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TODAY 58°-60° TONIGHT 40°-33°

Homeschoolers set workshop for Wednesday

Big Spring Homeschoolers are hosting a workshop on Wednesday at 10 a.m. in the Howard County Library Community Room. A representative with the curriculum "Total Language Plus" will be on hand to discuss its use, and offer workbooks and books for sale. For information, call Suzanne Haney, 263-7147, or Marie Dunnam, 267-7663.

Big Spring Christian Homeschoolers meets the second and fourth Tuesdays of each month at 1:30 p.m. at the First Baptist Church Family Life Center.

WHAT'S UP...

MONDAY

□ Big Spring Howard County Retired Teachers Association, 11:30 a.m. lunch, Howard College Cactus Room.

□ 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 268-3068.

□ Big Spring Evening Lions Club, 6:30 p.m., 1607 E. Third. Call Janis Dean at 267-3068.

□ Disabled American Veterans Chapter No. 47, 6:30 p.m., VA Medical Center room 212. Call Don Scheiber 263-7361 ext. 4088.

□ Book Club meeting at 7 p.m. at the Howard County Library.

□ Christian Singles Fellowship, 7 to 9 p.m. First United Methodist Church, Youth Hall. All singles in the community are welcome.

TUESDAY

□ Big Spring Art Association, 7 p.m., Library annex, 500 Main, Community Room.

□ Big Spring Chapter No. 67, Order of the Eastern Star meeting, 7:30 p.m., Masonic Lodge, 219 Main.

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Route feasibility study firm taking comments from public

By BILL MCCLELLAN
News Editor



CROOKER

More than 180 Big Spring residents turned out in support of U.S. Highway 87 being a part of the Ports-to-Plains trade corridor last week, but those who weren't able to attend the public hearing

can still make their voices heard.

"We'd like to have as many people as possible send a personal letter in support of this. It's very important, I feel, to the economic future of our area," said Bill Crooker, county commissioner and a member of the Ports-to-Plains Trade Corridor Coalition.

A consulting firm, Wilbur Smith Associates, is wrapping up a route feasibility study, which will be forwarded to the Texas

Department of Transportation (TxDOT). By June, the three-member Texas Highway Commission will make a decision on which route to select.

Ports-to-Plains is a 1,000-mile corridor running from the Mexico border into Colorado. Eventually, the selected route will be four-lane throughout, and a major north-south system to facilitate trade between the two countries.

The federal government has already recognized a

TO COMMENT

Write:

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route utilizing U.S. 87 through Howard County but TxDOT, the state highway department, is relying on information from Wilbur

Smith Associates before making a decision.

"A part of that study is public input," said Crooker. "It does make a difference that communities along the route support this."

The route local officials are backing is broken up by several designations. The northern portion of the route, designated "N4," follows U.S. 287 between Amarillo and Limon, Colo., and IH 70 between Limon

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Veterans Home to be dedicated Monday

By BILL MCCLELLAN
News Editor

On a January day in 1997, a handful of community leaders and their state representative gathered informally to discuss the possibility of promoting Big Spring as a site for one of four long-term nursing facilities that would be built for Texas veterans. The outcome of that meeting will be celebrated Monday when the Lamun-Lusk-Sanchez Texas State Veterans Home is formally dedicated.

"We wish to thank the Big Spring community for its efforts to make this home a reality," said Texas Land Commissioner David Dewhurst, who will officiate at the 11 a.m. ceremony.

"We know they will treat veterans residing here and their loved ones like honored guests. Please join us now in celebrating a new era of care for our Texas veterans."

The Big Spring home is named after veterans Joe M. True Lusk, David Lamun and Reynaldo Sanchez. Members of their families — Dan E. Lusk, William B. Hilgers and Gina Sanchez Torres — will participate in the ceremony. Children from the Lusk and Sanchez families will lead those



HERALD photo/Carl Graham

The Lamun-Lusk-Sanchez Texas State Veterans Home will be formally dedicated during ceremonies set to begin at 11 a.m. Monday. Federal and state dignitaries will be on hand, as will local officials. The public is invited to attend and enjoy refreshments and tours of the facility, located south of Big Spring State Hospital.

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assembled in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Dewhurst will be joined by a number of dignitaries, including U.S. Rep. Charles Stenholm, State Sen. Robert Duncan and State Rep. David Counts — the legislator who met with community leaders in 1997 to discuss the idea of pursuing the veterans home. Others will be members of the Texas Veterans Land Board, veterans organizations, Mayor Russ McEwen, County Judge Ben Lockhart and other

local officials.

Also on hand for the event will be James Nier, executive director of the Texas Veterans Commission (TVC) and Brig. Gen. Sue Turner, chairperson of the TVC board.

The ceremony will feature posting of the colors by the Goodfellow Air Force Base honor guard. Big Spring High School Rhapsody members will sing the national anthem and the Bauer Select Choir will also perform.

Refreshments will be

provided and those attending will be able to tour the new 160-bed facility, which includes a central dining area, library, barber/beauty shop, gift shop, a meditation room and recreational areas. Within the 76,000-square-foot home is a 32-bed Alzheimer's unit with a secure courtyard.

The facility will provide physical, speech and occupational therapy, ongoing health care assessments, hospice care, respite care, social services, therapeutic activities and wound care.

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Pfc. David Vance Lamun

was 19 when he enlisted in the U.S. Army in 1943. He was in a tank destroyer force originally, but wound up in the 357th Battalion of the 90th Infantry Division, which landed at Utah Beach in Normandy on June 8, 1944.



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Marine Sgt. Joe True Lusk

was the first casualty of World War II from Howard County and later died a prisoner of war in Burma in 1943. He was serving on the USS Houston, a 9,050-ton cruiser, in the Java Sea battle when it was sunk on Feb. 29, 1942. It went down in



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Pfc. Reynaldo Sanchez

was killed in action on Monday, April 22, 1968, in Vietnam near the village of Phuoc Vinh. He was a member of Company A, 1st Battalion, 16th Infantry. At the time of his death, he was serving as point man with the lead element of his



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Local woman finds special reward in caring for others

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

By Andrea Medlin
Staff Writer

Patsy McNew has received more reward in caring for others than from any monetary amount she could desire.

For 12 years, she provided

care for her cancer-stricken mother-in-law during the day, while at night she would stay with her sister, who had heart problems and suffered a stroke at the age of 40.

She also cared for her husband, William, last year after he had open heart surgery.

"I felt good that I was able to take care of them and be there for them," McNew said, but admitted, "There

were a lot of angry moments for us all. When the anger passed, there was a lot of love and appreciation."

"There was a lot of stress put on her life because of the situation," she said.

"It really didn't interfere with my family, but my husband and I had hard times since we were both caregivers," she recalled. "We made it through and loved each other more for what we did for each other."

In order to cope with the mounting stress she would drive around a lot "to get just a bit of quality time for myself," she said.

Her other occupations as a sitter with elderly patients in nursing homes and as a nurse's aid provided her with the knowledge and experience she needed to give the necessary care for her loved ones.

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WILLIAM & PATSY McNEW

Candidate filing to begin; Local citizens to encounter three-vote method at polls

By LYNDEL MOODY
Staff Writer

Candidate filing in the Crossroads area school districts begins Monday. That's the easy part.

Harder to understand is the voting law for local residents.

Citizens voting in the Big Spring Independent School board of trustees election will have three votes that they can use any way they see fit.

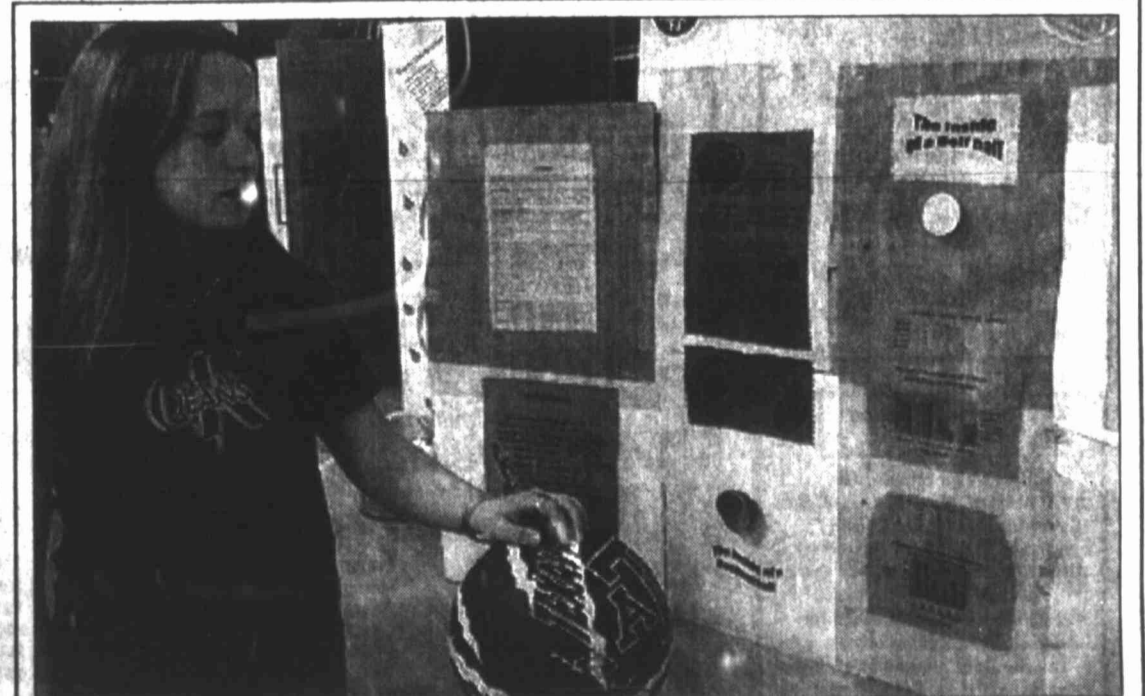
"A voter has three votes," said James McFarland, BSISD business office manager. "The voter can vote three times for the same

person, two times for the same person and once for another person, or once for three different people."

This election method was agreed to be used as a part of a 1996 settlement from a League of United Latin American Citizens (LULAC) lawsuit brought against the BSISD.

The suit claimed the former election method, each voter having one vote to cast for each of three preferred candidates to fill the three at-large trustee positions, unlawfully diluted the voting strength of minorities.

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HERALD photo/Lyndel Moody

Becky Murphree, a seventh grade Big Spring Junior High School student, studies an entry for the junior high's science fair on Friday. The three top winners will go on to participate in the regional science fair. The displays will be open to the public for viewing at the junior high library from 8 a.m. until noon Monday.

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OBITUARIES

Johnny Lea
Tammen

Funeral service for Johnny Lea Tammen, 63, of Colorado City will be held at 10 a.m. Monday, Feb. 19, 2001, at Calvary Baptist Church in Colorado City. Graveside service will be at 3 p.m. in the Grape Creek Cemetery at Grape Creek.

Mr. Tammen died Friday, Feb. 16, 2001, in San Angelo.

He was born Dec. 30, 1937, in San Angelo to Jodie and Magurite Tammen. He owned and operated Colorado City Plumbing and Refrigeration in Colorado City for 21 years.

Survivors include his wife, Virginia Tammen of Colorado City; five daughters, Tammy Marcon of Midland, Debbie Rich of Westbrook, Chanda Holsely of Colorado City, Karen Tammen of Columbus and Margo Connell of Colorado City; one brother, Donald Dean Tammen of Hillsboro; eight grandchildren; and one great-grandchild.

Neva Mae
Brendlinger

Funeral service for Neva Mae Brendlinger, 78, of Big Spring, will be at 11 a.m. Monday, Feb. 19, 2001, at the St. Mary's Episcopal Church with Rev. James Liggett, pastor, officiating.

Mrs. Brendlinger died on Friday, Feb. 16, 2001, in a local hospital.

She was born on April 24, 1922, in Dayton, Iowa, and married Raymond Brendlinger on Feb. 9, 1975, in Las Vegas, Nev. He preceded her in death in 1983. She had lived in California for 25 years before moving to Big Spring in 1994. She had worked as an employment agent until she retired. She was a member of Saint Mary's Episcopal Church and was involved in Toast Mistresses and the Democratic Women's Society.

Survivors include one son, John Michael Manosus of Des Moines, Iowa; one daughter, Nancy Marie Manosus of Big Spring; two sisters, Lorene Miller of DeWitt, Iowa, and Lone Romig of Solvang, Calif.; and numerous nieces, nephews and cousins. She was preceded in death by her parents, Lloyd and Rhae Peterson and a sister, Laverne Cargill.

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24th & Johnson 267-8288

Charles Viergege, 70, died Thursday. Family will receive friends and family from 2:00 to 4:00 PM today at the funeral home. Graveside services are 2:00 PM Monday at Trinity Memorial Park Chapel of Peace.

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& Welch
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Neva Mae Brendlinger, 78, died Friday. Funeral services will be 11:00 AM Monday, February 19, 2001 at St. Mary's Episcopal Church.

Charlie Lorenza Hogue, Jr., 86, died Saturday. Graveside services will be 2:00 PM Tuesday, February 20, 2001, at Guidrey Cemetery, in Batson, Texas.

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The family suggests memorials to the American Lung Association, P.O. Box 26460, Austin Tx, 78755-0460.

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

Charlie
Lorenza Hogue

Graveside service for Charlie Lorenza Hogue, Jr., 86, of Big Spring will be at 2 p.m. Tuesday, Feb. 20, 2001, at the Guidrey Cemetery in Batson with Rev. Alvin Tomlinson, pastor of Saratoga Westend Baptist Church, and Jimmie Cryer, layminister, officiating.

Mr. Hogue died on Saturday, Feb. 17, 2001, in a local nursing home.

He was born Nov. 29, 1914 in Emmet, Okla., and married Louise Elizabeth Watson on May 12, 1935, in Conroe. She preceded him in death on Aug. 24, 1999. He joined the United States Navy on Dec. 3, 1935, and retired from active duty on Dec. 8, 1955. He taught school and operated a mobile home park. He was a Baptist.

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

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She did not receive payment for the service she provided to her mother-in-law and sister — not monetarily anyway — nor help from any outside nursing service.

She continued to care for them even after she was diagnosed in 1983 with chronic obstructive pulmonary disease (COPD) which severely hinders her ability to breathe.

Along with suffering from COPD, McNew was diagnosed with diabetes, which causes complications with the medication she must take.

Recovering from a recent hospital stay, she must now rely on the help of her friends, her husband, William, and the Salvation Army, for which she has dedicated most of her life, to take care of her.

She doesn't feel sorry for herself. She is more concerned about getting well enough to go back to "doing for others," she said.

"I miss doing for other people and it's very depressing when someone like me, who has always done for others, has to depend on others," she said.

But after her many years of service she has not had a problem finding someone to fulfill this need. In December, when her husband was in need of heart surgery, there was no insurance or any other source of payment. A surgeon in Odessa, referred by a local doctor, provided the surgery, simply in exchange for one of the shoes William was wearing at the time.

Through the years, McNew has been involved in many charitable causes such as the Retired Senior Volunteer Program TOPS, Home League, Royal Neighbors of America, the League of Mercy and the Salvation Army, for which

she is currently the Home League treasurer.

She offers this advice to other caregivers in a similar situation — "Love people, be good to people and it will always come back to you."

Patience and love are vitally important to anyone who is considering becoming a caregiver, she said.

"The reward is in the love you'll receive and feel, not in the monetary value that you might expect," she said.

ELECTIONS

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The current method, used only for at-large position elections and not in single-member district elections, allows voters to vote three times for one person, counting as three separate votes, twice for once person and once for another candidate or once for three people.

Voters only have three votes total, but can spend all their votes on the candidates they feel most strongly about. If a ballot has more than three votes, cumulatively, it is disqualified.

The positions will be filled by the candidates who receive the largest number votes.

This election method was to be first used in the 1998 election but because none of the seats were contested, the election was canceled.

Positions held by Mike Dawson, Steve Fraser and Al Valdes are up for election this year.

Monday is the first day to file and candidates can do so at the BSISD business office between 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Monday through Friday.

The office will be close during the noon lunch hour and spring break from March 12-16.

Area public school districts across the area will also have trustee elections on May 5, with candidate to begin Monday. Those school districts and seats up for election are:

Coahoma ISD: At-large seats currently held by Ben Bowlin and Herbert Rowden.

Forsan ISD: At large seat currently held by Debbie Burt and one vacancy to replace Cynthia Braeman, who resigned.

Grady ISD: Single member districts 1, held by Eddie Rodriguez; 2, held by Bryan Cox; and 7, held by Roy Madison.

Stanton ISD: Single-member district 5, held by Johnny Gonzales; and at large districts 1, held by Johnny Gonzales and 4, held by Valentino Sotelo.

Sands ISD: At large seats held by Stan Blagrove and David Zant.

Colorado ISD: Single member districts, Place 3, held by Larry Mason; Place 4, held by Sally Neff; and Place 5, held by Mike Ratliff.

Community
welcomes Bush
back 'home'

CRAWFORD (AP) — With all their glitz and glamour, the inaugural balls in Washington have nothing on a bash thrown by this one-stoptlight town near President Bush's ranch.

This community of 700

BIG SPRING
AROUND THE TOWN

kicked up its heels Saturday with its own ball welcoming Bush on his return to his home state.

Locals celebrated big — munching on Tex-Mex and dancing to tunes from Johnny Gimbel and the Texas Swing band and rocker Ted Nugent.

Bush and his wife Laura left their ranch about 8:30 p.m. en route to the event. As the presidential motorcade passed through town, residents stood in their yards, waved and snapped pictures.

As the Bushes entered, a local band played "Hail to the Chief" and the crowd roared. The couple stayed about 10 minutes, thanking residents for their support, and then returned home.

"We're always looking for a reason to have a good time," said Mike Westerfield, who helped his wife Shirley coordinate the event. "The other morning some guys at the Fina station were talking about what to wear. That never happens in Crawford."

Bush stepped on Texas soil for the first time as the nation's president Friday after a meeting in Mexico.

He arrived at his ranch Friday night via helicopter shortly after Air Force One landed at the former Connally Air Force Base in nearby Waco. He joined his wife, who has been in Crawford two weeks overseeing renovations at the couple's home on the 1,600-acre spread.

The Bushes are to return Monday to Washington, D.C., after a stop in Oklahoma City.

Crawford folks said the Saturday night event could rival the Black Tie and Boots Ball in the nation's capital the night before Bush's Jan. 20 inauguration.

POLICE

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

JONATHAN TAYLOR, 21, of 509 E. 18th, was arrested on charges of possession of drug paraphernalia and failure to appear.

ISABEL RIVERA, 30, of 2521 Albrook, was arrested on a charge of driving while license suspended.

BUFORD HOWELL, 44, of 1101 Marijo, was arrested on a charge of theft.

LATASHA WILBERT, 22, of 1407 Sycamore, was arrested on a charge of theft by check.

ELESHA SHUBERT, 20, of 2309 Brumley, was arrested on a charge of public intoxication.

MICHAEL SCHUBERT, 22, of 200 block of Lockhart, was arrested on a charge of violation of a protective order.

CATHERINE MAY-BERRY, 30, of 1200 Lloyd, was arrested on a charge of public intoxication.

CAROLYN HALE, 33, of 1418 Donley, was arrested on a charge of driving while intoxicated.

DENNIS AUSBIE, 41, of 908 Sgt. Paradez, was arrested on charges of parole violation, no liability insurance, no registra-

TEXAS LOTTERY

Lotto: 4,9,20,32,38,40

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

tion and possession of drug paraphernalia.

GEORGE GONZALES, 47, of 113 E. 16th, was arrested on a charge of public intoxication.

DOMESTIC DISTURBANCE was reported in the 2500 block of Albrook Drive.

DISTURBANCE/FIGHT was reported in the 1700 block of Monticello and in the 4000 block of West Highway 80.

Gamblers Anonymous, 7 p.m., St. Stephen's Catholic Church, room 1, 4601 Neeley, Midland. Call 263-8920.

Alcoholics Anonymous, 615 Settles, noon open meeting and 8 p.m. 12 and 12 study.

WEDNESDAY

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THURSDAY

Alcoholics Anonymous, 615 Settles, noon open meeting.

Al-Anon support group, 8 p.m., 615 Settles.

FRIDAY

Turning Point A.A., 8-9:30 p.m., St. Mary's Episcopal Church, 10th and Goliad. Open to all substance abusers.

AA, 615 Settles, noon open meeting and 8 p.m. Big Book Study.

NA 8 p.m., St. Mary's Episcopal Church, 1001 Goliad. Call 268-4189 (pager no.).

Al-Anon support group, noon, 615 Settles.

SATURDAY

Family support group for current and former patients and their families, 1 p.m. weekly, Reflections Unit of Scenic Mountain Medical Center. Call Beverly Grant, 263-0074.

Alcoholics Anonymous, 615 Settles, noon, 8 p.m., 10 p.m. open meetings, 615 Settles.

NA 8 p.m., St. Mary's Church, 1001 Goliad. Call 268-4189 (pager no.).

IF YOU HAVE A SUPPORT GROUP LISTING, PLEASE SUBMIT IT IN WRITING.

SUPPORT GROUPS

SUNDAY

AA, 615 Settles, 11 a.m. closed meeting and 7 p.m. open meeting.

NA 8 p.m., St. Mary's Episcopal Church, 1001 Goliad. Call 268-4189 (pager no.).

MONDAY

TOPS Club (take off pounds sensibly), weigh-in 5 p.m. and meeting at 6 p.m., College Heights Christian Church, 21st and Goliad.

Project Freedom, Christian support group for survivors of physical/emotional/sexual and/or spiritual abuse. Call 263-5140 or 263-2241 for dates/times of upcoming groups.

Alcoholics Anonymous, 615 Settles, noon open meeting.

Encourager's support group (all widows and widowers are invited) will meet Monday, Feb. 19, at the First Presbyterian Church, 7th and Rannels (enter through the north door).

We will have a Valentine Party and a covered dish dinner. Bring a dish and a valentine to exchange. For more information call 398-5522.

TUESDAY

The family of Gladys Sanderson - would like to express our heartfelt thanks to all our friends & relatives. We also wish to thank Dr. John Farquhar - SMMC & 4th floor TCU, Calvary Baptist, Christ Community - Rev. Randy Gee, Rev. Herb McPherson & Nalley Pickle & Welch. Your love & kindness has been greatly appreciated.

The Family of James Holbert Fuller wishes to extend our deepest appreciation to Dr. Carasco, the nurses at SMMC, Comanche Trail Nursing Center & Community Care Hospice for the special care given to J. H. Fuller. A very special thanks to Rick Cunningham, Royce Clay, Perry Cotham, the congregation of 14th & Main Church of Christ and Nalley-Pickle Home for a beautiful service. And to all of our special friends who have given their love & support to our Husband, Father & Papaw, the family is indebted to you for your kindness shown to us during this time in our life. Mattie Fuller and Family

"Our Family
Committed to Serve"

Becky Rau, a member of Nalley-Pickle & Welch's family, was born and raised in Kansas. She has lived in Sand Springs since June 1968 and is a graduate of Howard College. Becky is married to Sid Rau and they have one son, Justin.

Becky has been with Nalley-Pickle & Welch Funeral Home since May 1981. She is committed to giving personal service to all the families we serve.



Becky Rau, Office Manager

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Pie-eye

By CARL GRAHAM
Staff Writer

Oh, how sweet Students at Bat Elementary got their coach slammed into Friday evening but it was all for a cause.

It was all part of to raise money for American Heart Association and acco Principal Andre a project the students enjoy doing each "We started a ago when we se

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and Denver, Colo.

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Pie-eyed coach, students raise funds for AHA

By CARL GRAHAM
Staff Writer

Oh, how sweet it is! Students at Bauer Magnet Elementary got to witness their coach get a pie slammed into his face Friday evening by one of them but it was all for a good cause.

It was all part of a project to raise money for the American Heart Association and according to Principal Andre Clark, it's a project the students really enjoy doing each year.

"We started a few weeks ago when we sent the per-

mission slips out to the parents," said Clark. "So we had a couple of weeks and they really worked hard. All their work culminated today during assembly with the announcement of the student raising the most money and the classes who raised the most. Then we finished things off with the pie toss."

Coach Gary Smith told the students that the individual who raised the most money would get the chance to toss a pie in his face.

"I thought it might get them a little motivated,"

said Smith. "I guess it worked because they were sure pumped up today and it all went for a great cause."

Lindsey Heckler, a first grader, won the opportunity to toss the pie by raising a \$201. The honor for raising the most as a class went to Mrs. Elesha McMeans' class for raising \$509. Coming in as a close second was Mrs. Carol Simmons' class which raised \$491 for the American Heart Association.

"There were five grade levels that participated and as a group raised over

\$3,700," said Clark.

"I am very proud of all the students for their efforts and we certainly appreciate all the parents who supported this fund-raising effort," he added.

First grade student Lindsey Heckler of Bauer Elementary won the chance to toss a pie in the face of Coach Gary Smith for raising the most money for the American Heart Association. Looking on with glee is Bilal Muzaffar.



HERALD photo/Carl Graham

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and Denver, Colo.

The southern portion is designated as S7, Option B, which follows U.S. 87 between Lubbock and San Angelo and U.S. 277 between San Angelo and Del Rio. A secondary route of S7 is Option C, which follows State Highway 349 and State Highway 158 between Lamesa and Sterling City, including the Midland-Odessa area.

Officials say, however, that the designations are not as important as are letters stating why citizens support the "local" portion of the route, which is U.S. 87 through Howard County.

"If possible, it would be better if people put it in their own words," said Crooker. "I do have postcards available, however, which state our position, that can be signed and mailed in."

Those postcards can be picked up at in the county judge's office at the Howard County Courthouse.

According to preliminary numbers released last week by Wilbur Smith Associates, the trade route is expected to generate millions of dollars, through both highway construction as well as economic benefits for cities along the route. Local officials believe the route is a key toward constructing a

truck reliever route along the west side of Big Spring, which would promote economic development as well as making city traffic along Gregg Street safer.

"We hope everyone who can will take the time to write a letter in support of this," said Crooker.

Letters should be postmarked by Feb. 28 and mailed to Mr. Butch Babineaux, Ports-to-Plains Feasibility Study, Wilbur Smith Associates, P.O. Box 572537, Houston, TX 77257-2537.

LAMUN

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Lamun was killed in action in France on July 6, 1944, fighting at the side of his comrades.

He was posthumously awarded the Purple Heart.

Lamun had been a class favorite during his years at Big Spring High School. He was active in athletics and was a leader in the youth program at the First Methodist Church.

He attended John Tarleton College for a year and Texas A&M for a year, at which time he entered the Army.

"David has done a bigger, better job unknowingly in 20 short, compact, trying years than you and I might possibly do in a long life."

time. There is no word that would suit him any better than inspirational," 1st Lt. R.H. Miller Jr., U.S. Army Medical Corps, said at Lamun's memorial service in Big Spring. "Just by being the same David — being firm and clear in his convictions — exposing his high clean morals when necessary and proud of his righteous scruples, continuously revealing the strongest of undying love for his mom, dad and sis."

LUSK

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the Sunda Strait off Saint Nicholas Point.

It was assumed that more than 700 members of the crew were lost. Not until a half year later was it discovered that more than 300 of the crew had survived.

Among them was Lusk, who was being held prisoner of war by the Japanese.

The prisoners were forced to construct the 265 mile "Death Railway" through the jungles of Burma and Thailand. Before it was completed in 1943, more than 100,000 prisoners had died. Sgt. Lusk was one of them. He succumbed on March 22, 1942, as a result of several bouts of malaria complicated by dysentery and beriberi.

Lusk was posthumously awarded the Purple Heart and buried with full military honors at Fort Sam Houston in San Antonio in the summer of 1948.

He had been born on April 16, 1919, on a family farm in Howard County. He attended Big Spring Schools until 1939, leaving in his senior year to enlist in the U.S. Marine Corp at the age of 19.

SANCHEZ

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battalion during a search and destroy operation.

"With complete disregard for his personal safety,

Private First Class Sanchez remained at this forward position as he placed devastating fire on the well-entrenched Viet Cong," according to the Department of the Army record read when he was posthumously awarded the Bronze Star.

Sanchez marked the enemy position and friendly fire was called in. After the artillery had the saturated enemy position, the lead platoon regrouped and Sanchez led the men into the suspected area. They again ran into heavy

enemy fire and Sanchez was mortally wounded.

"His dauntless courage, keen alertness, and determined efforts contributed greatly to the ultimate defeat of a large Viet Cong force.

"Private First Class Sanchez' outstanding display of aggressiveness, devotion to duty and personal bravery is in keeping with the finest traditions of the military service and reflects great credit upon himself, the 1st Infantry Division, and the United States Army," the record states.

VETERANS

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150 people and have an annual payroll of some \$3 million.

Dewhurst said the home is great news for everyone.

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OUR VIEWS

H.R. 5671 an insult to veterans

Today, on the eve of dedication ceremonies for the Lamun-Lusk-Sanchez State Veterans Home, it seems a somewhat sad state of affairs to realize that there are people who apparently don't respect the sacrifices made by the men and women who have served in the armed forces.

How else could anyone explain a bill authored by U.S. Rep. Sheila Jackson-Lee, a Houston Democrat, seeking to establish election day in presidential election years as a legal public holiday by moving Veterans Day to election day.

Jackson-Lee's bill, House Resolution 5671, would also allow Veterans Day to be moved "for other purposes."

We can only hope H.R. 5671 will die in committee — it has been referred to the House Committee on Government Reform — because it simply doesn't deserve Congress' full attention.

Apparently, Jackson-Lee has forgotten the significance of celebrating Veterans Day on Nov. 11.

If so, perhaps her colleagues in Congress will remind her that Nov. 11 was the day in 1921 that an unknown soldier from World War I became the first to be interred in the Tomb of the Unknowns at Arlington National Cemetery.

Maybe she'll also be informed that Congress officially designated Nov. 11 as "Armistice Day" in 1926, commemorating the signing of the armistice that ended the fighting in World War I at 11 a.m. on Nov. 11, 1918 — the 11th hour of the 11th day of the 11th month. Congress declared the day a national holiday in 1938.

She may even be reminded that in 1954, Congress approved renaming Armistice Day as Veterans Day, recognizing that peace is preserved by all veterans, especially those who sacrificed their lives for their country.

More importantly, someone should remind Jackson-Lee that Congress has already attempted moving Veterans Day, passing a law in 1968 that moved the national commemoration to the fourth Monday in October.

It took 10 years, but our elected leaders eventually recognized that Nov. 11 is a date of historical significance to a great many Americans and Veterans Day was returned to its traditional date in 1978.

Hopefully, Jackson-Lee will return to her senses.

Whether she does or not, we pray her colleagues in Congress give H.R. 5671 all the consideration it deserves — none.

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The tale of an ever-changing landscape

The view from my living-room window has been a great illusion, a pie slice of a Georgia swamp.

My one acre is surrounded by one farmer's great holdings and the Little Tallapoosa River. Through one big window, a wilderness.

At night, when the moon rises over the Little Tallapoosa, I can pretend there are at least a thousand acres around me, an adequate buffer from the Atlanta suburbs and confusion fast reaching this way.

In the warm months, when I open the door and stand on the deck, I can hear owls arguing with one another, and in the summer, a chorus of frogs. Herons with outlandish legs sometimes glide in with improbable grace, and wood ducks often take a breather on a fallen tree.

A great illusion.

In the daytime, I ride the roads and watch the curbs and gutters going in, the old farms being subdivided

into lot sizes, a slicing and packing of the land that reminds me of nothing so much as an efficient butcher's shop.

Nearby is the syrup shack where every fall the farmers deliver their sorghum to be crushed for its juice. The bulldozers have been busy behind it lately. I wonder if by this time next year the sorghum cook will stir his boiling pot before a backdrop of brand-new vinyl-and-brick houses.

All of the rural landmarks are disappearing, one by one, as homeowners who understandably want 5 or 10 acres — their bit of this lovely countryside — bring in truckloads of sod and buckets of decorative trees, transforming the woods into neighborhood. With each home arrive at least two cars, concrete driveways, typical commerce and demands.

And nobody wants a small house, not anymore, a cottage at the edge of the woods, a bungalow by a barn. They build big, imposing, city-worthy homes in the middle of as much cow pasture as their budgets allow.

Each day the landscape changes just a fraction more, the country becomes less country, the quiet takes another hit.

The night, though, so far had kept the secret, at least once the commuter traffic died down. Most evenings when I was home I could still find peace in my trick pocket of a view.

Until last evening. I sat in my usual spot on the sofa, facing the window, watching for the moon. Instead I saw the red light. A solitary, blinking red light that was new on the black canvas.

The day before I had watched with fascination the derring-do of the construction men building a cellular-telephone tower on the edge of the swamp. The tower went up fast, section by section, until the four brave men were bumping their heads on a cirrus ceiling.

Finally, the workers climbed down and called it a day. I suspect they went home and hugged their wives.

I surveyed the damage to my view and found the metal structure blended well with the trunks and winter branches of the swamp trees. Nothing to really worry about. The first night, nothing changed.

Last night, the light had been activated, and with electronic monotony pierced the sky. I found I couldn't look away from it.

Again and again I'd force my eyes down to the moon that was spilling its light on the shallow river waters. But the blinking light was too alien to ignore, and I sat transfixed.

Soon I am moving home to Mississippi. I have a little land there, and my part of that state is slow to change, loath to grow. I don't fool myself it never will, but right now the peaceful prospects of that place are a real draw.

I will miss this marvelous little swamp, a natural oasis in a region fast going the other way. My nights staring out into it many times have cured my moods and homesickness. The swamp has kept me sane.

The next occupants of this house no doubt will sit and look out at the river, watch it rise and fall with the seasons. They will count the birds and float down to Victory Church in the spring, tote home sprigs of laurel from the riverbank, a breath of spring.

Only now the window overlooking the swamp is cracked in the top right corner by a red light, flashing like a danger signal for encroaching civilization.

Maybe if it's part of the landscape from the start, they'll not be bothered.



RHETA GRIMSLEY JOHNSON



Israel chooses national suicide

The Israelis have voted for war and against peace. That is the naked truth of the election of Ariel Sharon as prime minister.

Those who are trying to pretend otherwise are deluding themselves that Sharon, at age 72, will repudiate his whole life, which has been brutal and bloody. In fact, he has already killed the peace talks by taking Jerusalem off the table and telling the Palestinians that any new talks must start at ground zero. In other words, any agreements reached with the previous prime minister are considered null and void by Sharon.

It's a sad day. Israel was standing in the doorway that leads to peace. All it had to do was return to the long-suffering Palestinians only what is rightfully theirs — the West Bank, Gaza and East Jerusalem — and acknowledge the right of refugees to return or to receive compensation. Had Israel done that, peace would have followed.

But Israel stepped back from the door and turned to its dark past. Its lust for land is greater than the

desire for peace. Israel's faith in the sword is greater than its faith in justice. It prefers oppression to cooperation.

It won't be immediately obvious, but what the Israelis have really chosen is national suicide. You're seeing the beginning of the end of the Zionist dream. Oh, they can kill thousands of Palestinians and probably will. Their deaths will not yield the Israelis peace. The French won the military battles in Algeria, but the French left. We won the military battles in Vietnam, but we left.

In a real sense, the Israelis have created their own unconquerable enemy. The Israelis have made the lives of Palestinians so miserable, so impoverished, so hopeless, that the Palestinians literally have nothing left to lose. It is a lot easier for them to die for freedom and independence than it will be for well-off Israelis to die to continue the occupation.

"Sharon will pose grave dangers not only for Palestinians, whom he is likely to brutalize, but also the entire region and possibly to world peace," Rabbi Michael Lerner said. "The path Israel is following is no surprise. Countries that seek to maintain by force the occupation over another people will eventually drift toward repressive or even fascist leadership. The mean-spiritedness in Israel that leads to a

Sharon landslide makes many younger Israelis wish to leave Israel."

The formidable Jewish lobby, which has had a hard-enough time trying to rationalize the brutality of Ehud Barak, will really have its hands full trying to rationalize the actions of a man who once led a massacre of 82 men, women and children.

The Israelis might, in fact, push their American lobby to such extremes that a backlash occurs. After all, how many Palestinian children shot to death or beaten to death can you blame for their own deaths? How long can you maintain the myth that the people with 346 dead and 10,000 wounded are causing all the violence, and the people with only 46 dead are the pacifists?

How many times can you get away with crying anti-Semitism every time a church group, a human-rights group or an international organization criticizes Israel's brutality?

I've always believed that Israel's support in this country is 10 miles long and an eighth of an inch deep. It consists mainly of the lobby, the rapture cult and those cowards in Congress. In the past, nobody had to pay a price for supporting Israel. It was Israel's critics who had to pay the price.

Sharon, judging on the basis of his past, will probably reverse that.



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Hispanic groups show Latino community redistricting process

AUSTIN (AP) — Hispanic officials on Saturday said they are concerned about Commerce Secretary Don Evans' decision that he will be the one to determine whether to adjust the 2000 Census results.

"It sends a bad signal, but we are still in a wait-and-see period," said Antonio Gonzalez, president of the William C. Velasquez Institute.

Evans on Friday returned to the commerce secretary's office the final say over the politically sensitive deci-

sion to adjust raw population numbers with a statistical method known as sampling that some say protects against undercounting of minorities and the poor.

The Clinton administration had transferred the decision-making power to the Census Bureau last year.

The census figures are used as the basis for redrawing political lines for congressional, legislative and state Board of Education districts, which Texas lawmakers will take up this leg-

islative session.

Bush has said that an actual "head count" is most accurate, but has not disclosed whether he supports sampling.

If Evans decided not to use the adjusted numbers, Gonzalez said it would be a blow to minority communi-

ties. "This would be an example of not only not reaching out, but a slap in the face of the Latino community," Gonzalez said.

Al Kauffman, regional counsel for the Mexican

American Legal Defense and Educational Fund, said his group is watching the process carefully but said it would be hard for the group to react "just because an official says he's going to make the decision."

If the government plans to use raw census figures, MALDEF is looking at legislation to try to reverse the step. Gonzalez said litigation is also an option.

Gonzalez and others fear that if the adjusted census figures are not used, minorities will be undercounted.

Preliminary census figures out last week show that the undercount for minority groups for 2000 was smaller than it was 10 years ago, but still significant.

MALDEF said that between 2.2 percent and 3.5 percent of the Latino population was missed in the head count. In areas where there is more poverty, that percentage could be higher, Kauffman said.

"My gut feeling is the Valley undercount would be higher than that," Kauffman said.

The comments came during a news conference at an all-day redistricting seminar targeted to Hispanics. The conference was aimed at getting the Latino community involved in the redistricting process.

Texas lawmakers will start that process when the census figures are released, which could come as early as early March.

Texas, which currently has 30 congressional seats, stands to gain two more seats. The new seats will be filled in the 2002 election.

Wife of shooting suspect claims husband believed law officers were robbers

AUSTIN (AP) — The wife of a man charged with killing a Travis County sheriff's deputy says her husband fired his gun because he believed their mobile home was being robbed and he wanted to protect his family.

Deputy Keith Ruiz, 36, was killed in the shooting Thursday night. A 12-year veteran of the sheriff's department, Ruiz was among a group of officers serving a drug search warrant when the shooting occurred about 9:30 p.m. at a mobile home park near Austin-Bergstrom International Airport.

A bullet entered Ruiz's shoulder at a point apparently not protected by his bullet proof vest, County Medical Examiner Roberto Bayardo said. The bullet passed downward through his left lung and perforated his aorta before lodging in his spine.

The man suspected in the killing, Edwin Alfonso Delamora, 21, was charged with capital murder Friday.

According to court documents, the officers pounded on the door of the mobile home about 9:30 p.m. and loudly announced "police, search warrant." After announcing themselves several times and trying to pry open a metal door, Delamora broke a small window in the door and fired a single shot that struck Ruiz, the records said. Deputy Craig Smith returned the fire, and Delamora came out shortly after with his hands raised.

Delamora's wife, Kristie, said she and her husband were getting ready for bed when they heard pounding on the front door.

"The whole trailer was moving," Kristie Delamora said. "My husband said to call the police, but I couldn't even talk to them. I just kept saying, 'help me, help me, I'm being robbed.'"

Kristie Delamora said her husband got his gun.

"He wasn't trying to aim at nothing," Kristie Delamora said. "He was just trying to scare the person away."

More sex offenders to be released on parole

AUSTIN (AP) — An increasing number of aggravated sex offenders will be paroled from Texas prisons as early as next month, under a new strategy by the state's parole board.

The strategy aims to let aggravated sex offenders who are closest to their scheduled release date out of prison under the parole community's supervision, said Gerald Garrett, chairman of the Board of Pardons and Paroles.

That serves the public better than releasing offenders without any monitoring when their sentences are

finished, Garrett said.

Inmates who have served eight years of their 10 year sentence, for example, might be paroled under the new strategy, Garrett said.

"Are we really serving the best interests of the public to allow those individuals to max out their term?" Garrett said. "If we don't release on parole, they will discharge and not be on any kind of supervision."

Garrett said he could not speculate on how much the release rate for sex offenders will increase or how many it will effect, but he did say that the number will

increase this fiscal year, which began Sept. 1, compared to last.

That's a statement that worries some who watch policy on sex offenders.

Sherry Boyles, executive director of the Texas Association Against Sexual Assault, said sex offenders should be monitored and counseled during their incarceration and afterward.

"That includes offenders who serve their entire sentence," Boyles said.

Bryan Collier, deputy director for support services at the parole division, said

an increase in sex offender releases could compound an already trying situation of finding places for parolees whom communities want to keep out.

"We don't have a lot of vendors lining up with their facilities," Collier said.

Collier said the strategy could force offenders out of halfway houses quicker, requiring them to find jobs and prepare home plans sooner.

Garrett says he hopes the new strategy will prove to be the best route with the options the parole board faces.

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Airstrike order ends busy week devoted to national security

CRAWFORD (AP) — In his fourth week in office, President Bush marched across a military parade ground to the tune of "Hail to the Chief" on Monday, played video war games Tuesday, saluted citizens soldiers on Wednesday, and pledged on Thursday to build a "hemisphere of peace" with U.S. diplomats.

And then things got real, putting to a test his command of his new job: commander in chief.

In the middle of an eight-hour Mexican summit, the first foreign trip of his presidency, Bush received word Friday that U.S. warplanes had carried out his orders to strike Iraqi military sites. The busy day punctuated long-laid plans for "national security week" at the White House, and gave the nation its first glimpse of Bush at the switches that make America a superpower.

The events underscored Bush's discipline, renewed questions about his depth and tested his staff's ability to respond when caught off guard by the impact of his actions.

Steven Wayne, professor of government at Georgetown University, said Bush took the action to warn Saddam Hussein, "I'm going to be tough." But the president was sending a signal to Americans, as well.

"He was telling us in so many words, 'Hey, I'm in command. I'm president. I'm commander in chief,'" Wayne said. "One of the things Bush has to do is show that he is the president, not Dick Cheney, and he was showing that."

Indeed, the vice president — a former defense secretary — kept a low profile Friday and his staff refused to provide details about his involvement in the decision

to strike Iraq. Administration officials said they are sensitive to suggestions, which they call unjustified, that Cheney is the chief operating officer at the White House.

"It is a mission about which I was informed and I authorized," Bush said before leaving Mexico to spend the weekend at his Crawford ranch.

The president decided Thursday morning to give military commanders the go-ahead to strike Iraq once weather and other conditions were favorable. When he arrived in Mexico, aides said, Bush knew the strike was likely to take place before he finished the summit, but he did not know the attack's exact time.

His national security adviser, Condoleezza Rice, knew the order had been given, but the strike was a surprise to a number of

other senior advisers who are normally plugged into major presidential actions, officials said Saturday.

Bush's high-powered national security team had kept the news closely guarded, officials said, in part because they considered the attack a routine mission to enforce the no-fly zone. They did not count on air raid sirens in Baghdad, the Iraqi capital, tipping reporters to the attack before Pentagon and White House spokesmen were prepared to explain Bush's action.

By the time briefings were conducted by Pentagon and White House aides, the bombings were getting more attention than the national security team had counted on, officials said.

It also was unclear whether Bush himself was prepared for the scrutiny his decision would draw.

Though he had known for 24 hours he would be facing questions about the strike, Bush seemed uncomfortable and over-practiced fielding questions on the topic.

"Since 1991, our country has been enforcing what's called a no-fly zone. A routine mission was conducted to enforce the no fly zone," Bush said when first asked about the attack.

It was strikingly similar to the statement read earlier by press secretary Ari Fleischer, who told reporters: "Since 1991, coalition aircraft have been enforcing the no-fly zone in Iraq. Today, allied armed forces conducted a routine strike associated with enforcement of the no-fly zone."

Bush was asked if his goal was to drive Saddam from power and if the strike signaled that U.S. military action would be more fre-

quent or more forceful.

He did not answer either question, choosing instead to respond with vague, safe statements from his campaign quote book: "Our intention is to make sure that the world is as peaceful as possible. ... If we catch him (developing weapons of mass destruction), we'll take appropriate action."

Wayne said Bush was showing discipline, typical for a president who in domestic and foreign policy pronouncements rarely wonders from the two or three points he wants Americans to hear.

Wayne called Bush's style a "scripted presidency" and compared him favorably to former President Reagan, who won over voters by sticking with simple, clear messages.

"I don't know whether that's good or bad," Wayne said.

Deep-sea

HONOLULU (AP) — A deep-sea robot has found wreckage of a Japanese vessel that sank in a Navy attack submarine through it while surfacing Saturday.

"All we can do is catch that a remote-operated vehicle has located the Maru," said Jon Yoshida, a spokesman for the Pacific Fleet.

Yoshida said the wreckage was spotted at 2,033 feet deep, approximately

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Policies favored by labor rolled back by Bush

CRAWFORD (AP) — President Bush on Saturday rolled back government policies favored by organized labor in a move the White House said would create "fair and open" competition for government contracts.

Bush issued four executive orders on separate aspects of labor policy, including one to make it easier for union workers to stop their dues from being used to pay for political activities. The others deal with union-management relations on government contracts and in the government's own workplace.

White House spokesman Ari Fleischer said Bush's actions would make for easier competition between unionized and nonunion contractors seeking federal projects, a change that could save taxpayers money.

"Government contracting decisions should be neutral, neither requiring nor prohibiting project labor agreements," Fleischer said. "Government contracting should also be fair and open to ensure that all workers can compete for jobs on a level playing field as well as contractors, particularly small, minority or women-owned businesses."

Specifically, Bush's orders:

—Require federal contractors to post a notice telling workers they have a right under a 1988 Supreme Court ruling not to pay portions of their dues that sponsor political activities. Unions are a prime source of money and grass-roots organizing for Democrats.

—Revoke the "project labor agreement," which requires contractors in many federally financed projects to be unionized. The provision, employed at the discretion of states, is an issue in an expensive proposal to replace the Woodrow Wilson Bridge.

—Dissolve the National Partnership Council, a Clinton organization that sought to get government agencies and unions to resolve their differences.

—Revoke a Clinton policy of job protection for employees of contractors at federal buildings when the project is awarded to another contractor.

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Deep-sea robot finds wreckage of vessel accidentally sunk by sub

HONOLULU (AP) — A deep-sea robot has found the wreckage of a Japanese fishing vessel that sank when a Navy attack submarine tore through it while surfacing, Navy officials said Saturday.

"All we can do is confirm that a remote-operated vehicle has located the Ehime Maru," said Jon Yoshishige, a spokesman for the U.S. Pacific Fleet.

Yoshishige said the fishing boat was spotted at 11:25 p.m. Friday sitting nearly upright in 2,033 feet of water, approximately 1,000

yards from the collision site.

A Navy support ship had lowered the remotely operated deep-diving vehicle, the Scorpio II, into the ocean nine miles south of Diamond Head — where the crash took place — to begin the search on Friday.

The unmanned submersible is equipped with sonar and two video cameras, and has a limited recovery capability.

The Scorpio on Saturday was continuing a scan on the vessel and the area around it, Yoshishige said.

Another remotely operated submersible with deeper diving capability was to be deployed later in the day, he said.

The Scorpio has not detected any bodies in the 500-ton Ehime Maru, he said.

Still missing are four high school students, two teachers and three crewmen from the commercial fishing training vessel, operated by Uwajima Fisheries High School in southwestern Japan. Twenty-six people were rescued after the Feb. 9 collision.

Japanese family members meanwhile made an anguished and angry plea for answers about why the USS Greeneville crashed into the 190-foot Ehime Maru.

At times sobbing and shouting, 16 relatives spoke publicly about the tragedy for the first time Friday at a news conference on the University of Hawaii campus.

They urged officials to continue with the search until all missing bodies were found.

"It's your responsibility as

human beings," said Masumi Terata, mother of 17-year-old Yusuke Terata. "If your blood is red, you'll understand our pain and sorrow."

The fishing vessel sank minutes after the Greeneville surfaced underneath it during an emergency rapid-ascent drill. Two civilian guests were at control stations of the submarine during the maneuver.

The Navy said Friday it is barring civilians from submarines during emergency surfacing drills while inves-

tigators try to determine how the submarine slammed into the vessel.

A preliminary report on the incident was expected in the next few days, according to Pentagon officials.

The relatives, speaking Japanese, released a list of 31 questions they want the United States to answer. Included are questions about who was steering the submarine at the time of the collision and why the Greeneville crew did not "do their best" to assist survivors immediately after the sinking.

University president says it's time to eliminate SAT requirement

BERKELEY, Calif. (AP) — The president of the University of California has recommended dropping the main SAT as an admission requirement at its eight campuses, saying the test is

an unfair measurement of students' abilities.

The development could affect the way high school students in California and across the nation prepare for college. The University

of California system is one of the nation's largest, with 170,000 students.

Richard C. Atkinson was to announce his recommendation in a speech to the American Council on

Education in Washington, D.C. today.

"Anyone involved in education should be concerned about how overemphasis on the SAT is distorting educational priorities and prac-

tices, how the test is perceived by many as unfair, and how it can have a devastating impact on the self esteem and aspirations of young students," Atkinson says in a draft copy of the

speech.

Atkinson has asked UC's Academic Senate, which sets admission standards, to consider dropping the SAT I — which includes a verbal and math test — and take a more comprehensive look at applicants. The university would continue to use the SAT II, a three-part test more closely tied to subjects studied in high school.

The Educational Testing Service says 2.4 million students took the SAT I in 1998-99, while 442,000 took the SAT II.

The proposal would require approval by the UC Board of Regents and could not take effect before fall 2003.

Atkinson's proposal to drop the SAT, taken by more than a million graduating seniors last year, drew strong reaction.

"To drop the SAT would be like deciding you're going to drop grades," said Gaston Caperton, president of the nonprofit College Board, which owns the SAT.

Critics say high school grades are a better indicator of a student's ability than an SAT score. Others say the SAT is crucial to provide a national yardstick — all A's, for instance, are not created equal.

A Massachusetts group that argues a high SAT score may have more to do with money spent on pre-testing coaching than ability said the proposal is a step in the right direction.

"There will be strong pressure on other state college systems to follow California's lead," said Robert Schaeffer of FairTest, which advocates less emphasis on standardized test.

One of the criticisms leveled against the SAT is that it is culturally biased and unfair to disadvantaged students. Admissions diversity has been an issue at UC since 1995, when regents voted to drop affirmative action. Numbers of black and Hispanic students have fallen at top campuses since then.

Caperton defended the SAT as "extremely fair. What is not fair is the education system in America which gives children unequal opportunities."

But Atkinson said an overemphasis on SAT I scores has created the "educational equivalent of a nuclear arms race," that hurts all involved but poses a risk to any institution that opts out.

Jeff Rubenstein, assistant vice president of the Princeton Review and author of several books about test preparation, said Atkinson's announcement may prove a rallying point.

"People are finally beginning to realize the incredibly narrow scope of what this test measures which is completely out of proportion with the importance given to it by most people," he said.

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Teens sought in murder of professor couple

HANOVER, N.H. (AP) — Police around the country were asked to be on the lookout Saturday for two teenagers charged in the murders of two Dartmouth College professors who were stabbed to death in their home.

Robert Tulloch, 17, and James Parker, 16, both of Chelsea, Vt., should be considered dangerous, authorities said at a news conference.

Both were charged as adults with two counts of first-degree murder in the deaths of Half and Susanne Zantop, whose bloody bodies were found in their home Jan. 27.

The two stabbed the popular professors "multiple times in the head and chest," Senior Assistant

Attorney General Kelly Ayotte said at a news conference.

Authorities refused to discuss how they identified the suspects, a motive or any connection between the boys and the victims.

Officials had said earlier they believed Zantops were killed by someone they knew or let into their home. Ayotte refused to discuss that, saying it was still under investigation.

Hanover is a close-knit college town of about 9,600 people just over the Connecticut River from Vermont, and Chelsea is a small town about 25 miles away. Many Hanover residents said they didn't lock their doors and never worried about their safety.

"I'd be very guarded about

that until they have caught the person and there is some solid indication this is the person who did it," said Audrey McCollum, a neighbor of the Zantops.

In Chelsea, Casey Purcell, a friend of Tulloch's, said Saturday that Tulloch and Parker left town in the days after the killings, then returned two or three days later. A few days after that, they disappeared again, said Purcell, a senior at Chelsea High School.

Purcell said Tulloch told him the pair were trying to go rock climbing in Colorado, but had to return because Tulloch had a cut on his leg that became infected. Tulloch said he cut his leg on a maple tree sap bucket while walking in the woods, Purcell said.

"Everyone in school thought they were going to Colorado to go rock climbing. It was just a joke around school, and then everyone assumed they did it again (went to Colorado)," he said.

On Saturday, the Tullochs family home was hemmed in by police cars. A man who answered the phone late Friday refused to comment and hung up.

Jaymi Ferno, another classmate of the boys at Chelsea High, said she had seen no signs of trouble or stress.

"He's quiet. He was a class clown," Ferno said of Tulloch. "He was funny (about) anything random. He could pick the smallest things out and turn it into this comical thing."

Black militant leader dead, spokesman says

MARIETTA, Ga. (AP) — Khalid Abdul Muhammad, a black militant known for his harsh rhetoric about Jews and whites, died Saturday morning, a spokesman for the Black Panther Party said.

"Minister and Dr. Khalid Abdul Muhammad had made his transition to the ancestors," Malik Zulu Shabazz said at a news conference outside Wellstar Kennestone Hospital, where Muhammad was taken earlier this week.

He declined to reveal how the 53-year-old Muhammad died, saying only that it was of "very serious and natural causes." The leader had shown no prior signs of illness, Shabazz said.

He was surrounded by Muhammad's family and eight party members wearing black uniforms, combat boots and berets. They chanted "Long live Khalid Muhammad!" and "Black Power!"

"Our hearts are aching.

We are sad but at the same time we are happy because we know that his place is secure," Shabazz said.

Muhammad was named one of Louis Farrakhan's top lieutenants in the Nation of Islam in 1981. He served at mosques in New York and Atlanta throughout the decade, and in 1991 became Farrakhan's personal assistant.

It was Farrakhan who gave him the name Khalid — meaning warrior — but he was born Harold Moore Jr. in 1948. He began preaching as a child and was later a quarterback at an all-black high school in Houston.

In his own public speaking engagements, Muhammad quickly became known for his virulent attacks on Jews, homosexuals and whites. He was ousted by Farrakhan after a 1993 speech during which he referred to Jews as "bloodsuckers" and urged mob murder of white South Africans.

California battles over government's buyout plan

LOS ANGELES (AP) — Supporters say the governor's proposed state buyout of much of California's electric transmission lines could lead to quick improvements of a bottlenecked system overdue for repairs.

But critics of the plan unveiled Friday by Gov. Gray Davis say it's a gamble that saddles the state with an antiquated network that could prove costly to fix. They also said the state doesn't have the expertise to operate thousands of miles of power lines.

"This is a bailout. What they're talking about is using limited state resources and buying very old assets," said Assembly Minority Leader Bill Campbell.

The governor's plan was unveiled as a Stage 3 power alert, in effect for 32 days, was lifted late Friday by the California Independent System Operator, the private agency that operates the state power grid for the three major utilities. A Stage 3 alert means customers are using all but 1.4 percent of the system's power reserves; the state remained at a less severe Stage 2 alert on Saturday.

"Because of the holiday weekend our load projection came down to the 27,000 megawatt range," ISO spokeswoman Stephanie McCorkle said.

Under Davis' plan, the state would buy the transmission systems of Pacific Gas and Electric, Southern California Edison and San Diego Gas and Electric.

Assemblyman Fred Keeley said buying 26,000 miles of power lines could cost \$7 billion; Davis would only say that talks would start with the book value of the

lines, which Keeley aides pegged at \$4.5 billion.

PG&E officials issued a statement saying they didn't think the proposal was fair to both consumers and shareholders. Edison officials said they would comment this week.

The governor's plan would infuse the utilities with part of the cash they need to remain solvent, but he wants their parent companies to help pay off the utilities' debts.

Edison and PG&E said they have accumulated nearly \$13 billion in losses because the state's 1996 deregulation law prevented them from passing the true costs of wholesale energy to their customers.

The state has already pledged to commit at least \$10 billion in revenue bonds to buying power for customers of Edison and PG&E. Those bonds would be repaid by utilities' customers.

The governor proposed creation of a public authority to manage the transmission grid and contract with the utilities to maintain, repair and expand the system.

Supporters said the proposal has precedence.

"We have public ownership of the highway system, because we know it's fundamentally important to the state and its economy," said state Treasurer Phil Angelides. "We own the water system, because it's fundamental to the state's economic health."

Some benefits of such an arrangement are financial.

The price to upgrade the system has been estimated at \$1 billion. But the state could arrange less for less expensive financing than

the utilities, so state ownership could mean an annual savings of \$62 million over the life of a 30-year financing period, officials estimate.

Legislators said they want

to get something in return for helping the utilities escape bankruptcy.

"I give you a dollar, I get a hot dog," state Sen. John Burton said earlier in supporting such a plan.

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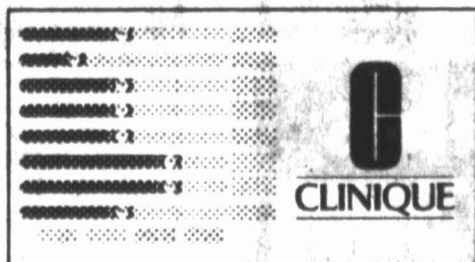
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Bufs face Sur in playoff game

Stanton's Buffs square off Saturday for a Class 2A bi-district game at Tuesday in Seminole. The Buffs finished regular season with a 6 record, taking 6th place in the District standings.

Tickets for the game will be priced for adults and \$2 for children.

Snyder's Sam leaving for new

Sam Tipton, girls' basketball and girls' athletic director at Snyder School, has submitted his resignation effective the end of the school year.

Tipton, who has coached ball, the past 13 years, will be replaced by Snyder, leaving a coaching position on the staff as executive of the Texas Coaches Association.

Lady Steers at Snyder Inv

The Lady Steers team placed sixth at the Snyder Invitational Saturday.

Brittany Griener with a score of 10 after the final while Sarah Antosh with 118. Jessica Hicks finished with 135 and 131 for while Angela Pineda finished with 139.

CGA members' tourney is too

The Chicago Association of Golfers will hold its annual membership tournament at the Comanche Golf Course.

Membership fee per person and include green fee. Players must be on the course by 7 a.m. and play starts with a 10 a.m. start.

UGSA sets its meeting for t

Big Spring Unified School Association will hold a meeting today at the County Library.

Anyone interested in managing or coordinating should contact JoEllen at 264-6104.

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Noon — Figure Skating, ABC, Ch. 5.
BOWLING
11:30 a.m. — Open, ESPN, Ch. 5.

IN BRIEF

Bufs face Sundown in playoff game

Stanton's Buffaloes will square off against Sundown's Roughnecks in a Class 2A bi-district playoff game at 7 p.m. Tuesday in Seminole.

The Buffs finished the regular season with a 11-6 record, taking third place in the District 3-A standings.

Tickets for Tuesday's game will be priced at \$4 for adults and \$2 for children.

Snyder's Sam Tipton leaving for new post

Sam Tipton, the head girls' basketball coach and girls athletic coordinator at Snyder High School, has submitted his resignation effective at the end of the current school year.

Tipton, who spent 24 years coaching basketball, the past 15 guiding girls teams at Frenship and Snyder, leaves the coaching profession to take on the responsibilities as executive director of the Texas Girls Coaches Association.

Lady Steers contend at Snyder Invitational

The Lady Steers golf team placed sixth in the Snyder Invitational Saturday.

Brittany Griffith led with a score of 106 and 107 after the final round, while Sarah Anthony finished at 118 and 105. Jessica Hicks finished at 135 and 131 for the day while Angela Payne finished with 139 and 144.

CGA membership tourney is today

The Chicago Golf Association of Big Spring will hold its annual membership tournament today at the Comanche Trail Golf Course.

Membership fees are \$15 per person and do not include green fees.

Players must register for the tournament by 9:45 a.m. and play will begin with a 10 a.m. shotgun start.

UGSA sets its first meeting for today

Big Spring United Girls' Softball Association will hold a meeting at 2 p.m. today at the Howard County Library.

Anyone interested in managing or coaching are urged to attend.

For more information contact JoEllen Canales at 264-6104.

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HOCKEY
7 p.m. — Detroit Red Wings at Dallas Stars, ESPN, Ch. 30.

AUTO RACING
11 a.m. — Nascar Daytona 500, ESPN, Ch. 29.

SKATING
Noon — Figure skating: ISU finals, ABC, Ch. 2.

BOWLING
11:30 a.m. — PBA, Tarheel Open, ESPN, Ch. 30.

Big Spring netters finish strong in home tourney

By KAMILAH WARD
Sports Writer

Big Spring's Steers and Lady Steers tennis teams finished strong in Saturday's final matches as they played host in the 11th annual Big Spring Invitational tournament at Figure 7 Tennis Center.

Both teams have been playing strong this season and were able to place among the area's top teams.

"They all played excellent and I'm excited about our placings," said head coach Sarah Corse.

The Steers finished in fourth place, tied with Snyder as they were just two points shy of a third place finish.

In singles action, Zach Smiley claimed a 6-2, 4-6, 6-3 win over Odessa's Brad McKinley and rolled to a 7-4, 6-3 win over Permian's Dimitri Audres. Teammate Derek DeHoyos managed a fourth place finish.

The doubles team of Alex Edgemon and Jay Shroff combined for a third place finish with a 6-1, 6-1 win over Lubbock Coronado, a 6-3, 6-1 win over Snyder, and a two-set 6-1, 7-5 win over Lubbock Coronado's second team, while Michael Roffers and Brian Wingert placed seventh with a 6-0, 6-0 win over Carlsbad, NM.

While singles entry Lauren Chesworth finished 14th place and

Heather Parnell finished 15th, the Lady Steers tandem of Meghan Roffers and April Ward landed a ninth place finish, posting a 6-4, 6-7, 6-4 win over Snyder and 6-2, 6-0 win over Abilene Wylie. The doubles team of Annette Richardson and Mindy Partee finished at 13th place.

Chesworth placed with a 6-2, 7-5 win over Odessa's Beki Primera while Parnell rolled to a 6-4, 6-2 win over Whitney Azziraro of Carlsbad, N.M.

The final scoring for each teams was as follows — Lubbock Coronado finished with 96 points, Odessa Permian placed second with 78, Odessa High claimed third with 62, Snyder and Big Spring tied for the

fourth place spot with 60, Abilene Wylie finished in fifth with 57, Abilene Cooper finished seventh with 51 points and Carlsbad, N.M. placed claimed the final eighth spot with 39 points.

"I think this was the best overall finish for Big Spring in a spring tournament in several years," added Corse.

With the placings, the Steers and Lady Steers can get a feel for what's to be expected in district.

The Big Spring netters have a few days off from competition as they prepare to travel to compete in the Odessa tournament this Friday and Saturday with the first match set for an 8 a.m. start.

Lady Wolves post win over Ozona

By KAMILAH WARD
Sports Writer

Can it get any better for the Colorado City Lady Wolves?

The Lady Wolves claimed a bi-district title less than a week ago after losing one of their starting players, junior forward Vanessa Quintero, thanks in large part to Alison Lopez's 30-point performance.

Some of the same good fortune carried over into Friday night's, as the Lady Wolves claimed their first area playoff title in almost 20 years with a 44-38 win over Ozona's Lady Lions. Ozona entered the game with a district title under its belt and a tradition of being a powerhouse in West Texas basketball.

But in a game that carries so much meaning to 11 players and three coaches from Colorado City, tradition is just a thing of the past.

"Ozona has tremendous reputation of being a tough team to beat because of their tradition," noted Lady Wolves head coach Darrin Leverton.

The game began a bit sloppy for both teams as they turned the ball over with lane violations and misreads.

For the most part, the 10 starters on the floor were feeling one another out. "In the first quarter there wasn't a lot of offense ... both teams were trying to handle the pressure," Leverton noted.

As a result, he score was knotted at 8-8 after the first quarter.

For the Lady Wolves, it was only a matter of time before the shots would fall, and Kotia Russell's second 3-pointer of the game seemed to get things started.

Russell wound up perfect from outside the arch, knocking down three 3-pointers at key points in the game.

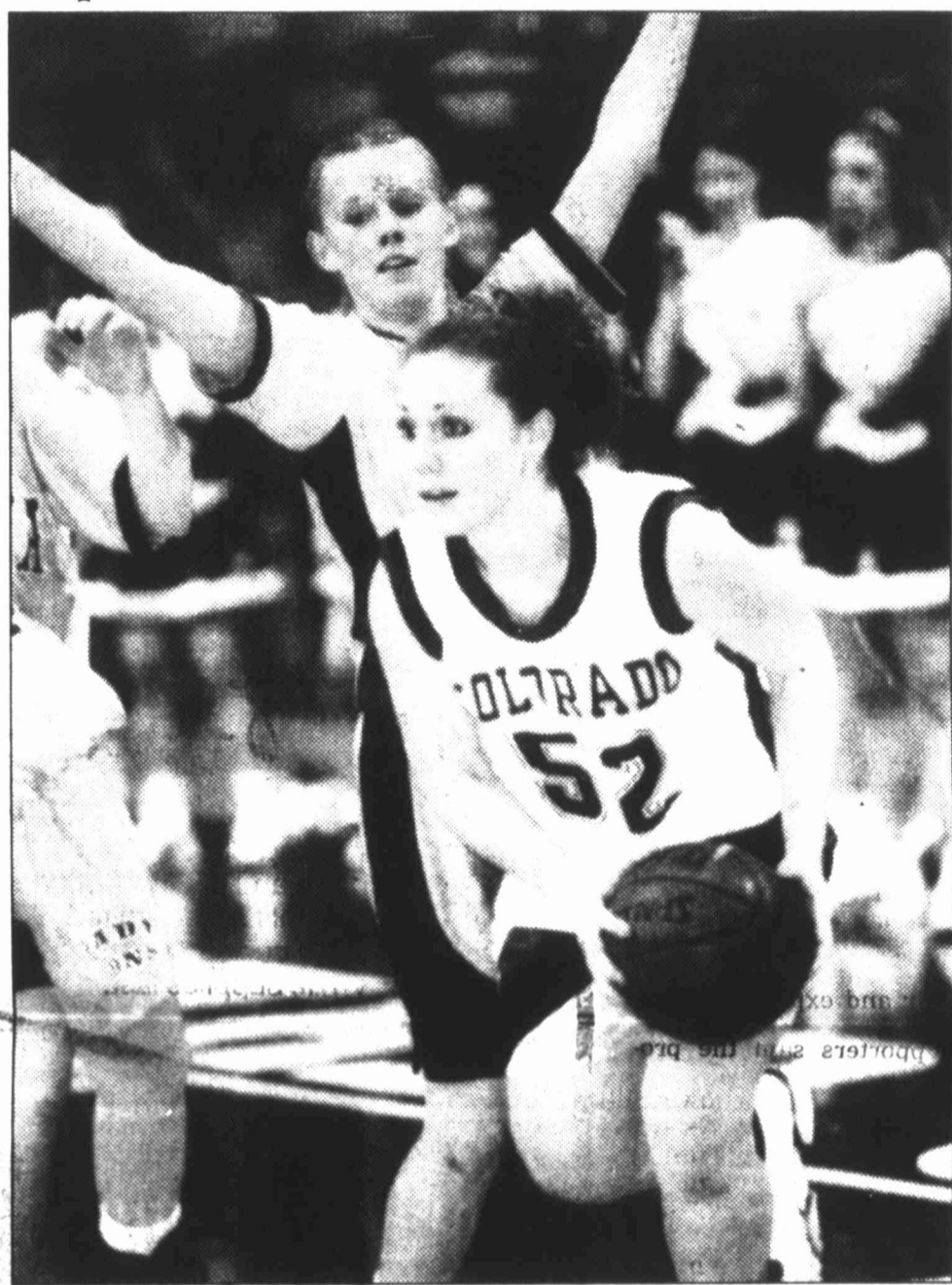
Ozona, which only led once during the entire game, didn't score again until the 3:45 mark of the second quarter, trimming Colorado City's lead to 15-8.

The Lady Wolves got another 3-pointer from Teri Phariss, who stepped out to claim her fifth point of the night, while Alison Lopez decided to get into the act as she closed the period with a long bomb to give Colorado City a 25-17 lead at the break.

The momentum favored the Lady Wolves throughout the third quarter as they extended their lead to 13 points on a driving layup from Kassi Redwine and another 3-pointer from Russell.

"Lopez's and Russell's threes opened up the offense for us and forced Ozona to come out and guard us," Leverton noted.

The Lady Wolves' defensive effort paralleled their offense, as they man-



Colorado City's Teri Phariss looks to pass the ball during the Lady Wolves 44-38 win over Ozona's Lady Lions. The Lady Wolves claimed the Class 2A area championship, their first in about 20 years.

aged to hold Ozona to just five points during the third quarter and allowed only one field goal.

Colorado City seemed a little out of sync in the fourth quarter and Ozona was able to capitalize on the Lady Wolves' offensive drought, scoring 16 points behind the sharp shooting of Kristi Avila.

"When the pressure is on Ozona plays well," explained Leverton. "They turned up the defense and gave us a scare."

But the 9-0 run in the first minutes of the quarter just wasn't enough for the Lady Lions, as Colorado City was able to hold them off and put themselves in a position to play District 3-2A rival Coahoma's Bulldogettes.

"Both teams played well throughout district and we turned it up through playoffs, so the game ought to be a

barn-burner," Leverton said in looking ahead to the Lady Wolves' showdown with the Bulldogettes on Tuesday at the Scurry County Coliseum in Snyder.

The Bulldogettes, District 3-2A's champions, pulled out a 50-45 win over Mason Friday night in San Angelo.

Colorado City 44, Ozona 38
Ozona — Codi Richardson 2 4-6 8, Jordan Webster 0 0-0 0, Lana Stewart 0 0-0 0, Kristi Avila 9 3-5 23, Joyce Caldera 0 0-0 0, Jessica Herring 0 0-0 0, Claressa Tamborga 1 0-0 2, Millie Wadsworth 2 1-3 5, Terr Duncan 0 0-0 0. Totals 14 8-14 38.
COLORADO CITY — Amanda Guerra 0 0-0 0, Theresa Cote 0 0-0 0, Hannah Basham 0 0-0 0, Kim Rivera 1 1-2 3, Kassi Redwine 2 0-3 4, Alison Lopez 6 1-2 14, Erica Grant 1 0-1 2, Kotia Russell 5 3-3 14, Teri Phariss 3 0-0 7. Totals 18 3-11 44.
Score by Quarters: OZONA 8 9 5 16-38; COLORADO CITY 8 17 15 4-44.
Three-point goals: Ozona 2 (Avila), C-ty 5 (Russell 3, Pharris, Lopez). Rebounds: Ozona 21, C-ty 25. Turnovers: Ozona 12, C-ty 17. Total fouls: Ozona 14, C-ty 13. Technical fouls: None. Fouled out: None. Records: Ozona 23-8, 8-2; C-ty 18-11 7-3.

Bulldogettes knock out Mason; Lady 'Kats come up short

HERALD Staff Reports

SAN ANGELO — Free throws make a world of difference in some cases.

Coahoma's Bulldogettes took a 50-45 area playoff win over Mason's Lady Puncers with a pair of free throws from Kenni Kay Buchanan and Kortney Kemper in the closing seconds of the game at the San Angelo Central gymnasium Friday night.

The Bulldogettes trailed by one point at halftime, but managed to outscore Mason 18-7 in the third quarter.

Coahoma generally shoots well from the perimeter, but the Bulldogettes' shots weren't falling down the stretch. So, when all else failed, they tried the charity stripe.

Sure enough, that proved to be a positive for the Bulldogettes as they managed to hit over 50 percent of their attempts from the line — 15 of which they attempted in the fourth quarter.

The Lady Puncers staged a fourth-quarter comeback, but the Bulldogettes' defense and clutch

AREA ROUNDUP

shooting was enough to hold them off in the end.

Coahoma will take on Colorado City's Lady Wolves on Tuesday night in Snyder — the fourth time this season that the District 3-2A rivals have faced one another.

COAHOAMA 50, MASON 45
MASON — Katie Schmitt 1 4-5 6, Carrie Schulte 4 2-4 11, Brittny Lehman 1 1-3 3, Jendell McQueen 1 0-0 2, Courtney Hill 0 0-0 0, Jencie Moore 1 0-0 2, Misty Menchaca 3 5-10 11, Caitlin Monte 1 0-1 2, Peppie Kumbief 3 1-1 8. Totals 15 14-25 45.

COAHOAMA — Rachel Williams 0 0-0 0, Crystal Atkinson 2 0-0 7, Kenni Kay Buchanan 1 4-7 8, Brandie Hart 0 1-2 1, Kortney Kemper 3 3-3 10, Karen Sterling 4 4-8 12, Myrnie Roberts 5 2-7 12, Kayla Smith 0 2-2 2. Totals 16 16-29 50.

Score by Quarters: MASON 8 9 5 16-38; COAHOAMA 8 10 16 14-50.
Three-point goals: Mason (Schulte), Coahoma 2 (Atkinson, Kemper). Total fouls: Mason 23, Coahoma 23. Fouled out: Moore, Atkinson, Sterling. Technical fouls: None. Records: Coahoma 23-8.

Garden City falls to Roby
LEVELLAND — Garden City's Lady Bearkats fell behind early in the first quarter and couldn't get over the hump in the closing sec-

onds, suffering a 49-46 loss at the hand of Roby's Lady Lions Friday at the South Plains College Texan Dome.

The Lady 'Kats trailed by 10 points at the half after managing only mseven points in the opening period.

Senior post M'Lynn Niehues finished with 12 points and eight rebounds, but the aggressive play of Roby post players Kandra Lakey and Sandy Kiser proved to be too much for the Lady 'Kats to overcome.

Lakey led all scorers with 22 points and pulled down 11 rebounds, while Kiser finished with 12 points.

Junior Collene Cox was the only other player in double figures for the Lady 'Kats, as she finished the game with 11 points.

ROBY 49, GARDEN CITY 46
GARDEN CITY — Collene Cox 4 2-2 11, Leslie Jense 0 0-0 0, Summer Eoff 4 0-0 9, Dendra Masie 2 0-0 5, M'Lynn Niehues 5 1-2 12, Jessica Hoch 2 0-0 4, Anna Flores 0 0-0 0, Lari Hodelmeyer 2 1-2 5. Totals 19 4-6 46.

ROBY — Chastie Thane 2 0-5 6, Laura Matena 0 1-2 1, Candace Anderson 0 0-0 0, Gene Stevenson 0 0-0 0, Sandy Kiser 5 1-4 12, Kandra Lakey 9 4-5 22, Lyndi Stuart 1 0-0 6. Totals 20 8-13 49.

Score by Quarters: GARDEN CITY 7 10 9 13-46

ROBY
Three-point goals: GC 4 (Cox, Eoff, Masie, Niehues), Roby 3 (Thane, Kiser). Total fouls: GC 16, Roby 8. Fouled out: None. Turnovers: GC 9, Roby 13. Rebounds: GC 27, Roby 29.

Colorado City posts win over Lorenzo

Colorado City's Wolves took advantage of Lorenzo's poor shooting in the third quarter to post a 69-60 win over the Hornets Friday night in a boys' practice game.

With just a couple of players in double figures and a strong offensive effort in the last two periods, Colorado City managed to put away the Hornets and hold on for the nine-point win.

The Wolves finished up the regular season with a perfect 10-0 record in District 3-2A.

Winning the 3-2A championship gives the Wolves a little time to prepare for the playoffs, thanks to earning a bye in the opening round.

COLORADO CITY 69, LORENZO 60
LORENZO — C. Aycock 15, Simmons 4, B. Aycock 3, M. Birdwell 11, Stark 20, S. Birdwell 3, Jeffery 4.

COLORADO CITY — A. Spivey 5, Arthur 3, Pharris 16, Wayne 7, Lerard 32, Basham 6.
Score by Quarters: LORENZO 17 16 9 16-60; COLORADO CITY 15 16 20 16-69.
Rebounds: Lorenzo 23-4, Colorado City 25-4.

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SPORTS EXTRA

TOP 25 - MEN

Table listing top 25 men's college basketball teams with columns for Rank, Team, and Record.

TOP 25 - WOMEN

Table listing top 25 women's college basketball teams with columns for Rank, Team, and Record.

TRANSACTIONS

BASEBALL American League BALTIMORE ORIOLES—Agreed to terms with INF Of Melvin Mora, RHP Lesli Brea, LHP John Bale and C Fernando Lumar on one-year contract.

NBA STANDINGS

Table showing NBA Standings for Eastern Conference (Atlantic, Central, Pacific Divisions) and Western Conference (Midwest, Pacific Divisions).

Saturday's Games Washington at Dallas, 7 p.m. Miami at Chicago, 7:30 p.m. Cleveland at Houston, 7:30 p.m.

Monday's Games San Antonio at Toronto, 11:30 p.m. Phoenix at Philly, 11:30 p.m. L.A. Clippers at New Jersey, Noon.

Friday's Games Phoenix 2, Carolina 0 Detroit 4, Columbus 2 Florida 2, Boston 1

Monday's Games Chicago at N.Y. Rangers, 1 p.m. Colorado at Pittsburgh, 3 p.m. Ottawa at Buffalo, 7 p.m.

Friday's Games New Mexico 4, Toronto 3, SO Chicago 5, Ba-Shreveport 3 San Angelo 6, Amarillo 2

LOCAL BOWLING

San Angelo at El Paso Bossier-Shreveport at Austin Monroe at Fort Worth

LADIES MAJOR

RESULTS-DUH* 6-2, Bowling Angels 2-6, Frustrated Four 6-2, D&S Flooring 2-6, Ain't Gotta Clue 8-0, Dakota's Flowers 0-8, Day & Day Builders 2-6, Big Spring Music 6-2, Bowl-A-Rama 0-0, Rocky's 0-0, Greenhouse Photography 4-4, Culligan Water 4-4, Star Tek Strikers 0-0, Neighbors Hot Rods 0-0, hi sc team game Ain't Gotta Clue 6-74, Big Spring Music 6-73, "DUH" 6-51, hi sc team series Big Spring Music 19-76, Ain't Gotta Clue 19-48, "DUH" 18-06; hi hdp team game "DUH" 8-95, ant Gotta Clue 8-73, D&S Flooring 8-51, hi hdp team series Ain't Gotta Clue 25-45, "DUH" 25-38, Neighbors Hot Rods 2-481; hi sc game Gwen Smith 2-19, Rosalita Lozano 2-14, Irene Jackson 1-9; hi sc series Rosalita Lozano 6-08, Peggy Huckabee 5-45, Gwen Smith 5-40; hi hdp game Gwen Smith 2-61, Bonnie Barber 2-51, Faye Day 2-49; hi hdp series Jane Farmer 6-97, Rosalita Lozano 6-95, Bonnie Barber 6-72.

LADIES MAJOR

RESULTS-Dakota's Flowers 2-6, Ain't Gotta Clue 6-2, Bowl-A-Rama 6-2, Culligan Water 2-6, "DUH" 5-3, Big Spring Music 3-5, Day & Day Builders 6-2, D&S Flooring 2-6, Greenhouse Photography 8-0, Rocky's 0-8, Neighbors Hot Rods 2-6, Star Tek Strikers 1-2, Bowling Angels 3-0, Frustrated Four 0-8; hi sc team game Big Spring Music 7-35, Greenhouse Photography 6-95, Ain't Gotta Clue 6-71; hi sc team series Big Spring Music 2-068, Greenhouse Photography 1-980, Ain't Gotta Clue 1-877; hi hdp team game Greenhouse Photography 8-98, Bowl-A-Rama 8-93, Culligan Water 8-86; hi hdp team series Bowl-A-Rama 2-600, Greenhouse Photography 2-589, Culligan Water 2-509; hi sc game Alice Ewing 2-18, Peggy Huckabee 2-14, Velma Campbell 2-12; hi sc series Peggy Huckabee 5-94, Velma Campbell 5-94, Rosalita Lozano 5-48; hi hdp game Krysta Bearden 2-62, Velma Campbell 2-57, Alice Ewing 2-54; hi hdp series Krysta Bearden 7-14, Peggy Huckabee 7-11, Betty Brumley 7-0.

LADIES MAJOR

RESULTS-Bowling Angels 6-2, Neighbors Hot Rods 2-6, Dakota's Flowers 6-2, Star Tek Strikers 2-6, Rocky's 2-6, Day & Day Builders 6-2, Frustrated Four 6-2, "DUH" 2-6, Bowl-A-Rama 6-2, Big Spring Music 2-6, Culligan Water 6-2, Greenhouse Photography 2-6, D&S Flooring 2-6, Ain't Gotta Clue 6-2; hi hdp team game Ain't Gotta Clue 9-04, Dakota's Flowers 8-93, Star Tek Strikers 8-89; hi hdp team series Dakota's Flowers 2-516, Star Tek Strikers 2-510, Bowling Angels 2-535; hi sc game Teresa Woolvortin 2-118, Martha Beene 2-13, Lavonne Brumley 2-12; hi sc series Martha Beene 5-73, Lavonne Brumley 5-68, Peggy Huckabee 5-50; hi hdp game Martha Beene 2-72, Lavonne Brumley 2-64, Teresa Woolvortin 2-63; hi hdp series Martha Beene 7-50, Lavonne Brumley 7-24, Teresa Woolvortin 6-75.

LADIES MAJOR

RESULTS-Big Spring Music 2-6, Culligan Water 6-2, Neighbors Hot Rods 8-0, Frustrated Four 6-2, D&S Flooring 2-6, Dakota's Flowers 6-2, Rocky's 2-6, Ain't Gotta Clue 6-2, Bowling Angels 4-4, Star Tek Strikers 4-4, Bowl-A-Rama 2-6, "DUH" 6-2, Greenhouse Photography 4-4, Day & Day Builders 4-4; hi sc team game Big Spring Music 7-01, Greenhouse Photography 9-02, Bowling Angels 8-99, Dakota's Flowers 8-85; hi hdp team series Big Spring Music 19-75, Greenhouse Photography 18-41, Ain't Gotta Clue 18-20; hi hdp team game Greenhouse Photography 9-02, Bowling Angels 8-99, Dakota's Flowers 8-85; hi hdp team series Big Spring Music 19-75, Greenhouse Photography 18-41, Ain't Gotta Clue 18-20; hi hdp team game Greenhouse Photography 9-02, Bowling Angels 8-99, Dakota's Flowers 8-85; hi hdp team series Big Spring Music 19-75, Greenhouse Photography 18-41, Ain't Gotta Clue 18-20.

COLLEGE SCORES

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Durant's tournament, but it was Arnie's day at Hope on Saturday

LA QUINTA, Calif. (AP) — Joe Durant owned a scoring record and the tournament lead. At the Bob Hope Classic, though, the day belonged to Arnold Palmer.

Durant's 29-under-par PGA Tour scoring record for 72 holes and his five-shot lead were almost an afterthought on a day when the 71-year-old Palmer delighted his fans by becoming the first player since Sam Snead 22 years ago to shoot his age in a tour event.

Palmer's 1-under 71 came Saturday before adoring crowds on the PGA West course he designed, while Durant quietly shot a 66 on the nearby Bermuda Dunes course before only a handful of spectators to take a five-shot lead in the final round eve.

Durant slipped almost unnoticed into the press room while Palmer was holding court before a crowd of media, then watched as Palmer was besieged by autograph seekers as he walked out.

"God bless him for him to go out and play like he did today," Durant said. "We wouldn't be sitting here today without people like him."

In a tournament that Palmer won five times in his prime, some of the magic came back as he recovered from a double bogey on the 16th hole to birdie the par-3 17th.

"Thank you Arnie," fans cried as he began his familiar stoop-shouldered walk up the 18th fairway.

It was the final round of the tournament — one of only two regular-season events Palmer still plays — for the aging superstar, but the fans who ringed the 18th green gave him a warm sendoff.

Palmer obliged by waving to the crowd and giving spectators a thumbs up after he hit a pitch shot within 15 feet on the final hole.

"I don't think I will give up as long as I can compete and be part of the game," said Palmer, who had rounds of 81-79-75-71 to miss the cut. "I was kind of getting down with my game and how it's been. Today was encouraging."

Durant needed no such encouragement after rounds of 65-61-67 gave him a three-shot lead going into Saturday play in the 90-hole event. His game has been so good all week that even holding the lead for the first time going into the final round of a PGA Tour event didn't bother him.

"If I can just go out and do what I'm doing I'll be fine," Durant said. "I think I need to be in the 60s again."

Durant was in such focus that he didn't even know his 29-under total broke the mark of 28 under set by John Huston in the 1998 Hawaiian Open. The only record he had been thinking of was the 35 under mark set by Tom Kite in this tournament.

Mavs

DALLAS (AP) — The Dallas Mavericks were fined \$10,000 for a brawl during a game from Reunion games for his dash onto the court.

A shoving match broke out at the night's game when Mavericks' center Shawn Bradley reached into the crowd to grab a fan.

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Brian Cook points, Frank added 14 and defense shut down inside game on Saturday.

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The Hoosiers Haston with Coverdale and Jeffries each points.

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Continued from page 9A Rivera, who reported a day late to spring because of food poisoning, will not begin throwing until early next week.

He received a no-trade clause for the first two years of the contract. He also can terminate the deal after two seasons and become eligible for free agency. If he does that, he loses the final \$4 million of the signing bonus, meaning he will have received \$18.6 million for two years.

"We wanted to make Mariano the highest reliever, and we also wanted to protect him in case, for whatever reason, the market went through the roof," said another of Rivera's agents, Fernando Cuza.

Yankees president Randy Levine finalized the agreement Friday with Hendricks. Jim Bronner, had battled the Yankees the

previous two winters, beating them in arbitration in 1999 and losing last year. With the deal, the Yankees' payroll rose to \$109,935,143 for 23 signed players. While Shane Spencer and Clay Bellinger are unsigned, meaning their salaries will be small, less than \$400,000.

New York is likely to open the season with a payroll of \$110 million to \$111 million, down from a major league-leading \$113 million at the end of last season. Right now, the Dodgers are just ahead of the Yankees, with a payroll of \$110,655,953.

Signing Rivera was the final part of the Yankees' offseason plan, which included re-signing outfielder Paul O'Neill, infielder Luis Sojo and Dwight Gooden, adding pitcher Mike Mussina and backup catcher Joe Oliver and getting a multiyear contract with shortstop Derek Jeter.

WASHINGTON CAPITALS—Reassigned RW Matt Hren to Portland of the AHL. SOCCER Major League Soccer SAN JOSE EARTHQUAKES—Waived F Fabio Edelwein. COLLEGE FAIRLEIGH DICKINSON—Named Joseph Wisniewski men's golf coach.

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Mavs owner fined \$10,000, banned for two games in fast-food dash

DALLAS (AP) — Mark Cuban was fined \$10,000 — enough to buy 10,101 chalupas — and banned from Reunion Arena for two games for his fast-food inspired dash onto the court at the end of the Dallas-Cleveland game.

A shoving match between the Mavericks and the Cavaliers broke out at the end of Thursday night's game when Dallas tried to reach 100 points in the final seconds of a blowout victory so fans could get coupons for 99-cent chalupas as part of a fast-food promotion.

Cuban came rushing onto the court to aid his players when the Cavaliers objected to the Mavericks' running up the score.

The outspoken owner has now been fined a total of \$405,000 for

infractions ranging from criticizing referees to sitting too close to the court. But this was his first suspension.

In addition, Robert Traylor of the Cleveland Cavaliers was suspended for one game and fined \$5,000 for throwing a punch at the Mavericks' Courtney Alexander. Traylor will serve his suspension when the Cavaliers face Houston on Saturday.

Under NBA rules, any team official other than a coach who comes onto the court during a game is automatically suspended for the next two home games and the team is automatically fined \$10,000. Cuban will have to leave the arena at least two hours before the start of the games.

Cuban will miss Saturday's

game against Washington and Tuesday's game against the Los Angeles Lakers.

The billionaire owner said he was simply trying to protect his players.

"These are people I care about," Cuban said on KTCK radio. "When something like that happens, your instinct isn't to worry what the rule book is going to say."

Fans began chanting "cha-lu-pa" in the game's waning seconds, urging the Mavericks to top the century mark — which guarantees the Taco Bell treat for the home crowd.

Mavericks forward Gary Trent was knocked to the floor by the Cavaliers' Wesley Person after Trent's turnaround jumper with

3.3 seconds to go put Dallas at 100 points, which guaranteed fans coupons for free chalupas.

Both players got into a brief shoving match and Cuban ran on the court, then quickly backed off when the players were separated.

Person said he went after Trent because he thought the Mavericks were trying to run up the score.

"It's bigger than chalupas," Person said. "Their coach called a play with 10 seconds left in a 20-point game. That's disrespect."

Mavericks interim coach Donnie Nelson disputed Person's claim.

"Running up the score? That's comical," Nelson said. "I just wanted to finish the game in an organized fashion. It's our job as an organization to please our fans and not necessarily opposing

coaches and players."

Taco Bell is more than pleased by the exposure they've received from what Mavericks guard Hubert Davis has dubbed "The Chalupa Incident."

George Killebrew, the Mavericks' vice president of corporate sponsorships, said the promotion encourages fans to remain at the game and "adds value to the price of the ticket."

"The way I look at it, the fans pay for the tickets which pays for the players and the coaches," Killebrew said. "When the players have the opportunity to reward the fans, they should take advantage of it."

Last year, the Cavaliers were booted off their home floor for failing to get 100 points in a 98-95 vic-

Illinois takes fifth straight win, but Hoosiers don't make it easy

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Brian Cook scored 16 points, Frank Williams added 14 and the Illinois defense shut down Indiana's inside game as the No. 4 Illini held on for a 67-61 victory on Saturday.

Illinois (21-5, 11-2 Big Ten) won its fifth straight but this one was not easy.

The Illini seemingly had control after a 6-0 mini-run gave them a 41-33 lead with 13:56 left.

The Hoosiers (16-10, 7-5) scored the next four points, and then the Illinois defense took over. It allowed just one basket during the next 10 minutes.

Still, Indiana managed to fight back with back-to-back three-point plays from Tom Coverdale and Kirk Haston to close within 62-56. The Hoosiers as close as 65-61 with 38 seconds left but no closer.

The Hoosiers were led by Haston with 18 points. Coverdale and Jared Jeffries each added 16 points.

No. 7 Iowa St. 79, No. 6 Kansas 71

Freshmen Jake Sullivan and Shane Power helped Iowa State shoot down Kansas again.

Sullivan made six 3-pointers in scoring a season-high 22 points, Power added 18 points with four 3s and Jamaal Tinsley created havoc with his quick hands as No. 7 Iowa State beat No. 6 Kansas 79-71 Saturday.

Iowa State (22-3, 10-2 Big 12) won a ninth straight conference game for the first time in school history. Kansas (19-5, 8-4) lost for the fourth time in six games.

Tinsley made only 1-of-13 shots. He made up for it other ways, finishing with 11 assists and six steals and making 9-of-12 free throws to score 11 points.

Jeff Boschee led Kansas with 19 points before fouling out on a reach in against Tinsley with 1:34 left. Kenny Gregory scored 16, while Kirk Hinrich and Eric Chenoweth each had 13.

No. 8 Arizona 105, USC 61

Gilbert Arenas scored 27 points and missed just one shot Saturday as eighth-ranked Arizona routed

Southern California 105-61, one of the worst defeats in the Trojans' history.

Arenas was 8-of-9 from the floor, missing just one jumper. He made all five shots from 3-point range, and was a perfect 6-of-6 from the free throw line. The 6-foot-3 sophomore also had five assists and three rebounds.

Arenas' backcourt mate, Jason Gardner, scored 31 points, going 6-of-7 from 3-point range as the Wildcats hit 14-of-19 from beyond the stripe and shot 54 percent from the floor.

Brian Scalabrine led the Trojans with 20 points, but was the only USC player in double figures.

The worst losses in USC history were 77-14 to Los Angeles Athletic Club in 1914; 68-13 to Whittier in 1916; and 54-8 to Los Angeles YMCA in 1917.

No. 13 Oklahoma 82, Baylor 60

J.R. Raymond made a career-high seven 3-pointers and scored 24 points, and No. 13 Oklahoma showed no effects from a blowout loss three nights earlier in beating Baylor 82-60 Saturday.

The Sooners (20-5, 9-4 Big 12) moved into second place in the conference by sinking a season-high 14 3-pointers and beating Baylor for the 14th straight time. The Bears (16-7, 5-7), coming off a victory over No. 6 Kansas, shot just 35 percent and never threatened after the first few minutes.

Oklahoma was coming off a 72-44 loss at Oklahoma State on Wednesday, the worst loss in seven seasons under coach Kelvin Sampson. The Sooners shot 34 percent and went 2-of-13 from 3-point range in that game. On Saturday, they hit 54.5 percent and were 14-of-24 from long distance.

Raymond also had eight assists, six rebounds and no turnovers. Aaron McGhee scored 16 and Hollis Price had 10.

Terry Black scored 25 for Baylor.

Raymond had four 3-pointers in the first half when the Sooners scored one fewer point than they did all night against Oklahoma State.

Baylor, which came in shooting just 41.6 percent in conference games, missed

10 of 11 shots during one first-half stretch while Oklahoma outscored them 12-2.

Texas 80, Oklahoma St. 69

Texas held off a second-half Oklahoma State rally that tied the game at the end of regulation, then dominated the Cowboys in overtime in an 80-69 win Saturday.

Texas (19-7, 8-4) made 9 of 12 free throws in the extra period, while Oklahoma State went scoreless after Maurice Baker fouled out with 3:36 left in overtime.

Oklahoma State (15-7, 6-5) trailed by as many as 14 points in the second half, but Baker led a fierce comeback and tied the game at 67 on a layup with 5.2 seconds in regulation.

The Cowboys were lost without him in overtime, managing just two free throws early on before being shut down by the Texas defense.

Texas was led by the 24 points of Chris Owens, who dominated in the first half. But Owens went 1-of-6 from the line in the final 3:27 of regulation, allowing Baker and the Cowboys back into the game.

Texas led 42-34 after a first half that saw the Cowboys jump out to a 15-8 lead with 12:59 left.

But Texas went on a 12-2 run capped by a 3-pointer by Maurice Evans at the 9:33 mark for a 20-17 Longhorn lead.

Missouri 97, Texas A&M 90

Clarence Gilbert scored 24 points for Missouri, which held on to beat Texas A&M 97-90 on Saturday.

Gilbert made 6-of-13 shots from 3-point range before fouling out. The Tigers shot 40-percent from the 3-point line.

Missouri (17-8, 8-4 Big 12) captured its first road win since Jan. 10, and only the second in league play, while ending A&M's three-game winning streak.

Bernard King scored six unanswered points to pull the Aggies within four with 70 seconds remaining. A&M (9-16, 2-10) trailed by as much as 18 points during the game. King scored a season-high 31 points with five assists. Nick Anderson added 22 points for A&M.



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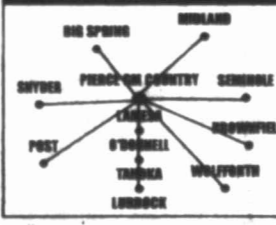
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SURVIVOR

Harold Davis has met death head-on and, somehow, survived.

The retired Big Spring businessman, civic leader and educator was just 21 years old when he hit the beach at Iwo Jima on Feb. 19, 1945. His Marine unit was part of the invasion that was planned to take control of the island in three days during World War II.

Thirty-six days later, the island was theirs — won at great cost. More than 18,000 Marines were injured and more than 6,000 killed during the fierce battle with Japanese defenders.

"I didn't think I would ever get off that island," said Davis, telling his story on a rare occasion last week. The former athletic director and head basketball coach for Howard College does not often share his story of the famous event.

"It's not real easy to talk about," said Davis, who earned a Silver Star for bravery after the campaign. "It will never go away."

Marines hit the shore of the island with a well-planned attack to gain control quickly and secure use of two airfields there. The island — located between Japan and the Marianas Islands — was to be key in the planned invasion of Japan.

"We needed that island, otherwise there would have been no reason to want it," Davis said. The small, rocky island was mostly barren, covered in volcanic soil and brush. Iwo Jima was 35 square miles in size.

A few days before the Marines hit the beach, propaganda from the Japanese hit the airwaves, starting with a familiar, sarcastic radio personality.

"Tokyo Rose came on and said they knew we were coming to Iwo Jima," Davis said. "She said something to the effect that, when we were through, we would be able to take roll call in a phone booth."

Undaunted, the troops forged ahead. But their invasion was no surprise, and the Japanese were better prepared than expected. The surprises began with the beach landing.

"On every island before, they had tried to keep us from landing," Davis said. "This time, they let us land without any problem. Then they unloaded on us from all sides."

And the fighting would be some of the bloodiest in the war. By the third day, Marines had gained control of less than half the territory they were expected to claim in one day.

And it only got worse.

"We hadn't planned on that volcanic soil; it was like walking in a wheat bin," Davis said. "You couldn't dig a hole; there was no cover, no place to hide."

There was also no place for the Marines to rest, although their Japanese counterparts were living underground, well hidden. The hot, volcanic earth made sleeping an impossibility.

As the Japanese soldiers bombarded the Marines, Navy warships bombarded them. Davis would go days without eating or sleeping.

"My platoon was almost wiped out four times," he said. "We replaced half of them each time, and they were bringing in these 17-year-old guys just out of boot camp."

It was between five and seven days into the battle that the famous photograph was taken. The shot of Marines raising a huge American flag atop Mount Suribachi has come to represent Iwo Jima to many, but Davis said he wasn't even aware of the flag-raising until he heard the blasting of horns from dozens of ships and the shouts of men who could see the historic event as it took place.



At left, Harold Davis shows the entry point for Marines in the battle for Iwo Jima during World War II. He has kept the map, and his top secret book of military strategy, more than 50 years. Davis was a lieutenant during the occupation which began on Feb. 19, 1945. Below, the young Marine is pictured shortly after receiving the Silver Star for bravery shown during the campaign. Bottom, left, headlines from newspapers during the war showed the fierce nature of the battle. Davis' parents, terrified for their son, kept scrapbooks of the news reports that followed the Marine landing on Iwo Jima.

At one time during the ordeal, Davis was one of only nine officers left in the entire company. During a strategy meeting with six other officers, the Japanese managed to get a mortar shell in, and Davis was the only one to survive the surprise attack.

"When I radioed in that all the other officers had been killed, they didn't believe me at first," Davis recalled.

Another time, Davis' men were sent to cross a dangerous area that had already meant disaster for two units. Sure enough, as they entered the exposed area, sniper fire began. Davis jumped in a hole, where he found two Marines injured in earlier attempts to cross the hot zone.

"They'd been in there about three days, and they needed help," he said. Davis crawled out, gathered up all the Marines and machine guns he could find, and they held off the snipers off while 85 wounded men were rescued from the area.

Some 22,000 Japanese soldiers would be killed defending the island, and 216 others taken prisoner. Davis said when the campaign ended after a suicide attack by the last remaining enemy.

"That was our last night of fighting, but of course we didn't know it then." About 3 a.m., the attack came, enemy soldiers heading right into a trap laid for them by the Marines of Davis' unit. Nine men killed more than 100 — a scenario that repeated itself all over Iwo Jima that night, Davis said.

"They wouldn't surrender, but they were giving up the island."

After mass graves were dug and a cemetery built for the Americans killed, the Marines were ready to leave Iwo Jima. Their next stop was to be the shores of Japan, in a campaign that was hoped to end the war.

The war ended first, however, with the dropping of



the atomic bomb — a move much criticized then and since.

"Some people were concerned we shouldn't have dropped the atomic bomb," Davis said. "I'm not one of those. When you realize that we were headed to Japan, many more lives would have been lost in that invasion. We would have eventually wiped them out."

With later service in Korea as a captain, and continuing in the reserves to the rank of colonel, Davis had a long military career. But nothing, he said, affected him like Iwo Jima.

"When we went in, I was just 21 years old. I had just had my 21st birthday," he said. "When I got out, I had aged beyond my years."

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Karen already has lined up people who didn't help this year who want to participate next year.

A big thank you from the bottom of my heart goes out to our talented singers for delivering that special message on Valentine's Day. The increased requests for singing telegrams and

Karen's recruiting efforts provided us with five teams of singers. Hospital employees Dana Boes, Jamie Sotelo, Claudette Green along with Marilyn Clark, and Ken Moore joined community singers and accompanists Billy Miles, Marguerite Durand-Hollis, Irene Bustamante, Armando Mireles, Pat Simmons, Suzanne Haney, Ned Crandall, Mary Alice Bilbro, Rosa Flores, Linda Walker, Charles Rainwater, JoBeth Corwin, Darla Swindell, and Flynn Long.

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BILLIE RUSSWORM

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WEDDINGS

Currie-Osborn

Amy Nicole Currie and Dusty Osborn, both of Big Spring, exchanged wedding vows on Jan. 6, 2001, at the First Baptist Church Chapel with pastor Virgil Feinsod of Dimmitt, officiating.

She is the daughter of Denise Currie and Mr. and Mrs. Henry Currie; and the granddaughter of John and Ruth Currie and Billy Joe and Delma Kilpatrick, all of Big Spring.

He is the son of Ronnie and Glenna Osborn of Big Spring; and the grandson of Juana Osborn.

The bride was given in marriage by her father and wore a white, sleeveless, straight-line gown with beaded pearls and a beaded neckline. She carried a bouquet of white lilies, pink roses and baby's breath.

Amanda Larson, friend of the bride, served as maid of honor and bridesmaids were Brandi Kilpatrick, cousin of the bride, Summer Sparks, Grace Clemons, Renea Dennis, sister of the groom, and Ronna Stiehl, sister of the groom.

Shelby Currie, cousin of the bride, served as flower girl and Garrett Coates, cousin of the groom, served as ringbearer.

The groom's father, Ron Osborn, served as best man and groomsmen were Cody Osborn, groom's brother, James Stiehl, brother-in-law, Phillip Luttrell, cousin of the groom, Chris Weaver and Bo Eldridge.

Candlelighters were Catie Currie and Allie Currie, sisters of the bride.

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MR. AND MRS. DUSTY OSBORN

Kilpatrick, cousin of the bride, Andrew Viscano, Vince Clemons, Stephen Luttrell, cousin of the groom, Brandon Johnson, and Derek Goodman.

A reception was held at First Baptist Church Reception Hall. The wedding cake was a five-tiered square cake iced in a basket weave; the top tier was decorated with a lily and roses. The groom's cake was German chocolate with dipped strawberries and banana nut cake.

The bride is a 1999 graduate of Big Spring High School and is currently attending Howard College. She is employed by State National Bank.

The groom is a 1998 graduate of Big Spring High School and is currently attending Howard College.

Following a wedding trip to New York, the couple has made their home in Big Spring with plans to move in the fall.

Fryar-Rich

Brianne Fryar of Ackerly and Keith Rich of Coahoma, exchanged wedding vows on Dec. 22, 2001, at the home of the groom's parents with Larry Marshall officiating. A reception followed the ceremony.

She is the daughter of Claud and Patsy Fryar of Ackerly. He is the son of Glen and Pam Rich of Coahoma.

Caroline Madison of Lenora served as matron of honor and Randall Rich, brother of the groom, served as best man.

The bride is a 2000 graduate of Sands High School. The groom is a 1998 graduate of Coahoma High School and is currently in comput-



MR. AND MRS. KEITH RICH

er communications training in the U.S. Army stationed in Augusta, Ga.

WHO'S WHO

Nicole Ann Rubio Johnson of Big Spring was named to Baylor University's Dean's Academic Honor List for the 2000 fall session. Johnson had to maintain a minimum grade point average of 3.7 while enrolled in a minimum of 12 semester hours.

Texas A & M University awarded the following local students with diplomas for the Fall semester 2000. Those awarded were; Jeffery Glynn Suggs of Big Spring, Bachelor of Science with a major in Wildlife Fisheries Service, Leslie Christopher Adkins of Big Spring, Cum Laude Bachelor of Business Administration with a major in Information and Operations Management and Kendall Laroy Davis of Big Spring, Bachelor of Business Administration with a major in Information

and Operations Management.

Honorees on the Dean's Honor Roll for the Fall Semester 2000 are; Katie Lanette Gaskins of Knott, Lorin Shae Wolf of Coahoma and Angela Kay Sturm of Big Spring.

Distinguished Students for the Fall Semester are Cindy J. Birdwell, Anne Michelle Thornton and Somer Marie Leubner all of Big Spring.

The students who qualified to be on the Texas Tech University Dean's List for the Fall Semester 2000 are as follows: Jeremy Blake Weaver, Russell Don Baker, Heather Michelle Burt, Kacey Dalysse Forks, Elizabeth Anne Froman, Travis Glenn Hiltbrunner, Daniel Clayton Holt, Kaci Michelle Hooser, Jennifer Kay Schafer, Amy Lynn Parrish Smith, Jana Michelle Steward, Stephany Rene Bedwell Sledge, William Guy Beckworth, all of Big Spring and David Michael White of Coahoma.

Students who qualified to be on the university's President's List are Justin Kaleo Dille, Jeremy Heath Hedges, Kimberly Diane Long, Jeffrey Matthew Moss, Steven Preston Prater, Tina Juacile Riley, Stefanie Janine Waggoner and Joy Diane Humphreys. Graduating students from Big Spring of the December 2000 semester are as follows: Jennifer Nicole Nichols, Bachelor of Arts Social Work, Jessie Ann Parez, Bachelor of Science Multidisciplinary Studies, Amy Lynn Parrish Smith, Magna Cum Laude Bachelor of Science Recreation and Leisure Service, Richard Allen Thompson, Bachelor of Business Administration Management Information Systems, Colby Heath Wegman, Bachelor of Business Administration Management.

University of North Texas students were named to the dean's list for fall semester 2000. To be named to the dean's list, students must complete at least 12 academic hours during the semes-

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decrease a patient's activity level through senses, such as light, sound or touch.

Our volunteers toured a multi-sensory room at the Lubbock State School during a recent regional meeting and were very impressed with how it assisted the patients in their therapy.

Gale's Sweet Shop has generously donated cakes for our unit birthday parties every month for more than 20 years. He usually donated one cake, but when we were unable to secure a second donated cake, Gale stepped it up and began donating two cakes. We are so blessed that a small businessman is able to be so generous with his time, money and resources to help us out. Thank you Gale.

The Community Relations office is in need of someone who can translate a page in our patient handbook to Spanish. It's just one page of information and shouldn't take much time. If you can translate English to Spanish, please give our office a call.

Denim and Diamonds will be May 4 at the Big Spring Country Club, and we were lucky to iron down our entertainment for the evening. We are pleased that "Jody Nix and the Texas Cowboys" will perform for us.

We'll have more on Denim

and Diamonds, as the date grows nearer.

The first workday for Denim and Diamonds is planned March 5, to prepare a mailer about the event. See you in the office.

Billie Russworm is director of Community Relations for Big Spring State Hospital.

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ON THE MENU

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MONDAY-Stew, cauliflower & peas, salad, cornbread, milk, fruit.
TUESDAY-Meatloaf, potatoes, blackeyed peas, salad, milk/rolls, cake.
WEDNESDAY-Chicken, rice, turnip greens, salad, milk/rolls, cobbler.
THURSDAY-Steak & onions, noodles, mixed vegetables, salad, milk/rolls, fruit.
FRIDAY-Enchiladas, rice, beans, salad, milk/cornbread, pudding.

BIG SPRING SCHOOLS
MONDAY-Pizza, potato rounds, garden salad, peach cup, milk.
TUESDAY-Steak fingers, mashed potatoes, glazed car-

rots, spiced apples, hot roll, milk.
WEDNESDAY-Taco, salad, corn, red beans & rice, orange wedges, milk.
THURSDAY-Chicken nuggets, macaroni & cheese, green beans, fruit juice, hot roll, milk.
FRIDAY-BBQ on bun, pickle slices, french fries, ranch style beans, almond cookie, milk.

GARDEN CITY SCHOOLS
MONDAY-Sliced ham, macaroni & cheese, blackeyed peas, salad, hot rolls.
TUESDAY-Chicken spaghetti, green beans, fruit, hot rolls, cookie.
WEDNESDAY-Chili-cheese fries, pickle spear, fruit, cake, crackers.
THURSDAY-Beef stew, cheese stick, oranges, cornbread/crackers.
FRIDAY-Corndogs, tater tots, carrot stick, fruit.

STANTON SCHOOLS
MONDAY-Bean burrito (hot dog on a bun), corn, vegetable sticks, ranch dressing, pears, mustard, sweet pickle relish.
TUESDAY-Spaghetti w/meat sauce (steak fingers), green beans, salad, applesauce gelatin, French bread.
WEDNESDAY-Salisbury steak (beef tips), rice, mixed vegetables, salad, peaches, hot rolls.
THURSDAY-Frito pie (baked potato), pinto beans, lettuce & tomato, pineapple chunks, cornbread.
FRIDAY-Bar-b-q on bun (beef stew), french fries, stuffed celery, apples, cornbread.

SANDS SCHOOLS
MONDAY-Fish w/ tartar sauce, macaroni & cheese, salad, cake, milk.
TUESDAY-Chicken strips,

mashed potatoes, june peas w/carrots, fruit, hot roll, milk.
WEDNESDAY-Beef & cheese chalupas, corn, salad, crackers, apple crisp, milk.
THURSDAY-Roast beef w/gravy, green beans, sliced potatoes, hot rolls, fruit milk.
FRIDAY-Pizza, corn, salad, peanut butter cookies, milk.

COAHOMA SCHOOLS
MONDAY-Pizza, tater tots, fruit, milk. Teachers only salad or baked potato.
TUESDAY-Chicken tenders, green beans, potatoes, rolls, milk.
WEDNESDAY-Taco beef pie (Sub sandwiches, salad trays), pinto beans, salad, milk.
THURSDAY-Frito pie (toasted cheese sandwich), corn, fruit, milk.
FRIDAY-Nacho grande,

salad, cobbler, milk.
ELBOW ELEMENTARY
MONDAY-SCHOOL HOLIDAY
TUESDAY-Taco/cheese, corn, salad, fruit, milk.
WEDNESDAY-Hot dogs, corn chips, pork & beans, fruit, milk.
THURSDAY-Chicken on a stick, green beans, fruit, milk.
FRIDAY-Stew, corn, fruit, cornbread, milk.

FORSAN SCHOOLS
MONDAY-SCHOOL HOLIDAY
TUESDAY-Ravioli, green beans, salad, fruit cobbler, crackers, milk.
WEDNESDAY-Corn dogs, pinto beans, spinach, cornbread, cookies, fruit, milk.
THURSDAY-Bar-b-que sandwich, salad, chips, cinnamon rolls, applesauce, milk.
FRIDAY-Chicken nuggets,

whipped potatoes, broccoli/cheese, hot rolls, fruit, milk.

Sunday announcements, including engagements, weddings, anniversaries and Stork Club, are due by Wednesday noon for Sunday publication.

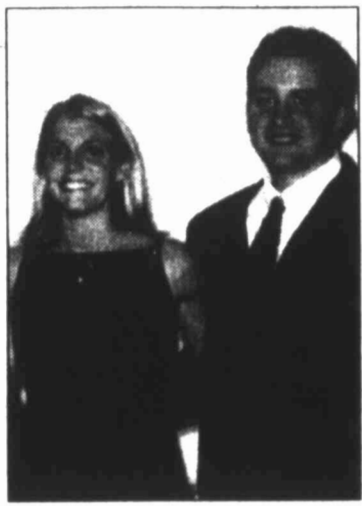
GETTING ENGAGED



Jeanie Warren and Chris Perez, both of Big Spring, will exchange wedding vows July 21, 2001, at the First Church of the Nazarene in Big Spring.

She is the daughter of Tonya and Eugene Boadle of Big Spring and Sandi and James McCollum of Midland; and the granddaughter of Madeline and Ben Boadle.

He is the son of Darlene and J.D. Bursch and John Perez.



Kim Middleton and Ben Vestal, both of Dallas, will exchange wedding vows May 5, 2001, in Boerne with David Edgars, First United Methodist Church, officiating.

She is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. John Middleton of Big Spring and the granddaughter of Mr. and Mrs. Harry Middleton of Big Spring, Mr. and Mrs. Eldon Carrol of Lubbock and the late Weesie Carroll of Tahoka.

He is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Kenneth Vestal of Boerne and the grandson of Nadine Rhodes and the late Art Rhodes of Marshfield, Mo., Mr. and Mrs. Basil Andrews, Springfield, Mo. and the late Mr. and Mrs. Clarence Vestal of Marshfield, Mo.

She is a graduate of Texas Tech University with a major in Advertising and is currently employed by JWG Associates, Inc.

He is a graduate of Texas Tech University with a major in International Business and is currently employed by Ameriquet Mortgage Company.

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NEWCOMERS

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

Matt Gafford, San Angelo, is employed as a teacher at Big Spring Junior High School as a football and track coach.

Dusty and Kerir Carpenter, sons Logan and Landon, Sundown. He is employed as shop foreman for Weatherford Artificial Lift.

Todd and Robin Anderson, daughter Sidney, Huntsville. He is employed by Cornell Corrections as unit manager.

Nancy Harper and son Colton, Marion, N.C. She is employed in Public Communications Services (site administrator) for Cornell Corrections.

Sergaio and Maria Gonzalez, Monahans. He is the General Manager at McDonalds.

Virgil Anderson of Midland. He is a Disabled Veteran.

Lelano Clark of Dayton, Ohio. Retired.

BRIEFLY

Big Spring Homeschoolers are hosting a workshop on Wednesday at 10 a.m. in the Howard County Library Community Room. A representative of the curriculum "Total Language Plus" will be on hand to discuss it and offer workbooks and books for sale. For information, call Suzanne Haney, 263-7147, or Marie Dunnam, 267-7663.

Big Spring Christian Homeschoolers meets the second and fourth Tuesdays of each month at 1:30 at First Baptist Church Family Life Center.

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Electric deregulation trial run signup now underway across state

The ASSOCIATED PRESS

With cost savings — and maybe a bit of revenge — on their minds, Texas businesses and consumers began signing up last week for the right to shop around for their electric-power company.

Deregulation is expected to attract close to 20 power companies — including newcomers from outside Texas — who will compete for a slice of the residential, commercial and industrial market.

Customers can sign up for the trial program by contacting one of the companies and requesting ser-

vice. Service will begin June 1 and serve as a test for the broader electricity deregulation that begins next year.

Supporters say deregulation say it will provide more competition and lower prices for consumers. Utilities are already jostling for position and consumers' attention.

An official with New Power Co. — a joint venture of Enron, IBM and America Online — said the company might offer one or two months free to some residential customers.

Houston-based Shell Energy, a unit of Royal Dutch/Shell Group,

said it would give a year's worth of electricity free to Don Gallagher of Houston, the first residential customer to sign up for its service.

"I've only won piddling things — I had a close miss on the Texas Lottery once. This is pretty neat," said Gallagher, a self-employed contractor who spent \$3,337 on electricity last year.

Gallagher said the money he'll save might go for a car for one of his teen-age daughters or for new carpeting. "It'll get spent."

Most analysts expect the utilities will be most aggressive in court-

"Because a commercial customer is higher volume, there's more potential revenue than going after a lot of residential customers," said Terry Hadley, a spokesman for the Public Utility Commission. "And if you're a business, paying a lot more than a residential customer for power, you're going to be more active" in shopping around.

The state deregulation law will allow big investor-owned utilities such as TXU Corp. the ability to compete for customers beyond their traditional home territories — but they also must cut their

home-turf rates by 6 percent. State officials expect Dallas-based TXU Electric to eventually lose 40 percent of its North Texas customer base. Spokesman Chris Schein said the company expects to more than offset its losses by adding customers in Houston and other Texas cities.

The pilot program will be open to 5 percent of the state's electricity users. Residential customers can sign up on a first-come, first-served basis. If demand among business users exceeds 5 percent, as is expected, participation will be determined by a lottery.

Pharmacy technicians take state test

By VALERIE AVERY

Herald Correspondent

A new state requirement forcing pharmacy technicians to pass a state-mandated test will give local pharmacists more confidence in their assistant's knowledge of the myriad of medicines the pharmacies stock.

Big Spring State Hospital's three pharmacy technicians recently passed the extensive test, as did three technicians from Big Spring's Professional Pharmacy store.

"There's a certain amount of confidence knowing a person is going ahead and doing the best in regard to training," said Bob Abbott, RPh, Big Spring State Hospital director of pharmacy, concerning the test.

The 1999 Texas Legislature required all pharmacy technicians to be certified by Jan. 1, 2001.

"It's a very comprehensive test," Abbott said. "The test consists of about 125 questions and covers the preparation and use of medications and pharmacy law."

Pharmacy technicians perform tasks directly related to the preparation of a prescription under the direct supervision of, and are responsible to, a pharmacist.

"After the technicians are certified, they can do anything from preparing and packaging drug orders to putting a label on the prescription container, (under a pharmacist's supervision)," Abbott said. "They are invaluable to the pharmacist."

Big Spring State Hospital's pharmacy, staffed with two pharma-



Bob Abbott, RPh, director of pharmacy at Big Spring State Hospital, and Brenda Larson, certified pharmacy technician, prepare prescriptions. A new state law requires pharmacy technicians to pass a comprehensive test.

cists and three certified pharmacy technicians, anticipates that more than a million unit dosages of medication will be dispensed this year. To accomplish this task safely and accurately requires a team effort.

"Our techs are a vital part of this process," Abbott said.

Some patients' physicians prescribe as many as seven medications a day to treat mental illness. The pharmacist and the certified technicians must ensure that the different drugs don't produce negative interactions, Abbott said. "That's

an important job."

Professional Pharmacy co-owner Jimmy Anderson, RPh, said employing three certified pharmacy technicians gives him more time with the patients. Three of his employees recently took and passed the test.

"This has given me more time to spend with the patient and to help them understand things, such as how to take the medication and what the medication is supposed to do," Anderson said. "A lot of patients take their medicine until they're feeling better, and that's not in the best interest of the patient. There are other

things our customers need to know, such as whether to take it with food. That counseling is a very important to our job."

For many years, pharmacy clerks were taught the trade on the job, Abbott said. "The pharmacist would direct the clerk to get the medications off the shelf, type the label and ring up the sale for Mr. Smith."

Eventually, the nationally recognized Pharmacy Technician Certification Board realized that pharmacists needed a more stan-

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Group urges lawmakers to better protect citizens

AUSTIN (AP) — The Texas Legislature must pass laws to better protect Texans who file claims against insurance companies, a consumer-advocacy group said Friday.

"The deck is stacked in favor of insurance companies in the state of Texas," said Dan Lambe, executive director of Texas Watch.

The organization also wants the Legislature to approve steps to increase the availability of insurance and to control rates. One proposal would prevent insurance companies from using credit history as a criterion in issuing policies.

Lambe cited several people who said they have had problems with insurance companies.

It took Annette Christian of Austin more than three years to recover \$4,000 in medical expenses she incurred after a 1996 accident in which another car rear-ended her vehicle.

Once she filed her claim with the other driver's insurance company, she

said, "my life was a nightmare."

"They have so many resources and you have none," Christian said. She eventually filed a lawsuit, and the case was settled.

Jerry Johns, president of the Southwestern Insurance Information Service, said insurance companies don't abuse consumers.

"It is just a very tired, weak, unfounded, absurd type of argument to set forth," Johns said. "One has to say, where is the evidence? And there seems to be no evidence that consumers are being mistreated by insurance companies."

Johns said the Texas Department of Insurance would crack down on any companies that abused consumers.

Texas Watch is working to pass several bills, including one by Rep. Senfronia Thompson, D-Houston, that would require insurance companies to disclose to the claimant his or her rights once a claim is filed.

IN THE NEWS

The JUNIOR LEADERSHIP BIG SPRING program for 2001 will begin with orientation on Tuesday in the Big Spring Area Chamber of Commerce board room. Junior Leadership is a program for 11th grade students who would like to find out more about the community and business and industry. The program is open to students in Forsan, Coahoma, Sands and Big Spring schools.

DENE SHEPPARD of Big

Spring has received a Mary Kay Grand Prix in recognition of outstanding business performance.

She began her Mary Kay career as an independent consultant in 1982 and became a sales director in 1983. She has been driving a Mary Kay career car for 17 years.



SHEPPARD

Heart of Retail breakfast planned Wednesday

By CARL GRAHAM
Staff Writer

How is your retail business functioning?

You may get an idea by attending the Heart of Retail breakfast being held at 7:30 a.m. Wednes-



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day at the Howard College Tumbleweed Room.

The cost of the breakfast is \$4 per person but according to the project chairman Allan Johnson of Allan's Furniture, the meeting will be free.

"We want to take this opportunity to invite all our area retailers out Wednesday morning," said Johnson. "Our focus will be on getting people together and the meat of the discussion will be about the Heart

of the City Festival planned for this summer and on getting all our local retailers together for a time of discussion."

Johnson said there would also be a lot of discussion about some upcoming events.

"We will be sharing ideas on how we can help each other out," said Johnson. "We will also discuss our upcoming events and seminars like the cooking school which was a huge success

last year."

Johnson said that those who are not interested in breakfast should, come out anyway and join in the discussion period.

"However, if you do intend on having breakfast with us we ask that you call the chamber of commerce at 263-7641 and let us know how many will be coming," Johnson said.

"That will help in knowing how many to plan for," he added.

Mitchell, Anderson selected to cotton leadership positions

By CARL GRAHAM
Staff Writer

Myrl Mitchell, a ginner with the Four Way Gin Company at Lenorah, was one of 18 Texas cotton industry members elected to leadership positions in the National Cotton Council of America. Mitchell will serve as the National Cotton Growers of

America (NCGA) chairman for the coming year.

"We have a rotation system and last year I served as the president," said Mitchell who has been active several years as both a ginner and a producer. "So this year I will rotate over to the chairman position. I feel very honored to be selected to serve

See COTTON, Page 5B

Special traits should be kept in mind when selecting a bull

Remember the conversation between the two cattlemen? The first one said, "I never seem to make any money raising cattle."

"Neither do I," replied the second one. "but I have made a little bit selling them."

Truth is in the latter statement. It involves first identifying, and then producing, what a given cattle buyer wants. And finally — perhaps most importantly — marketing it well.

Bull selection can be useful, or detrimental to this process. It is said that a bull contributes half of the

production in a calf crop. This may be true for an average bull, but probably exaggerates contributions from a poor quality bull and greatly underestimates those from a good bull. A good bull offers both high fertility and high genetic breeding value for one or more economically important traits.

The impact of fertility can be substantial. Under natural service, individual bulls have been known to sire anywhere from zero to as many as 80 calves in a single year's crop. But in the interest of brevity, further discussions on bull fertility are probably best saved for another day.

So, what about genetics? Effective sire selection can account for 90 percent of genetic improvement in a herd. In replacement heifers, 87 percent of their

genetic make-up is comprised by the last three sires in the pedigree. Therefore, good breeding programs are planned endeavors which necessarily involve a good deal of attention to bull selection. When selecting bulls, specific traits should be kept in mind in order to fit production environments and marketing strategies particular to individual ranches. Single trait selection may be hazardous as well. The following information illustrates just how real the genetic side of sire selection can be.

Data from Oklahoma State and Iowa State universities, and The American Angus Association, relates the impact of sire genetics, to the value of carcass produced by their progeny. Researchers collected data

on carcass traits for 33,350 fed steers (that's a bunch), representing 1,070 registered Angus bulls (that's also a bunch). All bulls had 10 or more progeny in the data base. The data represents a three-year average from 1995-97; included are seasonal price differences, and differences in the "Choice: Select spread."

Bulls in the top 10 percent for carcass value were compared to bulls in the bottom 10 percent. The bottom line: bulls in the top 10 percent sired progeny that produced carcasses with an average worth of \$822. Bulls from the bottom 10 percent sired progeny had been marketed as whole carcasses at a packing plant with premiums and discounts for quality and yield grade.

What made those animals worth more? Basically, they had leaner, more muscular

carcasses, but with well-marbled ribeyes. Looking a little more closely at the top sire group, 94 percent of their calves graded USDA Choice or higher, with 47 percent going into a name-branded beef program. Furthermore, many more calves from the bottom sire group fell into lower USDA quality grades: 35 percent Select and 17 percent Standard. Contrast this to only 6 percent Select and 0.2 percent Standard grades for the top sire group.

Looking to the future, the day is probably not far away when technology will allow animals to be marketed based on actual box beef value — i.e. the value and yield of both ground meat and individual cuts of meat that go into any number of different boxes at a packing plant. Aggressive breed

associations are already developing EPDs to predict this. They are called "percent retail product EPDs."

Interestingly, the top 10 percent of sires that produced the most valuable carcasses in the above study, basically had the most dollar value when their progeny were valued as boxed beef.

Different breeders will have different traits in mind when they select sires for their cattle operations. Just remember that when it comes to genetic merit in bulls, the top and bottom will always be there. Unfortunately, the naked eye is quite often a poor selection tool. Emphasis must be given to selection of herd sires that have progeny and/or pedigree and/or EPD data available for whatever traits are of interest.

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A pharmacist can have no more than three pharmacy technicians under him, Anderson said.

COTTON

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in that capacity. The association has done a lot for the cotton producers and ginners."

The cotton industry leaders were named to their posts at the council's 62nd annual meeting which was held in Memphis, Tenn. the first week of February.

Mitchell said there are four regions in the cotton belt — the Southwest, Farwest, Mid-South and Southeast.

Another area resident among the 18 Texas cotton industry members being selected to a leadership post was Woody Anderson, a Colorado City producer, who was re-elected as Southwest vice chairman of the American Cotton Producers (ACP) of the Council.

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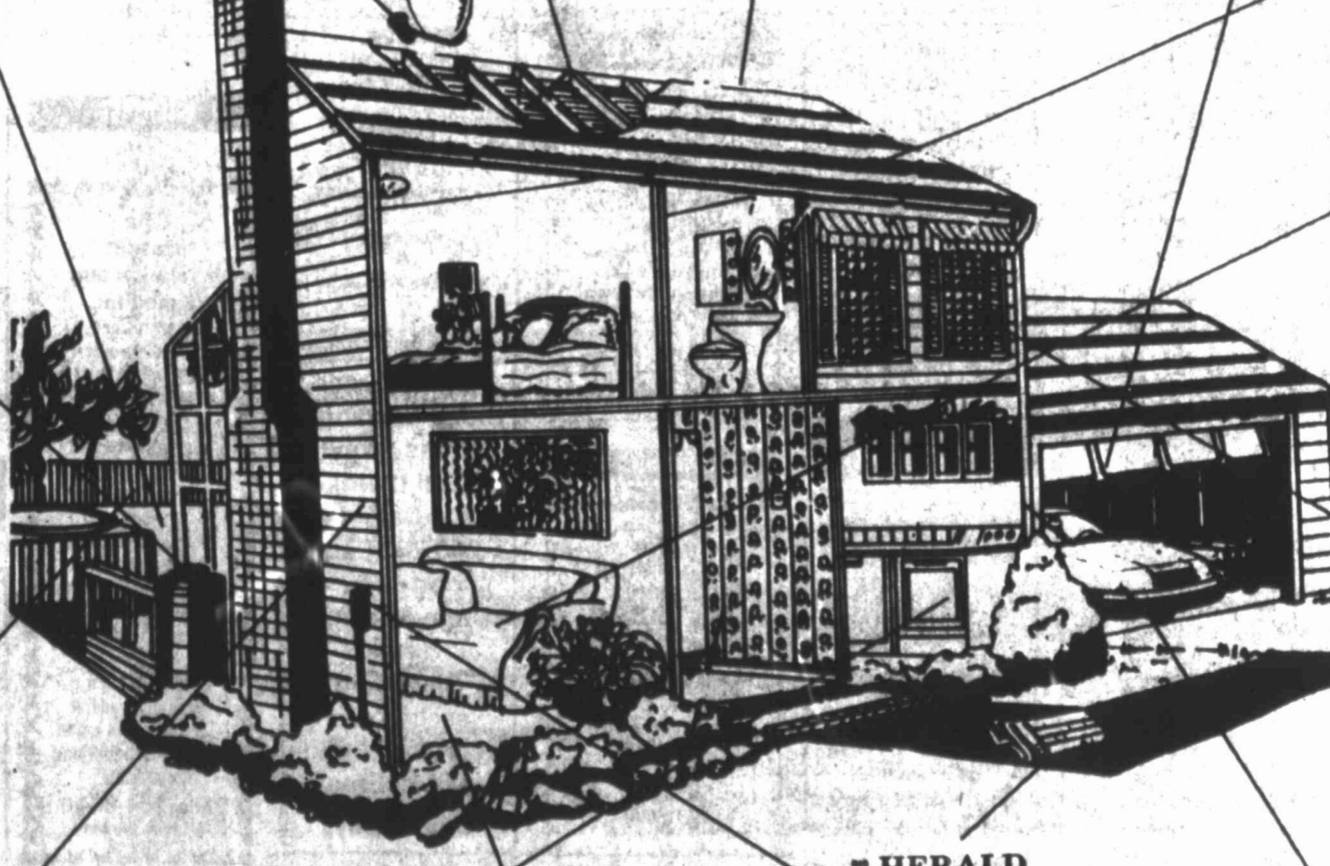
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In pursuant of Chapter 59, Texas Property Code, NRA Enterprise, P.O. Box 121, Big Spring, TX 79721 will hold public auction on March 8, 2001 at 7 p.m. at Spring City Auction, 2611 West Highway 80, Big Spring, Texas. Items being sold are property of Gordon Bristol, consisting of furniture & household items. Property being sold to satisfy landlord's lien. 3080 February 18 & 25, 2001

PUBLIC NOTICE

Sale to satisfy Landlord's Lien - of furniture, clothes, household and other miscellaneous items of the following tenants now stored at AAA Mini Storage-3301 East F.M. 700 Big Spring, Texas

Sandra Scott
Gary Moore
Auction will be to the highest bidder at 7:00 p.m. March 1st, 2001 at Spring City Auction, 2611 West Highway 80, Big Spring, Texas. 3071 February 11 & 18, 2001

PUBLIC NOTICE

Notice of Public Meeting
Proposed construction of a dedicated U-turn, traffic control modifications, and relocation of an exit ramp between Coronado Avenue and Gollad Street on the frontage roads of FM 700. The Abilene District of the Texas Department of Transportation will host a public meeting on Tuesday, February 27, 2001 to present preliminary design of the proposed construction on the frontage road system between Gollad Street and Coronado Avenue on FM 700 in Big Spring, Texas. The meeting will be held at the Big Spring City Council Chambers, 307 East 4th Street, beginning at 6:00 p.m.

The proposed project limits start from Gollad Street to Coronado Avenue on FM 700 and from approximately 1000 feet north and south of FM 700 on US 87. The project will consist of conversion of all frontage roads from two-way to one-way traffic; construction of a dedicated U-turn structure east of the existing overpass; relocation of the west-bound exit ramp approximately 800 feet east to its present position; traffic marking and signalization modifications for the one-way frontage roads; and installation of a traffic signal at the west entrance to the shopping center containing the Coronado Plaza Hotel and Fur's Cafeteria. It will be important for all adjoining property owners and affected citizens to attend the meeting to discuss the effects this project will have on the traffic flow through this area, changes in access to the various business located on the frontage roads, and access to the Coronado Subdivision. At this time, the project is scheduled for letting in August 2001 at an estimated cost of \$1.01 million. There will be an opportunity during the meeting for the public to make oral and written comments and ask questions. Interested parties not able to attend the public meeting may submit written comments to the Big Spring Area Engineer, Arthur R. (Art) Barrow, P.E., at the following address: Texas Department of Transportation, Big Spring Area Office, P.O. Box 511, Big Spring, Texas 79720.

Copies of the Traffic Study performed on this facility by Brown and Gay Engineers, Inc. are available at the Big Spring Area Office located at the north end of the intersection of FM 700 and the Snyder (SH 350) Highway. Questions concerning the meeting or issues associated with the project may be addressed to Art Barrow at 915-263-4768.

All interested citizens are invited to attend the public meeting. The meeting room is handicapped accessible. 3052 January 28 & February 18, 2001

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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)

**** Take your time during the next few weeks if you feel like soul-searching and reviewing your year. Use your high energy constructively. Consider a new diet or exercise program. Make plans to contact an older relative. Tonight: Bring the family together.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20)

**** Pack up the family and take off for the day, or ask friends to join you in a mini-adventure. Stay goal-

oriented, if possible, during the next few weeks. Optimism about money soars, but don't go on a spending spree. Tonight: Relax that overactive mind.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20)

**** You might be far more active and vigorous than you realize. Others might be challenged by your actions and words. Attempt to walk in another's shoes. Sensitive discussions lead to more friendship and caring. Tonight: Spend quality time with a loved one.

CANCER (June 21-July 22)

**** Express your feelings in a way that another understands. Start a project or get into a favorite sport. You can accomplish a lot with your high energy. Call a friend or relative who's far away and plan to visit each other soon. Tonight: Accept another's invitation.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22)

**** Keep conversations with a partner going, and you will find a common point of agreement. Forge into new territory. Indulging a child or loved one fits right into your plans. Don't let another's jealousy stop you from doing what you want. Tonight: Share a favorite game or hobby.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22)

**** Your imagination knows no limits. Be playful

with an overly serious adult or elder. Dote on a family member and allow your inner child put more often. Express your caring so that another understands your warmth. Avoid an argument. Tonight: Play like a kid.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22)

**** Somehow, you might not understand what is happening with those around you. Unintentionally, you could be distancing people more than you know. Work on empathy. Tonight: Happy at home.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21)

**** Someone really does allow you to get away with much more than you usually do. This person not only gives you emotional support, but financial support as well, so share your appreciation. Tonight: Out and about.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21)

**** Expenses could swing, but look at the real culprit here — you! You can say yes or no if you choose. A partner's extravagance could be an issue, but you can also find ways to handle the problem well. A family member puts you on a pedestal. Tonight: Make a favorite meal.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19)

**** You are personality

plus. Others adore you. Look at all the invitations that surround you in the near future, if not today. Curb anger or, better yet, express your feelings so another can hear. Visit with friends. Tonight: Whatever makes you happy!

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18)

**** Step back and think about what you are doing. You might evoke a strong reaction from a friend or loved one. Your thoughts carry more weight than you realize. Treat someone to movies and munchies. Relax with a dear friend. Tonight: Make sure you get enough sleep.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20)

**** Aim for what you want, but work at not antagonizing another. Use special caution with a loved one, who might seem OK but on a deeper level has a lot of problems. Bring loved ones and family together. Tonight: Surround yourself with special people.

BORN TODAY

Artist Yoko Ono (1933), actor John Travolta (1954), TV personality Vanna White (1957)

Jacqueline Bigar is on the Internet at <http://www.jacquelinebigar.com>.

Husband's surprise strategy sends clear message

DEAR ABBY: I worked the day shift and my wife worked the night shift in a hospital. My "buddy" (I'll call him Ralph) worked the night shift along with her.

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Ralph was married, with a young wife and baby. I had never met the wife. After a few months, I realized there was hanky-panky going on between Ralph and my wife. Neither of them suspected I knew.

I was going to take a big fuss and confront them, but realized that people who cheat also lie through their teeth to save themselves. I could have punched Ralph out and thrown my wife out of the house, but I remained calm. Instead, I invited Ralph and his wife to dinner at our home. Next, I told my wife that we were having "surprise" dinner guests.

When the doorbell rang, she ran to answer. When she saw Ralph and his wife, her mouth fell open and for once she was speechless. She remained that way most of the evening as his innocent, cute little wife chatted on about her wonderful marriage and baby and hubby. Ralph and my wife hardly said a word. They appeared very uncomfortable the whole evening.

They both got my message without my firing a shot or his wife being hurt. Ralph went into another line of work two weeks later. — SKINNED A CAT IN DAYTONA BEACH

DEAR SKINNED A CAT: I'm pleased your story had a happy ending — for you. Now that you have "skinned the cat," it's time for you and your wife to adopt similar work schedules and begin rebuilding your marriage that became sidetracked. It's not enough to stop the straying, unless you confront the issues that caused it, it could happen again.

DEAR ABBY: I just finished reading the letter from "A San Diego Widow" and had to respond. My husband of nearly 35 years passed away a few months ago. Needless to say, it has been the most devastating loss I have ever experienced.

Within a couple of weeks of his death, a piece of the emerald in my wedding ring broke. The insurance

company sent me to a wonderful jeweler to make repairs. I brought along my husband's wedding band, thinking he could make it smaller so I could wear it. Instead, he suggested that he make a heart out of it and, after replacing the stone in my wedding ring, take the broken stone and reshape it into a teardrop hanging from the center of the heart.

I now wear this simple yet beautiful heart next to my own combined with the original stone from my wedding band. Its emotional value is priceless. I never take it off and feel that part of my husband is always with me. — ONE OF MANY FLORIDA WIDOWS

DEAR ONE OF MANY: What a touching story. And the fact that the stone within the heart is "broken" speaks volumes. Please accept my sympathy for the loss of your beloved husband.

DEAR ABBY: I have a big problem. I was married last August; my wife has an 8-year-old daughter who still sleeps with her. Have you any suggestions about how to get her daughter to sleep by herself without making this child feel abandoned or neglected? — LONELY HUSBAND IN OKLAHOMA

DEAR LONELY: Yes. Get her an adorable puppy to sleep and snuggle with. That way, she won't be alone.

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Palestinians bury two dead in Hebron as shooting persists

JERUSALEM (AP) — Hundreds gathered in the rain for the funerals of two Palestinians in the West Bank city of Hebron on Saturday as Israeli troops faced scattered shooting in the Palestinian areas.

Relatives of Esam Tawil sobbed and called for revenge when his body was brought out of his home on a stretcher, wrapped in a green-and-white Islamic flag.

"With our souls and our blood we will redeem the martyrs," mourning women shouted as the body passed by, the funeral procession twisting through the muddy streets of Hebron.

Some at the funeral called on Iraqi President Saddam Hussein to "bomb Tel Aviv" in reaction to the U.S. and British air strikes near Baghdad that killed two people and wounded 20 on Friday.

Tawil, 29, and Shaker Munasra, 25, were killed during an exchange of fire near a Hebron farm Friday night. Witnesses said they were shot by Israeli troops responding to shooting by Palestinian gunmen at a nearby army outpost.

Munasra was buried Saturday just outside Hebron.

Exchanges of fire were reported in Hebron and more than 20 other locations in the Palestinian

areas on Saturday, the Israeli army said, but no injuries were reported.

In more than four months of bloodshed, 403 people have been killed, including 331 Palestinians, 14 Israeli-Arabs, 57 other Israelis and one German doctor.

With the violence continuing, Israeli Prime Minister-elect Ariel Sharon struggled to establish a new government. He easily beat incumbent Ehud Barak in Feb. 6 elections after promising to make Israel more secure and get tougher with the Palestinians in peace talks.

Representatives of Sharon's Likud party and Barak's Labor party were slated to meet later Saturday as part of efforts to form a coalition government.

The teams were to discuss which Cabinet positions Labor would receive, Israel media reported.

Sharon and Barak agreed Thursday that the defense and foreign ministries would go to labor members as part of a likely agreement. Barak was expected to be defense minister and former Prime Minister Shimon Peres to become foreign minister.

A senior Labor lawmaker, Haim Ramon, told Sharon on Saturday that he would not accept a position in the new government if Barak is named defense minister.

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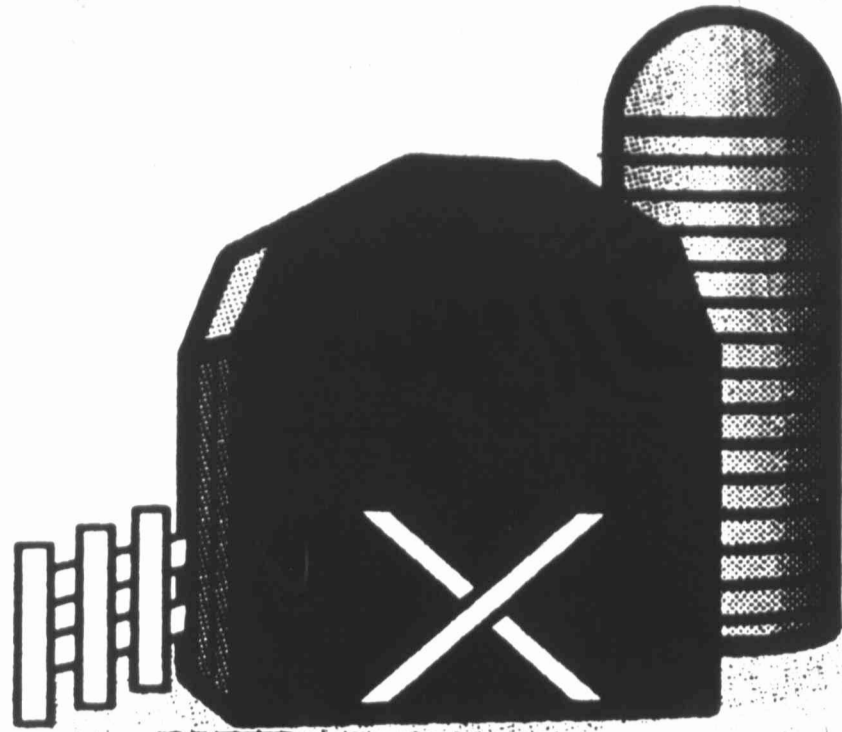
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