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Home school student may compete in bee

Home-school students who want to participate in the Howard County Spelling Bee, Tuesday, Feb. 27, at Big Spring Junior High School cafeteria, must contact Valerie Avery at 264-0403.

Home-school students who meet eligibility requirements may participate in the county contest.

The Howard County Bee will accept one home-school participant. If more than one home-school student wants to enter the spelling bee, interested parents must hold their own contest to produce their entrant.

The home-school contest entrant in the Howard County Spelling Bee must be chosen prior to Feb. 19.

WHAT'S UP...

MONDAY

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

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

□ Big Spring Commandery No. 31. 6:30 p.m. dinner, 7:30 p.m. meeting, Masonic Temple.

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

TUESDAY

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

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

□ Big Spring Band Boosters meets at 6 p.m. in the high school band hall. All band parents are invited to attend.

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Region F has developed more water resources many areas

By CARL GRAHAM
Staff Writer

According to a recent state report by the Texas Water Development Board (TWDB) on water needs for the future years, water



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demands are expected to rise about 18 percent over the next 50 years.

In a summary of 16 regional water plans were submitted to state officials, a population boom that will bring Texas to nearly 40 million people by 2050 would strain Texas' current water sources.

How Texas will handle the increased demand for water is one of the reasons for the development of the 16

regional water plans under Senate Bill 1.

John Grant, chairman for the Region F area which includes Howard County and the surrounding area, said this area has better resources than a lot of others.

"We're in pretty good shape for the future as far as our water supplies," said Grant, director of the Colorado River Municipal Water District. "We have

more water available than most of the other regions, especially those in the metropolitan areas such as Dallas, Austin, San Antonio and Houston.

"One of our biggest shortfalls is that we are about 300,000 acre-feet short on irrigated water. One of the questions we need to address is how much ground water availability we have. But as long as we get significant rain we

should be in fairly good shape for the next 50 years, even on irrigated water supplies," he added.

The Texas water board's report found that more than 800 Texas communities with a population of 500 or more will need additional water supplies at some point during the next 50 years. It also recommended feasible water management strate-

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During a physical therapy session at Dora Roberts Rehabilitation Center, Olga Sifuentes has a quiet moment with two of her children, 7-year-old Lupita, who is diagnosed with cerebral palsy and 18-year-old Olga.

Young cerebral palsy victim blessed with a caring family

Editor's Note: The following article is the second in a four-part series profiling caregivers in Howard County.

By LYNDEL MOODY
Staff Writer

Every member of the Sifuentes family pitches in to help 7-year-old Lupita, who is diagnosed with cerebral palsy — because for the family, caring is not a burden and can be fun.

"She is the most important person at home," said

her mother, Olga. "If we have something to do, first we take care of Lupita then we do everything else."

Lupita has been receiving physical therapy since she was eight months old to combat the tense muscles that her brain can not relax.

"Cerebral palsy is a junk word," said Lupita's physical therapist, Kaki Morton of the Dora Roberts Rehabilitation Center. "There are many different symptoms grouped under cerebral palsy that might

not affect everyone diagnosed.

"Basically, brain damage occurs during fetal development at birth," Morton added. "With all CP, the damage affects the part of the brain that controls muscle function."

Morton said some of Lupita's muscles are always tense, causing problems with motor skills. She has had some surgeries that have helped to minimize the problem.

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Morgan to work his magic on audience in junior high cafeteria

By DEBBIE L. JENSEN
Features Editor

Matthew "Magic" Morgan will perform magic tricks, illusions, comedy and make balloon sculptures beginning at 3 p.m. today



MORGAN

in the Big Spring Junior High School cafeteria.

The free program is sponsored by the SouthWest Collegiate Institute for the Deaf Baptist Student Ministries and Central Baptist Church.

Morgan is a Christian magician who should relate well to his audience — he, too, is deaf.

"A lot of people might think a deaf person is not capable of having a career

in that industry," said Kelly Ballard, with SWCID Baptist Student Ministries.

"But this is not just entertainment for the deaf," Ballard added. "There will be an interpreter for the hearing. This is a fun, family program that all ages will enjoy."

Morgan performs a program of tricks and illusions, using volunteers from the audience, a live rabbit and doves, along with a good

dose of humor. Along the way, Ballard said, he gives his religious testimony.

The event is free, but an offering will be taken to benefit medical funds for two people — Yvette Gayton, a deaf woman from Big Spring who is undergoing chemotherapy for cancer, and Andy Williams, a burn victim whose father was dean of students at SWCID.

After the show, a recep-

tion and fellowship time is planned at Central Baptist Church, 5108 Nichols Rd.

For more information about today's program, contact Ballard at 398-5551 (V/TDD).

The SWCID Web site, www.swcidbsm@crcom.net will have information about the program, and the magician also has his own Web site, which can be accessed at the following address: www.magjcmorgan.com.

Trade route

Ports-to-Plains corridor would provide economic boost, commissioner says

By BILL MCCLELLAN
News Editor

The economic potential of the Ports-to-Plains Trade Corridor is tremendous,

says a community leader who has spent as much volunteer time on the project as anyone.

"I personally think Ports-to-Plains will eventually become a

tremendous growth area because of the traffic that will develop from Mexico in the distribution of goods into the United States," said Bill Crooker, a member of the Ports-to-Plains Coalition board and a Howard County commissioner. "The amount of goods that will be transported between the states and Mexico will be tremendous."

Ports-to-Plains — a four-lane highway stretching from the Mexican border into Colorado — is the focus of a public hearing scheduled for Tuesday at Dora Roberts Civic Center here.

Ports-to-Plains was designated as a high-priority corridor in the 1998 federal highway bill, though the exact route was not specified. Last year, however, a route which includes U.S. Highway 87 through Howard County received

PUBLIC HEARING

Topic: Proposed routes for Ports-to-Plains Trade Corridor.

When: 6 p.m. Tuesday.

Where: Dora Roberts Civic Center.

For: All interested citizens.



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federal recognition.

Now, cities along that route are trying to convince the Texas Department of Transportation (TxDOT) to agree with the federal government's assessment.

Tuesday's meeting will focus on that route as well as others which are included in a feasibility study being conducted by Wilbur Smith Associates. An informal open house will begin at 6 p.m. Interested citizens will be invited to view maps and exhibits of the various proposed routes. A formal presentation will begin at 6:30, followed by a public comment period at 7.

Later this month, Wilbur Smith Associates is expected to present its findings to the three-member Texas Highways Commission, which will make a final decision on the route by June.

"The federal government has established a route and it is our hope, naturally,

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Task force, FBI remain mum about civil rights allegations

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Law enforcement officers in charge of an investigation into allegations of possible civil rights violations by the West Texas Narcotics Task Force aren't revealing any details.

A brief statement released by the task force last week said the FBI had been called in to conduct an investigation, which is expected to be concluded within a matter of weeks. No details of the complaint, which was made in January, were provided.

"We are not trying to hide anything," said Fort Stockton Chief of Police Steve Cantrell on Friday. Cantrell is president of the West Texas Narcotics Task

Force board. "We will get this investigation completed as soon as is practical. I expect we will have everything finished in a couple of weeks."

Cantrell said the FBI was notified as soon as the task force learned of the allegation.

William Vanderland, FBI supervisory senior resident agent, also declined to provide any information.

There are four task force personnel in Howard County — two with the police department, one with the sheriff's office and one with the district attorney's office.

"It won't be affecting us at

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Patsy Stanley and her husband, Dealon, serve Cody Frasure some chili during the VFW chili supper held on Saturday. The Stanleys, along with other volunteers, helped turn almost 80 pounds of meat into an annual fund-raiser.

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OBITUARIES

Gladys Choate

Gladys Choate, 93, of Big Spring, died on Saturday, Feb. 10, 2001, in a local hospital. Graveside funeral service will be at 11 a.m. Monday, Feb. 12, 2001, at Mt. Olive Memorial Park with Dr. Ed. Williamson, pastor of First United Methodist Church, officiating.



Gladys was born on Dec. 10, 1907, to Put and Mae Cantrell, a pioneer family of Howard County. Put and Mae moved to the Centerpoint Community in a covered wagon in 1902 from Indian Territory, Okla.

Gladys married Melvin Choate on July 21, 1926, in Howard County. She belonged to the Phythian Lodge and was a homemaker. During the 1940 and 1950 era, Melvin and Gladys traveled with the Howard County 4-H Club, which Melvin drove all over Texas and the United States transporting the 4-H Club calves to stock shows. Gladys helped look after the 4-H kids and prepared many a meal for them from her chuckbox in the back of the truck.

Gladys and Melvin loved to square dance on horseback and participated in the rodeo parades and in the grand entries. She also rode her horse sidesaddle for the Centennial in 1949.

During the Great Depression, her home was north on the Lamesa Highway. Many people were unemployed and she was always willing to share what she had, and she fed many meals to unemployed people walking the highway.

She was always smiling and happy and loved to see her many friends and rela-

tives. "Bebo," the name her grandchildren and great-grandchildren knew her by, will be missed.

She was a longtime member of First United Methodist Church.

Gladys is survived by: her sons and daughters-in-law, Carroll and Joyce Choate and Sonny and Eunice Choate, all of Big Spring; a son-in-law, Raymond Phillips and his wife, Mary; 11 grandchildren, 29 great-grandchildren; and four great-great-grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Melvin Choate in October 1974; a daughter, Joyce Phillips in November 1992; an infant daughter in March 1927; an infant son, Jimmy Melvin in April 1928; her parents, Put and Mae Cantrell; three brothers; and a great-granddaughter, Misty Phillips in January 1999.

The family suggest memorials to First United Methodist Church, 400 Scurry, Big Spring 79720.

The family will receive friends from 6 to 8 p.m. today at the funeral home.

Arrangements are under the direction of Nalley-Pickle & Welch Funeral Home, www.npwelch.com

Paul obituary

Sharon Aldridge Thompson

Funeral service for Sharon Aldridge Thompson, 50, of Big Spring, will be at 2 p.m. Monday, Feb. 12, 2001, at the Nalley-Pickle & Welch Rosewood Chapel with the Rev. Dudley Mullins, pastor of East Fourth Street Baptist Church, officiating. Burial will be at 4 p.m. at Sweetwater Cemetery, Sweetwater.

Mrs. Thompson died on Thursday, Feb. 8, in a local hospital.

She was born on Sept. 20, 1950, in Sweetwater. She grew up in Big Spring and attended Big Spring schools. She received her certification as a registered nurse and had worked as a RN in the past. She was also a homemaker. She was a member of East Fourth Street Baptist Church.

Survivors include one son, Chad Stricklan of Lubbock, her mother, Cleo Aldridge of Burleson; one brother, Darrell Aldridge of Albuquerque, N.M.; one sister, Donna Kidd of Burleson; and one granddaughter.

The family will receive friends from 6:30 to 8 p.m. today at the funeral home.

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

James Pollard

Funeral service for the Rev. James Pollard, 77 will be 2 p.m. Monday, Feb. 12, 2001, at Mount Bethel Baptist Church with the Rev. Michael Willard and the Rev. B.J. Choice officiating.



Mr. Pollard died on Thursday, Feb. 8, at his home following a long illness.

He was born on Jan. 14, 1924, in Calwell, and grew up there. After completing

college, he joined the U.S. Army serving during World War II in the European Theater. He then went to Prairie View A&M receiving a degree in music. He earned a doctorate degree from the Union Baptist Bible College and Seminary in Houston. In addition, he also received some biblical training from the Interdenominational Theological Center in Atlanta, Ga.

He worked for Mountain Bell Telephone Company, retiring in 1981 and married Laura Green.

He pastored for various churches in Texas including Northside Baptist in Big Spring. He was affiliated with the Jerusalem Baptist District Association of New Mexico, serving as a missionary minister in 1985. He moved to Big Spring in 1991.

He is survived by his wife, Laura, of Big Spring; seven sons, James Pollard Jr. of Tucson, Ariz.; Ronald Pollard of Trenton, Kenneth Loudermill of Ozan, Ark.; Terry Loudermill of Big Spring; Abraham Loudermill of Texarkana, Ark.; Erick Loudermill of Waldo, Ark.; and Jerald Loudermill of Dallas; four daughters, Kimberly Byrd and Teresa Polk, both of Big Spring; Patricia Walker of Springdale, M.D.; and Rachael Drain of Clovis, N.M.; one sister, Mildred Shaw of Clovis, N.M.; 42 grandchildren; and five great-grandchildren.

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

Teresa Yreta

Funeral service for Teresa Yreta, 67, of Big Spring, will be 2 p.m. Monday, Feb. 12, 2001, at St. Ann's Catholic Church. Burial will be in Mitchell County Cemetery, under the direction of Kiker-Seale Funeral Home.

Mrs. Yreta died on Friday, Feb. 9, in a Big Spring hospital.

She was born on Oct. 13, 1933, in Celaya Gto, Mexico. She was a member of St. Ann's Catholic Church. She has lived in Colorado City since 1974 and in Big Spring for the past year and a half.

She is survived by six daughters, Mary Lou Alfaro of Big Spring, Yolanda Vazquez of Colorado City; Rosa Alfaro of Snyder; Maria Elena Olguin of Dallas; Isabell Salazar of Loraine; and Teresa Alfaro of Big Spring; three sons, Guadalupe Alfaro of Snyder, Pablo Alfaro of Loraine and Moisis Alfaro of Mexico; 39 grandchildren; and 20 great-grandchildren.

Nannie Pauline Easter Riley

Funeral service for Nannie Pauline Easter Riley, 88, of Big Spring, is pending at Myers & Smith Funeral Home. Mrs. Riley died at her home at 5 a.m. Saturday, Feb. 10, 2001, following a long illness.

Miriam E. Hollis

Funeral service for Miriam E. Hollis, 79, of Midland, formerly of Big Spring, was held Saturday, Feb. 10, 2001, at St. Paul's United Methodist Church with the Rev. Robert Kirk,

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officialiating. Burial was in Resthaven Memorial Park. Mrs. Hollis died Tuesday, Feb. 6, at her residence.

She was born Feb. 27, 1922, in Snyder and attended Hermleigh schools. She married Clifton B. Hollis on May 18, 1941, in Abilene. He preceded her in death. She worked for Pioneer Natural Gas Company in Midland and held memberships with various church groups.

Survivors include her son, Brad Hollis; three daughters, Pat Puckett of Memphis, Tenn.; Janell Williams of Sherman and Satira Hollis of Houston; her sister, Annette Toliver of Plainview; and seven grandchildren.

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gies to meet those needs.

Statewide, putting the recommended water management strategies in place would cost almost \$17 billion, which includes \$326 million for Region F.

William Madden, chairman of the TWDB, said though the cost is great, the consequences of not doing anything would be worse.

"While the cost of meeting those needs is very high, the cost to families, communities and the state for not meeting them is unthinkable," said Madden. "I will take commitment, but Texas can meet its need for water."

This past year, Texas suffered its third drought in four years and the dry spell is being blamed for \$1.1 billion damage on the state's economy.

Included in the summary findings for the next 50 years are:

• Texas' population is expected to almost double during the next 50 years to about 40 million.

• The Lower Rio Grande Valley is expected to nearly triple its population, creating a potentially tremendous strain on the currently available water sources there.

• Total projected water demand is expected to increase about 18 percent. Irrigation, which accounts for about 57 percent of the water use now, is expected to drop to about 43 percent.

• Municipal and industrial water use is expected to surpass agricultural demand by the year 2040.

• Of seven new major reservoirs recommended, the Dallas-Fort Worth, Houston-Galveston and the Rio Grande Valley areas would get four.

The development of regional water plans was in response to the series of droughts experienced in many parts of Texas during the 1990s.

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So Lupita's mother takes her to physical therapy twice a week, to, among other things, stretch and strengthen her legs. The therapy is paid through the Big Spring Independent School District.

TEXAS LOTTERY

Lotto: 20,25,33,42,50,54

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

At first when Olga began taking her daughter to therapy, she spoke limited English and communicated to Morton through a translator provided by the center. When she became older, Lupita, who is fluent in both Spanish and English, would help out, Morton said, by translating for both mother and therapist.

"She would speak Spanish to her mother and turn around and speak English to me," Morton said.

Now, Olga does not need a translator. Mother and therapist are able to communicate well with each other.

During the sessions, Olga watches Morton work with her daughter so she can repeat the same exercise later with Lupita at home.

Olga said the number of times she helps Lupita exercise depends on which days her daughter has therapy, but she enjoys the time with her.

"On a day when she has therapy I work less with her," Olga said. "Every time I work with her it's almost like a game."

Sometimes Olga's two other daughters, 14-year-old Gaby and 18-year-old Olga, both bilingual, accompany Lupita and their mother to physical therapy.

At home, everyone helps out, including Lupita's father, Jaime. Gaby is considering becoming a physical therapist.

"She is not a burden," Lupita's sister, Olga said.

A bright child, Lupita attends Marcy Elementary School. She enjoys reading, studying and Barbie dolls everything to do with Barbie.

"Her day is like any other child," Lupita's sister, Olga said. "She gets ready and goes to school. She comes home afterwards."

"She is not a demanding child," Morton added. As for Lupita, she likes to be independent and push herself.

"She is always wanting to do more than she is able to," her mother said.

How does Lupita feel about her challenges? "I don't feel sorry for myself," she said with a smile.

TASK FORCE

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all in Howard County," said

Sheriff Dale Walker. "No one has been suspended. Everyone is still with the task force and doing the jobs they are supposed to do."

The West Texas Narcotics Task Force was created in 1998 by former Gov. George W. Bush.

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that the feasibility study will follow the same guidelines as has been designed on the National Highway System map," said Crooker.

"We'd like the people to come to this meeting Tuesday in support of this route. We are expecting groups from Sweetwater, Abilene and Midland-Odessa will be here, hoping the route will go through their communities," Crooker said.

"So from that standpoint, it is important that Big Spring is well-represented at this public meeting."

The commissioner, who is also part of a group planning a truck reliver route for U.S. 87 west of Big Spring, said communities along the Ports-to-Plains corridor stand to benefit from the increased traffic.

"I think perhaps from the standpoint of warehousing, storage, the establishment of certain businesses that find it advantageous to locate in this area that will be doing business with Mexico — all of those things and more are probable," said Crooker.

"Certainly cities along the route would be somewhat in competition with each other, but we are in a very good situation in that, we are also crossroads for Interstate 20, and therefore for shipments east and west as well.

"We also have a tremendous agricultural production area through Texas near this corridor, and I think that will also lend itself to a great deal of development," Crooker added.

MEETINGS

BIG SPRING CITY COUNCIL
5:30 p.m. Monday

Items on the agenda include:

- Discussion of boards and commissions
- Discussion of swimming pool.

Our heartfelt thanks go to the many friends and family members who called, sent cards, brought food, sent flowers and plants, offered words of encouragement, and came to be with us during the recent passing of our husband and father, Joe Dominguez. We would especially like to thank Father Plagens for his comforting words and prayers and also George White from Nalley-Pickle & Welch Funeral Home for the wonderful service he provided during this difficult time. We are truly blessed for having shared our life with such a wonderful husband and father. May god bless each and every one of you.

The Dominguez Family
Lupe, Diana, Terry & Allison

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Nannie Pauline Easter Riley, 88, died Saturday. Funeral services will be at 2:00 PM Tuesday at Hillcrest Baptist Church with burial at Trinity Memorial Park.

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Autopsy ordered for woman found unresponsive in car

HERALD Staff Report

Justice of the Peace Bennie Green has ordered an autopsy on a 50-year-old Big Spring woman who was pronounced dead at Scenic Mountain Medical Center (SMMC) Thursday night.

The woman was identified as Sharon Aldridge of Big Spring. She was 50 years old.

According to Big Spring Police Sgt. Roger Sweatt, a police officer was flagged down by a man in the 400 block of Runnels Thursday

night. The individual told the officer there was a woman in a car and he needed to call an ambulance for her.

The officer approached the car and called for an ambulance after he determined the woman was unresponsive.

The woman was taken to the SMMC emergency room, where she was pronounced dead on arrival.

Howard County Justice of the Peace Bennie Green ordered an autopsy be performed to determine the cause of her death.

Howard County grand jury hands down 14 indictments

By CARL GRAHAM
Staff Writer

A Howard County grand jury, meeting for the first time last week, returned 14 indictments on 12 individuals in 118th District Court.

The indictments ranged from deadly conduct, sexual assault to bringing a prohibited substance into a correctional facility.

Indictments were returned on the following individuals:

- Rene Medina, 34, of 1110 East 13th, on two counts of indecency with a child.
- Richard Dills, 34, of 1 Courtney Place, on charges of sexual assault.
- Harold Houston Raney, 30, of HC 76 Box 309E, on charges of deadly conduct.
- Luis A. Rodriguez, 32, of 1110 North Gregg, on charges of burglary of a habitation.
- Marcos Rocha, 31, of 2618 Langley, on charges

of bringing a prohibited substance into a correctional facility and for attempting to possess a prohibited substance in a correctional facility.

• Richard Baxter, 42, of 1220 East 16th, on charges of possession of a controlled substance.

• Michael Mendoza, 32, of 1003 Brumley Rd., on charges of possession of a controlled substance.

• Fabian Chavera, 21, of 605 Goliad, on charges of driving while intoxicated, third or more.

• Armando Lopez, 30, of 710 Douglas, on charges of driving while intoxicated, third or more.

• Gary Lee Miller, 33, of 220 Texas Rd., on charges of driving while intoxicated, third or more.

• Dick Charles Nichols, 62, of 4309 Stallings Rd., on charges of driving while intoxicated, third or more.

• Buddy Roy Ryerson, 49, of 701 Mitchell Rd., on charges of driving while intoxicated, third or more.

Cooling economy, rising costs handcuff state.

AUSTIN (AP) — A slowing economy and skyrocketing health care costs in the state's social service programs might jeopardize new legislative proposals, including his own, Gov. Rick Perry said Saturday.

But the governor was quick to rule out tax increases or dipping into the state's emergency "rainy day" fund as some lawmakers have suggested.

"We can get the needs of the state of Texas addressed in this legislative session with the revenues that we have. Does that mean everyone isn't going to get everything that they laid on the table, including the governor of the state of Texas? Most likely," Perry said.

Perry has made higher education a priority in his legislative agenda.

The governor's proposed two-year \$110.5 billion budget recommends spending

\$47.7 billion, or 43 percent, on education.

That includes \$306.3 million over two years for the TEXAS Grant scholarship program, a state scholarship plan to provide qualified students money for tuition and fees at state schools.

Perry will spend much of this week traveling the state to push his \$41 million math initiative, a plan for better training for math teachers and intensive summer and after-school student math programs.

Those proposals, like all new spending this session, may be lost or cut as the unexpected health care costs threaten to eat up any surplus.

More than \$1 billion in additional state funds is expected to be needed to cover rising prescription drug prices, expanding enrollment and increased utilization in Medicaid, the

state employees and public school retirees systems and state-funded nursing homes. That's \$700 million more than was expected to be available for new spending from the \$108.2 billion 2002-2003 budget legislators proposed.

Acting Lt. Gov. Bill Ratliff on Thursday said using part of the emergency rainy day fund "very definitely is an option," though he emphasized it was too soon to panic.

The \$180 million fund, which will grow to \$1 billion by 2003, was set up to help the state avoid fiscal crisis — a place top lawmakers and Perry say the state has yet to reach with a cooling, but still strong economy. The money for the fund comes from the state's natural gas tax.

"The rainy day fund is there for that reason. There may be some clouds brew-

ing. There may even be a little drizzle or two in a place, but it's a long way from having a rainy day," Perry said.

Rep. Glen Maxey, D-Austin, is among the growing number of legislators who say tax increases may be needed to ensure Medicaid and other health services continue.

"I'm willing to put a tax on soda pop," Maxey said. "There are things that you just don't walk away from. You don't walk away from people having access to health insurance. And you don't walk away from senior citizens in nursing homes."

Perry joined House Appropriations Chairman Rob Junell and Senate Finance Chairman Rodney Ellis in saying tax increases were off the table.

"It is a matter of prioritizing," Perry said. "But clearly we don't need a tax increase."

Benefit raises funds for slain officer's son

IRVING (AP) — Barbecue and all the trimmings were served up Saturday as a benefit for the son of slain police officer Aubrey Hawkins.

Hosted by the Irving Elks Lodge and American Legion, the fund-raiser was intended to raise more than \$10,000 for a trust fund for Andrew Hawkins, 9, who was left fatherless on Christmas Eve.

The elder Hawkins was shot 11 times — six in the head — and then run over after he responded to a robbery at Oshman's Sporting Goods store in Irving.

A group of convicts who escaped from the Connally Unit in Kenedy has been charged in the murder. The seven men, one of which who killed himself when authorities arrived, were

found hiding in Colorado a month later.

"It's sad. This 9-year-old boy is not going to have a father," said Ed Magers, an American Legion member at the barbecue. "But the community really has gotten behind this."

"It's our way of showing we still care," said Alma Criado, an Irving police dispatcher. "They are part of our family," she said of the Hawkins clan.

The way in which Hawkins died, and on Christmas Eve, caused many in the community to search for a way to help the officer's family, said Elks organizer David Jordan.

"We wanted to make sure the boy's needs were taken care of," he said.

Under a state law to benefit dependents of slain offi-

cers, Andrew is eligible for free tuition and fees to a state college or university.

Jordan said the trust fund will help take care of Andrew's expenses while he pursues an education.

Andrew's grandmother, Jayne Hawkins, said the death has been hard on the child. When he learned of his father's death, he asked if he could write another letter to Santa asking for his father back, she said.

She said Aubrey Hawkins

was a dedicated father to Andrew, his son by a previous marriage. Shortly before he was called to the Oshman's robbery, the officer had dinner with his son at an Irving restaurant.

Aubrey Hawkins and his wife, Lori, would have celebrated their fourth wedding anniversary this spring.

Law enforcement has rallied to help the boy, said John Schingle, president of the Irving Police Association.

Man says Cullen Davis funneled money to help defense

FORT WORTH (AP) — Cullen Davis, who in 1977 was acquitted of murdering his 12-year-old stepdaughter and his estranged wife's boyfriend at his Fort Worth mansion, bribed a top prosecutor to tell defense attorneys about the prosecution's strategy in the high-profile case, the Fort Worth Star-Telegram reported in a story published Saturday.

Davis' father-in-law, Ray Hudson, 70, told the paper that during the trial he delivered as much as \$25,000 to Morris Howeth, 64, a former chief investigator in the Tarrant County District Attorney's office who assisted in Davis' prosecution.

Hudson said he relayed Howeth's information directly to Davis during the trial on a daily basis. Hudson said the investigator even had a code name, "Eyes."

Howeth denied taking payoffs and said he may be the target of a smear campaign. "I don't know what the

hell to say about this thing," Howeth told the newspaper. "It didn't happen. I don't understand what the man's motive might be."

Davis was charged with capital murder in the August 1976 shooting of his 12-year-old stepdaughter, Andrea Wilborn. He also was accused of killing Stan Farr, the live-in boyfriend of Davis' estranged wife, Priscilla. Two others, including his estranged second wife, Priscilla Davis, were wounded in the attack at Davis' sprawling estate.

Although the survivors testified that Davis was the gunman dressed in disguise, he was acquitted by an Amarillo jury. Davis later was acquitted in a Houston court on unrelated murder-for-hire charges.

In an interview Friday with Dallas television station KTVT, Davis said he covered all of Hudson's expenses during the Amarillo trial and admitted that he knew Hudson was

using a portion of the money to make the payoffs. "That's the way I recall it," Davis said. "I didn't give that any thought."

Davis, who now lives in Colleyville, called the information gleaned through the bribes "skimpy and fairly meaningless."

Hudson, the father of Davis' current wife, Karen, said the new revelations about the 24-year-old trial were part of a profound spiritual experience.

"I don't have anything against Morris Howeth," Hudson said. "He and I had a good relationship. As far as I'm concerned, he's a good man that got caught up in something just like I did. ... Those things happen."

The statute of limitations has expired, precluding prosecution of anyone who might have been involved in the purported bribery scheme.

"The swamp's full of alligators, so why worry about the gnats?" said Howeth,

who later was a Fort Worth justice of the peace and a Tarrant County constable.

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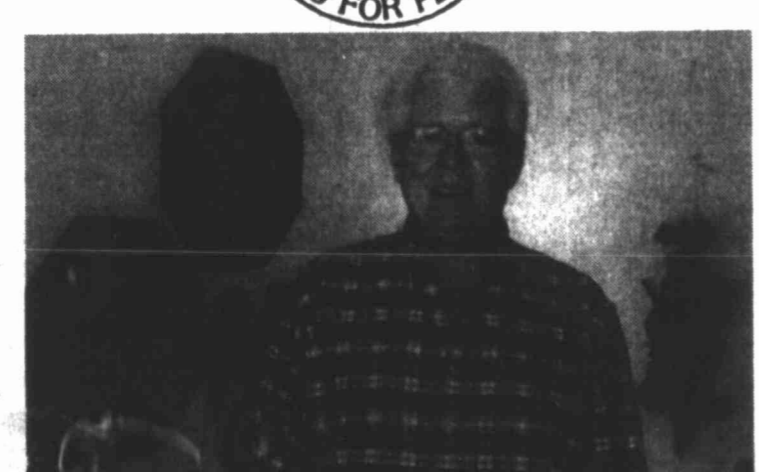
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OUR VIEWS

Trade route needs our full support

Sitting at the crossroads of U.S. Highway 87 and Interstate 20, Big Spring is poised to take a significant role in the transportation of goods from Mexico into the United States. What that takes is a good highway system — one that can get truck traffic rolling quickly and with as few stops as possible.

That's where Ports-to-Plains comes in. First designated as a high priority corridor in the 1998 federal highway bill, the trade route is fast on its way to becoming a reality. Just last year, the federal budget included a provision designating Ports-to-Plains as running north and south from Colorado to Mexico by way, in part of U.S. 87 through Howard County.

That was a promising step for our area, but not the final one. Armed with the federal government's blessing, it is now time to gain approval from the Texas Department of Public Transportation (TxDOT).

On Tuesday, TxDOT will hold a public hearing at Dora Roberts Civic Center to receive comment concerning several proposed Ports-to-Plains routes. Officials from Midland, Odessa, Sweetwater and Abilene are planning to attend and make a plea for the route to go through their cities. Naturally, local officials will be pointing out the merits of U.S. 87 and the route through Howard County.

With the information gained from Tuesday's meeting, as well as other meetings being held this month, the three-member Texas Transportation Commission will make a decision as to which route to select. That decision will be made by June.

The impact on Big Spring from this could be tremendous. More traffic means the opportunity for more growth, more business, more industry. If the highway designation becomes a reality, a reliever route for U.S. 87 west of the city would be necessary. The reliever route would sweep near the McMahon-Wrinkle Airpark with its ties to both air and rail transportation, further enhancing Big Spring as a center for the shipping and warehousing of goods. The reliever route would also solve a growing problem in our city — constant heavy truck traffic rolling along Gregg Street.

Local officials are encouraging a show of support for Tuesday's meeting, and we concur. If TxDOT officials see that the residents of Big Spring are in favor of this project, the designation is much more likely to be in our favor.

An informal open house will begin at 6 p.m., allowing interested citizens to view maps and exhibits of the various proposed routes. A formal presentation will begin at 6:30, followed by a public comment period at 7.

We hope you will consider setting aside a couple of hours Tuesday night for something that could have a long-lasting affect on our community and the entire region.

We'll hope to see you there.

We must learn the art of disagreement

If you criticize affirmative action or attempt to defend the South's history against slander, you will be called a racist.

If you criticize Israel's brutal treatment of the Palestinians, you will be called an anti-Semite.

If you defend the Boy Scouts' right to exclude homosexuals, you will be called a homophobe.

If you defend the right of unborn children to live, you will be called a sexist.

If you are a Christian with firm convictions about your faith, you will be called an extremist.

All of these are examples of what logicians call argumentum ad hominem. Instead of dealing with the issue that was raised, you simply attack the person who raised it.

It has become common in

this age of special-interest groups and bitter partisanship.

You should be concerned. I say "you" because I am a genetic contrarian and will continue to say what I think without regard for whoever claims to be offended by it. I am contemptuous of name-callers but otherwise pay them no attention. I am also contemptuous of people who are easily intimidated by special-interest groups.

Every American should pause and think of the brave people in other countries who are unafraid to speak truth not just to power but to cruelty, murder and torture. How can any American shrink from a mere verbal confrontation?

The American model of self-government devised by the Founding Fathers is a whole concept. If parts of it are destroyed, the whole of it is destroyed.

Freedom of speech and assembly are guaranteed because they are absolutely necessary for self-government.

If you are denied informa-

tion, or if certain subjects are declared to be off-limits for debate, then you will no longer be able to participate in self-government. Your freedom will have been stolen.

You will be governed, all right, but not by yourself and a majority of your fellow citizens.

There should be no topic, and I mean no topic, that Americans cannot discuss and debate publicly and in full without being subjected to attempted intimidation by character assassination.

If there is one thing that should be totally absent from American life, it is fear on the part of an honest citizen to exercise his or her rights.

The only way to achieve that is for all citizens to make a firm commitment to defend freedom of speech. Freedom of speech, by the way, is really freedom of thought. There is no right of any government or group to dictate what a person thinks.

In truth, there is no reason why any topic, however contentious, cannot be discussed in a civil man-

ner, except for the malice of certain groups.

Whenever people reveal themselves to be uninterested in discussion, they should be shunned by civilized people. They are following the totalitarian model where one's opponents are not bested in arguments but shouted down, intimidated and, in the end, coerced into silence.

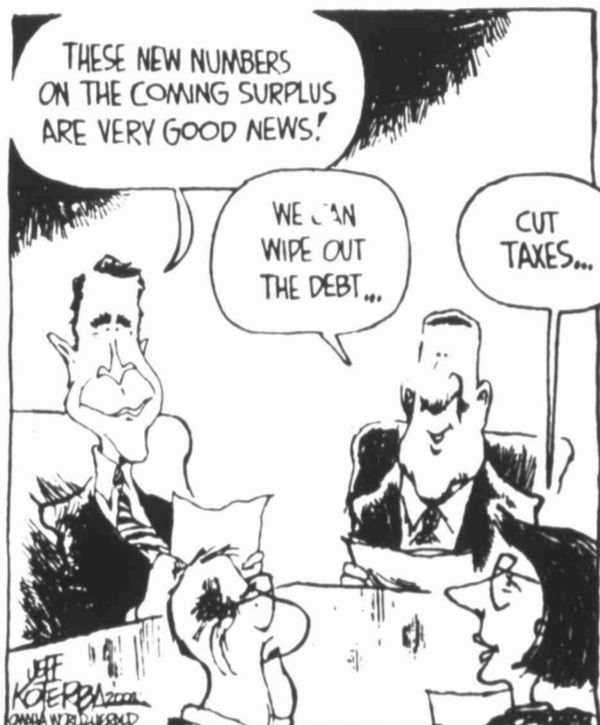
Unfortunately, television is the demagogue's medium. Television hosts like the drama of insults and loud voices. Here again, Americans should shun such shows and complain to the employers and advertisers.

Americans frankly have not been that good at defending their basic rights simply because they have been unwilling to defend them when those rights are being exercised by someone with whom they disagree. That is a fatal attitude.

Unless everyone is free to speak, everyone else's freedom is in jeopardy. We don't have to agree, but we do have to learn to disagree without going to war.



CHARLEY REESE



Simple shapes, delicate beauty

Her Creek heritage is suggested in the cheekbones and calm bearing.

Brenda Myers speaks softly, but with authority. Her subject is gourds, her pitch rhapsodic.

As long as man has beaten a drum or needed a drink of water, as long as he's hungered for beauty as well as meat, gourds have had a role. But for only about two and a half years have Georgia gourd enthusiasts had a name, an organization and, of course, a newsletter.

Brenda Myers edits "The Bloomin' Gourd," official newsletter of the Georgia Gourd Society. Members (more than 100 now) hail from Albany to Armuchee, Dublin to Damascus. The list is growing. They talk about natural pesticides for gourd crops, how to dye gourd seeds and gourd news on the Net. They talk about gourds.

Brenda quotes her late Kentucky friend Minnie Black, known as the Gourd Lady of East Bernstadt: "Anytime you see a person who loves gourds, you see a good person."

I find Brenda's geodesic dome home that she and her husband, Charles, built. It might be a giant gourd itself, growing up from a Paulding County

pasture at the end of Myers Path. It looks golden as a bushel-basket gourd in the sun.

"Not too many Indians lived in square houses," Brenda says.

I expected tole-painted gourds like the ones I've seen at craft shows, gourds with cute faces or flowers. Brenda's work is something else.

Imagine a piece of intricately carved pottery or fine leatherwork.

Influenced by Southwestern gourd artist Robert Rivera and painter Georgia O'Keefe, Brenda combines such disparate elements as Celtic crosses and the patterns in Hopi Indian pottery to decorate her gourds.

Born on Leonardo da Vinci's birthday in Walker County, Brenda grew up appreciating the gourds that housed the martins that ate the bugs that harmed the crops. Her grandfather was a storyteller, and one of her first memories, she says, is of wanting to be a librarian. (Today she is the media specialist at nearby Union Elementary School.)

Gourd art requires great planning and preparation. Brenda knows how long to leave a gourd on the vine to prevent its collapse, how to remove the membrane that covers it, how to draw a grid to make her design exactly symmetrical. The shape of the gourd — and there are many — suggests what it will become. She buys most of her gourds from a farmer neighbor. "In his 3 1/2 acres of

gourds, I'm like a child loose in a candy store."

She's made a drum, a mask and, from a penguin gourd, a quail. Her baskets have twisting handles carved from the gourds themselves. Gourds sit on brass stands and deer antlers, each displayed with care and cunning and shown to best advantage. Gourds can be as fragile as Limoges porcelain.

Brenda hasn't sold a single gourd. She may, eventually, but right now she hates the thought of repeating a design idea, which would be inevitable if she mass-produced. Instead, she likes "sharing the excitement" of gourds. Recently she spoke to Villa Rica children about her avocation.

She read to them from "Follow the Drinking Gourd," the story of the Underground Railroad and the song and signs slaves used to find their way north to freedom. The Big Dipper, of course, was the "drinking gourd."

For that talk Brenda made a gourd dipper. "I was afraid the kids had never seen one."

When the Georgia Gourd Society meets, they share ideas and seed. Their gossip is of lump-in-neck bottle gourds and sugar-bowl gourds and how to spray snuff tea on a crop to keep insects away.

I can imagine Brenda bent over her workbench and Dremel tool, making something to share.

You can contact the Georgia Gourd Society at eagle435@bellsouth.net.



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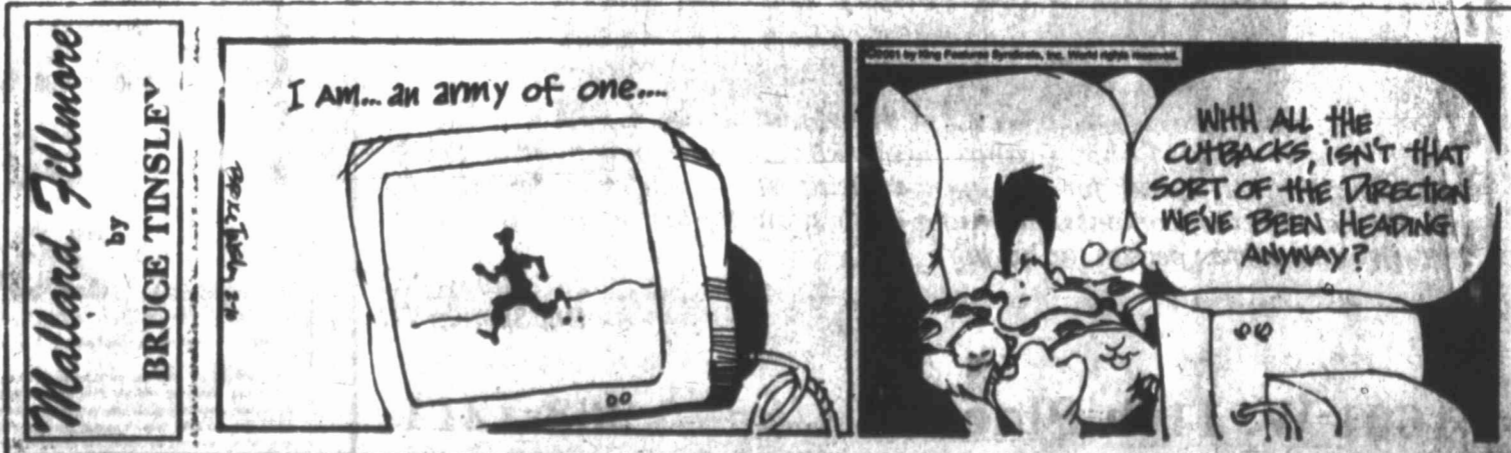
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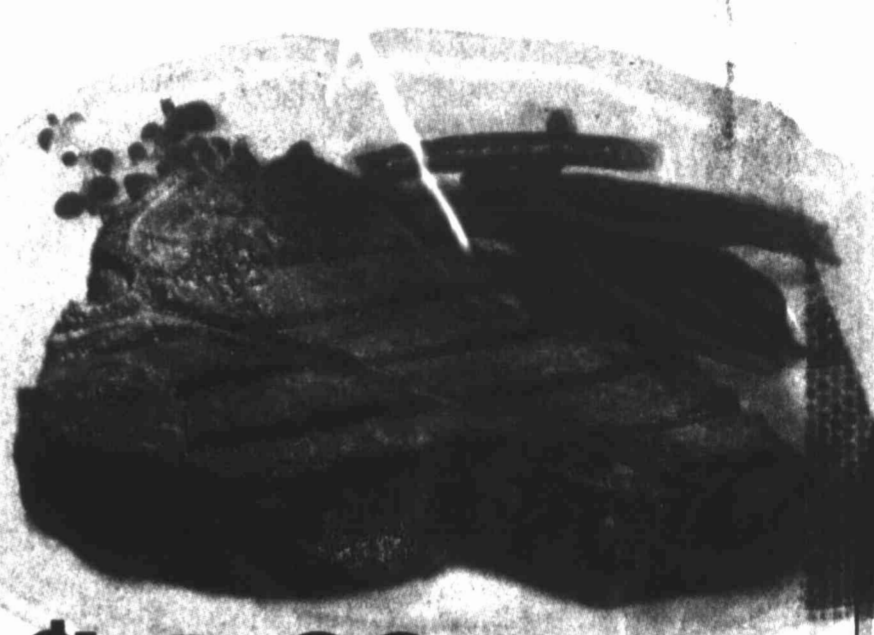


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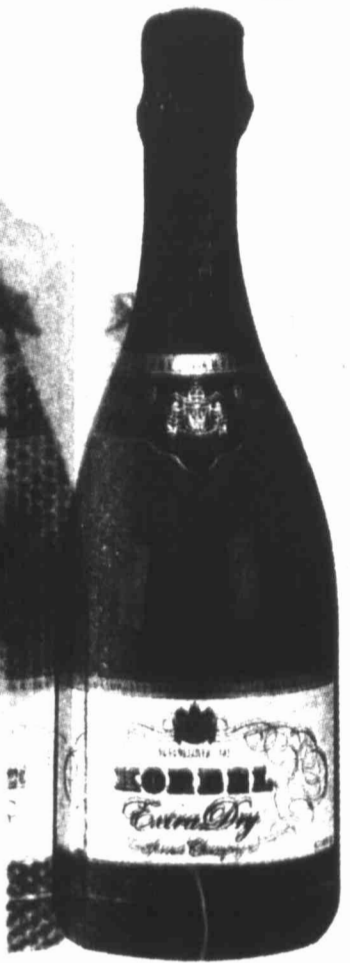
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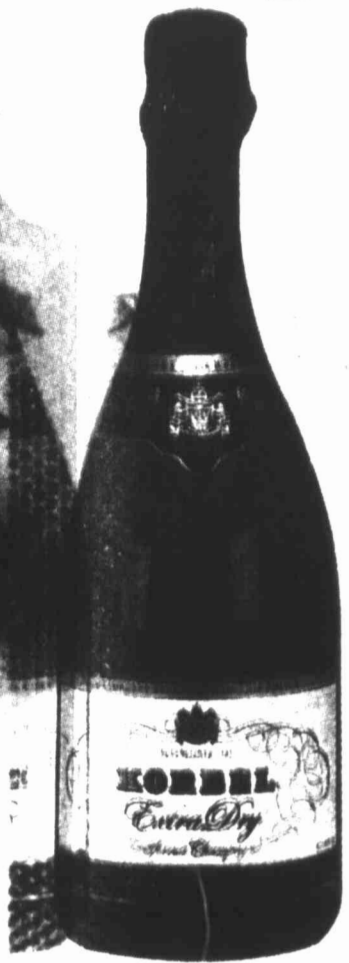


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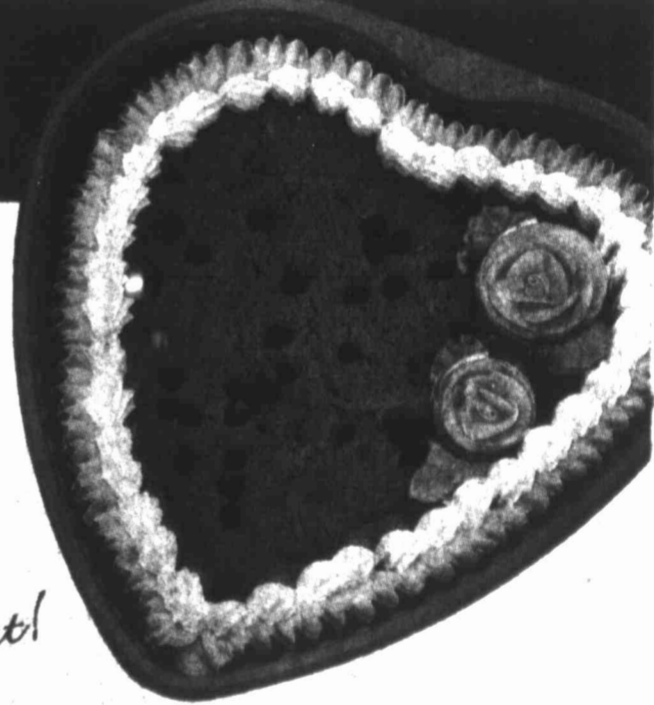
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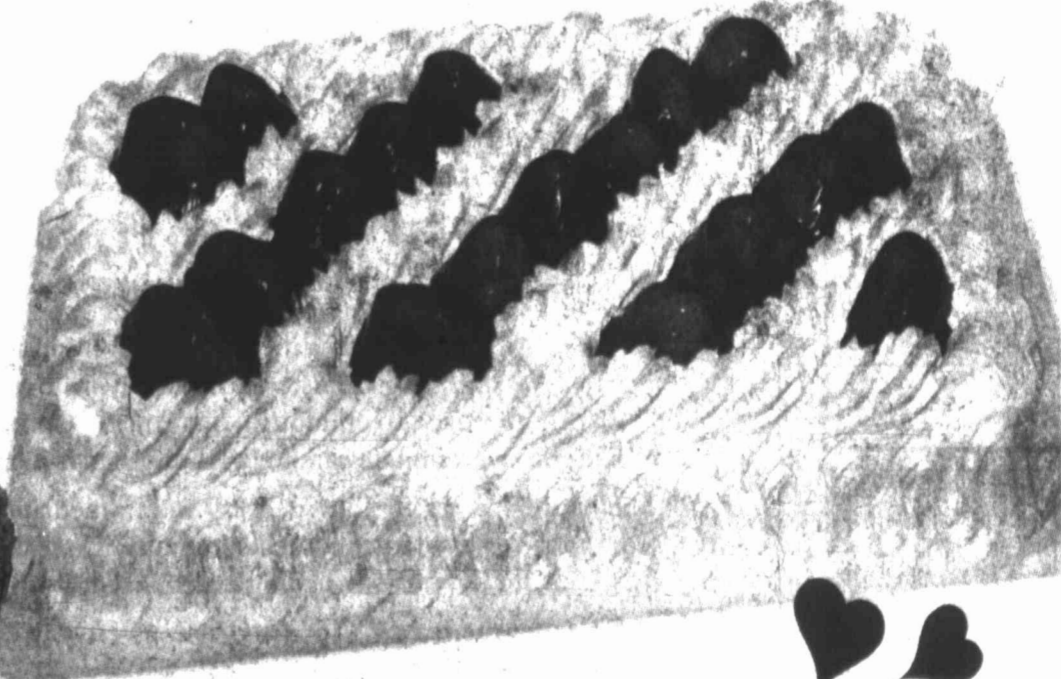
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Wife gets loaded for bear when hubby hunts

DEAR ABBY: I am a loving father of two boys and have been happily married for six years. However, my wife and I are having a serious conflict.

I love to fish and hunt. About eight times a year, I take a trip to hunt or fish. The trip usually lasts from one afternoon until the next evening. I am gone about 32 hours. This infuriates my wife. We argue every time I get ready to go. This is the only thing we argue about, but the arguments are serious and affect both of us adversely.

Abby, I try to be the best father and husband I know how. I spend almost every day of the week with my family. We go places together all the time. We are both Christians and take our children to church every week.

I have offered to go to counseling to see if we could get some help. She says it's not necessary because the problem isn't that big. I can't help but believe that our problem is about more than just a question of hunting and fishing. I feel she wants to control me. She says she just misses me. She agrees that I spend more time with the family than most husbands do. I do this out of love.

Am I wrong? Should I offer to give up my hobbies? Is it wrong for me to go hunting and fishing on occasion? Abby, I would never neglect my family. Any advice you can offer will be appreciated.

KENTUCKY HUBBY
DEAR HUBBY: Eight days a year of personal time devoted to hunting or fishing is not a lot to ask. Whether she will admit it to herself or not, your wife's behavior is controlling. By picking a fight with you she ensures that if you go, your pleasure will be lessened.

Since you feel that the arguments are serious, by all means talk to a counselor before the problems escalate further. You could both benefit by going, but if your wife continues to minimize the importance of this issue, go without her. You will gain valuable insight.

DEAR ABBY: What do you think of a family who refuses to take their 92-year-old grandmother to the doctor for her yearly check-up? They say it's "too far."

As far as I'm concerned, no distance is "too far" if you care. She has offered to pay for the gas, but they still refuse.

Are there agencies that will pick up people and take them to their doctor's office? — A FRIEND IN CHICAGO

DEAR FRIEND: What you are describing is a form of elder abuse. Notify the doctor's office. They should be able to contact a local agency that assists seniors and others who qualify for free or low-cost transportation to medical appointments.

P.S. Since her family is unwilling to monitor the health of their aged grandmother, it's possible that she should be visited by a social worker from time to time.

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This year, make "nothing is impossible" your mantra. Your creativity surges. You have a nice way of speaking to others. You draw what you want. You find ways to make the impossible possible. From mid-July, your work situation grows and develops to a new level with a pay raise and/or promotion. If single, you'll meet many interesting people. You could also become involved in a significant relationship. If you are attached, renew your vows, making a greater commitment. Take a hard look at what both of you want. LIBRA presents a different point of view.

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)
**** You have so many choices that you can't make a decision. Others keep presenting more ideas! You could be overwhelmed before you know it. Take off with friends or a loved one, explore a favorite area or head for a museum. Let your mind relax. Tonight: Try a new spot.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20)
**** You recognize that this is a lazy day when you wake up. Why push when you don't have to? Snuggle in, read your Sunday paper and eat only what you want. A little indulgence goes a long way in renew-

ing your spirit. A partner or friend joins in. What a great idea! Tonight: Continue the theme.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20)
**** Someone naturally intrigues you. Better yet, events encourage you to explore and to get to know this person better. Make plans for what you both deem a fun outing. Renew an old relationship and bond anew. Allow greater intimacy and closeness. Tonight: Be a teen-ager again.

CANCER (June 21-July 22)
**** Stay close to home, where you are most likely to snuggle in and enjoy the special nature of the day. Openly discuss your feelings about different facets of your life. You get strong and meaningful feedback. Don't push. Do only what you want to do. Tonight: Get a good night's sleep.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22)
**** Reach out for a loved one. Don't stand on ceremony anymore. This person genuinely cares about you. Good feelings flow, especially after a phone call or a talk. Allow your imagination to lead you when making plans. Everyone has fun that way! Tonight: Hang out.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22)
**** Allow another to treat you like a king or a queen for a day. You will love being pampered, something you don't allow to happen too often. Let your sense of humor emerge with a fami-

ly member. Toss plans to the wind. Do what you want. Tonight: Let the good times roll.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22)
**** Others recognize and respond to your sweetness. Express the real you. Keep talking about impending changes you are visualizing. Others share powerful insights. Be appreciative of those around you who do make a difference in your life. Tonight: Visit with a favorite person.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21)
**** Do something utterly relaxing and enjoyable. You need to take time to recycle and adjust. Others might not see situations as you do. Find out more before making a financial commitment. Important information comes forward. Tonight: Soak in a hot tub.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21)
**** Though you like a nice, easy pace, you decide to hook up with a friend. You have a great time wherever you are, especially if you are with those you enjoy. Get into a competitive sport. You need the outlet to renew your energy and mind simultaneously. Tonight: Where your friends are.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19)
**** Others seek you out, but you feel most comfortable at home with a special friend, loved one or roommate. Another clearly adores you, though in some sense his caring might

make demands you aren't comfortable with. Tonight: Close to home.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18)
**** Put on your dancing shoes or jogging shoes, and head out the door this morning. You could meet someone exciting and interesting. If attached, grab your loved one and take off ASAP. In a different setting, you'll get a different perspective. Tonight: Talk about what you want.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20)
**** You have far more to offer than what you give yourself credit for. Evaluate what you want, and start creating it. Much activity and thought revolve around an authority figure. Make an effort to touch base with this person. Clear the air. Tonight: Togetherness works.

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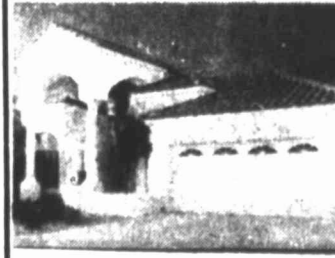
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Hawks split with Tyler's

Howard Hawks split a 1-0 win with Tyler's College's Apalachee conference action Saturday. After taking Friday's open three-game Tyler, the Hawks 1-0 win in Saturday.

Tyler saved on their hour by taking an in the nightcap. The Hawks, the season, will to McMurry's junior varsity doubleheader Jack Barber F

Lady Hawks with Lady R.

Howard Col Hawks split a Thursday after Drake led her to an 8-1 win in

Chris Joyn first home run Howard.

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The Lady Hawks to action Feb. Saturday at the Classic in Fort

Plainview girls to practice

Abilene's Lady Bulldogs in game involving headed for the and Class 4A playoffs.

Plainview, the 4-4A champion top-ranked Clark took a 67-4 Dorothy Coliseum.

Alesha Robe the Lady Bulldogs points, while Reinart had 14 Welch added 1 LaSharla R 15 points and Benavides' 11 best the Lady could manage.

Coahoma girls practice tilt

Coahoma's Lady Bulldogs will play a practice against Wildcats at Monday.

Coahoma's District 3-2A title with a 75-68 over Colorado Whitney Clark District 8-3A title.

Lady Steers to scrimmage

Big Spring's continued to Saturday by four games the a round robin at Odessa Perry. "We saw a pitching and well," head Arista noted.

The Lady Steers host Midland in their season p.m. Tuesday.

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Television COLLEGE BASKETBALL

2:30 p.m. — Iowa, ABC, Ch. 2
3 p.m. — Haw St., FXS, Ch. 29
5 p.m. — Sar Nevada, FXS, Ch. 29

PGA

2 p.m. — Buick second round, CBS

TENNIS

11:30 p.m. — Open, ESPN, Ch. 2

AUTO RACING

11 a.m. — NASCAR Cup, FOX, Ch. 3

NHL
7 p.m. — St. at Dallas Stars 30.

IN BRIEF

Hawks split twinbill with Tyler's Apaches

Howard College's Hawks split a doubleheader with Tyler Junior College's Apaches in non-conference baseball action Saturday.

After taking a win in Friday's opener of the three-game series in Tyler, the Hawks added a 1-0 win in Saturday's first game.

Tyler saved some face on their home diamond by taking an 8-4 decision in the nightcap.

The Hawks, now 6-2 on the season, will play host to McMurry University's junior varsity in a 1 p.m. doubleheader Monday at Jack Barber Field.

Lady Hawks split with Lady Rangers

Howard College's Lady Hawks split with Kanger Thursday after Deshawn Drake led her teammates to an 8-1 win in Game 1.

Chris Joyner hit the first home run of the season Howard.

The second game the intensity level dropped and Ranger managed to outscore Howard 5-3.

The Lady Hawks return to action Friday and Saturday at the Cowtown Classic in Fort Worth.

Plainview girls roll to practice game win

Abilene's Lady Eagles were no real match for Plainview's Lady Bulldogs in a practice game involving teams headed for the Class 5A and Class 4A basketball playoffs.

Plainview, the District 4-4A champion and state's top-ranked Class 4A team, took a 67-47 win at Dorothy Garrett Coliseum.

Alesha Robertson paced the Lady Bulldogs with 18 points, while Brittany Reinart had 14 and Chelsi Welch added 11 more.

LaSharla Richardson's 15 points and Dominique Benavides' 11 were the best the Lady Eagles could manage.

Coahoma schedules practice tilt Monday

Coahoma's Bulldogettes will play a practice game against Whitney's Wildcats at 6:30 p.m. Monday.

Coahoma claimed the District 3-2A title Tuesday with a 75-68 overtime win over Colorado City.

Whitney claimed the District 8-3A title.

Lady Steers roll to scrimmage wins

Big Spring's Lady Steers continued to impress Saturday by winning all four games they played in a round robin scrimmage at Odessa Permian.

"We saw a variety of pitching and we adjusted well," head coach Dan Arista noted.

The Lady Steers will host Midland Greenwood in their season opener at 4 p.m. Tuesday.

ON THE AIR

Television

COLLEGE BASKETBALL
2:30 p.m. — Missouri at Iowa, ABC, Ch. 2.

3 p.m. — Hawaii at Fresno St., FXS, Ch. 29.

5 p.m. — San Jose St. at Nevada, FXS, Ch. 29.

PGA

2 p.m. — Buick Invitational second round, CBS, Ch. 7.

PBA

11:30 p.m. — Empire St. Open, ESPN, Ch. 30.

TENNIS

1 p.m. — Davis Cup, First round, ESPN, Ch. 30.

AUTO RACING

11 a.m. — Nascar Winston Cup, FOX, Ch. 3.

NHL

7 p.m. — St. Louis Blues at Dallas Stars, ESPN, Ch. 30.

BSHS linksters place among the field in the final round

HERALD Staff Report

Frenship's Tigers and Snyder's Lady Tigers made it wire-to-wire wins at the Big Spring Invitational golf tournament Friday and Saturday at the Big Spring Country Club and the Comanche Trail Golf Course.

After dealing with gusting winds on Friday, the tournament field faced bitterly cold temperatures for Saturday morning's start of the second round.

But both Frenship and Snyder overcame the elements to extend their first-day leads.

The Tigers, who went into Saturday's second round with a two-stroke lead over Odessa Permian, posted a 298 on the Comanche Trail layout to finish with a 599 total and a five stroke margin of victory over the Panthers.

Permian's 303-301, 604 total was 10 strokes better than the 614 total

Sweetwater's Mustangs fashioned in finishing third.

Like most of the boys' field, Big Spring's Steers "Black" squad improved from their opening round of 322 to post a 320 on Saturday — the 642 total earning them ninth place.

The Lady Tigers, on the other hand, almost dominated in the girls' division of the tournament with a 338-331, 669 score that left them 28 strokes ahead of runner-up Pecos' Lady Eagles (361-335, 696).

Lamesa's Lady Tors, who'd trailed Snyder by eight strokes following the tournament's first round, posted a 356 in Saturday's cold to finish third with a 702 total.

Andrea Lancaster led the way for the Lady Tigers, rebounding from an opening round of 81 to post a 75 Saturday and take individual medalist honors — five strokes ahead of Pecos' Salem Mitchell, who carded an 81-80, 161 score.



HERALD photo/Kamillah Ward
Big Spring sophomore Mario Rodriguez takes his second swing on the par 4 eighth hole at Comanche Trail Golf Course Saturday morning during the final round of the Big Spring Invitational tournament. Rodriguez was part of the Big Spring "Black" that team finished in ninth place.

Midland Lee's Federica Billig, a 163 total. Frenship's Brandon Melville claimed the boys' individual championship with a 163 total. See LINKSTERS, page 11A

Steers fall short in second half to Frenship

By KAMILAH WARD
Sports Writer

Big Spring's Steers simply couldn't score in the second half of play Friday night, and as a result, suffered a 58-33 loss to Frenship's Tigers in District 4-4A basketball action.

In the Steers' previous meeting with Frenship, they managed to get within nine points of the Tigers before dropping a 52-43 decision.

The second time around for Big Spring was just as unkind, as they battled the visitors to a virtual standstill in the first half Friday night.

But after trailing 27-26 at halftime, the Steers went ice cold in the second half and Frenship took advantage.

During the first quarter, neither team could score a basket for almost five minutes until Frenship's Patrick Shelby managed a put back at the 3:15 mark.

But Big Spring's lone senior, Gary Harris, scored seconds later to start an 11-5 Steers run that was capped by a Clarence Wilkins baseline jumper that forced the Tigers to call a time out.

The Steers owned a 13-9 lead at the end of the first quarter.

In the second quarter, the Steers proved to be consistent, scoring 13 points. Defensively, however, they allowed the Tigers to score 18.

As had been the case in the first period, for the first 4 1/2 minutes the Steers went scoreless in the second quarter. Frenship, on the other hand, was not similarly afflicted and scored 12 points to take a 21-15 lead.

The Steers salvaged things somewhat, creating a couple of runs to pull within one at halftime.

For both teams, scoring again proved difficult in the third quarter. The Steers mustered just three points from a couple of trips to the free throw line.

Frenship, though, managed to at least reach double figures when a couple of trips to the line allowed them to score 10 points.

There was a 3 1/2-minute scoring drought for both teams during that third quarter before Frenship went on a mini run to take a 37-29 lead into the fourth quarter.

During the final eight minutes, the Steers proved to be their own worst enemy.

Defensively, the Steers managed to force 21 turnovers on the night and out rebounded the Tigers 24-23. But the iron rim was unkind.

Austin Nutting scored the first two points of the fourth quarter, giving hope that a Big Spring rally was in the offing.

Instead, that proved to be the only field goal the Steers could manage before Frenship pulled away to an 11-point lead with 5:40 remaining.



HERALD photo/Jim Fierro
Big Spring's Clarence Wilkins (22) posts up against Frenship's Nick Newton (4) during the Steers last home game of the 2000-2001 basketball season Friday night. The Steers suffered a 58-33 loss to the Tigers. They will close out the season against Andrews Tuesday night.

Wilkins made it to the free throw line to add two more points for the Steers, but the remainder of the contest belonged to the Tigers as they mounted an 15-0 run to grab the District 4-4A win.

Wilkins was the only Big Spring player to notch double figures with 18. The Tigers responded with a game-high 22 from Jeff McGaha and 13 from Stephen Quinn.

The Steers will close out their 2000-2001 season Tuesday night when they

travel to Andrews for a 7:30 p.m. tip.

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FRENSHIP 58, STEERS 33
FRENSHIP — Douglas 2 0-0 4, Gilliam 1 0-0 2, Thomas 1 0-0 2, Shelby 2 0-0 4, McGaha 7 8 10 22, Coggins 2 2 4 8, Quinn 6 1 2 13, Bartlett 1 1 3 3, Totals 22 14 19 58
BIG SPRING — Brandon Greathouse 0 1 2 1, Allen Jackson 0 0 0 0, Clarence Wilkins 7 2 2 18, Arthur Belvin 0 0 0 0, Mic Fleming 1 2 2 5, Curtis Woodruff 2 1 3 5, Gary Harris 1 0 0 2, Jason Watson 0 0 0 0, Mike Smith 0 0 0 0, Austin Nutting 1 0 0 2, Totals 12 6 9 33
Scoring by quarters:
FRENSHIP 9 18 10 21-58
BIG SPRING 13 13 3 4-33
Three-point goals: Big Spring (Fleming, Wilkins 2) Rebounds: Frenship 23, Big Spring 24, Turnovers: Frenship 21, Big Spring 17, Total fouls: Frenship 10, Big Spring 15, Fouled out: Wilkins, Technical fouls: Wilkins, Records: Big Spring 111 in 4-4A play.

Bulldogs win with early lead; Wolves stay perfect in district

HERALD Staff Reports

FORNSAN — Chase Davis paced the Coahoma Bulldogs with 17 points, as they posted a 67-54 win over Forsan's Buffaloes in District 3-2A boys' basketball action Friday night.

It was evident the Bulldogs' 28-13 outpouring in the first half paid off, as Forsan was able to match Coahoma point-for-point in the second half of the game.

Forsan listed two players in double figures — Zach Johnson with 13 points and Taylor Bristow following close behind with 11.

But the Buffs' scoring effort just wasn't enough to withstand Coahoma down the fourth quarter stretch.

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COAHOMA 67, FORNSAN 54
COAHOMA — Davis 17, Rob B. Bennett 4, Chadwell G. Hays 4, Kemper 4, Hipp 6, Ward 5, Long B. Roberts 2, Totals 20 20 27 67
FORNSAN — Johnson 13, Bristow 11, Johnson 15, Huff 2,

AREA ROUNDUP

Longino 4, Baker 6, Ellis 8, Totals 19 10 20 54
Scores by Quarters:
COAHOMA 13 15 18 23-67
FORNSAN 8 8 18 23-54
Three-point goals: None, Records: Coahoma 10-18, 3-6, Forsan 11-5, 0-6

Colorado City files past Seagraves

COLORADO CITY — After a close first quarter, Colorado City's Wolves pulled away in the second half en route to a 70-38 District 3-2A basketball win over Seagraves Eagles on Friday night.

The score was knotted after the first eight minutes and the Wolves only led by five points at the half-time intermission.

But the second half proved to be a plus for the Wolves, as they outscored Seagraves 45-19 to turn

the close affair into a 32-point blowout.

Wolves senior Chase Phariss led all scorers with 27 points, knocking down seven bombs from beyond the 3-point arch.

Colorado City improves to 22-5 on the season and remains unbeaten in district play with an 11-0 3-2A slate.

COLORADO CITY 70, SEAGRAVES 38

SEAGRAVES — David B. Esparza 3, Gallegos 2, Webb 17, Martinez 8, Totals 16 4 5 38
COLORADO CITY — Garcia 3, A. Spear 2, Arthur 8, Russell 4, Pharris 27, Wright 6, Leard 13, Bassham 4, J. Spear 3, Totals 29 38 70
Score by Quarters:
SEAGRAVES 9 11 9 9-38
COLORADO CITY 9 16 21 24-70
Three-point goals: Seagraves (Esparza, Martinez), Colorado City (Pharris 7, J. Spear, Garcia), Records: Colorado City 22-5, 11-0, JV Colorado City 62, Seagraves 50

Stanton suffers loss to Plains

STANTON — Stanton's Buffaloes couldn't get over the hump in the closing minutes, as they suffered a

Five BSBS swimmers waiting for results

HERALD Staff Report

LUBBOCK — A handful of Big Spring Steers and Lady Steers swimmers positioned themselves for a chance at the Class 4A state swimming and diving championships Saturday with their finishes at the Region 1, Class 4A meet.

Four members of the Steers team finished third at the regional meet staged at the Pete Ragus Aquatic Center, and one of the Lady Steers earned second-place finishes.

As a result, those five were left waiting to find out whether or not they'll qualify for the Class 4A state meet. To qualify for the trip to Austin on Feb. 23-24, their times from Saturday's meet will have to be among the four best runner-up finishes from around the state.

The Steers, who managed 44 team points, fell eight points shy of matching the point total registered by Andrews' Mustangs in finishing second behind Pecos' dominating championship performance.

The Eagles claimed the Region I title with 125 points. Pecos' Lady Eagles also took a regional team championship with 90 points, finishing 20 points ahead of runner-up Pampa's Lady Harvesters. Big Spring's Lady Steers were ninth with seven points.

Senior Douglas Willberg led the way for the Steers squad, posting second-place finishes in the 200 freestyle and 100 freestyle. He finished the 200 with a time of 1:54.32 and the 100 with a clocking of 50.93 seconds.

He also anchored the Steers' 400 freestyle relay team to a second-place finish, combining with Josh Pike, Mark Sheedy and Michael Carrasco to post a time of 3:32.38.

The Lady Steers' only sec

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CLASS 3A

CLASS 3A Division I 1. Weatherford Brook 26.4 2. Lorenz 23.4 3. Kennard 19.6 4. Paducah 18.5 5. Celeste 18.1 6. Euclid 20.5 7. Lubbock LaPlante 21.4 8. Fairview 21.6 9. Lipan 24.5 10. Crosbyton 21.3

CLASS 4A

CLASS 4A Division I 1. Mansfield 29.1 2. Spring Westfield 27.1 3. Weatherford 23.6 4. Victoria Memorial 30.1 5. Anadito 27.2 6. Elgin 28.3 7. Lubbock LaPlante 27.4 8. Jensen Village 25.6 9. Euless Trinity 28.1 10. DeSoto 28.3

CLASS 5A

CLASS 5A Division I 1. Barbers Hill 31.2 2. Willsboro 29.4 3. Perryton 25.6 4. Shallowater 25.4 5. Luling 23.4 6. Groesbeck 43.3 7. Alpine Wylie 25.3 8. Quinlan Ford 24.4 9. Waller 22.3 10. Hearne 23.2

CLASS 2A

CLASS 2A Division I 1. Gunter 28.1 2. Wall 26.1 3. Elgin 27.0 4. Buffalo 25.4 5. Fort Anson 28.2 6. Central Heights 27.3 7. Clyde Tula 23.3 8. Colton 26.3 9. San Antonio Cole 25.3 10. Caddo 23.3

Love leading large pack into final round of Buick

SAN DIEGO (AP) — Davis Love III didn't get much out of his round Saturday except the one thing that mattered at the end of the day — the lead in the Buick Invitational.

And even that wasn't saying much, not with defending champion Phil Mickelson, Tiger Woods and 20 other players within four shots of the lead.

Despite lipping out two short par putts and wasting several good birdie chances, Love two-putted for birdie on the 18th for a 2-under 70 to take a one-stroke lead into the final round, and an opportunity to win for the second straight week.

"Anything can happen," said Love, who was at 14-under 202. "It's going to be an interesting tournament." Mickelson failed to birdie the two par 5s on the back nine, played his last eight holes in 2 over and had a 71 to lead a group of five players at 203. That included Mike Weir of Canada and Greg Kraft, who had a 66 on a surprisingly sunny day at Torrey Pines Golf Course.

Love and Mickelson, co-leaders at the start of the day, each had a chance to pull away. Instead, they brought a bunch of players back into contention — least of all, Woods.

Woods was scrappy off the tee and with some of his iron shots, but lip-outs became lip-ins on the greens and his 5-under 67 left him only two strokes out of the lead at 204.

"We're all going to have to play well," Woods said. "Tomorrow, the front nine is what's going to separate the players, if there is separation. Right now, guys who are 8- and 9-under par can come out of the pack and win the tournament."

Weir thought his 7-iron into the 18th green was per-

fect until it hit the back slope of a bunker, turning a potential eagle into a par. He had a 68, walked into the press center and asked who was leading.

"Right now, it's you," he was told.

"You've got to be kidding," replied Weir.

Indeed, it was a round of wasted chances on a day in which the expected rain was no more than a drizzle for a couple of holes.

Love and Mickelson each had a chance to put some distance between the rest of the pack, but came back to the field in different manners.

For Mickelson, it was a disaster on the par-4 seventh hole, a double bogey even though he appeared to get a break when his ball got stuck in the branches of a eucalyptus tree instead of disappearing into a gorge.

For Love, it was the same thing that has plagued Woods all year — putting. It started with a 2-foot par putt on the first hole that caught the left lip and stayed out for bogey and set the tone for his day. Love made only four birdies, three of those on par 5s he can reach in two.

"I actually rolled the ball pretty good," Love said. "I'm not happy with my score. Maybe tomorrow everything can come together."

Mickelson looked like he would be comfortably ahead until running into problems on the same two holes that slowed him last year in the final round.

He had a three-stroke lead after six holes until he yanked his tee shot into a eucalyptus tree about 200 yards down the right side of the fairway and hit a provisional tee shot in case he couldn't find it.

A double bogey appeared

imminent. He found it — and still make double.

The ball was 20 feet up in the tree, lodged between the branches. Using binoculars, Mickelson could see only that it was a Titleist, but not necessarily his. Love bled in and called out, "Four dots around the T?" — proof that it was Mickelson's ball.

He was allowed to drop with a one-stroke penalty, but a chance to salvage a bogey disappeared when he hit a poor chip to 12 feet and missed the putt.

He dropped another stroke on the par-3 11th by missing the green to the right and chipping to 20 feet for a two-putt bogey.

A year ago in the final round, Mickelson had a four-stroke lead through six holes until double bogeys on Nos. 7 and 11. He rallied to win comfortably over Woods and Shigeki Maruyama.

Only this time, Mickelson never got it back. He missed greens at inopportune times and dropped back to 13-under with a badly pulled par putt from 5 feet on the par-3 16th, then popped up his drive on the easy 18th and made par.

At least he has another round left. So does Woods. A two-stroke deficit is the lowest he's faced this year going into the final round.

He might have been closer, but threw away a stroke on the 18th with a wicked hook into the left rough, a chip from behind the green to 6 feet and a birdie putt that missed badly to the right.

"I just didn't hit the ball that well," Woods said. "If I can hit it like yesterday and put like I did today, it would be a great combination. This game is very, very fickle."

Jeter, Milton get the millions, but Blue Jays get another MRI

The ASSOCIATED PRESS

Derek Jeter and Eric Milton got money. Toronto got another MRI. Jeter's \$189 million, 10-year contract with the New York Yankees and Milton's \$21 million, four-year deal with the Minnesota Twins were the big news Friday on baseball's financial front.

But the bigger news as far as pennant races go may have come from Toronto. The Blue Jays said Mike Sirotka, the key pitcher they acquired from the Chicago White Sox in the David Wells trade, has a torn labrum in his pitching shoulder and could miss the entire season.

"Clearly some compensation is in order," Toronto general manager Gord Ash said. "This tear is categorically old."

Sirotka, 15-10 with a 3.79 ERA with Chicago last year, was sent to the Blue Jays on Jan. 14 along with pitchers Kevin Beirne and Mike

Williams, and outfielder Brian Simmons for Wells and pitcher Matt DeWitt.

Sirotka, who hyperextended his left elbow during his final regular-season start last season, will be examined Tuesday by Dr. James Andrews before a final decision is made on how to repair the labrum, the edge of a structure in the shoulder joint.

While it is unlikely the trade would be rescinded, the Blue Jays could try to seek something else from the White Sox.

Chicago general manager Ken Williams said the White Sox honored their obligation and made all information they had about Sirotka available to the Blue Jays.

"Both sides have assumed a certain amount of risk in making this trade," Williams said. "Ideally, both teams are satisfied by a trade. Obviously, pending Tuesday's exam, Toronto has expressed concern.

However, unless we are advised otherwise by the commissioner's office, we have no reason to believe that this trade is anything but a completed deal."

On a day of many deals, Arizona catcher Damon Miller won his salary arbitration case, getting a raise from \$330,000 to \$1.25 million instead of the team's offer of \$850,000.

Miller hit .275 last season with 10 homers and 44 RBIs. Arbitrators Elisabeth Neumeier, Jack Clarke and Elliot Shriftman made the decision, a day after hearing the case in Phoenix.

Players have a 3-2 lead in arbitration cases decided this year. Four players in arbitration settled on one year contracts: Detroit shortstop Deivi Cruz (\$3,525,000), Philadelphia right-hander Robert Person (\$2,975,000), Toronto right-hander Kelvin Escobar (\$1.5 million) and St. Louis' Craig Paquette (\$1.5 million).

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No Shaq, Mourning, Hill: Will people watch NBA All-Stars?

WASHINGTON (AP) — Michael Jordan is the host. Shaquille O'Neal isn't playing. Alonzo Mourning and Grant Hill haven't been on the court in months.

So much for the biggest star of the last generation and three of the biggest names of the current one.

As for what remains, the NBA hopes there's still enough to make the 50th All-Star game intriguing to a public that seems to have lost interest.

Will people tune in at 5:36 tonight to see the best of the rest of the new generation of stars? Or will they tune out the likes of Kobe Bryant, Kevin Garnett, Allen Iverson and Latrell Sprewell because they haven't really

connected with the NBA since Jordan hung up his sneakers almost three years ago?

In a way, it'll be another barometer All-Star game for a league still working its way through the middle stages of a post-Jordan, post-dynasty comedown.

The bad news is that O'Neal and Theo Ratliff won't play because of injuries. Nor will Hill and Mourning, who were voted in as starters by fans despite being out for the season.

The good news is that Bryant and Vince Carter will play, their nagging injuries notwithstanding. Bryant really didn't want to come and was threatened

with a five-game suspension if he tried to weasel his way out.

Other All-Stars have different attitudes.

Tracy McGrady is pumped, Stephon Marbury is geeked, Antonio McDyess is down — as youngsters might say.

Or to put it another way, for those who don't know a bling-bling (diamond jewelry that makes a "bling-bling" sound) from a Ring Ding, even crusty old Karl Malone is looking forward to this one.

"It's probably the first time in a long time that I'm just going to go and enjoy it," Malone said. "I'm getting older. I'm 37 years old. I've lost a step. It might be

my last one." For the NBA, it'll be a golden anniversary game with eight gold medalists from Sydney and two from Barcelona mixed with six green first-timers among the 24 All-Stars.

"There's still a lot of talented players," said Sprewell, a four-time All-Star making his first appearance as a member of the Knicks. "Although it won't be quite the same, there's still enough talent for a good competitive game. It should be entertaining."

Whether it will be competitive is a matter of debate.

Some believe the All-Star game will mirror what's happened in the regular sea-

son, with the West being bigger and stronger than the East.

Bryant, Jason Kidd, Chris Webber, and Tim Duncan will start for the West, along with Kevin Garnett, who was selected by Sacramento coach Rick Adelman to replace O'Neal. The reserves are: McDyess, Vlade Divac, Gary Payton, Malone, Rasheed Wallace, David Robinson and Michael Finley.

The Eastern Conference team is comprised of starters Iverson, McGrady, Carter, Antonio Davis and Anthony Mason, and reserves Sprewell, Marbury, Allan Houston, Glenn Robinson, Ray Allen, Jerry Stackhouse and Dikembe

Mutombo. "If it was keepaway, I'd love our chances," Eastern Conference coach Larry Brown said.

Adelman said the strength of the Western Conference doesn't necessarily mean its team will win.

"The two teams are so different this year," he said. "We're really big and they're really small, but that's not going to make a difference when you see the stars who are out there."

"It's not any easier just because the West has a lot of the best teams. That doesn't translate to the All-Star game."

Television ratings for last year's All-Star game were the lowest ever.

Dodge is making impressive debut thanks to Elliott

DAYTONA BEACH, Fla. (AP) — Dodge Different.

The car manufacturer's slogan became reality Saturday when NASCAR's newest entry, led by pole-winner Bill Elliott, debuted with an impressive showing in qualifying for the Daytona 500.

Elliott, the 1998 Winston Cup champion and counted on by new team owner Ray Evernham to lead by experience, did just that at Daytona International Speedway in his official debut of the Intrepid.

NASCAR's all-time speed champion — who set numerous records more than a decade ago during the era of unrestricted engines — showed he still knows the fastest way around the 2 1/2-mile, high-banked Daytona oval, turning a lap of 183.565 mph.

The other front row spot for the Feb. 18 race went to Jerry Nadeau, whose Chevrolet Monte Carlo topped the track at 182.763. But Dodge — whose only history was established in winter testing — wound up taking three of the top eight spots.

"The lap didn't feel that fast and the car was jumping around," Elliott said. "When (crew chief) Mike (Ford) told me the time, it blew me away."

Elliott, 45, earned the 50th pole of his career and first since September 1997 at Richmond, Va. It was his fourth Daytona 500 pole, but first in 14 years.

The success was particularly gratifying for Elliott, whose career had appeared to be in decline until late last season when he agreed to sell his own team to Evernham and signed to drive for Jeff Gordon's former crew chief.

The Georgian once known as "Awesome Bill from Dawsonville," said one key to Saturday's success was retaining the chemistry his team exhibited in finishing last sea-

son under the direction of Evernham.

"We kept a lot of the key guys from my organization last year that rolled on over into the winter," Elliott said. "I think that was a part of where we needed to be. The only question was the engines, and I felt confident that Ray was going to put the right group of people together to accomplish that feat."

Evernham, selected by Daimler/Chrysler to spearhead the return of its Dodge brand to Winston Cup after a 17-year absence, directed the development of both the new Intrepid and the new Dodge engine while also putting together the two-car Evernham Motorsports team.

"Ol' Bill Elliott," a grinning Evernham said. "This is unbelievable."

Evernham, whose other driver, 20-year-old rookie Casey Atwood, was 26th at 280.730, added, "Our engine shop's been working 24 hours a day. There's been a constant flow of Dodge engineers and a lot of wives and kids didn't get to see their husbands and fathers over the winter. But, this is great."

Nadeau, Gordon's Hendrick Motorsports teammate, finished the 2000 season with his first career victory and was thrilled to begin 2001 with such a strong showing.

"I have a car in the trailer that qualifies better, but this car is an awesome piece in the race and that's why we chose it," said Nadeau, who once drove for Elliott. "If you look at the top of the field, I think it's a good mix for all the manufacturers."

Only the top two drivers locked in starting spots in the 43-car Daytona field, with more time trials Monday and Tuesday and two 125-mile qualifying races Thursday.

U.S. Davis Cup team falls behind Swiss

BASEL, Switzerland (AP) — The United States team and new captain Patrick McEnroe could make a historic exit — or comeback — in the Davis Cup.

The Americans trail Switzerland 2-1 and face first-round elimination for the first time since 1993 in the best-of-five series after the Swiss pair of Roger Federer and Lorenzo Manta defeated Jan-Michael Gambill and Justin Gimelstob 6-4, 6-2, 7-5 Saturday.

American Davis Cup teams have rallied five

times after trailing 2-1 going into Sunday's two singles. The first American captain to bring his team back was Richard Norris Williams in 1934.

Last year, the U.S. team captained by McEnroe's fiery older brother, John, rallied twice, in beating Zimbabwe and the Czech Republic. But the elder McEnroe had Andre Agassi for both matches and Pete Sampras for one.

This time, the younger McEnroe has neither. In addition, veteran Todd Martin is injured and doubt-

ful for Sunday after hurting his back in a Friday singles loss to Federer.

It might all be academic as the U.S. seeks a record 32nd Davis Cup title.

The 19-year-old Federer, one of the top young talents in the game, could oust the U.S. in today's first singles against Gambill. He's 2-0 against Gambill and is fresh from winning his first ATP tour event last week.

"The confidence is there," Federer said after keying the Swiss win Saturday. "You can take more risks when you're confident. We

were playing well. I took some chances and every time it paid off."

Swiss captain Jakob Hlasek — a former doubles partner of John McEnroe — tried not to sound overconfident. The Swiss have never won the Davis Cup and reached the final only once.

The '93 American team had similar problems to this year's team. After winning the Davis Cup in 1992, Jim Courier, Sampras, Agassi and John McEnroe refused to play, and the U.S. lost to Australia with a team led by Brad Gilbert.

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pionship with a 143 total, edging Monahans' Eddie Rowe by two strokes. Frenship's Shawn Melville and Permian's Chad Hamshey were one more stroke back at 146, while Andrews's Colby Brownlee and Permian's Blake Packs carded two-day totals of 148.

The Steers' best finish came from Jerrod Simmons, who posted a 77-76, 153 total, while Isaac Wilborn was just behind at 77-82-159. Nick Reed chipped in a two-day score of 162, while Mario Rodriguez finished

with a 168 and Ryan Rodriguez posted a 169 to round out the "Black" team's scores.

Big Spring's "Gold" team, which finished with a 391-356, 747 total, was led by Will Conley's 89-80, 169 showing. Richard Key added a 96-91, 187 total, while Landon Jenkins's two-day total was 194. Jason Murphree finished with a 197 total, while Jacob Garcia carded a 220.

The Steers had two other players entered for medalist honors only. Jacob Caster turned in a 96-87, 183 score, while Austin Adams fin-

ished at 102-103, 205.

The Lady Steers' best round showing came from Brittney Griffin, who posted a 97-106, 203 score. Sarah Anthony added a 111-115, 226 total, while Jessica Hicks finished at 115-140, 255. Angela Payne rounded out Big Spring's 945 total with a 132-137, 269.

Here are results from the 2001 Big Spring Invitational golf tournament played Friday and Saturday at the Big Spring Country Club and the Comanche Trail Golf Course.

BOYS
TEAM STANDINGS: Frenship 311, 298, 599; Odessa Permian 303, 301, 604; Sweetwater 308, 306, 614; Lubbock Coronado 311, 306, 617; Andrews 312, 308, 620; Dumas 321, 315, 636; Midland High 321, 315, 636; Monahans 330, 310, 640; Big Spring (Black) 322, 320, 642; Plainview 326, 318, 644; San Angelo Lake View 332, 323, 655; Midland Trinity 332, 325, 657; Fort Stockton 339, 331, 670; Lamesa 343, 328, 671; Odessa High 334, 344, 678; San Angelo Central 352, 331, 683; Snyder 340, 343, 683; Lubbock High 347, 347, 694; Amarillo Palo Duro 367, 350, 717; Levelland 368, 350, 718; Amarillo Caprock 355, 368, 723; Pecos 356, 369, 725; Big Spring (Gold) 391, 356, 747.

MEDALIST STANDINGS: Brandon Melvin, Frenship, 72, 71, 143; Eddie Rowe, Monahans, 73, 72, 145; Shaun Melville, Frenship, 75, 71, 146; Chad Handey, Permian, 73, 73, 146; Colby Brownlee, Andrews, 78, 70, 148; Blake Parks, Permian, 75, 73, 148.

GIRLS
TEAM STANDINGS: Snyder 338, 331, 669; Pecos, 361, 335, 696; Lamesa 346, 356, 702; Abilene High 362, 348, 710; Midland Lee 355, 370, 725; Abilene Cooper 367, 361, 728; Monahans 376, 389, 765; Pampa 398, 394, 792; Odessa High 396, 399, 795; Plainview 390, 415, 805; Fort Stockton 406, 412, 818; San Angelo Central 419, 431, 850; Amarillo Caprock 446, 458, 904; Odessa Permian 459, 450, 909; Big Spring 447, 498, 945; Amarillo Palo Duro 477, 479, 956; Levelland 486, 483, 963; Sweetwater 485, 489, 974.

MEDALIST STANDINGS: Andrea Lancaster, Snyder, 81, 75, 156; Salem Mitchell, Pecos, 81, 80, 161; Federica Billig, Midland Lee, 76, 87, 163; Laura Cutbirth, Abilene, 85, 79, 164; Kelli Dodson, Snyder, 83, 84, 167; Lauren Day, Snyder, 80, 85, 168; Kara Price, Lamesa, 82, 87, 169; Any Sojourner, Abilene, 89, 80, 169.

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ond-place finish came in the 100 freestyle where Heidi Robinson was clocked at 1:00.95.

The remaining two points produced by the Lady Steers came from the 200 medley relay foursome of Danielle Bartlett, Nadia Torres, Robinson and Amanda Chapman that finished in sixth place.

In addition to Willberg's two second-place finishes, the Steers got individual points from Carrasco, Sheedy and Pike.

Carrasco finished third in the 50 freestyle with a 23.45-

second clocking, while Sheedy was timed at 59.88 seconds to finish third in the 100 backstroke.

Pike was right behind Sheedy in the 100 backstroke with a 1:01.67 clocking.

The Steers also got points in the 200 medley relay and the 200 freestyle relay.

Sheedy, Will Liggett, Carrasco and Willberg posted a time of 1:48.90 to finish fourth in the 200 medley relay, while the 200 freestyle relay foursome of Ryan Beal, Cody Clark, Chris Stokes and Liggett managed a time of 1:43.59 and a fifth-place finish.

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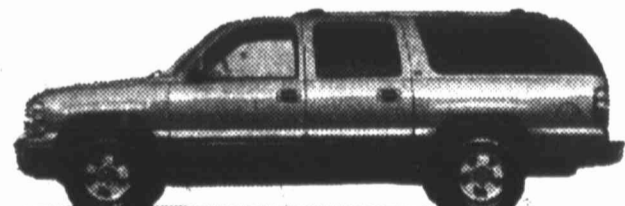
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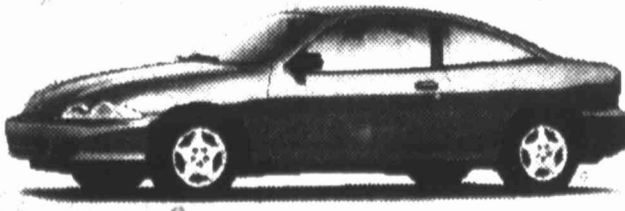


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Role players lead No. 1 North Carolina past Maryland

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Top-ranked North Carolina turned to its role players to beat No. 13 Maryland Saturday.

The Tar Heels got career highs of 27 points from Jason Capel and 18 from Julius Peppers as they broke open a close game in the second half en route to a 96-82 victory over the reeling Terrapins.

The Tar Heels (21-2, 11-0 Atlantic Coast Conference) won their 18th straight the nation's longest streak and the program's best since starting 21-0 in 1985-86.

Joseph Forte added 23 points, seven rebounds and six assists as the Tar Heels improved to 138-23 all-time as a No. 1 team.

North Carolina shot 58 percent, was 7-for-10 from 3-point range and 19-for-20 from the foul line.

Maryland (15-8, 6-5) has lost four of five and fell to 1-6 against ranked teams.

No. 5 Kansas 77, Oklahoma St. 61

Kirk Hinrich scored 20 points and hit a driving reverse layup that halted an Oklahoma State rally and helped No. 5 Kansas to a 77-61 victory over the Cowboys on Saturday.

Hinrich hit six of his first eight field goal attempts and also assisted in holding Oklahoma State's Maurice Baker to 12 points, 11 below the league-leading average he's had in Big 12 Conference games.

Drew Gooden, a 6-foot-9 sophomore who was averaging almost 16 points and nine rebounds for the Jayhawks (18-3, 8-2), did not play and will miss at least the next three games with a wrist injury.

Eric Chenoweth had 17 points and 12 rebounds and went a long way toward helping make up the loss of Gooden.

A 3-pointer by Melvin Sanders

and Fredrik Jonzen's free throw sliced Kansas' lead to 51-45 with 12 minutes to go, then Hinrich went in for a dazzling reverse layup that triggered a 12-2 run. Chenoweth had four points in the surge, including a 5-foot jumper that made it 63-47. Oklahoma State never got closer than nine.

No. 7 Illinois 82, Purdue 61

Brian Cook scored 17 points and No. 7 Illinois used a 24-7 second-half run to breeze to an 82-61 victory over Purdue on Saturday.

The Illini (19-5, 9-2 Big Ten) ended a nine-game losing streak to Purdue (13-9, 5-6), which played without leading scorer Rodney Smith and leading rebounder and shot-blocker John Allison. Both missed the game with foot injuries.

Carson Cunningham, who led the Boilermakers with 25 points, hit a 3-pointer to cut the Illinois lead to 46-41 with 15:30 to go, but Cook followed with a basket and Robert Archibald converted a layup off a Purdue turnover to start the game-clinching run.

No. 8 Florida 73, Arkansas 63

Udonis Haslem scored seven of his 19 points down the stretch Saturday in No. 8 Florida's grinding 73-63 victory over Arkansas.

The Gators (16-5, 6-4 Southeastern Conference) won for the fifth time in six games in a contest that had all the markings of a February clash in the rough SEC — hard fouls, lots of jawing and more signs of fatigue than finesse.

The game was decided in the final four minutes, beginning — fittingly — when Brandon Dean of Arkansas was called for an intentional foul for yanking Matt Bonner's jersey and whipping him

to the ground as he went up for a layup.

Bonner hit one of two free throws, then made a 3-pointer on the ensuing possession, giving the Gators a 61-57 lead.

Haslem took over from there with five points to nearly match the three straight baskets by Arkansas' Joe Johnson.

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No. 25 Mississippi 87, No. 10 Tennessee 71

The road didn't get any smoother for No. 10 Tennessee when it visited Mississippi.

Aaron Harper scored 23 points as No. 25 Mississippi handed the Volunteers their fifth straight road loss, 87-71 on Saturday.

The Rebels continue to be the SEC's biggest surprise. Ole Miss, after winning just six conference games last season, has won four straight and is in first place in the Western Division.

Tennessee (18-6), with one of the most talented rosters in the SEC, has been arguably the league's most disappointing team. The Vols

have lost four of five and are now just 5-5 in conference play. They'll likely fall out of the top 10 for the first time this season.

No. 9 Syracuse 63, Seton Hall 62

Allen Griffin hit a baseline jumper with 7.3 seconds left Saturday night to lift No. 9 Syracuse to a 63-62 victory over Seton Hall, sending the Pirates to their fourth straight loss.

The win for Syracuse (19-4, 7-3 Big East) avenged a 77-65 loss at Seton Hall (12-9, 3-7) three weeks ago and put a serious damper on the Pirates' postseason hopes.

Baylor 69, Nebraska 58

Baylor's DeMarcus Minor hit a pivotal 3-pointer with 3:35 left in the game to kill a Nebraska rally and put the Bears up by six and an eventual 69-58 win over the Cornhuskers on Saturday.

Minor, who led the Bears with 17 points, was one of four Baylor players to score in double figures.

Wendell Greenleaf and Chad Elsey each added 13, and Terry Black had 12, for the Bears.

Texas A&M 72, Texas Tech 70

Nick Anderson scored 18 points to lead Texas A&M to a 72-70 victory over Texas Tech on Saturday.

The Aggies (8-15, 2-9 Big 12) expanded their lead in the second half to as much as 13 points, 68-55 with 6:27 remaining.

But the Red Raiders (8-12, 2-7) then went on a 15-4 run that brought them within a point of the Aggies, 68-67, with a minute left.

Bernard King hit two free throws and Keith Bean hit another, putting the Aggies up by four, 71-67.

The win snapped A&M's 14-game losing streak.

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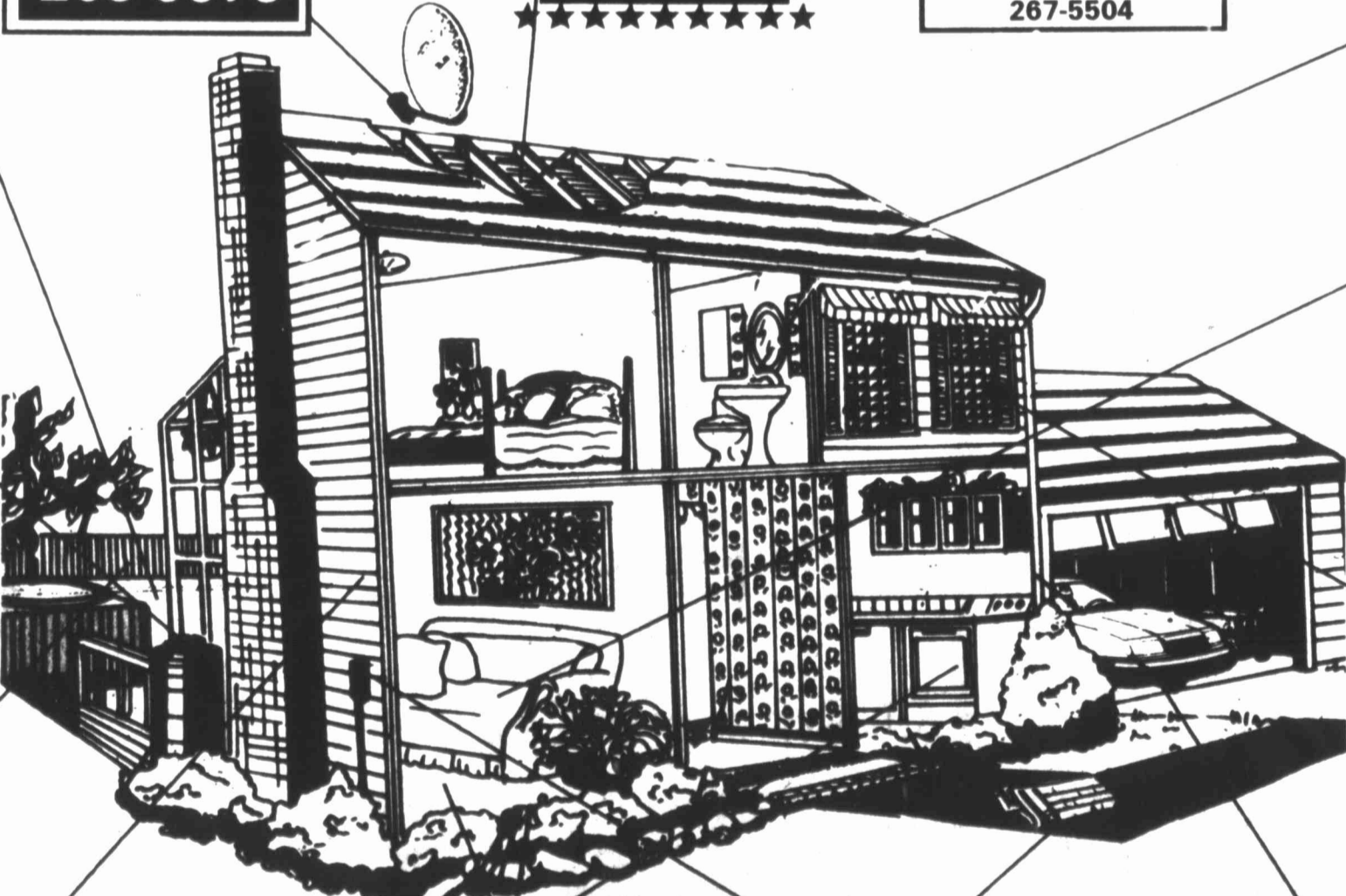
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Celebrity split-up: Oh, the pain of priorities

Ah, celebrity love... We all gawk in amazement at their high-profile, star-studded and extravagant weddings. Then we count the years, or in some cases, just the months until the divorce papers are filed.

In the case of Tom Cruise and Nicole Kidman, we were counting for a decade; their union lasted an eternity in celebrity marriage terms. Cruise filed divorce papers last week after a well-publicized separation.

Celebrity divorces have become so common that we hardly flinch anymore. But there was a certain amount of shock to the news of the Cruise-Kidman split: Australians, who had adopted Cruise as a "native son-in-law" according to some reports, are publicly mourning. Kidman, after all, is a native.

Most surprising to me, though, was that the couple cited "difficulties inherent in divergent careers" as the reason for their divorce. Boy, did I understand what they were talking about there.

When the husband and wife both have jobs outside the home, it creates a new set of challenges to maintain the marriage. Each person not only has to balance their work and home life, they have to balance their career with that of their spouse.

I can't count the number of friends I have who are or have been stay-at-home moms with master's degrees. I have one old college buddy who stays home with his two daughters while his wife, an obstetrician-gynecologist, goes to work.

Many of us have felt the pang when a spouse takes a new job or gets a promotion. Along with the excitement comes the thought, "How will this affect our family?" And there are always changes: Perhaps your husband will spend less time at home, or your wife won't be able to pick up the kids after school anymore.

But my point is that most of the time, we make sacrifices. Our marriage, and with it our family, has to be high on the list of priorities.

In fact, Ronald Meyer, clinical director for Samaritan Counseling Center, rates the "life priority" list this way in another story on this page: 1) God,

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DEBBIE L. JENSEN

Lasting love



In an age of lightning-fast communication, cyber-relationships and tasteless television, L.B. and Elizabeth Elliot are reminders of another time.

The Colorado City couple have been married for 81 years.

"She was my one and only," said Mr. Elliot, who at 103 still keeps an active schedule of activities, including a visit to his 101-year-old wife in a nursing home almost every day.

"Raising a family in the Depression had its difficulties," he said, "but we had a loving marriage always."

His daughter, Frances Godwin, remembers it the same way. "They were very loving parents, very supportive," she said.

The couple met in about 1905, when Elliot's family moved to Loraine. His minister father was moved frequently, but they stayed long enough for him to meet a girl he would remember.

It wasn't until 14 years later that the couple would marry, at a ceremony in her parents' front yard. He was on a furlough from service in the U.S. Army when, after a short visit, he decided to ask for her hand.

"I got a ride out of town, and during that trip I got to thinking, why not get married and take my wife to the Army with me," he said. World War I was over, but Elliot worked at a hospital that was still being used.

"I phoned her," he recalled, "and she said it suited her all right." He got another ride back to Loraine, and the ceremony took place.

When they returned to Arizona, it wasn't long before Elliot requested a discharge, and it was granted. They moved back to the Colorado City area to start their lives together.

"I was looking for a job," Elliot said, "and I found one that started on Jan. 1, 1920." That was with Mitchell County Abstract, and it wasn't long before he bought the company.

It was far from his only job over the years, but it was a lasting one. Elliot is still connected with the business today.

In 1922, he started an insurance agency. In 1934, he founded Colorado City Savings and Loan, serving as director and president for a time.

"I tried to be a fairly good citizen," he said. His public service included serving as a charter member of the local Lions Club. He's now the only surviving charter member, and members have told him he has now been a Lion longer than anyone else in

the world.

His wife, meanwhile, was the mother to five daughters, besides keeping up with study clubs, church activities and several service committees. She was active in the Eastern Star and the Daughters of the Nile organizations.

She continued her busy, active life until about six years ago. It was then that, in quick succession, she had a small stroke, injured her knee and was in and out of the hospital several times with other problems.

Now she needs full-time, around-the-clock medical care and has grown very hard of hearing. At times, family members are not sure if Elizabeth Elliot recognizes them or not.

But still her husband visits her as often as his health will permit. He now needs a wheelchair to get around, and breathes extra oxygen while he is at home.

The Elliots have survived two of their daughters and two sons-in-law. His life insurance policies have matured and paid off. The family cherishes two sets of gold-dipped roses sent by commentator Paul Harvey in honor of their 80th and 81st wedding anniversaries.

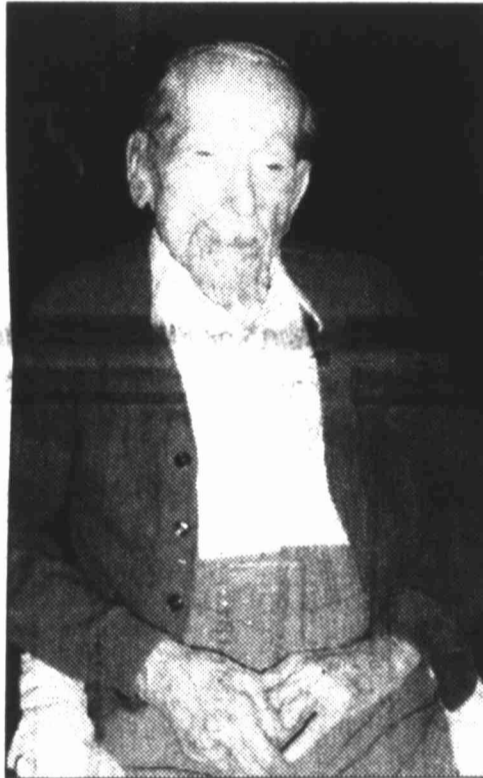
On their 75th anniversary, the couple celebrated with a crowd of hundreds of friends and well-wishers. A smaller celebration followed five years later.

But still, the longtime businessman cannot think of any "secret" to the success of his marriage.

"We just never had any disagreement that led to any serious argument," he said. Portraits and photographs on display at their home depict the couple in their many civic and business activities. One set of paintings — one of him, one of her — are hung in the corner of the living room, arranged on either side of a bouquet of flowers.

"We've had a lovely marriage," Elliot said, "and a lovely life."

In the photos: At top, Frances Godwin holds a picture of her parents, L.B. and Elizabeth Elliot, on their 75th wedding anniversary six years ago. Far left, 40-year-old portraits of the couple hang in the living room of the home where Mr. Elliot still lives. At left, Elliot doesn't see well and requires a wheelchair to get around, but keeps active in community activities.



Love is... commitment

Want to make your love last? There's no guarantee of an 80-year marriage, but these tips from Dr. Ronald Meyer, clinical director of Samaritan Counseling Center, may help. The center offers faith-based counseling on many issues, including relationships, in Midland, Odessa and Big Spring.

"Number one is commitment," said Meyer, adding that real love takes work. "Marriage is the most intimate relationship," he said, "and the

more intimate a relationship, the more difficult it is to maintain."

Other tips:

- See your marriage as a partnership where both are nurturing and encouraging to the other.
- Keep communication open; focus on listening to your partner rather than talking "at" one another.
- Give each other space, don't smother.
- Spend time alone together, away from friends and other family members.
- Set and stick with your priorities: Meyer says put God first, yourself next and then your spouse. Your children are next and finally, your job.



MEYER

Treat your valentine right

Hey, guys! Want to surprise your valentine, but don't have a lot of time or money? Cook and serve a romantic dinner for her at home, says Angelo McCoy, chef at the Big Spring Country Club.

"You need to create the ambience; that is the most important thing," McCoy said. "Dim the lights, light candles and make the house smell good."

He said the food should be ready in advance, suggesting a simple meal of spaghetti, salad and garlic bread.

"Italian food is the most romantic," he said. "There's just something about it." A glass of wine, some soft music, and you have an evening to remember.

"Simple old spaghetti is something any guy can prepare," McCoy said. Buy the sauce in a jar, cook the noodles and keep the two separate until you serve. Buy a loaf of French bread at the store and make garlic bread. Even buy the packaged salad if you wish, but serve it in a nice bowl.

"Wait on her," McCoy urged. "She's not supposed to have to get up for anything. This is the best way to impress her. Women like to be wined and dined."

For dessert, make chocolate-covered strawberries: Melt chocolate in

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British royalty: This living soap opera lasted 12 centuries

If you are looking for a highly entertaining book, I recommend "The Complete Idiot's Guide to British Royalty," by Richard Buskin. The subtitle might well be "Twelve Centuries of Soap Opera."

The pages are filled with treason, treachery, scandals and royal acts of vengeance. There are fascinating tidbits of information and quotes by royal family members.

The history begins in 802 when Egbert succeeded to the throne and kept at bay the Vikings who were making raids up and down the English coast. A few years later, along came Alfred the Great (I know you've heard of him) who did much to unify England against the pesky Danes.

Then the French decided to invade England and, led by William of Normandy, defeated the English at the Battle of Hastings. William had himself crowned King of England at Westminster Abbey on Christmas Day, 1066.

To facilitate occupation of England, William built castles, lots of them, in which the nobility he had brought with him from Normandy could take refuge and from where they could preside over the surrounding land and their subservient English peasants.

The Tower of London was the first such castle to be constructed; over the next 600 years, about 2,000 castles were built all over Britain. In the following years, it

seems that a great many

people wanted to be king and were willing to employ any method to dispatch their competitors for the crown.

And, there were scandals — oh, my! One legendary character, Henry VIII, is interesting to read about, but you probably would not want to know him personally.

Henry was a firm believer in the "divine right of kings" and anyone who dif-

fered with him was likely to be eliminated. Tall and handsome, he acceded to the throne in 1502.

"Days of Our Lives" pales in comparison to his exploits. For 20 years, he was married to Catherine of Aragon. The marriage produced eight children, but only one daughter, Mary, survived. (During this time Henry had numerous mistresses).

Henry was eager for a male heir, so he decided to divorce Catherine and marry a young lovely named Ann Boleyn. The Catholic Church frowned on this and excommunicated him. His friends in Parliament approved the marriage and made him Head of the Church of

England.

Ann greatly disappointed Henry when she produced a daughter. Subsequent stillbirths and miscarriages caused the king's affections to cool and he sought a new love, Jane Seymour.

Before he could marry Jane, he had to get rid of Ann, so he made up a charge that she had been unfaithful. Poor Ann lost her head. Before the execution, she begged Henry to have the deed done with a knife, rather than the customary axe. Henry kindly imported a special executioner from France. I guess the guy had some heart.

Jane Seymour produced a son, but she died of complications from the birth.

Henry's fourth marriage

to Anne of Cleves was a political arrangement and was annulled seven months later.

When Henry was 49, he made his fifth trip to the altar with Catherine Howard, a beautiful 18-year-old. When Catherine had an extramarital affair with one of her husband's courtiers, she was executed. Naturally, Henry couldn't abide unfaithfulness in a wife.

His sixth wife, Katherine Parr, was a model wife and outlived her husband, who died at the age of 55.

As a script for soap opera, today's Royals, while still a pretty colorful bunch, can scarcely equal some of their predecessors.

WEDDINGS

Bargewell-Platte

Lauren Bargewell and Wesley Platte, both of Stuttgart, Germany, exchanged wedding vows Oct. 27, 2000, in Big Spring with Don Snipes, Pastor of Baptist Temple Church, officiating.

She is the daughter of Eldon and Marion Bargewell of Stuttgart, Germany.

He is the son of Larry and Jackie Platte of Big Spring.

Instrumentalist was Debi Newell and vocalist was Cheryl Platte.

The bride wore a white, sleeveless, satin gown with a chapel length veil accented in pearls and flowers. She carried a bouquet of light pink roses and daisies.

Cheryl Platte served as maid of honor. Flower girl was Kelsey Allen and ringbearer was Jeffery Carey.

John Peters served as best man.

A reception followed the ceremony in the Fellowship Hall of Baptist Temple Church.

The wedding cake was three tiers, white with pink flowers.



MR. AND MRS. WESLEY PLATTE

The groom's cake was German chocolate.

The bride is a 2000 graduate of Patch American High School, Stuttgart, Germany and is currently serving in the Army, Air Force Exchange Services.

The groom is a 1996 graduate of Big Spring High School and is serving in the United States Army military police.

Following a delayed wedding trip to Scotland, the couple will make their home in Stuttgart, Germany.

Stanislaus-Cervantes

Kayla Stanislaus and Manuel Cervantes, both of Big Spring, exchanged wedding vows Jan. 20, 2001, at the First Baptist Church of Sand Springs with pastor Ted Bostick officiating.

She is the daughter of Doug and Gwen Stanislaus of Sand Springs.

He is the son of Joe and Belem Cervantes of Big Spring and the grandson of Antonio and Ventura Cervantes of Coahoma and Pedro and Genoveva Urange of Big Spring.

Piano selections were provided by Hazel Bostick.

The bride was given in marriage by her father and wore an A line gown with embroidered flowers accented with sequins and pearls on the bodice. The chapel length train was decorated in the same beadwork. She carried a bouquet of pink and ivory roses with silver accents.

Krista Moran, sister of the bride, served as matron of honor and bridesmaids were: Dianna Coleman, Veronica Sumpter (cousin of the groom) and Allison Wallace.

Flower girls were: Vanessa and Karina Alvarado, Bianca Correa, Breanna Cervantes, all cousins of the groom. Marcus Cervantes, brother of the groom, and Justin Cervantes, cousin of the groom, served as ringbearers.

Rogelio Cervantes, brother of the groom, served as



MR. AND MRS. MANUEL CERVANTES

best man and groomsmen were: Vincent Garcia and Juan Moran, cousins of the groom, and Quentin Dickson.

Ushers/candlelighters were Rogelio Cervantes and Vincent Garcia.

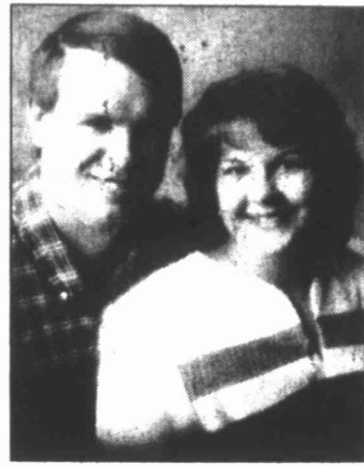
A reception was held at the Dora Roberts Community Center. The wedding cake, was four tiered, iced in white with pink and silver accents. The chocolate groom's cake was two tiered and covered in strawberries.

The bride is a 1996 graduate of Coahoma High School and Howard College Cosmetology program. She is employed by Attitudes.

The groom is a 1995 graduate of Big Spring High School and is employed by Patterson Drilling Co.

Following a delayed trip to Las Vegas, the couple will make their home in Big Spring.

GETTING ENGAGED



Caryl Maureen Wilde of San Angelo and Eric Gregory Beimer of Rowena will exchange wedding vows April 28, 2001 at St. Joseph Catholic Church in Rowena with the Rev. Charles Greenwell and the Rev. Stephan Kennelly officiating.

She is the daughter of Floyd and Sandra Wilde of St. Lawrence and the granddaughter of Alice Wilde, Maurine Russell, and Herbert Seidenberger.

He is the son of Leon and Adonna Beimer of Rowena and the grandson of Cordula Beimer.



Melissa Bailon and Michael W. Gomez of Big Spring will exchange wedding vows Feb. 17, 2001, at the Sacred Heart Catholic Church with the Rev. James Plagens officiating.

She is the daughter of Mary S. Harrison, Odessa, and Alonzo Bailon of Chula Vista, Calif., and the granddaughter of Blaz and Fina Bailon of Big Spring and the late Gregoria Alonso.

He is the son of David Gomez Jr. of Big Spring and Susan Myers of Del Rio, and the grandson of Dolores Gomez of Big Spring, the late David Gomez Sr. and the late Jeri Daniels.

PEOPLE

LAS VEGAS, Nev. (AP) — There's Homer Simpson, and then there's the other bald guy in Sunday's episode of "The Simpsons" — Andre Agassi.

"I kind of saw the likeness," Agassi said. "Standing next to Homer and Bart, I'll look a little better."

Fellow tennis stars Pete Sampras, Venus Williams and Serena Williams are also on the show. Agassi recorded his voice-over part last summer.

"I was just asked to be part of it," he said Wednesday. "The Simpsons' has been around a long time and added a lot to a lot of people's lives, including mine."

Agassi reacted to his most recent Grand Slam title with a Homer-like celebration, "jumping into the Yarra River" after winning the Australian Open last month.

Jiles-Johnke

Nikki Jiles and Adam Johnke, both of Big Spring, exchanged wedding vows Dec. 16, 2000, in Georgetown with Steve Benton of Old Grace Chapel, officiating.

The bride is the daughter of Yvette Jiles of Big Spring and Bill Jiles of Plano.

The groom is the son of Alvin Johnke of Sand Springs and Patty Johnke of Big Spring.

Katie Scuddy, cousin of the bride, was vocalist.

The bride was given in marriage by Jason Jiles, her brother. She wore a traditional white satin gown embellished with embroidered floral applique, high-lighted with shimmering pearls and carried a bouquet of with burgundy and white roses accented with sprays of holly leaves, pearls and burgundy and gold ribbon.

Anita Jiles, bride's sister-in-law, served as matron of honor.

Kelsey Jiles, niece of the bride, served as flower girl and Marshall Scuddy, cousin of the bride, served as ringbearer.

Best man was Allan



MRS. ADAM JOHNKE

Johnke, brother of the groom.

A luncheon followed at Rabb House in Roundrock. The wedding cake was a three tier Italian Cream decorated with burgundy roses.

The bride is a 1997 graduate of Big Spring High School.

The groom is a 1991 graduate of Coahoma High School.

After a wedding trip to Lake Tahoe, Nev., the couple made their home in Austin.

HUMANE SOCIETY



Pictured is Amy - Grey Tabby, 3 month old female, spayed, very loving.

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

Snow Cat - Solid white, 8 month old male, neutered, very shy, needs love.

Badger - Brown Tabby, 3 month old male, neutered, very playful.

Spot - White with dark spot on ear and tail, 3

month old female.

Yellow Tail - White with yellow tail, 3 month old male, very affectionate.

Boscoe - Grey and white, 5 month old male, neutered, very playful.

Whisper - Longhaired black, 7 month old male, neutered, very sweet and beautiful.

Ethel - Black tortoiseshell, 5 month old female, spayed, very loving.

Lucy - Grey tortoiseshell, 5 month old female, spayed, very pretty.

Tom Tom - Black and white, 1 year old male, neutered, wants lots of attention.

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.

IN THE MILITARY

Marine Corps Pvt. Roscoe L. Magers, son of Dana D. and Tim D. Magers of Westbrook, recently completed basic training at Marine Corps Recruit Depot, San Diego.

Magers successfully completed 12 weeks of training designed to challenge new Marine recruits both physically and mentally.

Magers is a 2000 graduate of Westbrook High School.

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SCHOOL NEWS IS PRINTED IN THURSDAY'S BIG SPRING HERALD. SUBMIT NEWS FROM YOUR SCHOOL BY TUESDAY AT 5 P.M.

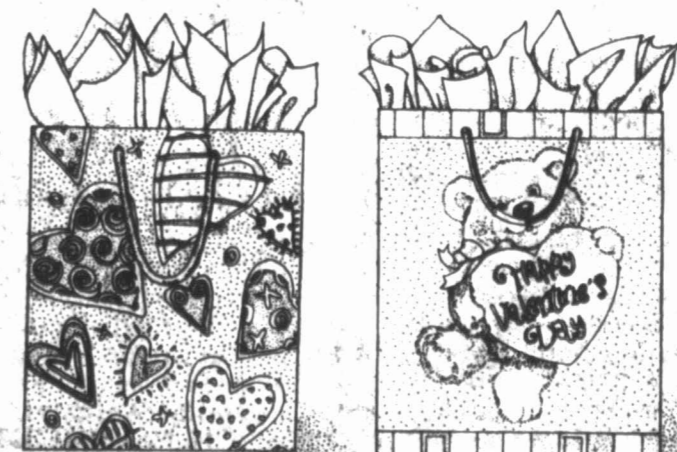
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a double-boiler on top of the stove. Dip some large strawberries, stems on, halfway into the chocolate and set them on waxed paper to cool.

"Set the table," McCoy added. "Put the wine on ice. Scatter some rose petals."

Music will also enhance the mood. McCoy suggests Barry White, Marvin Gaye, Kenny G or some jazz.

And finally, "he'd better do the dishes," McCoy reminded. "This will be an evening she will never forget."

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2) Yourself, 3) Your spouse, 4) Your children and 5) Your job. Wow, that "career" is awfully low on the pole, don't you think?

Many families need two incomes just to survive these days, and money problems are often cited as a reason for marital strife. Let's apply this to Cruise and Kidman, who have been reported as having a net worth of \$250 million. Priorities, anyone?

Perhaps the Cruise-Kidman marriage was doomed for many reasons; I realize I don't know the whole story and shouldn't judge. I also don't want to be flippant about something so serious; a divorce is a painful situation for anyone.

But given the financial situation of this celebrity couple, and their status within the entertainment industry, I can't help but wonder if priorities couldn't have been a problem here. I guess I share the skepticism of one newspaper. *The Australian*, which wrote a few days ago, "Who do Tom and Nicole think they're kidding?"

Debbie L. Jensen is features editor of the Herald.

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Film Write

LOS ANGELES — Bylines could line in Hollywood.

Contract to Writers Guild are continuing question of hours and directed has emerged one.

At issue is "credit" given directors — the title that reads "By..."

The writers, traditionally slighted in Hollywood that giving the credit would lead to scripts. Directed would only be in films.

The Writers' negotiations with The Alliance for Motion Picture & Television Producers, which sends the major production of a deadlock could production of TV shows.

Among other the writers' residual payment programs, rewrites and overseas.

The contract expires. The producer has declined to the possessory another union Directors Guild — is speaking the writers' protest.

Possessory credit of an issue for writers, who control over their parts do. Movie

Government expel

WASHINGTON — cut down on snacks and sweets are eating, they want to require food sold in schools nutrition standards could mean machines in vending machines to buy band uniforms.

The junk food consume at schools contributing to other health problems. Agriculture said in a report by Congress.

The department nutrition standards school lunches, fasts, but it was act of Congress begin regulation served outside schools.

"You walk door of the cafe halls are lined machines," said Hurt, president American School Association. "ing to prevent from spending on pop and candy going in and getting milk and fruit."

The Department's nutritional program both the schools offered in cafeteria what's being vending machines where in schools.

"When children taught in the about good nutrition the value of choices but are by vending machines, school snack carts sales nutrient density they receive that good nutrition by an academic report says.

Soft drink consumption become an fundraiser strapped school districts are also increasing that include desserts and drinks.

Between 1990 more than 30 school districts the number of were offering and 22 percent array of dessert. USDA report

Film credits spur writer, director fight

LOS ANGELES (AP) — Bylines could lead to picket lines in Hollywood this year.

Contract talks for the Writers Guild of America are continuing, and the question of how screenwriters and directors are credited has emerged as a central one.

At issue is the "possessory credit" given to many directors — the one before the title that reads "A Film By..."

The writers, who say they traditionally have been slighted in Hollywood, say that giving them more influence would lead to stronger scripts. Directors say it would only muddle the finished films.

The Writers Guild began negotiations Jan. 22 with The Alliance of Motion Picture & Television Producers, which represents the major studios and production companies. A deadlock could shut down production of movies and TV shows.

Among other demands, the writers want better residual payments for cable programs, reuse on video and overseas distribution. The contract expires May 1.

The producers' Alliance has declined to comment on the possessory credit, but another union — the Directors Guild of America — is speaking out against the writers' proposals.

Possessory credits are less of an issue for television writers, who have more control over production than their movie counterparts do. Movie writers say

Writer group claims show stockpiling old scripts

LOS ANGELES (AP) — In the midst of early negotiations for a new movie and television contract, the Writers Guild of America has filed a labor complaint against the makers of the "Law & Order" TV shows.

The guild accused Wolf Films, the NBC network and related production companies of refusing to disclose information about whether it has stockpiled scripts in an effort to lessen the impact of a potential strike.

The complaint relates to both the show "Law & Order" and its spin-off "Law & Order: Special Victims Unit," WGA spokeswoman Cheryl Rhoden said.

the credits minimize their work and enable directors to dismiss their concerns during production.

"It's extremely difficult for writers to get recognition and the money they deserve, and it's insulting when directors are given credit for a lot more than they have actually done," said Steven Katz.

Added Guild spokeswoman Cheryl Rhoden: "In this business, the recognition you get for your work is what gets you your next paycheck."

STORK CLUB

Ambia Nicole Lopez, Jan. 25, 2001, 10:38 a.m., five pounds 13.5 ounces and 19 inches long. Parents are Mark and Esther Lopez of Big Spring. Grandparents are Robert and Susan Gilmore of Big Spring and Pat and Manuel Bustos of Odessa.

Ariah Michelle Delacruz, Feb. 3, 2001, 6:28 a.m., six pounds 10 1/2 ounces and 17 1/2 inches long. Parents are Johnny and Casandra Delacruz. Grandparents are Dalton and Carol Lewis, Jennifer and Jimmy Berry, and Frank and Mary Delbosquez, all of Big Spring.

Annabelle Elizabeth Hays, Feb. 1, 2001, 12:09 a.m., nine pounds four ounces and 22 inches long. Parents are Brenda and Jeff Hays of Lubbock. Grandparents are Julie Rainwater Shirey of Big Spring and Drs. Tom and Beverly Hays of Council Bluffs, Iowa.

Jason Jay Lopez Jr., Feb. 2, 2001, five pounds 5.9 ounces and 18.5 inches long, born at Odessa Regional Hospital. Parents are Sandra Martinez and Jason Lopez. Grandparents are Trina and Victor Martinez Jr. and Arthur and Hope Lopez, all of Big Spring.

ON THE MENU

SENIOR CITIZENS CENTER

MONDAY-Hamburger steak, macaroni & tomatoes, spinach, salad, milk/rolls, pudding.

TUESDAY-Porkchops, rice, carrots, salad, milk/rolls, fruit.

WEDNESDAY-Spaghetti & meat sauce, mixed vegetables, salad, garlic bread, milk, cake.

THURSDAY-Liver, potatoes, broccoli, salad, milk/rolls, fruited gelatin.

FRIDAY-Turkey & dressing, sweet potatoes, green beans, salad, milk/rolls, fruit.

FORSAN JR-SR

MONDAY-Pizza, buttered potatoes, chocolate cake, salad, applesauce, milk.

TUESDAY-Bean chaluapas, corn, salad, cookies, fruit, milk.

WEDNESDAY-Hot dogs, onion rings, salad, peaches/cream, milk.

THURSDAY-Chicken sandwich, chips, salad, pork & beans, ice cream, milk.

FRIDAY-Texas toast, salad, jello/fruit, milk.

BIG SPRING SCHOOLS

MONDAY-Rib sandwich, seasoned new potatoes, blackeye peas, trail mix, milk.

TUESDAY-Chicken rings, mashed potatoes, green

beans, peaches, hot roll, milk.

WEDNESDAY-Soup & sandwich, pickle spear, apple, Valentine treat, milk.

THURSDAY-Fish fingers, broccoli w/cheese sauce, ranch style beans, mixed fruit, hushpuppies, milk.

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

GARDEN CITY SCHOOLS

MONDAY-Steak fingers, cream potatoes, green peas, fruit, hot rolls.

TUESDAY-Bean/beef burritos, chili, corn, pineapple, cookie.

WEDNESDAY-Chicken pot pie, cheese stick, pears, carrot stick, cobbler.

THURSDAY-Chili dogs, french fries, pinto beans, cake.

FRIDAY-Ham & cheese sandwich, lettuce/tomato, fruit cookie.

STANTON SCHOOLS

MONDAY-Cheeseburger or hamburger on a bun, french fries, hamburger salad, mustard, salad dressing, ketchup, orange.

TUESDAY-Chicken nuggets (steak fingers), mashed potatoes, cream gravy, peas & carrots, cobbler, hot rolls.

WEDNESDAY-Pepperoni pizza, baked potato, green beans, peaches, bread sticks, Valentine cake, milk.

THURSDAY-Ravioli (burrito), corn, salad, applesauce gelatin, french bread, milk.

FRIDAY-Tuna salad or toasted cheese sandwiches, potato puffs, vegetable soup,

apples, milk.

COAHOMA SCHOOLS MONDAY-HOLIDAY

TUESDAY-Hamburgers, fries, lettuce, tomatoes, pickles, milk, apple cobbler.

WEDNESDAY-Spaghetti (burritos), salad, bread, Valentine cake, milk.

THURSDAY-Fried chicken (ham sandwiches), gravy, corn, potatoes, rolls, milk.

FRIDAY-Tacos (corn dogs), pinto beans, salad, milk.

SANDS SCHOOLS

MONDAY-Burritos, hot sauce, salad, macaroni & cheese, fruit milk.

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

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

THURSDAY-Sliced turkey w/gravy, blackeye peas, sliced potatoes, fruit, hot rolls, milk.

FRIDAY-Beef & cheese lasagna, salad, pork & beans, fruit, batter bread, milk.

ELBOW ELEMENTARY

MONDAY-Steak, mashed potatoes, peas, fruit, milk.

TUESDAY-Pizza, green beans, salad, milk.

WEDNESDAY-German sausage, potato salad, pinto beans, peaches, hot rolls, milk.

THURSDAY-Sloppy joe, tater tots, salad, fruit, milk.

FRIDAY-Fish, pea salad, macaroni & cheese, fruit, milk.

ODDS-N-ENDS

SEATTLE (AP) — eBay has become the place for a lost soul.

Adam Burtle, 20, sold his soul on the Internet auction site, fetching \$400 before the listing was removed and the University of Washington student and part-time automotive technician was suspended from the site.

For his listing, the self-described atheist displayed a picture of himself wearing an "I'm with stupid" T-shirt.

"Please realize, I make no warranties as to the condition of the soul. As of now, it is near mint condition, with only minor scratches," he wrote.

EBay has blocked similar auctions in the past but said Burke's soul slipped through.

The bidding started a week ago at 5 cents. Burtle's former girlfriend bid \$6.66 but she was overtaken in the final hour of the auction on Thursday when the price shot up to \$400.

The buyer was identified as a Des Moines, Iowa, woman with an eBay feedback rating of zero, meaning she has no track record with other users of the Web site.

PLANO (AP) — Police officer Jay Milton jumped at the chance to patrol in a new Mercedes — even if it's one he has to pedal.

Milton is one of five officers assigned a \$2,000 Mercedes mountain bike, a

recent donation from a local auto dealer.

The aluminum bike features disc brakes, dual-suspension and a lighter frame. It also prominently features the Mercedes logo on a side panel and in lettering across the handlebars.

"I have some officers saying 'I need one of those, when they have perfectly good Trek (mountain) bikes,'" said police Sgt. Stan Roady.

Milton says his Mercedes

blends in smoothly with the large homes, luxury automobiles, upscale shopping centers and wealthy residents that populate the Dallas suburb.

ATLANTIC CITY, N.J. (AP) — Nobody kicks sand in the face of the Atlantic City Beach Patrol.

When an eBay seller auctioned off a pound of Atlantic City's finest sand, beach patrol officials complained that the transaction

was illegal.

"We definitely don't want sand leaving our beaches. Mother Nature takes it, but she doesn't need a permit," said patrol spokesman Bob Levy.

The seller advertised one full pound of authentic beach sand: "Fresh sand. So fresh, it will be scooped from the beach mere hours before being sent to you."

The lone bidder paid 99 cents, plus \$4 for shipping and handling.

Government wants to expel school junk food

WASHINGTON (AP) — To cut down on the soda, snacks and sweets children are eating, the government wants to require that all food sold in schools meets nutrition standards. That could mean an end to soda machines in the hall and candy and cookie sales to buy band uniforms.

The junk food that kids consume at school is contributing to obesity and other health problems, the Agriculture Department said in a report requested by Congress.

The department sets nutrition standards for school lunches and breakfasts, but it would take an act of Congress for it to begin regulating what is served outside the cafeterias.

"You walk outside the door of the cafeteria and the halls are lined with pop machines," said Marilyn Hurt, president of the American School Food Association. "There's nothing to prevent the student from spending their money on pop and candy instead of going in and getting a sandwich, milk and a piece of fruit."

The Agriculture Department says there are nutritional problems with both the snacks being offered in cafeterias and what's being offered in vending machines elsewhere in schools.

"When children are taught in the classroom about good nutrition and the value of healthy food choices but are surrounded by vending machines, snack bars, school stores and a la carte sales offering low nutrient density options, they receive the message that good nutrition is merely an academic exercise," the report says.

Soft drink contracts have become an ever-popular fund-raiser for cash-strapped schools, and cafeterias are also offering an increasing array of items that include snacks, desserts and flavored drinks.

Between 1996 and 1997, more than 30 percent of school districts increased the number of snacks they were offering in cafeterias, and 22 percent widened the array of desserts, a separate USDA report says.

No data were available on sodas sold outside cafeterias, but about 200 of the nation's 12,000 school districts have contracts that give soft drink companies exclusive rights to sell their products in schools, according to the National Soft Drink Association.

Charles County, Md., school officials recently signed a contract giving the Coca-Cola Co. exclusive rights to sell its products in county schools. In return, Coca-Cola gives the schools 45 percent of the sales and an additional \$175,000 a year. The school system is using the money to eliminate a \$50 per student athletic fee as well as fees for cooking and other vocational classes.

"This arrangement is really benefitting all of our students and their families," said Katie O'Malley-Simpson, a school district spokeswoman. She added that students are not allowed to use the machines until after lunch.

The Agriculture Department imposed restrictions on soft drinks and other items sold outside cafeterias in 1977, but a court overturned the rules in 1983.

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Covenant Malone & Hogan Clinic would like to welcome Micheal 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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Motorola plans to cut up to 4,000 jobs in semiconductor operations

CHICAGO (AP) — Motorola Inc. plans to eliminate as many as 4,000 jobs from its semiconductor operations by year's end — its third round of cuts in 10 weeks as it scrambles to cut costs and stem slowing sales and profits.

The reductions announced Friday amount to about 12 percent of jobs in its semiconductor products division, which operates big chip-making plants in Austin, Texas; Phoenix; and five countries in Europe and Asia.

Motorola employs about 10,000 people in Austin — nearly one-third of the affected semiconduc-

tor division. But spokesman Ken Phillips declined to say how many layoffs would occur there.

Phillips said the company will also close four wafer-fabrication plants, including two in Austin, each employing 300 to 400 people. Those workers will be offered jobs at other facilities, he said.

Since early December, Motorola has announced more than 9,000 cuts totaling some 7 percent of its work force, now about 130,000.

The world's No. 5 maker of semiconductors and No. 2 in cell phones, it has been suffering from a slowdown in the semiconductor

or computer chip market and falling profitability in its cell phone operations.

Todd Bernier, an analyst with Chicago-based Morningstar, said Motorola's costs were high compared to its much larger chip competitors, including No. 1 Intel. He said the cuts were not a surprise since the company warned last month it would take the necessary steps to return to profitability.

"The only way you do that is to take a hatchet to the expense line, and this is the first step," he said. "When you're trying to cut costs you have to outsource, shutter

plants and cut people out of your business, unfortunately."

A spokesman for the Schaumburg, Ill.-based company said the latest reductions are a reflection of the slowing economy rather than internal problems at its 34,000-employee chip operations.

"This does not signal any fundamental problems within Motorola's semiconductor business," Phillips said.

"It is literally driven by market weakness."

The company has been hit by an industrywide slump in demand

since last fall. While semiconductor sales rose 7 percent in the fourth quarter to \$1.9 billion, totaling \$7.9 billion for the year, orders slipped by 19 percent.

Shares of Motorola were trading down 92 cents, or 4.6 percent, to close at \$18.90 Friday on the New York Stock Exchange.

Motorola began handing out pink slips Friday, although it said the cuts will be through a combination of attrition, voluntary severance and layoffs.

Phillips declined to give a breakdown of where they are taking place, citing competitive reasons.

Good time for pruning, transplanting

Now is a good time to make plans for pruning and transplanting trees and shrubs.

Trees and shrubs are dormant now, so it is a good time to prune as well as transplant. When transplanting established trees or shrubs, prune the top back about one third to compensate for the roots lost in digging. All pruning cuts should be made with a 90 degree angle to the branch on trees.



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Familiarize yourself with the light requirements of the tree before choosing a planting site. Always loosen the soil deep and far beyond the crown or drip line when planting.

Don't fertilize newly transplanted trees or shrubs until after they have started to grow, and then only very lightly the first year. Always keep grass and annuals away from the tree or shrub.

Examine the main stem of the tree and face the part that is leaning outward towards the southwest. Our predominant south west winds will eventually straighten the stem. Staking with a strap may be needed.

The purpose of pruning to remove dead wood. The top portion of the shrub should be balanced with the roots in order to stay healthy. Shrubs should be pruned to reach the desired shape as well as to receive maximum sunlight penetration. Pruning can rejuvenate older plants and can also assist in producing more and better flowers or fruit.

For additional information on this subject or other agriculture related topics call the Texas Agricultural Extension office at 264-2236.



HERALD photo/Andrela Medlin
Chuck Taylor, left, a technician for United Blood Services, palpates for a good vein in the arm of Carl Rodgers, a 22 year TXU employee. TXU held a blood drive and fish fry Friday for injured employee Rex Calvin Carr, a 20-year employee who resides in Dallas. Carr suffered burns on his hands and face during a troubleshooting job at the old Dallas plant and currently is receiving treatment at Parkland Memorial Burn Unit in Dallas.

Kifowit named MHMR facilities director

HERALD Staff Report

AUSTIN — Robert Kifowit has been named to direct the Texas Department of Mental Health and Mental Retardation's mental retardation facilities, said Commissioner Karen F. Hale. Kifowit has acted as director since Gerry Brunette retired last year.

Kifowit began his TDMHMR service in 1975. He served as superintendent of the Austin State School prior to joining the agency's

central office staff in August 2000.

"Kif has been on the front line delivering services to consumers with mental retardation and their families," Commissioner Hale said. "That experience offers him a keen understanding of the challenges the Texas Department of Mental Health and Mental Retardation faces each day in providing residential services for more than 5,300 Texans."

"I look to his guidance and leadership in making

sure we continue to provide the best services," she said.

Kifowit will oversee the state schools and two of the state centers. He has a master's degree from Southwest Texas State University.

"Texas' state school system for persons with mental retardation has a long and honorable tradition of providing quality care and support to consumers and their families," Kifowit said. "My goal is to continue that effort and build on the tradition to meet the challenges of the future."



HERALD photo/Lyndel Moody
Cox Communications employee Terri Borne received flowers with a note informing her she had won a five-day trip to Puerto Rico from a company contest. Borne qualified for the trip by earning the top seller spot for the office in Big Spring.

A new home

New refinery manager anxious to see what West Texas is all about

By LYNDEL MOODY
Staff Writer

Born, and raised in Southeast Texas, Joe Conciencie, the new manager for Alon USA Big Spring Refinery, and his wife, Brenda, are moving to Texas for a new adventure.



CONCIENCIE

More than 100 area residents came out to give the Conciencie's a West Texas hello during a reception at the Dora Roberts Civic Center Thursday.

"We want to thank everybody who came out to the reception," Brenda Conciencie said.

"That was unique," her husband added. "It is a reflection of the community of the type and quality of the people who live here. It hasn't happened at any other position I have been in."

Conciencie took over the position of refinery manager last Monday and said the employees at Alon have made him feel welcome.

"I could not have asked for a better reception," he said.

And he said he and his wife were forewarned about the West Texas weather.

"Everyone we meet here always tells us about the weather," Conciencie said. "All we have seen have been beautiful sunsets and some rain."

But adjusting to weather is just a few of the adventures that the Conciencies, who have spent almost all of their lives in Southeast Texas, are eager to experience.

Both grew up in the oil business and met while seniors in high school.

He continued on to college at Lamar University in Beaumont and earned his

degree in chemical engineering in 1974.

She went to secretarial school. They married while he was a sophomore.

After graduation, Conciencie began his 30-year career in the petroleum field as a refinery researcher for Texaco, followed by working for a refinery in Texas City. He worked a series of jobs before eventually being promoted to the plant manager.

Three years ago, he left the petroleum field and began working as director of operations for a company that creates specialty plastics.

"The company does not make plastics but takes plastics and gives it the color and special texture," he said.

But the petroleum industry was calling Conciencie back and the position at Big Spring Refinery was just right.

"First it's a manager position and a small company," he said. "It's a refinery distribution plant with a background of a large company."

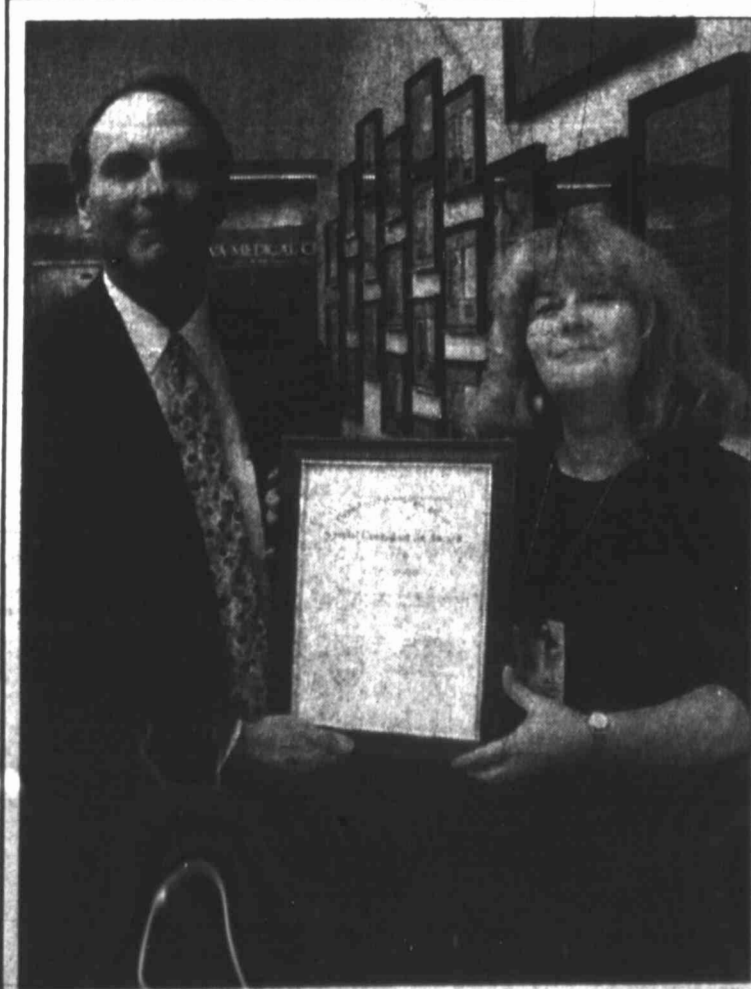
After the couple decided to make the move to Big Spring, Conciencie knew about Big Spring. When the couple mentioned Big Spring to their friends and acquaintances, Conciencie said they were surprised about the number of people they knew who used to live in Big Spring had relatives who lived here.

The Conciencies have two daughters, 25-year-old Jamie and 22-year-old Leigh Ann.

Jamie received her degree in psychology from Southwest Texas and is married to an Air Force pilot, James Muniz.

Leigh Ann will graduate this year from Texas A&M University and has accepted a position as an actuary for a Houston firm.

"We are excited about being here and look forward to making Big Spring our home," Conciencie said.



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Cary Brown, chief executive officer for the VA Medical Center, hands Lucy Brandt a plaque designating her employee of the year. Brandt, who has worked for the VAMC for more than five years, was selected from among 12 nominees. She spent many hours organizing and assisting the development of a video for the 50th Anniversary of the Big Spring VAMC.



HERALD photo/Carl Graham
Ken Tunstall, Ralph McLaughlin and Mike Hall, a StarTek employee, share a discussion about what his job entails at the Business After Hours event held at StarTek Thursday. Several people got their first look at the facility, which has been operating now for over a year. Business After Hours is sponsored by the Big Spring Area Chamber of Commerce.

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Julie Coates vs Tommy G. Coates, div
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Kaisha Robin Moore vs Vance Daniel Moore, div
Christie Lee Ellis vs Norman Hans Ellis, div
Teresa Janeane Orr vs Christopher Lee Orr, div
Randall L. Shaw vs Rebecca A. Shaw, div
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Elizabeth Lawson vs Russell E. Strong, fam ns
Karrri Tindol vs Phillip L. Murray, fam ns
Elvira G. Moreno vs Hector Castaneda, fam ns
Sherry Lynn Johnson vs Joe Edwin Johnson, fam ns
Irmalinda Morin vs Joseph Yanez, fam ns
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Nicholas Dale Bayes, 22, and Amy Brooke Daylong, 19, both of Big Spring.
Sherman Craig Bailey, 32,



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A ribbon-cutting ceremony was held Friday for the newly remodeled accounting offices of Green & Fillingim. Helping to cut the ribbon for the event are Big Spring Ambassadors and employees Julie Bailey, Janet Reinert, Cassandra Fillingim, owner Glenn Fillingim and Amy Overton, secretary.

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Grantor: Thomas Wayne and Kimberly Ann Savell Jr.
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Property: NE/4 of sec 42, blk 32, T1S, T&P Ry. Co. Survey
Date filed: Jan. 24, 2001

Grantor: T. Paul Hopper
Grantee: Henry and Lisa Franco
Property: Lot 2, blk 2, Clanton Subdivision of parts of tracts 12 and 13, Kennebeck Heights Subdivision in sec 12, blk 33, T1S, T&P RR Co.
Date filed: Jan. 26, 2001

Grantor: J.E. and Catherine Meeks
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Property: E/2 of lot 7 and W/30 of lot 6, all in blk 3, Edwards Heights Addition
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Property: Lot, blk 17, College Park Estates
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Grantee: Drew G. and Sara Bevin
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Grantor: Marcellous Weaver
Grantee: Cassidy Alan and Rebecca Blackshear
Property: Lot 12, blk 9, Washington Place Addition
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Grantor: Helen Earle Worthan
Grantee: Joie J. Salvato
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Grantee: Amy Stilwell
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Grantee: Kevin Rich
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Grantee: The Smith Management Trust
Property: Lot 19, blk 1, Colonial Hills
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Property: Lot 11, blk 2, Hillcrest Terrace
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DATA MANAGEMENT COORDINATOR NEEDED IN MIDLAND, TX. Bachelor's degree in social services, business or a related field required. 2-years experience in human services delivery system. Responsible for data management and analysis. Evaluate service encounter data to measure impact on service capacity, reimbursement, cost accounting, productivity and resource allocation. Salary \$3166 per month.
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FMC Dialysis Center, a national company, has an opening for a Patient Care Technician in a fast paced clinic setting. Dialysis experience not necessary, but medical background helpful. 10 hour shifts - 40 hour week. Benefits include: 5 weeks paid time off, 401k, education reimbursements, insurance and more. Applications taken 8-10am and 1-3pm
Dialysis Clinic
1501 West 11th Place Big Spring, Texas 79720
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The Cal Farley childcare organization has 3 campuses - Cal Farley's Boys Ranch (36 miles from Amarillo, TX), Cal Farley's Family Program (near Borger, TX), and Girltown U.S.A. (near Whiteface, TX). We are a Christ-centered organization, seeking dedicated, energetic, mature married couples to be house parents. Qualifications include:
* A stable marriage of several years
* No more than 2 dependents (no young children please)
* High School diploma/GED required, college preferred
* A sincere desire to work with at-risk children and teen

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The successful candidate will need to take this opportunity to make an impact with this newly created position. Primary responsibilities include scheduling preventative maintenance, and the expansion and maintenance of the MP-2 system (a preventative maintenance database and scheduler). Work with various technical and non-technical personnel to provide cost estimates, schedule resources and equipment for field driven projects. Applicant will need to perform root cause analysis of failures, or lead teams performing such analysis. Proficiency in Word, Excel and MS Project is required. Bachelor's Degree is a plus. Two or more years experience in Project Management is preferred. Previous experience as a Planner/Scheduler and/or experience in utilization of MP2 is also preferred.
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Responsible for ensuring overall compliance of the Gas Plant's PSM program with OSHA's PSM 29 CFR 1910.119 requirement. This includes maintaining and implementing, as required, the PSM files for OSHA compliance, performing Process Hazards Analysis, upgrading and quality control of facility P&ID's, and preparing for all PSM and HES audits. Requirements include knowledge of OSHA's 1910.119 PSM requirement and two or more years experience in Process Safety Management. Must be proficient in the use of Word and Excel. Experience with AutoCad and Primatch's Process Hazards Analysis software is a plus.
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Part of a team responsible for the safe and efficient operation of the Gas Plant facilities. Will work in the relief operator position, filling vacancies as needed on the day and night rotating 12-hour shift. Must be willing and able to stand for long periods, climb ladders, lift up to 50 pounds, and work in extreme heat, cold, wind and rain for extended periods. Requires two years of plant operations experience and PC knowledge. Qualified candidates should send/fax a resume (including the title of the specific position for which you are applying) in complete confidence to:
Human Resources
Marathon Oil Company
P.O. Box 552
Midland, TX 79702
Fax: (915) 687-8103
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THE Daily Crossword Edited by Wayne Robert Williams

Crossword puzzle grid with clues for Across and Down. Clues include: 1 Story, 10 Author of 'Psycho', 15 Three-digit telephone numbers, 16 Ingalls Wilder, 17 Nags, 18 Mary of 'The Maltese Falcon', 19 Scoffer's comment, 20 Robert and Kim, 22 How your day?, 23 Makes an effort, 26 Canines, 28 Kingdom founded by St. Stephen, 31 Attack verbally, 32 Census classifications, 35 Basenji, 36 By my lowest estimation, 39 Fisherman's rod, 43 Avidity, 48 Proverbs, 51 Candidate for cement boots, 52 Vitality, 53 Short literary composition, 54 Criticizes severely, 56 in the Family, 57 Cultural subdivisions, 60 Fido's to, 61 Home of the Hoat, 63 Bile duct obstruction, 66 Fall bloomer, 67 Freedom from doubt, 68 Ray, 69 Stir up again, 1 Top shot, 6 Ripped, 7 Graphic beginning?, 8 Vitality, 9 Short literary composition, 10 Criticizes severely, 11 Crucifix, NM, 12 Last longer, 13 Land of Zagreb, 14 Roughly, 21 New Zealand parrot, 24 Easter item, 25 Poet Teasdale, 27 Mind-reading letters, 29 Balderdash!, 30 Kind of log, 33 Little legume, 34 Becomes slack, 37 Solidly, 38 Walkud (on), 39 Bedroom duds, 40 Concubine in a harem, 41 Colorado peak, 42 Self-esteem, 44 Forthwith, 45 Airplane controllers, 46 Quiett, 47 Sofas, 49 Whole, 50 Mister, 53 Stogie or cheroot, 54 Humiliate, 58 'Born Free' lioness, 59 Disparaging remark, 62 Ran into, 64 Letters of a Broadway hit, 65 Greak letter

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PUBLIC NOTICE

SECTION 0020 ADVERTISEMENT AND INVITATION FOR BIDS Sealed proposals addressed to the Honorable Mayor and City Commission of the City of Big Spring, Texas, will be received at the office of the Director of Public Works, 310 Nolan, 2nd Floor, until 2:00 p.m. February 22, 2001 for the removal and dewatering of water treatment plant sludge. Specifically, the project consists of removing sludge from the water treatment plants sedimentation basin, dewatering the sludge and conveying the dewatered sludge into City owned trucks for disposal. Immediately following the closing time for receipt of bids, proposals will be publicly opened and read aloud. Any bid received after closing time will be returned unopened. Bids will be tabulated and presented to the City Commission for award at a later date. All bills paid 263-1792 or 264-6006

PUBLIC NOTICE

NOTICE TO PUBLIC OF NO SIGNIFICANT IMPACT ON THE ENVIRONMENT AND NOTICE OF INTENT TO REQUEST RELEASE OF FUNDS TO All Interested Agencies, Groups and Persons. Seventeen (17) days after this publication in the City of Big Spring, Texas, Texas intends to request the Texas Department of Housing and Community Affairs (TDHCA) to release Federal funds under Title 1 of the Housing and Community Development Act of 1974 (PL 93-383) for Project 93-383 for Project No. 720061. Exempt Activities Administration Planning and Engineering Street Construction Categorically Excluded Activities Sanitary Sewer Improvements The project will involve the replacement or rehabilitation of approximately six thousand six hundred linear feet (6,600 ft) of six-inch (6") and eight-inch (8") sewer line, reconnect one hundred five (105) sewer connections and rehabilitating twenty-four (24) sewer manholes in the Capehart Addition of the City. It has been determined that such a request of release of funds will not constitute an action significantly affecting the quality of the human environment and accordingly the City of Big Spring has decided not to prepare an Environmental Impact Statement under the National Environmental Policy Act of 1969 (NEPA) and will accept an objection to its approval only on one or more of the bases and the procedures described in 24 CFR Part 58.75. Objections are to be addressed to the Texas Department of Housing and Community Affairs, P.O. Box 13941 Austin, Texas 78711. Objections to the release of funds on bases other than those stated above will not be considered by the TDHCA. No objections received later than thirty-three (33) days after the publication will be considered by TDHCA. Russ McEwen, Mayor 310 Nolan Big Spring, Texas 79720 3063 February 8 & 11, 2001

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CITY OF BIG SPRING ADVERTISEMENT AND INVITATION FOR BIDS The City of Big Spring will receive bids for the project as follows: Sanitary Sewer Improvements, TDCP Project No. 720061, until 2:00 p.m. on February 22, 2001, at 310 Nolan, Big Spring, Texas 79720. The bids will be publicly opened and read aloud immediately after closing time for receipt of bids. Bid/Contract Documents, including Drawings and Technical Specifications are on file at the Office of Community Development, City of Big Spring, 310 Nolan, Big Spring, Texas 79720, and is available for public examination and copying upon request between the hours of 8:00 a.m. and 4:30 p.m., Monday through Friday. Public Comments on Findings All interested agencies, groups and persons, including those with a decision are invited to submit written comments for consideration by the City of Big Spring to the address as set forth above. Such written comments must be received at the City of Big Spring no later than sixteen (16) days after this publication. All such comments so received will be considered and the City of Big Spring will not request the release of funds on or take action on the project prior to the date specified in the preceding sentence. Release of Funds The City of Big Spring will undertake the activities contained in the project with Community Development Block Grant funds under Title 1 from Year 2000 under grant number #720061 from the Housing and Community Development Act of 1974. The City of Big Spring will not be held liable for the release of funds on or take action on the project prior to the date specified in the preceding sentence. The legal effect of the certification is that upon this approval, the City of Big Spring may use the Block Grant funds and it will have satisfied its responsibilities under the National Environmental Policy Act of 1969 (NEPA) and will accept an objection to its approval only on one or more of the bases and the procedures described in 24 CFR Part 58.75. Objections are to be addressed to the Texas Department of Housing and Community Affairs, P.O. Box 13941 Austin, Texas 78711. Objections to the release of funds on bases other than those stated above will not be considered by the TDHCA. No objections received later than thirty-three (33) days after the publication will be considered by TDHCA. Russ McEwen, Mayor 310 Nolan Big Spring, Texas 79720 3063 February 8 & 11, 2001