sold "as is" and all sales are final.

Sale will start at 10 a.m. but the property can be seen prior to the sale at 8:30 a.m.

The auctioneer will be Bill Hanley of Fort Worth.

Three Central Texas companies lay off workers

AUSTIN (AP) — Layoffs in the capital city's technology sector have increased, with three companies announcing recent cuts.

Ibooks.com Inc. eliminated 83 positions while Handtech.com has cut 17. Another 30 jobs were lost at Fund Xpress Inc.

Disappointing market acceptance of digital books

and other material has led to Ibooks.com's elimination of 77 full-time and six part-time positions, officials said Thursday.

"The growth and profitability potential is very limited," Becky Beane, vice president of marketing, said.

She said the 40 remaining employees will focus on

commercializing pieces of the technology, such as searching, indexing and previewing material, to large industry groups and government agencies.

Computer reseller Handtech.com is trimming 18 percent of its staff as it shifts its focus from consumers to the small-business market.

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Kyle intends on furthering his education once he graduates from high school

and will major in agricultural business. He is thankful he had the opportunity to participate in the calf scramble last year.

"I would like to take this opportunity to thank the sponsors of the scramble," said Kight. "If there is anyone thinking about participating I would advise them to go for it. It's an experience they will never forget."

Bankruptcy hearing for TWA gets started

WILMINGTON, Del. (AP) — A bankruptcy hearing in federal court that will lead to the official end of Trans World Airlines Inc., the longest flying airline in U.S. history, began Friday, with two rival carriers expected to challenge American Airlines' proposed \$500 million buyout plan.

Before U.S. District Court Judge Sue L. Robinson, both Houston-based Continental Airlines Inc. and Eagan, Minn.-based Northwest Airlines Corp., planned to call the bid by American parent AMR Corp. for bankrupt TWA nasty and unfair.

Also objecting to the deal is New York financier Carl Icahn, the airline's former owner, who many observers blame for TWA's financial troubles.

At issue immediately Friday was an employee retention plan, in which 100 members of TWA's management would receive bonus for remaining with the company through the sale, and up to a year after.

"It would be virtually impossible to replace these people in our current circumstances," said Bill Compton, TWA's president and chief executive. "It's going to be difficult if not impossible to keep these people focused on running the company."

Those objecting to the retention plan included Edward Weisfelder, Icahn's attorney.

In filings with the court prior to the hearing, Continental said it is willing to buy some of TWA's airport facilities, primarily gates and landing slots in New York, Chicago and Washington, for \$400 million. TWA would then continue to fly as an independent carrier, which Continental said would preserve competition.

In a separate filing, Northwest said American failed to follow basic rules of bankruptcy cases and argued that TWA's creditors would be shortchanged. Specifically, Northwest objected to American's demand that TWA pay a \$75 million breakup fee if the deal fails.

Northwest also wants TWA's 26 percent stake in Worldspan L.P., a computer reservation system owned by TWA, Northwest and Delta Air Lines Inc.

The hearing comes two weeks after Fort Worth-based AMR announced a deal to spend \$500 million to acquire most of TWA's assets while also assuming \$3 billion in aircraft leases and providing TWA with \$200 million in funding.

The deal was announced after several days of speculation and just hours after TWA filed for Chapter 11 protection from creditors in the Delaware court.

It was later learned that TWA had just \$20 million in cash on hand when it filed for bankruptcy.

Cattlemen hope consumers shrug off Texas quarantine

The ASSOCIATED PRESS

The quarantine of a herd of Texas cattle that may have eaten feed banned by rules designed to prevent mad cow disease in the United States just shows how well government protections on the food supply work, an official said.

But while industry and government officials stress that the risk is small, cattle ranchers fear the mix-up might be enough to taint public perception, just as beef was rebounding after a decade of flat sales.

"The key message consumers need to hear is that we have taken aggressive steps in the U.S. to keep problem from occurring, and that U.S. beef continues to be wholesome, nutritious food," said Todd Domer, a spokesman for the Kansas Livestock Association.

U.S. beef consumption rose 2 percent in 1999 to 66.2 pounds per person, the highest since the 1980s, according to the U.S. Department of Agriculture. For much of the '90s, a nation known for its love of burgers and steaks seemed to have had its fill of red meat amid concerns it might be linked to high cholesterol and heart disease.

Cattlemen say just mentioning the possibility of the brain-wasting disease infecting the nation's beef supply could cause consumers to think twice about buying beef and cause those numbers to retreat.

"Unfortunately, perception amounts to a lot in a lot of things, and this is not any different than a lot of them," said rancher Adrian Casey, who shoveled manure from a stall late Thursday at a stock show in Fort Worth.

One thousand cattle were quarantined after a feed mill disclosed it may have violated rules meant to prevent the deadly illness.

A Purina Mills Inc. plant

may have mixed cow meat and bone meal into a feed supplement that was put on the wrong truck, Beverly Boyd, spokeswoman for the Texas Department of Agriculture, said Thursday.

A Purina Mills spokesman said Friday the company had begun phasing out the use of meat and bone meal from cows in any of its livestock feed. Beef by-products are banned for cattle or sheep feed but commonly used in swine and poultry feed.

"This (quarantine) just happened to be a matter of timing. But as of last night, we are no longer using it," said Max Fisher, a spokesman for St. Louis-based Purina Mills.

"It's a voluntary move on our behalf and takes us down to a zero risk factor for a misformulation in the future."

The questionable feed was manufactured by a Purina Mills plant in Gonzales, Texas. The company said the error was discovered through its "quality assurance program" of internal controls.

The feed was shipped to only one customer, the release said, and the remaining feed from the manufactured lot has been successfully recalled.

Burt Rutherford, a spokesman for the Texas Cattle Feeders Association, said the feed mill called the Food and Drug Administration and the feedlot that received the product with meat and bone meal. The ranch under quarantine was not identified.

"They've pulled samples of feed and are running tests on it now," Rutherford said. "We should know the results early next week."

Mad cow disease, or bovine spongiform encephalopathy, is believed to cause variant Creutzfeldt-Jakob disease, the fatal human equivalent of mad cow disease.

PUBLIC RECORDS

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District Court Filings

Maria Lopez, Santa Lopez and Griselda Lopez vs Aaron Langford, idm

First Bank of Richmond, S.B. dba First Federal Leasing, anc vs John W. Birdwell, ind and Birdwell Truckin, Inc.

Wendy Langston vs Daniel J. Langston, div
Adam Montez Moralez vs Margie Ramirez Moralez, div

Rayford Gillihan vs Jo Reba Gillihan, div
Amanda Suzanne Reid vs Jacob L. Reid, div

Julia Mata vs Carlos Mata, div
Christine Trevino vs Jose Lopez Trevino, div

Rosie S. Vanderbilt vs Timothy Weatherspoon, fam ns
Angie Goodblanket vs Jesse Ray Martin, fam ns

Sunnie Kristine Smith vs Jason Allen Seay, fam ns
Toni L. Hernandez vs Augustine Hernandez, fam ns

Tamika Douglas vs Tedric McCalister, fam ns
Basic Energy Services, Inc. vs Quail Operating, Inc., anc

Homer Wilson, dba Southwest Bingo Supplies vs Big Spring Lions Club and Bob Noyes, anc

Howard County Clerks Office: Marriage Licenses: Everett Lee Parton, 36, and Tonya Ann Carpenter, 37, both of Big Spring

Larry Ramirez, 34, and Mary Rebecca Grummith, 21, both of Big Spring
Simon Antonio Saldana Jr., 30, and Tasha Rebecca Grummith, 21, both of Big Spring

Frank Soto Castillo, 38, and Judy Ann Mata, 32, both of Big Spring

Revocation of probation and imposition of sentence: Joseph Dewan Turner, dwt, \$1,000 fine, \$375.25 court cost, 90 days in jail.

Revocation of probation and imposition of sentence: Cynthia Jean White, theft more than \$50 and less than \$500, \$100 fine, \$369.25 court cost, 90 days in jail.

Revocation of probation and imposition of sentence: William A. Peachy, dwt, \$250 fine, \$334.25 court cost, 90 days in jail.

Revocation of probation and imposition of sentence: Robby Carroll Atkinson, theft more than \$50 and less than \$500, \$250 fine, \$384.25 court cost, 15 days in jail.

Revocation of probation and imposition of sentence: Jackie Eugene Lang, possession of marijuana less

than two ounces, \$300 fine, \$334.25 court costs, 30 days in jail.

Revocation of probation and imposition of sentence: Lionso Lee Jimenez III, fail to identify, \$250 fine, \$360.25 court cost, 10 days in jail.

Revocation of probation and imposition of sentence: David Hernandez, possession of marijuana less than two ounces, \$500 fine, \$360.25 court costs, 60 days in jail.

Revocation of probation and imposition of sentence: David Arthur Wittrein, possession of marijuana less than two ounces, \$300 fine, \$360.25 court cost, 90 days in jail.

Revocation of probation and imposition of sentence: Enrique Calderon III, assault/family violence, \$250 fine, \$360.25 court costs, 90 days in jail.

Revocation of probation and imposition of sentence: Enrique Calderon III, violate protective order, \$250 fine, \$360.25 court costs, 90 days in jail.

Revocation of probation and imposition of sentence: David Arthur Wittrein, theft more than \$50 and less than \$500, \$100 fine, \$360.25 court costs, 90 days in jail.

Probated judgment: Stacy Kellon Samford, dwt, \$250 fine, \$260.25 court cost and 180 days in jail.

Probated judgment: Pamela Christine Palmer, dwt, \$250 fine, \$260.25 court cost and 180 days in jail.

Probated judgment: James Turnbo, dwt, \$250 fine, \$260.25 court cost and 180 days in jail.

Probated judgment: Ronnie Dan Sumrud, \$310.25 fine, \$250 court costs, 180 days in jail.

Probated judgment: Jackie Clark, dwt, \$500 fine, \$260.25 court costs, 180 days in jail.

Probated judgment: Cynthia H. Solano, dwt, \$1500 fine, \$275.25 court cost, 180 days in jail.

Probated judgment: Siretta Diane Shellman, dwt, \$400 fine, \$260.25 court costs, 180 days in jail.

Probated judgment: Juan Jose Bustillos, dwt, \$250 fine, \$260.25 court cost, 180 days in jail.

Probated judgment: Andrew Richard Greathouse, dwt, \$250 fine, \$260.25 court cost, 180 days in jail.

Probated judgment: Wesley Porter Peacock, dwt, \$1500 fine, \$275.25 court costs, 180 days in jail.

Probated judgment: Tony Montes Garcia, assault/family violence, \$250 fine, \$260.25 court cost, 180 days in jail.

Probated judgment: Kevin James Menges, dwt, \$250 fine, \$260.25 court costs, 180 days in jail.

Probated judgment: Grady Hawkins, possession of marijuana less than two ounces, \$300 fine, \$260.25 court costs, 180 days in jail.

Probated judgment: Juan Jose Rodriguez, possession of marijuana more than two ounces and less than four ounces, \$300 fine, \$260.25 court costs, 180 days in jail.

Probated judgment: Rose Marie Rodriguez, dwt, \$2000 fine, \$275.25 court costs, 180 days in jail.

Probated judgment: Irene Moreno Alvarez, dwt, \$250 fine, \$260.25 court costs, 180 days in jail.

Probated judgment: Edita M. Martinez, dwt, \$500 fine, \$275.25 court costs, 180 days in jail.

Probated judgment: Rodney Lee Grant, minor in consumption of alcoholic beverages third offense, \$250 fine, \$260.25 court costs, 180 days in jail.

Probated judgment: Jason Edward French, minor in consumption of alcoholic beverages third offense, \$250 fine, \$260.25 court costs, 180 days in jail.

Probated judgment: Reginald D. Richardson, deferred adjudication, \$250 fine, \$235.25 court costs, 24 hours community service.

Probated judgment: Branden Baker, dwt, \$500 fine, \$260.25 court costs, 180 days in jail.

Probated judgment: Esther Edmondson, dwt, \$250 fine, \$260.25 court costs, 180 days in jail.

Probated judgment: Ralph Dell Fuller, \$500 fine, \$260.25 court costs, 180 days in jail.

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Probated judgment: James Thomas Wilson, possession of marijuana less than two ounces in a drug free zone, \$500 fine, \$260.25 court costs, 180 days in jail.

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Probated judgment: Frank Martinez Jr., dwt, \$250 fine, \$260.25 court costs, 180 days in jail.

Probated judgment: Jacob Michael Necessary, public lewdness, \$2500 fine, \$234.25 court costs, 365 days in jail.

Probated judgment: Paul Dutchover Garcia, dwt, \$500 fine, \$275.25, 180 days in jail.

Probated judgment: Zyon Gonzalez, evading arrest/detention, \$250 fine, \$260.25 court costs, 180 days in jail.

Probated judgment: Richard A. Dills, dwt, \$1500 fine, \$325.25 court costs, 180 days in jail.

Judgment and sentence: Kori Shane Lockhart, dwt, \$250 fine, \$310.25 court costs, 60 days in jail.

Judgment and sentence: Kori Shane Lockhart, unlawfully carrying a weapon, \$500 fine, \$310.25 court costs, 60 days in jail.

Judgment and sentence: Kori Shane Lockhart, dwt, \$1500 fine, \$325.25 court costs, 60 days in jail.

Judgment and sentence: William Peachy, evade arrest/detention, \$250 fine, \$260.25 court costs, 90 days in jail.

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Judgment and sentence: Joseph Dewan Turner, dwt, \$250 fine, \$260.25 court costs, 90 days in jail.

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PUBLIC NOTICE Sale to satisfy Landlord's lien of furniture, clothes, household and other miscellaneous items of the following tenants now stored at AAA Mini Storage, 3301 East FM 700, Big Spring, Texas. Austin Sherril Robert Kleck Richard Von Hassell Auction will be to the highest bidder at 7:00 p.m. Feb. 8th, 2001 at Spring City Auction, 2611 West Highway 80, Big Spring, Texas. 3046 January 21 & 28, 2001

PUBLIC NOTICE NOTICE TO BIDDERS Pursuant to the authority granted by the City Council of the City of Big Spring, Texas, sealed bids will be received until 2:00 p.m., Tuesday, February 13, 2001, for the purchase of a Fire Truck. Bids are to be opened and read aloud in the Big Spring City Council Chambers, City Hall, 307 East 4th Street, Big Spring, Texas 79720, with award to be made at a regularly scheduled meeting of the Big Spring City Council. Bid information and specifications may be obtained from the Office of the Purchasing and Material Control Manager, 1380 Airport Drive East, Big Spring, Texas 79720. All bids must be marked with the date of the bid and a general description of the bid item(s). The City of Big Spring reserves the right to reject any or all bids and to waive any or all formalities. 3055 January 28, 2001 & February 4, 2001

Notice of Public Meeting Proposed construction of a dedicated U-turn, traffic control modifications, and relocation of an exit ramp between Coronado Avenue and Goliad Street on the frontage roads of FM 700. The Abilene District of the Texas Department of Transportation will host a public meeting on Tuesday, February 27, 2001 to present preliminary design of the proposed construction on the frontage road system between Goliad Street and Coronado Avenue on FM 700 in Big Spring, Texas. The meeting will be held at the Big Spring City Council Chambers, 307 East 4th Street, beginning at 6:00 p.m. The proposed project limits are from Goliad Street to Coronado Avenue on FM 700 and from approximately 1000 feet north and south of FM 700 on E 87. The project will consist of conversion of all

frontage roads from two-way to one-way traffic; construction of a dedicated U-turn structure east of the existing overpass; relocation of the west-bound exit ramp approximately 800 feet east of its present position; traffic marking and signalization modifications for the one-way frontage roads; and installation of a traffic signal at the west entrance to the shopping center containing Dunlap's, Wal-Mart, Pizza Hut, and Furr's Cafeteria. It will be important for all adjoining property owners and affected citizens to attend the meeting to discuss the effects this project will have on the traffic flow through this area, changes in access to the various business located on the frontage roads, and access to the Coronado Subdivision. At this time, the project is scheduled for letting in August 2001 at an estimated cost of \$1.01 million. There will be an opportunity during the meeting for the public to make oral and written

comments and ask questions. Interested parties not able to attend the public meeting may submit written comments to the Big Spring Area Engineer, Arthur R. (Art) Barrow, P.E., at the following address: Texas Department of Transportation, Big Spring Area Office, P.O. Box 511, Big Spring, Texas 79720. Copies of the Traffic Study performed on this facility by Brown and Gay Engineers, Inc. are available at the Big Spring Area Office located at the northwest quadrant of the intersection of HWY 20 and the Snyder (SH 350) Highway. Questions concerning the meeting or issues associated with the project may be addressed to Art Barrow at 915-263-4768. All interested citizens are invited to attend the public meeting. The meeting room is handicap accessible. 3052 January 28 & February 18, 2001

Family wants gifts back after couple's tragedy

DEAR ABBY: Three months ago, my cousin "Jacob" married a wonderful woman I'll call Kate. Only days after their wedding, she was diagnosed with advanced, inoperable cancer. Though we thought she might be with us for one last Christmas, she passed away just a f t e r

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Thanksgiving. The day after the funeral, Jacob began receiving phone calls from Kate's family, demanding the return of the wedding gifts they had given this couple only seven weeks before. One of them even had the audacity to tell Jacob that she didn't want to "waste her money" on him since Kate was dead!

I would understand if Jacob had divorced his wife, or if the marriage had been annulled, but this poor man lost his bride to cancer - he certainly didn't push her away. Abby, Jacob is heartbroken. He certainly cannot deal with returning wedding gifts so her relatives can get their money back.

Kate's family is large, and Jacob has gotten at least two phone calls every day for a week - sometimes what they're proposing is

indecent. What is the appropriate response to Kate's family? - AGHAST IN ARIZONA

DEAR AGHAST: Much when I think I've heard everything, along comes a letter like yours. Jacob kept his marriage vows - to love, honor and cherish Kate until death parted them. He is entitled to keep the wedding gifts and to far more consideration than he's receiving from his late wife's family. As for the "appropriate response" to Kate's family, I wouldn't blame Jacob if he changed his phone number to one that's unlisted.

DEAR ABBY: Thank you for printing the letter from "Desperate" for a Compliment." That letter spoke to my husband's heart. That night he started calling me "pretty." I later saw the letter in your column.

We have a successful marriage, but we get comfortable and lazy. I don't need a lot of compliments, but would rather receive them from my husband. So, thank you again for waking him up. You're the best teacher. - SMILING WIFE IN CINCINNATI

DEAR SMILING WIFE: I'm pleased the letter had such a positive effect. Now it's your turn. Tonight, leave a little note on his pillow telling him how much he means to you.

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HOROSCOPE

HAPPY BIRTHDAY for Sunday, Jan. 28, 2001: Make the most of this special year, when many want to be part of your life. Don't get weighed down in the status quo.

The Stars Show the Kind of Day You'll Have: 5-Dynamic; 4-Positive; 3-Average; 2-So-so; 1-Difficult

ARIES (March 21-April 19) **** Though someone might encourage you otherwise, it could be smart to play it low-key.

Indulge a loved one, but also yourself. Do something you both love. Tonight: Hide away.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20) **** Know what it is that you want, and ask a partner for just that. Another takes strong action. Thank loved ones more for what they do for you. Your good mood is contagious. Get together with friends. Your sense of humor might be a bit wry for another. Tonight: Remember, tomorrow is a workday.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20) **** All eyes turn to you. Together, you have a ball simply exploring and enjoying the day. Someone lets you know how much he cares. Speak your mind. Allow another to know you better. Tonight: In the limelight.

CANCER (June 21-July 22) **** Reach out for someone at a distance. You enjoy spending time with this person, even if it is only on the phone. Schedule a trip or meet halfway soon. A friend can sometimes be very hard on you. Relax with this person and explain where you are coming from. Tonight: Catch up on e-mail.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22) **** Take some time off with a loved one. You two reconnect and bond more profoundly. Reach out for an older relative. Make plans later in the day, or perhaps soon, with this person. Listen more. Share with someone on a deeper level. Opt to make this a lazy day. Tonight: Togetherness works.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) **** Others mean well. You hear from a distant relative who cares deeply about you. Think about what you want from a relationship. Someone makes an effort to

reach out to you. You don't have to make commitments just yet. Enjoy the moment. Tonight: Out and about.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22) **** Take some time for yourself. Make a point of indulging someone who is always there for you. You might inadvertently be pushing this person away. Another cares. Tonight: Get a good night's sleep.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21) **** Sensuality and romance mix for those who are available. If attached, you charge your relationships with much more caring. Indulge in spontaneity and fun. Let go as if you were a teen-ager again. As a result, someone who is always a bit uptight will loosen up. Do only what you love. Tonight: Play the night away.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21) **** Happiness surrounds your family and domestic life. Consider a change that is long overdue. You find that another is as enthusiastic as you are. Anything is possible right now. Think in terms of the long term when making decisions. Tonight: Make a favorite meal.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19) **** Tell another how you feel. Touch base with loved ones at a distance as well. Tonight: Share your feelings.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18) **** Indulge another as easily as you could well. Someone might not exactly agree with your plans. A family member could be a bit stiff or difficult. Understand your limits with this person. Go to an art show or a flea market. Buy a new item for the house. Tonight: Do something special for another.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20) **** You naturally express your more caring side. Examine what you want from another. Be more cheerful and talk about your feelings, even if you feel a bit uptight. Share with someone, and let him know where you are coming from. Make an important phone call to a loved one at a distance. Tonight: Absolutely do what you want.

THE Daily Crossword Edited by Wayne Robert Williams

Crossword puzzle grid with clues for Across and Down. Clues include: Slipping by, Loud kisses, Cone bearer, Argentine river port, Entry hymns, Like theaters and churches, Beer glasses, Built a burrow, Meg of "The Big Chill", Metal containers, and void, Like most people born in August, Planters, Antiquated, Clairvoyant's letters, Predict, Patrick of "Star Trek: The Next Generation", Majestic, Certified, Pianist Cliburn, Discoloring stains, Force of astronauts, Nudnik, Eastern staple, Take sustenance, Andretti or Lemieux, Cloudy, Quarterback, often, Horatio or Ozzie, Tomahawks, Adopted, Appraise, Being, Pathological conditions, Hardhearted, "The Sea, The Sea" author Murdoch, Bottom-line figure, Develop gradually, Traverses, Principal, Military supply depots, Localized thickening of the skin, Prepares to propose, Bike seat, Tact, Relines, City or town on a waterway, Begged, Hustler from Minnesota, She sheep, Perform at, Weeki Wachee, Abroad, Actress Hartley, Sanctions, Got hot under the collar, "Agnes Grey" writer, Keep maturing, Spotted, nocturnal wildcat, City on the Merrimack, John Cleland novel, "Hill", Twinned crystal, Old geezer, Education-minded org., Fauna starter?

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